Unlink <modname> Usage : Unlinks module(s) from memory @WCREATE Syntax: Wcreate [opt] or  $\/wX$  [-s=type] xpos ypos xsiz ysiz fcol bcol [bord] Usage : Initialize and create windows Opts : -? = display help -z = read

c o m m a n d lines from stdin -s=type = set screen type for a window on a

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new screen

@ X M O D E

S y n t a x :

X M o d e

< devname >

[params]

Usage: Displays or changes theparameters of an SCF type device @COCOPR Syntax: cocopr [<opts>] {<path> [<opts>]} Function: display file in specified format gets defaults from /dd/sys/env.file Options: -c set columns per page -f use form feed for trailer -h=num set number of lines after header -l=num set line length -m=num set left margin -n=num set starting line number and incr -o truncate lines longer than lnlen -p=num set number of lines per page -t=num number of lines in trailer -u do not use title

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-u=title use specified title -x=num set starting page number -z[=path] read file names from stdin or <path> if given @CONTROL Syntax: control [-e] Usage : Control Panel to set palettes, mouse and keyboard parameters and monitor

#### **ADDRESSES**

Editorial Material: Gordon Bentzen 8 Odin Street SUNNYBANK Qld 4109

Library Requests: Jean-Pierre Jacquet 27 Hampton Street DURACK Qld 4077 type for Multi-Vue. Selectable from desk utilities menu the as Control Panel. Opts : -e =the execute file environment @ G C L O C K Syntax: gclock Usage : Alarm clock utility for Multi-Vue.

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Calculator. @GCAL Syntax: gcal Usage: Calendar/Memo book utility for Multi-Vue. Selectable as Calendar from the desk utilities menu. @GPRINT Syntax: gprint Usage: Printer setup utility for Multi-Vue. Lets user graphically

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#### Chicago CocoFest here we come!

Yes we have decided that the National Os9 Usergroup (Australia) will have a representative at the forthcoming CocoFest to be held in Chicago May 1st & 2nd and yours truly, Gordon Bentzen, will be the representative.

This, the second annual "last" Chicago CocoFest organized by the Glenside Color Computer Club of Illinois will be held in the Holidome indoor recreation center, Holiday Inn, Elgin. Elgin is about 50 miles west of Chicago.

Many of the 'big names' in the Colour Computer world are expected to be there and as well as the RS-DOS gurus we will probably see many of the people well known in the CoCo OS9 scene, and manufacturers of the new OSK machines will no doubt be there.

#### A NEW OS9 Cooperation.

This "OS9 Cooperation", referred to as a new 'venture' in last month's editorial, is the initiative of Peter Tutalaers — EUROS9 (Netherlands). Peter intends to take advantage of the fact that many people will already be meeting at the CocoFest, and he has arranged for a 'Discussion' on the Saturday evening May 1st at the same venue.

I will take part in this discussion as the National OS9 Usergroup representative. Representatives from these usergroups are also expected to attend. OS9 USERGROUP - U.S.

EFFO (European Forum for OS9) - Switzerland.

EUROPEAN OS9 USERGROUP - U.K.

EUROS9 - Netherlands.

FOS9 - Japan.

OS9 USERGROUP OF JAPAN - Japan.

Peter has a concept of a world-wide network of information exchange and 'cooperation' with all existing OS9/OSK Usergroups, and perhaps even a new 'Group'. He has also pointed out that he does not see that this organization would take the place of any other usergroup, rather, it would be a means of improving the OS9 world.

I would be pleased to have your comments, suggestions or ideas so that some 'goals' and 'action plans' can be suggested at the discussion in

Chicago. I have already had offers of financial support for this U.S. trip from a couple of our members and I must say that this is very gratifying. It will be an expensive exercise but also a chance which we can't afford to miss.

#### I WILL BE THERE - NOW WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Please send your donation directly to me at 8 Odin Street Sunnybank 4109, and make cheques payable to Gordon Bentzen. All financial support will be acknowledged in the pages of this newsletter.

Peter Tutelaers, EUROS9, has called for donations from the European members as well as businesses, and seems quite confident that he will also be able to help us with air fares and accommodation for the night of the CocoFest. We would of course be much more comfortable if sufficient funds could be raised here in Australia for the National OS9 Usergoup to be represented.

