

Welcome to KookieJar

**Welcome to KookieJar, also known as Near-Miss-Fortune Kookies:
a signature generator for your favorite email and news client.**

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System : Windows 95 or higher required
(Should work with Windows NT)
Setup : Run "setup.exe" to install program.

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Kookie Jar is a Windows 95/98 application that generates signatures which you may use with your favorite email or news program. Signatures typically include a random quote, or *tagline*, chosen from a file that you specify (samples are included in program distribution). However, the program will work fine without random quotes, too.

Typically, the program is loaded automatically at the system startup, lives in the tray (an icon next to the system clock in the lower right-hand corner of the screen) and chooses a new signature quote at random at a predefined interval, e.g. every 5 minutes. The quote is taken from a file which contains your favorite taglines. Most email and news clients have the ability to use an external file for signature.

Apart from the optional random quote, the program can place many other pieces of information in your signature. To define the layout of your signature and tell the program what to include in it, you create a special *template* (sample included).

I have tried to create the best free signature manager for Windows - you, the user, will be the judge. Hope you will enjoy the program!

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Features - Overview

Basic features

- Timer operation to automatically create a new signature at intervals that you specify. The timer can be switched off, temporarily or permanently.
- While normally taglines are chosen at random, there is a full-screen selection window that lets you choose a specific tagline manually.
- Taglines may be added, removed and edited while the program is running.
- You can select a different tagline file while the program is running.
- *Load on demand*: if your tagline file is rather large, you can tell the program to only load the file when necessary (i.e. when a new quote is needed) and automatically unload the file immediately thereafter. This will reduce memory usage.
- Option to save the signature as RTF (rich text format) file, (for use with MS Outlook Express) or in HTML format.
- Optionally, minimize the program to system tray.
- Choice of font and background color used for displaying the signatures on screen
- Automatic line wrapping at the line length you specify (may also be disabled for particular quotes in the quotes file)
- User-defined template that is used to form the signature file. For instance, you may specify the URL for your homepage, add any other information you wish, and this information will be combined with the randomly chosen quote to form the signature file.

New features in version 5.96

- Completely redesigned interface
- Lots of new **template tokens**. The old version supported two tokens: for the current random quote and its number. The new version supported **nineteen** separate tokens, from simple to advanced.
- **Examples of new token functionality:**
 - Some people like to include a *Now Playing*: line in their sigs, to let the world know what CD is currently spinning in their player. If you listen to CDs using your CD-ROM drive, KookieJar will automatically poll the drive for CD information, format the Now-Playing string the way you set it in Options, and include it in your signature. If there is no AudioCD or if information about the disk cannot be found, the token is ignored.
 - Include the contents of an external text file in your signature (useful for instance if you have another application generate a text file you want to have in your sig). KookieJar can launch an external command-line (terminal) application and include its output in the signature.
 - Include current date and time in a variety of formats (in English or in the language of your Windows system).
 - Include Discordian date and time measures in your sig (please see <http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/erisware.html> for details).
 - Include the contents of an environment variable in the signature file.
- Quotes may be autoselected randomly, as before, or you can choose to have new quotes selected in sequence (ascending or descending)
- You can now have more than one random quote in the signature!
- When saving signatures in RTF or HTML format, it is possible to use external "format files" to have your signature formatted precisely the way you want it. (I just gave up on the idea of setting up details of format via three hundred and seventy five checkbox options, and decided on templates instead. They're easy, and you only need to create

them once.)

- Improved the quote select dialog box. You can now edit, add, remove and sort quotes there.
- Built-in template editor. You can still edit the template in any text editor you like to use, but KookieJar now lets you edit the template within the Options dialog box. You can choose tokens from a drop-down list and have them automatically formatted. The template is automatically validated and any problems are reported.
- Quotes can now be edited, as well as added and removed, in the main program window.
- The program will now work *without a quote file* if you do not wish to use random quotes. Signatures will be updated correctly.
- Extensive reporting of errors or problems (missing files, bad template syntax, inaccessible resources, etc). Most of these are already implemented.
- Automatic installer/uninstaller (new in 5.96).

Note: KookieJar version 6.0 is in the making. It will support all the features in KookieJar 5.97, as well as be able to create multiple independent signatures using multiple, independent quote files. Check author's website for availability.

Installation and setup

Run SETUP.EXE to install the program.

After the program has been installed, run KOOKIE.EXE.
Press F5 to open the [Options](#) dialog box.

You will probably want to use your own [quote file](#) and customize the [sample template](#).

To use the signature with your e-mail or news program, you will need to tell the program to load the signature from a file on disk: the file that KookieJar creates. Not all e-mail and news clients support this; some only allow you to specify signature text inside the program configurations.

Programs that can be configured to work with KookieJar:

Netscape Messenger
Microsoft Outlook Express
Forte Agent / Free Agent
TheBat!
Microplanet Gravity
Pegasus Mail

Visit KookieJar website for details on how to set up these applications to accept signatures generated by KookieJar:

<http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/free/index.html>

Programs that cannot work with KookieJar:

Microsoft Outlook
Eudora Pro (*should work with versions 4 and above*)

What's new in this version

For the most up-to-date information, please see file **HISTORY.TXT**, included in program distribution.

New features in version 5.98f

- o Added activation hotkey, so that KookieJar window can be restored and brought to the front when it is minimized to system tray 9or hidden behind other windows). Default hotkey is "Shift+Ctrl+F5". Currently, it can be modified or disabled by manually editing the INI file (look for "HotKey" and "HotKeyActivate" settings in [KookieOptions] section.)
- o Added an option to hide the program completely when minimized, i.e. it doesn't even show up in the taskbar tray. (If you want to restore the program, e.g. to change its configuration or force it to exit, you will need to run the program from its shortcut.)
- o Main menu now has a new function: "Copy signature". Use this function to copy the contents of the last-saved signature file to clipboard.

New features in version 5.98

Since version 5.98 KookieJar supports two new quote-selection modes: RandomUnique and RandomMultiFile. These have been requested by users and are somewhat experimental at this point.

RandomUnique selection mode: quotes are selected at random, but any given quote will only be chosen once (no repeats). After all quotes in the file have been exhausted, they are shuffled again and a new cycle begins. Note that it is possible that a new cycle will begin with a quote that the previous cycle ended, but that will happen rather rarely, especially if your quote files are large. The RandomUnique mode does NOT work with the "Load Quotes on Demand" option, since quotes must be shuffled whenever they are loaded.

RandomMultiFile selection mode: if you have defined more than one quote file in the Options dialog box (Quotes tab), KookieJar can select a random quote not just from one specified quote file, but from ANY of the defined quotes files. Note that this is a rather CPU-intensive mode, and that the RandomMultiFile selection mode IMPLIES that quotes are loaded on demand (even if the option is not explicitly turned on) because KookieJar will have to load quotes anew every time a new quote file is randomly chosen.

