

Re: ASCII convention

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Lee Sau Dan wrote:

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> >>>> "Peter" == Peter T Daniels <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:
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> Peter> Peter Daniels is not interested in coding. Peter Daniels is
> Peter> talking about the fonts on desktop computers -- the fonts
> Peter> that ordinary scholars, not up-to-the-minute tech gurus
> Peter> like yourself, use in preparing their scholarly
> Peter> manuscripts. If any portion of the "coding" process is
> Peter> visible to the end user, then the coding process is a
> Peter> failure. Just as no one using a typewriter needed to know
> Peter> anything about its innards other than changing the ribbon
> Peter> (though presumably they had their secretary do that).
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> Why do you need to care about typing if you've got a decent secretary?
> And what if your secretary needs to change the ribbon? Does he have a
> secretary of his own to do it for him?

There were almost no male secretaries in the days of typewriter ribbons.

And there are almost no secretaries at all today; there are "assistants"
and "administrative assistants" and such -- perhaps because "secretary"
had become perceived as a menial title, unsuited to male workers.

And scholars don't often have secretaries of any kind.

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