Exportar!

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Welcome

Welcome to Exportar! This program is for TeleFinder™ sysops that are running Tabby. This program replaces three programs that you may already be using; TFExport, TFMailExport, and WinterBird.

Exportar has several advantages. First, it has a friendly user interface to do **all** of the configuration. You won't have to play with text files again. Secondly, because it replaces three programs, it's much faster. I did my best to make Exportar as fast as I could... this is what you've told me you want to see. And finally, it's friendly when you run it. If you want to pull down a menu or put Exportar in the background, go right ahead. Oh, the window moves too... and it remembers where you left it.

Exportar is in charge of completing three functions for your TeleFinder BBS:

1. **Netmail exporting**: This function was accomplished by TF/MailExport. Mail in the "Netmail" mailbox is exported to a format the Tabby can deal with.

2. **Echomail exporting**: This function was accomplished by TF/Export. Messages posted by your users in Echomail areas are exported for Tabby.

3. **Mail Forwarding**: This function was available in WinterBird. It allows you to have mail forwarded from a user's mailbox to some other Fidonet address. You can also forward to Internet addresses through a gateway, and forward files to point users.

Please note that Exportar is being distributed as shareware. See the end of this document for details on this.

If you're wondering where the name comes from, "Exportar" is Spanish meaning "to export". I chose a Spanish theme since I began writing the code during the Barcelona

Olympics.

Requirements

Exportar requires at least System 7.0 and TeleFinder Group Edition 3.0 or later. You should also have Tabby™ and TF/Link™. (Most likely you already have these installed).

Installation

Installing Exportar is relatively easy. For the time being, this documentation will assume that you already have TF/Export and TF/MailExport installed, since you still need TF/Import in order to support FidoNet. If you haven't installed TF/Import yet, then you should do that first and come back to these instructions.

Later, if I release my own version of "Importar", then I'll rewrite the documentation for beginners. Okay, let's follow these steps:

1. Put **Exportar** into the folder that holds the **Node Server** and the other Tabby programs. This is sometimes called the "TeleFinder System" folder.

2. Remove **TFExport**, **TFMailExport**, and **WinterBird** from the same folder. (It might be good to keep these backed up just in case you run into problems.)

3. Now remove the above three programs from your event strings. In order to do this, run the **Tabby Maint** program and choose "Events" from the File menu. In place of the names of the above programs, put in one occurrence of **Exportar**. As an example:

Before:
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Programs:

WinterBird,TFMailExport,TFExport,TabbyNet
SendNews,TabbyNet SendMail,Arcmail
Compress,Formula1,ZipExtract,TabbyNet
Delivermail,TFImport,TFShave,BBS
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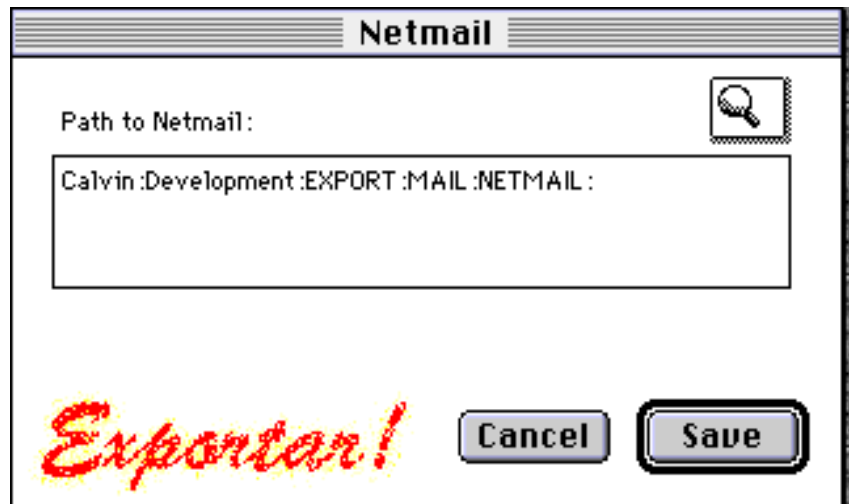
After:
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Programs:

