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Chapter 1

HISTORY

1.1 Welcome to SuperTags' History File!

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SuperTags, v2.00 HISTORY! File by Dotoran of Frontiers!
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The Reckoning
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                                Version 2.00      Version 1.70

Early History
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                                Version 1.6
      Version 1.5                Version 1.4      Version 1.3
      Version 1.2                Version 1.1      Version 1.0

Pre-Release History
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      0.92 Alpha                0.94 Beta      0.93 Beta
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1.2 Version 2.00

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-- v2.0 --
- Release Date: January 1, 1996!
- Bug Fixes:
  - With systems running MANY, MANY subbases, the earlier coding was
    not sufficient to make the enable/disable of graphics, taglines
    and/or signatures work flawlessly. Only the first bases were set
    correctly. There are now three separate files for these toggles.
  - In the SuperTags Config module, if a user chose the RANDOM option
    for either the Centering or the Tag Mode, the RANDOM selection was
    not being saved, but being overwritten by whatever random option
    was selected when the example tagline displayed to screen was used.
  - Forgot to complete the updated "Check User Config" argument in the
    Maint module. You saw my "rewrite this section" message instead.
    This section was expounded upon as well, including the ability to
    note the existence of up to 8 different types of "errors" that a
    user could have in their config files.
  - If a user posted and/or responded in a subbase that did NOT allow
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for something (like MCI's, IBM Graphics, Taglines, etc), and then chose to leave either feedback or personal mail, SuperTags would use the same restrictions for this message as well.

- The program was hard-coded to use the name "Chosen" for the taglist name the tagline was taken from, even if the user had it set to pick a tagline from a random taglist.
 - New Additions, Changes, etc.
 - Spent the time to create LONG descriptions for each of the given taglists. It was an option included as far back as the initial public release, but was never fully utilized!
 - Updated the HELP system to be a bit more unique, complete, and all around better to use! Also updated the CONFIG, MAKEBORDER help text files, as well as including a new TITLES text file.
 - Added a new Config Option to only use "Quotable" tags. For a tag to be "quotable", it must be less than or equal to 70 characters in length. This will insure that if someone QUOTES the tagline in a future message, the LOOK of the tagline will continue to be as pleasing to the eye as the original use. You can choose to have it only select tags that are SHORTER than 71 characters, or if you wish it to select any tagline, but to TRIM the tag, if it is seen to be LONGER than 70 characters.
 - A new "QuickTags" mode has been added. The SysOp can choose whether or not they wish to use this QuickTags mode, and if they DO, if they wish it to be a mandatory decision or if their users have the ability to specify they do NOT wish to use it. QuickTags allows the SysOp (or User) to specify ONE Listing, upon which all further taglines will be drawn from. Each tagline created in this mode will be in 1-Line Format mode, using no color or graphics characters. It is by far the FASTEST way to create taglines using SuperTags!
 - Added the ability for the user/sysop to select "Title Text Setting" to toggle which text appears along with the tagline. Choices are: no text, both title & list name, just the title, or just the list name.
 - To enhance the above new feature, if "just the list name" is chosen and the user has also chosen to use a 1 or 2 line format, instead of the 3-line format, then the NAME of the list is used as the intro, instead of the supertags title text.
 - With the addition of the "no text" option of the above new feature, it was also necessary to add the missing eighth character to the borders. Both the internal borders, as well as the border editor had to be updated to allow for this eighth character.
 - Once again the format of the INDEX files has changed. This time, I discovered a way to cut the size of each index file down by one HALF it's original size, resulting in a savings of over 120 KiloBytes of memory! It also slightly increases the read time of the indexes. To insure the OLD index files are not used, the extension for the index files was changed from ".ndx" to ".ndx2".
 - Added the ability for users to specify which TYPES of text messages taglines will be appended to. Presently, these five types are being supported: Net-Mails, E-Mails, Feedbacks, Posts, and Responses.
 - Users can now use 8-bit IBM Graphic Characters in the creation of their Customized Borders. All the most common characters are given. They are also asked to create an ASCII equivalent, for use in bases where the 8-bit graphics are prohibited, so as to keep the look of the tagline closer to what the user would want, instead of having to be locked into using the single-line ascii version.
 - Also modified the COLORS routine to hopefully make choosing the colors used for taglines, titles, and borders a bit easier & faster.
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- Modified the display of LISTS to be formatted within THREE columns, instead of four. This was done to accomodate longer TagList names.
- Because of the above noted change, as well as others, support for 40 column terminals is NOT supported in the CONFIG or SUPERTAGS files, although they CAN be used(They'll just LOOK screwy) :-(
- Created AmigaGuide formatted versions of the History, Programmers Notes, ReadMe and even one that combines all the little online HELP Modules, with links galore between them!

