

A FEW OF THE NEW FEATURES IN MACREX V9

You can do everything in v 9 that you could do in v 8 plus the following

1. Position of autocomplete box can be fixed for future entries.
2. Duplication of headings as well as replacement of headings with their subheadings possible.
3. Block delete possible on query file.
4. New colour schemes – quick and dirty use – M from Options menu 1, 0, up-arrow, left or right arrow to choose the colour scheme - if you have saved a v8 colour scheme you can load it into v9. These new colour schemes are designed so that you can work on v8 and v9 on the same computer and so that they can be easily distinguished.
5. HTML indexing - possible to use URLs as locators and to see what they are pointing to.
6. Increased number of changed and ignored words – as many as you want providing it's not more than 2 billion.
7. Length of expanded form of keyword increased to record length chosen - maximum is therefore 3000 characters; a new box is in place to accommodate the increased length.
8. Up to 10,000 printer replacement codes.
9. Popup boxes for block delete and change headings moved to the right by about 10 characters so that you can see the headings you are about to work on better.
10. Volume numbers can be changed as well as page numbers when there are pagination changes.
11. Support for different console fonts which can be chosen from within MACREX. Windows 7 and 8 support a large number of Unicode characters using the Consolas font. You can also download and install the free DejaVu Sans Mono font which supports Arabic characters, and select it from within MACREX.
12. Easy use of Unicode characters which are displayed correctly on the screen list. About 400 characters available using on Windows XP and Vista, about 1500 on Windows 7 and 8. You can add your own code for any new character that you want to use, and it will automatically feed through to the output.
13. Easy input of many special characters using a two-key system.
14. File selector allows a sub-folder search. There is a new feature introduced in the last year or two but not documented. This is a facility to search subfolder trees or whole disks for a file. It is available on any of the file selector screens. Access is from the Options drop down menu on the file selector screen or by pressing <CTRL><SHIFT>H on the file selector screen.
15. When you change to Greek character typing mode (<CTRL><SHIFT>G) you get a warning. When you leave the add screen MACREX automatically reverts to normal character entry.
16. If MACREX has a problem writing the index to the disk (for example in the case of a hard drive or network failure) you get the option to save a backup file in a different location so you do not lose your work.
17. v8 IND files can be loaded into v9 and saved in v9 format (you cannot then reopen the index in v8).

18. Search can be set to ignore diacritics.
19. Reveal codes feature allows you to see all the replacement codes in use on an entry that you are editing. By default you see the entry you are entering or editing in Unicode.
20. Variable number of spaces (or other characters) between text and first page number depending on heading.
21. Group by page number.
22. Group by page range.
23. Group by number of page references.
24. Group by Volume number/range of volume numbers.
25. MACREX information screen modified to display the font size and the MACREX program folder, in addition to the stuff already there.
26. You can change volume numbers as well as page numbers for the range of page/vol numbers of the text. The options to set the largest volume number are on the Merge Options Menu 2 and are the same as those for page numbers. When renumbering, there is a check to make sure that you don't try to renumber volumes and pages at the same time.
27. For see and see also text you are asked whether you want to add spaces if they are not already there.
28. Most of the configuration files in MACREX-9 have been converted from binary files to text files. The use of text files means that they are less likely to cause problems if corrupted. In addition you, or someone providing MACREX support, can look at them with a text editor to see what the settings are and modify them if necessary.
29. More import and export options allowing diacritics etc to be transferred to and from other Windows programs.
30. You can open a v8 in v9, but it will then be a v9 index – you can't go back unless you reload a backup file.
31. Double quotes have a shortcut key (CTRL-SHIFT-Q).
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And finally, as has always been possible

backup files from any previous version of MACREX can be loaded into v9