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Wil Wilcox: Mouseless EclipseNT Startup
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Constant innovation is a hallmark of EclipseNT, so there's always something new to learn. It may be an explanation of an amazing new feature or just a faster way to do a familiar task, but Eclipse users have always been eager to help each other. In this spirit, we continue our FREE newsletter to anyone who wishes to receive it. Whether our **e-Tips** are a basic tip for editing efficiency or a challenging macro, we hope you'll find them helpful. Tell your friends to sign up for e-Tips at www.EclipseNT.com. We would like to thank all those who overwhelmed us by your positive responses to our first e-Tips newsletter. You will be able to find a complete archive of e-Tips at our website

Wil's e-Tip

Launch EclipseNT Mouse Free. Here's How

Turbocharge EclipseNT startup by using the keyboard shortcut instead of clicking on the program icon.

You **C-A-N** open Eclipse with the key combination **CTRL-ALT-N**. If this does not work, verify that the shortcut is set up properly by right clicking on the EclipseNT icon on your desktop, left click properties and make sure the shortcut key shows **CTRL-ALT-N**. Break the habit of using the mouse to click on the icon to start NT and you'll take pleasure in knowing that you can now start the program about twice as fast as before. So the next time before you click don't forget that you **C-A-N** open Eclipse without the mouse and use this simple keyboard shortcut instead.

Slop-Stroke Entries for Conflicts

"Slop stroke" entries are not just for sloppy writing.

Let's say **-FBGS** is in your dictionary as this conflict:

\of course\of course,\{,}of course,\{,}of course.

In my own dictionary I see "(AI:42)" next to this entry, indicating EclipseNT's artificial intelligence has learned 42 grammar rules for resolving this conflict.

Well, sometimes I use **-F/KOURS** for this same conflict. I could define it separately, but it would start from scratch to learn the same grammar rules that **-FBGS** probably knows already.

Slop-stroke dictionary entries are the solution. If I define **-F/KOURS** as **{-FBGS}**, then EclipseNT will know that all the grammar rules for resolving this conflict are stored at the dictionary entry **-FBGS**. Also, if I make new conflict choices in contexts that I haven't encountered in my previous editing, EclipseNT will store the additional grammar rules with the master stroke: **-FBGS**.

In other words, slop strokes and master strokes point to each other so that the grammar rules for resolving a conflict can be stored in one place instead of many places.

The globaling dialogue's "Special Entries (Ctrl E)" list makes it especially easy to create a slop stroke dictionary entry. When you enter the globaling dialogue, you can press Ctrl E and then the "End" key to get to the end of the list, where you'll see "Slop Stroke." If you then press the "Enter" key, EclipseNT will open a steno keyboard screen. Use the typewriter keyboard to enter the steno keys you were really trying to stroke, then press "Enter." EclipseNT will create the dictionary entry for you.

Sloppy writing happens, especially when you're trying to write for sloppy speakers; but don't be misled by the word "slop." If you have several different ways of writing the same conflict, create one master entry and then slop-stroke entries for your steno alternates. You will notice an improvement to your conflict resolution.

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Houston, TX Oct 26-28, 2001

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Las Vegas, NV Feb 1-3, 2001

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We'd also like to thank the great EclipseNT users who have joined us at one of our many workshops and we hope to see you again soon!

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