HTMASC 2.0 Help Contents

Welcome to HTMASC, the easy and fast way to convert pages from the World Wide Web (*.htm) to plain Textfiles (*.txt).
All of the HTML tags (e.g.<TITLE>, <HEADER> ...) are removed and entities (" © ....) are converted.
HTMASC also offers full text handling capabilities. You get all the standard features like searching for text, using the Clipboard, printing... and you get nice extras like bookmarks and a powerful undo facility.

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What's NEW in Version 2.0

New: History List Window

New: Multiple Convert Dialog

New: Configure Lights Dialog

New: Select from a list of previously entered Output Directories

Added: New options to the Options Dialog

Added: Find Dialog displays the word at the cursor position

Added: New Lights to the Options Speed Bar

Added: Navigation Buttons to the Toolbar

Added: Right Mouse Button now works in the following places:
- Converted File Window
- Options Speed Bar
- History List Window

Changed: Pricing and Ordering Information

Changed : Option Show Links : URL's are now in all lowercase (Some Browsers had problems with an uppercase-address)

Fix: Improved detection of Mac/Unix/DOS Files

Introduction to HTMASC

Load a HTML File, click on [icon] and the converted textfile will show up in the bottom window! That's all you have to do to convert Webpages into a   more readable format. It's that easy!

Now the screen should look something like this:

Note: For Help with an area of the Main Window click on it in the picture below
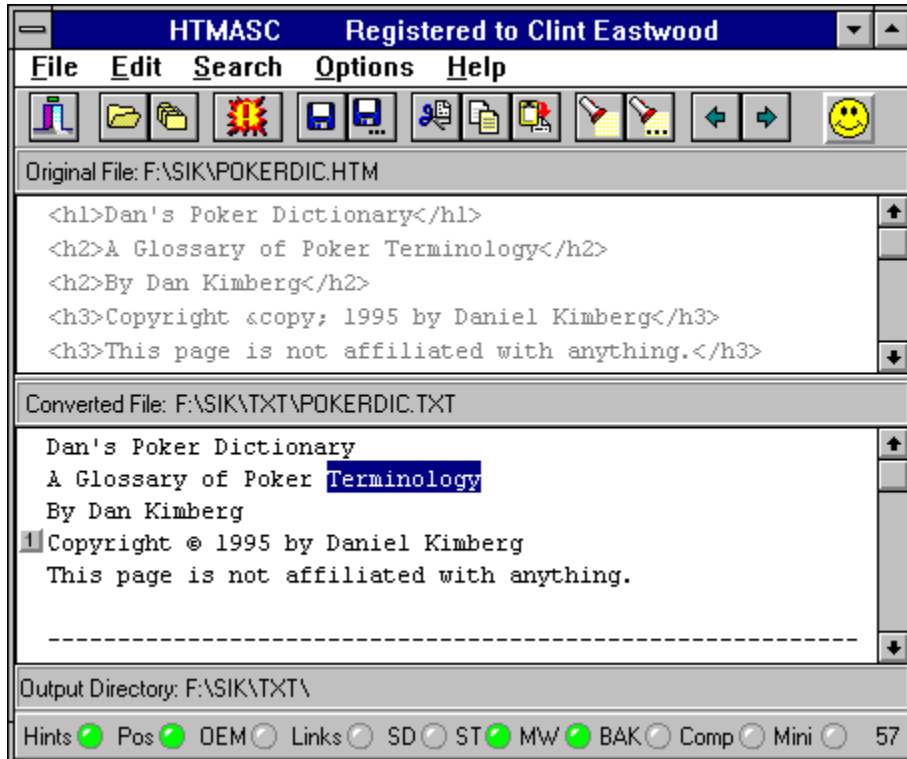
Original File Window
After loading a HTM - File the original text can be viewed. That's only for reference, no editing, copying, searching etc. is possible.

Converted File Window
The converted file can be fully edited using the mouse or standard CUA keystrokes. You can search for text, cut, copy, paste, undo, redo ...
Note: The right mouse button displays a PopUp Menu for quick access to most of the Menu commands.

Bookmark
You can define up to 10 Bookmarks in the editor

Selected Text
You can cut, copy or delete the selected text

Shows the full name of the HTM - File

Shows the full name of the converted Textfile

The Toolbar allows quick access to most of the commands

Shows the full path of the current Output Directory

The Options Speed Bar provides shortcuts for commands from the Options Dialog.