Here is an extract from a message posted by Peter on DELPHI for the National OS9 usergroup. (unedited)

'My own group (EUROS9) will have a booth at the show in Chicago at which we'll sell our newsletter back-issues as well as some other things. The money raised will also be used to pay for the costs. We've also been able to make a special deal with Galactic Industrial for sales of their "OS9 Guru" book at the show. Again, the money raised will be used for this meeting. If your group would have something others might be interested in (old newsletters, PD software, artifacts whatever), would you be willing to sell this at the show?? We could arrange a booth for you in Chicago. Again, all of this just to make sure we don't have to cancel things at last hand). If you'd be willing to 'collect' donations in your own country, then please do append your name to the list included in the message. It'd basically only mean people will (hopefully) be sending you some cash you'd collect." (end quote)

LESS THAN TWO MONTHS TO CO! So I would be pleased to hear from you if you have any suggestions, comments or requests, and of course if you could help with the cost burden for the good of all OS9 users I would be grateful.

Cheers, Gordon.

### Enhanced DEL utility by Boisy Pitre

```
From: "Boisy Pitre"
Subj: del #7
```

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I've been going through some of my old utilities and attempting to improve upon them. Below is assembly source for del edition #7.

This version adds several new options. Use ASM to assemble it to object code.

```
* Del - An enhanced version
* Options:
                  continue on error (defaults to abort on error)
      -c
                  delete in execution directory
      -x
÷
      -z<=file>
                  take from stdin (or file if specified)
* Options and filenames are processed from left to right. You
* can combine options (-xc) or separate each with a dash (-x -c).
* If you wish to minimize the length of the object code, set DoHelp
* to 0. This will take out the help message and descriptive code.
* By: Boisy G. Pitre
     P.O. Box 523
*
     Waukee, Iowa 50263
×
* 12/17/92 - Added -c, -? and -z options, revamped code
* 03/19/92 - Added comments to program
* ??/??/?? - Wrote program
DoHelp
                1
        equ
        nam
                De1
        ttl
                program module
        ifpl
                ...../defs/os9defs
        use
        endc
        mod
                Size, Name, Prgrm+Objct, Reent+1, Start, Fin
Mode
        rmb
                1
                                     access mode byte
Continue mb
                1
                                     continue flag storage
Line
        rmb
                100
                                     stdin line buffer
Stack
        rmb
                200
Parms
                200
        rmb
Fin
        equ
Name
        fcs
                /Del/
        fcb
                $07
                                     Edition number
* CONDITIONAL!!!
         ifeq
                DoHelp-1
                                     Number of lines in help message
HelpMsg fcb
```

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```
del [<opts>] ([file]) [<opts>]"
         fcc
                 "Syntax:
         fcb
                 $0d
                 "Function: delete files"
         fcc
         fcb
                 $0d
         fcc
                 "Options:"
         fcb
                 $0d
                                continue if an error occurs"
         fcc
         fcb
                 $0d
         fcc
                                delete files in execution directory"
                      -x
         fcb
                 $0d
         fcc
                                get list of files from standard input"
                      -z
                 $0d
         fcb
         fcc
                      -z=<path> get list of files from <path>"
         fcb
                 $0d
UnkOpt
         fcc
                 "Unknown option"
         fcb
                 $0d
         endc
Start
         decb
* CONDITIONAL!!!
         ifeq
                 DoHelp-1
         beq
                 Help
         else
                 Done
         beq
         endc
                  #Write.
         1da
                                        default to current directory
                 Mode
         sta
         clra
                                         store 0 (leave on error)
                 Continue
         sta
* Command line parsing is done here
Parse
         lda
                  ,x+
                                         get next char
                  #$20
         cmpa
                                         is it a space?
         beq
                 Parse
                                        yep, continue parsing
                  #$0D
         стра
                                         is it eoln?
         beq
                 Done
                                        yep, we're through
                  #1-
                                         is it a dash (option)
         стра
         beq
                 GetOpt
                                        yep, parse option
                                        else back up one char
         1eax
                  -1,x
         bsr
                 DelFile
                                        and kill the file
         bra
                 Parse
* Option parsing is done here
GetOpt
                  ,x+
                                        get char
         1da
                  #$20
                                         is it a space?
         cmpa
                                        yep, continue parsing
         beq
                 Parse
                  #$0d
         cmpa
                                         is it a CR?
         beq
                  Done
                                        yup, time to leave
* CONDITIONAL!!!
         ifeq
                 DoHelp-1
                  #'?
         cmpa
                                         is it help?
         beq
                  Help
                                         yep, show help
         endc
         anda
                  #SDF
                                        make uppercase
                  #'X
         cmpa
                                         is it X?
         bne
                  GetOpt2
                                        nope, compare to next possibility
         1da
                  #Write.+Exec.
                                         else change mode to current exec dir.
         sta
                  Mode
                                         and save it
```

