

Synth

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Synth is an editor for programmers. It comes with predefined syntax highlighters for: **Pascal, Perl, C++ and Java**. In addition you can define a **User** highlighter with your own keywords.

Selecting a Highlighter

Select a Highlighter with *Synth Highlighter*.

Creating a user Highlighter

Synth stores all keywords in files with the **.jkg** extension. When you run Synth it looks for the default **Synth.jkg** file. If it exists it will be loaded. Before you create a new list of keywords you first have to create a blank **.jkg** file. Right click **New..** over the Keywordfiles dropdown list, enter a name when prompted (without the **.jkg** extension) and click OK.

To create a user Highlighter enter your keywords in a blank document, one keyword per line and select *Synth User Attributes Save Keywords*. You will notice that all words are changed to uppercase. In your text both upper and lowercase words will be highlighted.

Editing a user Highlighter

At any moment you can add, delete and change user keywords by loading the **SynthKeys.txt** file with *Synth User Attributes Load Keywords*. To load the correct Keywords file, select the keywords file from the dropdown list first. Make your changes and save the Keywords file with **Synth User Attributes Save Keywords**.

Set User Attributes

You can define the foreground and background color of user keywords. In addition you can also specify the style: *Bold, Italic, Underlined*. User Attributes are saved when you leave the program and restored when you run Synth next time.

Set Comment Style

With **Synth Comment Style** you can set how Synth will highlight comments when the *User Highlighter* is used.

For instance when you select Pascal style comments then everything between **{** and **}** will be highlighted in italics blue, also everything behind **//** will be highlighted as a comment.

Editor Capacity

Synth can handle huge files, over 8 Mb.

Bookmarks

Although not visible in the main menu, you can toggle 10 bookmarks and jump to them.

Use **shift+ctrl+0 ... shift+ctrl+9** to set/reset a bookmark at any position in the text. A little marker is displayed in the gutter.

Use **ctrl+0 ... ctrl+9** to jump to a marked location.

Tip Files

Tips are stored in the *Synth.tip* file. Tips are blocks of text that you save under a name for easy retrieval later on.

Add a Tip

To add a tip select the desired text in the editor and right-click **Add** over the green Tips dropdown box. Enter a name when prompted.

Use a Tip

To use a Tip, position the cursor where you want to Tip inserted, then selected the Tip from the dropdown list.

Delete a Tip

To delete a Tip, select it from the the list and then right-click **Delete** over the Tips list.

Update a Tip

To update a Tip, first select it from the list and then right-click **Update** over the Tips list. You have the opportunity to change the tip name.

