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Keith Vincent

## Auto-Brief Enhancements in Eclipse 8

For quite a while now, Eclipse Auto-Brief has grouped its suggestions in three categories: Automatic Suggestions, Reminders, and Requests. **Eclipse 8 adds two more categories: a listing of "Used" briefs and also "Theory Hints" (like those from Mark Kislingbury or from your "Suggest" dictionary.)** You might say you want to see a maximum of 10 automatic suggestions, 2 reminders of briefs already in your translating dictionaries, 3 briefs created when you marked text and pressed Ctrl D to request a brief, 3 Theory Hints, and 3 briefs already Used in your writing. This would keep the Theory Hints from pushing the automatic suggestions off the screen.

Sometimes Auto-Brief will make a suggestion but you'd like to use different steno for that same word/phrase. In prior versions you could write something defined as {ABNEW} or {ABCHANGE} and Eclipse would automatically suggest different steno for the word/phrase. In Version 8 you can write something defined as {**ABSTENO**} and Eclipse will let you change the steno for the most recent suggestion. There's also {**ABMODIFY**}, which you can use when you want to change the steno for a different suggestion that was not the last one on the list. Thus, it's not just new steno, it's YOUR new steno.

**Auto-Brief can now help you even outside of realtime translation.** What if you're just not very good at coming up with steno shortcuts. The Auto-Brief system can help. **Let's say you're editing a job that's already translated. You come to a word or phrase that keeps occurring. Just mark it (F7) and press Ctrl D to ask for a dictionary suggestion. Auto-Brief will propose several steno shortcuts,** so you can pick the one you find easiest to remember. At that point the steno emulator will open so that you can add or remove a key to make the steno easier for you to remember and write. Then you can press Enter to place the brief in your dictionary.

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## Revert to Backup vs. Unglobal

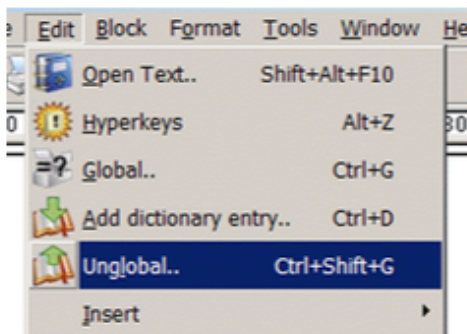


In the very first e-Tip back in June 2001, Keith described how to use Timed Auto-Backup to add extra protection for jobs you are editing. Since Eclipse keeps very little in volatile memory, it does not ask you to save your work; it's always saving it for you. **In fact, as of Version 5, Eclipse saves your work to the hard disk every 5 seconds. In addition, it creates up to 10 auto-backups for your text files, main dictionary, user settings, personal spelling dictionaries, and job dictionary.**

The .BK0 through .BK9 files are really helpful if you do something like accidentally highlight “the” and global it as a space. You could immediately close your messed-up job and Revert to an earlier version of your text. You'd lose a few minutes of editing, but it would be worth it. You only need go to the File Manager (Ctrl F), select the file you were editing, and then use the “Revert” button.

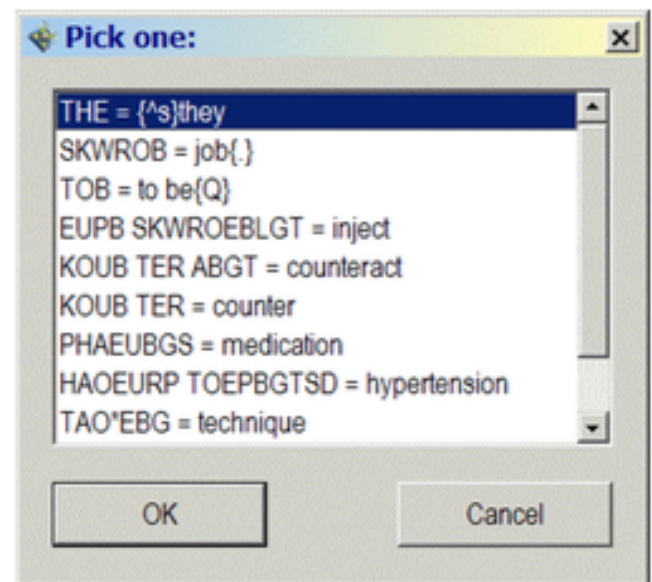
**“Unglobal” was added in Total Eclipse 4.1, and you can think of it as a more subtle kind of “Revert.”** While you are editing a job, Eclipse keeps track of each of your steno-based globals so that they will be available for unglobaling, until you close the file. When you close the file, it clears out the list of items that you can unglobal.