```
bra
                 GetOpt
GetOpt2 cmpa
                 #'C
                                        is it C?
                 GetOpt3
                                        if not, compare to next possibility
         bne
         sta
                 Continue
                                        store non-zero value
                 GetOpt
         bra
                                        is it Z?
                 #'Z
GetOpt3
         cmpa
         beq
                 DoZ
                                        yep, do it
* CONDITIONAL!!!
         ifeq
                 DoHelp-1
         lda
                 #2
         leax
                 UnkOpt,pcr
         ldy
                 #80
         os9
                 I$WritLn
         bra
                 Help
         else
         bra
                                        leave
                 Done
         endc
DoZ
         lda
                                        get next char.
                 ,x
         cmpa
                 #'=
                                        is it an equal? (input from file)
         bne
                 InDel
                                        if not, take from stdin
                                        point to pathname
         leax
                 1,x
         1da
                 #Read.
                                        open for reading
         os9
                 I$Open
         bcs
                 Error
                 InDe12
         bra
* CONDITIONAL!!!
         ifeq
                 DoHelp-1
         1db
                                        get no. of lines to write
Help
                 HelpMsg,pcr
         lda
                                        send to stderr
         leax
                 HelpMsg+1,pcr
                                        point to help message
Help2
         pshs
                 #80
                                        write a max. of 80 chars.
         ldy
         os9
                 I$WritLn
         bcs
                 Error
         tfr
                 y,d
         abx
         puls
                 d
         decb
         bne:
                 Help2
         endc
         clrb
Done
Error
         os9
                 F$Exit
InDel
         clra
                                        read from stdin
InDe12
                                         point X to line buffer
         leax
                 Line,u
         ldy
                  #100
                                        max. bytes to read
         os9
                  I$ReadLn
                                        read name
         bcs
                  Done
                                         leave if read error
                  #1
                                        was line empty?
         стру
         bls
                  Done
                                         yep, leave
                                         else delete file
         bsr
                  DelFile
         bra
                  InDe12
                                        and continue reading input
```

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<sup>\*</sup> DelFile - Delete a file

\* Entry: (X) = filenameDelFile pshs save path no. get current access mode 1da Mode os9 ISDeletX delete the file bcc DelFile2 if not error, continue parsing 1da Continue check continue flag #FALSE is it 0? (false) cmpa no, fatal error beq Error os9 **F\$PErr** else print the error DelFile2 puls and return to caller a,pc emod Size equ

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OOPS, Now it won't boot!

Peter Edwards is one of our Victorian members. He has a CoCo3 with a Burke&Burke XT Hard drive. Here's what happened to him in a moment of weakness:—) (captured from the InterNet CoCoList. ED)

From: "Peter Edwards"

end

Subj: XT-ROM

G'day Andrew,

Remember I was commenting about those two areas on my HD which were allocated, but not in a file? Well, I set to work trying to find out if they were flawed out due to media defects. With DED, I established that they were OK.

(Have you guessed what I'm leading up to?)

Unforch, I overlooked my original theory, which I now know to be true. They were the boot tracks for XTROM...

They're now repaired again, and I've TAGTRACKed them so they will no longer show up in a DCHECK. Just have to remember them if I ever have to reload my HD from a backup. Just thought I'd pass on the warning...

BTW, if you want something in Startup to be conditional on whether you came up on the standard or alternate boot, try this:

link v0 if +%\*=0

echo alt boot

else

echo std boot

endif

where v0 is something in AltBoot but not Os9Boot. You have to be using Shell+, but doesn't everyone? If you don't have something in one boot file and not the other, put one of the BLOB shim modules in one of them.

But I guess you knew all this...

Hooroo - Peter

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Window Writer Cleanup for version 1.2 programme by Don Berrie

In November, 1989, some of you may remember, Don Berrie wrote an article about Window Writer (then

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version 1.0), and wrote a programme to clean up after running it. Well, some members have found that version 1.2 of Window Writer still misbehaves, and the old WT programme will not unlink all the modules. Because of that I have decided to have another look at it, and see what needs to be done to rectify the problem.

There are not very many changes to the programme, and what I changes, I commented in the listing. I made a small change to the code of one of WT's procedures to get rid of a line number (I hate line numbers).

Bob Devries

Here is the code again:

