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Chapter 1

MicroBBS

1.1 MicroBBS

MicroBBS V1.1

BBS-System for Amiga

Description

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Disclaimer

Installation

Configuration

Registration

Thanks too...

History

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1.2 Description

The MicroBBS is a new, fully configurable BBS.

It is extremely small, but still very powerful. Most functions are implemented out of the dust by external scripts and the builtin configuration capabilities. Setting up the BBS is more like an easy way of programming than of common configuration. This brings a maximum of flexibility to the sysop.

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Additionally, there are no user-levels or accountings - these things are useless nowadays, where there are more BBSs than users. But it shouldn't be to difficult to add this with scripts, if you really need it.

With MicroBBS you can easy implement everything between a full featured BBS and a small human-user-frontend for your mailer.

1.3 Copyright

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!
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1.5 Installation

Installation shouldn't be to difficult.

1) Unpack the hole archive to wherever you like.

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2) Move the files from the following directories where they belong or use Assign ADD to "merge" the directories to the matching systemdirectories:

MicroBBS/L L:
MicroBBS/Libs LIBS:
MicroBBS/C C:
MicroBBS/Devs DEVS:
MicroBBS/Locale LOCALE:

- 3) Assign BBS: to the "MicroBBS"-directory.
- 4) Add the scripts "BBS:Commands/Maintenance" to your daily maintenance. Edit & run BBS:Commands/MakeCD0Index
- 5) Configure your Mailer to start MicroBBS either direct or via the "StartBBS"-script:

, which means that you can run

MicroBBS only once at a time if you're not registered.

Example for GMS: BBSCommand="Mail:Scripts/StartBBS %s %u %b %m %C"

6) Change the BBSconfiguration

1.6 Configuration

Setting up MicroBBS is a little bit like programming, but in a $\ensuremath{\hookleftarrow}$ very

simplified way. The "syntax" is very strict and easy to understand, just refer to the

example configuration

to find out how the syntax looks like.

There are two main types of configuration-entries. The first ones are simply options to define the screen, the console and similar things:

General options

Chatter

Configs

Console

Screen

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Only some of these options allow the special

%-commands

theirs documentation.

to be used. Refer to

```
The others are more difficult. Generaly speaking, they are all defining
different types of commands. These commands can use other commands, either
internal or by config defined ones. Be careful to not create loops!
If a used command is not defined in the config, the bbs interprets it as a
text-file and tries to type it to the output.
               Internal commands
               Batches
                 - Lists of commands.
               Externals
                 - External commands.
               Spawn
                 - External commands with in-/output-redirection.
               Menus
                 - Menu-definition.
               Texts
                 - Text-files to use for output.
All of these options allow the special
               %-commands
                to be used.
All options may be defined multiple times, if an option is "single lined"
( e.g.
               Log
                or a user-defined command like: xyz.txt "Foo-Bar" ) the old
one is simply replaced, it the option is "multi lined" ( e.g.
               Menus
                or
               Screen
               ) the new options are added.
It's no problem to create multiple blocks of e.g. Menus or
               Texts
               . They are
automagically merged together.
```

1.7 Registration

To register MicroBBS, simply send me 30.- DM, fill out and send me (either per email or snailmail) the following form and I will send you a keyfile back. For either snail- or crashmail add 5.- for "shipping".

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Name:			
Street:			
Country:			
State:			
Voice:			
Data:			
EMail:			
Send as	Crash []	Snail []	EMail []

1.8 Thanks to...

I'd like to thank Ingo Juergensmann for forcing me to develop
this BBS to

something usable, for his late-night-bug-report-calls and for thousand
other things not mentioned here...

Additional thanks:

Olaf Barthel − for his fine
metaxpr.library
...

Martin Neumann − for beta-testing...

1.9 History

- added options:

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Write good code. Test it. Then make it great.

- RKRM Libraries p. 922

Several private releases...

V 1.1 - private

- removed options:

- SysopColor
- UserColor
- Watch (Config & Commandline!)

