MicroDot

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1.2 Copyright

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   contents of the original archive.

1.3 Installing and Registering Microdot-2

Registering Microdot-2

   To register Microdot-2 please use the registration utitility you

obtained as part of the Microdot-2 archive. If you did not receive the registration tool as part of the Microdot-2 archive please grab a fresh archive off Aminet or the Vaporware WWW/FTP-site.

Please do not use any registration utility archives that did not come from genuine sources, VaporWare can and will not take any responsibility for virii or trojans that might be contained in registration utility archives that were not obtained through the official channels.

Installing Microdot-2

For installing Microdot-2 please use the installer script that is part of the Microdot-2 archive. If you did not receive the installer script as part of the Microdot-2 archive please grab a fresh archive off Aminet or the Vaporware WWW/FTP-site.

1.4 Features of Microdot-2

Features of Microdot-2

Microdot-2 is a very powerful and flexible program. The most significant features of it are:

- Powerful features for the sorting and filtering of emails by various criteria

- RETU (really easy to use)

- Full PGP support

- Support for multiple mail/news-accounts

- Messages are stored in the most efficient method possible, providing fast access while remaining intact in the event of a system crash

- User configurable buttons and keyboard shortcuts

- Interaction with other Vapor-Programs such as Voyager-NG and AmIRC:

  · You can use MD-2 from within Voyager to handle your mail and news

  · MD-2 will show you a message in your AmIRC channel window if you have received new mail

- ARexx-Port

- MUI interface for high user configurability and convenience of use

- Flexible sorting of messages

- Support for ContactManager

1.5 Getting started

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This information is provided for the impatient who cannot be bothered
to read documentations. However, it is highly recommended to read at
least all sections of the 'General' part of this documentation, and
taking a peek at the reference section is a good idea, too.

After successfully installing Microdot-2, you need to provide some
information to the program which will enable it to send and receive
your emails and news articles.

To set up Microdot-2 for internet use, take the following steps:

1.) Select Account Settings... from the Settings menu. The 'Account
    Manager' window will open. The list on the left will only contain the
    entry 'First', you do not need to touch this.

2.) In the right-hand part of the window enter your real name in the
    string gadget labelled 'Your real name'. Currently you do not need to
    concern yourself with the other gadgets.

3.) Select the 'Network' tab in the right-hand part of the window.

4.) Leave 'Type of connection' set to 'Internet'.

5.) In the field labelled 'POP3 (mail) account:' you must enter the
    loginname for your mailserver, in the field below that enter the name
    of your POP3 server – this information has been provided to you by your
    ISP or sysadmin. Most of the time the POP3 account name will be
    identical to your login-name.

6.) Enter your mail password in the appropriate field. Please take care
    to enter the correct password as everything you enter will only appear
    as black dots for security reasons.

7.) In the case of a dial-up account it is usually best to set 'Delete
    mail on server?' to ON.

8.) Set 'Authentication Method' according to the information provided
    to you by your ISP. If you don't have this information you should try
    'User/Pass' first, this should work in most cases. If 'User/Pass' does
    not work you should change it to 'APOP'.

9.) Enter the name of your mail server into the string gadget. This may
    or may not be identical to the name of your POP3 server, depending on
    your ISP's setup.

10.) Enter your email-address in the lowest string-gadget.

11.) Click on the 'News' tab and enter the name of your news server
     into the appropriate text-gadget. Again, this information should have
     been provided to you by your ISP or sysadmin.

12.) If your newsserver requirest authentication you should activate
     the appropriate checkmark gadget and enter the username and password
     (again, provided by your ISP) into the respective string gadgets.

13.) For now, set 'When fetching articles' to 'get both headers and
     bodies (Offline)'.

14.) Hit the OK button in the lower left corner of the window.

After completing the above steps you will be able to send and receive
emails as well as to subscribe to newsgroups and post and receive
messages to and from them. You should, however, take a look at the
reference section for a more detailed description of all the
preferences options.

Finally, please remember that Microdot-2 offers fully context-sensitive
online-help. If you don't know about the function of a requester or
menu item, simply move the mouse over it and hit the HELP-key.

1.6 Electronic Mail

              Electronic Mail

Electronic Mail, most commonly referred to as email or (less
frequently) private mail, is a means of electronically transmitting
written text, but also images, programs and all other kinds of files
between people.

People can gain access to electronic mail by various means, but the
very fact that you are reading this documentation now suggests that you
have access to the internet and have had an email-account assigned to
you by your ISP.

Every person who has an email-account is identified by his or her
personal email address. In order to send an email to another person,
all you need is to know his or her email-address. On top of that you
need an internet account and a program that is capable of sending
email, such as Microdot-2, the documentation to which you are currently
reading.

Likewise, if somebody wants to send you email, all he needs to know is
your email-address, an internet-account and an email-program.

Sending an email using Microdot-2 is as easy as selecting the menu item

          Message/Write New...
          , entering the email-address of the recipient and
entering the message text in the large text area. After that you only
need to hit 'Send' and your message is ready to be sent out into the
world.

The next time you connect to the internet, all you have to do is call
the menu item

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            Microdot/Send  queued  messages
              and the email will be
sent to the recipient, usually reaching its destination in a matter  of
minutes.
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To see if anybody has sent you email, connect to the internet, and call
the menu item Microdot/Check for new mail. If any mails were sent to
you, Microdot-2 will get these off your mail server and put them in the
'»PRIV'-folder, which will then be highlited in a different color.

You can now disconnect from the internet if you wish, the message(s)
have been saved on your computer. To read the message, double-click on
the line '»PRIV' and then on one of the white entries - a window will
open which displays the message.

Chances are quite high that you might want to respond to a certain
message. Now it would be very awkward to write a new message, enter the
email-address of the recipient and repeat all important points of the
message you are responding to (after all, you want the recipient to
know what you are referring to). To avoid this, read the message as
described in the previous step and select
            Message/Private reply...
              from the menu. Again a window opens, but this time it already ←
                contains
the email-address of the person who sent you the message and also
contains the entire text, each line preceeded by an angle bracket
('>'), i.e. the preceeding text is "quoted", to signify that this is
what you are responding to. Now you can delete all unimportant parts
and put your replies below the relevant points of the quoted message.
Once you're done, hit 'Send' and your message is ready to be sent off.

This information will get you started; further information can be
obtained from the
            Reference
             and the
            FAQ
             sections.

1.7 The Usenet

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The usenet is a world-wide forum that enables to discuss virtually
every topic in so-called "newsgroups". Newsgroups are discussion forums
to which you can post messages, and everybody who is 'subscribed' to
this forum will be able to read and answer to these messages. Likewise,
if you are subscribed to a newsgroup, you can read and answer to all
messages other people post to that group.

Several thousands of these newsgroups exist, and your ISP is likely to
not carry every single one on its newsserver. Newsgroups are sorted in
hierarchies and are identfied by their full name in the hierarchy. The
different   hierarchy   levels   are   separated   by   dots,   so

'comp.sys.amiga.games' would be an example of a newsgroup name.

To get a list of all newsgroups that your ISP carries please refer to the section covering the menu item
         Groups/Group manager...
          and then
return here.

In the group manager window, select those newsgroups that strike your interest and leave the window using the 'Subscribe' gadget. After that, call the menu item
         Microdot/Check for new News
         . As all of your newly
selected newsgroups are still empty, Microdot-2 will prompt you for each group to choose whether you want to get all messages or only the 100 most recent ones. For now you should choose to only get the 100 most recent ones and wait until Microdot-2 finishes downloading them. After that you can disconnect from the internet and start reading the newly arrived messages.

You should carefully examine the messages written to the different newsgroups and decide whether the particular group seems of any interest to you. If this seems so, keep downloading the latest news articles for a few days and watch how people behave, how discussion evolve, how people react, etc. Once you are sure you have understood how things are handled on a certain group, you can go ahead and post messages yourself and followup to messages posted into the group.

In the case of newsgroup messages you have two choices for answering to a particular message: You can either reply to it personally, just like answering to an email message, so only the message author gets to see your answer. In addition to that you can also publicly Followup to a message, which means that your answer will be sent back to the newsgroup so everybody subscribed to the group can read it.

To post a new message to a newsgroup, just open the group and call the menu item
         Message/Write   new...
          from within that group. The message
will automatically be addressed to that group and you only have to enter a message text and hit the 'Send' button.

Making a personal reply to a newsgroup message works exactly as replying to a personal
         email
          – refer to the previous section for
details.

To make a public followup to a message you are currently reading, simply select
         Message/Public   followup...
          from the menu. The message
will automatically be addressed back to the group and the entire message text of the message you are following up to will be quoted in the text area. The rest of the procedure is the same as if replying to an email message.

Before making any usenet posting, please read the
netiquette
section.

1.8 Mailing Lists

Mailing Lists

In addition of usenet and "normal" email, there are so-called "mailing
lists". A mailing list is a list of email addresses that is located on
a certain server. This list has an email address of its own, just like
a single person, but any email sent to the list address will be
redisdributed to every person whose email address is on the list.

Thus, the way messages are transferred is identical to personal email,
while the type of communcication going on is very similar to usenet
(i.e. the messages are read by/sent to a large number of people).

In order to take part in a mailing-list, you need to subscribe to it.
This process is different from subscribing to a newsgroup.

If you are informed about the existance of a certain mailing list you
would like to participate in, you are usually also provided with
information on how to subscribe to the list.

Subscribing to a mailing list is usually done by sending email with a
certain content. To make all of this a bit easier to understand, you
will be guided step-by-step through the process of subscribing to the
Microdot-2 support mailing list.

