

SO, What's New in Message Master v2.0x

9 June, 1991 v1.21a

Added code to track message tags.

Added Text Color Adjustment feature.

Rewrote code for the Quote Information Line to make it more versatile.

When a user replied to a message, MsgMstr used to ask the user if he/she would like to delete the origin message. This did not make alot of sense in areas other than the NetMail area. MsgMstr now does not ask to delete these messages except in the NetMail (or Matrix) area.

Fixed a problem where MsgMstr did not use the correct defaults when adding quote line information and initials to a quoted reply.

The Default Save function now only saves changed parameters instead of saving all parameters each time it's called.

Fixed a problem that showed up with the use of more memory usage. The routine to free and restore the NodeList index information

was actually using incorrect logic to check for the existence of the data in memory. After a cycle between minimize and normal screen operation, the system would crash with a UAE.

MsgMstr no longer displays the current area name in the Header Window. Instead it now displays this data, along with the type of area it is, in the title-bar. This not only seems more appropriate and looks cleaner, but it allows for future expansion by providing a free line for any data that may need to be displayed.

18 July, 1991 v1.21b

Implemented text search routine.

Changed the Main Menu to accomodate new features and place functions under more appropriate headings.

When quoting and use initialed quotes is enabled, the initials will now consist of the first characters of the first and second words of the From field in the original message. MsgMstr used to look backwards for the first character in the last word of the line, but this was found to be unsatisfactory due to the number of addressing kludges introduced to support gating. If a single word is found, it is used twice in the quotation as before.

Fixed the display routine to ensure proper startup when OEM characters are the default.

Added a new system default action that permits the user to start up in the same area that the last session ended in.

More than one file may now be attached to a message.

Added the capability to make a file request from any area.

Fixed the options that save messages as text files. Previously, MsgMstr was cutting out the first part of the message body.

Added a timed function to keep necessary data concerning the Nodelist and MsgMstr index files up-to-date. This fixes a problem that showed an incorrect system name in the Matrix message area. Also added code to rescan all message areas every two hours. This keeps internal data as up-to-date as possible.

15 August, 1991 v2.00

Released.

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v2.00a

When in the Storage area, the message renumber option is displayed in the Services menu. This routine was implemented but the code to call the function was never put in place. This oversight has been repaired.

The File Request option had no way to select whether the request was to be saved as Hold/Crash/Normal. This has been fixed.

Matrix, or Netmail, normally does not contain special routing information control lines, but when a message is host routed or passes through gates, routing information is appended. I had forgotten this bit of trivia when implementing the Default Settings option. There was no way to toggle the state of these lines and they were automatically removed from message display. This has been fixed and the default settings now contain an option to select 'Other' lines to either be displayed or disabled.

7 September, 1991

v2.00b

When starting up MsgMstr and the default area is the Storage Area, the Quick-Access buttons will now be displayed correctly with appropriate buttons greyed.

Found a problem with the timer function in that if MSGMSTR.IDX was updated during the timed function, it would lock itself into a vicious cycle, continually updating itself until MM was exited.

When entering netmail messages, accessing address information was limited to finding the Sysop name in the address retrieval box. No method existed to access a Sysop by address. A major remedy has been added. Automatic address/sysop retrieval is now available for those that use a FIDouser.LST file. MsgMstr will now find either a Sysop's name or a Sysop's address by supplying either of their opposites, and it will do it on the fly so that you no longer have to think about it. See the docs for more information, or try entering a New message to see how it works. The author loves it.

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Fixed a long-standing point error. If a point entered a message and did not specify a point number in the address of the addressee, the system default point number was added to the addressee's address.

Conformed to FTSC Standards where the origin line in an echo area message will be created if the tearline is present. The checkboxes in the 'Default Attributes' menu option will reflect this change automatically. If the tearline option is selected, the origin line will automatically be selected also. This change will be detected in current configurations and dealt with automatically.

25 September, 1991

v2.02

This is the author's 40th Birthday hence the release.

28 September, 1991

v2.02a

May have finally found the elusive tag-line problem. Messages should no longer get chopped off in the echo areas when mailing them.

The date in the QuoteLine now reflects the date in the quoted message vice the current date.

Message-boxes have been added to indicate that the user has reached the last or first message in a message area.

When quoting a message, MM now tries to format the quoted lines to fit correctly on a DOS-based system for those that don't have the greater capabilities of a GUI. (Poor slobs :-})

Added a new message function called 'Another'. This function allows the user to create a new message using information from the current message's 'To' and 'Subj' fields. This helps when creating more than one message to the same person or when the current message is addressed to the person you wish to send a message to. Implemented for convenience and because the author wanted it.

Found that messages being created in echo areas were not being flagged as LOCAL.

Changed wording the the dialog box when the user presses Alt+F4., and removed that annoying beep.

By request, added two new variables, MTHNUM and MSGMTHNUM, to the Origin Line compiler to support numerical month information.

26 October, 1991 v2.03

Released. Note that this is the final maintenance release until v3.00 is unveiled.