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# **Chapter 1**

# **STFax**

### 1.1 STFax User's Manual

STFax User's Manual

When, Where, Why, Who, Which :) Introduction

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REALLY IMPORTANT! Registering

STFax's Author How to get in touch with me Frequently Asked Questions

Solving troubles Something doesn't work...

Bug Reports What to do if...

Miscellaneous info about STFax Starting up The main window

STFax's Menus Viewer Menus ARexx commands

History

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# 1.2 Introduction to STFax

It all began almost an year ago, when for the first time I needed to send a fax... "Well", I said, "I've got a fax modem, I can send it from

Unfortunately I had no fax software: the ones provided with the modem were just for MS-Dos and Windows, as usual.

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So I started looking around for fax programs for my Amiga: there were only two commercial packages, but as I'm almost always out-of-money, I thought it was a good idea to look in the shareware before.

I did, but with no luck: I just saw a couple of programs, one worst than the other.

Thus, I sat down and began to type...

I tried to put in STFax all the functions I thought I would need, like:

- Nice, handy user interface
- Phonebook
- Scheduler
- Reports
- ARexx port
- Datatypes support for image conversion
- On-line help
- Printer driver to redirect all print-outs to a fax file

and so on...

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The class 2 documentation I've used to create STFax was:

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Very interesting was also the "QUICK TUTORIAL ON FAX COMMANDS AND ODDITIES" in the BGFax manual.

Some code of STFax derived from other programs' sources. These copyrights apply:

 $/\star$  g3topbm.c - read a Group 3 FAX file and produce a portable bitmap

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- ...and all those who will register :^)

# 1.7 How to register STFax

I've put a big effort in making STFax: more than two years of development. So I think it's quite fair to ask you to pay something in order to be able to fully use it.

Once you register, you'll get a special and personal key file which will let you use STFax without any restriction.

Minor upgrades are free. I may charge you a small fee for major upgrades.

To register, you need to fill the order form and send me it along with your registration fee, according to this table:

| Country     |  | Fee        |           | Methods of payment                    |
|-------------|--|------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Italy       |  | LIT 45.000 |           | Contanti, vaglia o assegno            |
| Europe      |  | LIT 50.000 |           | Cash, postal money order, EuroCheques |
| Rest of the |  | US \$ 35   | <br> <br> | Cash, postal money order              |

Any other form of payment will NOT be accepted. Please note that unwanted cheques are destroyed, not returned.

If you have an Internet account, you can receive your key in a PGP encrypted message: just send to my email address your PGP public key. The key file will be shipped only via encrypted mail.

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#### 1.8 STFax's Author

Send comments, donations, gifts and your registration fees to:

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You can reach me also via electronic mail:

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Fidonet: 2:332/502.18 (Simone Tellini)

I've also got a WWW page:

http://www.pragmanet.it/~tellini/main.html

Last but not least, now there's a support mailing list for STFax. To join it, send an E-Mail to stserver@pragmanet.it> with this line in the body:

subscribe STFax

The messages for the mailing list should be addressed to <STFax@pragmanet.it>.

# 1.9 STFax Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: Why the faxes I send with STFax appears very small after the transmission?
- A: The resolution of a fax is very high. A typical fax in fine resolution is about 1728 x 2000 pixels. So you should use a quite big font to create the faxes. I use a Times 45, for example. If you create your faxes with Wordworth, FinalWriter or whatever and the printer driver of STFax, you won't have this problem.
- Q: I've got an US Robotics modem and STFax complains of an "Unknown error" when sending a fax. How can I avoid this?
- A: Most of USR modems have a defective Class 2.0 chip. You can try to avoid this kind of problems using the MAX9600 ToolType or CLI argument. This will force STFax not to use a speed higher than 9600 baud, which is more reliable.

If this don't work, add the CLASS1 argument too.

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- Q: I cannot receive faxes: STFax hangs up or crashes. Can you help me?
- A: Check the following:

The Fax In directory you specified in Preferences/Paths... exists.