1.) In the main Microdot-2 window select
Message/Write New...
from the
menu.

2.) Enter 'md-2-request@vapor.com' (without the apostrophes) into the
'To:'-field

3.) Enter 'SUBSCRIBE' (again, without the apostrophes) in the text area

4.) Set 'Signature' to 'None'

5.) Hit 'Send'

6.) Connect to the internet and call
Microdot/Send queued messages
from
the menu.

The next time you download mail from the server, you should have
received a confirmation message from the mailing list server. You
should call
Message/Archive

to save this message for future reference.

If you do not receive a confirmation message, please wait a day or two.
If until then you have not received any confirmation, please check that
your email address is configured properly in the preferences (see

getting started
). Correct any possible mistakes and try again if/when
everything is in order.

From now on, every mail that is sent to the list will be passed on to
you.

If you want to send a mail to the list, all you have to do is enter the
list address in the 'To:' field of a new message you write. Please
note: this address is different from the one to which you sent your
subscription request.

The intial confirmation message also contains information on how to
unsubscribe from the list. Please follow these instructions carefully.
Again, the address used for handling unsubscriptions is not identical
to the address you send regular list messages to, but quite likely it
is identical to the address to which you sent your request for
subscription.

NEVER send unsubscribe requests to the list address used for messages!
This will only annoy people who are still on the list and will not get
you unsubscribed.

The

netiquette
 apply to mailing lists the same way they do to usenet.

Unlike usenet, which is pretty much in the public domain, every mailing
list has an owner. If you do not behave yourself on a mailinglist, you
will find yourself forcefully unsubscribed from the list. In severe
cases the list owner might even 'blacklist' you, meaning that you will
never again be able to subscribe to that list.

Organizing your mailing lists

As soon as you subscribe to more than one mailing lists, you will
realize that you are receiving quite a number of messages each day and
it is getting progressively harder to keep them organized.

Now this brings us to a field where Microdot-2 really shines - the
sorting of mails, which greatly alleviates the task of keeping your
mailing lists separate.

You can create a folder for each mailing list you are subscribed to by
following the easy steps below:

1. In the main window, call
Groups/create new mail folder...

2. In the window that then opens, enter a name and a   ↩
              description for
the folder, then tick the 'Auto expire' checkmark and enter '14' in the
gadget next to it. Finally enter the list address into the 'Default
address' gadget and hit 'OK'. A new line of text representing the new
folder will appear in the main window.

3. Open one message that you received on the mailing list you want to
create a folder for. Call S
              ettings/Reader/Show all headers
               from the
menu and look for a line starting with 'Sender:' among the blue lines
at the top of the reader window, and note down the email address after
'Sender:' on a piece of paper.

4. Call
              Settings/Message filters for this account...
               from the menu.

5. In the window that then opens click on the 'Add' button in the
bottom left area of the window (just above 'OK'). You will notice that
the entire right area will become unghosted.

6. In the text gadget in the top left of the right area, enter the
mailing list name, e.g. 'Microdot-2'.

7. Click on 'Add new condition'. From the popup-menu directly above it
select 'Sender:', set the cycle gadget to its right to 'is' and in the
string gadget further right enter the address you noted down in step 3.
This address will typically have the word 'owner' in it, eg.
'owner-md-2@vapor.com'

8. Repeat Step 7, but this time choose 'To:' from the popup-menu, leave
the cycle-gadget at 'contains' and enter the list address into the
string gadget. For our example this would be 'md-2@vapor.com'.

9. In the lower area set the first cycle gadget to 'Move to:' and
select the name of the folder created in steps 1&2 from the cycle-menu
that then appears. Finally set the lowest (large) cycle-gadget to 'stop
processing further filters' and you are done.

Leave the filter-setting with 'OK' - the next time you download your
mails from the server, all mails addressed to the mailinglist you just
created the folder for should be automatically sorted into that folder.

Repeat the above steps for every list you are subscribed to,
substituting the correct data for each list.

1.9 Netiquette

              Netiquette

The so-called 'Netiquette' are a set of rules (some of them written,

some not) that govern the behaviour of people on the internet.

Here is a list of points that should be observed:

Do not insult or personally attack ('flame') other people! The recipient is always a human being the same as you are and deserves to be treated as such. If you disagree with the arguments or points of a person, discuss them reasonably and politely; if the other person 'flames' you, it is usually best to simply ignore them.

When replying or following up to a message, quote only those parts of the previous message that are vital to understanding your point. Excessive quoting makes your messages harder to read and understand and generates unnecessary network traffic.

Do not type words in all capital letters! CAPITALIZING is the email/usenet equivalent of shouting and considered impolite.

Limit your
            signature
             to four lines of 80 characters or less. These
four lines hold plenty of space to put information, and larger signatures create excess network traffic. Even if you think that your signature is so interesting, witty, or beautiful that you should be allowed to exceed the limit, always bear in mind, that people will see it often and only get annoyed and/or bored by it.

Make sure that you break your lines every 72 characters (or sooner). If you use Microdot-2's built-in editor this will happen automatically, but please make sure that the lines are also broken when using an external editor. The reason for this is that many news/mail-readers have window sizes which can accommodate 80 characters per line, so that people will either have to scroll in order to read longer lines or the lines automatically broken at the line end. Both of this makes it much more difficult and inconvenient to read your messages, making it much more likely that they will simply be ignored. The reason that the limit is 72 and not 80 is to safely accommodate at least three levels of quoting before the lines exceed 80 characters in length.

Please stick to the language used on a certain newsgroup or mailinglist. Most of these will use the English language, but there are local and regional groups and lists which do not – please respect this.

Do not send binary attachments to text-newsgroups or mailinglists. Binary attachments are large and take long to download, and they will annoy all those people who are not interested in them. Please bear in mind that a lot of people on the world have timed phone calls so it would be impolite to force any costs on them for attachments they don't want. Be especially careful if a person on a mailinglist asks for a certain program or file – most mailinglists are configured in a way that makes all replies go back to the list. If you reply with an attachment to a person who asked for a file on a mailinglist, please make sure that only this person, not the list, is the recipient.

If you ever want to unsubscribe from a mailinglist, please note that the address for your unsubscribe-message will never be the address of the list. Most mailinglists attach instructions for unsubscribing to

the bottom of every message on the list. Read and follow these instructions carefully. Sending unsubscribe-messages to the list-address will only annoy the people who are still on the list.

When posting to a newsgroup, please don't ask for private replies. If you expect an answer from the people on that group, you should consider the group important enough to subscribe to it. The only exception to this rule are buy/sell-newsgroups where people usually post public offers/requests and everything else is conducted by private mail.

Do not crosspost to large amounts of newsgroups. Please post messages only into newsgroups that relate to the topic of your email. When following up to excessive crosspostings, please don't hesitate to remove any unfitting groups from the "Group:" header.

This may seem like an awful lot of rules, but if you look closely you will notice that there isn't even a dozen of them. The only reason why this section is so lengthy is the explanation to each rule, as we think that it is vital that you understand why you should or should not do certain things. Observing these rules will make the internet a more enjoyable place for you and everybody else, and most of these rules are a matter of common sense and basic politeness anyways.

1.10 PGP

PGP

Microdot-2 offers full support for PGP 2.6.3 and PGP 5.x

The PGP program can be obtained from http://www.pgp.com/ (US and Canadian users) or from http://www.pgpi.com/ (international users).

Please note that you will still need to know a fair bit about PGP before being able to use it with Microdot-2. Microdot-2 can, will and should not free you of this responsibility.

1.11 Shell Arguments

Shell Arguments

Microdot-2 will accept the following shell arguments:

To/M

Causes Microdot-2 to open a New Message Window upon startup and use this argument as the "To:" address for the email message.

Subject/K

Causes Microdot-2 to open a New Mail Window upon startup and use this
argument as the subject line address for the email message.

Contents=ContentsFile/K

Causes Microdot-2 to open a New Message Window upon startup and use the
contents of the file you specified as the body text for the email
message.

MessageID/K

Causes Microdot-2 to open a New Mail Window upon startup and use this
argument as the MessageID for the new email message. Don't use this
argument unless you know what you are doing.

GroupName/K

Causes Microdot-2 to open a New Message and use this argument as the
"Group:" address for the message.

Config=Prefs/K

Causes Microdot-2 to load the specified configuration file upon startup
instead of using the default configuration.

StartupRX/K

Using the argument you can specify a rexx script that will be executed
upon program startup.

Iconified=Iconify/S

Starts Microdot-2 iconified without opening a window.

UseOldStyleLists=UOSL/S

Causes Microdot-2 to use MUI lists instead of NList.mcc.

1.12   Microdot-2 Menus

                   Microdot-2 Menus

This section contains a complete reference for all menu-functions of
Microdot-2.

Available menus:
                   Microdot

                   Edit

                   Groups

                   Message

PGP

Settings
Microdot

Check for new mail

Check for new news

Check for news & mail

Mail download manager

Send queued messages

 Autocheck for new mail?

Cleanup Database

Empty TRASH

Search...

Help...

About Microdot...

Iconify

Quit
Edit (not available in reader-window)

Select all

Deselect all

Select by Pattern...
Groups (only available in
group overview window
)

Open group(s)...

Edit group(s) parameters...

Create new newsgroup...

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Create new mail folder...

Remove group(s)
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Subscribe to group(s)

Unsubscribe from group(s)

Group manager...

Show Newsgroup's FAQ...
Message


Read...

Write New...
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Move to folder...

