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## What is Whale Express?

Whale Express is an example of an "application specific" scripting language. Whale Express is custom designed to work with America Online for Windows. While a number of scripting languages already exist in the Windows market, most are complex and require programming experience on the part of the user. Whale Express is designed using K.I.S.S.(Keep It Simple Stupid) technology. While future versions may include complex programming structures, this version uses knowledge of WAOL to include conditional information within Whale Express.

The free trial size version of Whale Express is available for downloading on America Online. The only charge is the short time required for downloading. This free version of Whale Express is fully functional but is limited to 10 commands per script. If you find yourself using Whale Express often, you'll probably wish to order the pro-version for a small fee. Ordering is simple and an order form is available by clicking [here](#).

Distribution of Whale Express is done strictly through America Online via electronic mail. There are a number of advantages to ordering Whale Express and being a registered user. Most importantly, you'll be eligible for support via electronic mail on America Online. Tartan Software will also be sure you receive any maintenance and incremental feature releases of Whale Express. Be sure to include your screen name when ordering.

## Getting Started

First let me assure you that you don't have to be a computer programmer to use Whale Express. It's easy to create straight forward, easy to use macro files which will save you from time while using America Online.

Probably the best way to understand how to use Whale Express is to review some of the sample WEX files included with the package. Like most Windows applications, using the **Open** item on the **File** menu will allow you to view and edit Whale Express script files. This functionality is the same as you'd experience using the Windows NotePad or Write application.

Reviewing these sample files will demonstrate the more popular Whale Express commands. For more info on each command, use the "**Search for Help On...**" under the **Help** menu.

Creating your own scripts can be done by modifying the sample scripts or using the **New** menu item under the **File** menu. Scripts should be saved in the same directory as the Whale Express application, WHALEX.EXE.

One Addition to the **File** menu is **Run...** This is the primary method of executing your scripts. Run will bring up the standard Windows open file dialog which will allow you to select which script file you wish to run. Just select the filename you wish you run and select OK. If your script runs successfully, it will be available under the **Express** menu for quick access the next time you want to run it.

Some scripts are useful in that you can use them to sign you on to America Online, perform requested functions, and sign off. Other scripts are run when you're already online. For example, the forward.wex script is only used when you've recently read a mail message. Feel free to try running the sample script files provided. They've all be been tested pretty extensively and won't do you any harm.

### **RUNNING A WHALE EXPRESS(WEX) FILE**

Under the **File** menu, you'll find the item, "**Run**". Selecting Run bring up the standard File open dialog which allows you to select the Whalex macro file you want to execute. Just find the WEX file you want to run, and select the OK button.

Anytime you run a WEX file successfully, the name of the file will be added to the Express menu. This allows you quick access to those macros which you

use most often. Up to 10 WEX files will be stored here.

The **F3** key can be used to abort a script in progress.

## Helpful Tips

To use the SignOn command, auto passwords must be enabled. To enable "Stored Passwords" in America Online, use CTRL= while in the America Online application. Select the Password icon and enter your password.

The **F3** key can be used to abort a script in progress.

When you successfully run a script, the script name will then be available under the **Express** menu. The last 10 successful scripts will be available from this menu.

## Sample Scripts

### AMER.WEX

This is a simple script which takes the user to the StockLink area on AOL. AMER is the stock symbol for America Online Inc. This provide a quick way to check the price of America Online. Change this script so you can quickly check your own favorite stock.

### FORWARD.WEX

Instead of using the Reply button when reading Email. This is a sample of a script you could use to forward mail back to the original sender and than include your comments. This is handy when you might need to remind the sender what you're replying too. For this script to work, you should run it right after reading a piece of mail.

### GETMAIL.WEX

This file is an example of how you can use Whale Express to SignOn, Read all your mail, and sign off again. You'll notice that the NewScreenName command allows you to access multiple accounts from a single script. Just remove the rem statements from this script.

### GETNEWS.WEX

This script is handy for you news hounds who'd like to search the America Online news database for articles on specific topics. This example will find and capture news articles on the topics Microsoft, and also America Online.

### MAILFORM.WEX

This is a good example of using SelectEdit and SetText to fill in online form such as Email. This sample will send a friendly note to Tartan Software support.

### MAILTEXT.WEX

This is a short and simple file which demonstrates the SendMail command. You'll also want to review the file MAILTEST.TXT which is formatted with all appropriate information needed to send Email on America Online.