1.3 Version 1.70

- ```
-- v1.70 --
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- Release Date: August 16, 1995!
  - Bug Fixes:
    - The signature checking routines weren't first checking to make sure the base wasn't an Anonymous or Alias type base, before it appended a signature.
    - Empty Subs would show up as blank entries on the Toggle Subs display screen.
    - If your total number of taglists was not evenly divisible by 12, then UP Arrow would not function correctly in the maint editors.
    - The tags a user chose to make and use for themselves were NOT being saved to disk, so they wouldn't be used next time they were needed.
    - The CleanUp program had a variable conflict problem that would cause it to delete the \_SuperTags files from user's directories, even though the "st" variable was set to "0" (for DON'T DELETE).
  - New Additions/Changes/Etc(in no particular order; as I think of them):
    - Someone asked me what happens in a carbon copy subboard when you chose to reply to a message(so, even though it came to you as a piece of MAIL(which might allow for MCI's), it would be added into a subboard as a response(which might NOT allow for MCI's). I ran a few checks on this, and found that it DOES INDEED adhere to the correct rules, so it is SAFE to use the Carbon Copy functions of CNet too make replies to posts, while still adhering to the same set of rules specifed elsewhere!
    - SuperTags now allows for an even larger assortment of JUSTIFY options. You can choose from any of the following six options:
      - Left Justified within a full 78 character border.
      - Right Justified within a full 78 character border.
      - Center Justified within a full 78 character border.
      - Left Justified on screen inside a custom sized border.
      - Right Justified on screen inside a custom sized border.
      - Center Justified on screen inside a custom sized border.
      - Randomly select one of the above six options.
    - SuperTags now allows for three types of line formats:
      - A 1-Line format, with no border or list name used.
      - A 2-Line format, with an underscore listing ST version.
      - A 3-Line format, as used in previous versions, which lists ST version info, as well as the name of the list tag was taken from.
      - Randomly select one of the above three options.
    - The SuperTags Config Program(the one the USER's See) was updated to show the correct formatting the user specified(whether it be the 1, 2, or 3-Line format, as well as using the chosen justify
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- and centering options.
- Two new MORPH codes were added for Subject Title(@MT@) as well as Subject Author(@MA@).
  - Slightly changed the look of the Global Editing Screen to make it a bit easier to read what's being edited and how.
  - The HELP SYSTEM used in both the User Config and SysOp Maint files was rewritten. A new support file, "Help\_Proc" was included which takes care of this. The new help system looks and feels similar to that used by CNet Proper, except it's a bit easier to use!
  - Added the ability for the user to be able to EDIT tags they've chosen for their "Chosen List", so they can further customize a tag they may have selected from one of the included lists.
  - The "quick" menu commands (using !, @, and #) were REMOVED from the user config file, as I found them to actually NOT be quicker than the other method. (For instance, if you were using option 1 on one of the menus, and wanted to use option 7, you had to use the "quick" key SIX times to make your selection, instead of just waiting for the menu to be displayed and pressing ONE key).
  - I've decided to try a new method of randomly selecting the tags, as I've found that the SAME tag was popping up in numerous bases. Each index file now contains an extra 4-bytes to store a location of a tag found within the list. When an index is first created, one location is chosen at random, and then saved as part of the index file. This location is then used to select the tag when that listing is then used, then it is incremented by one and the new location is saved back to the index file. This "sequential" type of choosing the tag is then used WHENEVER that list is used by a user, so that even though numerous "same letter" tags may be used, each separate user will have chosen a NEW, UNIQUE tagline, no matter WHERE they choose to use it(mail, feedback, post/responses, etc.) I'm still using the RANDOM() command when user's choose to use a tag from their CHOSEN TAGS listing, however lets see how the new way works on the other listings. If you think the old way was better in the "larger scope of things", please let me know and I can revert back to using the RANDU() function.
  - The Update script is another small one(convert from 1.6 version ONLY), as I'm getting ready to fully automate this file, as I did with WOF, but I just didn't have it in me to do another installer script, plus a series of guide files, so these enhancements will wait a version or two.

## 1.4 Version 1.6