Delete

Archive

Edit...
    ------------------

Fold thread
    ------------------

Private reply...
    Private reply to all...

Public followup...

Forward...
    ------------------

Add to addressbook

Print...

Download
    ------------------

Next

Next New

Next Unread

Previous

Previous New
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                     Previous Unread
                     PGP


                     Extract PGP key(s)...

                     PGP decrypt
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                     Import/Obtain PGP key

                     Forget Passphrase
                     Settings


                     General Settings...

                     MIME Settings...
                         ------------------------------------

                     Accounts...

                     Message filters for this account...

                     Signatures for this account...
                         ------------------------------------

                     Open Address book...

                     Open Contact Manager...

                      Use Contact Manager
                         ------------------------------------

                      Single window?

                      Single folder list window only?

                      Single message window only?
                         ------------------------------------

                     Reader                             »
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                     MUI...
                     ARexx
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This menu will contain all scripts that are located in the "rexx"
subdirectory of Micrdot-2 and have the suffix ".mdrx"

1.13   Check for new mail

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Check for new mail
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Calling this menu item causes Microdot-2 to select your POP3-mailbox
and get any new messages you might have received since last checking.

While Microdot-2 is downloading your mail you can see a status window
that informs you about what Microdot-2 is currently doing, how many
mails are waiting for you and how many Microdot-2 has already
downloaded.

The status window also calculates the cps rate (characters per second,
used for measuring download speed). Microdot-2 uses a "honest" method
to calculate this rate (i.e. waiting times, etc. are also taken into
account), so don't be irritated if other programs report higher rates.

1.14 Check for new news

Check for new news

   When you call this menu item, Microdot-2 will contact your NNTP-server
   and get all new messages from the newsgroups you are subscribed to.

   While Microdot-2 is downloading your news you can see a status window
   that informs you about what Microdot-2 is currently doing, i.e. which
   newsgroup is currently being scanned and how many messages Microdot-2
   has received up to now. Please note that it is not possible to tell
   beforehand how many news-postings will have to be downloaded, this is
   only possible for mail.

   The status window also calculates the cps rate (characters per second,
   used for measuring download speed). Microdot-2 uses a "honest" method
   to calculate this rate (i.e. waiting times, etc. are also taken into
   account), so don't be irritated if other programs report higher rates.

   If there are any newsgroups that contain no messages at all, Microdot-2
   will ask you whether you want to download all available messages from
   the server or no more than the 100 most recent messages.

1.15 Check for news & mail

                  Check for news & mail (Amiga-N)

   This menu item combines
               Check for new news
                and
               Check for new mail
                 in
   one easy step. Microdot-2 will first get your mail, then your news.

   Otherwise there is no difference; calling "Check for news & mail" is
   completely equivalent to calling the two menu items separately but

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saves you one menu call.
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1.16 Mail Download Manager

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Mail Download Manager
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This menu items opens the Mail Download Manager window which allows you
to select individual messages from your mailbox for download, deletion,
etc.

The window contains a list of all messages currently located in your POP3 box
(i.e. all messages you have not yet downloaded), listing from left to right
their status, subject line, size, date, sender and recipients.

In the list you can use the "Select all" and "Select none" buttons as
well as normal mouse marking/unmarking to (de)select the messages of
your choice. The status of selected messages can be changed using the
"Set Get", "Set Delete" and "Set Ignore" buttons.

Clicking on "Execute" will close the window and perform the following
actions on the messages, depending on their status:

'G' (Get) - The message will be downloaded from your mailbox and then
deleted.

'D' (Delete) - The message will be deleted from your mailbox without
downloading it.

'I' (Ignore) - The message will not be downloaded from your mailbox,
but it will not be deleted, thus you can download it at a later point
in time.

Clicking on "Cancel" will simply close the window without deleting or
downloading any messages.

1.17 Send queued messages

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Send queued messages (Amiga-S)
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This menu items causes all emails and news postings from your
Spool-Folder to be sent to your mail- or news-server.

A status window is opened that allows you to keep track of how many
messages of which kind (mail or news) have been sent and how many are
still left.

1.18 Autocheck for new mail?

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                    Autocheck for new mail?
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   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, Microdot-2 will
automatically contact your POP3-mailbox every five minutes, just as if
you had called

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              Check for new mail
               manually.
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1.19 Cleanup database

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Cleanup database
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   Any news article or email that has expired or has been deleted is not
automatically erased off the hard drive. Instead, only the reference to
it is deleted from Microdot's index files.

   Calling this menu item causes Microdot-2 to scan its internal database
for all messages that are not referenced in the index files and then
deletes them off the hard drive.

   How often you should call this function heavily depends on the size of
your hard drive and the amount of messages you receive, but calling
this function at least once a month is definitely a good idea.

1.20 Empty TRASH

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Empty TRASH
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   This menu item deletes the contents of the TRASH folder for real. Once
you have called this function you will not be able to restore
previously deleted mails.

1.21 Search...

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              Search...
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   This menu item opens a window that allows you to search for certain
strings in the index or in the messages of all groups or a certain
group.

   The search-window offers several options:

   Into the string-gadget at the top you can enter the string that you
want to search for. The cycle-gadget to the right of it allows you to

search either by regular substring-matching (i.e. only messages that contain the exact string will be listed) or you can use the "fuzzy" setting.

"Fuzzy" performs a search based on fuzzy-multigrams. If you e.g. entered "Olifer Wakner" as the search string, a fuzzy search would return all messages containing "Oliver Wagner" as well. This is particularly useful if you cannot remember the exact spelling of the term you are looking for.

The cycle-gadget below the string-gadget controls whether the search will be performed in all groups or only in those selected in the

> group overview window
> .

The cycle-gadget to the right determines whether the string is searched for only in the group index, only in the message texts of the selected group(s) or in the index and the messages.

Index searching is of course fastest and is recommended whenever you are looking for messages sent by a certain person or of a certain topic.

Searching in the message bodies is useful if you know that the search string is not in the header.

Searching in the index and the messages is only necessary if you really want to find every single occurrence of the search string.

Once the search has been completed the list that takes the major part of the window will contain a list of all the messages that match the search pattern. Double-clicking on an entry in this list will open the message in a

> Reader-Window
> .

The different columns of the list should be pretty much self-explanatory, with the exception of the very first column-"Score".

If you used regular substring-matching the score will simply reflect how many occurrences of the substring are there in the message. If you used fuzzy-searching, however, the score will represent how well the "best" string in that message matches the search pattern.

The three buttons at the bottom of the window do exactly what is written on them: The left one starts the search operation, the one in the middle aborts it in case you think the operation takes too long, and the one to the right closes the search window.

1.22 Help...

Help... (Help)

This menu item opens the documentation you are currently reading. :)

1.23 About Microdot...

```
About Microdot... (Amiga-?)
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```

This menu item opens a window that informs you the version number of your copy of Microdot, whether it is registered and to whom, who the author is, who helped with the development, etc.

The About-window also contains the email-address for the support mailinglist and the WWW-address of the Vapor homepage.

1.24 Iconify

```
Iconify (Amiga-I)
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```

This menu item closes all windows of Microdot-2 and reduces the program to an icon on the workbench. The icon is named "MicroDot (N:xx)" where xx is the number of new messages that you have.

Depending on the status of your messages, Microdot-2 will display different icons if there are old messages, new messages or no messages. These icons are named 'empty.info', 'old.info' and 'new.info' and reside in the 'icons' drawer of the Microdot-2 directory. You can replace them with icons of your choice.

1.25 Quit

```
Quit (Amiga-Q)
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```

This menu item causes all windows of Microdot-2 to be closed an then exits the program.

1.26 Select all

```
Select all
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```

This menu item selects all groups or messages in the current window. It is not available in the Reader-Window.

1.27   Deselect all

```
Deselect all
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```

   This menu item causes all selected groups or messages in the current
   window to be de-selected It is not available in the Reader-Window.

1.28   Select by pattern...

```
Select by pattern...
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```

   This menu item opens a window with a string-gadget into which you can
   enter a standard AmigaOS-pattern. All groups/messages matching this
   pattern will then be selected.

1.29   Open group(s)...

```
Open group(s)...
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```

   This menu item opens all currently selected groups. For each group a
   new window is created which lists all messages contained in that group.

1.30   Edit group(s) parameters...

```
                   Edit group(s) parameters...
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```

   This menu item opens a window for every selected group, in which you
   can make several setting for each group.

   The first string-gadget allows you to choose a name for the group,
   while in the second string-gadget you can enter a slightly longer
   description of the group.

   Below the string-gadgets is a cycle-gadget that allows you to set the

```
           signature
```
            to use for messages created within that group.

   If the "Auto expire" checkmark is set, all messages in that group will
   be automatically removed from the index after the amount of days
   specified in the "days" gadget has gone by. If "Auto expire" is not
   set, you have to manually delete any messages you don not need anymore.

   Finally, the "Default address" string-gadget controls what will be
   default content of the "To:" line when creating a new message from

within that group.

