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Oscar Wilde

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Wil's e-Tip

The WAV

Here's an easy way to delete WAV audio files to free up space on your hard drive. It is a good idea to either delete or back up your WAV audio files to CD or other backup storage medium once you're done with them and before you've run out of free space on your computer's hard drive. Once the transcript is completed, there is very little reason to keep the WAV audio files.

Windows Explorer, Total Eclipse's file manager (for now), can be displayed as a list or with large or small icons. Many times it's convenient to view your Eclipse files in a list with details such as when you want to find all of your WAV sound files for easy deletion or archiving. Open Eclipse and click on the File Manager icon or the speedkey CTRL-F to open the Windows Explorer. Now click on View and click Details.

Windows Explorer will now display your Total Eclipse files in a list with columns showing file size, type, etc. which to me is much easier to work with than the icons view. For instance, for a list of all of your WAV audio files, simply click at the top on the column heading "Type." If you click on the "Type" column heading once more, all of your WAV files will be listed together. These column headings act as sorting buttons. It's a toggle between having the files organized A-Z or Z-A. Since the WAV audio files have an extension beginning with a "W," this column will be sorted in reverse alphabet order. Now you can click on the particular WAV files that you want to delete. To change them back to being organized by date or file name, just click at the top of the appropriate column heading on the appropriate sorting button, and you're all set.

In the next Eclipse upgrade to be released sometime this summer, I'm happy to be able to tell you that there is going to be an awesome dedicated File Manager. The new File Manager is very easy to work with yet still very powerful. Of course, you will still be able to use the familiar Windows Explorer. One thing I really love about Eclipse software is that it just keeps getting better and better.

Keith's e-Tip

Copying Conflict Resolution Logic

Normally, a new conflict has to learn how to resolve. When you select Choice 1 or Choice 2, etc., in various contexts, Eclipse learns conflict resolution rules that are implicit in your editing. Eclipse learns very quickly, but for brand-new conflicts it still takes a while to learn. The Conflicts Kit in the "Translation Magic" tutorial puts at your fingertips over 900 dictionary conflicts that already know how to resolve beautifully.

However, did you know that you can copy a conflict's resolution logic? Suppose you see (AI:73) next to the number\No.{#N} entry in your dictionary. That means Eclipse has learned 73 context rules to guide it during translation. Wouldn't \ward number\Ward No.{#N} obey the same context rules? Here's how to copy conflict resolution logic.

Begin by opening your dictionary and finding the conflict you want to copy. Here's a tip. If you know the steno for your \number\No.{#N} conflict, you don't have to press F5 or Hyperkey f to open the "Find" dialogue and then press "Go to steno." Instead, you can skip straight to the "Go to" dialogue. The command for this is Alt G or Hyperkey G -- in other words, the same command you would use to go to a specific page in a text document.

Once you've found the conflict whose rules you want to copy, press Ctrl C to Copy the entry onto the clipboard. This is important because eventually we'll want to paste the entry back in after we've copied its conflict resolution rules.

Next, press the Enter key to get inside the dictionary. The "Steno" button will open a dialogue where you can delete the steno used for \number\No.{#N} and replace it with the steno you will use for \ward number\Ward No.{#N}. When you press the OK button, the steno change is accepted.

Once you've changed the steno, go ahead and change the text. In our example, it would be easy to add "ward" and "Ward" to the old text: \number\No.{#N}. When you press the OK button, \ward number\Ward No.{#N} will know the steno you use and also 73 conflict resolution rules.

One last step. Remember the original conflict that we copied onto the clipboard? Pressing Ctrl V will paste it back into the dictionary.

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