- ```
-- v1.6 --
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- Release Date: February 26, 1995!
 - Bug Fixes:
 - Numerous errors pertaining to different things not happening were due to systems running more than one type of FIDO Network. These included all of the following:
 - Signatures not being appended.
 - MCI's not being stripped.
 - Users not having access to use SuperTags.
 - Some signatures weren't being appended if the file didn't exist, because the default setting was being overwritten by the setting in the user's config file, instead of vice versa.
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- New Additions/Changes/Etc(in no particular order; as I think of them):
 - Now have the ability to toggle whether or not 8-bit IBM Graphics can be used in the bases, in addition to Sigs and Tags.
 - Now have the ability to disable use of tags in LOCAL Message Area, UUCP Message Area, as well as EACH of the up to 12 FIDO-Type Areas you may have set up on your board.
 - The "B"order command was split into Border and Colors, as well as adding the ability to specify BACKGROUND colors to the border and the "SuperTags, vl.6 xxx" text. The ORDER the border characters come now circumnavigates the tag, instead of reading by row. This means you specify the shapes in a CLOCKWISE direction, instead of LEFT to RIGHT, down a line, LEFT to RIGHT, etc.
 - Help files and Install script updated.
 - New GRAB command in TAGS Config now allows users to DOWNLOAD your taglist libraries. If a user is seen to have "Fellow SysOp" access on your board, they will also be given the INDEX(.ndx) files of requested taglists as well, so that they can then ADOPT them into their BBS's.
 - Both the [G]lobal and [T]oggle screens received an ANSI Interface, instead of the numeric "pick a number" interface of previous ST versions. The GLOBAL screen also received separate breakdowns for ALL available FIDO-type subbases on your system.
 - The [F]orward/[B]ackward options in the SuperTags file used when selecting tags by the user were changed to [N]ext/[P]ast, so as to conform with the same commands in the other modules.
 - Color changes were made to all the modules.
 - The "Custom" term was changed to "Chosen" to more adequately state where the tag came from(The user's CHOSEN lists).
 - If a taglist is not available to the user, it now displays as being {CLOSED}, instead of simply not appearing in the list. This was confusing some people, so I decided to do this instead. CLOSED tag lists can NOT be used by the users, and will be SKIPPED if the user was to select one or more of these during any operations. Also, the user should use the TAGS command from OUTSIDE the Base area, as when used inside a base, only the taglists which CAN be used will be shown in the different listing routines, even though the user might have access to MORE of the lists.
 - With the arrival of Dan's extra 33 taglists, it became necessary to include [N]ext/[P]ast commands in all three modules, so as to keep the display of the taglists clean looking(on both 40/80 cols)
 - The title screen for the CONFIG module was slightly changed for the 40 column screen, so as to maintain the info that needed to be displayed(the text in the purple box in the upper right corner, when viewed on the 80 column screen).
 - If a signature file does not exist and a default signature does not exist, then the user's handle/real name is appended to the end of the message(AFTER the tagline).
 - If the border is seen to contain one or more IBM Graphics characters in an area that does not allow for them, then the Single Line ASCII Border is used in it's place. If the TAG contains IBM Graphics in areas that don't allow for them, they are simply stripped from the tag text.
 - The tagline is now CENTERED on the screen(in 78 columns), with one space BEFORE and one space AFTER the tag text and border character. This gives the tag a more pronounced look on the screen, instead of seeing a bunch of "dead space" to the right of a tag's text when a short tag is chosen.
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- You now have the ability to disable whether or not you wish the user to be shown the "disabled" text messages for things such as: NO MCI's, NO IBM GRAPHICS, NO SIGNATURES, NO TAGLINES, etc. The temporarily closed and wrong config version messages will still be printed to screen, regardless of this new setting.
- There is now a [Q]uit option built into the INFO command in CONFIG, so when using 1- with the INFO command, you now have a quick way out of the command.
- Found another way to slightly increase the speed of the SuperTags main file. Still looking to tweak it even a bit more. :-)