Exportar,TabbyNet SendNews,TabbyNet
SendMail,Arcmail
Compress,Formula1,ZipExtract,TabbyNet
Delivermail,TFImport,TFShave,BBS
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4. Next we'll configure Exportar. Double-click on Exportar to open the application, but immediately after you double click, **hold down the mouse button** until you see the menubar. This puts us in editing mode. Otherwise, Exportar would simply begin working right away.

5. Choose the first choice from the "FidoNet" menu, Netmail.

In this window, we want to inform Exportar where to find outgoing Netmail. This is usually a folder in your Mail folder called "Netmail". Instead of attempting to remember exactly what the path is, simply click on the **Find** button (with the magnifying glass). You will be prompted to select the correct folder with a Standard File Dialog. After you have the path entered, hit the "Save" button.

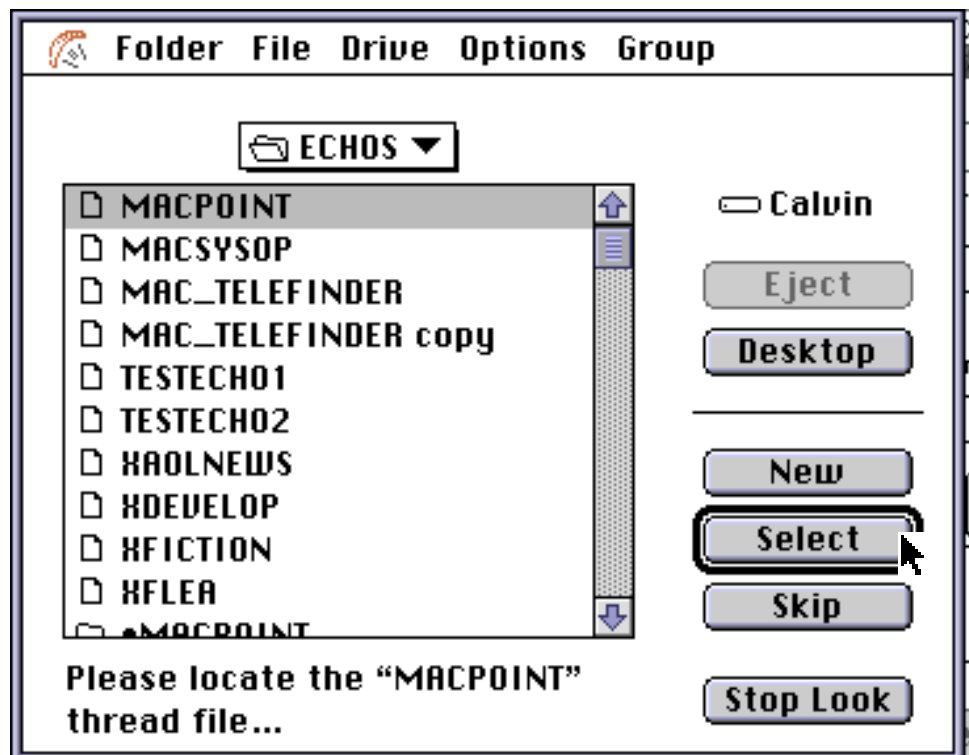**6.** Choose "Echomail Threads" from the Fidonet menu.

In this window, you will tell Exportar exactly what echos you carry, and where they are located. Each records requires that the **Area Number** field and the **Path** be correct. The **Echo Name** field is used for reference. It helps you keep track of what is going on. The **Thread Administrator** and **Thread Limit** fields are not used now. They will be used in a future version.

There are a few things to note about this window. First, the up and down arrows will help you change entries in the list on the left. If you wish to clear out the fields and unselect whatever is currently selected in the list, use the "Clear" key on the numeric keypad. And lastly, **Command A** will add an echo to the list.