**Let's say you highlight too many strokes of steno while performing a global replacement** and do not realize your mistake until quite a bit later. There's no need to Revert to a Timed Auto-Backup file and thus no need to lose any other edits in your file. **Simply do NOT close the file. Instead, “Unglobal.”**



**So where do you find “Unglobal”? It's an item in the “Edit” menu column. Here's an easy way to remember its speedkey. Ctrl G is for Global, but Shift Ctrl G is for Unglobal.**

**When the “Unglobal” dialogue appears, your most recent steno-based global is always at the top of the list. Pick any item on and press OK.**



Eclipse will reverse the global for you, and it will also undo any dictionary entry that was created in the process. It's powerful and easy to use.

**One last note. If you want to “Unglobal,” you must NOT close the file that you've been editing.** In contrast, when you want to Revert to a .BK\* file, you must first close the file that you've been editing.

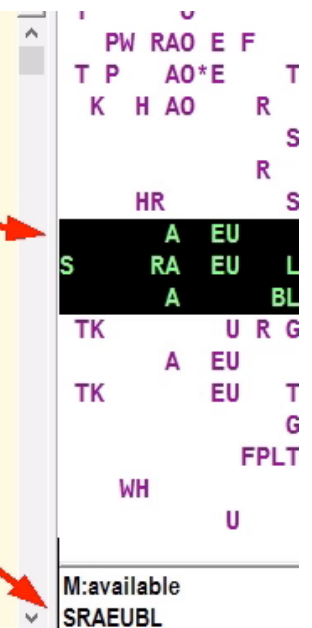
As usual, there are Visualizer movies that explain how these features work. In the Visualizer Topics, Section 5 is devoted to “Mostly Globaling,” and that's where you'll find “J - Unglobal.” Section 9 is devoted to File Management, and that's where you'll find “R - BAK Files (Timed Auto-Backup.)”

## Auto-Brief Enhancements in Eclipse 8 (cont.)

At the bottom of the steno notebars, you'll see a reminder whenever your dictionary already contains a shorter way to write something that you wrote in multiple strokes. In fact, the bottom of the notebars may show several entries that are already in your dictionary as ways to write shorter.

As usual, there are several Visualizers that have either been added or updated in order to show and tell all that Auto-Brief can do. Just pull down the "Help" menu column, select "Visualizer Topics", and press F4 for the movies that deal with AutoMagic and Auto-Brief.

Auto brief features are also available during editing. When you place your cursor on a word or phrase that is already a multi-stroke entry in your dictionary, the bottom of the notebars will offer reminders of other entries in your dictionary that you could use to write the same thing faster.



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## Total Eclipse Workshop in New Orleans

**On November 11, 2017, in New Orleans, Keith Vincent will offer a six-hour workshop to explore Eclipse 8.**

The workshop will highlight significant features that were introduced in Versions 5, 6, and 7 of Total Eclipse, as well as new features in Eclipse 8. The goal is better translation and more efficient editing.

The class runs from 9:00 to 12:00 and then 1:30 to

4:30. The program can qualify as a source of continuing education units.

**This workshop is set up as a small-group event (less than 30 participants) to make sure that no one gets lost in a crowd. If you're interested in attending, it's important to register without delay. For more info, visit [KVincent.com](http://KVincent.com).**

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