1.5 Version 1.5

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-- v1.5 --
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- Release Date: February 12, 1995!
  - Whoa, MANY MANY changes this time. First, a bug fix:
    - SysOps who did not specify their AreaFix passwords in the CNet CONFIG program discovered that the AreaFix problem was still there. There's now an option in MAINT's [C]onfig command that will let you specify ALL Passwords you use for AreaFixing.
  - New additions/changes made(in no particular order):
    - The INDEX files were rewritten to include a way to immediately jump to tags beginning with a specific letter. If the list in question contains no tags beginning with that letter, you'll be taken to the PREVIOUS letter that DOES exist. This only took an extra 104 bytes in each index file, so I decided to "go for it"!
    - An installation script has been included with this version, so that you no longer have to do all the steps yourself. Let IT do the work for you. Just answer a few questions. :-)
    - The "SuperTags.cfg" file is now VERSION STAMPED, which means if a person(SysOp or User) tries to use one of the command files, when it is seen that an older version config file is being used, the command file will exit. This should help minimize the number of initial setup problems quoted by numerous SysOps!
    - Two more Tag Methods: (Makes 9 methods total!)
      - ASK Me About a CHOSEN List, then for a Tag.
      - ASK Me About a CHOSEN Tagline.
    - Options are now available to NOT put a tagline if the user is at a prompt where they need to choose either a list or a tag. They can also use the new [J]ump command to activate the new power of the index files, as mentioned above.
    - All three command files have been optimized for speed. Extraneous spaces, empty lines and comments were removed. It'll make the files tougher for YOU to read, but they RUN a whole lot faster!
    - Some slight changes were made to the colors and look of the CONFIG screen to make it look a bit more professional.
    - Numerous changes were made to the MAINT file:
      - The [A]dd command was replaced with the [A]dopt command, which allows you to quickly add new taglists that HAVE index files for them(like ones you'd download from other sources).
      - The [R]ebuild and [M]aint commands were both updated to conform with the newer index format.
      - There's a new [T]oggle command, which is used to specify which bases you'd like to disable the use of taglines and/or user signatures in. A new "superTags.cfg2" file will be created in
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- your Command Directory when using this option.
- There's a [H]elp System, similar to that used in CONFIG now in place for the MAINT module. Check it out for more detailed info on new commands, etc.
  - Because the [A]dd command's coding was ripped out, I rewrote the "Edit Default Scan Values" coding to present you with your present value as the default value (so pressing RETURN will now keep the same value you had before).
  - The TAGSM command may now take ARGUMENTS:
    - # - An ID # will allow you to check another users \_SuperTags file for errors. (This is ONLY available through the argument. You CAN'T do this from within Maint!)
    - M - will launch the SuperTags AutoMaintenance module.
    - A - will ADOPT orphaned taglists found (with index files).
    - S - will SCAN for taglists without index files.
    - R - will REBUILD ALL taglists & index files.
    - ? - will display a menu of these commands.
  - Numerous taglists were updated by Dead God (Les Jenkins) to remove duplicates, typos, etc. as well as creating a "Dr\_Who" listing of tags about him that were located in various Trek Lists. Sorry to all the WHO fans out there. I used a primitive search parameter of Doctor to create the "Trek\_Bones" listing.
  - SuperTags will now state "Taglines not allowed" or "Signatures not allowed" if the user enters a message in a base where you've toggled one of these settings. If you think I should suppress the printing of this text, let me know, or should I make it yet another SysOp definable variable in the Config?
  - I think, THINK, I've remembered everything I've done over the past week or so. If you see any bugs, please try to be as SPECIFIC as possible when telling me about it. Try to give me enough info so that I can create it on my end. If I can't produce the bug here, it makes locating it almost impossible.

