

Riddler documentation.

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Riddler is an utility designed to be an aid to the developer whose application uses dialogs with unusually large item lists (DITL's) that are written or maintained in .R format. It allows the developer to move every item within an item list by a specified horizontal and vertical offset. In addition, if the .R file is one that was generated using REdit's decompile option or if the file follows REdit's convention of preceding each item with a comment acting as an item number, Riddler will allow those comments to be effectively renumbered (in the event an item was included or deleted within the list).

Riddler starts by allowing the user to select a file to be modified using the standard file package. Please note that only files with the .R extension will be selectable. After selecting a file you will be presented with a dialog box with which you may then specify which options are to be invoked, most of which are at this point are self-explanatory. The two radio buttons located at the lower left of the box function as follows; if the <.R Files> button is on, Riddler will scan through the text file until it comes across the line "TYPE DITL". It will then begin to renumber comments starting with 1 (if renumbering was specified) and move each item by the given offsets (if specified) until it comes across another type declaration. The process then repeats until the end of file. If the <DITL only> button is on, Riddler will NOT check to see whether or not the comment or the rect belongs to a DITL, it will operate on all comments and all rects (even those belonging to different resource types). This can be useful in certain situations.

Clicking the OK button will initiate "riddling" the file, upon completion the user will be returned to standard file. Clicking CANCEL will leave the selected file alone and return the user to standard file. Clicking CANCEL from standard file will exit the program.

Please keep in mind that Riddler permanently alters the selected file, with that in mind it might be best to make a copy of that file first. Additionally I have not tested the program with HFS as Apple (in yet another example of their capricious disregard for the user) has decided not to make the Mac Plus upgrades available at this time... hence some incompatibility may exist (though I doubt it). You use this program at your own risk... if anything goes wrong I don't want to hear about it. Any other comments can be directed to me through Delphi (WAFDOF) or CompuServe (76354,64).

Nuff said.