If you have already configured the echomail areas in Tabby using Tabby Maint, then this part just became easier. Simply hit the "Look for Echos" button. For each echo specified in Tabby, you will be prompted to find the thread file corresponding to that echo.
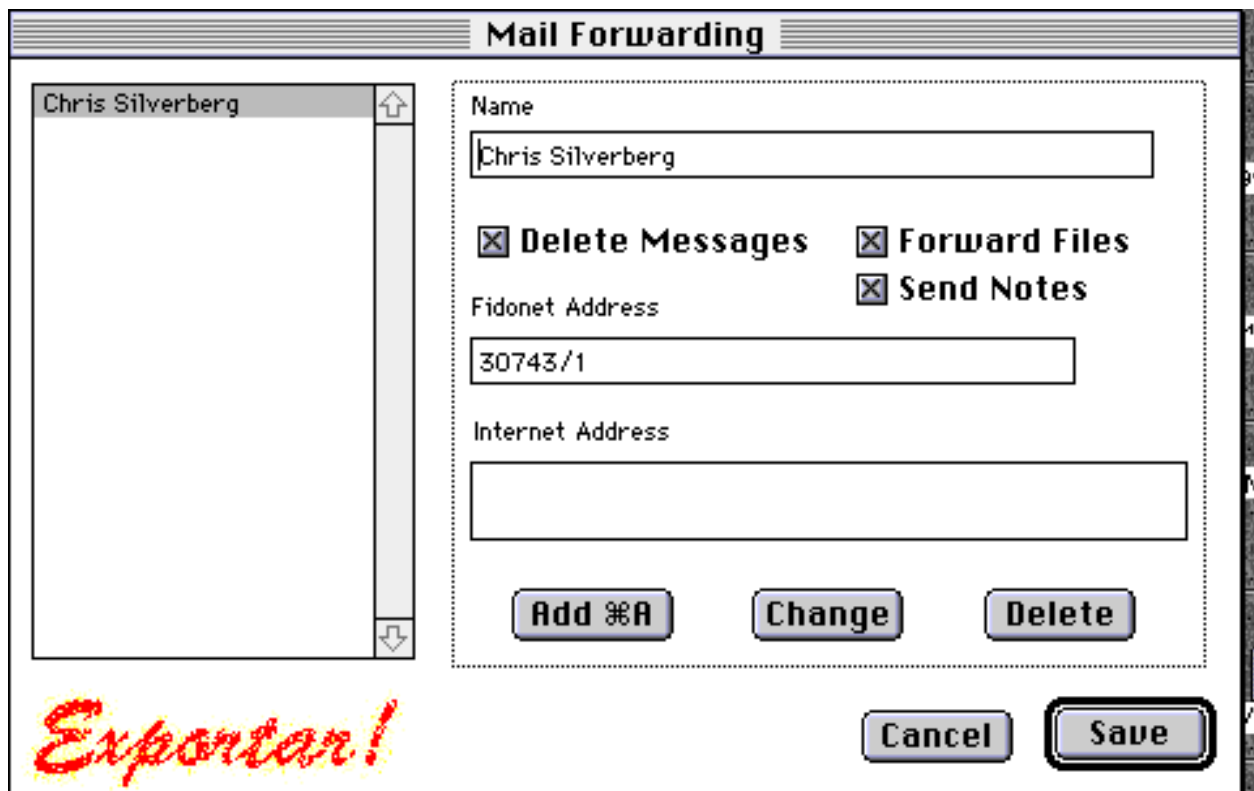
In the above example, the user is being prompted to locate the thread for the MACPOINT echo.

If a thread has not yet been created for this particular echo, then simply hit the "New" button. You will be prompted for a filename of the thread, (usually "MACPOINT", but it can be anything), and a new thread will be created for you.

