

WinAto Version 1.3
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Introduction

WinAto is a Windows 3.x application which provides an interface to AUTOSIG, a communications program for accessing CompuServe. AUTOSIG, commonly known as ATO, is a copyrighted program of Vernon. D. Buerg. WinAto was implemented to interface to version 6.8 of ATO. The current release, 6.8b, is available in the AUTOSIG library, Library 1, in the IBMCOM forum of Compuserve as ATO68B.EXE. There is no registration required for ATO.

WinAto provides the off-line functions of ATO, providing forum and host configuration maintenance, off-line message functions, script creation and editing, off-line library browsing and interfacing to ATO for on-line activity. For on-line functions, WinAto uses command line parameters to ATO along with automatically generated scripts to invoke the desired on-line activity. For normal operation, no menu operation of ATO is required.

Registration

WinAto is a copyrighted program of the author, Raymond J. Saunders. It is offered as shareware. It is not free nor is it in the public domain. The author grants a limited license for the purpose of evaluation for a period of 21 days. All currently implemented features of the program are available. The program does not overwhelm you with nagware during the evaluation period. Use for any purpose other than evaluation, or use beyond the 21 day limited license period requires registration and the payment of the registration fee. When you register you will receive a license number which allows use of the program on one machine at any given period of time. The license fee for registration is \$40.00. A registration form is included at the end of this document for your convenience.

Installation

The shareware version of this program, WATO13.EXE, is available as a self extracting ZIP file containing the following files.

WINATO.EXE	The WinAto program.
WINATO.HLP	The WinAto help file.
WINATO.INI	An example WinAto initialization file.
ATO_F.PIF	A Windows 3.x .pif for executing ATO full screen.
ATO_W.PIF	A Windows 3.x .pif for executing ATO in a window.
WINATO.WRI	This file.
README	.TXT If present, includes last minute installation or operation notes.

Prior to executing WinAto for the first time, ATO should be installed and operative. The ATO definition file must exist and the PC options should be configured. Forum and host configuration options need not be completed prior to installing WinAto as these options can be set using WinAto. If you have

already had ATO up and running, there is no additional changes required to use WinAto.

The WINATO.EXE and WINATO.HLP files may be placed together in any suitable directory. The WINATO.INI file is only included as an example and should not be installed. WinAto will create an initialization file in your WINDOWS directory on first execution.

The pif files should be placed in your AUTOSIG directory. **You must alter the pif files** to suit your own system requirements and **to include the correct path to the Autosig execution directory. Do not include ATO command line parameters in the pifs. Do not change the window description from "ATO" to any other name.** Command line parameters may be specified in the General Setup options.

When the files have been placed, execute WinAto. A Message Box will open indicating that initialization requires General Setup. Select OK to open the General Setup dialog box. Enter the entire path to your AUTOSIG directory. The directory entered here must contain the AUTOSIG.EXE file and a AUTOSIG.DFN file. This is the only entry required at this time. If you wish, you may modify the 8 pif entries where they currently default to "autosig.exe" to specify the pif files included with this release. On the lines that indicate "fullscr", replace "autosig.exe" with "ATO_F.PIF". On the lines that indicate "window", replace "autosig.exe" with "ATO_W.PIF". **When you modify the lines for the autopasses, 1 and 2, you must include the command line parameters "/1" for auto 1 and "/2" for auto 2 or the autopasses will not operate correctly. The "/Z" parameter which tells ATO to exit on logoff is optional, however, it should be included if you do not wish to have ATO display it's own menu on logoff.** You may include additional ATO command line parameters if you wish. When done, select OK. The WinAto registration notice will be displayed. Read the agreement. If you agree, select "I Agree". If, not, select "Quit Now". If you select "I Agree", the WinAto Main Window will display. It is suggested that you browse through the Help facility prior to executing any other commands.

NOTE: If a previous version of WinAto is already installed you may replace the old WinAto files with the new WinATO files without disturbing the winato.ini file or your ATO definitions as long as you are not loading the WinAto release into the windows directory. If you load it into the ATO directory, you must update the pifs.

Technical Support

Technical support for the program is provided by the author mainly through the use of CompuServe. It is suggested that messages be placed in CompuServe Mail or in the AUTOSIG section, section 1, of the IBMCOM forum. **Please include the version number of WinAto that you are using.** On problem reports, please include as much detail as you can to help diagnosis of the causes. Your comments and suggestions for enhancements will be warmly welcomed.