### NEWWIN.WEX

This powerful script demonstrates using Whale Express to find recent uploads in America Onlines File Search. In this case, all files in the Windows libraries uploaded in the past week at marked for Download Later. This is a good example of the powerful ReadList command. Adding the Download command will cause all files in the Download Manager to be downloaded before exiting your online session. You will need to change your download options on America Online(CTRL=) so that you no longer confirm additions to your download manager.

#### PCDEV.WEX

This script shows you how you can sign on America Online, and go directly to your destination. In this case, we take you to the PC Development forum, and directly into the Development conference room. This even demonstrates the SendText command for chatting in interactive rooms.

#### ROOMS.WEX

A little known feature allows members to list all active discussions in conference rooms. These rooms allow up to 48 users and often have useful topics. This script keywords to the "Tonight in the Forum" area and selects the first menu item which is "Check for Live Discussions"

# Whale Express Files

You'll notice that all Whalex scripts have the suffix, .WEX. This is used to indicate a Whale Express script, even though a WEX file is the same as an ASCII text file. Our program provides a full Windows style editor to view and edit your work. You're not required to use this editor to create or edit scripts. Since these files are ASCII text, most any text editor will do. If you're more comfortable using your favorite DOS editor, or even Windows Notepad, you'll be fine.

A WEX file is made up on a sequence of instructions. Each line of the file contains a new instruction. Each instruction is processed one at a time, starting with the first line. Each one of these instruction lines contains a two parts, the command and the data. No special characters are required. The command and data are separated by one or more spaces.

The syntax of a Whale Express instruction is straight forward and easy. Many of the internally built application specific commands provide the error checking and conditional responses needed for useful scripting. This allows scripts to be short and easy with as few commands as necessary. The following is the simple syntax of a Whale Express instruction:

**Command**      *Data*

- \* There must be at least one space between the Command and its data.
- \* Only one instruction per line.
- \* Data strings DO NOT require any quotes for delimiters. If you include quotes, they will be taken literally as quotes.
- \* The Whale command processor is case insensitive so you don't have to worry if your capitalization matches the examples in this document.
- \* Many data fields have default values so data is option or not required.
- \* In many cases, the full text is not required in the data field. Whale Express allows partial text matches.



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## SignOn

**SignOn**      *name*

This command initiates the signon process to America Online, including the selection of screen name and dialing America Online. The name should be the screen name or Email address you wish to use. If no name is provided, the current screen name will be chosen. If you are already signed on to America Online, this command is ignored.

**NOTE: Signon requires that stored-passwords are enabled. You can set this feature using CTRL = for the America Online options dialog.**

## NewScreenName

### **NewScreenName** *1..5*

This is a very useful command which combines all the commands needed to allow you to sign off, and back on-line using a new screen name. This command is so useful that it's also available from the Express menu for easy access.

**NOTE: Signon requires that auto-password is enabled. You can set this feature using CTRL = for the America Online options dialog.**

## Exit

### Exit

When completing your on-line duties, Exit will sign you off America Online, and will exit the America Online program. You may notice a short pause while Whale checks if you have files in your Download Manager. If the Download Manager has files, they will not be downloaded using this command. You can use the Download command if you'd like files downloaded when you exit.

## Quit

### Quit

This command provides a way for you to quit the Whale Express program from within a script. This is not the same as the Exit command which will quit the Windows America Online software.



## **Exec**

**Exec**    *<program name>*

This command allows you to run other Windows programs from within a Whale Express script. This is handy for running other WAOL Add-On programs which you might enjoy as much as Whale Express. You should include the full path name of your program, unless the program exists in one of your path directories.

## **Download**

### **Download**

This command is the proper way to exit the system and download all the files in the download manager before exiting. Download should be the last item in a script file.

All files found in your Download Manager will be downloaded, and Whale Express will exit America Online.

## Keyword

**Keyword**            *keyword*

Just like the CTRL-K for doing Keywords on-line, this command will take you to the department on-line which is specified in the data field. For CompuServe users, this is the same as using **GO**. For Prodigy users this would be the same as a **JUMP**.

Example:

```
Keyword TITF  
SelectList 1
```

TITF is the short keyword for "Tonight in the Forums". By selecting the first list item, it will currently display a list of open conference rooms.

## Menu

### **Menu**      *Menu Text*

Menu allows Whale Express to select a menu item just as if you pulled down a menu and selected an item. You won't have to include all the text found in the WAOL menu, but you'll need to provide enough so there's no confusion with other menu items.