You can vertically resize the File Windows by dragging the separator line that lies between the Converted File Label and the Original File Window.

Shows the number of currently visible columns.

Loading *.htm Files

Use the icon from the Toolbar or choose File|Open from the Menu to show the Open File Dialog box.

To select more than one file to be converted in one pass use the icon from the Toolbar to show the Multiple Convert Dialog

HTMASC Features

Some of the features in alphabetical order:

Bookmarks

File Size

History List Window

Multiple Convert Dialog

Options Speed Bar

Output Directory

PopUp Menu

Resizable Windows

Toolbar

Undo/Redo

Window Size and Position

Word Wrap

Bookmarks

Bookmarks provide a means of moving quickly from place to place within a file.

You can define up to 10 Bookmarks.

To set a bookmark, press <CtrlShiftN> where N is a number in the range 0 to 9. To return to that spot later, press <CtrlN>, where N is the number used to set the bookmark.

Clicking the right mouse button in the Converted File Window   displays a PopUp Menu for quick access to most of the Menu commands including Bookmark actions.

Toolbar

Below the Menubar you see a row of buttons called the Toolbar. Toolbar buttons perform an action, just like a menu selection. Using a Toolbar button couldn't be easier   just click on it.

Greyed Out Buttons
Toolbar buttons that are not currently available appear greyed out.

Getting Help with a Toolbar Button
To find out what a Toolbar button does, point at it with the mouse. HTMASC will display a short explanation of the button's action.

Exit the application

Open a HTM - File

Open the Multiple Convert Dialog

Start the conversion

Save the   converted file

Save the converted file under a different name

Cut selected text to the clipboard

Copy selected text to the clipboard

Paste from clipboard

Open the Find Dialog Window

Search again

Previous File in history

Next File in history

HTMASC can handle files up to a limit of 16MB.

Undo/Redo

The Converted File Window provides a undo facility that allows multiple edit commands to be undone.
You can either choose Undo/Redo from the <u>Edit Menu</u> or you can use the following keystrokes:

Undo   <CtrlZ> **or** <AltBkSp>
Redo   <ShiftCtrlZ>

Note: The editor stores a record of each edit command in a single continuous buffer, which is 64KB. This is also the maximum which can be undone in one step.

Output Directory

Using the Options Dialog you can specify the directory   to store your converted textfiles

- Clicking the right mouse button in the Converted File Window   displays a PopUp Menu for quick access to Bookmarks and most of the Menu commands.
- Clicking the right mouse button while the cursor is over the Options Speed Bar (OSB) displays a PopUp Menu with entries for   Hiding/Showing the OSB and for configuration of the OSB.

Adapts the text in the Converted File Window to the actual size of the window.

Window Size and Position

If the Save Window Position Checkbox in the <u>Options Dialog</u> is activated(Default) the last window size and position is saved when you exit HTMASC.

HTMASC Menus

[File Menu](#)

[Edit Menu](#)

[Search Menu](#)

[Options Menu](#)

[Help Menu](#)

File Menu

The File menu enables you to open, save, convert and print files.
Note: Most of the commands are also available from the Toolbar

Open
Loads an existing HTML File

Convert
Starts the conversion

Multiple Convert
Opens the Multiple Convert Dialog

Save
Saves the file in the Converted File Window using its current name

Save As...
Saves the file in the Converted File Window using a new name

History List...
Opens the History List Window

Print
Sends the file in the Converted File Window to the printer

Print Setup
Opens the Printer Setup Dialog box

Exit
Closes the open files and exits HTMASC

History List Window

After converting at least 2 Files choose File|History List... to show the History List Window.
Keyboard: Use <Ctrl - H> to switch from the Main Window to the History List and use <Ctrl - M> to switch back to the Main Window.

The History List Window is used to select Files for viewing and/or editing which have been already converted during a session. Double Click on a Filename or press <ENTER> and the selected File will show up in the Main Window of HTMASC.

