Name User 1.0.1

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Files enclosed:

ACS Name User 1.0.1,
Name user source.c (Think C source code for the INIT part)
Responder, current version (modified to show ACS logo)
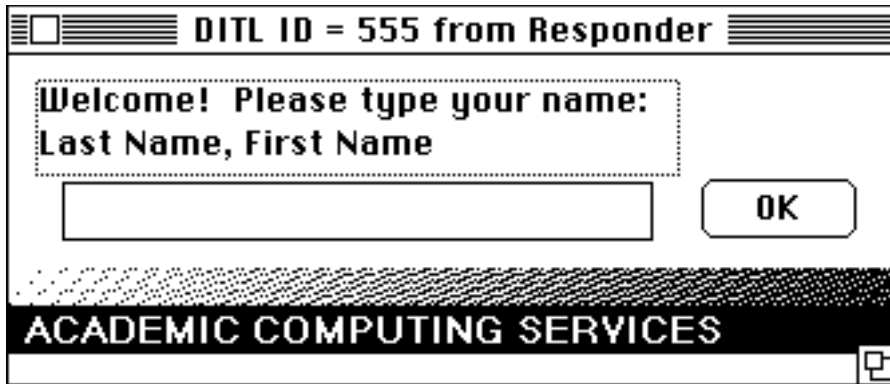
History

version 1.0: first version
version 1.0.1: added icon, code which displays icon at startup (CShowInit).
version 1.2: (not enclosed) special version for staff use which also erased QuickMail auto-login information on startup.

Known Bugs: none

Name User is an INIT which erases the Chooser name (stored in a string resource in the system file). It patches no traps, does not keep itself in system RAM after startup time, and does not modify the performance of the system in any way. It is designed to be used in conjunction with Responder. Make certain that if you rename ACS Name User, it still runs before Responder.

Since the Chooser name is not a named resource, Name User relies on the ID number of the chooser name remaining constant in future system releases. This is a moderately safe assumption (it has remained constant for several years) but I cannot predict whether Name User will work under System 7.0.

Name User should be installed in the system folders of public-access Macintoshes. It was designed to force the user to enter a new Chooser name at startup time so that when the user sent printouts to our printers, they could be filed under the correct name. When Responder runs and notices that no Chooser name is present, it puts up a dialog (DLOG resource 555) to ask for a Chooser name to be entered. Here we have modified this dialog to look like the following, using ResEdit:

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▤□▥▥▥  DITL ID = 555 from Responder  ▥▥▥
┌─────────────────────────────────────────┐
┊ Welcome!  Please type your name:         ┊
┊ Last Name, First Name                    ┊
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With ResEdit you can easily make your own message (make it a static text item, disabled), add PICTs, etc. You can also leave Responder as it is, but it will then ask "Please Name your Macintosh Computer" or "Please Give This Workstation a Name," depending on which version you are running.

If you have any questions or problems using ACS Name User, or if you find it useful, or have any suggestions, please drop me a line. It is free but I would love to hear from you anyway.

-Paul Potts