

text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia indicating that the text delimited by the preformatted text tags should not be converted to reflowable text; and

responsive to determining that the text delimited by the preformatted text tags does not include special formatting indicia, deleting the preformatted text tags, wherein the text is automatically converted from preformatted text to reflowable text.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining whether text includes preformatted text tags further comprises:

determining whether the text includes tags selected from the group consisting of <PRE> and </PRE>.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining whether text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia further comprises:

determining whether the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes multiple successive tabs.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining whether text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia further comprises:

determining whether the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes multiple successive spaces.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining whether the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia further comprises:

determining whether the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes multiple successive spaces occurring at a location other than a location selected from the group consisting of the beginning of a line, the end of a line, and following a colon.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining whether the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia further comprises:

determining whether text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special characters.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

responsive to determining that the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia, leaving the preformatted text tags in the text.

8. An apparatus for automatically converting preformatted text to reflowable text, comprising:

first determination means for determining whether text includes preformatted text tags defining line formatting for text delimited by the preformatted text tags;

second determination means, responsive to determining that the text includes preformatted text tags defining line formatting for text delimited by the preformatted text tags, for determining whether text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia indicating that the text delimited by the preformatted text tags should not be converted to reflowable text; and

text editing means, responsive to determining that the text delimited by the preformatted text tags does not include special formatting indicia, for deleting the preformatted text tags, wherein the text is automatically converted from preformatted text to reflowable text.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the second determination means further comprises:

means for determining whether the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes character sequences selected from the group consisting of multiple successive tabs, multiple successive spaces, and special characters.

10. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the second determination means further comprises:

means for determining whether the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes multiple successive spaces occurring at a location other than a location selected from the group consisting of the beginning of a line, the end of a line, and following a colon.

11. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the editing means further comprises:

means, responsive to determining that the text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes special formatting indicia, for leaving the preformatted text tags in the text.

12. A computer program product for use with a data processing system, comprising:

a computer usable medium;

first instructions on the computer usable medium for determining whether a document includes at least one specially formatted element;

second instructions on the computer usable medium, responsive to a determination that the document includes at least one specially formatted element, for determining whether the at least one specially formatted element includes text and indicia that the text should not be reflowed; and

third instructions on the computer usable medium, responsive to determination that the at least one specially formatted element does not include indicia that the text should not be reflowed, for reflowing the text, wherein the preformatted text within the document is automatically converted to reflowable text.

13. The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the first instructions further comprise:

instructions for determining whether the document includes preformatted text.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the first instructions further comprise:

instructions for determining whether the document includes preformatted text tags delimiting the preformatted text.

15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the second instructions further comprise:

instructions for determining whether the preformatted text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes character sequences selected from the group consisting of multiple successive tabs, multiple successive spaces, and special characters.

16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the third instructions further comprise:

instructions, responsive to determining that the preformatted text delimited by the preformatted text tags includes indicia that the text within the at least one specially formatted element should not be reflowed, for leaving the preformatted text tags in the text.