
COUNTERPoint 2.3

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Welcome to **COUNTERPoint 2.3**:

COUNTERPoint 2.3 is an off-line parser, reader and packer that can be used with the following mailers **Cope**©, **Tabby**©, **WhiteMailer**©, **Formula-1**©, **MacWoof**© and some **QWK**© doors. **CP** provides a very flexible user interface for parsing, reading, posting and archiving Internet and Fidonet messages.

CP is modular in nature (at present there are 5 major modules). These modules can be used in any combination and can be eliminated all together without effecting the operation of **CP** (though some features will disappear if the modules are not installed).

These modules include: (modules must reside in your **:CP Stuff** folder)

- **CP Color** Color resources and code for use with Color Macs
- **CP Help** Sys7 Balloon help detailing the major features
- **CP Faces** Face icons for use when reading messages.
- **CP Bio** Personalized bio information about a user.
- **CP Sounds** Sounds that are attached to a user.

COUNTERPoint 2.3 is not designed to please all people. Some people will find it very useful and flexible and others will try it and decide it is not their cup of tea. We hope you find **CP** on the useful side, **but if you don't there are many other off-line readers available:** **Cope**, **MacWoof**, **Freddie**, **Alice** with new ones making their debut every few months.

Files from **CP 1.xx** and **CP 2.x** are not compatible. You will have to re-install **CP 2.3** by following the instructions covered in the following pages, if upgrading from a **CP 1.xx** version.

Throughout this manual it will be assumed that **CP** is being used in conjunction with **Formula 1** (1.2b or later).

If you are running another type of mailer then reference the following indexes (or special notes) to supplement the setup/installation instructions that follow.

MacWoof	Appendix A
Copernicus	Appendix B
TabbyNet	Appendix C

WhiteMailer [Appendix D](#)

QWK Mail [Appendix E](#) (Note: CP QWK only works with some QWK doors)

Installing COUNTERPoint 2.3

Step by Step

Notes: *f* = folder

The following nine simple steps, will explain how to setup **COUNTERPoint** from a novices point of view. Following these instructions will result in a fully functional **CP** setup. For this, first time, walk-thru a lot of information about all the advanced options (that will flash before your eyes) will not be explained. Only select and enter the information that the setup instructions tell you to. Detailed explanation of these options will be covered in later chapters of the manual. Advanced customizing of these options will follow as your level of experience and knowledge about **CP** and pointing grows.

Step #0

Have in mind which mailer you plan to use with **CP**; **TabbyNet**, **Cope**, **Formula-1**, **WhiteMailer**, **MacWoof**, or **QWK** mail. Then follow steps #1 thru #8 using the information pertinent to your mailer of choice. You will also need the following information supplied by your Boss: **Phone #**, **Password**, **Zone #**, **Net #**, **Node #**, **Point #**, **Private Net #**.

Step #1

Extract the **CP2.3.sea** document...

The following files/folders will be extracted into a folder called '**CPOINT**'

- **COUNTERPoint** (APPL)
- **CP ReadMe** (TEXT)
- **CP Notes** (MWRT)

- **UBA** *f*
- **Mail** *f*
- **CP Stuff** *f* (inside the CP Stuff *f*)
 - **CP Color** (support resource)
 - **CP Sounds** (support resource)
 - **CP Faces** (support resource)
 - **CP Bios** (support resource)
 - **CP Help** (support resource)