## 1.6 Version 1.4

- ```
-- v1.4 --
- Skipped this version number!
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1.7 Version 1.3

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-- v1.3 --
- Never publically released, but was used by myself for about 1 week.
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## 1.8 Version 1.2

- ```
-- v1.2 --
- Release Date: February 2, 1995!
- Some bug fixes:
  - The "reaon=?" text was removed. (This was for my testing purposes in finding the Sig Error of 1.0. Forgot to remove this one.)
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- It was found that taglines were being added to AreaFix requests, which can cause some rather interesting results when your Boss Node gets ahold of it. The program now checks for AreaFix requests and will abort if found to be one.
- Someone stated the default values weren't sticking, however I was unable to produce this problem here. If others see a problem of this nature, please leave the specifics on Frontiers BBS...
- New Features/Changes:
 - I converted the "Default New User Tag Method" prompt in Maint to present you with an Ascii Menu to make selecting the default alot faster. (Did this while trying to find the 3rd bug above).

1.9 Version 1.1

- ```
-- v1.1 --
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- Release Date: January 30, 1995!
  - Some bug fixes:
    - I think I found the "you don't have access" bug. Let me know!
    - The SuperTags file made a new user's default tag color black, which made it not visible on ansi screens. Run the included "Convert\_v1\_1" file to fix existing user's "\_SuperTags" files.
    - Now checks for QWK uploads and disables taglines on QWK inputs.
    - Problems with user signatures, where sometimes it WOULD and sometimes it wouldn't display the proper signature.
  - New features/Changes:
    - Added two new Tagline Methods:
      - "Disable SuperTags; Do NOT Append a Tag."
      - "Pick a Random CHOSEN Tag OR a CHOSEN List."
    - SysOp can specify NEW USER Tagline Method, instead of it always taking the user into the CONFIG their first time.
    - SysOp can specify DEFAULT values to use in the Ascii Menus used in the CONFIG program.
    - SysOp can specify default values for age, access, gender, mci's, uucp and fido for use in Scan Dir commands.
    - Ability to launch the AMaint Module from within the Maint module was added, in case you wish to update lists BEFORE Automaintenance.
    - A new file "QWK" takes care of toggling a clip-switch during QWK processing tasks.
    - I noted some of the included lists were still using other forms of morph codes than the ones recognized by SuperTags. I went into the offending lists and converted them into SuperTags standard morphs.
    - Included a \ql code after the colored tagline, so there would be no color bleeding into signatures and/or origin lines.
    - Broke the files up into separate archives. The command files, as well as three of the taglist libraries make one archive, while the other taglists make up a second archive. This was done so that you won't have to download another 400+K archive again.

## 1.10 Version 1.0

- ```
-- v1.0 --
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- Release Date: January 22, 1995!
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- Fixed a bug when creating access flags that would tell some users they didn't have access to use taglists.
- Fixed displays for 40 column users, so they can now see everything the 80 column users see, only formatted as to be readable on their 40 column screens.
- Now includes over 50 lists of taglines. Use them all, or choose which ones you wish to offer on your bbs!
- Now allows the user to enter Control-Y MCI Codes into Tags they wish to use. If they're adding to an existing list, the MCI's are only allowed if the list in question allows for their use.
- Now checks to make sure you don't rename a list to END with .new or .ndx, which are extensions used by support files.
- Will now ASK if you wish disk files to be renamed, instead of doing it automatically.