```
PROCEDURE wt
DIM wpath: BYTE
DIM winnam: STRING[32]
DIM i: INTEGER
OPEN #wpath,"/w":UPDATE
SHELL "load termset"
RUN gfx2(wpath, "DWSET", 2,0,0,80,24,4,1,1)
RUN gfx2(wpath, "SELECT")
RUN getdev(wpath, winnam)
SHELL "ww <>>>"+winnam
SHELL "unlink termset"
RUN unload
100 RUN gfx2(1,"SELECT")
RUN gfx2(wpath,"DWEND")
CLOSE #wpath
PROCEDURE getdev
TYPE registers=cc,a,b,dp:BYTE; x,y,u:INTEGER
DIM regs:registers
PARAM wpathl:BYTE
PARAM winnam: STRING[32]
DIM i: INTEGER
DIM callcode:BYTE
regs.a=wpathl
regs.b=$0E
regs.x=ADDR(winnam)
callcode=$8D
RUN syscall(callcode, regs)
FOR i=1 TO 32
EXITIF MID$(winnam,i,1)>CHR$(128) THEN
winnam="/"+LEFT$(winnam,i-1)+CHR$(ASC(MID$(winnam,i,1))-128)
ENDEXIT
NEXT i
END
PROCEDURE unload
TYPE registers=cc,a,b,dp:BYIE; x,y,u:INTEGER
DIM regs:registers
DIM i: INTEGER
DIM callcode:BYIE
DIM moduls(39):STRING[20]
DIM modtype(39): INTEGER
FOR i=1 TO 39
READ modtype(i)
READ moduls(i)
NEXT i
DATA 34,"get name"
```

DATA 34, "get menu"