Example:

```
Menu      Lobby
SelectIcon List
SelectButton Private
SelectEdit 1
SetText   Whale Express
SelectButton Go
```

## InstantMessage

### InstantMessage *off | on*

This is handy little-known feature of America Online. This command will tell America Online to hold sending you Instant Messages and Promotional banners. This command can be used to make sure that your automated operation isn't disrupted by a well meaning friend. The data tells whether you want messages on or off.

Example:

```
Signon      1
InstantMessage  off
Keyword     StockLink
SelectEdit  1
SetText     AMER
SelectButton  Get
```

While turning off Instant Message isn't required for using Whale Express, it will prevent people from thinking you might be ignoring them.

## SendText

### **SendText**      *Text message*

This command allows you to broadcast text in a conference or room in People Connection. This command is intended for people who run conferences or teach classes on-line where text can be prepared ahead of time. Data must be less than 93 characters.

NOTE: Misuse of this command in such a way to be disturbing to other America Online members can be a violation of terms of service. Loss of your America Online account could result.

Example:

```
SendText    I'd like to thank you all for coming tonight
Pause      4
SendText    Next weeks topic will be Windows
Pause      4
SendText    Goodnight
```

You'll notice the pause statements between multiple SendText statements. These are very important in making your text readable by both new users and old-timers.

## OpenLog

### **OpenLog**            *Filename*

This command uses the Logging feature of America Online which allows you to maintain a file which will capture all the message read while on-line. The filename parameter should be any normal DOS file or path name. If the file already exists, the log file will be opened in Append mode and will not delete information previously in the file.

Example:

```
Signon      1
OpenLog     c:\mail.txt
Menu        Read
ReadList
CloseLog
Exit
```

## **OpenChatLog**

### **OpenChatLog**

*Filename*

This command uses the Chat Logging feature of America Online which allows you to maintain a file which will capture all the conversations in a conference room or in People Connection. The filename parameter should be any normal DOS file or path name. If the file already exists, the log file will be opened in Append mode and will not delete information previously in the file.



## **CloseLog / CloseChatLog**

### **CloseLog / CloseChatLog**

These two commands are used to close respective logs of the previous OpenLog commands. You may Exit America Online without closing the Log file, but some data loss may occur.

## SendMail

### **SendMail**

### *Mail Filename*

SendMail is used to send text files which have been formatted as an off-line mail file. SendMail allows you to write all your Email off-line with the Whale Express editor, and use a Whale Script to automatically send your Email as quickly as possible.

The format of an off-line mail message contains all of the information found in the Mail Compose form Online. With the exception of the text of the message, Each line of the file contains one item. Each line can wrap within the Whale Express editor, but ends when you press the Enter key

Line 1> TO: information

Line 2> CC: information. Leave a blank line if no Carbon Copies are to be sent.

Line 3>SUBJ: This is required field and must contain the title of your message

Line 4>File: This is also optional, but if you'd like to send a file via Email, enter the full path on this line.

Line 5> The text of your message begins here.

## Rem

### Rem

Like most languages Whale Express allows comments and remarks within a file. You can use a Rem statement to add comments to your Whale scripts.

## Call

### **Call**     *Express Script name*

This command allows you to call scripts from within another script. This allows the creation of small reusable scripts which can be called from other main scripts.

Example:

Signon 1

```
Call C:\whalex\myscript1.wex
```

```
Call C:\whalex\myscript2.wex
```

Another good use of Call is in conjunction with the OnError command. This allows you to execute multiple commands following a script error.

Example

```
OnError     Call myerror.wex
```

Note if your scripts are in the same directory as the Whale Express application, you aren't required to use the full path.

## **OnError**

### **OnError**     *Express command*

In the case of a command failure, the command from the last OnError statement is executed. Common examples would allow you to Exit AOL if a script fails, or begin other scripts with the Call statement. Multiple OnErrors are allowed within a script, but only the last OnError command will be used.

## **Error**    *On* | *Off*

Under most cases, your script will fail to continue an error occurs in any of the commands. There may be times when you'll want to continue even if are button or icon is not found in previous commands. You can turn Error checking off by using the statement,    `Error Off`

`Error On` will reset the default error checking condition.

## **CloseWindow**

### **CloseWindow**

The basic command will force the current top most window to close.

## Pause

### **Pause**      *Seconds*

This command will create a pause in the Whale script. The data field is the number of seconds you wish to wait before continuing on to the next Whale instruction. A common use for this command is creating a lecture in a conference room, a Pause should be used between successive SendText to users have time to read your messages.

The number of seconds is options and defaults to the current value of the Delay variable. The default for Delay is 10 seconds.

