



What's Up, DOCumentation? 2003 # 10



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To: Users of Robelle Software

Re: News of the HP 3000 and Robelle

Our newsletter is published monthly and on-line, with an email notification to customers. Each issue is jam-packed with articles, but if you get as much email as I do, you may have missed this valuable service. Back issues can be reviewed at http://www.robelle.com/newsletter

The Robelle newsletter really needs to be read on-line, since the headline of every story is actually a web link to the full story or more information. In the interest of keeping the newsletter short and readable, the details are often to be found in the web links. The on-line newsletter is at:

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News and Upcoming Events

HP 3000 World Wide Wake

Alan Yeo has set up a web site to informally help organise a good old fashioned "World Wide Wake" for the evening of the 31st October to officially see the HP 3000 out. Click the link above to find the wake nearest you and contact the organizer, or register a suggested location in your town.

The idea is that someone picks a pub/bar in a particular town, and anyone within striking distance can make their way there. This is not an official event, but a way to informally get together for a drink, a meal, or whatever, in a host of local locations around the world.

Nothing entered on the page, will be recorded off-line or used for any type of marketing, and the information will be deleted after 31st October.



Homesteading and MPE Tips

<u>net.digest - September</u>

This month's *net.digest* has some very interesting discussion on HPWorld, HP firmware for SCSI devices, and PINs!

Computerworld on OpenMPE

The future of MPE and the possibility of an hp 3000 emulator are a feature story in *Computerworld* magazine this month: "Users unite to keep MPE alive".



Qedit Tips

How can I make a command apply to a number of lines, without having to specify each line number?

Specifying a Line Range, without using Line Numbers: One of the little-known features of Qedit commands is their ability to use strings as a rangelist. Use them in any command that accepts a rangelist, and then that command will be applied only to lines containing that string. Strings can be delimited by quotes, or select one of these special characters: $| \sim \# > \&:$

For example, deleting all lines with the string "superfluous":

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/delete "superfluous"
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For more examples and further options, click the link above.



Suprtool Tips

Data Formatting in Suprtool

Tell Us What You Want! We are in the midst of adding a \$edit function to Suprtool that allows you to apply a COBOL-type edit mask to any field. We have a couple of design questions where we could use feedback. Read the article and please send us your opinion while we are still working on it.

HP-UX and Migration Planning

HP Webcast #8 is Online

The latest webcast from HP is about "keeping costs under control" when reacting to HP's phase out of the HP 3000.



Links/Resources/Industry News

hp partsurfer

Thanks to John Dunlop, we found this hp site that lets you look up all hp spare parts, including for the HP 3000. Read about our experience at this web site. Has anyone used it yet to order actual parts?

<u> Hidden Value - September</u>

This month in John Burke's *Newswire* column the topics discussed are: Axis Print Server, Advanced Telnet, modifying a system UDC without getting everyone off the system, and much more.

Consultant: Donald Beck

Here is an HP 3000 consultant with 20 years experience using Qedit and Suprtool. He was part of a 4-man HP support team (3 HP employees) to support Southwest Airlines when they were going to bring up their reservation system on a series of HP 3000.



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Previous Issue: September Newsletter

The previous issue contains articles on:

HP World - news, pictures, prize winners!
Eloquence DB - new chapter for our HP 3000 Evolution book
Migration - moving empty date values to SQL
New Qedit with Quad column features and XX to exclude in Visual
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