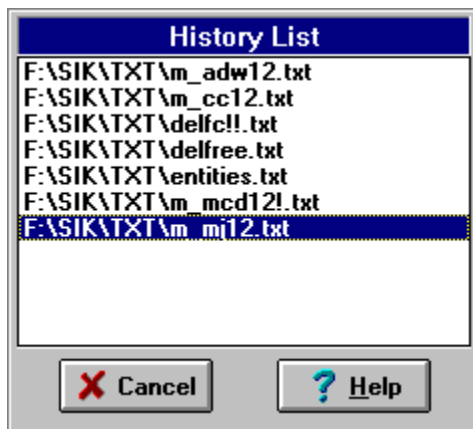Alternatively you may browse through these Files using the

 buttons on the Toolbar
Keyboard: <Ctrl - P> for previous File, <Ctrl - N> for next File.

The RMB shows a PopUp Menu with the following entries:
• Always On Top: The History List remains on top of the Main Window
• Close: Close History List Window

Edit Menu

The Edit menu enables you   to manipulate text in the Converted File Window
Note: Most of the commands are also available from the Toolbar

Undo
Undoes your last action or last deletion

Redo
Reverses an undo

Cut
Removes selected text and places it on the Clipboard

Copy
Places a copy of the selected text on the Clipboard, leaving the original in place

Paste
Copies the contents of the Clipboard into the Converted File Window

Delete
Removes the selected text

Select All
Selects all the text in the Converted File Window

Search Menu

The Search menu enables you to locate text in the Converted File Window.
Note: These commands are also available from the Toolbar
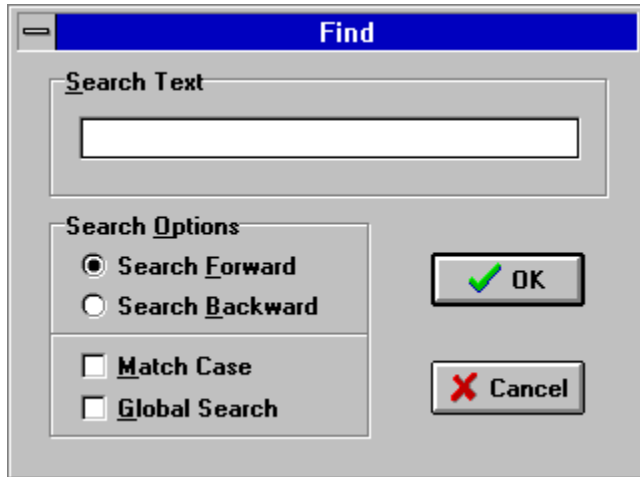
Find

Opens the Find Dialog Window

Find Next

This will find the next match for the specified text, starting from the current cursor position.

Find Dialog Window

Use this dialog box to specify text you want to locate, and to set options that affect the search.

Note: For Help with an area of the Find Window click on it in the picture below

Enter a search string

Searches from the current position to the end of the file

Searches from the current position to the beginning of the file

Differentiates uppercase from lowercase when performing a search

Searches the entire file

Multiple Convert Dialog

The Multiple Convert Dialog is used to select a number of files to be converted in one pass. You can choose files from different directories and the converted files will all be saved in the Output Directory .   If   the Same Directory Option is active, the Converted Files are stored in the directory of the corresponding   *.htm File.

Note: For Help with an area of the Multiple Convert Window click on it in the picture below
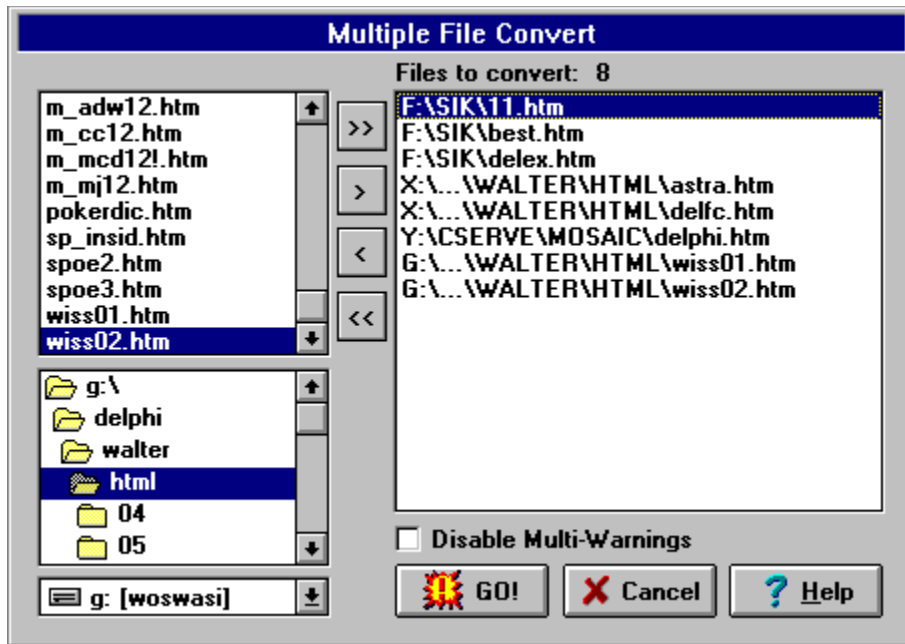
Select File(s) to convert.
To add Files to the list use one of the following methods:
- Double Click on a Filename
- Select File(s) and use the Move One Button or press <ENTER>
- Use the Move All Button