Example:

```
SendText    I'd like to thank you all for coming tonight
Pause      4
SendText    Next weeks topic will be Windows
Pause      4
SendText    Goodnight
```



## SelectIcon

### **SelectIcon**      *Icon label text*

Example: SelectIcon   Send

This command will simulate a mouse click on an Icon picture on the current window. Whale Express will search for the icon immediately above the text you specify. Partial text matches are allowed and recommended. In fact, if icon text is contained on two lines, you should only match with the first line. In cases where multiple icons have the same text, such as "Click Here", the first icon found will be selected. To handle these situation, there is an alternate way to select your icon by icon number with the use of the # symbol

Example: SelectIcon   #3

## SelectButton

### SelectButton

### *Button text*

Works just like SelectIcon in that it simulates a user pressing or double clicking on a button. This allows you to select any button on the current top window. Partial matches are supported.

NOTE: SelectButton will also work on radio buttons and check boxes.

Example:

```
Menu      Lobby
SelectIcon List
SelectButton Private
SelectEdit 1
SetText    Whale Express
SelectButton Go
```

## SelectList

### SelectList      *List item 1..n*

This command will simulate the user selecting an item in a list box. SelectList assumes only one List control is in the current top most AOL window. The first item in the list is considered list item number 1.

Example:

```
Keyword      TITF  
SelectList    1
```

TITF is the short keyword for "Tonight in the Forums". By selecting the first list item, it will currently display a list of open conference rooms.

## SelectEdit

### SelectEdit      *Edit field 1..n*

This command will set the focus to an edit field control. This command is important for using SetText command and can also be used in setting focus for the Cut/Copy/Paste/PasteFile commands. The relative position of the edit control is determined by AOL form designers. Any changes made in form definition by AOL programs could affect your scripts. You might have to experiment a little to find the correct field number, but in most cases AOL have created fields in a logical order.

Example:

```
SelectIcon      Forward
SelectEdit      1
SetText      BillP
SelectEdit      4
SetText      ---- Forwarded by Whale Express      ----
SelectIcon      Send
```

This short script is handy if you'd like to forward mail to another user or screen name. In this case, while reading mail, this script will click on the Forward icon bringing up the Forward Mail form. SelectEdit is used prior to using SetText to fill in the form with the user name BillP

## SetText

### **SetText**      *Text message*

This command will enter text into the edit field with the current focus, just as if you had typed it in. Use SelectEdit if needed to set the focus to the desired AOL edit field.

Example:

```
Menu      Compose
SelectEdit      1
SetText      Tartan
SelectEdit      3
SetText      Whale Express test
SelectEdit      4
SetText      Hi! I'm testing the mailform.wex script
SelectIcon      Send
```

This example brings up the Email compose form and fills in text based on the edit field number. The edit field numbers are determined by America Online forum designers and are subject to change. In most cases, they won't change and field numbers will be created in a logical order.

## AddText

### **AddText**            *Text message*

This command will add your text to an edit field with the current focus, just as if you had typed it in. Use SelectEdit if needed to set the focus to the desired AOL edit field.

AddText also adds End of Line characters so that multiple AddText commands can be used within the same Edit field. Unlike SetText, this command will not replace the text currently in the edit field.

See Also: SelectEdit, SetText

## Cut

### **Cut**      *Edit field 1..n*

This command will select all the text in the edit field specified in the data field and delete the text, placing it into the Windows clipboard. If no data field is used, then the field with the current focus is used. Current focus can be set using the SelectEdit command

## Copy

### **Copy**      *Edit field 1..n*

This command will select all the text in the text box and copy it into the Windows clipboard. Copy will allow you to access non-editable text messages allowing scripts to copy text from on-line articles and messages. It will also act on Edit fields similar to Cut, but will not delete the text from the edit field. Current focus can be set using the SelectEdit command



## Paste

### **Paste**      *Edit field 1..n*

This command will copy any text in the Windows clipboard into the currently selected Edit field. You can also set the paste field by using a number in the data field.

## PasteFile

**PasteFile**            *Filename*

```
SelectEdit        2  
PasteFile c:\waol\document\help.txt
```

PasteFile allows you to read a file directly into an America Online edit field. Before using PasteFile it might be necessary to use SelectEdit to set the typing focus to the edit field you're pasting into.

## ReadList

### ReadList *Express command*

ReadList is a powerful command which is used in a variety of places to Processing list items. Use this command when you've reached an area online which presents you with a list box, like Mail, or Message boards. This command will read each item one at a time.

