

BBEdit Lite Enhancer

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Introduction

BBEdit Lite is a powerful, popular, and easy-to-use text editor. BBEdition Lite Enhancer adds both a substantial list of new features and a Tool Bar to BBEdition Lite while maintaining BBEdition Lite's ease of use. In fact, some of the features included with BBEdition Lite Enhancer aren't even available in most word processors and text editors.

Requirements

A Macintosh computer with System 7.0 or later and a 68020 or later processor. This version of BBEdition Lite Enhancer is not compatible with System 8.5, but a free updater that will provide compatibility with OS 8.5 is under development. Please note that BBEdition Lite Enhancer works with BBEdition Lite 4.1 but not with the commercial BBEdition program.

Installation

You should turn off any virus protection programs before installing BBEdition Lite Enhancer because they may interfere with the installation process. In general, you can do this by restarting your computer while holding down the Shift key on your keyboard. Once the screen that says your extensions are disabled appears, you can release the Shift key. Even if you are not running a virus protection program, it is usually a good idea to install a program with your extensions turned off.

The installer will automatically place the BBEdition Lite Enhancer files in their proper location. Just restart the computer after performing the installation and you are ready to start using BBEdition Lite Enhancer.

For your convenience, the installer has placed a log file in your BBEdition Lite Enhancer folder which lists the files that were installed and where they were placed. Also, a copy of this ReadMe file has been placed in the same folder.

New Features Added To BBEdition Lite Include:

In addition to now having quick, single-click access to many of BBEdition Lite's features, the following new features have been added to BBEdition Lite:

1. With a single Mouse click you can both display all the characters -- including dozens

of useful hidden characters -- included with each font on your system and insert them into your document.

2. You can now set all four margins when printing from BBEEdit Lite.

3. You can quickly insert a time-stamp into any document.

4. You can now quickly and easily create a glossary for items you use repeatedly in documents as well as items stored for future access. These stored items can be just a few words, a quotation, or several paragraphs -- you can customize the glossary to fit your needs.

For added convenience, BBEEdit Lite Enhancer includes two glossaries.

5. You can select and insert any one of several pre-configured date formats into your documents with a single click of your Mouse (Please note that the settings in your Date and Time Control Panel may cause the format actually inserted into your document to differ from the format you selected.).

6. Clicking the Sort button will apply an alphanumeric sort to the selected rows in your document.

7. The P-1 button prints one copy of your document, eliminating the need to navigate the Print Dialog box.

8 BBEEdit Lite Enhancer includes a user-configurable Auto-Save feature which can be directly accessed from the Tool Bar's Auto-Save button.

9. You can perform Find and Find Again actions directly from the Tool Bar.

10. A File Converter Utility is included with BBEEdit Lite Enhancer.

By simply dragging a ReadMe file onto the converter, you can convert a read-only file into an editable text file. This allows you to copy, create a clippings file, print, or edit any part of a ReadMe document. This same button may also be used to create your own ReadMe files.

A second button on the converter quickly converts a SimpleText file into a BBEEdit file or a BBEEdit file into a SimpleText file.

11. BBEEdit Enhancer includes the ability to change a text selection to either upper or lower case without having to first navigate a dialog box.

12. Both Tool Bars include a WindowShade feature and an Iconify feature (this reduces the Tool Bar to a small icon). Also, you may completely hide either Tool Bar.

13. Once you display the Tool Bar that is stored in the active window's Title Bar (to do this, just click once on the B.B.L . button), you may drag it to any location you choose.

14. The Tool Bar that is displayed along the right side of a window automatically appears alongside the active BBEdit window (this Tool Bar may not be moved but may be either hidden or Windowshaded). If you need to move a window, the Tool Bar will automatically maintain its proper position.

15. While the buttons in BBEdit Lite Enhancer were designed to be self-descriptive, each button also includes both InstantHelp and Balloon Help

Usage

If you are unclear about the purpose of a particular button, all of the buttons provide both InstantHelp and Balloon Help.

To view Help Balloons, just hold down the Shift-Option key combination while the cursor is over a button or use the Balloon Help button to turn on the Balloon Help system.

To toggle the visibility of InstantHelp tags, just click on the Help Tags button on the Tool Bar. Whenever you quit BBEdit Lite, the InstantHelp tags are automatically turned off.

BBEdit Lite Enhancer was designed to make its use as easy and intuitive as possible, so it is not necessary to learn any key combinations to access the main features built into the program. If you don't like reading documentation, then just go for it -- you can use either of the online help systems if you have any questions. Enjoy!

Quick Tips

1. BBEdit Lite Enhancer uses a small amount of the memory that is assigned to BBEdit Lite. If you get any low-on-memory warnings while using BBEdit Lite, just allocate a small amount of additional memory (say in increments of 50K) to BBEdit Lite.

Make sure BBEdit Lite is not running; then click once on BBEdit's icon to select it (the icon becomes darker). Next, go to the File Menu and select "Get Info." Last, double click in the "Preferred size" field to select it and then type in a number that is at least 50K larger than the number that was previously there. Just close the window and you are done!

2. When using either the Forward or Backward Delete buttons, holding down the Shiftkey prior to clicking on the button reverses the button's delete property. Also, holding down the Mouse button will allow you to perform a continuous delete action.

3. A single click on the Close button will iconify BBEdit Lite Enhancer. A subsequent single click on the icon will restore the Tool Bar to its full size.
4. Clicking a second time on a text style button will toggle that button's setting.
6. The WindowShade button requires only a single click.
7. Command -clicking the Time/Date button inserts the date format last selected with the button. This allows you to "save" a date format style as a default choice.
8. Another way to toggle the visibility of the Tool Bars is to go to the Apple Menu and select them from the OneClick submenu (this submenu lists all installed palettes, and selecting a palette toggles its visibility). Users of the commercial OneClick program that have the "in Menu Bar" option selected in their Control Panel may also use the OneClick Menu Bar popup menu to toggle a palette's visibility.

Compatibility

Installed with BBEdit Lite Enhancer (if you don't have the commercial version of OneClick or one of my other programs) is a runtime version of WestCode's OneClick Shortcut Technology Control Panel. This Control Panel is currently in use on over 100,000 Macintoshes and has proven itself to be remarkably stable, reliable, and conflict free. In the highly-unlikely event you encounter a problem after installing BBEdit Lite Enhancer, please let me know and I will be happy to try to help you determine the cause of the problem and try to help you find a solution.

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Feedback and Support

Comments, feature requests, and suggestions are welcome! Also, you may email me with technical support questions.

Happy computing!

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