```
DATA 33,"fcopy"
                    \(* V1.2 mod type changed from 34 to 33 *)
DATA 33,"frename"
DATA 33,"gfx2"
DATA 33, "SysCall"
DATA 33,"Inkey"
DATA 33,"wp trulen"
DATA 33, "wp putline"
DATA 33, "wp sublen"
DATA 34,"cjustify"
DATA 34,"rjustify"
DATA 33, 'wp_getline"
DATA 33, "empty keys"
DATA 33,"space count"
DATA 33,"cut_lead"
DATA 33,"get ptr"
DATA 17,"PBaud"
DATA 33,"process"
DATA 33, 'wp insert"
DATA 33, 'wp delete"
DATA 33,"ctrl search"
DATA 33,"space search"
DATA 33, "unjustify"
DATA 34, "get select"
DATA 33, "get mouse"
DATA 33,"indent count"
DATA 33,"dumb prt"
DATA 34,"fjustify"
DATA 33, "wait"
DATA 33,"output"
DATA 33,"fork"
DATA 33,"BChain"
DATA 33,"termset"
DATA 33,"wp_search" \(* added for V1.2 *)
callcode=$1D
WHILE TRUE DO
FOR i=1 TO 39
regs.a=modtype(i)
regs.b=0
regs.x=ADDR(moduls(i))
RUN syscall(callcode, regs)
NEXT i
EXITIF regs.b<>0 THEN
ENDEXIT
ENDWHILE
SHELL "unlink runb"
END
```

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At last a disk cataloger! A review by Bob Devries

For a long time, I have been searching for a cataloging programme for OS9, along the lines of 'PRO COLOR DIR' for RSDOS. Well, that programme is now available. Actually, it is two programmes. The first is OS9 Profile, and the second is 'catl' by

Tom Napolitano from Livonia, MI USA. This last programme will be available from our PD library. With the aid of this programme, I have been able to catalogue all the programme archives in the OS9 Community Network PD library, so it will now be

available, as well.

The archive, called catl.ar, contains catl.c, catl.doc, and catl.bin. The C source code is there, so you can see how it is written. It is very cleverly done, with recursion to go down the directory trees. The binary file is only 4822 bytes long. Not bad for a C programme.

Usage: catl [-s] sourcedir >spreadsheetfile

The -s tells catl to recursively travel down the sub-directories, otherwise, it will only do the current directory level.

The textfile produced looks like this:

/ROW

curses.c

20 meg 1882

87

12

30 20

44

@ catl.c 20 meg

7215

88

11

20

22 2

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The first line is /ROW, which is required by profile. The next is the filename, then the pathlist, the disk (volume) name, the filesize, and the five bytes of the last modification date (YY MM DD HH MM). Then an '@' to signify the end of a record.

All you need to do is run profile, create a database (empty of course), with all the fields mentioned above set to the correct length, and configured as alpha-numeric. You must then create at least a display format, before going to the management utility, to import a spreadsheet file. Once you have the data in, you go back to the main menu, and, after choosing an access method, go ahead and let it sort them. I created a database for the OCN files, and there were 909 records to sort.

Regards, Bob Devries.

#### 

A quote from the Galaxy Gateway Computer System BBS

Quote for the day:

The six steps in a project:

- 1) Unbounded enthusiasm
- 2) Total disillusionment
- 3) PANIC!!
- 4) Frantic search for the guilty
- 5) Punishment of the innocent
- 6) Promotion of the uninvolved.

#### 

Good things come in small packages A review by Bob Devries

I have just been given for a trial run, the cutest little device I have ever seen! It is a FlashTalk(tm) line powered mini modem. It behaves exactly like my mains powered monster, but is only  $110 \times 60 \times 24$  mm, and weighs a massive 80 grammes!

It requires no power, not even a battery, but is

instead powered from both the line, and the RS232 interface. It is an ideal modern for use with laptop type computers, which run from batteries.

It will send and receive at 300, 1200/75, 1200, and 2400 baud, and is fully HAYES(tm) compatible. The modem has two LED indicators on it, one to show

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power on, and one to show line status (on hook). It has a built in speaker, but don't expect the usual operation from it, it just beeps to show that it is doing something, which is probably just as effective.

The package comes with:

FlashTalk LinePowered Mini Modem Operation Manual for the modem One telephone cable A 25-9 pin adaptor

The manual is a 41 page booklet explaining how

to use the modem, and the full HAYES(tm) command set.

The price quoted for this gem is \$299.00

The modem was supplied by:

UNICOMM Pty Ltd PO Box 26 Woolloongabba Qld. 4102

Ph: (07) 852 2811 Fax: (07) 252 5722

#### 

At last! A portable CoCo! from a message on the OS9 Echo

From : Rodger Alexander Msg # : 835

To : John Wight Date/Time: 02-14-93 20:27

Subject: coconect's poco Reference: 777 Conference: 1 - 0s9 Private: NO

I received a photocopy of a catalog from 'CoNect Direct' which apparently also has some connection with FARNA Systems. The catalog included new and used software and hardware (very much like CoCoPro) and a page containing a listing of their own hardware:

CoNect Mouse Tamer \$19.95

Swap port switch exchanges Mouse and Joystick and switchable resolution

CoNect RS-232 Port \$49.95

Complete seven line port. Jumpers for address (\$ff68 or \$ff6c)

CoNect Dual RS-232 (Scall)

Dual seven line ports

CoNect Y-Box \$29.95

Provides physical support of add-ons Not just a Y-Cable

CoNect Power-Y \$39.95