27 November 1999

- o Fixed further bugs in installer. Unix format is now (finally) properly preserved when saving quote files.
- o Version number is now 5.97d

20 November 1999

- o Quote files are now saved in original format, i.e. a Unix quote file is saved back in Unix format. (only DOS and UNIX formats are supported.)
- o "Signature" menu now has two new commands, allowing user to quickly view the saved signature file and the template file. By default, "quikview.exe" is used as viewer. It is possible to use an alternate application to view (or edit) signature and template files, but this requires manual editing of the "kookie.ini" file (the settings: ViewAppSig and ViewAppTemplate, respectively).
- o Version number is now 5.97c

14 November 1999

- o By an oversight, random quote was always wrapped, even if wrapping was turned off. By another oversight, it was impossible to turn off the timer persistently...
- o Other minor fixes (selected quote file was erroneously reset when Options dialog was open)
- o Version number is now 5.97a

12 November 1999

- o Added full menu with keyboard shortcuts.
- o Added support for two signature formats ("Full RTF" and "Full HTML"). There are now 5 available formats, allowing total control over the signature formatting.
- o Template editor is now a RichEdit control, so that RTF templates (used when signature format is "Full RTF") may now be edited safely. Note that this is not a full-featured RTF editor, and supports only movement keys, insert/delete keys and clipboard operations. For anything fancier, create the template in an RTF-capable editor (such as WordPad) and copy/paste the text into the KookieJar template editor.
- o Added support for multi-line quote files (including support for Unix-style "fortune" files).
- o Changed quote file selection method (as a result of adding multi-line quote support).
- o "Alert on AudioCD failure" option is now honored.
- o "Start minimized" option was not honored; it is now.
- o Added token: %RANDLINE (see syntax.txt).
- o "Load on demand" feature should no longer have any unwanted side-effects (display problems, etc. are gone).
- o Better error handling.
- o Several minor fixes, internal changes.
- o Version number is now 5.97

30 October 1999

- o Implemented "Load on Demand" feature. If checked, the quotes file will only be loaded when a new random quote needs to be selected, and immediately unloaded thereafter. This increases processing time but reduces memory usage.
- o New option: "Use quotes". The quotes file will only be used

if this option is checked. This allows you to easily disable quotes file temporarily.

- o Rearranged the Options dialog interface, to group settings in a more logical manner. All settings pertaining to using the quotes file are now located on the "Quotes" tab.
- o Added automatic installer/uninstaller.
- o Version number is now 5.96; first "final" release.

18 September 1999

- o Implemented the SkipLineOnError option. With this option turned ON, if an error occurs while interpreting template tokens, the whole line containing the token will not be saved to the signature. Registered errors include misformed token arguments, missing files, invalid CD-ROM drive specification, time/date conversion errors, external applications returning a non-zero exit code.
- o Status bar now displays button tips in the right-hand panel. Note that the tips now include hotkeys associated with the functions. For full list of keyboard shortcuts, please see the file KEYS.TXT.
- o Enabled multiple-quote feature. You can now have as many random quotes in your sig as you wish. Every time the %QUOTE token is found in your template, a new quote will be selected from the list. Note, though, that each %QUOTE token must be put in a separate template line (where it of course may be surrounded with text or other tokens, as always). In general, any given token is located only ONCE PER LINE so only the first occurrence can be found.
- o Fixed silly bug which prevented the quote from being saved if you turned OFF word wrapping the quote in Options.
- o Enabled saving signatures in RTF format. Please see the section entitled "Limitations" in the file BUGS.TXT. It contains important tips on changing the formatting of RTF output.

17 September 1999

- o Enabled saving signatures in HTML format. (Only the "Simple HTML" works for now - that is, the template must be plain text, but you can use an external HTML file with a %SIGNATURE token in it. Please read the RTF-related section in BUGS.TXT, the same applies to HTML.)
- o Added some previously undocumented options to the Options dialog box. They're still undocumented.

16 September 1999

- o The HISTORY file started.
- o AlertOnSaveFailure now works.
- o Added toolbar button to select a new quote file without having to open the Options dialog box.
- o DEBUG option now works. When debug is ON, a log file is saved in program's directory (kookie.log). The log contains mostly messages about errors and

problems, though not all errors are being logged as yet. To activate the debug option, start kookie with the "-debug" switch (no quotes), or manually edit the KOOKIE.INI file, find the line that says

"Debug=0"

and change it to

"Debug=1"

Warning: the log file grows indefinitely; new log is appended to previously existing file. You will need to delete the log file manually.

- o Lots of internal changes that you don't see :)
- o A toolbar button was added to open a new dialog box called "Template manager". DO NOT USE THIS DIALOG BOX. It is only an empty shell, in preparation for the multi-signature and multi-quotefile capability. As before, use the Options dialog box (F5) to set up your signature and template.
- o Some undocumented settings have been removed, or put where they belong i.e. in program Options.
- o Discordian date and time tokens expanded into
ERISDATESHORT, ERISDATELONG
ERISTIMESHORT, ERISTIMELONG
The meaning is probably obvious.
- o Also, you may need to resize the main window to align the toolbar correctly the first time.

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Keyboard reference

F1 : Help (in any program window)
F2 : Save currently displayed quote
(even if AutoSave is ON)
F3 : View signature
(Shift+F3: View template)
F4 : <nothing>
F5 : Bring up the Options dialog box
F6 : <nothing>
F7 : Edit currently displayed quote
F8 : Select a new quote file to use
F9 : Toggle timer (On/Off)
F10 : Activate main menu
F11 : <nothing>
F12 : Select a quote from list (manually)

SPACE : get new random quote
BACKSPACE : minimize main window
ESC : minimize or exit (set in Options)
INSERT : add a new quote to list
DELETE : remove currently displayed quote
LEFT, UP : show previous quote
RIGHT, DOWN : show next quote
HOME, END : show first, last quote
Ctrl-C : Copy currently displayed quote to clipboard

Downloading and contacting the author

For the latest version of the program, see

<http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/free/index.html>

Direct download link:

<http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/free/kookie59b.zip>

E-mail to author:

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Known issues, bugs and limitations

Known bugs

- If you do not have the file cdplayer.ini (usually in the C:\windows directory) KookieJar will complain bitterly, telling you that you cannot use the AudioCD feature. In the Options dialog box, point KookieJar to where the file "cdplayer.ini" resides. Or, if you don't have the file and/or don't wish to use the AudioCD feature, click the Detection mode drop-down list and select the option "None (don't use AudioCD)". The needless complaint about the missing ini file is a design flaw and will be eliminated in the 6.0 release.
- When you leave the Quote file name blank in options (to indicate you don't want the program to load and use random quotes), Kookie will throw an exception when you exit the options dialog box and try to save a sig. Darn, I thought I handled this already :) Just exit the program and start it again; it won't complain anymore. (Should be fixed now; still needs some testing as there is quite a large number of slightly different scenarios with various file errors, missing files, invalid filenames, etc.)

