

Visual SlickEdit with Rexx

Gil Barmwater
(gil_b@bellsouth.net)
Independent Consultant

Overview

- **Background**
- **Built-in Rexx support**
- **The five files**
- **Demonstrations**
- **More to do**

Background

- **Visual Slickedit presented at 1998 Symposium in RTP**
- **Follow up presentation of Object Rexx support by Allen Richardson in 2002**
- **Work continued by Rony Flatscher following the Symposium**
- **Allen left the company and no one picked up his Rexx work**

Built-in Rexx Support

- ***.cmd files recognized as "Rexx"**
 - ▶ **Must have a comment (/ * */) on first line**
- **Code completion incomplete**
 - ▶ **several keywords missing**
 - ▶ **some support wrong**
- **Keyword highlighting very flawed**
 - ▶ **many keywords included that are NOT Rexx**
 - ▶ **other keywords/BIFs missing**

The Five Files

- **REXX.E**
- **HTML.TAGDOC**
- **REXX.TAGDOC**
- **USER.VLX**
- **REXX.ALS**

Demonstrations

- **Show unmodified editor functionality**
 - ▶ **Point out problems**
- **Show enhanced editor functionality**
 - ▶ **Problem correction**
 - ▶ **New features for Object Rexx**

More To Do

- **Offer options for indentation style**
- **Document additional BIFs**
- **Support for NetRexx?**