Same as Y-Box but supplies +/- 12vdc for RS-232 Paks, etc.

CoNect XPander \$109.95

2 INTERNAL expansion slots + RS-232. Doesn't use the buss slot. Package includes XPander board, new case bottom and power supply for RS-232 Can be upgraded to a PoCo by adding LCD driver board and battery supply

PoCo (Laptop CoCo) (\$call)

640x200 LCD Display with DECB or OS9, 2 internal slots, 1 external slot, built in RS232, 2 hour battery power supply, new lower case shell to reposition the motherboard and allow all the goodies to fit.

Options: Dual RS-232 internal, Internal Trackball (mounts left of the keyboard) resolution and port used are switchable.

Configurataions: 3.5 inch floppy and controller mounted internally. Single 3.5 inch hard drive system. Dual 1/3 height floppies or 1 floppy and a hard drive.

Price....about the same as an analog monitor (no exact figure given) (PoCo expected to be available at the end of January '93)

For more information, write or call:

CoNect 449 South 90th Milwaukee, Wi 53214 (414) 258-2989

EMail on Delphi to RICKULAND

Sound cool to me.....

Rodger

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#### OZ OS9 BBS

Hi, my name is Rod holden. I am your friendly SYSOP and I am available from 2100 to 2230hrs and will try to answer all your questions. If I cannot answer them I will ask the Co-ordinator Bob Devries answer your questions.

#### About the BBS.

The OZ OS9 BBS is currently operating from 2100 to 2300hrs QLDEST (don't forget we do not have daylight saving) and accepts 300/1200/2400 baud.

The program used for running the BBS is called RIBBS which you would all know. It has been set up so you can leave messages, reply to messages, up and download files, browse through files and just look around. There are currently around 600 CCN (OS9 Community Network) files available for up and download ranging from;

Applications; Games;

Graphics;
Multiview;
Music;
Programmers;
Telecommunications;
Utilities; and
Ribbs.

#### Future Developments.

In the near future all the EUROS9 (from the European OS9 Usergroup) files will be made available and for those people who would like something special there will also be the Kings James bible and a bible scanner.

If you wish to have the BBS up and running outside the times mentioned please do not hesitate to give us a call and I will only be to happy to assist. Well that's it from me bye for now!!!!!!!!!!

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#### NEW PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT VED 2.0

Bob van der Poel Software is pleased to announce that a completely new version of their VED text editor is now available for the <u>OS-9/68000</u> operating system. Following the tradition established by VED for OS9/6809 and earlier editions of VED/68000 this editor has been designed for a number of editing functions including both text and programs.

VED will operate on any computer running the OS-9/68000 operating system. It uses TERMCAP functions to make it compatible with most terminals. Nearly all of VED's internal settings (macro definitions, key-bindings, editing modes, etc.) can be modified from an initialization file which is automatically read each time the editor is used.

VED's editing mode options include insert or overstrike modes, automatic indenting, automatic numbering, wordwrap on or off, etc. Standard functions like search, find/replace, block move/copy/delete, word and line delete are completely supported with countless variants and options. A complete set of "undo" functions make it easy to correct mistakes.

At every step in designing this powerful editor we have considered the usually conflicting goals of ease-of-use, speed, power and flexibility. We're pleased with the results! For example, if you start VED with a filename included on the command line that file will be the one edited; but if you can't remember exactly the way to spell it (or maybe just feel a bit lazy) VED will scan the directory, sort the entries and display them on your terminal's screen-then you can pick the file to edit with the arrow keys. And then we couldn't decide just how some commands should function. For example, should the delete to end of line command remove the carriage return? We've left that CR in for now, but it is simple to set an option in your initialization file (or dynamically while editing) so that it is deleted. Two examples-once you start using VED you'll be able to let your friends know of lots more.

VED also has a built-in text formatter. This

formatter supports a sub-set of VPRINT commands. Included in the command set are margin settings, headers and footers, justification modes, and embedded commands for various printer fonts (italic, underline, double wide, etc.). An interactive preview mode makes it easy to see what the final document will look like when printed.

New to VED 2.0 are a number of wanted features:

- 1. An integrated spelling checker is included at no additional charge! A highly compressed 60,000+ word dictionary is used to quickly scan the spelling of any document without leaving the editor. There is even a "real-time" mode which checks words as they are entered into your text with no slowdown in performance. "New" words can be saved and user dictionaries can be included.
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