Bugs already fixed

- The following problem was reported to me, but I could not reproduce it: When launching a command-line program to capture its output into the signature (%EXTAPP token), KookieJar would freeze if the application name or path contained "long" filenames. Sometimes, apparently, Kookie crash was taking the whole system with it. The problem did not occur if the path did not contain "long" file or directory names. I have modified the relevant procedure so that long filenames are always converted to short filenames (conforming to the 8.3 format, no embedded spaces) before the application is executed. It SHOULD fix the bug, but since the problem never happened on my system in the first place, I cannot be quite certain!
- Fixed several bugs in tooltips and status bar messages.
- In dialog boxes where you enter filenames, the program would complain that a file does not exist IF the filename contained spaces. This has been fixed; in case you still encounter that problem, just remove the double quotation marks in the filename field.
- Fixed silly bug which prevented the quote from being saved if you turned OFF word wrapping the quote in Options. (Thanks to Brian Majewski for spotting it!)
- The "-exit" switch did not work properly (quote was saved, but an error prevented Kookie from exiting.)
- After you chose a different quote file in Options, the display sat there idly with the string "Loading quotes..." showing. Now a new quote is always selected after you have changed the quotes file. The AlwaysSave option is still honored, i.e. the new quote is saved to your signature only if AlwaysSave is ON.

Program limitations

- The main window display can only show quotes up to 1024 bytes in length. Longer quotes will be truncated FOR DISPLAY ONLY, they will still be saved correctly. (However, if you open the Select Quote window and edit, add or remove a quote inside that window, all quotes longer than 1024 bytes will be truncated AND SAVED, which may corrupt your quote file. This may be fixed in the future, but is not high on the task priority list, because signature quotes are not really meant to be this long.)
- The main window display does not scroll. If a quote is too large to fit, you need to resize the window to see it all.

- **IMPORTANT** note about including external file contents or external application output when formatting signatures as RTF or HTML: The file contents or application output **MUST BE** plain text only. It can contain no RTF or HTML codes. It will be formatted to RTF or HTML along with the rest of the signature text. If this bugs you, let me know and I'll work out something different. For now, this is how it works.

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SOURCE CODE AND SOLUTIONS

Kookie Jar uses several freeware components created by Delphi developers around the world. Many thanks to all of them for making available the results of their hard work. Programming would be so much harder without those!

Rx Library Components for Delphi3
(Delphi VCL Extensions (RX) Lib; freeware with source)
<http://rx.demo.ru>

Automatic installer/uninstaller:
INNO SETUP, Copyright (C) 1998-1999 Jordan Russell
(freeware with source)
<http://www.jordanr.dhs.org/>

Also thanks to Martin Lafferty for his Conform unit,
which provided ideas for launching external console
applications and capturing output.

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VisitURL

[Flexible, lightweight bookmark manager](#)

Maintains a handy list of bookmarks to websites you plan to visit. Very useful when you need to note down an URL but don't want to launch the big bulky browser. Will capture URLs copied to clipboard, optionally using surrounding text as description. Lives in system tray. Extremely configurable interface, behavior and output, lots of additional features. Imports and exports URLs to several formats.

Oubliette

[Password manager, with source code](#)

Store and manage passwords for your internet accounts. Securely encrypts data with Blowfish or IDEA using freeware DCCrypt library by David Barton (<http://www.hertreg.ac.uk/ss/>). Flexible and configurable. Exports to a variety of formats (plain text, HTML, CSV, INI). Function to encrypt or decrypt arbitrary files. **Source code included.**

InjectURL

[Automatically inject original URL into saved HTML files](#)

You visit a Web site, and save the HTML page to read it later, offline. You want to remember the original URL address where the document came from - but editing the document and copying/pasting the URL gets old rather fast. Let InjectURL do the boring part for you! It will detect that you have saved an HTML document, query the browser for URL and 'inject' the URL into the document you have saved (as a clickable link on top of the file). Manual override, flexible and configurable. (Works with Netscape Navigator and MS Internet Explorer.)

GUIDClean

[Remove or modify the privacy-breeching Global Unique Identifiers in Microsoft Office documents](#)

GUIDClean is a program to detect, display and modify the Global Unique Identifiers (GUID) that some MS Office products (Word and Excel) place in documents. An argument can be made that these GUID strings are a breach of users' privacy and may be used to track documents and bind them to particular users or particular machines. As author of GUIDClean I make no such arguments: I simply provide you with a free program which you can use to view and/or change the GUID information in your documents. **Source code included.** For more information about GUIDs, see

<http://www.junkbusters.com/microsoft.html>

CipherSaber

[Roll-your-own strong encryption project](#)

Delphi source code for a Windows95 interface for a simple user interface to wrap around CipherSaber strong encryption code. The web page also describes in detail the steps necessary to create your own CipherSaber implementation. (CipherSaber was originally developed by Arnold G. Reinhold.) See

<http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/free/ciphersaber.html> . Also see [CipherSaber homepage](#).

Tagline files

Starting with version 5.97 KookieJar supports two formats for quote files:

- 1. Single-line quotes**
- 2. Multiple-line quotes**

Whenever you add or change the quote file, you will need to specify the format and a few relevant settings (described below). If these settings are specified incorrectly, the program will now work as intended.

To change the quote file used:

- 1) Open the Options dialog box (press F5, or choose "Options" from the "Tools" menu).
- 2) Switch to the "Quotes" tab.
- 3) Make sure the "Use quotes" checkbox is CHECKED.
- 4) Click the drop-down list next to the checkbox, and pick the desired quote file. If the quote file you wish to use is NOT displayed in the list, then click the INS (Insert) button. This will open a "file open" dialog box, which allows you to add the desired quote file.
- 5) Check the quote file settings! Most of all, make sure that the "Quote format" is specified correctly (single line or multi line quotes). Make any necessary changes.
- 6) Click OK. Done!

Notes:

- * If you leave the "Use quotes" checkbox unchecked, KookieJar will not use or display the quotes.
- * If you wish to remove a particular quote file from the list, pick the file in the drop-down list, then click the DEL (Delete) button.

Another way to change the quote file used:

While in the main program window, press F8, or choose the "Select quote file" option from the "Tools" menu. This will open a dialog box which lists all the quote files known to KookieJar. Choose a quote file from the list and click OK. (If the desired file is not in the list, use the method described above to add it.)

NOTE: KookieJar does NOT require that you use random quotes in your signatures. You can disable quotes by clicking the "Use quotes" option in the "Tools" menu, or by unchecking the "Use quotes" checkbox in the "Quotes" tab (Options dialog box). Of course, when no quotes are in use, the main program window will just display a blank space and look rather boring :-)

GENERAL ISSUES

Quote files are always plain text files. You cannot use a HTML file, a Word document or an RTF file for a quote file. Quotes must not contain any RTF or HTML formatting. You must use a separate template (RTF or HTML) to add special formatting to the signature.

One sample quote file is delivered with the program: "kookies.txt". You will probably want to create your own.

