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Chapter 1

History

MiamiPhone

1.1 MiamiPhone - Documentation in «English»

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MiamiPhone version 1.5
  Copyright © 1998-1999 Maxime Doyen
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        - F R E E W A R E -
Introduction
 - Features of MiamiPhone.
Requirements
 - What you need to use MiamiPhone.
Copyright
 - Your rights and legals.
Upgrading
 - Must be done if you upgrade!!
First step
 - Before to start.
Main window
 - The full guided tour.
Price file
 - Set the price file.
Preferences
 - The preferences.
- The history of changes.
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The future

- Planned enhancements.

Author

- How to contact the author.

Thanks to

- Those deserving favour.

1.2 Introduction

INTRODUCTION

«MiamiPhone» is the analyzer for the phone log generated by the TCP/IP stack program "Miami" (© Holger Kruse). It enables to compute the time and the cost of your phone connections for the internet and more!! You can use ticks or exact charge method, configure some discount, special days, name the time zones, apply a filter, display in numbers or bars or lines, display in Euro, print the results...

«MiamiPhone» is the result of a friend request who wanted a MUI (© Stefan Stuntz) based phone log analyzer for "Miami", which was not existing till now... It should be useable in many countries because it has a flexible configuration. At last, please note that «MiamiPhone» is freeware but copyrighted by me, but of course donations are welcome :-))

Main features includes

- easy price configuration using a simple text file
- connect time (seconds between phone connect and modem online)
- "ticks" or "exact" charge method
- credit time and cost (used in most countries)
- retrechment discount
- maximum charge discount
- special days
- optional V.A.T.
- euro currency
- optional error detection (online with no offline -> computer crash)
- a nice graphical display of all connections using bars or lines
- display many informations about your connections in a list (number, date, start, end, duration, initial, invoice, zone, speed)
- a toolbar for mainly used functions
- a display filter on month, year and zone
- display filtered and total results of your connections time and cost (number, duration, initial, retrench, v.a.t., invoice)
- print the filtered list and results on printer or into a ascii file
- localized in some languages (and includes a .cd file for thoses want to)
- includes some pre-configured price files for some countries

1.3 Requirements

REQUIREMENTS

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Software

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- Kickstart 2.0 or higher
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- Workbench 2.1 or higher

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MUI 3.1

or higher (not provided -> util/libs)

- NList.mcc (not provided -> dev/mui)

1.4 Copyright

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1.5 Upgrading

UPGRADING

If you upgrade from version below 1.4 then you must:

- reinstall MiamiPhone completely, (just delete any prior version and copy the new directory into its destination)
- YOU MUST ADJUST THE

MIAMIPHONE.PRICE

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FILE.

I suggest you to create a new one from the default "MiamiPhone.price", because a lot of things have changed!!

1.6 First step

FIRST STEP

First of all, the phone logging for "Miami" is only possible for registered users, this feature is disabled if you have not register "Miami".

1. Configure Miami

Normally, there is nothing to do, "Miami" defaults log the phone to the "Miami:" directory into a file called "miami.phone" and MiamiPhone defaults uses this file.

2. Configure 'MiamiPhone.price'
Before running MiamiPhone, you must also configure the

MiamiPhone.price

 $\,$ file. This file let you adjust the parameters for charging your phone cost.

3. Run MiamiPhone

1.7 The full guided tour

«MiamiPhone» main window is laid in four distinct part:

- 1. On the upper left, the tool bar, which provides easy access to most frequently used functions:
 - [Open] Select a new phone log to be displayed and analyzed.
 - [Parse] This button will parse the file again.
 - [List] Display the detailed list of connections.
 - [Graph] Display a 2D bars/lines graph of connections.
 - [Print] Print the results to the printer or into a ascii file.
 - [Prefs] Open the settings window.
- 2. Just below this toolbar is the filter area, which enable to control the 'Filtered Results' on the right:
 - [Date]+[Month]+[Year] enable date filter, control month and year
 [Zone] enable zone filter, control zone
 [Euro] display all the cost in euro currency
- 3. On the right is the result part, both filtered and total results are displayed:

