

CombineLogs

Now appending the Tabby Log onto the end
of the Callerlog, and then erasing the Tabby Log.

Welcome to the documentation for CombineLogs!

Before we try to put one of these programs to work, let's go over the differences between the 4 programs:

CombineLogs This is the basic version. It will just just append the Tabby Log onto the end of the Callerlog, and then erase the Tabby Log.

CombineLogs,Sound This version, besides appending the Tabby Log onto the Callerlog, will play an audible alert. This is handy if you use it at the end of your chain of events, to let you know when RRH is coming back online. Or, maybe you just like to have your Mac make sounds. Who knows? To each his (or hers) own, eh?

CombineLogs,Stamp This version is designed to be run as the second-to-last program in your chain (just before Red Ryder Host.) Besides appending the Tabby Log onto the end of the Callerlog, it will write at the end of the Callerlog the following:

Launching Red Ryder Host on 01/18/90 at 11:08:28
Logged off on 01/18/90 at 11:08:28

This is the same thing that Pete Johnson's "Timestamp" program does; it makes the Callerlog appear more legible, and is helpful when you use a program that analyses the Callerlog. (However, I don't know what kind of havoc will occur when the "Analysing program" comes across the Tabby Log ...). If you use this version in the chain just before RRH, then you don't have to use "Timestamp" any longer.

CombineLogs,Sound,Stamp This is my favorite. This version does everything. It appends the Tabby Log onto the end of the Callerlog, it gives you an audio alert, and it writes the 'timestamp' to the end of the Callerlog. Designed to be used in the chain of programs just before Red Ryder Host.

Setting up CombineLogs for your System

Okay, fire up your trusty copy of ResEdit, because you are going to have to change 2 or 3 STRs to suit your system. They are:

STR 503 This contains the path to, and the name of the Callerlog, such as:
HD20:BBS:CALLERLOG

STR 501 This contains the path to, and the name of the Tabby Log, such as:
HD20:BBS:Tabby:Tabby Log

STR 500 This contains the name of your RRH application. The default is:
Red Ryder Host

Installing CombineLogs on your System

First of all, you should consider renaming "CombineLogs" to something much shorter, such as "CL". There are good reasons for doing this. First, its one Helluva lot harder to mispell CL then to mispell CombineLogs; we all know what happens when the launch.next file tries to launch a program that doesn't 'exist'- BOOOMMM !
Second, you are quite limited in the number of characters that can go into STR 305 of TabbyNet. Making this application only 2 characters will help you a great deal in this regard.

As far as where in the chain of programs to place Combine logs; well, that is really up to you. However, no matter what, you should make sure that it is after any applications that write to the Tabby Log. The reason for this is: if an application writes to the Tabby lof after you append the Tabby log to the Callerlog, then that bit of writing will be appended to the Callerlog the next time CombineLogs is run, and the events will be out of sequence. (It won't cause any harm, but it will look stupid and messy, so don't do it!)

If you are using Pete Johnson's "Log-O-Matic" or "ResetClog", then run these applications after you run CombineLogs. Both these programs can handle the (combined) Callerlog just fine. If you are running "ResetTlog", stop running it. There will no longer be a Tabby log to Archive everyday. Now you just have to worry about 1 Archive, the Callerlog Archive. This is where having multiple copies of CombineLogs comes in handy. For instance I have the version **CombineLogs,Sound,Stamp** entered in my Strings in TabbyNet and Tabby Robot as the second-to-last application. However, since I run Pete Johnson's "Log-O-Matic" during my daily Tabby Event, and I want to run CombineLogs before I run "Log-O-Matic", I run just the plain-jane version of CombineLogs, which I call CL1.

For example, here is my list of programs that runs in my Tabby Even that runs from 0200-0600 every morning:

BULL,MEH,EXP,NEWS,MAIL,COM,TabbyNet,BUSY,EXT,DEL,IMP,NEWS,MAIL,COM,TAL,CL1,LOG,SET,TS,Red Ryder Host

here is my STR 305 from TabbyNet:

BUSY,EXT,DEL,IMP,EXP,NEWS,MAIL,TAL,CL,Red Ryder Host

and, here is my STR 301 from Tabby Robot:

ST,IMP,NEWS,MAIL,COM,TabbyNet,BUSY,EXT,DEL,IMP,TAL,CL,Red Ryder Host

Notice that I have abbreviated all of the programs except for two- Tabbynet and Red Ryder Host. For reference, here is what the abbreviations stand for:

Busy= BusyOut EXT= Tabbynet ArcMail Extract DEL= TabbyNet DeliverMail
IMP= TImport EXP= TExport NEWS= TabbyNet SendNews
MAIL= TabbyNet SendMail TAL= Tally CL= CombineLogs
COM= TabbyNet Compress Mail MEH= mehitabel LOG= Log-O-Matic
BULL= Bulletin Generator

Credits, Acknowledgements,Warnings, and Other B.S. ...

Well, there you have it. I hope these programs are of use to you. I have learned a lot putting them together. Thanks must go to many folks, especially Pete Johnson, for showing me how to do many things, never mind for the actual source code provide for the HelloTabby routines, and more...

Also, Thanks to Scott Watson, for writing RRH, and of course , last but not least, Michael Connick for creating Tabby, the Fidonet mailer for "The Rest of Us ."

These programs are FREE. You may use them, but you can't sell them. If you like and use them, and we meet someday, buy me a beer! (That's all I ask!)

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Dedication

Well, Scott Watson does it, so I guess I can too!

This is dedicated to all those folks out there who have written so many fine applications, utilities, ect. for Red Ryder Host, Mansion, and Tabby. Thanks, and keep up the great work! We really appreciate it! (You all know who you are ...)

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