You can find a great number of tagline resources on the Internet. Try searching for "taglines AND fortune", for instance.

Starting with version 5.97, KookieJar can read Unix-style fortune files (and any text files that have Unix-like line terminators, i.e. #10 instead of #13#10 as DOS files use).

A quote file may be edited in any plain-text editor. IMPORTANT: When editing a quote file, make sure to turn OFF line-wrapping in the editor. This is especially important for single-line format files.

You may want to close KookieJar before editing the quote file; otherwise any changes you make will be lost when you add, edit, or remove a quote from inside the program!

There is no artificially imposed limit on the length of each particular quote, but the main program window, as well as the "Select quote" list, can only display lines of text no longer than 1024 bytes (1KB). If a quote is longer and you edit it inside KookieJar, it will be truncated! This limit MAY be removed in a future release, but it's a low priority task, since mail and news signatures are not meant to be that large anyway. Note also that there is absolutely no limit on the size of the TEMPLATE, and that you can have several random quotes in a single signature, if you really want to.

SINGLE-LINE QUOTES

This is the only format supported in previous versions of KookieJar (earlier than 5.97).

Each quote occupies a single line of text. A single quote may not be larger than 1024 bytes. Blank lines in the quote file are ignored.

In general, quotes that exceed the line length specified in Options (Quotes tab -> Wrap At) will be wrapped when the signature is saved. Leading and trailing spaces and tab characters are trimmed.

Even though a quote must fit on a single line of text, it is still possible to force a quote to occupy more than one line of the resulting signature. In Options, you can specify a special line-break marker character (by default it is the vertical bar '|'). Edit the quote and place the line-break marker in places you want the line breaks to occur.

For example, assuming you want to put the following snippet from e. e. cummings in your signature:

```
you and i may not  
hurry it with  
a thousand poems  
my darling  
but nobody will stop it
```

```
With All The Policemen In The World
```

- store the quote as a single line with line breaks marked up using the '|' character:

```
you and i may not|hurry it with|a thousand poems|my darling|but nobody  
will stop it||With All The Policemen In The World
```

(Note the two adjacent '|' bars which will result in a blank line.)

A quote which is marked up this way (i.e. any quote which contains the line-break marker character) is NEVER automatically wrapped by the program - since you have already specified the wrapping!

Note also that there is a limited set of characters which can be used as line-break markers. In general, you can only pick a character from the drop-down list in Options.

EXAMPLE QUOTE FILE (SINGLE-LINE FORMAT)

(Note: the text below will be wrapped in the help window. Remember that each complete tagline must occupy its own separate line, and cannot be broken.)

```
----- cut here -----  
A bug in the code is worth two in the documentation.
```

```
"Trust the art, not the artist".|    -- John Lennon (attrib.)
He who would keep a secret, must keep it a secret that he has a secret to
keep. (Sir Humphrey Appleby)
No main is good enough to govern another man,|without that other's consent.
(Abraham Lincoln)
----- cut here -----
```

MULTIPLE-LINE QUOTES

Each quote can occupy more than one line of text. A single quote may not be larger than 1024 bytes.

Quotes are NEVER wrapped, regardless of the Wrap At setting in Options (Quotes tab). The assumption is that multi-line quotes are formatted precisely the way they are meant to be displayed. For the same reason, leading or trailing spaces and tabs are NOT trimmed, and any blank lines are preserved.

In multi-line format, KookieJar must know where one quote ends and another one starts. This is why the quotes MUST be separated with a special separator string. By default, the separator is a single percent sign '%', but you may use a different separator (which must be specified in quote Options).

(The '%' character was chosen as default because it is used to separate quotes in Unix "fortune" files. Other commonly encountered separator is '%%'.)

The separator string cannot be longer than 8 characters.

The separator string MUST be placed between every two quotes on a line of its own. The separator must make the whole line, ie it cannot be surrounded with spaces, tabs, or any other characters.

Examples:

good:

```
This is one cool quote
%           <- Separator resides in its own line
This is another cool quote
```

bad:

```
This is one cool quote %           <- this won't work!
This is another cool quote
```

EXAMPLE QUOTE FILE (MULTIPLE-LINE FORMAT)

```
----- cut here -----
A bug in the code is worth two in the documentation.
%
"Trust the art, not the artist".
    -- John Lennon (attrib.)
%
He who would keep a secret,
must keep it a secret
that he has a secret to keep.
(Sir Humphrey Appleby)
%
No main is good enough to govern another man,
without that other's consent.
    -- (Abraham Lincoln)
%
Any sufficiently advanced bug is indistinguishable from a feature.
```

```
-- Rich Kulawiec

%
you and i may not
hurry it with
a thousand poems
my darling
but nobody will stop it

With All The Policemen In The World
%
----- cut here -----
```

See also: [sample files](#).

Template files

Starting with version 5.97 KookieJar supports FIVE signature formats:

1. Plain text
2. Simple RTF (template is plain text)
3. Full RTF (template uses Rich Text Format)
4. Simple HTML (template is plain text)
5. Full HTML (template is HTML)

By default, both signature and template are plain-text.

GENERAL ISSUES

This file does not describe [template syntax](#).

To change the signature format:

- 1) Open the Options dialog box (press F5, or choose "Options" from the "Tools" menu).
- 2) Switch to the "Signature" tab.
- 3) In the "Format" field, choose the desired format from the drop-down list.
- 4) In the "Template" field, enter the name of the template file. Make sure to use a template file suitable for the signature format you have chosen. (See format descriptions, below).
- 5) You may want to change the signature name in the "Location" field.
- 6) Click OK. Done!

Editing the template file:

You can edit the template in KookieJar's built-in template editor (Options dialog box, "Template" tab). However, this is NOT a fully-featured editor, and is really only suitable for editing plain-text templates. You can also edit the template in any suitable external editor, then copy the text to clipboard, and paste it into the KookieJar's template editor area.

NOTES:

1. The program cannot magically guess what format(s) you wish to use. You need to set the signature/template format yourself (in the Options dialog box, "Signature" tab) and make sure you have chosen the correct settings. Otherwise, if you tell the program the template is plain text, but the template is actually RTF, the result will not be what you want!

2. E-mail and USENET news are plain-text environments - by tradition and by technology. Some people like to receive RTF-formatted or HTML-formatted email, others don't. The author of KookieJar positively hates HTML-formatted email, and has all HTML messages deleted on the server, for instance, so they are never seen.

KookieJar now supports RTF and HTML signature formats, because some users requested those. But PLEASE make sure you know what you are doing - and, above all, never send RTF or HTML messages to people who don't want them. Please use these features cautiously. Any email program capable of generating RTF or HTML email is also capable of sending plain-text format, which, in general, should be your default setting.

PLAIN-TEXT SIGNATURE

This is the default setting and, indeed, the most useful one. The template is plain text, and so is the resulting signature. This means no color or font size specification - but this also means that all recipients will be able to read your signature, and no-one will ever complain :)

Nothing much to explain here, except to note that the template needs to be a true text file. It should not contain, for instance, any HTML tags.