1.31 Create new newsgroup...

```
              Create new newsgroup...
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```

This menu items opens a window that allows you to enter all relevant
information for the new newsgroup to be generated.

In the topmost text-gadget you can specify the group name. This should
be the valid name of a newsgroup carried by your local newsserver,
otherwise Microdot-2 will issue an error message when trying to get
news for this group. You can however, invent a name and then make sure
this newsgroup is unsubscribed, e.g. to use it as a target when

              filtering
               news postings. Another possibility is to manually move
certain articles form other groups into here, in case you want to save
them longer or archive them and not have to look for them in the
original groups.

In the text-gadget below you can enter a slightly longer description of
the newsgroup which will be displayed in the rightmost column of the
main Microdot-2 window.

The cycle-gadget controls which is the default
              signature
               that will be
attached to all messages you post to this newsgroup.

If the "Auto expire" checkmark is set, all messages in that group will
be automatically removed from the index after the amount of days
specified in the "days" gadget has gone by. If "Auto expire" is not
set, you have to manually delete any messages you don not need anymore.

The "Default address" string-gadget has no meaning for newsgroups, it
is only valid for mail folders.

1.32 Create new mail folder...

```
              Create new mail folder...
------------------------
```

This menu items opens a window that allows you to enter all relevant
information for the new mail folder to be generated.

In the topmost text-gadget you can specify the folder name. This can be
any name you choose. No mail will automatically be put into this

```
folder, instead you have to set the
              filter
               options so that mails which
match a certain pattern are moved in to this folder. Alternatively, you
can manually move desired messages into this folder.

In the text-gadget below you can enter a slightly longer description of
the  mail folder which will be displayed in the rightmost column of the
main Microdot-2 window.

The cycle-gadget controls which is the default
              signature
               that will  be
attached to all messages you send from within this mail folder.

If the "Auto expire" checkmark is set, all messages in the folder  will
be  automatically  removed  from  the  index  after  the amount of days
specified in the "days" gadget has gone by. If  "Auto  expire"  is  not
set, you have to manually delete any messages you don not need anymore.

Finally, the "Default address" textgadget controls, which address  will
automatically  be  placed in the "To:" field of the
              New message window
                 when you call it from within the folder.
```

1.33 Remove group(s)...

```
Remove group(s)...
------------------
```

   This menu item opens a requester that offers you to delete all messages
   within the selected group(s), or to completely remove the group(s).

1.34 Subscribe to group(s)

```
              Subscribe to groups(s)
---------------------
```

   This menu item tells Microdot-2 to look for new postings in the
   selected   newsgroup(s)   every   time   you   issue   the

              Check for new news command
                 .

1.35 Unsubscribe from group(s)

```
Unsubscribe from group(s)
-------------------------
```

   This menu item tells Microdot-2 to no longer look for new postings in
   the selected newsgroup(s).

1.36 Group manager...

```
Group manager...
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```

   This menu item opens the group manager window.

   When you open this window the very first time, the list that takes the
   major part of it will be completely empty. You need to connect to the
   internet and click on the "Get group list" button in the top right
   corner of the window   - Microdot-2 will then download a list of all
   newsgroups that your newsserver carries. This process will usually take
   a few minutes.

   Once Microdot-2 is done downloading the list, you can select one or
   several newsgroups from it using the mouse.

   In case you know the name or at least part of the name of a certain
   newsgroup you are interested in, you can start entering it into the
   "Group locator" text gadget below the list. The list will move to
   always show the name of the group that best matches the string you are
   entering into the gadget.

   Once you have selected all the desired newsgroups, you can click on
   'Subscribe' and MD-2 will add the selected newsgroups to the main
   window.

   The group list will be saved so that you can subscribe to new
   newsgroups in the future without having to connect to the internet.

1.37 Get Newsgroup's FAQ

```
Get Newsgroup's FAQ
-------------------
```

   For many usenet newsgroups there exists a FAQ that covers questions
   that are frequently asked on the group and often specify certain rules
   of conduct for the group as well as outline which topics are welcome
   for discussion in that group and which are not.

   This menu item will download the FAQ for the currently selected
   newsgroup from a central server (if it is available) and then let you
   read it.

1.38   Read...

```
              Read...  (Return)
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```

  This menu item opens a
              reader window
               for every selected message. In
  case the menu item
              Settings/Single message window only?
               is active,
  Microdot-2 will load the messages into the window in rapid sequence, so
  that you can only read the last one. However, all messages will lose
  their "New/Unread"-Flag.

1.39   Write New...

```
              Write New...
------------
```

  This menu item opens the
              New message window
              . Depending on the settings
  for the group, a default address will be entered into the "To:" (for
  mail folders) or "Group:" (for newsgroups) field.

1.40   Move to folder...

```
Move to folder...
-----------------
```

  This menu item opens a small window that contains all available mail
  folders. By double-clicking on a folder name all selected messages will
  be removed from the current folder and placed into the folder you just
  selected.

1.41   Delete

```
              Delete
------
```

  This menu item toggles the Delete-flag for all selected messages.
  Messages that have the Delete-flag set will be moved into the »TRASH
  folder as soon as you close the folder list window in which they are
  contained. As long as you do not leave the folder list window, you can
  call "Delete" again to un-set the delete flag and keep the messages
  from being moved to the »TRASH folder.

Please note that deleted messages are not actually lost until you call
the
              Empty TRASH...
               menu item from the Microdot menu, thus enabling you
to "undelete" messages by moving them back to a different folder using
the
              Message/Move to folder...
               menu item.

1.42 Archive

Archive

This menu-item toggles the Archive-flag for all selected messages.
Messages that have the Archive-Flag set do not expire and if they have
the Delete-Flag set it is ignored. Calling 'Archive' a second time for
archived messages un-sets the Archive-flag and causes the messages to
be treated normally again, i.e. they are subject to expiry and
deletion.

1.43 Edit...

Edit...

Opens a New message window that contains the original text and the
original recipient(s) of the message. If the message had already been
sent before, Microdot-2 offers you the choice of re-sending the message
or cancelling the operation.

Please note that you can only edit messages in the '»SPOOL' folder,
i.e. messages written by yourself.

1.44 Fold thread

Fold thread

Proper mail- and newsreaders can keep track of the dependence between
mails or newspostings and pass this information on. As Microdot-2 is a
proper newsreader it knows which message was sent in reply to which
other one and thus is able to organize messages concerning the same
topic into 'threads'. Threads appear as list-trees in the folder list
window and show the interrelation between the messages.

Any message that has a number of other messages which were posted in
reply to it, has a small square next to it, which identifies the

message as a 'root'. Selecting any such root and calling 'fold thread'
will hide all messages attached to the white line extending and
branching out from the root.

The only message of that thread left visible is the root itself - the
square next to it has changed its appearance and before the subject of
the root message there now are three numbers which represent (from left
to right) the total number of messages in the thread, the number of
unread messages, and the number of new messages.

1.45 Private reply...

```
              Private reply...
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```

This menu item opens the
              New message window
              ; the address of the author
of the current message is placed in the "To:" field, the subject line
is prefixed with "Re:" (if that is not already the case) and the entire
message text is quoted in the text window.

1.46 Private reply...

```
              Private reply to all...
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```

This menu item opens the
              New message window
              ; the address of the author
and of all recipients in the "To:" field of the current message are
placed in the "To:" field, the addresses of all "Cc:" recipients of the
current message are placed in the "Cc:" line, the subject line is
prefixed with "Re:" (if that is not already the case) and the entire
message text is quoted in the text window.

1.47 Public followup...

```
Public followup...
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```

This menu item opens the New message window; the "Group:" field will
contain the names of all groups the current message was posted to and
the message text is quoted in the text area.

Making a public followup to a private message does not make much sense
and thus will leave the "To:" and "Group:" fields empty but still quote
the message text in the text area.

1.48 Forward...

```
            Forward...
----------
```

   This menu item allows you to forward any message to another recipient.
   The entire message including the message headers will be forwarded.

   The menu item opens a window that allows you to choose one or more
   recipients for the message. If you select the "Edit message before
   forwarding" gadget, a
             New message window
              will open and allow you to
   edit the message before it is sent out. If you activate the "Forward
   attachments as well" gadget, not only the message text but also any
   binary attachments the message has will be sent on to the new
   recipient.

1.49 Add to addressbook...

```
            Add to addressbook...
--------------------
```

   This menu item adds the email address of the author of the current
   message to the
             addressbook
             .

1.50 Print...

```
Print...
--------
```

   This menu item sends all selected messages as plain ascii-files to the
   printer. The messages will be printed with all headers lines and
   attachments will not be printed.

1.51 Download

```
            Download
--------
```

   If you have set Microdot-2 to only download the message headers (see
   Account
             preferences
             ), calling this menu item will download the bodies
   of all selected messages.

1.52   Next

```
Next
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```

   Moves to the next message in the folder list window.

1.53   Next New

```
Next New
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```

   Moves to the next new message in the folder list window.

1.54   Next Unread

```
Next Unread
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```

   Moves to the next unread message in the folder list window.

1.55   Previous

```
Previous
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```

   Moves to the previous message in the folder list window.

1.56   Previous New

```
Previous New
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```

   Moves to the previous new message in the folder list window.

1.57   Previous Unread

```
Previous Unread
---------------
```

   Moves to the previous unread message in folder list window.

1.58   Extract PGP key(s)...

```
Extract PGP key(s)...
---------------------
```

   This menu item causes PGP to scan the current message for new keys. Any
   new keys will be added to your public keyring by PGP and you will be
   prompted to set the trust parameters for those new keys.

1.59   PGP decrypt

```
PGP decrypt
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```

   This menu item invokes PGP and causes it to decrypt the current
   message. Depending on the settings you have made either PGP or Microdot
   will prompt you for your passphrase in order to be able to decrypt the
   message. Text messages will be displayed right in the message reader
   window while binary messages will cause a file requester to open,
   enabling you to select a location in which to save the decrypted file.

