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Subject: Re: typing in text columns

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DataWarrior will never work like a spreadsheet, but you can achieve a lot with the "Search & Replace" functionality, e.g. you may replace all empty cells within all selected rows of one column fill with a defined content.

Automatically adding keystrokes to the content of a selected cell (provided that exactly one cell is selected) seems dangerous to me because of unintended changes of a cell's content. Also, for non-empty cells we would need a way to move a cursor to define where to insert key strokes. Spreadsheets have an input line at the top for this purpose. The current DataWarrior beta version allows to use the arrow keys in the table view to move the selection of a single cell in arrow direction. Currently, the enter and return keys move the selection downwards. If Enter&Return would open the text editor instead, this would allow for a faster cell editing without involving the mouse. Would that be a reasonable workaround in your opinion?

Thomas

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