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Subject: Re: Unix->Mac transition

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Struan Gray wrote:

> Ben Tupper, [tupper@seadas.bigelow.org](mailto:tupper@seadas.bigelow.org) writes:

>

>> It seems strange that the .pro files that were

>> installed with the IDL distribution CD are

>> recognized as File Type = 'IDL text'

>> but these are File type = 'IDL application'

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> I've seen something similar but could never find a way to fix it

> during transfer and was never sure if it was a problem with the text

> file (pretty unlikely) or with the file types the IDL application

> registers with the Finder through it's resource fork (I'm suspicious).

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> BBEdit does a nice job of working with other program's text files

> without mucking up their Finder information, and it will save in Unix,

> Mac and PC text formats. It only opens a file when reading/writing,

> so IDL can compile from the same file that you're editing with BBEdit.

> The full version will even edit files over an ftp link if this is of

> interest. <http://web.barebones.com> has info and downloads.

>

> There's another utility called BunchTyper which I use for

> mass-converting file types and creators. If you don't want to re-do

> the downloads it might help.

>

> Struan

Whew!

The solution was (is) BunchTyper (Shareware = \$10). Each file had a type code of APPL with creator MIDL.

BunchTyper rapidly.... very rapidly... converted each file to

TEXT:MIDL. Where's my checkbook? I owe that guy \$10 and many thanks.

Speaking of rapid... the Mac (G4, MacOS 9) performs a particular cell detection routine in about 10% of the time it takes the Unix to perform the same task. I use the remaining 90% of the time trying to figure out which way this \*&^% round mouse is pointing. This must be a very fine demonstration of the Peter Principal.

Thanks again for all your help,

Ben

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