

Text Editors

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Two Kinds of Computer Files

- Computer files come in two flavors, *text* files and *binary* files
- *Text* files provide a standard character set and are readable by essentially every computer system
- Any file that is not a text file is a *binary* file; binary files are specific to particular computer systems and programs

Text Editors

- Are computer programs for creating and editing text files
- Nearly every computer system comes with some kind of text editor, e.g., DOS comes with **edit**, Windows 95 with **notepad**
- More powerful text editors are often useful, however, and it is worth being acquainted with them

Text Editor Features

- Spell-checking
- Search and replace
- Case changes
- Macros
- Pattern searching

TextPad: A Shareware Text Editor

- For information and download, visit www.textpad.com
- *Shareware* is not 'freeware' - you are supposed to pay the registration fee if you use it regularly
- You may try it out without paying, however, and you may give trial copies to your friends and co-workers

The Importance of Text Editors

- Much useful information is contained in text files
- They are ‘understood’ by all computer systems and so form a bridge between otherwise incompatible systems
- Text editors enable you to view and process text files in various ways

Questions?
Comments?
Discussion?