1.60   Import/Obtain PGP key

```
Import/Obtain PGP key
---------------------
```

   This menu item allows you to select an external file from which to
   import a PGP key. If you are using PGP5.x you can also specify the user
   ID a key so PGP can download it from your default keyserver or you can
   specify a WWW URL to obtain the key from.

1.61   Forget Passphrase

```
Forget Passphrase
-----------------
```

   In case you have MD-2 set to remember your passphrase permanently or
   during the session, this menu item will cause it to be purged from
   memory.

1.62   General Settings...

```
            General Settings...
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```

   This menu item opens the
            general settings panel

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1.63 MIME Settings...

```
MIME Settings...
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```

    This opens the MIMEPrefs program which is used for setting the
different viewers and players for all kind of binary attachments. For a
complete description of MIMEPrefs please refer to its documentation.

1.64 Accounts...

```
            Accounts...
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```

    This menu item opens the
           accounts settings panel
           .

1.65 Message filters for this account...

```
            Message filters for this account...
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```

    This menu item opens the
           message filters panel
           .

1.66 Signatures for this account...

```
            Signatures for this account...
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```

    This menu item opens the
           signature panel
           .

1.67 Open Address book...

```
Open Address book...
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```

   This menu item opens the address book window. The address book allows
   you to store and organize the email addresses of all people you are
   frequently in contact with.

   The address book consists of a large area that contains all the email
   addresses, and an area below which contains two text-gadgets and six
   button gadgets.

   Entries in the large part that have a small arrow in front of it are
   groups. Groups can contain address entries and further groups.

   If the arrow is facing right, this group is folded and the addresses
   contained in it can not be seen. Double-clicking on the group name or
   single-clicking on the small arrow will cause the group to be unfolded:
   all addresses and subgroups will then be listed below the group name
   and the arrow will be facing down.

   Single-clicking on any list entry will activate the text gadgets below
   the list. If the entry is an address entry, you can enter the persons'
   real name in the 'Name' field and his/her email-address in the
   'Address' field. If the entry is a group, the 'Address' field will be
   ghosted and you can only enter a group name in the 'Name' field.

   You can re-arrange the order of all list entries through simple
   drag&drop. If you drag&drop an entry over a group, this entry will be
   moved into the group. Both groups and address entries can be moved into
   other groups.

   You can also move address entries and subgroups from groups back into
   the main list or into other groups.

The gadget functions:

   New group
   Creates a new group at the same hierarchy level the currently selected
   entry is at. Example: If the currently selected entry is located in the
   main list, a new group is created in the main list. If the currently
   active entry is located in the group 'XYZ', a new subgroup will be
   created within group 'XYZ'. The new group will be named 'New Group' and
   its name can be edited as described above.

   New subgroup
   This gadget can only be selected if the active entry is a group. It
   creates a new group within the active group, just as if you had
   selected an entry within the active group and then clicked on the 'New
   Group' gadget.

   New entry
   This gadget creates a new active entry within the current group. If the
   selected entry is an address entry, the new entry will be created
   directly below it. If the selected entry is a group, the new entry will
   be inserted after the last entry in the group. The new entry will
   default to 'Real Name' for the 'Name' field and to 'user@host.do.main'

for the 'Address' field. It can be edited as described above.

    Duplicate
    Duplicates the current entry. If the entry is an address entry, you
    will now have two copies of it. If the entry is a group, a new, empty
    group of the same name will be created.

    Remove
    Removes the current entry. If the entry is a group, all its entries and
    subgroups will be deleted as well.

    Sort
    Sorts all entries in alphabetical order. Sorting is performed
    recursively, i.e. all group and subgroup entries will also be sorted in
    alphabetical order.

1.68   Open Contact Manager

Open Contact Manager

    Calls the Contact Manager which is available as a separate product from
    vaporware.

1.69   Use Contact Manager

Use Contact Manager

    If this menu item is checkmarked, Microdot-2 will use the Contact
    Manager instead of the built-in address book for all operations
    regarding the addition and selection of email addresses.

1.70   Single Window?

Single Window?

    If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, Microdot-2 will only have
    one window open at any point in time. When selecting a folder in the
    main window, its contents will be replaced with that of the folder, and
    when selecting a message to be displayed, the message text will replace
    the message overview.

    Additional windows such as the settings panels are not affected by this
    setting.

1.71   Single folder list window only?

```
Single folder list window only?
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```

   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, only one window will be
   used to display folder contents. When double-clicking on a different
   folder in the main window, its contents will replace those of the
   previously active folder.

1.72   Single message window only?

```
Single message window only?
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```

   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, every message you read
   will be displayed in the same window. Calling 'read' for a different
   message will replace the contents of the reader window with those of
   the new message.

1.73   Reader-submenu

```
              Reader-submenu
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```

   This submenue contains the following items, all of which can be
   (de)activated using checkmarks.

              Show all headers

              Show significant headers

              Show no headers

              Use fixed font

              Use proportional font

              Word Wrap

1.74   Show all headers

```
Show all headers
----------------
```

   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, all header lines

contained in the current message will be displayed in the message
reader window. Header lines are always displayed in a distinct color.

1.75 Show significant headers

```
Show significant headers
------------------------
```

   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, only important headers
   will be displayed in the message reader window. Important headers
   include "Received:", "Sender:", "X-Mailer:", and the like.

1.76 Show no headers

```
Show no headers
---------------
```

   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, no headers will be
   displayed in the message reader window.

1.77 Use fixed font

```
              Use fixed font
--------------
```

   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, Microdot-2 will use the
   fixed font specified in the "Colors" section, "Message reader" tab of
   the
              General

              settings panel
               to display the messages in the reader
   window.

   Using a fixed font for the reader window is highly recommended.

1.78 Use proportional font

```
              Use proportional font
--------------------
```

   If this menu item has a checkmark next to it, Microdot-2 will use the
   proportional font specified in the "Colors" section, "Message reader"
   tab of the
              General

```
                    settings panel
                      to  display  the  messages  in  the
        reader window.

        Using a proportional font is not recommended as  it  can  mess  up  the
        appearance of ascii-artwork, signatures and tables.
```

1.79   Word Wrap

```
Word Wrap
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    If  this  menu  item  has  a  checkmark  next  to  it,  Microdot-2  will
    automatically  break  lines that exceed the width of the message reader
    window.

    This feature is actually  only  a  workaround  to  make  messages  more
    readable  which  were posted by people who don't know or care about the
    netiquette.
```

1.80   MUI...

```
MUI...
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    This menu items  opens  the  MUI  preferences  for  Microdot-2.  For  a
    complete  description  of  the  MUI preferences please refer to the MUI
    documentation.
```

1.81   Windows

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                Windows
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    This section contains a complete list and description  of  all  windows
    encountered  in  Microdot-2.  Please note that the
                preferences
                -windows
    have a separate section dedicated to them.



                Group overview window

                Folder list window

                Message reader window

                New Message window
```

Each window has a button bar at the bottom. In the ←
default
configuration every button states clearly in text and through an icon
what it does. Every of the default button functions simply duplicates
functions available in the menu or elsewhere in the program. For this
reason, the button bars are not described in this documentation.

As soon as you customize the button bars yourself, this documentation
would not reflect the true button functions anyways.

1.82 Group overview window

Group overview window

This is the main window of Microdot-2. It lists all of your mail
folders and newsgroups and also gives some basic information about
them.

The cycle gadget in the top right corner of the window enables you to
switch between the different
accounts
, if you have set up more than
one.

The different columns of the window contain (from left to right):

   - the name of the folder or group

   - the total number of messages in the folder or group

   - the number of new messages in the folder or group

   - the number of unread messages in the folder or group

   - the datestamp of the most recent message contained in the
     folder/group

   - the Subscribe-Flag – this is only available for newsgroups: an 'S'
     signifies that the group is subscribed and Microdot-2 searches for new
     messages in this group when calling Check for new news. an '·'
     signifies that the group is currently not subscribed to.

   - a short description of what the group or folder is about

Double clicking on a group or folder opens it, a single mouse click
moves the marker bar.

You can select multiple groups and folders by dragging the mouse or by
shift-clicking on several entries in the list.

