

## Editing/Formatting

**Remove 3 or more linebreaks (multiple linebreaks)?**

A user wrote:

*I hope your plans include a feature to remove repeated (multiple, 2 or more in sequence) end of paragraph characters, during a "text cleanup". Of course I need two paragraph marks, one to end the paragraph, and one to provide one line space between paragraphs. In the editing work that I do, that is the single most irritating problem that I encounter, where the author puts more than two paragraph marks.*

Your wish is granted! (pooff)

The RegEx Find & Replace can handle this easily. Well, it WOULD be easy if I were better at RegEx. But I figured it out.

Set as follows:

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Find: (\wdd\wda){2,}      (w) RegEx?
Regl: \wdd\wda\wdd\wda   (w) RegEx?
( ) Line by line?
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By placing in round braces ( ) that groups them together so that the iterator `0` can treat as a whole, 3 means "at least 3 of these", where "these" are the preceding pattern, which is treated as a whole due to the round braces. The comma after the 3 separates min/max. Here min is 3, and max is unlimited. I could have written `{2,999}` instead, for example. The max is optional, but the comma isn't - otherwise I would do "only 2" (as in `{2}`).

We're turning off the `line-by-line` option, so that the linebreaks are visible to the `Regex` (otherwise it would not see them).

For this and more RegEx cleanup examples, see

[http://www.thornsoft.com/FT3d\\_help/7/repas\\_clear\\_examples.htm](http://www.thornsoft.com/FT3d_help/7/repas_clear_examples.htm)

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