

Excalibur BBS Preview

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Tulsa, Oklahoma based Excalibur Communications, Inc., announces the Next Generation Remote Bulletin Board Software System, *Excalibur BBS*.

Excalibur is the new remote bulletin board software system which runs entirely under Microsoft Windows 3.1 or Windows/NT. *Excalibur BBS* software is the first true 100% GUI (graphical user interface) and Multitasking BBS system available! Callers of *Excalibur* will be presented with full color graphical menus and icons which are entirely mouse selectable. Company president, Eric Weber states, "never before has there been a bulletin board system engineered with the features of Excalibur, by utilizing the Windows environment, we have created a BBS system which is 100% GUI and transfers binary color graphics screens and bitmap icons across the modems FASTER than conventional ANSI or ASCII screens. Also, the ability to multitask and do things such as read messages while downloading files is unprecedented".

Excalibur BBS features include full multitasking abilities and graphics capabilities never before available in a BBS software package. Examples of *Excalibur's* powerful features include: downloading files while still maintaining the ability to continue browsing the file directories and adding more files to the download queue, reading messages or participating in group chat with other users! All while you are downloading files!! *Excalibur BBS* even allows you a thumbnail preview of all images BEFORE you actually download a file. What's more, *Excalibur BBS* allows you to actually view the image while it is being downloaded to you.

Powerful Feature Set

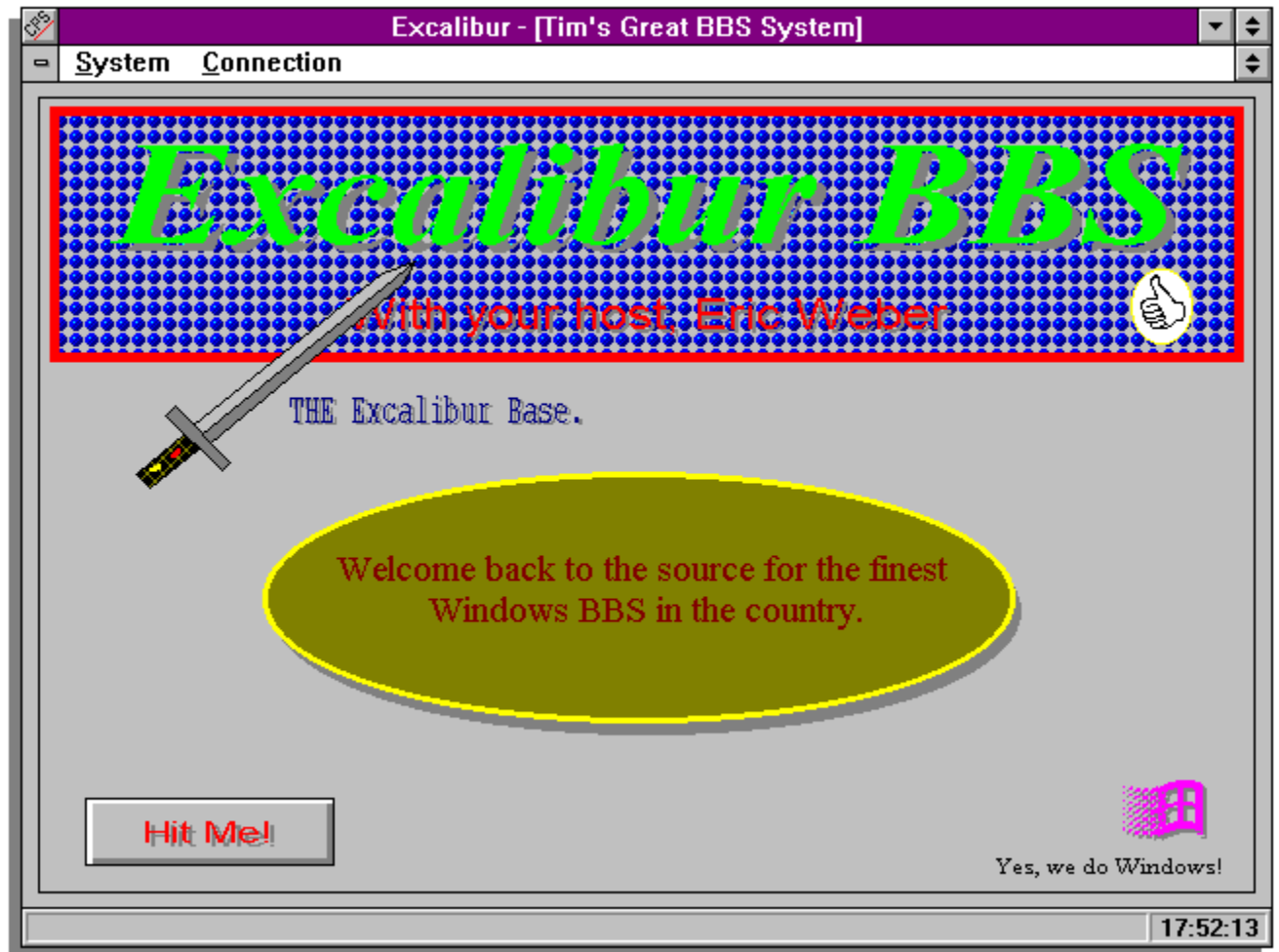
100% graphical and mouse driven interface!