1.83   Folder list window

```
Folder list window
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```

   This window lists all messages contained in the folder.

   The columns show (from left to right):

   – the message subject

   – the message flags, visualized by small icons:

      'Archived' – signified by a letter with a small lock next to it

      'Deleted' – signified by a small trashcan

      'New' – signified by a letter with an exclamation mark to the left
             and an arrow in the top right corner

      'Unread' – signified by a single letter

      'Sent' – a piece of paper in front of a letter

      'Posted' – like 'Sent', but with a window in the back

      'Replied to' – signified by a letter with a small 'R' in the top right ←
         corner

      'Forwarded' – signified by a letter with a small 'F' in the top right
                 corner and an arrow at right side, which points away from
                 the letter.

   – the message precedence (important), visualized using small caret
     symbols:

    · two small blue carets pointing downward signify 'Very Low' precedence

    · one small blue caret pointing downward signifies 'Low' precedence

    · an empty field signifies 'Normal' precedence

    · one small pink caret pointing upward signifies 'High' precedence

    · two small pink carets pointing upward signify 'Very High' precedence

   – the date the message was received at

   – the sender of the message or, in case of the »SPOOL folder, the
     recipient of the message.


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Sorting of messages
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   As you can easily see, the column headers are gadgets, one of which
   always has a small arrow displayed next to its title.

These gadgets are used to determine the way the messages a sorted.

Clicking on any one of the column headers will cause the messages to be
sorted according to the entries in that column in descending order
(visualized by an arrow pointing down). Clicking a second time on the
header will sort in ascending order instead.

The the arrow in the 'Subject' header can also be made to face right
(this is also the default) - this will cause the messages to be
organized into their relevant threads. The threads themselves are
sorted in descending order by the date of their root messages.

1.84 Message reader window

                  Message reader window

When calling
                  Message/Read...
                  for any message, the message reader
window opens and displays the message. The top area of the window
consists of one fairly large area that lists the address the message
originated from, the first recipient of the message, the message
subject, the date and time the message was sent, the date and time the
message arrived on your machine, the time this message took to reach
you, and a row of LEDs that reflect the status of the different message
flags.

The small list to the right of that area lists all parts of the message
and allows you to view or save them separately. In the case of
single-part messages, the difference between 'whole message' and
'part1' is, that 'whole message includes all the message headers, while
'part1' only respects the actual message body.

The large area that takes most of the window lists the actual message
and possibly some or all of the message headers, depending on the
settings made in the
                  Settings/Reader
                  submenu.

You can mark text in the reader window by clicking and holding down the
left mouse button. When you release the button, the marked text will be
copied into the system clipboard.

If Microdot-2 finds a string in the message that resembles a network
URL, it will add a thin dotted line below it. Clicking on it will send
the URL to the Voyager WWW browser if it is installed and running.

If you are not using Voyager but a different browser that supports
ARexx passing of URLs, the URL will be sent to that browser if it
running.

If the message has any binary attachments, their filenames will be
displayed at the end of the message. The filenames each have two

gadgets below them which allow you to save or view the attachment.

1.85 New Message window

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               New Message window
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This window opens every time you write a new message, reply or followup
to a message, edit a message, or forward a message with editing.

This window is broken down in three parts, each of which is accessed to
one of the 'tabs' at the top of the window.

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               Text

               Attachments

               Special
               Send/Queue:
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This gadget will be labelled differently depending on whether or not
you are currently connected to the internet.

In "Send" mode your message will be relayed to the server you have
configured for outgoing mail and will most likely reach its destination
in a matter of minutes, if not seconds.

In "Queue" mode this gadget is causes the message to be put into the
»SPOOL-folder, ready to be sent out the next time you connect to the
internet. When you call the menu item "Microdot/Send queued messages"
your message will actually be relayed to your outgoing mail server.

If you attached binary files to the message, these will now be
MIME-encoded and saved internally by Microdot. This can take a fair
amount of time, especially on slower machines and with large files.

Store

This gadget causes the message to be stored in the »SPOOL folder, it
will, however, NOT be sent – neither now, nor later.

You can edit and resend the message at a later point in time, though.

Text

To:

You can enter the recipient(s) for the message into the text-gadget
next to the 'To:'-gadget or click on the 'To:'-gadget and select a
recipient from the address book. Multiple recipients must be separated
by commas – this will be done automatically if you select them from the
addressbook.

This gadget may already have a content, e.g. if you write your message
from within a certain group or you reply to or forward a message.

Cc:

The message will also be sent to all people listed in this field, and
addresses can be selected the same way as for the 'To:' line. There is
no real difference betweent 'To:' and 'Cc:', only a formal one. As a
general rule, you should use 'To:' for all those people who are
supposed to reply to the message while 'Cc:' should be used for all
those recipients you simply want to notify that the message has been
sent to the people in the 'To:' field.

Group:

In this gadget you can enter the newsgroup(s) into which you want to
post the message. You can either enter the group name(s) in to the text
gadget or click on the 'Group:'-gadget to select a group from a list of
all the groups that you have in your main Microdot-2 window. You can
send a message to a group and a person at the same time by entering the
appropriate addresses/names into both the 'To:' and the 'Group:'
text-gadget.

This gadget may already have a content, e.g. if you write your message
from within a certain group or followup to a message.

Subject:

Choose a subject that gives people a good idea what your message is
about. Especially when large threads evolve the subject will very often
not reflect the actual discussion topic – in that case don't hesitate
to change the subject to something more appropriate, the message
threading won't be affected by this. When replying to messages, the
subject line will have a Re: at the beginning. 'Re:' stands for
'Reply'.

If you do not specify a subject for the message, Microdot-2 will warn
you about this when clicking on the 'Send'-button. You are then given
the choice to go back and enter a subject or to send the message
regardless.

Message area:

In this large area you can enter the message text.

External editor:

Clicking on this gadget opens an external editor which you can use to
edit/create your message. Setting which external editor to call is done
in the MUI preferences in the "Textinput" section.

Insert text file:

This gadget opens an ASL file-requester that allows you to select a
text file which will be inserted at the cursor position.

Attach file:

   Current standards allow you to 'attach' one or several files to an
   email. The gadget opens a file-requester which allows you to choose the
   file to send. This file will then be MIME-encoded and sent out as part
   of the message. After confirming the file-requester, the window will
   change to show the
                   attachments
                   -area.

Sig:

   This cycle-gadget allows you to select the signature to attach to the
   current message. Microdot-2 allows you to store four different
   signatures and you can choose to use no signature as well (e.g. when
   sending mail to mailinglist-processors.

Face:

   This checkbox allows you to decide whether or not the X-Face picture
   you have configured in the
                   account preferences
                    should be sent as part
   of the message.

Percentage bar:

   This status bar tells you how much of the current message was newly
   written by you. The remainder of the message is made up of 'old' lines,
   i.e. those that you have quoted. If there is too little new text in the
   message, Microdot-2 will issue a warning once you click on the 'Send'
   button. As it is considered bad style to quote too much, you might want
   to go back and see if you can make do with less quoted text. You can,
   however, also force Microdot-2 to send the message.

Attachments

List

   The large list that takes most of the window shows all binary files
   that are attached to the message. Clicking on a list entry will make it
   active and highlight it with a colored bar.

Attach file:

   Current standards allow you to 'attach' one or several files to an
   email. The gadget opens a file-requester which allows you to choose the
   file to send. This file will then be MIME-encoded and sent out as part

of the message. After confirming the file-requester, the file will
immediately added to the list.

MIME-Type:

   This gadget allows you to select the mime type for the selected list
   entry. Microdot-2 will auto-detect the required MIME-type, so you
   should only change it if you know what you are doing.

Remove:

   Removes the selected entry from the list of files to be attached.

View:

   Views/displays the selected entry.

PGP&Specials

Bcc:

   This allows to select a recipient in the same fashion that 'To:' and
   'Cc:' do, but other recipients of the message (if there are any) will
   not be able to see in the message header, that the person(s) entered in
   'Bcc:' also received a copy of the message. Neither will one person who
   received a 'Bcc:' copy of a message know about any other recipients who
   also might have received a 'Bcc:' copy.

   'Not knowing' means in this context that the relevant information can
   not be found in the headers of the messages those people receive. It
   does of course not keep people from finding out by other means, e.g.
   meeting personally or publicly talking about it.

F-Up:

   This is short for 'Follow-up to:'. If a newsgroup discussion has
   evolved in a way that makes it out of place for the newsgroup(s) it
   takes place in, you can set an appropriate newsgroup in the 'F-Up:'
   field and all followups to your message will be directed to that group.
   Entering a group is done in exact the same fashion as it is done for
   'Group:' in the Text area.

   The notable difference is the 'poster' gadget to the right of the
   'F-Up:' text-gadget. If you set 'F-Up:' to 'poster', all followups (not
   only personal replies) will be sent to your email-address per default.

Custom header lines:

   This area allows you to add/remove custom header lines to/from the

message. If you add custom header lines you should know what you are
doing, thus no further explanation will be provided here.

PGP

  This cycle gadget allows you to select which PGP operations should be
  performed on the message. You can decide to not encrypt a message at
  all, sign it, crypt it, sign&crypt it, or to clearsign it. If you don't
  know what all this is about you better read the PGP docs.

Request Receipt?

  If this gadget is checked, Microdot-2 will request a confirmation from
  the receiving party that the message arrived. Not all servers and
  programs support this, though, so if you do not get any confirmation
  this does not necessarily mean that your message did not arrive.

Copy self?

  If this gadget is checked, a copy of every message you write will be
  placed in your private folder(s) according to the current filter rules.
  If this gadget is unchecked all new messages are only placed in the
  »SPOOL folder.

Priority:

  This cycle-gadget sets the priority (importance) of the message. It can
  be used to immediately bring very important messages to the recipient's
  attention or to mark messages as less important.

  Not all mail programs support message precendce, so the recipient might
  not notice how urgent the message is. On the other hand, even if the
  recipients mail program does support precedence, you should not abuse
  this feature to always make him read your messages first.

  For 99% of all cases it is a good idea to leave this set to 'Normal'.

1.86 Microdot-2 preferences

              Microdot-2 preferences

  This section describes all preferences-windows of Microdot-2.

              General settings

              Accounts settings

              Message filters

              Signatures

1.87   General settings

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General settings
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   This settings panel contains all preferences that are not
   user-specific, such as your timezone, the button-bar, etc.

   This panel is broken down into several sections which can be accessed
   via the listview on the left side of the window.

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Misc
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   In this section you set your timezone and the data directory

   Time zone: Use this slider to select your timezone, expressed as the
   difference between your local time and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). US
   east coast resident would enter '-6' here, continental Europeans '1'.

   Daylight saving time: If your country has a period of daylight saving
   time you must activate this checkmark and specify during which part of
   the year daylight saving time is in effect.

   Data directory: Enter a directory for MD-2 to store its data or select
   one from the file requester you can open by clicking on the right-hand
   button.


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Colors
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   This section allows you to control the colors of the various elements
   of MD-2.

   The 'Colorpads' at the bottom of the window are drag&drop-capable
   storage pads which you can use to copy colors around.

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Group list
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   Controls the colors of the group list in the main window.

   Background · normal: Sets the background color of the group list.

                active: Sets the color of the currently active group in the group ←
                   list.

                marked: Sets the color used for marked groups in the group list.

                m&a   : Sets the color used for the currently active group if it ←
                   is also marked.

   Text   · normal: Sets the color uses for the group names

                · group with new message : Sets the color used for all groups which ←
                   contain new messages

Tree   : Sets the color used for the lines that visualize the structure of the ↩
    group tree.

Font   : Here you can choose the font to be used for the group list entries.

Message list

Controls the colors of the message list in the group windows.

Background, Tree and Font: these work exactly as those in the Group
list section.

Text

Controls the color used for the message entries in the list

Normal: sets the color for all messages which are neither new nor
written by yourself.

new message: sets the color to use for all messages which have just
been downloaded.

own message: sets the color to use for all messages which were written
by yourself.

Message reader

Controls the colors used for the text in the message reader window.

Background : sets the color to use as the background of the reader
window

Text : sets the color to use for normal text

Quotes: Sets the color to use for each level of quoting – the leftmost
color is used for the first level, the second leftmost for the second
level etc.

Prop Font: Select a proportional font to use in the reader window.

Fixed Font: Select a fixed width fon to use in the reader window.

Headers

This section controls which headers are shown by MD-2. You should not
touch these. If you know what you are doing you will also know how this
section operates.

Buttons

