MCC - Maximus Control Center

Introduction

MCC is a graphical configuration (and management) system for <u>Maximus BBS</u>.

This is the first released version, and it should make more easier Maximus configuration and daily management. Other functionality will be added version by version, feel free to ask.

This version save all the config parameters in one big file, withouth comments in it. Working with MCC you should not worry about it, but let me know if this is a concern for you, so I can plan some changes in the future.

Please get a backup of your configuration files before using MCC, because as all the new software MCC has bugs.

Contact me for any problem, or to suggest changes or implementation. You can write to this email address:

siddartha@kagi.com
siddartha@mclink.it

PS. This is a shareware version, so you can load and modify Maximum config files, but you cannot save it. Obviously the registered version is able to do it.

Registration

How to register MCC

To simplify the registration procedure I made an agreement with Kagi Shareware.

They will manage all the payments, so you can use about any payment method (from cash to credit card).

You should use the register program distributed with MCC. You can activare it from MCC itself if you installed register.exe in the same directory, or you can get it from the distribution archive and launch it by yourself.

Register.exe is a windows program. Follow the instruction. It's easy.

After the registration you will receive the password to unlock the save, preview and check feature of the program.

How to use MCC

You can start MCC withouth parameters or specifying the name of the config file to be loaded (e.g. MCC max.ctl)

If you don't use a parameter, a blank window will appear and you should use the Open menu item to load a Maximus config file.

After the loading (be patient) you will have a notebook with many tabbed <u>pages</u>, each containing some of the configuration options of Maximus:

Checking "Show Hints" in the Option menu you ask brief descriptions for all the fields in the pages to be showed when the mouse pointer is over a filed in the page. For better explanations refer to the Maximus manuals.

You can <u>Preview</u> the configuration file before save it, and also execute some <u>Check</u> on its integrity (but this is a very limited set of checks for now).

In the About you can see my face and my little dog called Morgana. I hope to show you a new photo in the next version with me and my cat called Stellina.

System Section

This page contains the base parameters of the system. From here you can start to edit the bad users file.

If you start working with your old config file or with the one automagically created by Maximus during installation, you should not have any problem with this page.

Equipment

No special operative instructions for this page.

Mail

In this page there are two grid:

1. Fido addresses grid
Double click on the grid to edit some fields. Use INS to add a line. The first address in the grid is the primary. You can drag the row using the mouse cliking on the grey column on the left and dragging it to the new position.

2. Message Edit grid
Each row in the gris is a "Message Edit" parameter. Refer to Maximus manuals for more help. Use INS to add a row.

Session [part 1]

No special operative instructions for this page.

Session [part 2]

No special operative instructions for this page.

The little button near "Track Exclude" start and editing session for the Track Exclude file.

Sections detail

Uses

This page contains the list of the "Uses" in a grid. Each "Uses" join a keyword with a file.

For example the "BadLogon" keyword with the Misc/BadLogon file.

Double click on a row to load the file in the edit box on the botton of the page. You can edit the file and save it using the "Save" button. You can also import a text file in the edit box using the "Import" button. Remember to save the file before to double click on other keywords.

In the 16 bit version of MCC you can edit only files up to 32K, in the 32 bit version you don't have this limit.

Format

In this page you can edit formats.
Maximus uses some formats associated with keywords.

MCC don't offer big improvement in this section, but I will think about it in the future.

Read Maximus manual for more information.

File List

In this page you can manage the files in a file area.
You can delete files, change the descriptions, adopt files (put them in the list), abandon files (remove them from the list without deleting them) move the file position in the list, add comment, add files.

Please be carefully with this functions, because they are new and may be bugs in the code.

MCC create a .bak file with the old files.bbs before saving the new.

Compress

This pages acts like the Access or Protocol one, but remember to save your data using the special SAVE button becouse this page is not saved automatically when exiting MCC.

Access

In this page you can edit the access classes (user classes).

In the left side of the page you can see the access class list, clicking on a row select that class, and the related fields are reported on the right side.

You can change any field, but remember to click on the "Update" button to save the changes.

Message Areas

On the left side you can see an outline of the message areas structure, where msgdivision can contain other msgdivisions or areas.

Edit the structure is easy. You can select a msgdivision (or the root) and Add msgdivision or areas. You can select a msgdivision or area and edit its attribute.

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Protocols

This page acts as the Access one.
On the left side the list of the protocols, and on the right side the attribute of the selected protocol.

Menus

On the left side of the page you can see the outline of the menu structure.

To add a menu select the root (the item with the name of your BBS) and click "Add".

To add a menuitem select a Menu and click "Add".

Remember to click "Update" to save your changes when editing a menu.

Miscellanea

Several misc options are grouped in this page.

To add a row in the grid use the INS key.

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Check

This fuction performs some controls over the config parameters, checking for errors.

In this first release of MCC there are limited check and the function is not available for unregistered users.

Preview

Using this function you can preview the config file before save it.

This option is not present in the unregistered version.

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