Displays the File(s) that will be converted in one Pass.
To remove Files from this list use one of the following methods:
- Double Click on a Filename
- Select a File and use the Remove One Button or press <DEL>
- Use the Remove All Button

Select Directory

Select Drive

If ON:
Disable ALL warnings during Multiple File Processing
Note: To set this option permanently use the Options Dialog

Starts the Multiple File Conversion

Move complete directory to the Convert List

Move selected File(s) to the Convert List

Remove selected File from the Convert List

Remove all Files from the Convert List

Options Menu

Use the Options menu to view and change project and environment settings

Word Wrap
Adapts the text in the Converted File Window to the actual size of the window.

Show Lights
Shows the Options Speed Bar.

Configure Lights...
Shows the Configure Lights Dialog

More...
Opens the Options Dialog Window.

Options Dialog

Use the Options Dialog to view and change project and environment settings.

Alternatively you may use the <u>Options Speed Bar</u> for quick access to most of the options.

Note: For Help with an area of the Options Window click on it in the picture below

Displays the current output directory and you can enter a new output directory. If the directory does not yet exist, HTMASC will ask to create it.

Opens the <u>Select Directory Dialog</u> Window

Select Directory Dialog

Use the Select Directory Dialog box to choose a directory for your converted textfiles.

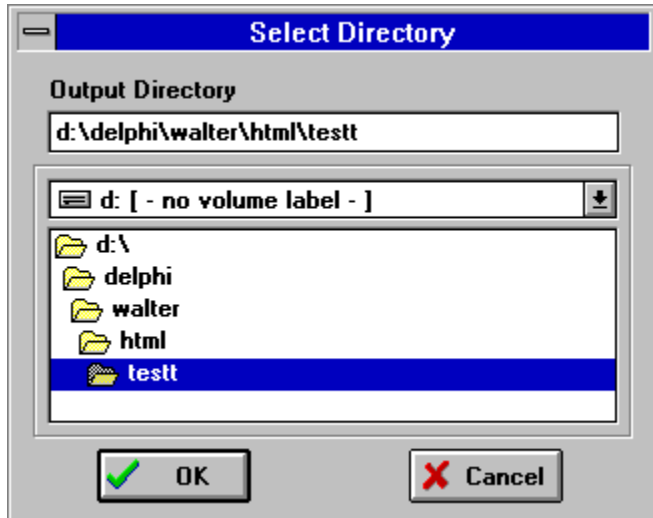Note: For Help with an area of the Select Directory Window click on it in the picture below

Displays the current output directory and   you can enter a new output directory. If the directory does not yet exist, HTMASC will ask to create it.

Select Drive

Select Directory

If ON:
Popup Hints are shown

If ON:
Saves the last window size and position

If ON:
Document Title is shown in the converted file

If ON:
Disables ALL! Warnings during Multiple-File-Processing.

If ON:
Existing Files are renamed with the extension 'BAK'

If ON:
Skips blank lines in the converted File

If ON:
Minimize Main Window during Multiple-File-Processing.

Options Speed Bar

The Options Speed Bar (OSB) serves two purposes:
1) To provide shortcuts for commands from the Options Dialog by clicking on the corresponding light.
2) To give quick visual feedback of the presently selected options.

To Show/Hide the OSB use Show Lights from the   Options Menu.