1.11 Version 0.94 Beta

- v.94 Beta --
- Release Date: January 17, 1995
 - Fixed a bug where it would tell the user they didn't have access to use the tags if they were using the "Pick from Chosen Lists/Tags" option, but forgot to CHOOSE a list or a tag. It now reverts to the "Pick Random List, then Random Tag" setting if the user forgets to pick a list or a tag.
 - Fixed another bug that resulted in an "Invalid Argument" error, which I had at first thought had to do with the above. It turned out this one occurred if the program tried to pick a random tag from a list of over 1000 tags, because the RANDOM() function is incapable of picking random numbers from a range LARGER than 1000. Reverted to using the RANDU() function instead, which IS capable of the larger ranges.
 - Fixed a bug where some MCI codes were being seen in the final output. These were coming from the BORDER, which didn't get passed through the MCI Strip Routine like the TAG did.
 - Added ability to change COLORS of the tag, border and "SuperTags" text characters, as well as slightly changing the look of the IBM-Shadow border, so as to look a bit more like a shadow.
 - Changed the use of the menus associated to options 1 thru 3.
 - There is now a central "SuperTags.cfg" file, which should ALWAYS be in the PFILES: directory. Using the Maint File, you can edit the values in this file, which include path to SuperTags/ directory, path to the TagData/ directory, how the option 1-3 menus should act, and whether or not you want the MORPH codes to be interpreted when displaying the longer lists of them to the user.
 - The Personal Tags have been changed BACK to the @xx@ format, which I am now terming MORPH codes, as they will be CHANGED INTO SOMETHING DIFFERENT upon processing. There's a slight difference in the way the taglines using these work. When the MCI Codes were used, the tagline was personalized to whatever user read the tagline, however they could then only be used in areas that allowed MCI Usage. Falling back on the @xx@ coding, the tagline is personalized to the user who created the initial text message ONLY. The advantages to this are that these tags can then be used in ANY base, as well as allowing the border to be used, without special "extra" coding to make sure they lined up. I'm working on another little utility to make working with these MORPH'ing codes easier as well.
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- The Maint File's SCAN DIR command now asks you if you wish ALL files in the TagData directory to be scanned, or only those files which do not have .ndx (index) files associated to them. This makes adding tag lists alot easier. The "TagLines" data file will also be alphabetized whenever it is saved now too. Lastly, when the SCAN DIR process is completed, you'll be asked if you wish to go directly to the GLOBAL Editing Screen, as you'll most probably want to make additional changes to one or more of your newly added lists.
- The "Convert93_94" file will add the new COLOR variables to existing users "_SuperTags" files, without them having to start over again.
- Some time was spent to clean up the displays if a 40 column user is using either SuperTags or Config. The screens should now look equally appealing on both screen formats.

1.12 Version 0.93 Beta

- v.93 Beta --
- Release Date: January 13, 1995
 - Fixed a bug where it would lock up if the user had access to NONE of the lists(actually, there was another bug which would MAKE it so the user had access to NONE of the lists, which caused the first lock) It now checks to see if they have access and tells them they don't and will now exit gracefully.
 - Added the "SuperTags, v1.0 xxxx" text, where "xxxx" is the name of the list the tagline came from.
 - Now taglines can have one of 12 preset borders, or a 13th custom user made border or NO border. The user can also state to have the file pick a random border.
 - File now supports Signatures, meaning you can tell it WHERE to put the signature: BEFORE the tagline, AFTER the tagline or DON'T use it!
 - Now includes a "Personal" tagline list, which uses CNet MCI's to make customized taglines using info like the users real name, the date, the time, etc.
 - Much more support for the user to pick and choose among the different taglines, as well as adding their own.
 - There is now a new help system, which breaks down the sections of the config file, so now the user can specify WHICH help they wish to view.
 - Included full screen menus for choices 1 thru 3. This was to accomodate non-ANSI users, as well as those who didn't like the ANSI "one-line" menus. Pressing !, @ and # will activate them.
 - All files have now received their full color! Looks MUCH better! hehe
 - All three files now support the use of CNet Ranges, which means you can now ADD, DELETE, EDIT, etc. GROUPS of lists, tags, etc. without having to do them one at a time.
 - The Maint file received a Global Edit mode, which allows you to change group, sex, age, mci's, uucp and fido for a whole group of lists, which makes adding new lists much easier!
 - The SuperTags file and Config File both had their code tweaked a bit to include subroutines that chopped out certain redundancies in code.

1.13 Version 0.92 Alpha

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-- v.92 Alpha --  
- Not Released For Beta Testing!
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1.14 Version 0.91 Alpha

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-- v.91 Alpha --  
- Not Released For Beta Testing!
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1.15 Version 0.90 Beta