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```
( Console
            ( Left <Number> )
            ( Top <Number> )
            ( Width <Number> )
            ( Height <Number> )
            ( PubScreen <Name> ) (with auto-fallback)
            ( Font <Name> )
            ( FontSize <Number> )
        only with key!
        ( Screen
            ( Width <Number> )
            ( Height <Number> )
            ( Depth <Number> )
            ( Name <Name> )
            ( DisplayID <Number> ) (no hex value!)
        only with key!
        ( Chatter
            ( SerialColor <Number> )
            ( ConsoleColor <Number> )
        only with key!
       ( Prompt <String> )
        set's the BBS-prompt
        default: "?[1A?[1E%H:%M:%S> "
        only with key!
- added command:
        ( Echo <String> )
        Hint: ( Echo "?[0;0H?[J" ) == ClearScreen...
- changed command:
    - WaitReturn will NOT type WaitReturn.txt anymore!
      Use a batch like this from now on:
        ( WaitReturn.bat
            ( WaitReturn.txt )
            ( WaitReturn )
        or better:
```

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```
( WaitReturn.bat
            ( Echo "?[1E?[35C?[1;33m< ?[35mReturn ?[33m>?[0m" )
            ( WaitReturn )
    - the Text-function tries to execute WaitReturn.bat when typing texts which \,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,
       are longer than the users maxlines.
- using console.device instead of CON:
    - no waste of cpu-time anymore
    - should loose less or no chars anymore
- done major rework on the spawnmode:
    - should be faster now
    - supports RAW & CON
- removed this stupid "make the config lowercase" behaviour
- added LOADS of percent commands, all time related:
    - %a short name of the weekday
    - %A full
    - %b short name of the month
    - %B full
    - %c local displaymethod of date and time
    - %d day of the month (01-31)
    - %H hour (00-23)
    - %I hour (01-12)
    - %j day of the year (001-366)
    - %m month (01-12)
    - %M minute (00-59)
    - %p local equivalent of AM or PM
    - %S second (00-61)
    - %U week of the year (sunday is first weekday) (00-53)
    - %w weekday (0-6)
    - %W week of the year (monday is first weekday) (00-53)
    - %x local displaymethod of the date
    - %X local displaymethod of the time
    - %y year without century (00-99)
    - %Y year including century
    - %Z name of the time-zone
- problems left:
    - cursorkeys don't work correct
    - no PASTE to console window
- soon:
    - correct ansi-colors
    - PASTE
    - cursorkeys
V 1.11 - private
```

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```
- fixed a really stupid BUG which gurued the download
- fixed ansi-colors
- replaced option
        ( Screen
            ( DisplayID <Number> ) (no hex value!)
    with
        ( Screen
            ( Mode <ModeName> ) (e.g. PICASSO:800x600x256 )
V 1.12 - private
- crippeled some functions
    Function name
                        functionality without key
    - Upload
                       none
    - GetLines
                        single line only
    - Configs
                        none
    - Console
                       uses default settings
    - Screen
                       none
    - Chatter
                       uses default settings
                      defaults to 0
    - Node (CLI-Arg)
- changed option:
    ( Menu
        ( Before
            <Command>
            <Command>
            <Command>
    )
    The Before-option will no more be executed after performing a menu-option.
    Use the after-option instead. To get the same functinality as before, add
    an After-option with the same command as the Before-option to every menu.
- added option:
    ( Menu
        ( After
            <Command>
            <Command>
            <Command>
        )
    )
```

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```
- moved location of FLG to BBS:Commands/FLG/

V 1.13 - private

- fixed:
    some zero-page trashing during startup.
    enforcer-hit in config-building and config-scanning.

V 1.14 - private

- fixed:
    trouble with upload-function.

V 1.15 - public

- fixed:
    improved handler. Remote-Shell works now.

- removed:
    WriteMessage
```

1.10 Bugs

- there seems to be a problem with the duart.device...
- spawn-mode is not yet perfect...