Step #2

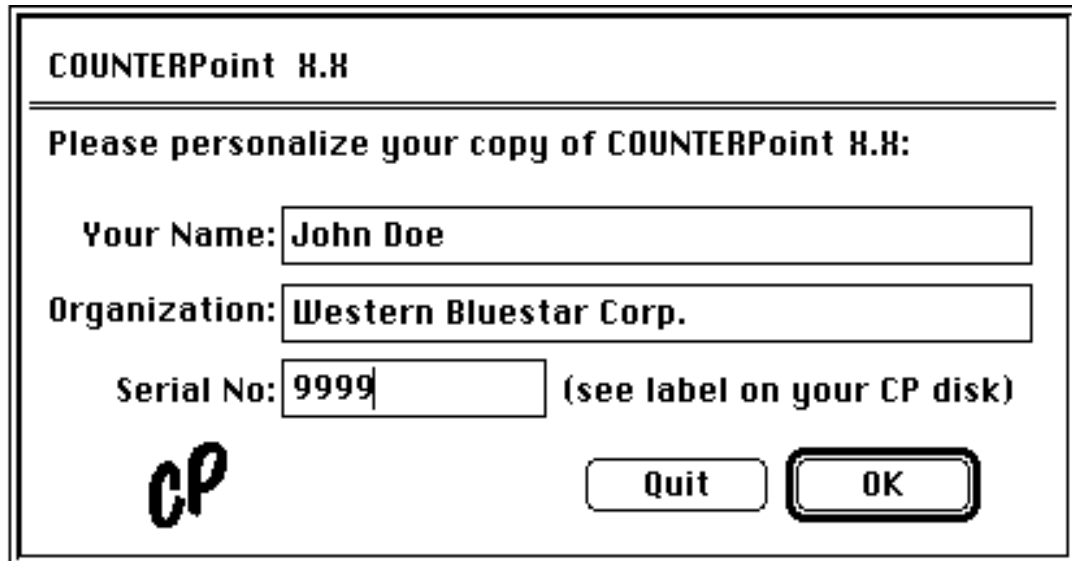
Double click on the '**CPoint**' *f* to open it...

Locate the application called **COUNTERPoint** and double click on it.

COUNTERPoint will build all remaining folders and support files on the fly...

Step #3

COUNTERPoint will ask you to Personalize your copy.



The image shows a dialog box titled "COUNTERPoint H.X". Below the title bar, the text "Please personalize your copy of COUNTERPoint H.X:" is displayed. There are three input fields: "Your Name:" with the text "John Doe", "Organization:" with the text "Western Bluestar Corp.", and "Serial No:" with the text "9999". To the right of the "Serial No:" field is the text "(see label on your CP disk)". At the bottom left is the "CP" logo. At the bottom right are two buttons: "Quit" and "OK".

Type in **Your Name** and **Organization** (*Organization name may be left blank*)

If you are a registered user, enter your **Serial Number**, located on the label of your **Master CP Disk** (enter it exactly as it appears on the label).

If you are evaluating **CP** then leave the Serial No: edit field **blank** or enter **9999**.

Click on the '**OK**' **Button** when the appropriate edit fields have been filled in.

Step #4

COUNTERPoint will ask you for some information about path locations as well as which mailer module you plan to use.

Tabby f	:Common Folder:
Gateway f	:Gateway:
CP Stuff f	:CP Stuff:
Mail f	:Mail:
UBA f	:UBA:
PKT's f	:
Archive f	:Archive:
Home Path	:
1st Launch	Formula 1
Home Appl	COUNTERPoint

☐ Tabby©
☒ Cope©
☐ MacWoof©
☐ QWK

☒ F1 Mailer©

Save **Cancel**

Select the correct mailer modules you will be using **Cope©** or **Tabby©**, **MacWoof©** or **QWK**.

If you selected **Cope©** or **Tabby©** change the following edit field:

1st Launch - **ArcMail Compress**

If you selected **MacWoof©** change the following edit field:

1st Launch - **:Gateway:MacWoof**

If you selected **QWK** change the following edit field:

1st Launch - **:path to:WhiteKnight** or your telecom program

If you selected the **F1 Mailer©** check box change the following edit field:

1st Launch - **Formula 1**

If you are using **WhiteMailer©** to replace **Tabby** or **Call** change the following edit field:

1st Launch - **Microphone™ II**

Note: Formula-1 and WhiteMailer© were designed as a Tabby/Cope mailer replacement module. Be sure to select the appropriate module group you will be replacing with Formula-1 or WhiteMailer. See Formula-1 or WhiteMailer documentation for more detail information about setting up Formula-1 or WhiteMailer as a Cope or Tabby mailer replacement.

Leave the remaining edit fields **'AS IS'** (use the default information for now).

Click on the '**Save**' **Button**...

Step #5

If you are setting up CP to work as a **QWK Reader** [then skip this step](#) and go to step #6.

COUNTERPoint will now ask you for some information about your modem.

INIT String:

No Answer:

Reset String:

Dial String:

Disconnect:

Baud - ☐ 300 ☐ 1200 ☒ 2400 ☐ 9600 ☐ 19200 ☐ 38400 ☐ 57600

☐ Tone Dial ☐ Modem Port ☐ MultiFinder ☐ Lock Port

Save **Cancel**

Modem Type:

Modem Strings:

Tabby© and **Cope©** Default Strings...