The number of items can be set with the Read variable. In many case , before using this command you'll probably wish to use the OpenLog command so that text will be saved in file.

The optional data parameter allows extra processing of each item. You many add any command here which will be executed for each item in the list. An example is the Download Later button while viewing a list of files in a library.

Example:

The following script will search for all the files which have been uploaded during the pass week and

<u>Keyword</u>	File Search
<u>SelectButton</u>	Past Week
<u>SelectButton</u>	List
<u>ReadList</u>	Download Later

Here the SelectButton command is done after each item is processed putting the file into the download managers. At the end of this script you could add the Download command which would exit America Online downloading all items in the download manager

### ReadList Options:

Under normal circumstances when ReadList processes an item, it will look for a valid *Next* icon which is used in many message boards. This is extremely helpful for reading complete folders. In some message boards however, the messages read with the Next icon are the same as those on in the list. To prevent this redundancy, you can turn the processing of the Next icon off with the listNext variable.

ReadList processes the list by selecting each item on the list. This is the same action as a user double clicking. In some cases you may want to process a list by highlighting an item and selecting one of the buttons on

the current list. This can be accomplished with the help of the [listSelect](#) variable

Also See:

[listStart](#), [listEnd](#), [listMatch](#)

## Message

### **Message**

### *Text Message*

This allows some interaction during the script playback and can be helpful for OnError situations. Using this command will create a popup message box with the text you specify as the text message.

If you include the following in your script, anytime there is an error you'll received a message.

Example:

OnError            Message    There has been an error.

## **PlayWav**

### **PlayWav**            *WAV filename*

This feature allows you to add fun sounds to your scripts.

This command will play a sound "wav" file using the installed Windows sound driver. The wave file name can be the wav name listed in the WIN.INI file, or just filename if the wav file is in a directory found in the directory Path. You can also use the full path name of the wav file. The .WAV suffix is not required.

Example:

```
PlayWav     c:\sounds\cool.wav
```

You can also utilize the PlayWav command with the OnError by setting the following example.

```
OnError     PlayWav c:\sounds\bummer.wav
```

## Bitmap

### **Bitmap**      *BMP filename*

This command will display a bitmap in the center of the screen for the default number of seconds or that set by the Delay variable. This command can be used within a script which might be used for applications using Express scripts for demos.

```
Delay      10  
Bitmap    c:\windows\tartan.bmp
```

## Movie

**Movie**      *AVI filename*

Movie      c:\windows\media\earth.avi

This command will center a dialog on the screen and play the Video for Windows movie specified by the AVI file name. It's not necessarily something you'll need to automate your America Online scripts, but it does provide an easy way to play AVI files.

The Video for Windows runtime package is required for this command. If you require this software contact Tartan Software and it will be sent to you free of charge(excluding AOL download costs).



## **BEGIN/REPEAT**

**BEGIN/REPEAT**      *number of times*

The Begin/Repeat structure allow scripts to repeat a certain number of times.

```
Example: Lobby.WEX
OnError PlayWav Hello.wav
SelectIcon List
BEGIN
SelectList Lobby
SelectButton No
REPEAT 30
```

This is an example of wanting to get into a particular room in the People Connection area. This script will bring up the room list and make the selection to enter the room named Lobby. In many cases, rooms you want to enter are full and you get a message asking if you'd like to enter a similiar room. This script will continue to knock on the door of the room for 30 times or until it finally likes you enter. When you enter, it won't find the No button and the OnError condition will play a wav to let you know.

You could also use BEGIN/REPEAT to look for people online using the Get Info menu. Don't forget you can include a Pause in your loops and create operations which are performed every minute or so.

## Read

### **Read**      *1..n*

Setting this variable will allow you to set the number of messages read when reading the news, message boards or download libraries. You can set and reset Read anywhere in the script, The preference would be to set Read directly before calling a function which reads multiple messages.

Example:

```
Keyword      file search
SelectButton      Past week
SelectButton      Windows
SelectButton      List
read 10
ReadList      SelectButton Download Later
```

This will tell Whale Express you only wish the first 10 files found to be added to your Download Manager.

## Delay

### **Delay**      **1..n**

This variable is used to specify default waiting periods for commands such as Bitmap or Pause. Default value is 10 seconds.

Example

Delay      10

## listSelect

### listSelect      on | off

Example:      listSelect OFF

This command variable allows you tell Whale Express if you want to actually select a list item or just highlight it.

