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Chapter 1

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1.1 VSConv table of contents

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1.2 Document version

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1.3 Copyright information

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1.4 Basics about VSConv

WHAT DOES IT DO?

This program is a small utility to convert older VoiceShell and VCLI data files to a newer format. It allows you to easily switch from one version of VoiceShell to another or from Richard Horne's VCLI 7.0 to VoiceShell (VCLI will not be updated anymore).

1.5 What is VSConv compatible with?

COMPATIBILITY

must be given!

VSConv will currently convert data files for VoiceShell 1.07 upto 1.24 into the format VoiceShell 1.25 and up understand. VSConv also converts VCLI 7.0 files.

1.6 Starting VSConv from a CLI/Shell

STARTING FROM CLI/SHELL

You can start the program only from a CLI/SHELL/etc. To run the program, enter the following into your CLI/SHELL/etc. 1> VSConv FROM/A,PREFS,TO/A/K Where: FROM is the source file, i.e. the file to convert. PREFS allows you to specify the preferences file for VoiceShell. If not given, current defaults will be written. TO is the filename of the converted file. The keyword 'TO' 2/5

1.7 Examples

EXAMPLES

1> VSConv FROM S:VoiceShell.OLD TO RAM:MyProject.VS
1> VSConv FROM S:VoiceShell.DAT PREFS ENVARC:VoiceShell.PREFS
TO RAM:MyProject.VS
1> VSConv FROM S:VCLI.commands TO S:VoiceShell.VS

1.8 Possible problems that You might encounter

PROBLEMS

VSConv looks at the file size to identify VoiceShell data files and if it doesn't match it tries to find a known header for VCLI data files. If you specify a file that has the same length that a VoiceShell data file has, but isn't one, VSConv will still try to convert it! You might encounter problems with data files between version 1.12 - 1.18.

1.9 Error messages displayed by VSConv

ERROR MESSAGES

The VSConv program will display necessary error messages. If a window can't be opened, the user will be informed. I HATE PROGRAMS THAT DON'T TELL WHAT-THE-HELL IS GOING ON! That clear? If VSConv doesn't give any output something has gone terribly wrong. NOTE! Kickstart versions under 39 have a bug in the dos.library/Seek() routine and it doesn't give the correct error code. This may cause VSConv to not give an error code if a seek error happens.

1.10 Known bugs

BUGS

No known bugs at the moment. VSConv might have some since this is a rather quick hack. Especially converting versions between 1.12 - 1.18 might cause problems. Be warned!

1.11 List of versions and changes

VERSIONS

Version Size Date Description

1.01 4024 03.01.95 Program now actually does what it is supposed to do. Supports: VS 1.07 - 1.24, though versions 1.12 - 1.18 haven't been properly tested. Can also convert VCLI 7.0 files.
1.00 ~3000 15.08.93 Added critical code needed for the program to work.
0.00a- 2152 14.08.93 Wrote the program basics and main routines.
0.99a

1.12 Future versions and ideas for them

FUTURE VERSIONS

Future version will have the bug fixes for the bugs I haven't found. Possibly newer versions for newer data files.

1.13 VSConv shareware fee

SHAREWARE FEE

As of version 1.00 VSConv is ShareWare. It doesn't have its own fee since this is a part of the VoiceShell package. See the documents for VoiceShell for more information.

1.14 Contacting the author

CONTACTING THE AUTHOR

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brain to guacamole! Epson is registered trademark of Epson America

..." -Amiga RKRM Includes & AutoDocs, fourth page.

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