

MM in 2 Pages. A selection of commonly used commands. For more information, please use the *help* command. Note that commands may work differently at the MM>, Read> and Send> prompts.

MM Commands

The term *messages* refers to message sequences, described on the other side of this sheet.

help ?	shows what help is available.
help <i>command</i>	explains use of a particular command (or a topic as listed in <i>help ?</i>).
<i>command</i> ?	shows possible completions for a particular command.
! <i>command</i>	does a shell command.
exit	exits from MM and expunges deleted messages; does not kill the process.
quit	exits from MM without expunging; does not kill the process.
bye	exits from MM and asks whether to expunge; kills the process.
send	starts the SEND routine.
read	starts the READ routine, and reads any unseen messages.
read <i>messages</i>	starts the READ routine, and reads specified messages.
headers <i>messages</i>	shows the headers (index summary) of specified messages.
reply <i>messages</i>	sends a reply; similar to SEND routine.
delete <i>messages</i>	marks the message for deletion; it will be erased at <i>exit</i> or <i>expunge</i> .
forward <i>messages</i>	forwards the message to someone else; you can add a comment first.
reMail <i>messages</i>	re-mails the message to someone else without comment.
print <i>messages</i>	prints the message; see the other side of this sheet for pprint.
flag <i>messages</i>	puts a marker on the message; the message is shown whenever you start MM.
keyword <i>kw</i> <i>messages</i>	assigns a keyword, <i>kw</i> , to the message; for use in message sequences.
copy <i>file</i> <i>messages</i>	copies the message to another mail file, <i>file</i> .
move <i>file</i> <i>messages</i>	copies the message to another mail file, <i>file</i> .
get <i>file</i>	changes to another mail file, <i>file</i> .
get	changes to the main mail file, <i>mbox</i> .
save-draft <i>file</i>	(at Send>only) saves a message being typed in a file, <i>file</i> , without sending it.
restore-draft <i>file</i>	gets a message that was saved by <i>save-draft</i> to resume the SEND routine.
finger <i>userID</i>	shows the name and other information for the person with the userID.
finger -Q <i>username</i>	lists userIDs of people with the name (or partial name).
define <i>alias</i> <i>userID</i>	defines a mail-alias (nickname) for the userID.
define <i>alias</i> <i>userIDlist</i>	defines a mail-alias (mailing list name) for a list of userIDs.
define <i>alias</i> @@ <i>file</i>	defines a mail-alias (mailing list name) by referring to a file listing userIDs.
who?	shows what aliases exist.
who <i>alias</i>	shows the userID for a particular alias.
show	shows current settings of variables and mail-aliases.
show <i>variable</i>	shows the current setting of a particular variable.
help set <i>variable</i>	explains what a variable does.
set <i>variable</i> <i>value</i>	customizes MM by setting a variable to a certain value.
save-init	saves anything <i>defined</i> or <i>set</i> during the current session.
expunge	permanently erases <i>deleted</i> messages (the <i>exit</i> command also does this).

Message Sequences

Messages are commonly specified by number. Type *headers all* to see a list of all the messages you have on file, with their numbers. Examples of message sequences using numbers:

5	message 5.
5:8 or 5-8 or 5,6,7,8	messages 5 through 8.
5,6,7,10 or 5:7,10	messages 5 through 7, and 10.

Some other message sequences are shown here. Type *help message-sequence* for a full list of sequences. If you type *headers all*, you are using the message sequence *all*.

*	the last message in the file.
all, inverse	all messages; <i>all</i> =oldest first, <i>inverse</i> =newest first.
after, before, on, since <i>date</i>	messages after, etc., a certain date (<i>June 6, 1990</i>) or day (<i>Monday</i>).
subject, text <i>word</i>	messages containing a word (or part of a word) in the subject or text.
to, from <i>userID</i>	messages to or from a certain userID or user name.
last <i>n</i>	the last <i>n</i> messages.
flagged	all messages marked by the <i>flag</i> command.
keyword <i>kw</i>	all messages assigned to the keyword, <i>kw</i> , by the <i>keyword</i> command.

Examples of message sequences:

read since Monday	reads all messages received on and after Monday.
delete subject meeting from fuat	deletes messages from <i>fuat</i> with <i>meeting</i> in the subject.
headers before 12/31/90	shows headers for messages received before December 31, 1990.
flag text bug from mel	puts a flag on all messages from <i>melissa</i> with <i>bug</i> in the text.

Reply Keywords

sender, all	send reply to sender, or to everyone on the <i>to</i> and <i>cc</i> lists of the original.
including, not-including	include the original message above the reply text, or not.

At the Read> prompt, common commands are *reply*, *reply all*, *reply including*, *reply all including*.

At the MM> prompt, type *reply* and message sequence; then at the prompt *send reply...to*, press *return* for the default, *sender not-including*, or specify *including*, *all*, or *all including*.

Send Commands

Use *help* at the Send> prompt for information. Some of the commands available only at the Send> prompt include:

display, display <i>headers</i>	shows the message about to be sent, or just its header lines.
to <i>address</i> , cc <i>address</i> , subject <i>text</i>	adds addresses to the <i>to</i> or <i>cc</i> fields; replaces the <i>subject</i> field.
erase <i>field</i>	erases a field (like <i>to</i> , <i>cc</i> , etc.)
text	goes back to typing text, after reaching the Send> prompt.
fcc <i>file</i>	puts a copy of the message in a file, <i>file</i> , in your current directory.
send	sends the message.
quit	discards the message, and goes back to the MM> prompt.

At the *To:* and *cc:* prompts: type any valid address or mail-alias; or *@file* to read in addresses from a file (mailing list); or . (period) to send to yourself. Put commas between addresses when there is more than one. See the help topics *addressing*, *binet* and *internet* for information about addresses. See help for *text-mode* for help with MM's text editor.