

Re: On topic – great software for an MT

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Your first link didn't work, but the tinyurl did.

Hope you don't mind my taking the liberty, but I think many people will want to know immediately what the program is about. I found this section of your Productivity Talk post most explanatory:

"At the moment AW is best used for very limited expansion functions. Where it truly shines is as a command and control add-on to a good professional expander, and, believe me, you really, really, really want that add-on. It does everything to speed your work that expanders don't do at all, or only do in a very much more limited fashion. Use your expander to do what it does best—take an abbreviated typed entry and turn it into long selections of typed text. Use ActiveWords to let you do everything else you need to do during the day right on the typing line, without ever taking your fingers off the home keys. It will open programs, run searches on your computer and on websites, open directories, name and save files, find text, format text, switch windows, do a calculation in place, insert dates, and perform each and every action you ordinarily need to tab through programs, go down layers of dialog boxes, or hit awkward key combos for, all in response to simply typing a few characters and hitting a double space or F10. You can also chain long sequences of operations from separate scripts in a combined script and run the whole sequence by again just typing a few characters and hitting that double space or F10. Harrie has been experimenting during the last few days with that chaining of all the steps to copy a file into her work platform and dispatch it. She has been completely blown away by the results, a single script that lets her type a few characters to automate it all. Try it, and you will be blown away too. And no, nobody paid me to say that. I am just really impressed with the power for increased productivity this program can put at our fingertips. I give this program a five thumbs up, and I don't do that very often. However, I think ActiveWords just joined InstantText on the short list of MT tools that it will take a crowbar to get out of my cold, dead hands."

This is an exciting program. I'm sure lots of SMT'ers are grateful for your continuing efforts to keep them up to date on the newest advances in productivity technology.