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-- v.90 Beta --  
- Release Date: January 8, 1995  
- Written for Dan Hiner(and myself), using his ideas!  
- Allows users to choose taglines to append to their written messages  
  on your bbs. These could be posts, responses, emails or feedbacks.  
- The user has the ability to choose from numerous LISTS of taglines,  
  each with it's own type of tags(women, men, sex, chocolate, etc.)  
- The SysOp has numerous ways they can restrict the tags, including the  
  user's access group, their gender, their age, etc.  
- You can specify if certain lists can use MCI colors or not, and if a  
  list can be used on a UUCP or FIDO type subboard(for instance, you  
  might NOT want the "sex" tags to be used in a network subboard, etc.)  
- If a list is set to be able to use MCI's, however the subboard the tag  
  will be used on does not allow for MCI's, then any that are found will  
  be stripped from the tag, before being appended to the message.  
- All tag files use a standard text file format, so can easily be edited  
  using any text editor. An index file is also created to make finding  
  specific tags very fast and efficient.  
- The user has the extended ability of being able to choose specific  
  lists of tags to use, specific tags themselves to use, if they should  
  be asked about the tags every time they create a message, or whether  
  they wish it to be done totally in the background.  
- Users can also create their own taglines, and if they want, they can  
  even request the tagline be added to a specific list(which is done at  
  automaintenance time).  
- Comes with over 20 tagline lists to get you started, as well as a  
  sysop maint editor and automaint file.  
- A "pseudo-intelligent" dupe checking routine is used to cut out even  
  more duplicates than the "100% identical" types of dupes.  
- This beta version lacks a few lists, as well as any noticable color.  
  I want to make sure the coding itself works flawlessly, before I go  
  ahead and embellish it with color. No ansi-cursor hopping or ibm type  
  graphics will be used, to insure the file functions for ALL your users  
  as well as being as fast as possible for an ARexx program. Dotoran!
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1.16 Everything you always wanted to know about Dotoran!

The History of Dotoran
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I started running boards on a Commodore 128 computer. I actually was going to buy a Commodore 64 to run CNet 64, but then I began seeing the ads for the new 128 version of CNet. I decided to purchase the 128 and wait the 2-3 mos. that it would take to get the 128 version. As it ended up, I was the 53rd person to own a copy of CNet 128, with a serial number of 0053, v1.01e was what was shipped to me. This version was written mainly in BASIC, with some ML routines for the heavier maintenance routines. The base of the program was a large BASIC program, which also contained the majority of the text the program used. I wrote my first program for the 128 version more than 7 years ago: January 12, 1988. I went on to write mods, text files, gfiles and MANY, MANY pfiles for CNet 128, including Murder Motel, Seventh Seas, Hangman, Jotto, Utopia(similar to Empire), as well as numerous single player games. Overall, I wrote somewhere around 50 different files for that version before deciding to take the Amiga Plunge.

It took almost a year to get my first Amiga BBS up and running, but once it did firm-up, it's existed at the same number for the past three years. My first CNet Amiga version running was v2.16e, however I started writing stuff for it under my old 128 pseudonym of The Marshal during the v1.0 days. A close friend of mine ran a board using the newest Amiga CNet software, which is how I obtained my first xeroxed copies of MCI codes and ARexx commands. It took about 4 months to learn the basics of ARexx, which really weren't much harder than the BASIC coding I had been using for the 128 versions.

My first pfile for CNet Amiga was a number guesser file, but my 2nd file was nowhere near as easy. Wordo was the name of that second programming effort. It took quite some time to get all the bugs worked out of that one, but it was one HUGE learning experience. That was also the first file to use ANSI coding, as well as MCI's. I guess you could say it was the file that initially molded my style of programming.

Having been self-taught, I obtained the majority of my knowledge reading other's code, even using it if I couldn't figure it out for myself. Something that I thought was VERY lacking in the AMIGA CNET world were the HELPFUL text files, users, SysOps, etc. which is what got me going on my "HELP" crusade, which produced such efforts as the GETUSER packages, BBSTEXT HELP package, CNet ToolKits, CNet-Specific ARexx Command Listings, CNet-JamMail packages, etc. as I wanted to know this information, but because noone else felt like sharing the knowledge I placed it on myself to make sure I had the most up-to-date knowledge and that OTHERS were FREE to have this knowledge as well.

Lately, things have slowed down a bit, mainly due to the fact I'm back to work again(there was a 1 and a half year spell where I wasn't working where things were really being cranked out at this end), but I do still find time to release something new now and again. For my larger efforts, I'd have to say I'm proudest of my Wheel of Fortune game, BBS-Stats file, Call-Logger, View-Log, CNet Pager, LogActs File and the new SuperTags file. From my text file efforts, I'd have to say the GETUSER package was the most beneficial, however I see this falling flat on it's face come the arrival of the next new CNet Amiga version, but then again, there'll be my NEXT challenge!

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