Address all CompuServe correspondence to Ray Saunders 72740,764.

Version History

Dec. 8, 1991 - Version 1.0, Original release.

Dec. 20, 1991 - Version 1.1

Clipboard functions and print added to Script editing.

Fixed problem with auto2 not working if script execution was set to windowed.

Corrected problems with single forum command execution.

Added J command to auto list.

Added A command to single forum command execution sub-menu.

Added message header marking for J command.

Added multiple auto list capability.

Added default ppn file capability to address book and fixed problems with address book save.

Deleting duplicate ppn files in address book list.

Implements ability to copy a prepared message to additional recipients.

Fixed problem saving to a new forum save file.

Fixed various other small bugs.

Made other cosmetic and operational improvements.

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Fixed problem writing the .FIL forum files.

Fixed problem setting read only on new save files.

Fixed possible UAE on forum delete.

Fixed UAE in library scan when adding two consecutive scans with for the same forum. Also fixed the setting of the file types which were included in the scripts offset by one.

Added confirmation to deletion of messages.

Deactivated the forum list during forum configuration and host list during host configuration to disallow changing forum until configuration is saved.

Added header edit capability to editing of previously prepared outgoing

messages.

Added high message number reset to forum menu.

Added a default parameter to winato.ini to use a fixed font in the Read Messages dialog boxes instead of proportional. To set fixed font, enter "fixed_on_read=1" to the general section of winato.ini. Setting the parameter to zero, or leaving it out will cause WinAto to use proportional to get more characters on a line without scrolling. Additional enhancement in this area is anticipated in a later release.

Added ability to request a receipt for email messages.

Added the ability to split large forum messages.

Added the ability to mark messages or threads for download by message number. Also include the ability to delete messages by number.

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When a private message is replied to, message mode is automatically defaulted to private for reply.

Added ability to swap definition files for installations where there are several ATO users on one system, or where more forums must be visited.

Fixed problem with ATO periods appearing at the beginning of blank lines and the following line on unformatted messages.

Fixed problem in marking J type headers where incorrect message header was sometimes being displayed in mark dialog box.

Fixed problem in library browse where mark sometimes caused file descriptions to get out of sync.

Added the ability to add To or From address to an Address Book from Read Downloaded Messages or Read Saved Messages.

Added check to library browse to give message when windows runs out of memory for the file list.

Added the ability to define a script file that will automatically be executed prior to the next autopass.

Added checks in several places where exit will lose modified data allowing user to cancel exit.

Added phrase selection to library browse.

Added library scan and browse to the icon bar.

Added comment line to addresses in the address book. Also added Copy

and Paste buttons to provide the ability to copy an address to another ppm file through the clipboard.

Added an import file capability to message compose/edit function.

For those who were used to being able to abort an autopass when ATO displayed the auto list, I added the option to have WinAto open the auto list dialog box prior to auto1 or auto2. To turn it on, you must manually add a parameter to the winato.ini file. See the help section on the ini file.

Added an option to keep WinAto from updating a forum HMN if it is set to "N". To turn it on, you must manually add a parameter to the winato.ini file. See the help section on the ini file.

Added the ability to set the ATO PC Options from WinAto.

Added cursor numeric cursor position to message edit dialog boxes.

Added a disposition capability to "Read Downloaded Messages" which provides for deleting the message file. with, or without, backup, and, as an alternative, appending it to the forum save file.

Thank you for trying this program.

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Name: _____
Company: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Country: _____ Phone: _____
CompuServe ID: _____
Ato license QTY: _____ X \$40.00 Total: _____

Enclose the proper amount of payment in the form of check or money order made out to Ray Saunders.

Mail this form and payment to:

**Ray Saunders
21866 Ticonderoga Lane
El Toro, CA. 92630**

When your registration is received, your license number will be sent to you by CompuServe Mail. When checks are submitted as payment, you will be given a temporary license until your check clears, at which time a permanent license number will be sent. To insure that a proper temporary license is given to you, please indicate the date that you first executed WinAto on your system. The date should appear in the About box which is displayed when you select About from the Setup menu on the "Licensed To" line.

Original Execution date: _____

Thank you for your support.

Ray Saunders