To use this signature format, follow the method described in the GENERAL ISSUES section above.

SIMPLE RTF SIGNATURE

Template format: plain text

Signature format: RTF

This is useful if all you want is a simple signature saved in Rich Text format. You can use the same template used for plain-text signatures. The resulting signature will be saved as an RTF file, with some factory default formatting ("formatfile.rtf").

If you do not wish to use the factory default formatting (and it *is* rather pedestrian), you can create your own "format file". See the "samples" subdirectory for an example of an RTF format file.

A "format file" is a tiny RTF document (edited in WordPad, for instance). The document **MUST** contain the following word:

`%SIGNATURE`

exactly as spelled above (in upper case, preceded by the % sign). In WordPad, choose the "Edit->Select all" command, and then format the selected text the way you want your signature to look. For instance, you can choose a font, size, color, style, etc. Save this file, for instance as "formatfile.rtf". See the file "formatfile.rtf" in \samples subdirectory for an example of an RTF format file.

Your whole signature will now have the look of the text in the format file.

Next, open the Options dialog box in KookieJar (press F5 or select from the Tools menu), and switch to the "Misc" tab. In the "RTF format file" field, enter the name of the file you have just saved.

With this format, all the signature text has the very same look: same font, same color, etc. That's why the format is called "Simple" RTF. If you wish, for instance, to use a different font for the quote text than for the rest of the sig, you need the "Full RTF" format (see below).

To use this signature format, follow the method described in the GENERAL ISSUES section above.

FULL RTF SIGNATURE

Template format: RTF

Signature format: RTF

This format does NOT use the format file describe above. Instead, your actual TEMPLATE must be a well-formed RTF document. It's best to edit it in WordPad, because WordPad generates neat and lean RTF documents - as compared to Word, for instance, which adds plenty of unnecessary baggage.

Create your template as you would create a normal plain-text template, and make sure to save it in Rich Text format. You can use all the regular tokens that KookieJar supports (see "tokens.txt"). You can format each part of the template the way you want it to appear in the resulting signature. For instance, you if you format the %QUOTE token as bold and blue, the random quote inserted into your sig. will appear in bold and blue font. There is no limit on the formatting you can use, except for what the RTF specifications (or

your RTF editor) support.

Please see the file "template_RTF.sgn" for an example of an RTF template. (Despite the .sgn extension, you can edit this file in WordPad.)

To use this signature format, follow the method described in the GENERAL ISSUES section above.

SIMPLE HTML SIGNATURE

Template format: plain text

Signature format: HTML

This is useful if all you want is a simple signature saved in HTML format. You can use the same template used for plain-text signatures. The resulting signature will be saved as an HTML file, with some factory default formatting.

If you do not wish to use the factory default formatting (and it *is* rather pedestrian), you can create your own "format file". See the "samples" subdirectory for an example of an HTML format file ("formatfile.html").

A "format file" is a tiny HTML document (edited in NotePad, for instance, or any other text editor). It should be a well-formed HTML document, so you will probably need to know at least basic HTML before you edit the format file. The document **MUST** contain the following word somewhere in the <BODY> section:

`%SIGNATURE`

exactly as spelled above (in upper case, preceded by the % sign). Use normal HTML constructs to change the appearance of the word. For instance, you can change the font size and color using the tag:

```
<FONT SIZE=5 COLOR="navy" FACE="Verdana">%SIGNATURE</FONT>
```

See the file "formatfile.html" in \samples subdirectory for an example of a HTML format file.

Your whole signature will now have the look of the text in the format file.

Next, open the Options dialog box in KookieJar (press F5 or select from the Tools menu), and switch to the "Misc" tab. In the "HTML format file" field, enter the name of the file you have just saved.

With this format, all the signature text has the very same look: same font, same color, etc. That's why the format is called "Simple" HTML. If you wish, for instance, to use a different font for the quote text than for the rest of the sig, you need the "Full HTML" format (see below).

To use this signature format, follow the method described in the GENERAL ISSUES section above.

FULL HTML SIGNATURE

Template format: HTML

Signature format: HTML

This format does NOT use the format file describe above. Instead, your actual TEMPLATE must be a well-formed HTML document. You can edit the template in any application that you normally use to edit HTML documents. You will probably need to have some familiarity with HTML before you can edit your HTML template.

Create your template, including in it all the text and tokens you wish to use. Use HTML constructs to format parts of the template the way you want them to appear in the signature. For instance, you if you

format the %QUOTE token as bold and blue, the random quote inserted into your sig. will appear in bold and blue font:

```
<FONT COLOR=BLUE><B>%QUOTE</B></FONT>
```

Note that, in general, the template should be a well-formed HTML document, such as any web page.

Please see the file "template_HTML.sgn" for an example of an HTML template. (It should be edited in a plain text editor, or whatever application you use to edit HTML documents.)

To use this signature format, follow the method described in the GENERAL ISSUES section above.

Tokens and template file syntax

1. TEMPLATE FILE STRUCTURE

The template must be a plain-text file. Line length is not limited, but for practical purposes (i.e. using it as a signature for email or news) maximum reasonable length is about 75 characters.

First line *may* begin with the Unix-like "bang" expression:

```
#! <some other stuff>
```

This may be used in the future for template-specific "meta" information. Note that this applies **ONLY** if line is the first line in the template file and the line begins with the `#!` sequence. Currently, such line is just ignored (not passed through).

There is no "comment" character, therefore no comments can be put inside the template itself (but see below). This is because the most commonly used comment markers (such as `#`, `;` or `//`) are very often used in signatures, so we cannot reserve any such character. In future version, the bang line may be used to specify comment character for the particular template.

When the following line is encountered:

```
__END__
```

the program stops reading the template. The "`__END__`" line itself is not passed through. This allows you to place comments in the template file. Note that the `END` marker is case-sensitive and that there must be no leading or trailing spaces.

Blank lines in template may be skipped or included in the signature, depending on the [configuration option](#).

2. GENERAL TOKEN SYNTAX

Tokens are case sensitive! All tokens use UPPERCASE only.

All tokens begin with the percent character: `%`

Example token:

```
%QUOTE
```

Some tokens require additional arguments (e.g. a filename). Some tokens accept, but do not require an additional argument. Additional arguments must immediately follow the token string and must be placed between curly brackets. e.g. `{filename.txt}` Example of a token with argument:

```
%EXTFILE{c:\documents\includeme.txt}
```

When a token accepts, but does not require an additional argument, there is always a default value used when no argument is present.

