

paper grading script.exe and user guide
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Using Autohotkey Version [1.0.46.00](#)

Preface

The point of this program is to save you time grading philosophy papers.¹ Why should we handwrite the same old comments over and over again for the next 30 years of our careers? If you think about it, you would save hours and hours of pencil-pushing.

I would love to hear feedback on how to improve the comments.

1.0 Getting started

1. Download *paper grading script.exe* to your desktop.
2. Click on it to run the program. You will see this icon  in your tray in bottom right corner of your screen. Right-clicking on the icon will give you options to pause or exit the program.

When it is running, the program allows you to type a few letters *in any text box in any program, and subsequently the program will enter the entire sentence for you*. The paper grading script is a set of abbreviations that will allow you to speed up your commenting on papers. For example, you could insert a comment on a paper in Microsoft Word. If you typed the following “hotkeys”:

ts

and pressed the spacebar, the program will insert the following: Where does the philosopher say this? You need textual support for attributing this claim to him. Quote from the text perhaps.

I tried to make the hotkeys intuitive and easy to remember. However, the best thing to do would be to print out the list of hotkeys and keep it next to you as you grade.

2.0 List of hotkeys

The list is sorted into three general categories (that are not that rigorous).

¹ Yes, I am aware that you can create Microsoft Word macros and can use their clipboard feature to carry out the same functions of my program. I decided to go the autohotkey route so that I can get accommodated to using hotkeys in my Yahoo emails, etc.

In the first two examples below, the letters highlighted in green are the hotkeys. The purple highlighted material following the double-colons is what will be inserted into the text.

GENERAL COMMENTS

wt:: What is your thesis? You need to say very clearly here what your overall conclusion is.

hp:: This paragraph is full of hodge podge. You are superficially discussing too many points. Perhaps you can cut out a few and develop the rest more fully.

vg:: This passage of your paper is very good.

wc:: Who is making this claim--you or the author?

md:: You need to go into more detail here. Slow down and explain this point more fully.

rw:: This passage is very unclear as it is worded.

trn:: You need a better transition to this idea from the last one.

wh:: Why is this here? It would probably serve you better if you moved this up to page _

ARGUMENTS

cr:: We looked at a common response to this objection in class. What was it? You should address it.

ms:: You have not fairly represented the argument here.

hr:: How can the author respond to your argument here?

na:: You need to argue for this claim.

tn:: There is tension between this claim and the one highlighted above. The one undermines the other. How can you resolve the tension?

og:: This is an excellent objection.

QUOTATIONS

bq:: For quotations of three or more lines, make them single-spaced, indented, block quotes.

iq:: Introduce all of your quotations. Your paper should say, *So-and-so writes, "Blah blah" *

eq:: Explain/paraphrase the quotation. You must show your reader that you understand the passage.

ts:: Where does the philosopher say this? You need textual support for attributing this claim to him. Quote from the text perhaps.