Caller-ID

If Caller-ID is available in your area, Excalibur BBS will "stuff" the callers phone into the Excalibur userbase. This ensures 100% security; you always know where your caller is calling from!

View image files as they are being downloaded to you!

Scaleable graphic screens which scale to match the callers screen resolutions!



Auto New User Registration

Excalibur is smart, it knows whether you are a completely new user or a previously registered user. Excalibur automatically "grabs" the new user information it needs, such as name, handle, password, telephone number and address..all without any user intervention!

The image shows a screenshot of a data entry form. The form is titled with fields for personal and contact information. The fields are as follows:

First	ERIC	Birth Date	07/09/62
Last	WEBER	Handle	Excalibur HQ
Address	4410 EAST 80 PLACE		
City	Tulsa	ST	OK
Zip	74136		
Phone Numbers			
Home	918-496-7881	BBS	918-496-8113
Work	918-491-0033	FAX	918-496-8113

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

100% Error Free Modem Transmission

Excalibur contains proprietary software error correction ensuring non-error correcting modems 100% noise free transmissions.

WYSIWYG Screen Design Editor

Our What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get screen design editor allows you to design your own menus and graphic screens simply by placing objects right on the screen. You can design multicolored screens with objects like: Buttons, TrueType fonts, circles and rectangles.

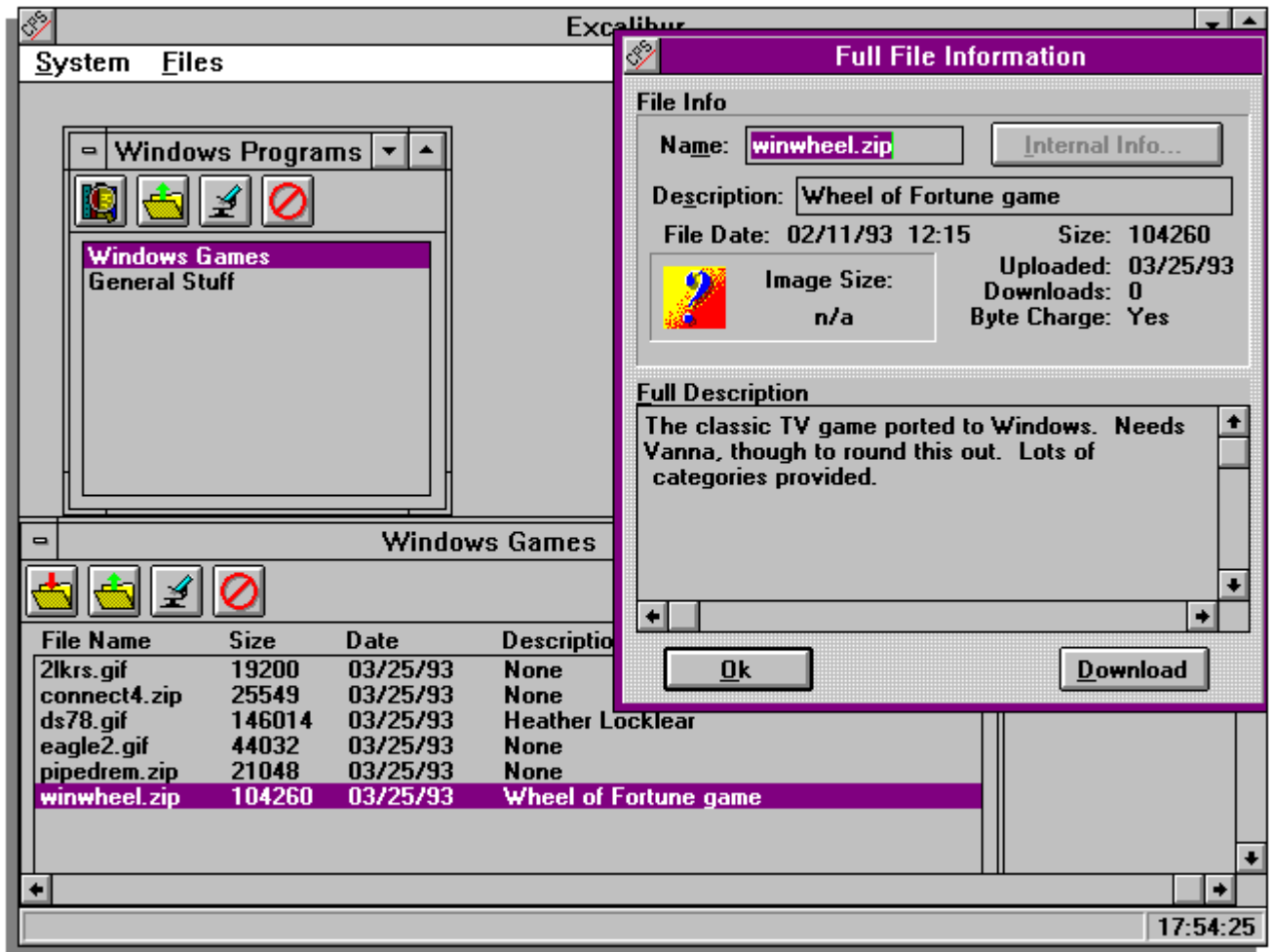
Visual Graphic Browser (built-in photographic imaging support)

