

OO_history

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Chapter 1

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1.1 Offline Orbit Update History - Table of Contents

Offline Orbit Update History

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These lists are by no means complete. All versions have some minor fixes, optimizations and changes that aren't listed here. This document only describes the changes in Offline Orbit since version 0.70. The first public version of Offline Orbit (0.02) was released on July 11, 1993.

1.2 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.75a

RELEASE: 0.75a

DATE: July 6, 1995

- o Empty User Name gadgets in BBS Preferences weren't ignored. Fixed.

1.3 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.75

RELEASE: 0.75

DATE: July 6, 1995

Happy birthday to Offline Orbit! On July 11th, exactly two years have passed since the release of the first public version.

- o If changing directory before packing replies failed Offline Orbit still tried to pack replies and afterwards deleted all files in the current directory. Fixed.
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- o Reorganized Messages Menu.
- o Skip Thread in Messages Menu.
- o Iconified Offline Orbit will now show the name of the currently open message bundle in it's icon's title. This can be useful if you have a lot of iconified Offline Orbits running simultaneously.
- o If Workbench isn't running Iconify will now replace the icon with a small window instead of returning an error.
- o Iconification Method cycle gadget in General Preferences. There are now three different styles for iconification. (A list of bundles to select from in Workbench Tools menu sure looks pretty neat...)
- o If amigaguide.library is not available, pressing Help does nothing.
- o Known Bugs section (6.5) in OO.guide.
- o Resizeable Puzzle (4x4, 6x6 or 8x8).
- o Default Puzzle Size cycle gadget in General Preferences.
- o User List in Prefs menu.
- o Add to User List in Messages menu.
- o Search and New Files had the same keyboard shortcut. Fixed.
- o Warn If No BBS Preferences checkbox in General Preferences.
- o Cancel is now an option is all of the requesters that appear after selecting Close or Quit.
- o User Name string gadget in BBS Preferences.
- o All sorts of optimizations.

1.4 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.74a

RELEASE: 0.74a

DATE: May 13, 1995

- o Previous Area in Messages menu didn't work. Fixed.
 - o Area list wasn't properly updated after a search operation. Fixed.
 - o Offline Orbit will no longer return an error if creating a directory, that already exists, fails. Instead, Offline Orbit will now delete the directory and it's contents and try again.
 - o Search is now three times faster (actual results may vary).
 - o Optimized string processing routines will speed up certain operations.
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- o Running out of memory while loading a message no longer causes an endless loop of alert messages.
- o If amigaguide.library is not available, pressing Help will now open the About requester.
- o Pressing Shift and either one of the vertical arrow keys when reading a message now moves immediately to the next page of the message. No more slow line by line scrolling unless you press return or backspace.
- o QWK: "Produced by" string wasn't processed correctly. Fixed.
- o A linefeed should've been placed before the message when appending to a text file, but wasn't. Fixed.

1.5 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.74

RELEASE: 0.74

DATE: April 15, 1995

- o A linefeed is placed before the message when appending to a text file.
- o Replies are no longer deleted after an unsuccessful packing.
- o New modifiers (%o and %r) for Quote Header.
- o Search and Repeat Search in Messages menu. The search function is still very primitive, so suggestions are welcome.
- o If packing replies failed, all temporary files weren't deleted. Fixed.
- o SOUP: BBS name is still taken from the bundle's file name, but the extension is now left out. Reply packets are also named differently.
- o SOUP: References are no longer loaded into memory when processing the message bundle. This will speed up the processing a little and save you a lot of memory.

1.6 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.73d

RELEASE: 0.73d

DATE: March 8, 1995

- o QWK: Offline Orbit occasionally created faulty header records in reply packets. Fixed.
 - o Unless Use Reply Prefix in General Preferences is checked, existing 'Re:' prefixes are now automatically removed from the subjects of your replies.
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1.7 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.73c

RELEASE: 0.73c

DATE: March 3, 1995

- o SOUP: Appending to reply packets didn't work properly. Fixed.
- o QWK: Fixed problems with 25 character header fields.
- o New modifier (%n) for Quote Header.