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1.12 General configuration options

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```
Loq:
   This is the name of the logfile where to log callers, errors, etc.
       ( Log
                       "BBS:MicroBBS_%Node.log" )
    This option allows the special
               %-commands
                to be used.
StartCommand:
   This is the first command to start on startup of the BBS. If this is not
   specified, MicroBBS tries to start "main.menu".
       ( StartCommand "Logon.bat" )
Prompt:
   This is a string which is used as prompt, asking the user for input.
       ( Prompt
                       "?[1A?[1E%H:%M:%S> " )
   This option allows the special
               %-commands
               to be used.
   This option requires the
               keyfile
```

1.13 Chatter configuration

1.14 Configs configuration

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```
This option allows the special %-commands to be used.

This option requires the keyfile
```

1.15 Console configuration

```
This describes the size of the console, the used font and the \ \ \hookleftarrow
                    pubscreen to
open the console on.
    ( Console
        ( Font
                      "IBM.font" )
         ( FontSize
                      8)
        ( PubScreen "MicroBBS" )
        ( Left 440 )
        (Top
                 500)
        ( Width 800 )
        ( Height 500 )
    )
The option "PubScreen" allows the special
            %-commands
             to be used.
These options require the
            keyfile
```

1.16 Screen configuration

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```
The option "Name" allows the special %-commands to be used.

These options require the keyfile
```

1.17 Internal functions

```
These are the internal predefined commands.
                - Sends multiple files listed in the file given as
BatchDownload
                  argument.
    ( BatchDownload "T:FullFileList.%Node" )
                - Recieves one file by zmodem-transfer and puts it to
Upload
ChangeMaxlines - Ask the user for a new maximum number of lines to be
                  displayed.
ChangePassword - Ask the user to change his password.
GetLine
                - Reads one line from the user and writes it to the
                  specified file.
    ( GetLine "ENV:MSGTO%Node" )
GetLines
                - Reads several lines from the user until he presses
                  return and writes them to the specified file.
                  Without
            kevfile
             this function reads only one line!
    ( GetLines "T:FileList.%Node" )
                - Starts the logon-sequence with password-check.
LogOn
LogOff
                - Quits the whole bbs.
Chat
                - Starts the internal chat-module.
Echo
                - Simply puts the given line out.
    ( Echo "?[1;1H?[J" )
WaitReturn
               - Waits for the user to press return.
```

1.18 Batch configuration

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With batches you can define a list of commands, internal and defined ones (which includes batches themself), to be executed after each other. Be careful, it's easy to create infinite loops by starting a batch from itself...

1.19 Externals configuration

Here you can specify several external commands. They are executed synchronus, in-/output will not be redirected. Use "C:Run" for asynchronus operation.

1.20 Spawn configuration

1.21 Menu configuration

This is the most important feature of MicroBBS.

```
"Password" asks for a password before entering the menu. If the password is wrong, acces is denied.

"Before" is executed before the Menu is entered.

"After" is executed after every selection.
```

"Options" defines the hotkey and the corresponding action. You can specify

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```
multiple action like in the
        Batch configuration
       The "-" is automatically defined as the hotkey to leave the
       menu. To avoid usage of the "-" in e.g. the main menu (which
       has no parent) simply add the "-" as option without action.
( Menus
    ( Statistiken.menu
        ( Password "xyz" )
        ( Before Menu.Stats.txt )
        ( After Menu.Stats.txt )
        ( Options
            ( I
                 ( Stats.SystemInfo.txt )
                 ( WaitReturn.bat )
            ( U Stats. Userlist.bat )
            ( L Stats.LastUsers.bat )
            ( R Stats.ReBoots.bat )
            ( W Stats.Who.bat )
            ( - )
       )
   )
)
```

1.22 Text configuration

```
Here you can define textfiles to be typed during action.
```

1.23 % commands

These are the percent-commands you can use in many functions:

```
- 응응
- %Node
                line-number of the BBS.
- %Baud
                baudrate
- %User
                username
- %Connect
                connect-string
- %Calls
                number of calls from user
- %Files
                number of leeched files from user
                number of total calls
- %AllCalls
                number of total leeched files
- %AllFiles
- %a short name of the weekday
- %A full
- %b short name of the month
```

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```
- %B full
- %c local displaymethod of date and time
- %d day of the month (01-31)
- %H hour (00-23)
- %I hour (01-12)
- %j day of the year (001-366)
- %m month (01-12)
- %M minute (00-59)
- %p local equivalent of AM or PM
- %S second (00-61)
- %U week of the year (sunday is first weekday) (00-53)
- %w weekday (0-6)
- %W week of the year (monday is first weekday) (00-53)
- %x local displaymethod of the date
- %X local displaymethod of the time
- %y year without century (00-99)
- %Y year including century
- %Z name of the time-zone
```

1.24 Example configuration