Rather than looking at misleading file descriptions, Excalibur allows callers to actually browse "thumbnails" or "stamp views" of all GIF graphic files in the file database.. All while on-line!

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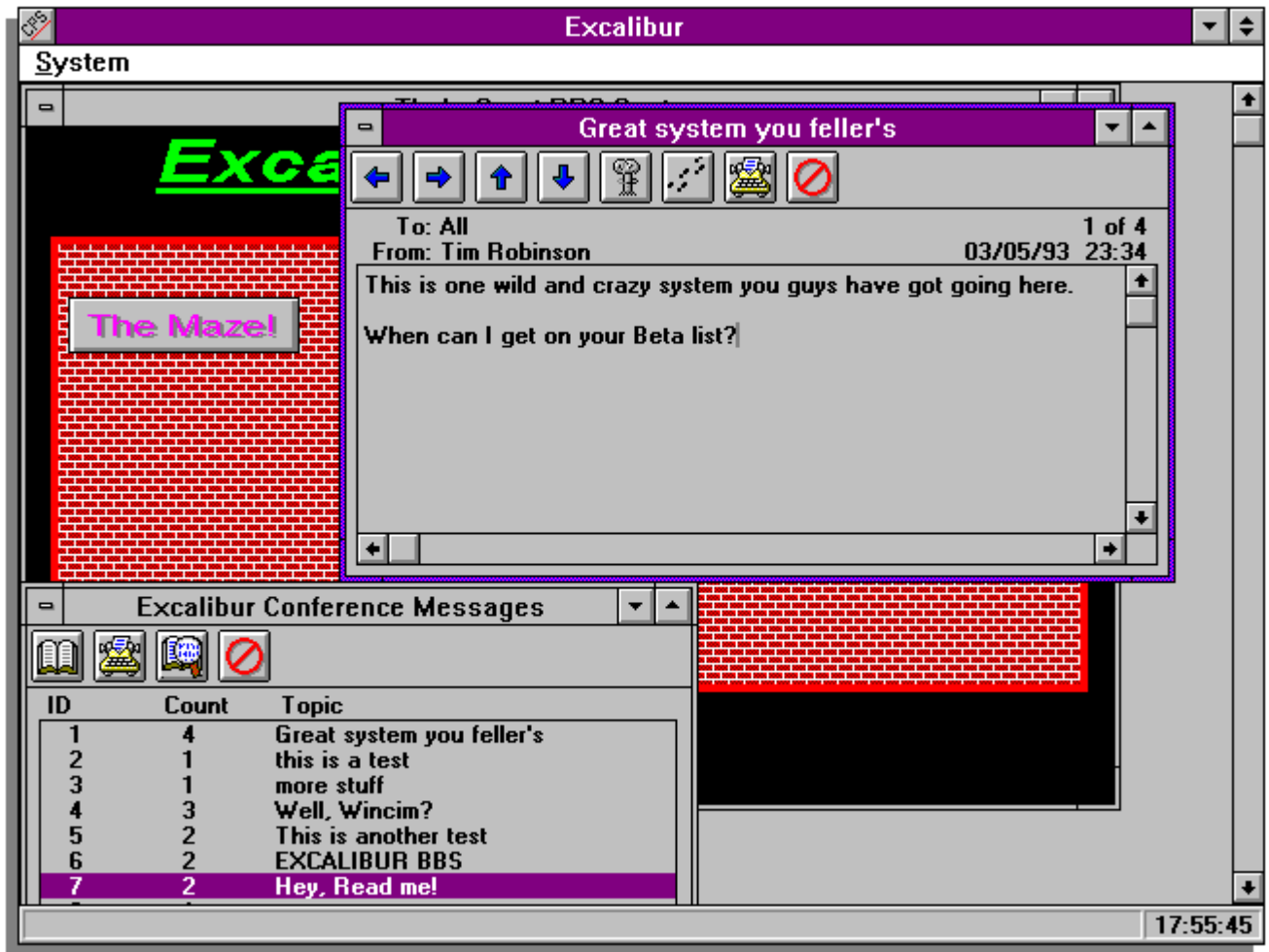
File Database File-Scroll (file list box)