Init String	+++^x^pATH0^m^pATZ^m^pATX7E1V1Q0S7=40^m
No Answer	+++^x^pATS0=0^m
Reset String	+++^x^pATZ^x
Dial String	+++^x^pATDP^x (or +++^x^pATDT^x for tone)
Disconnect	+++^x^pATH0^m^pATZ^m

Formula-1© Default Strings...

Init String	~ATH0 ~ATZ ~ATX7E1V1Q0S7=40
No Answer	ATS0=0
Reset String	ATZ
Dial String	ATDP (or ATDT for tone)
Disconnect	~+++~ATH0 ~ATZ

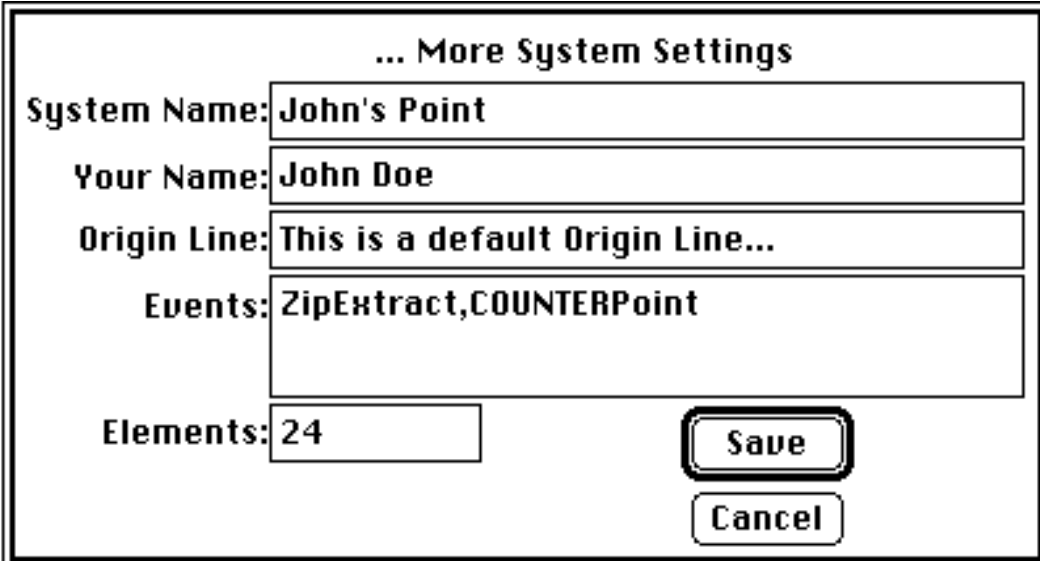
MacWoof© and **QWK** do not use these modem strings...

Set the [other information](#) relating to your modem capability and press the 'Save Button'.

detailed string construction. The above are offered as example and seem to work with most modems.

Step #6

COUNTERPoint will now ask you for some information about your point system setup.



... More System Settings

System Name: John's Point

Your Name: John Doe

Origin Line: This is a default Origin Line...

Events: ZipExtract,COUNTERPoint

Elements: 24

Save

Cancel

Fill in this information according to your module setup.

System Name: this is the name your point will identify itself as...

Your Name: this is your name as it will appear in the echoes...

Origin Line: this is the default origin line that will be attached to your messages...

Elements: this is the number of items to display in the subject windows 24-200...
slower machines should keep this number of elements small 24-30...

Tabby© or Cope© or WhiteMailer© Events String:

Events: Call,ArcMail Extract,COUNTERPoint

Formula-1© Events String:

Events: ZipExtract,COUNTERPoint

MacWoof© and QWK do not use Events....

After entering the information press the 'Save Button'.

Step #7

If you are setting up CP to work as a **QWK Reader** [then skip this step](#) and go to step #8.

COUNTERPoint will now ask you to enter information about your **Boss**. Your **Boss** is the BBS you call to pickup your mail packets and to drop off your replies.

Zone	Net	Node	Point	Domain
1	226	20	1	Fidonet
Name:	CHM Internet Gateway			<input type="checkbox"/> Private Hub
Phone #:	1-123-123-1234			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Boss
Modem Init:	ATZ ~ATM0H7E1U1Q0S7=40			
Password:	TEST		Private Net:	20011
Packet Type		Chriz Z 1.260.328 ▼		
<input type="radio"/> Type 2	New		Update	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Type 2+ (0039)	Delete		Done	
<input type="radio"/> Type 2+ (0048)	Prev		Next	

You will need to contact your potential boss (the system/person you will call to pickup and drop off mail) and acquire the following information from him/her.

