

Delete Blank Lines
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Q: I've been on the Internet for years now, and as soon as I've finished downloading my Internet correspondence for the day, I have a macro bring the whole file (usually several pages) into WordPerfect and format it. Is there a way that I can have WordPerfect delete all of the blank lines in the file so I'm not wasting paper when I print the text?

A: Yes. You'll use the Replace feature for this.

Note: If your first inclination is to simply replace all of the hard returns with nothing – don't. You'll end up with one huge paragraph if you do.

You need to replace any occurrence of *multiple hard returns* with a single hard return. You can use the Replace feature to search for two [HRT] codes and replace them with one, but you'll probably have to repeat this exercise a few times, since this reduces four hard returns to two, six hard returns to three and so on. The best solution is to loop this procedure in a very simple macro included here as DELHRTS.WPM.

To play the macro, press Play Macro (Alt+F10), type *delhrts* and press (Enter).