The Group list, the Message list and the Message reader window each
have a button bar at their bottom which can be freely customized by the
user.

Customizing buttons works the same for each of those windows thus the

process will only be described once.

Click on a button to start editing it.

In the first line you can enter the name and path for an image file to
be used as the button image.

The second line holds the button name. To the right of the name you can
also specify a hotkey for the button action if you so desire.

The third line is most important as it holds the actual action to be
executed   when   the   button   is   pressed.   Every   action   must   be   an
ARexx-command or script. Use the PopUp-Button to open a list of all
available ARexx-commands of MD-2 or refer to the ARexx documentation in
this guide.

At the bottom of the window you can choose a font to be used for the
button text and whether the buttons will be displayed as images only,
as text only or with both text and images.

PGP

In this area you can select which command/parameter combinations should
be used to perform the various PGP operations. The two buttons at the
bottom allow you to reset the commands to the appropriate defaults for
PGP 2.x or PGP 5.x

Again, you need to know a bit about PGP if you want to make some
adjustments, and a full (or even partial) PGP documentation is beyond
the scope of this manual.

There are a number of placeholders you can use in this section of the
preferences:

%p
--

Is replaced with the PGP passphrase. The passphrase is obtained from a
requester that MD-2 itself opens. Apart from specifying the passphrase
this requester also allows you to choose whether the phrase is
remembered during your current MD-2 session, saved to disk (do NOT do
that unless you are sure it is safe to do so), or not remembered at
all.

%f
--

Is replaced with the input filename. You only need to place this where
PGP expects an input filename, the rest is handled by MD-2.

%o
--

Is replaced with the output filename. You only need to place this where
PGP expects an output filename, the rest is handled by MD-2.

%r

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    Is replaced with the list of recipients.

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%R
--
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    Is replaced with the list of recipients, but also causes the "-r"
    option of PGP to be used.

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%u
--
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    Is replaced with your own user ID as set in the Account Preferences.

1.88 Accounts settings

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Accounts settings
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    This panel allows you to create and delete mail/news accounts as well
    as to edit their settings.

    On the left you will find a list of all currently available accounts,
    and below the list there are buttons for creating a new account and
    deleting an existing account.

    The checkmark gadget only has effect for users of Genesis/AmiTCP (from
    version 4.0 up) and causes the account of the current user to be active
    as soon as MD-2 is started.

    On the right there are two tabs which switch between the two settings
    pages for the account currently selected in the list on the left.

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Identity
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    This section only holds some information about the account owner.

    Accountname: Here you can enter the name you wish to use for the
    account.

    Your real name: Here you have to enter your real name.

    Your organization's name: If you are a member of a company or
    organization you can enter its name here. For a private email account
    simply leave this field blank.

    PGP UserID to use: Allows you to specify a userID that will be used for
    all PGP operations that require it. If this field is left blank your
    email address will be used to determined the PGP UserID.

    Your face: You can choose a 48x48 pixel black&white image which will be
    loaded via datatypes and can be sent as part of your mail. This could
    be a small picture of yourself, a company logo, etc.

Network

   This area is again broken down into two areas, "Mail" and "News" and
   has one central cycle gadget that allows you to select the type of
   connection you are using. Currently the only connection type that is
   available is "Internet", so you should leave this gadget alone for the
   moment.

   In the "Mail" area you can make the following settings:

   POP3 (mail) account: Here you must enter your POP3 username as provided
   to you by your ISP.

   password: Here you must enter your POP3 password as provided to you by
   your ISP.

   POP3 server address: Here you must enter the name of your POP3 server
   as provided to you by your ISP.

   Delete mail on server?: If this gadget is checked all mails will be
   deleted off the POP3 server once MD-2 has successfully downloaded them.
   Most ISPs limit the space you may use on their servers, so you should
   set this to "on".

   Authentication method: Use this cycle gadget to set which
   authentication method your POP3 server uses. Ideally this information
   should have been provided by your ISP. If that is not the case, try
   "User/Pass" first as it is most frequently used.

   (E)SMTP (relay) server: Here you must enter the name of the server for
   outgoing mail as provided to you by your ISP. This address is often
   identical to that of your POP3 server.

   Your real email address: Here you must enter a valid email address that
   belongs to you.

   In the "News" area, the following settings are available:

   NNTP (news) server: Here you must enter the name of your NNTP server,
   as provided by your ISP.

   Use NNTP-Auth?: Your ISP should have told you whether or not the
   NNTP-server is password-protected. In case it is, activate the gadget
   and enter the appropriate information in the User/Pass gadgets.

   When fetching articles: These two radio buttons allow you to either
   download full messages from the newsgroups or to only download the
   headers. Only downloading the headers is much faster but also means
   that you must stay online while reading the messages while downloading
   the entire messages (headers and bodies) takes longer but allows you to
   disconnect from the internet and read the messages offline once MD-2
   has finished downloading them.

1.89   Message filters

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                Message filters
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   Microdot-2 offers a great number of sophisticated functions for sorting
   and filtering your mail into different folders.

   All filter settings are made in this window and only apply to the
   current account, so you can have a set of different filtering rules for
   each account.

   The list in the left part of the window contains all filters currently
   set up for this account. This list will be empty if you open the window
   for the first time.

   At the bottom of the list there are gadgets for adding, deleting, and
   copying the filters as well as for moving the active filter (marked
   with a colored bar) up and down in the list.

   The right part contains all parameters for the active filter:

   The text-gadget at the very top simply controls the name that is used
   for the filter. The cycle-gadget right next to is used to decided
   whether the particular filter will filter only email, only news
   articles, or both. Finally, the cycle-gadget to the very right
   determines whether any or all of the filtering conditions (see below)
   have to be met in order for the message to be filtered.


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Filtering conditions
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   The middle of the right part of the window contains a list of all
   conditions that are checked by the filter.

   The gadgets for adding, copying, and removing conditions are
   self-explanatory.

   The gadget below the condition list controls what is to be checked, it
   offers several headers typically used for filtering, the line '««Any
   Header»»', and the line '««Size»»'. You also have the choice of
   manually entering a header into the gadget, in case you need to filter
   by a certain header not provided for in the list.

   Except for
                ««Size»»
                , all other conditions are handled in the same way:

   During the filtering, the header is processed according to the settings
   made in the cycle-gadget and text-gadget to the right of the
   header-selection gadget.

   The cycle-gadget can take the following values:

contains
The condition is met if the content of the text-gadget is a substring of the header content.

begins with
The condition is met if the header content begins with the content of the text-gadget

is
The condition is met if the header content is identical to the content of the string-gadget.

matches
The condition is met if the header content matches the standard AmigaOS-pattern which is entered in the text-gadget. (Please refer to the AmigaDOS manual for a complete description of AmigaOS pattern matching).

does not contain
The condition is met if the content of the text-gadget is not a substring of the header content.

does not begin with
The condition is met if the header content does not begin with the content of the text-gadget

is not
The condition is met if the header content is not identical to the content of the string-gadget.

does not match
The condition is met if the header content does not match the standard AmigaOS-pattern which is entered in the text-gadget. (Please refer to the AmigaDOS manual for a complete description of AmigaOS pattern matching).

««Size»»

If you choose to filter by message size, the cycle gadget is changed so it toggles between 'larger than' and 'smaller than'. The textgadget then specifies the message size (in KB) to be checked against.

The condition is met if the message size is larger/smaller than the specified size.

Filter actions

This section controls what is done with a message that fulfills the filtering conditions. Up to three different actions can be triggered.

The first three lines all offer the same options, so everything is only described once.

The first cycle-gadget controls what is done with the message:

  Do nothing
  The message is not affected at all. If 'Do nothing' is selected in all three
  lines, the effect is the same as if the filter did not exist.

  Move to:
  A second cycle-gadget appears and allows you to select one of your private
  mail folders. The message is then move into that folder and removed from the
  »PRIV folder.

  Copy to:
  A second cycle-gadget appears and allows you to select one of your private
  mail folders. The message is then copied into that folder but also remains in
  the »PRIV folder.

  Forward:
  A text-gadget and a 'To:' button appear next to the action cycle-gadget. This
  allows you to enter or select an address to which the message will be
  automatically forwarded.

  Execute:
  A text-gadget and a button for opening a file-requester appear next to the
  action cycle-gadget. You can either manually enter or select from the
  file-requester a program which will be started. The current message is then
  passed on to that program.

  Delete
  The message is deleted.

  Set priority:
  A second cycle-gadget appears which allows you to select a new priority that
  will be assigned to the message.

The very last cycle-gadget controls the behaviour of Microdot-2 after
the filter has been processed. You can choose to stop processing any
other filters in which case Microdot-2 will filter the next message (if
there is one), or you can tell Microdot-2 to process the message using
the next filter in the list (filters are processed top to bottom).

In case you order Microdot-2 to process further filters it will do so
until it hits the end of the filter list or the message is 'caught' by
a filter that stops processing after it.

1.90 Signatures

            Signatures

  Microdot-2 allows you to define up to four different signatures and
  headers to use with your messages.

  A signature consists of up to four lines of 80 characters which are
  attached to the end of every mail a person sends. It can include
  information on you, such as alternative email-addresses, a   WWW

homepage, your computer setup, and the like. You could also choose a witty remark and there even is a C program that fits into the space provided for signatures.

A header is a line of text that introduces your message and is applied whenever you reply or followup to a message.

The signature preferences are made up of four virtually identical lines of gadgets, one line for each signature, and one large text-area.

The meaning of the gadgets from left to right:

The text-gadget controls the name of the signature. This name will appear in the signature cycle-gadget of the
            new message window
                .

If the 'Signature' gadget is selected, you can enter a signature into the larger text areas, for suggestions on what to put into a signature see the beginning of this section. A note for the experienced user: you do not need to manually enter the '-- ' string that denotes the beginning of a signature. The signature designator is automatically added by Microdot-2.

If the 'Followup header' gadget is selected, you can enter some text in the large text area that is printed at the beginning of each message you post as a followup to another message.

If the 'Reply header' gadget is selected, you can enter some text in the large text area that is printed at the beginning of each message that you reply to using private email.

You should limit yourself to one line for followup/reply-headers.

You can use certain placeholder characters in your followup/reply headers, these characters will be replaced with certain information when you actually followup/reply to a message:

 %f is replaced with the email address of the author of the message you are
      following up/replying to.

 %r is replaced with the real name of the author of the message you are
      following up/replying to.

 %d is replaced with the date at which the message you are following
      up/replying to was originally created

 %g is replaced with the name of the group into which the message you
      are following up/replying to was originally posted

 %d is replaced with the subject of the message you are following
      up/replying to.

 %d is replaced with the message-ID of the message you are following
      up/replying to.

1.91 ARexx-Port documentation

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            ARexx-Port documentation
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   This section contains a complete list of all ARexx commands of
   Microdot-2. A full description for each command is provided as well.

                  AddToAddressBook

                  ArchiveSelectedMsgs

                  CheckMailNews

                  DownloadSelectedMsgs

                  EditGroup

                  ExtractSelectedMsgs

                  FoldSelectedMsgs

                  FollowupSelectedMsgs

                  ForwardSelectedMsgs

                  GotoMsg

                  MailImport

                  MoveSelectedMsgs

                  NewMsgWindow

                  OpenGroup

                  OpenGroupmanager

                  OpenPrefswin

                  PrintSelectedMsgs

                  ReadSelectedMsgs

                  RemoveGroup

                  RemoveSelectedMsgs

                  ReplySelectedMsgs

                  SelectAll

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                      SubscribeGroup

                      UnselectAll

                      UnsubscribeGroup
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1.92 AddToAddressBook

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AddToAddressBook
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Snyopsis
    Adds the sender of the currently selected message(s) to the addressbook.

Parameters Template
    none
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1.93 ArchiveSelectedMsgs

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ArchiveSelectedMsgs
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Snyopsis
    Sets the archive flag of the currently selected message(s).

Parameters Template
    none
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1.94 CheckMailNews

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CheckMailNews
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Synopsis
    Causes MicroDot-2 to check for or send out mail and news articles.

Parameters Template
    MAIL/S, NEWS/S, SEND/S

Parameters
    MAIL
        Causes Microdot-2 to connect to your mail server and retrieve
        any mails waiting for you.

    NEWS
        Causes Microdot-2 to connect to your news server and retrieve
        all new news articles from the groups you are subscribed to.
```

```
    SEND
        Causes Microdot-2 to send out all messages contained in the
        »SPOOL folder.
```