1.8 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.73b

RELEASE: 0.73b

DATE: February 10, 1995

- o After receiving some comments concerning the registration and tax issues, I decided that shareware wasn't such a bright idea after all. I personally like freeware programs more, and I'm under the impression that you do too. So, please enjoy Offline Orbit for free! If someone already sent money for registration, the money will be returned.
- o Included an example configuration for beginners.
- o Moving from a string gadget to the next didn't work in General Preferences. Fixed.

1.9 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.73a

RELEASE: 0.73a

DATE: February 8, 1995

- o The message scroller didn't work properly. The same bug also caused occasional crashes. Fixed.

1.10 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.73

RELEASE: 0.73

DATE: February 7, 1995

- o Slightly altered configuration structure. You must re-enter your unpack directory to Directory Preferences!
 - o Puzzle in Project menu.
 - o Stack gadget in Editor and Packer Preferences.
 - o The extension of the currently used packer configuration is now displayed in the screen title.
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- o Aborting the area selector after moving the selector bar reseted the current message pointer. Fixed.
- o Removed an enforcer hit.
- o The availability of the selected screen mode is now checked before trying to open a screen.
- o The height of the message scroller gadget is now relative to the screen resolution. If the scroller is too small or too big, please let me know.
- o The message's status is automatically set to private when writing a message to a private-only area. You can still manually set the message's status to public.

1.11 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.72

RELEASE: 0.72

DATE: January 21, 1995

- o There are several new configuration entries. Please read this text carefully and check your preferences before using this version.
 - o New version (2.2c/38.1266) of regtools.library included.
 - o The widths for the message header gadgets were calculated incorrectly for a non-backdrop window. Fixed.
 - o All of the temporary files weren't always deleted. Fixed.
 - o Each Offline Orbit session now has it's own replies directory.
 - o OMEN: The last area was displayed twice in the area list. Fixed.
 - o The command string in Editor Preferences must now have a '%f' instead of the reply text file name. The File and Quote gadgets have been removed.
 - o Separate Quote File checkbox in Editor Preferences.
 - o CTRL-Y (ASCII 25) is no longer stripped from messages. You can now use C-Net's MCI codes in your replies.
 - o Revised border pattern for windows.
 - o QWK: Minor fixes in the reply packet format.
 - o Some modifications for future localization.
 - o The Quote Header gadget in General Preferences is now operational.
 - o Save Message now allows you to select between a file and printer.
 - o Reply length wasn't always calculated correctly. Fixed.
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- o Faster file handling and message processing.
- o When quoting messages, the quoted text is now re-flowed.
- o Fixed some bugs in the word wrapping routine.
- o Amiga-Q is now the only keyboard equivalent for Quit.
- o Replies can now be removed by setting the Status gadget to Killed.
- o WWF: Personal.HDR files weren't properly ignored. Fixed.
- o Optimized reply packing routines.
- o Reply appending is now available for all supported formats.
- o Save Message now allows you to overwrite a file too.
- o Store Message Pointers checkbox in General Preferences.
- o Bigger, better and faster character set conversion.
- o QWK: Faster message processing.
- o QWK: BBBS bundles are now patched to work despite of the incorrect position of the area numbers in their message header structures.
- o You can now read messages using a joystick.
- o Enable Joystick checkbox in General Preferences.
- o Unpack gadget in Directory Preferences. Old configuration files may cause Offline Orbit to load some garbage in this gadget, so make sure you replace the garbage with a valid directory name.

1.12 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.70b

RELEASE: 0.70b

DATE: September 3, 1994

- o Area name wasn't shown in the message list window in personal and replies areas. This bug also caused a minor enforcer hit. Fixed.
 - o Edit gadget was sometimes left enabled after packing replies. Fixed.
 - o Save Message file requester now has a pattern matching gadget.
 - o Open Bundle will no longer close the already open bundle (if any) until you have selected another one. You can now return to the previously opened bundle by cancelling the file requester.
 - o QWK: Names are now shown in mixed case.
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- o All found enforcer hits removed.

