Readme file for AntConc 1.1

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AntConc 1.0 is a simple concordance program written in Perl using ActiveState's excellent Komodo 1.2 development environment. The program can be launched by simply double clicking on the file "antconc1_0.exe" which can be downloaded from the Laurence Anthony laboratory website at antpc1.ice.ous.ac.jp. The program can run under any windows environment including Win 98/Me/2000/NT. If a user finds any problem launching the program under a particular Windows OS, please inform me using the email address below.

Currently, AntConc 1.0 can generate concordance lines either from a single text or a set of texts stored in a single directory. A single text to be analysed can be chosen by clicking on the 'Open File' button in the main window, or by selecting 'Open File' from the 'File' menu. Similarly, a set of texts can be chosen by clicking on the 'Open Dir' button in the main window, or by selecting 'Open Dir' from the 'File' menu. A list of the chosen files is displayed in on the right of the main window, below the name of the chosen directory (if appropriate). The output display can be saved by selecting 'Save Output' from the 'File' menu, and the display output window can be cleared by clicking the 'Clear' button in the main window. The color used to highlight the search term in the concordance lines can be changed from the default color 'blue' be selecting the 'Highlight Color' option in the 'Options' menu.

To produce a set of concordance lines of text, a user needs to perform 4 actions:

1) Select either a single file or set of files stored in a single directory (see above)
2) Enter a search term on which to build concordance lines
3) Enter the number of text characters to be outputted on either side of the search term (default value is 20 characters)
4) Click on the 'Start' button in the main window to start the concordance lines results generation

(Note: The concordance generation can be halted at any time by clicking on the 'Stop' button in the main window)

AntConc 1.0 can be used freely for non-profit research purposes, and freely distributed on the condition that this readme file is attached in an unaltered state. The software comes on an 'as is' basis, and the author will accept no liability for any damage that may result from using the software. Although there is no support available for AntConc 1.0, the author would be happy to hear comments and/or suggestions from anyone using the software, and will try to fix any bugs etc. found when time is available.

Revisions

1.1   Added binding to allow return key to launch concordance search.
      Also, recompiled software so that no console is required.
1.0   First version

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