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Num./Skip. is the number of connection/the skipped ones
Duration is the connection time
Initial is the initial cost (whitout tax nor retrenchment)
- Retrensh. is the retrenchment gain
+ V.A.T is the tax amount
= Invoice is the invoice amount (e.g. the real cost)
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4. A last below all of that, the detailed list or the 2d graph depending on what is active:

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<detailed list>
Displays detailed information on each connection:
Num | Online | Offline | Duration | Initial | Invoice | Zone | Speed

<graph>
Displays a graph of connection in 2d bars or lines (just click on left mousebutton on graph to toggle).
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1.8 The price file

WARNING: IF YOU ARE UPGRADING FROM V1.4 AND BELOW, YOU MUST MAKE SOME CHANGES IN YOUR PRICE FILE

THE PRICE FILE

«MiamiPhone» is quite configurable, it allow to uses both 'Ticks' charge method (the main used), but also 'Exact' charge method like in France. I will here detail the French example file for you to understand how to configure the 'MiamiPhone.price' file for your needs (white lines are from the price file):

PARAMETERS

pmct: 10

This is the «modem connect time» (in seconds) that time will be substract from the online time because there is a little delay while Miami is connecting and then write the time into the log. This value can be either positive or negative.

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ptrv: 20.6
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This is an optional «tax rate value» (V.A.T.) that will be used to compute the invoice cost.

TIME ZONE DAY & STRINGS & COSTS & TICKS & MAXIMUM
This is where we are going to define how the cost should be computed.
The week is divided into three «time zone day» (tzd), index 0 is for
Sunday, index 1 is for weekdays (Mon-Fri), index 2 if for Saturday.
Each time zone is divided into 30mns slices for which we will set a cost
index (from 0 to 9). The 1st slice is from 00:00:00 to 00:29:59, the 2nd
is from 00:30:00 to 00:59:59, and so on...