TOKENS and NORMAL TEXT

A token does not have to occupy its own line in the template. It is perfectly possible to say

```
quote %QNUMBER of %QCOUNT, in file %QFILE
```

which will result in something like

quote 23 of 420, in file oneliners.txt

This implies that the line is NOT broken before or after a token. You need to keep that in mind especially when placing the %QUOTE token. If the quote text spans several lines (or is wrapped), the line that included the %QUOTE token will be broken. Example:

```
This quote: %QUOTE is rather lame.
```

will result in something like:

```
This quote: Hey, this is  
the best quote I could ever  
come up with, so don't call  
it lame! is rather lame.
```

It is perhaps useful therefore to put the %QUOTE token on a line of its own; though it is not required by the program.

MULTIPLE TOKENS

As shown above, you may put several tokens in one line of the template. However, the same token can appear only once on a given line. If it appears more than once, only the first occurrence will be interpreted; the second occurrence a token on the same line will be passed through to the signature:

```
My file has %QCOUNT quotes. Yes, %QCOUNT!
```

will result in something like

```
My file has 420 quotes. Yes, %QCOUNT!
```

Which is probably not what you meant.

The %QUOTE token is a special case here. In future version (soon), any subsequent occurrence of the %QUOTE token, even on the same line, will cause the program to generate another random quote, so that you can have several random quotes in one signature and each of them will be different. (This has not been implemented yet.)

ERROR HANDLING:

When some sort of an error occurs in interpreting a token, the token is ignored and no text is placed in the signature file. If the token was followed by optional or required argument, the argument is likewise removed and ignored. This, because the priority is for the signature file to be always usable, i.e. we don't want some random error messages or garbage text appearing in the sig. In future version a log of errors will be generated.

Note: an error occurs if a token requires an argument, but no argument is present, or the argument has an invalid value (e.g. a file that does not exist, an invalid drive letter, etc.) In such cases normal error handling is used, i.e. the token is silently ignored.

If an argument is optional, but invalid (as above), the same process applies: the token is interpreted as invalid and is ignored. We *could* use the default value in this case, but we assume that the user knows what s/he wants, and the default value is not it.

NOTE: Token error handling is extensive, but not yet complete. Test your template before you put the program on autopilot.

NOTE: Even though not all tokens require or accept additional arguments, ALL tokens accept the {} braces immediately following the token. If a token uses no arguments, the braces are simply stripped. The side-effect is that you cannot have the braces immediately following a token as part of the *signature*, unless you put two pairs of them, like this: %QUOTE{}}

TOKENS

This is a list of all the tokens the program understands. (Note: All planned tokens have been implemented as of Sept 3)

%QUOTE

Inserts currently selected quote in the signature. All quote-specific options apply (such as wrapping mode). If Quote file is not found or not loaded, this token is ignored.

%QNUMBER

The number (index) of the currently selected quote. If Quote file is not found or not loaded, this token is ignored.

%QCOUNT

The number of all quotes in the active Quote file. If Quote file is not found or not loaded, this token is ignored.

%QFILE

The name of the active Quote file (the filename ONLY, without the drive and path). If Quote file is not found or not loaded, this token is ignored.

%AUDIOCD

%AUDIOCD{drive-letter}

Inserts information about the Audio CD currently in drive. The argument is optional. Without the argument, all settings in the Options dialog box apply. If the argument is used, it must be a single character indicating the disk drive to poll for Audio CD information.

If an Audio CD disk cannot be found, or if the file "CDPLAYER.INI" does not contain information about the disk, the token is ignored and no text is placed in the signature.

If the "CD drive detection" option is set to "None (don't use AudioCD)", the %AUDIOCD token will always be ignored, EVEN IF you specify the optional disk drive argument.

%ENVVAR{variable_name}

This token is replaced with the contents of DOS environment variable associated with "variable_name". The variable_name argument is REQUIRED.

%PLUG

Inserts a short one-line advertisement for Kookie 5.9

(Note: The author wishes to impose or imply no ethical obligation on using this token. The program is and will remain free. However, if you like KookieJar and wish to tell the world about it, the token suits just that purpose. Of course, you can do the same in your own words, if you wish.)

%ERISDATESHORT, %ERISDATELONG

Inserts current Discordian date, short or long format.

(See also: <http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/erisware.html>)

%ERISTIMESHORT, %ERISTIMELONG

Inserts current Discordian time, short or long format.

(See also: <http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/erisware.html>)

%DATESHORT

Current date in short numeric format (DD-MM-YY), in English.
(example: 21-07-1999)

%DATELONG

Current date in long format (DD-MMMM-YY), in English.
(example: 21 July 1999)

%DATELOCAL

Current date in long format (DD-MMMM-YY), in Windows system language, i.e. according to the locale setting.
(example, on a Polish system: 21 lipiec 1999)

%WKDAYNAME

Name of the weekday, in English
(example: Tuesday)

%WKDAYLOCAL

Name of the weekday, in Windows system language, i.e. according to the locale setting.
(example, on a Polish system: Wtorek)

%TIMESHORT

Current time in short format (HH:MM)
(example: 16:24)

%TIMELONG

Current time in long format (HH:MM:SS)
(example: 16:24:59)

%EXTFILE{path_to_file}

This token is replaced with the contents of the file to which the "path_to_file" argument points. Example:

```
%EXTFILE{c:\documents\includeme.txt}
```

If the specified file does not exist, the token is ignored. The "path_to_file" argument is REQUIRED.

(Note that the file to be included must be a plain text file, although you could, technically, use a UU-encoded binary file.)

%EXTAPP{program.exe;parameters}

Executes specified application with the specified parameters, captures the program's output and places it in the signature file. If the program cannot be executed or if exits with an error code, the token is ignored. Note that if the program is available via your system PATH, you do not need to specify full pathname.

- The "program" argument is REQUIRED.
- The "parameters" argument is OPTIONAL.

Examples:

```
%EXTAPP{mem.exe}
```

(would run the "mem.exe" program (normally in c:\windows\command) and return the memory status)

```
%EXTAPP{c:\tools\someapp.exe;-x}
```

(would run "c:\tools\someapp.exe -x" and return whatever the program wrote to screen)

Important note! The program to be executed MUST be a console-mode application that prints to STDOUT (i.e. not directly to video memory). It CANNOT be a Windows graphical interface application, or

a DOS program that expects user output. For example, if the program starts and expects you to press a key, type a command, choose a command from the menu or press a button, the process will HANG and Kookie may live forever in a catatonic state. You may have to kill Kookie with Ctrl-Alt-Delete and perhaps restart Windows. Test it first! Run the program from the DOS command line and check its behavior. In future version a timeout will be implemented to abort waiting for the program to exit. (This is already done in the INI file, but the timeout cannot yet be configured inside the program. Edit the INI file manually if you need to.)

%SIGHISTORY

Replaced with the number of times Kookie has created a signature file for you since it was first installed (or since you deleted the INI file, since that's where the information is stored).

%RANDLINE{path_to_file}

Replaced with a single line of text selected at random from the file, to which the "path_to_file" argument points. Essentially similar to choosing a random quote, but the line is NOT formatted in any way whatsoever, and the file does not remain loaded in memory. For reasons of efficiency, avoid using large files with this function. I find it useful when I wish to include random information from more than one source: for instance, apart from using a tagline, I want to include in my signature a single line of text that advertises one of the several freeware applications available on my website. I have a separate, small text file, where each line is a short plug for one of the programs, five or six lines in all. Each time my signature is generated, one of those six plugs is chosen at random and included in the signature. You may have as many %RANDLINE tokens as you wish, each pointing to a different file.