1.13 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.70a

RELEASE: 0.70a

DATE: August 15, 1994

- o The title said: "This is a beta release for beta testers only. Do not distribute." The text wasn't meant to be there, it was forgotten there! Sorry for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused you.
- o IBM and SF7 were misplaced in the Pack cycle gadgets in Editor and BBS Preferences. Fixed.
- o BBS Preferences trashed memory. Fixed.
- o Offline Orbit didn't tolerate empty tag-files. Fixed.
- o A debug delay was forgotten in the OMEN reply packing routine. Fixed.
- o Fixed some bugs in the documentation.
- o Flash Messages For You option didn't work properly. Fixed.
- o Random Tag gadget was enabled even if no tags were available. Fixed.
- o The default work directory is now 'T:' instead of 'RAM:'.

1.14 Offline Orbit Update History - 0.70

RELEASE: 0.70

DATE: August 13, 1994

- o Revised configuration structures and version identification methods. You must delete all S:OO.#? files and reconfigure Offline Orbit.
 - o The user interface of Offline Orbit is now completely font sensitive. You can select your fonts from Screen Preferences. You can use both fixed width and proportional fonts.
 - o Better memory allocation and GUI routines are used to avoid excess stack usage. 4096 bytes of stack is now more than enough for Offline Orbit.
 - o The Offline Orbit executables are pure, ie. they can be made resident.
 - o Support added for the SOUP (Simple Offline Usenet Packet) message format. I would like to hear your comments and suggestions as Offline Orbit's SOUP support is quite limited at the moment.
 - o Save Message now checks if the file you select already exists.
 - o QWK: Reply headers contained incorrect area number. Fixed.
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- o Some font selectors were initialized incorrectly. Fixed.
 - o An unsuccessful call to CreateContext() crashed the machine. Fixed.
 - o Edit Message wasn't ghosted in normal message areas. Fixed.
 - o Message Threading gadget in General Preferences.
 - o A new tag-file wasn't loaded if a BBS configuration was in use. Fixed.
 - o An aborted area requester returned an incorrect area number. Fixed.
 - o Fonts weren't opened when the window was on another screen. Fixed.
 - o A failure to open fonts caused serious problems. Fixed.
 - o QWK: Message length was sometimes incorrect. Fixed.
 - o Blank Borders checkbox in Screen Preferences.
 - o Memory for area names is now allocated according to their lengths.
 - o Length limit for short tag-lines decreased to avoid word wrapping.
 - o New, improved icons that look better in 1:1 aspect screens.
 - o Use Reply Prefix checkbox in General Preferences.
 - o Long lines were some times wrapped incorrectly. Fixed.
 - o QWK, WWF and SOUP bundles can now have any file name.
 - o Match Pattern and Quote Header gadgets in General Preferences.
 - o To avoid system crashes, the smallest accepted font height is now 5.
 - o Edit Message is now a gadget on the control panel.
 - o Slightly faster message processing for all formats.
 - o WWF: Faster message processing.
 - o KS3: Pooled memory allocation to avoid memory fragmentation.
 - o Offline Orbit is now "optimized" using dccopt by Ville-Pertti Keinonen.
 - o Your replies will no longer change the number of total messages.
 - o Passing arguments to system requesters didn't work. Fixed.
 - o WWF: The last area was displayed twice in the area list. Fixed.
 - o Display RFC Headers checkbox in General Preferences.
 - o More thorough character conversion.
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- o Some menu items were disabled when they should have been enabled. Fixed.
 - o All formats now show packer efficiency after packing replies.
 - o Offline Orbit didn't lock IntuitionBase before using it. Fixed.
 - o Dozens of smaller fixes and code optimizations. The executable contains new features and is still over fifteen (15) kilobytes smaller than before.
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