Not your standard "Dumb" Scrollback Buffer; Excalibur BBS allows you to scroll back file directories and actually mark files for downloading or "read" the extended file information just as if it had never passed. Imagine never having to relist a file directory!!



Unparalleled Message System Functionality

Not only is the message system easy to use but provides enhanced features such as the ability to follow message threads or easily search text strings to find exactly what you require. Excalibur also supports standard features including return receipts and attach files to messages for quick downloading.



Group Chat

Chat with other users or friends on other nodes

Paradox Database Handling

Excalibur uses the robust Paradox Engine for Windows for all user, file and message base handling thus allowing third party utilities to be written in bonafide industry standard databases like Borland's Paradox for Windows or Microsoft Access. No more proprietary database formats like other BBS software packages use!

Multi-user Made Easy

For cost effective multi-user solutions you can connect up to eight external modems via an octopus cable to a SINGLE 386 or 486 computer system. Multi-Port boards tested include DigiBoard PC8/i and PC8/E.

Guaranteed Multi-user File Handling

Because data is maintained by Borland's Paradox Engine, you are ensured complete file and record locking on large multi-user Excalibur network installations.

Paradox data management is trusted by many of the largest corporations throughout the world!

Complete Audit Trail of User Activities

Excalibur maintains a complete accounting of all user transactions. This "caller log" can be viewed or parsed for invalid login attempts or other activities.

Excalibur has 3 methods of subscription support

A) File Cost System - Enter an initial credit amount into the user record. Each file for downloading is assigned a cost or price, when user downloads that file the user account is debited that amount.

B) Byte Ratio - Define a byte or file ratio, such as a 10:1 ratio. A 10:1 ratio would allow the user to download only 10 files for every 1 file uploaded.

C) Calendar Period - Define any time period to allow the user access to the system, i.e., a 6 month subscription would allow the user full access for 6 months then reduce the access once the 6 month period has expired.

Limits	Per Day	Per Week	Ratios	Minimum	Down'd	Up'ped	Current
Minutes:	90	630	Bytes:				10:1
K-Bytes:	250	3000	Files:				10:1

Accounting Information

Membership Expires:

Acct. Balance: Credit Limit:

Credit Card: Exp. Date:

CC Number:

Security Flags

Powerful Sysop Utilities Included

Excalibur includes a powerful maintenance and setup program. For example, the sysop can move files from the Uploads Directory into the Games Directory by simply "Dragging and dropping" the files into the desired directory. Other features include the ability to embed GIF (89a) comments into GIF files, add extended file descriptions of any length which can be viewed and scrolled by the BBS user and much more. Also included are robust user and message database editors featuring drag and drop maintenance capabilities.

Pre-Release Program

Our Pre-release registration will allow users access to the latest (alpha/beta) version along with access to the Excalibur HQ BBS. Bug reports will be accepted from pre-release users, and their input for implemented features/bug reports will be made first priority in the initial release.

Pre-Release registration is \$99.00 with a full upgrade to the shipping version at no-charge.

Pricing

Excalibur pricing starts at \$199.00 for our 2 node system. Below is a table of Excalibur pricing and accessories:

Excalibur Software

<u>Nodes</u>	<u>Price</u>
2 User	199.00
4 User	249.00
8 User	349.00
100 User	699.00
250 User	999.00
250+ User	Call

Optional Hardware

**STB 4-Comm - 4 Port High Speed IO Board with
Bufferd 16550 UARTS \$145.00**

Digiboard

**PC/8 - 8 port board with 16550 UARTS
\$675.00**

**PC/8e - 8 port board economy
\$795.00**

**PC/8i- 8 port board with intelligence
\$1195.00**

For further information or to order Excalibur BBS, contact Eric Weber at (918) 496-7881 or call our Excalibur HQ BBS at (918) 496-8113.