

The **NEXTTOYOU MailTIFFs database** consists of a set of programs to be installed on your computer and a global MailTIFFs server provided by NEXTTOYOU. It allows you to automatically administrate MailTIFFs from internet users and get their pictures displayed in **Mail.app** as well as newsreaders prepared for this mechanism.

- **mailDBupdate.in** is a replacement for NeXT's **mailDBupdate** for computers which are connected to the internet. **mailDBupdate** can't handle internet users correctly.
mailDBupdate.in automatically
 - registers MailTIFFs from internet users
 - registers aliases for these internet users
 - provides full-internet-address aliases for local users
 - imports MailTIFFs retrieved by **EnhanceMail**
 - deletes outdated MailTIFFs
- **fetchMailTIFFs** automatically updates your local MailTIFFs database with MailTIFFs newly arrived at the global NEXTTOYOU MailTIFFs server.
- **convertMailTIFFs** converts the names of MailTIFFs you may have already stored to the correct format.

In addition to **MailTIFF.database.1.1.b.NIHS.tar.gz**, if

- you use NEXTSTEP <3.3 and you don't already have installed the Z shell **zsh**, you'll need **zsh.3.0.2.NIHS.bs.tar.gz**
- you want to use the MailTIFFs mechanism also for usenet but your current newsreader does not already support the NEXTTOYOU MailTIFFs database format, you'll need either the compiled **Alexandra.0.82.mod.NIHS.b.tar.gz** or, if you want to recompile **Alexandra** yourself, **Alexandra.TiffPatch.s.tar.gz**.

If at the time you install the programs there are already archives in **ftp://ftp.cs.tu-berlin.de/pub/NeXT/misc/NEXTTOYOU/MailTIFFs/Archiv**, be sure to retrieve them (either the global archive or all quarterly archives) and copy the MailTIFFs they contain into **LocalLibrary/Images/People**. MailTIFFs in these archives are *not* accessible separately and cannot be retrieved by **fetchMailTIFFs**.

The **NEXTTOYOU MailTIFFs database** is described in full detail in **NEXTTOYOU 97/1** allowing you to understand how it all works.

For those of you who are not able to understand German the package contains brief installation instructions in English.

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