```
(
                Log
                            "BBS:MicroBBS_%Node.log" )
(
                StartCommand
                  "Logon.bat" )
                Prompt
                         "?[1A?[1E%H:%M:%S> " )
(
                Console
                    ( Font
                                  "IBM.font" )
    ( FontSize
                 8)
    ( PubScreen "MicroBBS" )
    ( Left
            440 )
    ( Top
             500)
    (Width 800)
    ( Height 500 )
)
                Screen
                     ( Width 800 )
    ( Height 600 )
    (Depth 8)
    ( Mode
             "PICASSO: 8Bit 800 * 600")
    ( Name "MicroBBS" )
)
(
                Chatter
                     ( SerialColor
                                    33)
```

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```
( ConsoleColor 32 )
)
(
                Texts
                    ( Chatter.End.txt
                                                 "BBS:Texte/Chatter.End.txt" )
    ( Chatter.Start.txt
                                "BBS:Texte/Chatter.Start.txt" )
                                 "BBS:Texte/SecurityViolation.txt" )
    ( Security Violation.txt
    ( SystemError.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/SystemError.txt" )
                                 "BBS:Texte/NewUser.txt" )
    ( NewUser.txt
    ( Logon.Rules.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Rules.txt" )
    ( Logon.Intro.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Intro.txt" )
    ( Logon.Logon.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Login.txt" )
    ( Logon.News.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/News.txt" )
                                "BBS:Texte/GoodBye.txt" )
    ( Logoff.GoodBye.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Menu.Files.txt" )
    ( Menu.Transfer.txt
    ( Menu.Games.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Menu.Games.txt" )
    ( Menu.Main.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Menu.Main.txt" )
    ( Menu.Message.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Menu.Message.txt" )
    ( Menu.Prefs.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Menu.Prefs.txt" )
                                 "BBS:Texte/Menu.Stats.txt" )
    ( Menu.Stats.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Message.End.txt" )
    ( Message.End.txt
    ( Message.Start.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Message.Start.txt" )
                                 "BBS:Texte/Message.SendTo.txt" )
    ( Message.SendTo.txt
    ( Message.User.txt
                                 "BBS:Messages/%User" )
    ( Prefs.Lines.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Prefs.Lines.txt" )
    ( Stats.History.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Stats.History.txt" )
                                 "BBS:Texte/Stats.LastUsers.txt" )
    ( Stats.LastUsers.txt
    ( Stats.SystemInfo.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Stats.SystemInfo.txt" )
                                 "BBS:Texte/Stats.Userlist.txt" )
    ( Stats.Userlist.txt
    ( Transfer.SearchFiles.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/SearchFiles.txt" )
    ( Transfer.Download.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Transfer.Download.txt" )
    ( Transfer. Upload.txt
                                 "BBS:Texte/Transfer.Upload.txt" )
)
(
                Configs
                     ( BBS:MicroBBS.cfg.lager )
    ( BBS:MicroBBS.cfg.cd0 )
)
(
                Externals
                     ( AfterSession.ext
                                                  "BBS:Commands/Aftersession" )
                                 "BBS:Commands/AddLastUser "%User" %Node %Connect" \leftarrow
    ( AddLastUser.ext
       )
                                 "BBS:Commands/GenUserList" )
    ( GenUserList.ext
    ( SayLogon.ext
                                 "C:Run RexxC:RX 'Address PLAY SAY "-v28 Logon: % \leftarrow
       User !"" )
                                 "C:Echo "
                                                       %User ist online." TO T:Who.% ←
    ( SetWho.ext
                                             %Node
       Node")
( Spawns
    ( ShowLogonStats.spw
                                 "BBS:Commands/ShowLoginStats %Calls %Files % \leftarrow
       AllCalls %AllFiles")
    ( NuclearWar.spw
                                 "BBS:Doors/StartNuclearWar "%User"" )
```