When you are finished setting up your echos, hit the "Save" button.

7. Choose "Mail Forwarding" from the FidoNet menu:

This window allows you to configure Mail Forwarding, the functionality that was previously available in WinterBird. But unlike WinterBird, setting up the forward addresses is very simple:

Name: Specify the name of a user, exactly as it would be found in the TeleUsers file.

Delete Messages: If a message has been forwarded, checking this box will tell Exportar to delete the original message from the mailbox. Otherwise it will leave it alone.

Forward Files: If the forwarding is to a "point", then you may want to allow Exportar to forward files that people drop in the user's mailbox.

Send Notes: If a file is dropped in a user's box, Exportar will send a note to the user. If "Forward Files" is turned on, the note will inform the user what files were sent. Otherwise, it will serve as a reminder to the user that there are files waiting in his mailbox.

Fidonet Address: This is the Fidonet address that the mail will be forwarded to. This field is **required**. If the address is to a point, using the private network address is the preferred method. For example, use 30743/1 instead of 322/115.1.

Internet Address: You can easily forward mail to an Internet address, but this requires knowing a Fidonet-to-Internet gateway that you can use. For example, if 16/390 is the gateway, then the window might look like this:

Name
| Chris Silverberg |

☐ **Delete Messages**   ☐ **Forward Files**
                        ☒ **Send Notes**

Fidonet Address
| 16/390 |

Internet Address
| To: macman@wpi.wpi.edu |

You should also note that the Internet address is usually formatted with a "To: " in front, followed by a carriage return. If your gateway allows it, you can even forward mail to more than one Internet address by putting two addresses on separate lines.

One last note about Mail Forwarding; This feature was implemented in such a way that messages are not deleted until all mail has been forwarded. This is useful because it allows you to forward mail from one mailbox to multiple addresses. Nice for implementing a simple mailing list.

When you are done setting up mail forwarding, hit the "Save" button.

8. You're done! Go get yourself a beer and relax.

Running Exportar

You can simply let Exportar run with your next event if you'd like. But you might want to double click on Exportar now and make sure things a working correctly.

When running, you'll see the window above. The circle gives you a rough idea of how much time is remaining. Most of the time is spent scanning your echomail threads. In the future, thread scanning will be made much faster.

This window moves. Just click and drag the window anywhere in the content. If you need to abort Exportar, the Stop button works. You also have full control of the menus while Exportar runs. Go ahead and put Exportar in the background and play Tetris. No problem.

Support

As many of you know, I'm still new to programming. This is only the third significant software release for me, although there are many more things I'd like to do. The next thing I'd like to accomplish is Importar.

But in order to do this, I need your support. I'm asking for a shareware fee of $10[1] to become a registered user of Exportar. Try out Exportar for up to a period of 30 days. If you wish to continue using the software then please send me your registration form and shareware fee.

By becoming a registered user, you will be given top priority for bug reports, and you will send me a signal that you want to see more utilities like this. I really want to do Importar, but it's a lot of time. Please show me how much it means to you. (Registration form is on the next page).

If you have a bug to report or need questions asked, you can reach me in any of the following ways:

FidoNet: 1:322/115.1
Internet: macman@wpi.wpi.edu
America Online: TfChris
Voice: 508/ 791-3744 (school till 5/93)
Voice: 508/ 832-6463 (home)
BBS: WMUG BBS 508/ 832-5844

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[1]Or the equivalent foreign currency. Provide US funds if possible. Thanks.

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Shareware Registration Form                          Exportar 1.0


Name:       _____

Address: _____


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City:    _____   St: _____   Zip: _____

Phone:   _____  (optional)



BBS Name:_____     BBS Phone: _____

Fidonet: _____          AOL: _____

Internet: _____


Comments: _____

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Directions:  Fill out this registration form and mail your
             shareware payment of $10 (US) to:


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             Auburn, MA 01501
             USA
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