Under normal conditions both SelectList and ReadList will act as if you double click the mouse on the list item. By turning listSelect off, you can highlight the item you desire, and than select the appropriate action.

Sample Use:

```
listSelect OFF
SelectList 3
SelectIcon Find Since
SelectEdit 1
SetText 7
SelectIcon Search
listSelect ON
ReadList
```

## **listNext**

### **listNext      on | off**

Example:      listNext OFF

Normally, when ReadList processes messages, it will automatically look for a valid Next icon. If found, the Next button is processed.

On some boards the next message can be found in both the list, and accessed with a Next button. This can cause redundant reading of messages.

Sample Use:

listSelect OFF  
ReadList

## **listStart**

**listStart**            **1..n**

Example:            listStart 3

Under default conditions ReadList will begin on the first list item and process the max items available. Setting listStart in your script will allow you to begin the list processing on the item you need.

## listMatch

### **listMatch**            *text to search on*

The ReadList command will use listMatch to decide which items to select. Normally, ReadList will select all the items in the list. With the addition of a listMatch instruction, you can tell ReadList to only select those messages with particular text in the list item text

The default for listMatch is to read all items. To set listMatch back to it's default status use the wildcard character.

**listMatch**            \*

At this time no logical operations are supported. Only single text matches are supported. such as AND/OR operations.

Example:

```
Menu                    Read New Mail  
listMatch              Test  
ReadList            Call treply.wex
```

The above sample script which we use here at Tartan Software to automatically respond to those mail messages which are send to the Tartan name from people testing Whale Express. The script reads all our new Email and selects those messages with the text "Mail Test" in the subject line. We've provide you with the TREPLY.WEX below so you'll see the full picture.

```
SelectIcon            Reply  
SelectEdit            4  
PasteFile            c:\tartan\treply.txt  
SelectIcon            Send  
SelectButton OK  
CloseWindow
```

## **listEnd**

### **listEnd      1..n**

Example:      listEnd 9

Under default conditions ReadList will process max items available. Setting listEnd in your script will allow you to specify the last item you need.

Sample Use:

```
listStart 3  
listEnd 9  
ReadList
```



# Upload

## Upload filename

Note: Upload will only be available to registered Whale Express users.

The Upload command may only be used when the current America Online window is an Upload form. This form is usually in response to selecting the Upload icon, or using "SelectIcon Upload".

Before using the Upload command it's appropriate to set the values of the various fields. These values can be set once and used for each upload or can be reset before each Upload command. If no values are set, default values will be used.

**Subject**  
**Author**  
**Equipment**  
**Needs**  
**Description**

**Subject** *data*

This field is required by America Online  
Data field is limited to 32 characters

**Author** *data*

Data field is limited to 20 characters

**Equipment** *data*

Data field limited to 32 characters

**Needs** *data*

Data field is limited to 36 characters

**Description** *filename*

This data field should be the name of a description file. If no file is specified default value is used.

### Example Upload script

In the following example we have a number of files, all with the same

Author, Needs and Description. We set these fields once and then instruct Whale Express to upload the file. After the initial upload, we change the Subject line and upload other parts of the program.

<b>SelectIcon</b>	<i>Upload</i>
<b>Subject</b>	<i>PAINT: v1.3 Basic Paint Program</i>
<b>Author</b>	<i>My Software Company</i>
<b>Needs</b>	<i>An UnZIPing program</i>
<b>Description</b>	<i>C:\paint\mypaint.txt</i>
<b>Upload</b>	<i>c:\paint\mypaint.exe</i>
<b>Subject</b>	<i>PAINT: Utility for MyPaint</i>
<b>Upload</b>	<i>c:\paint\paint1.dll</i>
<b>Upload</b>	<i>c:\paint\paint2.dll</i>
<b>Upload</b>	<i>c:\paint\paint3.dll</i>
<b>Upload</b>	<i>c:\paint\paint4.dll</i>
<b>CloseWindow</b>	

## **Date, Time, Input**

The following special variables can be used in your data parameter to allow you to change the value of what is used based on the current date, time or what you type in during the execution of the script.

### ***%input***

Will prompt you for variable data to be entered. Do not use this in any scripts which you run unattended.

Example:      SendText    Hi %input,    How the heck are you?

### ***%date***

Will insert the current date into the data.

Example:      OpenLog    C:\MAIL\MAIL%date.TXT

The %date is four characters in the format    MMDD

### ***%time***

Will insert the current time into the data

Example:      Message    The date is %date, current time is %time

The %time is six characters in the format    HHMMSS

(Print this form)

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