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## Macintosh Pascal 1.0: Putting comments into the code

Multi-line comments with a single pair of brackets are not allowed in Macintosh Pascal; instead, you must frame each line of the comment with its own set of brackets.

To work around the problem of using large blocks of comments within MacPascal, break up large blocks of comments with a valid Pascal statement. A declaration, begin or end statement, etc. will do the job, and the program can then be loaded normally. You might also try severely limiting the number of consecutive comments on lines by themselves.

There are no plans to change this situation, documented in the new version of the MacPascal Technical Reference manual.

The problem is easily duplicated by creating a Pascal "program" that contains nothing but comments. The key is the number of characters contained in the comments: 20 lines of about 70 characters per line should be sufficient. As long as comments reside on lines following an actual Pascal statement, the problem goes away. But this is not really practical or practiced. This will be submitted to Software Testing for further evaluation.

To create a Macintosh Pascal listing with any amount of comment information, cut and paste your code to another document; you can then add documentation to this listing as you please.

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