To configure the OSB use the Configure Lights Dialog

The RMB shows a PopUp Menu with the following entries:
• Show Lights: Toggles Show/Hide the OSB
• Configure Lights...: Opens the Configure Lights Dialog

Note: For Help with an area of the OSB click on it in the picture below

Hints ● Pos ● OEM ○ Links ○ SD ○ ST ● MW ● BAK ○ Comp ○ Mini ○
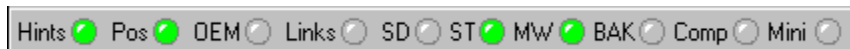
Show Hints
If ON:
Shows these Popup Tooltips

Save Window Position
If ON:
Saves the last window size and position

Output OEM (DOS)
If ON:
Converted File is saved in OEM (=DOS) Format.
File extension is *.ASC.

Show Links
If ON:
Shows all ULRs (HREF="xxx...") in the converted file.

Same Directory
If ON:
Converted Files are stored in the directory of the currently open *.htm File.

Show Title
If ON:
Document Title is shown in the converted file

Disable Multi-Warnings
If ON:
Disables ALL! Warnings during Multiple-File-Processing.

Make Backup *.BAK
If ON:
Existing Files are renamed with the extension 'BAK'

Compress Empty Lines
If ON:
Skips blank lines in the converted File

Minimize / Multi-Proc
If ON:
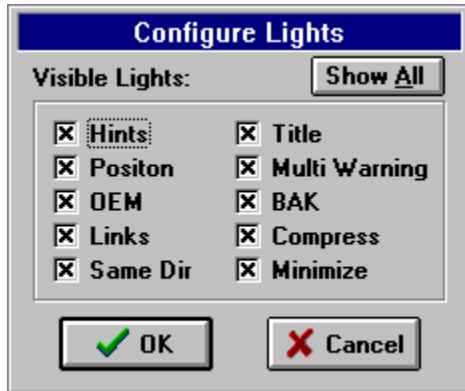Minimize Main Window during Multiple-File-Processing.

Configure Lights Dialog

Use the Configure Lights Dialog to set the visible lights of the Options Speed Bar

Note: For Help with an area of the Configure Lights Dialog click on it in the picture below

Use this button to set all lights to be visible on the OSB.

Select/Deselect a checkbox to Show/Hide the corresponding Light

Help Menu

Contents
Opens the Help file. The online Help provides a contents screen that summarizes the contents of the HTMASC Help system.
Note: If you do not know how to use Help in Windows, choose Help|How To Use Help from the menu bar.

Topic Search
Displays the Help Search dialog box. The Search dialog box lets you search for Help topics using keywords.

How To Use Help
Displays information on how to use the Windows Help system.

Register
Displays the Register Dialog where you can enter your registration key to turn your Shareware version of HTMASC into the registered version.
Only **You** can make a Smiley SMILE!

About
Shows the About HTMASC dialog box with copyright and version information.

Frequently Asked Questions

I'm trying to open a HTML File and I get the <u>error message: "Unknown filetype ..."</u>

When I click on the <u>Smiley button</u> nothing happens, why?

My <u>Registration Key</u> doesn't work.

<u>I can't enter a new Output Directory</u>

Why is the file <u>ENTITIES.HTM</u> included?

How can I <u>resize the Converted File Window</u>?

Error message: "Unknown filetype ..."

Prior to loading a HTML File HTMASC has to determine its type (DOS or UNIX) to allow a proper file handling. The main difference between DOS and UNIX files is the character used for end of paragraph . DOS uses a combination of CRLF (Carriage return - Line feed) while UNIX uses only LF.

Note: Filetype Detection should have improved in Version 2.0. If you still see this message please send me that file so I can have a look at it.

Smiley button

It serves NO specific purpose.

BUT after registering HTMASC   Smiley's mood changes from   to !

Only **You** can make a Smiley SMILE!

Registration Key Problem

If you encounter a problem when you try to register HTMASC, please make sure to verify the following:

- The User Name must be identical to the name you sent me for registration

- The Registration Key must be entered exactly

- The Program Version must be the same that you have registered for.

There is also the possibility that you have found a bug, please send me your name,   the version number of HTMASC   and your registration key by <u>E-Mail</u>. I'm sure we will find a solution!

I can't enter a new Output Directory

Check if the 'Same Directory' Option is selected.
You can change this setting using the Options Dialog or click on the SD - Light of the Options Speed Bar.

This file contains all of the HTML Entities.
I included it to prove that HTMASC is able to convert ALL of these Entities.