1.95 DownloadSelectedMsgs

```
                DownloadSelectedMsgs
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Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
                Message/Download
                    from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.96 EditGroup

```
                EditGroup
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Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
                Groups/Edit group(s) parameters...
                    from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.97 ExtractSelectedMsgs

```
ExtractSelectedMsgs
-------------------

Synopsis

Parameters Template
    FILE, PART=PARTS/K, APPEND/S, NOREQ/S
```

1.98 FoldSelectedMsgs

```
                FoldSelectedMsgs
----------------

Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
```

```
                  Message/Fold thread
                   from the menu.


Parameters Template
    none
```

1.99 FollowupSelectedMsgs

```
              FollowupSelectedMsgs
-------------------

Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
              Message/Public followup...
               from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.100 ForwardSelectedMsgs

```
              ForwardSelectedMsgs
------------------

Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
              Message/Forward...
               from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.101 GotoMsg

```
GotoMsg
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Synopsis

Parameters Template
    NEXT/S, PREV/S, NEXTNEW/S, PREVNEW/S, NEXTUNREAD/S, PREVUNREAD/S
```

1.102 MailImport

```
MailImport
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```

```
Synopsis

Parameters Template
    FILE/A, GROUP/K
```

1.103   MoveSelectedMsgs

```
                MoveSelectedMsgs
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Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
              Message/Move to folder...
                from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.104   NewMsgWindow

```
                NewMsgWindow
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Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
              Message/Write new...
               from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.105   OpenGroup

```
                OpenGroup
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Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
              Groups/Open group(s)...
                from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.106   OpenGroupmanager

```
              OpenGroupmanager
----------------

Synopsis
    Opens the
              group manager
               window.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.107 OpenPrefsWin

```
OpenPrefsWin
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Synopsis

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.108 PrintSelectedMsgs

```
              PrintSelectedMsgs
----------------

Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
              Message/Print...
               from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.109 ReadSelectedMsgs

```
              ReadSelectedMsgs
----------------

Synopsis
    Reads the selected message(s), just like calling the corresponding menu
    item:
              Message/Read...
              Parameters Template
    none
```

1.110   RemoveGroup

```
            RemoveGroup
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Synopsis
    Has the same effect as calling
            Groups/Remove group(s)...
             from the menu.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.111   RemoveSelectedMsgs

```
            RemoveSelectedMsgs
-----------------

Synopsis
    Sets the delete flag for the selected message(s), just like calling the
    corresponding menu item:
            Message/Delete
            Parameters Template
    none
```

1.112   ReplySelectedMsgs

```
            ReplySelectedMsgs
-----------------

Synopsis
    Replies to the selected message(s), just like calling the corresponding
    menu item:
            Message/Private reply...
            Parameters Template
    none
```

1.113   SelectAll

```
SelectAll
---------

Synopsis
    Selects all entries of the currently active window.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.114   SubscribeGroup

```
              SubscribeGroup
--------------

Synopsis
    Subscribes to the currently selected group(s), just like the corresponding
    menu item:
              Groups/Subscribe to group(s)
              Parameters Template
    none
```

1.115   UnselectAll

```
UnselectAll
-----------

Synopsis
    Unselects all entries of the currently active window.

Parameters Template
    none
```

1.116   UnsubscribeGroup

```
              UnsubscribeGroup
----------------

Synopsis
    Unsubscribes from the currently selected group(s), just like the corresponding
    menu item:
              Groups/Unsubscribe from group(s)
              Parameters Template
    none
```

1.117   FAQ

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Frequently asked questions
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    This is a list of frequently asked questions about Microdot-2.

    This should be the  first  place  to  check  if  any  portion  of  this
    documentation is unclear or you are otherwise stuck in the program.

    Please read this FAQ carefully and try to avoid asking questions on the
    support mailing list if they are covered in the FAQ .
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1.118 Microdot-2 support

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              How to get support & updates
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Microdot-2 support mailing list

   To subscribe to the
              mailing list
              , send an email to:

   <md-2-request@vapor.com>

   with the text "ADD" in the body.

   It is highly recommended that you subscribe to this list - not only
   will you have a place to turn to if you need help, but you also will
   most likely be able to learn a few useful tips&tricks that make using
   Microdot-2 even more enjoyable. Any questions that can not be answered
   by taking a look at this documentation or reading the FAQ should be
   directed to the mailing list. Most of the time some other user will
   have had the same question and thus be able to help you out, and if
   that is not the case the author of Microdot-2 or this documentation
   will. Please be so kind as to return the favor if any question ever
   comes up that you know the answer to.

The Microdot-2 FTP site

   The latest version and possible patches and support files can always be
   found at:

   ftp.vapor.com in the /pub/md-2/ directory

The Vaporware WWW site

   For current news on all vapor products and also the latest version of
   Microdot-2 visit the Vapor WWW site at:

   http://www.vapor.com/

Installer Problems

   If you have any problems with the included install script, please
   repeat the installation process, choose to create a log file and send
   the log file along with a description of the problem to Rober Reiswig
   <rob@vapor.com>.
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