Command line parameters

-min

start Kookie minimized (can achieve the same via an Explorer shortcut)

-exit

start Kookie, generate and save a signature, then exit immediately. Takes no user commands in this mode, unless an error occurs.

-debug

start program in debug mode. When this is ON, a log file will be saved with error messages generated whenever Kookie cannot accomplish a task for some reason (missing files, Windows system errors, etc.) (Note: the option is honored only if KookieJar was built with debug support. Otherwise, a message box will be displayed saying that logging is not supported.)

Sample files distributed with the program

These files are located in the **samples** subdirectory, below the directory where you installed KookieJar.

template.sgn

basic plain text signature template.

fulltest.sgn

Plain text template to test program features. Contains all supported tokens, to illustrate the possibilities, and to test whether KookieJar performs correctly.

quotes_single.txt

Very small sample quote file, to illustrate the format of single-line quote file.

quotes_multiple.txt

Very small multiple quote file, to illustrate the format of multiple-line quote file.

template_RTF.sgn

Sample Rich Text template, to illustrate the use of "Full RTF" signature format.

template_HTML.sgn

Sample HTML template, to illustrate the use of "Full HTML" signature format.

formatfile.rtf

Sample RTF format file, to illustrate the use of "Simple RTF" signature format.
(Use with a plain-text template)

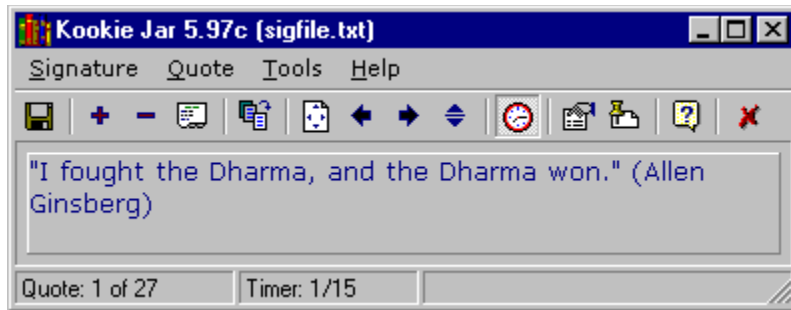
formatfile.html

Sample HTML format file, to illustrate the use of "Simple HTML" signature format.
(Use with a plain-text template)

hello.exe

Tiny program that prints a "Hello, world!" message. You can use this program to test the %EXTAPP token (including output from an external application).

Main program window



Order and functions of toolbar buttons:

Save

Generates and saves your signature.

Add quote

Adds a quote to the quote file **(INS)**

Remove quote

Removes currently displayed quote from the quote file. **(DEL)**

Edit quote

Edits currently displayed quote. **(F7)**

Copy quote

If a quote is currently displayed, copies it to clipboard. **(Ctrl+C)**

Random quote

Displays a random quote. If the AutoSave option is ON, new signature will be saved with the quote now selected. **(Space bar)**

Note: When you click this button (or choose the "Quote->Random Quote" menu option), KookieJar will use one of the three random quote selection modes, in accordance with the mode you specified in program options - that is, it will properly use the Random, RandomUnique or RandomMultiFile mode. If you just want to get a "really random" quote, irrespective of the quote selection mode you specified in options, hold down the SHIFT key while clicking this button.

Previous quote

Displays previous quote. (Displays the first quote if you hold down the SHIFT key while clicking this button.) If the AutoSave option is ON, new signature will be saved with the quote now selected. **(Left arrow)**

Next quote

Displays next quote. (Displays the last quote if you hold down the SHIFT key while clicking this button.) If the AutoSave option is ON, new signature will be saved with the quote now selected. **(Right arrow)**

Select quote

Opens a convenient dialog box where you can select the quote you want, rather than scrolling through the quotes one by one. If the AutoSave option is ON, new signature will be saved with the quote now selected. **(F12)**

Timer On/Off

Activates or deactivates the timer. If the timer is ON, new signatures are automatically generated and saved at the time interval you specify in Options. **(F9)**

Options

Opens the Options dialog box. **(F5)**

Select quote file

Displays a quote file selection dialog box, so that you can switch to another quote file "on the fly". You can define multiple quote files in the Options dialog box. **(F8)**

About

Displays information about KookieJar.

Exit

Closes the program.

Adjusting program options

KookieJar stores its configuration in the file "kookie.ini". This file may be edited manually, but it is more convenient to use the Options dialog box to adjust program configuration.

Press F5 to open the Options dialog box.

There are six tabs that contain settings grouped by their functions:

Interface tab

(Options related to program interface)

Signature tab

(Options related to signature management)

Quotes tab

(Options related to quote files)

Template tab

(Built-in simple template editor)

AudioCD tab

(Options related to the AudioCD feature)

Misc tab

(Miscellaneous settings)

Options: Interface tab

Confirm exit

Asks for confirmation before closing the program.

Confirm remove

Asks for confirmation before removing a quote from the quote file.

Confirm timer toggle

Asks for confirmation before turning the timer ON or OFF.

Show tooltips

Displays or disables tooltip hints.

Start minimized

Automatically minimizes program when started. (This can also be set in the shortcut you click to launch KookieJar.)

Icon in System tray

When minimized, puts program icon in System tray area.

ESC Exits

When checked, hitting the ESC key closes KookieJar. When unchecked, hitting ESC minimizes KookieJar.

Flat toolbar

Switches between "flat" and old-style toolbar buttons.

Display font and color

Allows you to set a different font and background color for the quote display. (Note: You cannot currently set font for the Template display window inside the program. However, you can modify the section called [TemplateEditorFont] in "kookie.ini" to change the template editor font properties.

Options: Signature tab

Location

Path and filename for the resultant signature file, i.e. where KookieJar should save the signature.

Format

Choose one of five available formats for saving the signature (plain text, 2 RTF and 2 HTML formats). For details, see file "sigformats.txt".

Template

Location of template file. This file MUST exist; signatures cannot be saved without it. If the file is not found, KookieJar will offer to create a sample template file for you, but you will need to edit it. For details, see files "sigformats.txt" and "tokens.txt".

Generate new signature every ... minutes

When checked, KookieJar will automatically create and save a new signature at the time interval you specify. When unchecked, signatures need to be saved manually.

Reset timer on manual save

Resets the timer (used only if "Generate new signature..." is ON) whenever the signature is saved manually.

New signature on startup

Always generates and saves a new signature on program startup. This is independent of the "Generate new signature every ... minutes" option.

Always save signature

When checked, the signature is saved whenever you change the quote (e.g. by clicking the left/right buttons or by selecting a quote manually). When unchecked, you need to click the Save button to create a signature with the newly selected quote.

