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Chapter 1

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1.1 dev:Packages/MCC_Mailtext/Docs/english/Mailtext_mcc.guide

Mailtext 2.2 (19.11.96)

by Olaf Peters

A MUI customclass package especially for displaying mail messages.

NOTE: Mailtext is GiftWare, if you use it regularly you have to send a gift of your choice to the Author.

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1.2 Mailtext_mcc.guide/Overview

Overview

What is Mailtext?

Mailtext is a Custom Class for the Magic User Interface (MUI) by Stefan Stuntz.

It is meant as a replacement for MUI's Floattext-Class when displaying electronic messages (eMail, News).

In e-messages, you will often find words enclosed i.e. by '*' oder '_' like this: *bold*, underlined. By using Mailtext instead of MUI's Floattext-Class the text enclosed by these attributecharacters will be printed with the appropriated textstyle, so

- * *text* will be printed boldface
- * /text/ will be printed italics
- * text will be underlined
- * #text# will be printed in another color.

The processing of attributecharacters will be disabled if Mailtext recognises uuencoded files, signatures, PGP-Signatures, -Keys and -Messages.

Mailtext may also highlight quoted textpassages, in the following example, the line starting with '>' will be printed in another color:

> This is a quote.

This is normal text

Most features of Mailtext may be configured to fit your needs. See Configuration for details.

1.3 Mailtext_mcc.guide/Copyright

Copyright

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1.5 Mailtext_mcc.guide/Installation

Installation

What you need to use the Mailtext package:

- * a minimum of Kickstart and Workbench 2.04
- * a minimum of MUI 3.6
- * Crawling.mcc by Klaus Melchior for Mailtext.mcp (this is optional, Mailtext.mcp will also work without).

For installation you should use the supplied installer script which will setup all you need to use the Mailtext package.

1.6 Mailtext_mcc.guide/Configuration

Configuration

Most features of Mailtext may be configured to fit your needs using the supplied Mailtext.mcp, a plugin module for the MUI Preferences system.

The plugin makes use of MUIs Bubblehelp system, so I will not explain the features here, just one note:

An important thing to know when configuring Mailtext are what is meant with "introducing char" and "terminating char", so please have a look at the following example (let + be an attribute character '*', '/', '_', or '#'):

```
+Text+
^      ^
|      |
|      +- the terminating char
|
+- the introducing char
```

With this in mind, it should be pretty easy to configure Mailtext to your needs.

1.7 Mailtext_mcc.guide/Developers

Developers

If you consider using Mailtext in one of your own programs, please have a look at the Copyright first.

You are really welcome to use Mailtext in your own projects, but the needed headerfiles for C, Oberon and Modula-2 are only available on request, as I would like to know which applications are using the class.

For requesting the developer package, have a look at Author to find out about ways to contact me.

1.8 Mailtext_mcc.guide/Thanks

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1.9 Mailtext_mcc.guide/History

History

MCC Mailtext v2.2 (19.11.96)

Mailtext.mcc v17.71, Mailtext.mcp v17.55

- * should handle i.e. Unix paths (i.e. /home/users/olf/) in messages a little smarter now. With previous versions, that example would have been printed in italics, now no attribute will be set.
- * switched from mccheader.c to MCCLib.c (thanks to Kai Hofmann, great work!)
- * version for MC68020 (and above) included.
- * fixed some bugs in Mailtext.mcp that could occur in low-memory situations.

MCC Mailtext v2.1 (10.11.96)

Mailtext.mcc v17.58, Mailtext.mcp v17.40

- * when attribute parsing has been disabled (by matching the disable pattern), no text was copied at all, resulting in i.e. lost signatures.
 - * now using MCC-Install 43.4
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- * compiled with SAS/C 6.57

- * polish catalog, thanks to Marcin Orlowski

MCC Mailtext v2.0 (2.11.96)

Mailtext.mcc v17.41, Mailtext.mcp v17.28

- * ported Mailtext from Modula-2 to C:

- Mailtext now completely complies with the guidelines for MUI Custom Classes
- now needs MUI 3.6, support for older MUI versions has been dropped.
- the classes are app. 50% smaller.
- compiled with SAS/C 6.56.

- * API did not change. No need to request a new developer package.

MCC Mailtext v1.0 (05.06.96)

Mailtext.mcc v10.196, Mailtext.mcp v14.2

- * first public release.

1.10 Mailtext_mcc.guide/Future

Future

Currently no features are on my ToDo list for Mailtext. Feel free to contact me, if you would like something to be implemented.

1.11 Mailtext_mcc.guide/MUI

MUI

This application uses

MUI – MagicUserInterface

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MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application

has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

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