

Blitz Member Manager - A financial member handler

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Chapter 1

Blitz Member Manager - A financial member handler

1.1 Blitz Member Manager documentation

B l i t z M e m b e r M a n a g e r

v 1.3

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!NOTE!

The location of BMM's data files has been changed to 'DOORS:BMM/'

1.2 What is Blitz Member Manager

Blitz Member Manager allows you to keep track of your users memberships.

Some features:

- o On-line editing of all members.
 - o Shows users the number of days they have remaining.
 - o Shows users the number of MB they still have left with disable feature.
 - o Sysop can add 'phantom' users.
 - o Users DLG's smart input routine to delete/edit members.
 - o Allows editing of users details.
 - o Warns users at 20, 15, 10, and 5 days remaining on their membership.
 - o Allows users to list members of the BBS.
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1.3 Setting up Blitz Member Manager

Blitz Member Manager can take several parameters. Call it thus:

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BMM [CONFIG] [REPORT] [-D<days>] [-S<srt>] [-M<memory>] [-T<grace>] -  
- [USERSNOOP] [NOMB] [RECEIPT]
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-D tells BMM the maximum number of days to report on. Usefull for creating a report containing members who's membership is due in a given number of days. Eg -D5

-S tells BMM the default sort method to use when producing reports. Eg -S2

-M tells BMM how much memory to use. This will only be required for listing operations. If you get an error, try calling BMM with a switch like -M100000 to allocate 100000 bytes.

-T allows you to set a grace period after their membership expires. If this switch is used, the users account details will be added to Blitz-Twit's config file when their time expires.

CONFIG puts BMM into config mode. You may like to have this command on your user edit menu, as it MUST be run on-line in config mode.

REPORT will produce a report file called 'RAM:BMM.LST', which is the same format as produced with the L command in config mode.

USERSNOOP allows the users to access the list function. They get to choose the number of days, and the sort method.

NOMB disables the listing of MB capacity. Handy if you don't use this feature.

RECEIPT will ask the user if they plan on renewing their membership. This will only happen if they get one of the expiry warnings

With no parameters, it checks the current users status and displays relevant information.

You should put this command in your login.(dlg)batch so users can see how long they have.

Place your keyfile (if you have registered) in 'DOORS:BMM/'

1.4 Using BMM

Operation in the config mode is fairly straight forward. A few things to note:

- o Setting MB capacity to 0 will disable this feature.
- o If a text file called 'DOORS:BMM/BMM.txt' exists, this will be displayed to any user who doesn't have an entry in the data file. If the file doesn't exist, a simple message is displayed.
- o Choosing not to write to the screen with the L command produces

a report called 'RAM:BMM.LST'.

Use the 'Hunt' mode when asked to input the number of days to be able to set the correct date for membership expiry.

Sorting methods and the -S switch:

There are 6 sorting methods. They are:

- 1) Alpha forward on member name
- 2) Alpha reverse on member name
- 3) Ascending expiry date
- 4) Descending expiry date
- 5) Ascending MB capacity remaining
- 6) Descending MB capacity remaining

Pressing <REURN> at this prompt will default to 1.

With the NOMB switch, the last 2 are not shown, and can't be selected.

Passing the corresponding value with the -S switch will sort the records with that method. This doesn't work when run interactively.

1.5 Files which BMM will display for you

BMM has the option to display several files instead of the internal versions.

- o DOORS:BMM/BMM.Out - This is the file Blitz-Twit will display if a user is added to the twit list.
- o DOORS:BMM/BMM.acc - This file is displayed when an account is closed after a grace period.
- o DOORS:BMM/BMM.txt - This file is displayed to users who are not members.

1.6 Blitz Member Manager status

From version 1.1 BMM is shareware.

The program comes with a free 20 member license. If you wish to add more than 20 members you will have to register.

- o 50 member license = US\$15
- o 150 member license = US\$20
- o Unlimited license = US\$30

Upgrading your keyfile can be done at any time by paying the difference.

Send your registration in cash or cheque (NOT a EuroCheque!). Please make sure your payment can be cashed here in Australia.

1.7 Contacting the author.

Please report bugs or suggestions to:

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with the following line in the body:

SUBSCRIBE <your address> MTP

1.8 Program history

Version 1.0 - Initial release.

Version 1.1 - Added ability to twit users automatically (Requires Blitz-Twit)
- Now rounds the expiry time to 0:00 the day after the membership expires.
- Added 6 sort options to list output.
- Added switch for report sorting.
- Added -M switch.
- Decided to make BMM shareware
- MB capacity listing in report is now optional.
- Users can now access the database and list other members.

Version 1.2 - Fixed a bug in MB capacity output.
- Fixed allignment of report file output.
- Now displays the date the user's membership will expire.
- Added page pausing to listing when outputting to screen.
- When run on-line, can now do more than one listing at a time.
- Fixed spelling mistake of 'Expiery'!
- Added RECEIPT parameter.
- Moved all data files to 'DOORS:BMM/'

Version 1.3 - Fixed a severe bug when editing a user.
- Pressing <RETURN> at edit prompt now returns to main menu.
- Now correctly identifies unlimited license keyfile.

- Added B menu option to config menu.
- Added 'Hunt' mode to days remaining.
- Now goes to edit menu if a new member already exists in the database.