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Sunday will be cost2 from 00:00:00 to 7:59:59
          then cost1 from 8:00:00 to 21:59:59
           and cost2 from 22:00:00 to 23:59:59
Mon-Fri will be cost2 from 00:00:00 to 7:59:59
          then cost0 from 8:00:00 to 18:59:59
          then cost1 from 19:00:00 to 21:59:59
           and cost2 from 22:00:00 to 23:59:59
Each time zone can have an «time zone string» that will be displayed in the
detail list (31 char. max):
tzs0: Plein
tzs1: Réduit
tzs2: Internet
Then for each cost index, we must define the real cost in currency per
seconds. You can of course define different cost with different strings
easily like in the example file where tzc1 = tzc2 but uses another
string.
tzc0: 0.003868
tzc1: 0.001934
tzc2: 0.001934
In most countries the phone connection is charged using ticks (time
unity), if it is the case in your country then uncomment (remove #) the
«time zone ticks» lines (tzt) and set the duration in seconds.
#tzt0: 0
#tzt1: 0
#tzt2: 0
A special discount is available in some countries when the cost of a
connection reach a certain amount then the charge is stopped and you
don't pay more. If it is the case the uncomment (remove #) the «time
zone maximum» lines and set the maximum amount in your currency.
#tzm0: 0
#tzm1: 0
#tzm2: 0
# CREDIT TIME DAY & COST & TIME
Sometimes, the phone connections have a fixed time/amount to take the
cost of the connection to the network and things like that. Usually you
pay a fixed amount and you have a fixed credit time until the charge is
applied using ticks or exact cost. Example with France Telecom: Every
connection has the 1st 3mns charged 0.615Fr, and then another cost which
depends on the time zone cost.
First we must define the «credit time day» (ctd) like for «time zone
day» above, and then the «credit time charge» (ctc) in currency and the
«credit time time» (ctt) in seconds.
                        1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2
     0.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.0.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.0.1.2.3.
ctc0: 0.615
ctt0: 180
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# RETRENCHMENT DAY & RATE
In some countries, a discount is available under certain time zone and
enable a retrenchment in percent to be applied on the costs. First we
must also define the «retrechnment day» (rtd) like above, then set the
corresponding «retrenchment rate» in percent. You can also define 10
different rate here (from 0 to 9).
                       1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2
     0.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.0.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.0.1.2.3.
rtr0: 0
rtr1: 50.0
# SPECIAL DAYS
A special day is a non working day for which it is necessary to apply
the rules of another day (Sunday) for phone connections. Such days are
'national day', 'x-mas'... You can define 10 special days (from 0 to
A special day is defined by the day number and month, and then the day
index to be applied instead, example: we want sunday rules to be
applied for these days, then the index will be 0, and so on for other
days:
sdd0: 01-01 0 #happy new year
sdd1: 01-05 0 #work day
sdd2: 08-05 0 #2nd world war armistice
sdd3: 14-07 0 #national day
sdd4: 15-08 0 #ascension
sdd5: 11-11 0 #1st world war armistice
sdd6: 25-12 0 #x-mas
The applied formulas
in exact mode the formula is (x is the time zone index):
cost call = ctcx + [(<seconds> - cttx) * tzcx]
in ticks mode the formula is (x is the time zone index):
cost call = ctcx + [number of ticks in[(<seconds> - cttx )] * tzcx]
1.9 The settings window
              File
define the default phone log.
Warn if skip
enable to popup a requester when an error (online without offline) is
detected in the phone log
<Filter>
here you can define the default filter settings for:
[Date] [Euro] [Zone]
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<Format>
[Date]
define the
                date format
                 for the "Date" column.
[Time]
define the
                time format
                 for the "Start" "End" column.
[Round]
define decimal to be displayed and the round rule.
<Miscellaneous>
[Display]
define the default display, e.g. "List" or "Graph".
define the default graph, e.g. "Bars" or "Lines".
[Euro value]
define the euro value change from your currency.
<Detail List>
here you can define which column to be displayed.
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1.10 Date formatting

Date format

Here is the string components for the date format you can enter in one of the date format string:

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%a - abbreviated weekday name
%A - weekday name
%b - abbreviated month name
%B - month name
%c - same as "%a %b %d %H:%M:%S %Y"
%C - same as "%a %b %e %T %Z %Y"
%d - day number with leading 0s
%D - same as "%m/%d/%y"
%e - day number with leading spaces
%h - abbreviated month name
%H - hour using 24-hour style with leading Os
%I - hour using 12-hour style with leading 0s
%j - julian date
%m - month number with leading Os
%M - the number of minutes with leading Os
%n - insert a linefeed
%p - AM or PM strings
%q - hour using 24-hour style
%Q - hour using 12-hour style
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%r - same as "%I:%M:%S %p"
%R - same as "%H:%M"
%S - number of seconds with leadings 0s
%t - insert a tab character
%T - same as "%H:%M:%S"
%U - week number, taking Sunday as first day of week
%w - weekday number
%W - week number, taking Monday as first day of week
%x - same as "%m/%d/%y"
%X - same as "%H:%M:%S"
%y - year using two digits with leading 0s
%Y - year using four digits with leading 0s
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1.11 Future Plans

FUTURE PLANS

Here are listed some features that could perhaps be implemented into the next release . You can also contact the Author

if you have

some more good ideas:

- Change the compute method to take passage to next zone into consideration.
- Add bill dealing with creation of an archive
- Add a small database and make some stats
- Add a more flexible configuration for discount
- Improve special days (support of irregular celebration days)

1.12 Author & Support

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AUTHOR & SUPPPORT

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1.14 MUI

MUI

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

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