How to use Pacwar Editor Version 1.3

1. Before you run the program, make sure you back up the file you intend to edit (e.g. OBC41, SAVED, etc). This program is a hex editor, and can obliterate whatever it edits!

2. You need Microsoft Excel to run the program. I used Excel 2000 to develop it, and I believe it works with Excel 97, but this hasn't been fully tested. I apologize to Pacwarriors who may not have this program and would rather see a stand alone editor, but it's basically all I had to work with.

3. Start Excel and load PACWARED13.XLS; the macros must be enabled to run.

4. In order to minimize the size of the file for e-mail transfer, it is not populated with a data file. The first time you load a file, it will completely populate the editor.

5. Enter the filename with complete path for the file you intend to edit in cell B3 of "misc" worksheet.

6. Press the "Input" button to load the selected data file. Note: this may take a while depending on how fast your computer is. My 500 Mhz takes about 10 sec.

7. Press the "Copy" button to copy the "INPUT ICON" to the "OUTPUT ICON" position. Edited icons will be output from the "OUTPUT ICON" position to the selected filename and icon number. This area is intended for editing the icon before it is output. Basically, you can use Excel's copy and paste capabilities to edit anywhere, as long as you locate the final icon at "OUTPUT ICON" before export.

8. Use the standard Excel features to edit your data file. Do not edit cells with equations. Generally, only work in the database areas.

9. Click on the "Output" button to write data to the selected Pacific War data file.

10. Use the auto filter buttons to look at particular portions of the database.

11. Press "ctrl d" to calculate on data row at cursor and place at top of sheet

I consider this version of the program a beta-test. If you find any glitches or have any ideas for improvement, please let me know. I hope you enjoy the program and share it and the icons you create with other Pacwarriors!

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