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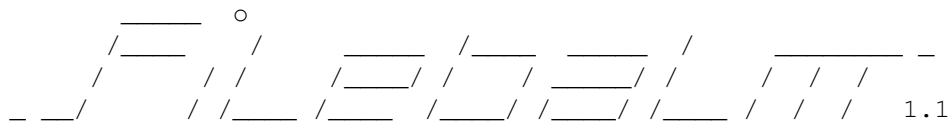
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Chapter 1

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* Soothes your BBS files into their correct directories *

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1.2 Introduction

Introduction

Have you heard of Lip Balm? It's some cream you can buy which soothes chapped or raw lips and makes them go back to normal quickly. FileBalm does the MAX's BBS version, it soothes dodgy or raw files and makes any mislocated ones go back into their right directories! (OK, that didn't quite have the same effect as I intended...).

Unless you're very dodgy, you probably use most or all of your optional file paths so you can separate your files into managable directories, time to time

some files can go into the wrong directories though, or if you've moved files into different sections and you can't be bothered to do all the file stuff by hand, or you've extended the amount of optional files paths (or just started using them) and you don't want the hassle of moving them all into the right place, well this is where FileBalm comes in!

Requirements

MAX's BBS 1.52 (or above).

Memory: Length of file.index + about 70k while running.

1.3 Disclaimer & Distribution

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Additional note: This program has been tested and should not damage your system.

1.4 Installation

Installation

Load up your text editor and edit (or start new) a file called FileBalm.cfg located in the S: directory (usually Sys:S/..). So its S:FileBalm.cfg.

The first line of the config is where the logfile is located, for example to keep with MAX's standards you might want it to be at BBS:Logfiles/FileBalmLog.text, if you don't specify a log file FileBalm will open a console window (CON:) and display the log reports in there (handy if you want to watch FileBalm as its working).

Next follows the list of sections and their paths, this should be done in the following format:

Section number,File Path for this section

E.g.

```
20,BBS:Files/Games/  
or  
28,Modules:
```

If you enter a directory you must have a trailing slash / otherwise FileBalm won't like it very much. The directory, assign or device you enter must also be in your optional files paths list (otherwise it kinda defeats the idea). You may leave the File Path blank in which case FileBalm will use the main files path (usually BBS:Files/ - automatically retrived from BBS:MAXsBBS.config).

E.g. of a small config:

```
BBS:Logfiles/FileBalmLog.text  
20,Games:  
21,Utills:  
22,Utills:  
23,  
24,Pics:  
25,Music:  
26,BBS:Files/Sysops/  
27,Samples:  
28,  
29,EdenSoftware:  
30,SexDrugzNRocknRoll:
```

Once you've finnished the config, save it!

You should include ALL files sections, even a Sysop's section if you have one!

Copy the main executable to a well known place (ie. C: or BBS: or sommat) & keep this guide handy (either next to the executable, in S: or Help:English/ or whatever you prefer).

1.5 In use

In use

Once you have
installed

FileBalm, you will probably want to run it! Note: FileBalm can only be started from the CLI or a CLI script!! Well open a shell and run it, hopefully it should start to work and it will say "Working, please wait..." if you get any errors it will report them. If you specified a log file, sit back and wait, you can view the log file after it has finished, however if you didn't specify a log file a console (CON:) will open and start churning out information.

It will move files around (if it needs to), it will also tell you if it comes across a section number it doesn't know about (in which case you must add this section to the FileBalm.cfg!), also any files which it can't find whatsoever (either they have been deleted or are not in any file paths...). That's about it really... It works well inconjunction with MagicFile (and MAX's Pro 2), and well it's kinda handy! Try reading some more of this guide!

1.6 Credits, Contacts & Greetings

Credits

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1.7 History

History

1.0 - First version.

1.1 - Two years later!

Converted doc to guide.

Re-wrote some of the routines, now uses File.index instead of File.data and fixed a couple of bugs.

Added more nice things to the program, like ability to use CON: instead of a log file.