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```
( SpaceEmpire.spw
                                  "BBS:Doors/StartSpaceEmpire "%User"" )
                                  "BBS:Commands/CheckMessages "%User"" )
    ( CheckMessages.spw
    ( ReadMessages.spw
                                  "BBS:Commands/ReadMessages "%User"" )
    ( WriteMessage.spw
                                 "BBS:Commands/WriteMessage %Node "%User"" )
    ( SearchFiles.spw
                                 "BBS:Commands/SearchFiles %Node" )
                                 "BBS:Commands/SearchFullNames %Node "%User"" )
    ( SearchFullNames.spw
)
(
                Bat.ches
                     ( Logon.bat
        ( Logon.Intro.txt )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
        ( Logon.Rules.txt )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
        ( Logon.Logon.txt )
        ( Logon )
        ( SayLogon.ext )
        ( SetWho.ext )
        ( ShowLogonStats.spw )
        ( CheckMessages.spw )
        ( AddLastUser.ext )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
        ( Logon.News.txt )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
        ( Stats.LastUsers.bat )
        ( Stats.Who.bat )
        ( Main.menu )
    ( Logoff.bat
        ( Logoff.Goodbye.txt )
        ( AfterSession.ext )
        ( Logoff )
    )
    ( Stats.LastUsers.bat
        ( Stats.LastUsers.txt )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
    ( Message.Write.bat
        ( Message.SendTo.txt )
        ( GetLine "ENV:MSGTO%Node" )
        ( Message.Start.txt )
        ( WriteMessage.spw )
        ( Message.End.txt )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
    ( Message.Read.bat
        ( Echo "?[1;1H?[J" )
        ( Message.User.txt )
        ( ReadMessages.spw )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
    ( Stats.Who.bat
        ( BBS:Texte/Stats.Who.txt )
        ( T:Who.0 )
        ( T:Who.1 )
        ( T:Who.2 )
```

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```
( T:Who.3 )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
    ( Stats. Userlist.bat
        ( GenUserList.ext )
        ( Stats.Userlist.txt )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
    ( Transfer.Download.bat
        ( Transfer.Download.txt )
        ( GetLines "T:FileList.%Node" )
        ( SearchFullNames.spw )
        ( BatchDownload "T:FullFileList.%Node" )
    ( Transfer.Upload.bat
        ( Transfer. Upload.txt )
        ( Upload )
    ( Transfer.Searchfiles.bat
        ( Transfer.SearchFiles.txt )
        ( GetLines "T:FileList.%Node" )
        ( SearchFiles.spw )
        ( WaitReturn.bat )
    ( WaitReturn.bat
        ( Echo "?[1E?[35C?[1;33m< ?[35mReturn ?[33m>?[0m" )
        ( WaitReturn )
)
(
                Menus
                     ( Main.menu
        ( Before Menu.Main.txt )
        ( After Menu.Main.txt )
        ( Options
            ( C Chat )
             ( F Transfer.menu )
             ( G Games.menu )
             ( N Message.menu )
             ( P Prefs.menu )
             ( S Statistiken.menu )
            (! Logoff.bat)
            ( R Logon.bat )
             ( - )
        )
    ( Transfer.menu
        ( Before Menu.Transfer.txt )
        ( After Menu.Transfer.txt )
        ( Options
            ( D Transfer.Download.bat )
             ( U Transfer.Upload.bat )
             ( S Transfer.SearchFiles.bat )
             ( 0 Lager:.menu )
             ( 1 CD0:Aminet/.menu )
    )
```

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```
( Games.menu
    ( Before Menu.Games.txt )
    ( After Menu.Games.txt )
    ( Options
        ( N NuclearWar.spw )
         ( E SpaceEmpire.spw )
)
( Message.menu
    ( Before Menu.Message.txt )
    ( After Menu.Message.txt )
    ( Options
        ( S Message.Write.bat )
         ( L Message.Read.bat )
         ( U Stats.Userlist.bat )
    )
)
( Prefs.menu
    ( Before Menu.Prefs.txt )
    ( After Menu.Prefs.txt )
    ( Options
         ( Z
             ( Prefs.Lines.txt )
             ( ChangeMaxLines )
         ( P ChangePassword )
)
( Statistiken.menu
    ( Before Menu.Stats.txt )
    ( After Menu.Stats.txt )
    ( Options
        ( I
             ( Stats.SystemInfo.txt )
             ( WaitReturn.bat )
         ( U Stats.Userlist.bat )
         ( L Stats.LastUsers.bat )
         ( W Stats.Who.bat )
    )
)
```

)