Boss Name: What he calls his board?

Phone Number: This is the number you dial to connect with his modem

Password: Secret password (some bosses require it other do not check with him/her)

Boss Zone: Your Bosses Zone # (US = 1 Europe = 2) check with your boss

Boss Net: Your Bosses Net #, check with your boss

Boss Node: Your Bosses Node #, check with your boss

Point #: Your Point #, check with your boss

Private Net:

This may or may not be require or supplied by your Boss. If you Boss is running **TabbyNet** on his end then he will have to supply you with this number. Otherwise, if your boss does not supply a private net number leave this field blank.

Domain:

Optional data (supplies the 5th ply to outbound post) enter a domain or leave it blank. Domain is an option and is not required. If you are not familiar with domain addressing then leave this field blank.

Primary Boss:

Make sure this box is checked (as this will be your primary boss). Primary Boss is the boss that mail will be forwarded to if a supplied address (Net/Node) can not be located among the other bosses, in your supplied database. You only have to worry about this if you are picking up and dropping off mail from two or more bosses.

Modem Init String:

Leave this field blank if you are not sure.

TabbyNet© or Cope© +++^x^pATH0^m^pATZ^m^pATX7E1V1Q0S7=40^m
Formula-1© ~ATH0|~ATZ|~ATX7E1V1Q0S7=40|

see Tabby©/Cope©/Formula©/Modem manuals for more information on
modem string constructions

Packet Type:

Check with your boss to see which packet type he/she supports and then select it. If your boss is running **TabbyNet** or **gEcho** you will need to select **Type 2**. If your boss is running an IBM mailer then **Type 2+ (0039)** can generally be used with excellent results.

Type 2	Supports 2-ply addressing only (Private Net/Point) [TabbyNet]
Type 2+ (0039)	Supports 4-ply addressing (Zone:Net/Node.Point)
Type 2+ (0048)	Supports 4-ply addressing (Zone:Net/Node.Point)

After you have filled in the required information as it was supplied to you from your boss click in the **'Update' Button**.

Answer **'Yes'** at the Add Alert dialog.

Then Click on the **'Done' Button** (you can add additional bosses at a later date).

Sessions with a Boss are controlled by the mailer [the mailer module is Call, TabbyNet, MacWoof, Formula-1 or WhiteMailer]. CP does not control the session level, CP is only an off-line parser, reader and packer.

Step #8

Hold down the **COMMAND Key** (the flowered key) and press the '**Q**' key. This will Quit COUNTERPoint.

At this point you need to copy the support files into the '**CPoint**' folder. Support files include the mailer application and any packers or extractors. These applications are written and supplied by other parties.

Copy the following files into the '**CPoint**' folder (depending on your mailer of choice):

TabbyNet ©	TabbyNet (APPL) - rename this to CALL ArcMail Compress (APPL) ArcMail Extract (APPL) Tabby Nodes (FILE) you will need to build this, via instructions in the TabbyNet docs [this file has to be there or TabbyNet will not call out!]
Cope ©	CALL (APPL) ArcMail Compress (APPL) ArcMail Extract (APPL)
Formula-1 ©	Formula 1 (APPL) be sure to configure this for Tabby or Cope use (see F1 Manual) Zip Extract (APPL) be sure to configure this for Tabby or Cope use (see F1 Manual)
MacWoof ©	MacWoof (APPL) into your ' Gateway ' folder <u>not the 'CPoint' folder</u> .
WhiteMailer ©	Microphone II (APPL) Microphone Settings (FILE) be sure to configure per WhiteMailer instructions
QWK	Has no mailer (it use a standard terminal program (non macbinary mode))

NOW, setup your mailer, packer and extractor according to the instructions in the manuals for these products. These are not part of the **CP** package. Therefore, their setup/configuration is turned over to their appropriate authors and manuals.

Step #9

If you properly setup your mailer software then **CP** should be ready to run. Locate the **COUNTERPoint** application and double click on it. After **CP** loads click on the center **Phone Icon**. Then click on the '**Call**' **Button**, in the new dialog window that appears. **CP** will now launch your mailer application (name you supplied in **1st Launch** edit field) and the mailer will call your boss to pickup and drop off mail. If your chosen mailer does not call out when **CP** launches it then chances are your mailer is configured improperly - see you mailer manual for more information.

See the other chapters for information concerning the operation of **CP** as an off-line reader.
