

Mailbox SKIMMER v 1.1

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User's Manual.

Thank you for using Mailbox SKIMMER. This instructive is rather short, but it's everything you need to know how to use the program. If you are in a hurry, read the file MSKIM.TXT, as it has straight-to-the-point instructions for setup and use.

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WHAT IS MAILBOX SKIMMER?

This is a program designed to select messages from a mailbox, by eliminating those ones that contain a specific string in the Subject: line of the header of its message. I wrote it because I was subscribed to a mailing list of my interest, but about half of the messages in the mailing list were about a particular subject I wasn't interested in.

REQUIREMENTS

Mailbox SKIMMER should run in any PC with 128k of RAM, but the more memory you have, it will be able to handle larger mailbox files. Your mailbox file should be in DOS text format, that is, with car returns and line feeds. A native Unix textfile won't work properly with the program, but don't worry: if you are downloading your mailbox file from a Unix System, there should be a command in your Unix system which will let you convert from Unix to DOS type (unix2dos, aix2dos, or whatever). Use this command before copying or downloading your mailbox file. Then, it will be ready to be used by Mailbox SKIMMER. (There are also many commercial and ShareWare programs designed to convert files)

HOW TO USE IT?

Mailbox SKIMMER works under the assumption that we are working with a typical mailbox file: This is the general structure of a mailbox:

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From user@server.node  
(lines...)  
Subject: topic of the message  
(lines...)  
  
Beginning of actual message.  
(lines...)  
last line of message  
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```

The upper half of the message (the header) contains many informational lines; The Subject: line is the one which can be analysed to find the topics you want to eliminate.

Command Syntax:

```
mskim [ -A file ] [ mboxfile: ] unwanted topics
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Options: -A Another destination; Default is MBOX.DEP.

 mboxfile The name of your mailbox. Default is MBOX.

 unwanted topics All strings that appear on the messages
 you don't want to read.

Note : Brackets mean it's optional.

This is the only order in which parameters will work.

It is **VERY** important to write the name of your mailbox followed by a colon ' : '. The colon is the only mean to tell a mailbox name from an unwanted topic. So, an unwanted topic may be any word, but it can't end with a colon.

Examples of use:

```
mskim -A c:\personal\readmail.txt f:mbox: greetings buy returned
```

The example above would perform this: From file mbox stored in the F: drive, eliminate all messages containing the words 'greetings', 'buy', and 'returned', outputting the results to the file c:\personal\readmail.txt (Note the colon after the mbox filename)

If your mailbox is named MBOX., is in the current directory, and you want the skimmed mail to be named MBOX.DEP in that very same directory, the command would be as simple as this:

```
mskim greetings buy returned
```

mskim will return the following DOS ERRORLEVEL after execution:

- 0 : Everything's ok
- 1 : No parameters were typen
- 2 : mailbox file does not exist
- 3 : Invalid name for output file
- 4 : mailbox and output file are the same

FEEDBACK

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