You might as well use it to compare HTMASC to other conversion programs ;-)

Pricing and Ordering Information
Alternative Ordering Information

This version of HTMASC is SHAREWARE. The registration price is US$25.-   for a single user license.

Registration benefits:
When you register, you'll get a key which disables the Shareware Reminder Screen, puts your name into the title bar, makes the Smiley smile, enables technical support by E-Mail AND you get

2 WINDOWS BONUS PROGRAMS!

     RWATCH   and
     STAMP IT!

for **FREE!**
Plus:
• Automatic email notification of product updates
• Free minor updates
• Discounts on major upgrades

Ordering HTMASC
For your convenience we have contracted another company, NorthStar Solutions, to process any orders you may wish to place with your VISA, MASTERCARD or DISCOVER card. NorthStar Solutions can be easily contacted **FOR ORDERS ONLY** via any of the following methods:

Important Note! Please state clearly in your order to NorthStar Solutions that you would like to register **VERSION 2.x !**

Phoned Orders:
Calls are taken 10 am - 8 pm, EST, Monday thru Saturday.
1-800-699-6395 (Calls from the U.S. only)
1-803-699-6395 (International calls)

Faxed Orders:
1-803-699-5465 (Available 24 hours. International and business orders   encouraged)

E-Mailed Orders:
CompuServe: 71561,2751
America Online: STARMAIL
Internet: 71561.2751@compuserve.com
World Wide Web: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/starmail

Mailed Orders:
You may register with a check or money order (U.S. currency).
Make them payable to "NorthStar Solutions" and send them to:
     PO Box 25262
     Columbia, SC 29224

Please provide (or be prepared to provide) the following information when ordering:
• The program **and version** you are registering
• Your mailing address
• Your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover # and its expiration date (if using credit card)

- Your E-Mail address (so NorthStar Solutions can send you an E-Mail confirming your order and so I can contact you with your registration key, any important follow-up information, upgrade announcements, etc.)

IMPORTANT:
NorthStar processes registrations **ONLY**, please contact the author for any product/technical support.

Alternative Ordering Information

Monitors System Resources (WIN)

Changes DATE/TIME of   selected files (WIN)

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Ordering HTMASC

There are a number of ways to order HTMASC from us.   When we receive your payment, we will e-mail you the serial number to register HTMASC.

CompuServe
Compuserve Shareware Registration Service (GO SWREG, registration ID is #13573).

Credit Card
A registration form for Credit Card Orders (VISA only!) is available on:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/bite/register.htm

Alternatively you may send us your credit card details by   post or   e-mail

Cash
We will accept cash in
US   dollars ($25.-),
German Marks (DM40.-)
or Austrian Shillings (S250.-).
However, we will take no responsibility for the cash while it's in transit. For your own protection if you want to pay in cash, we strongly recommend sending it to us by registered mail.
Note: Make sure to include your E-Mail address!!!

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How to get the latest version
 The prefered source of information about HTMASC is our Web site:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/bite

You may also try the following forums on Compuserve:

INETRESOURCE   Lib9 / WWW/Hypertext Tools
WINSHARE   Lib11 /Internet/HTML
PCUTIL   Lib4/Windows
PCONLINE   Lib9 / Internet

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Updating from HTMASC 1.x

Update Price is US$ 10.-

Users who have registered HTMASC 1.x   **AFTER**   **01-Sept-1996** will NOT be charged for the update. Please <u>contact the author</u> by EMail.

If you have registered HTMASC 1.x   **PRIOR TO 01-Sept-1996** you can update to Version 2.0 using one of the following methods:

NorthStar Solutions Ordering Service
Important Note! Please state clearly in your order to NorthStar Solutions that you would like to register the **UPDATE** from **1.x** to **2.x** !
Detailed NorthStar Solution ordering instructions: <u>Pricing and Ordering Information</u>

CompuServe
Compuserve Shareware Registration Service (GO SWREG, Update ID is #13574).

BITE'n'BYTE Homepage
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/bite

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This product uses several components from TurboPower Software's Orpheus package. Special Thanks to Lee Inman from TurboPower Software for his great support.

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Contacting the Author

The preferred source of information about HTMASC is our Web site:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/bite

Here you can download updates and bug fixes to HTMASC, follow links to a number of HTML resources on the Web, subscribe to our mailing list and much more.

Technical Support

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