Alert if signature cannot be saved

Displays a message if, for some reason, the signature cannot be saved - for instance if there is an access error. (Some errors, such as problems with the template file, are ALWAYS reported.)

Options: Quotes tab

Use quotes

When checked, KookieJar will use the specified file as a source of random quotes for the signatures. The file must exist and must conform to one of the formats the program understands. See file "quoteformats.txt" for details. When unchecked, KookieJar will not use quotes when creating signatures.

INS and DEL buttons

To use a quote file, make sure the "Use quotes" checkbox is checked and that the quote file is selected in the drop-down list. Click the INS button to add a file to the list. Click the DEL button to remove a file from the list. (Note: The DEL button does NOT delete the file: it only removes the file from the list.)

Selection mode

Specify how quotes are chosen when KookieJar selects a quote automatically. The default setting is "random", but you can tell KookieJar to select quotes in sequential order. Note that since version 5.98 KookieJar supports two new quote selection modes: RandomUnique (quotes are selected at random and do not repeat until all quotes have been exhausted) and RandomMultiFile (quotes are selected at random from all the quote files you have defined in this dialog box).

Load quotes on demand

When unchecked, quotes are loaded the first time KookieJar needs to choose a quote - and stay loaded until you close the program. This is fine for relatively small quote files. When checked, the quote file will be loaded when a quote is needed, and immediately unloaded afterwards. This will reduce the amount of memory used by the program, but note that loading a large quote file may take a couple of seconds.

Quote format

Kookie jar now supports two quote file formats: single-line and multi-line quotes. Whenever you select a different quote file, you must tell the program the file format. See file "quoteformats.txt" for details.

Line break marker

[Single-line quote files only]

The ASCII character used in the quote file to mark "hard" line breaks. Quotes containing this character will never be wrapped automatically - instead, the lines will be wrapped in the places marked by the character. In addition, if you place the character as the FIRST character of any quote, it will be stripped and the quote will not be wrapped. Thus, it can be used as a "do not wrap" flag.

Wrap quote lines to ... characters

[Single-line quote files only]

When checked, KookieJar will wrap quotes longer than the specified value. Note that quotes containing the "Line break marker" character are never wrapped.

Quote separator

[Multiple-line quote files only]

The string that separates quotes in the file. By default it is the single % (percent) character, as in Unix-style "fortune" files. The maximum length of the separator string is 8 characters.

Options: Template tab

This is a small built-in template editor. The template file is loaded and saved automatically. Note that you may prefer to edit the template in your favorite plain text or RTF editor (depending on the template format).

Token

To help you with creating the template, a drop-down list of all tokens KookieJar supports is provided. Choose a token from the list and then click:

- Right Arrow : to insert the token at cursor position
- Down Arrow : to insert the token at end of template (i.e. append the token to the template)

See also [description of formats](#), and [list of tokens](#) you can use in a template.

Options: AudioCD tab

Note: The AudioCD feature does not support CDDB lookups and the new MediaPlayer Deluxe shipped with MS Windows 2000. I cannot promise that these features will be supported in any future release, but I will look into the possibility.

CD Player INI file

Specify the location of the cdplayer.exe INI file, which normally stores information about the CDs you play. The file is only used to generate the "Now playing" line. By default, the file is "c:\windows\cdplayer.ini".

Detection mode

Specify how KookieJar should detect your AudioCD drive. If you choose "Fixed CD-ROM drive letter", you will also need to specify the drive letter in the "CD-ROM drive" field. KookieJar will then only the drive you specify here and ignore all other CD-ROM drives you may have installed. If you choose "First AudioCD available", KookieJar will poll all the CD-ROM drives installed on your computer, and use the first drive which contains an AudioCD disk. If you choose "None", KookieJar will never look for AudioCD information, and the %AUDIOCD token will be ignored.

CD-ROM drive

Specify the letter for the CD-ROM drive KookieJar should poll for AudioCD information. This option is only available if "Detection mode" is set to "Fixed CD-ROM drive letter"

Alert on failure

When checked, a message will be displayed whenever KookieJar tries to access the AudioCD information and fails (e.g. when it cannot find any AudioCD disks).

"Now-playing"

Specifies how the "now playing" line should be formatted when the %AUDIOCD token is found in the template. Use %CDARTIST token for the artist name, and %CDTITLE token for the title of the CD volume. You can click the down-arrow to the right of the field to insert the tokens automatically or to reset the format to factory default.

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Some people prefer to format the "Now playing" line as "scattered", i.e. with spaces between letters. This is commonly done so that the album title or artist name contained in the signature will not confuse search engines. Otherwise, people searching for "Pink Floyd" might come up with everything you ever posted while listening to Pink Floyd - in other words, they will get plenty of irrelevant matches! This is an "environmentally friendly" setting.

Options: Misc tab

RTF format file

HTML format file

Specify the location of the format file to be used with signatures saved in "Simple RTF" or "Simple HTML" format. Note that these files are not required, but can be used to enhance the look of your RTF and HTML signatures. Sample files are provided with the program distribution. See file "sigformats.txt" for details.

Skip blank lines

When checked, causes KookieJar to exclude blank lines from your signature. Blank lines in the template will be ignored, but the real purpose of this setting is to skip lines that are blank unintentionally - for instance, if you have the `%QUOTE` token on a separate line in the template, but the quote file is not defined, the resulting line will be blank. When this box is checked, such blank lines will be omitted when saving the signature.

Skip line on error

The whole signature line will be skipped if an error occurs processing it. The line will be skipped whether or not it is blank! For instance, if you put the following line in the template:

Cool quote: `%QUOTE`

If the quote file is not defined or cannot be found, the resulting signature line would be

Cool quote:

which is not what you want. Checking this box ensures that, in this example, the whole line will be dropped from the sig.

External application timeout

This setting is only used if you put the `%EXTAPP{ }` token in your template. It tells KookieJar how long to wait for the external application to close and produce its output. Default is 15 seconds.

Adding and editing taglines

In order for these functions to work, your signature must use a quote file. See [Options: Quotes tab](#) for information about setting up quote files.

Press the INS key (or click the "plus" button on the toolbar) to add a new quote to the file.

Press the DEL key (or click the "minus" button on the toolbar) to remove currently displayed quote from the list.

Press the F7 key (or click the "page" button on the toolbar) to edit currently displayed quote.

Note: Quotes may also be added, removed and edited in the "Select quote manually" dialog box. (Press the F12 key to open)

Capturing external application output

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Selecting tagline file

Press the F8 key to open the Quote file selection dialog box.

(This dialog box will only allow you to select one of the already-defined quote files. To add a quote file to the list, press F5 to open the Options dialog box. Switch to the [Quotes tab](#), then click the INS button, add the desired file and specify the [settings](#).)

Selecting a tagline manually

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Setting the Discordian Klock

See <http://www.lodz.pdi.net/~eristic/erisware.html>