Your modem is not in auto answer mode (usually S0 different from 0). If so, add S0=0 to your init string. If you want STFax to automatically answer to incoming calls check the Auto Answer gadget in Preferences/Misc...

- Q: The viewer doesn't work well on CyberGraphics screens, it shows some garbage. Why?
- A: It is a bug of CyberCraphics. Set an AGA screen for the viewer.
- Q: The printer driver works bad with Wordworth/FinalWriter/xxx... How can I improve the print out?
- A: Check your program's print setup: set the paper type to "Continuous" (or something...).
- Q: I've got a 28.8 modem, but STFax reports a speed of 9600 when sending or receiving a fax. Shouldn't it go faster?
- A: No. Fax transmissions follow a fixed standard, which allows the speed to be one of these:

2400, 4800, 7200, 9600, 12000, 14400

The speed is set by the two fax machines during the handshake. Please note that many fax machines can not use a speed higher than 9600.

- Q: STFax hangs up misteriously during a transmission. What could be the cause?
- A: Check the serial port speed. If it's different from 19200, then set it to 19200 and try again. If still it doesn't work, read the next Q & A...; -)
- Q: STFax doesn't behave correctly during a fax transmission. What should I do?
- A: Check the configuration of your modem. If it still doesn't work go to the Miscellaneous Prefs requester and set the log level to Debug. Then, save the prefs, quit and reload STFax. Try to send (or receive) again the fax and send me the file STFax:STFax.log. This way I can

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see what went wrong and possibly tell you how to correct your configuration.

# 1.10 Something doesn't work...

Hmmm... something doesn't work... you can't send or receive faxes? you can't use the printer driver?

Ok, then, this is what you need to do:

- 1. Check your modem configuration carefully.
- 2. Please visit STFax WWW page and read the FAQs section (http://www.pragmanet.it/~tellini/STFax/STFax.html). There you can find an up-to-date list of answers to the most frequently asked questions.
- 3. Try explaining your problem in the STFax mailing list.
- 4. Ok, maybe you found a bug : ^). Read the Bug Reports chapter.

## 1.11 Bug Reports

STFax is a completely new program and this is the first release, so it would be quite normal if some bugs will show up. I hope they won't, but anyway...;)

If you discover a bug, be it little or huge, please send me an E-Mail. Don't think that I know it already, send a message.

Try to be specific and describe me how to reproduce the bug (whenever it's possible).

When you send me your bug report, please include the file STFax:STFax.log, created setting the log level to DEBUG. Don't send in a log of 2 gigabytes, just send the log of the session in which the bug showed up, ok?;)

# 1.12 Starting up

This is the template of STFax:

FAX, PUBSCREEN/K, ICONIFIED/S, DEVICE/K, UNIT/N/K, BAUD/N/K, SHARED/S, NOINIT/S, NOPDREQ/S, CLASS1/S, MAX9600/S, ANSWERHOOK/K, SPARESERIAL/S

FAX tells STFax to load the fax specified.

\* PUBSCREEN can be used to open STFax on a public screen of your choice.

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- \* ICONIFIED starts STFax without opening its window.
- \* DEVICE serial device to use
- \* UNIT unit of the device

BAUD speed of the serial port

- \* SHARED open the serial in shared mode
  - NOINIT STFax won't initialise the modem on startup. Useful when you start STFax when the connection is alredy up.
- \* NOPDREQ The printer driver won't ask you for the filename of outgoing faxes, but it'll put them in your FaxOut directory calling the files 'Fax\_nnnn.stf'.
- \* CLASS1 This will force STFax to use Class 1 (when available).

  Use it with modems like some US Robotics which doesn't work in a reliable way in Class 2.0 mode.
- \* MAX9600 This will force STFax not to use a speed higher than 9600 baud during fax transmissions.

  You can use it if STFax reports some "Unknown errors" while sending a fax with USR modems (see the FAQs).

  Moreover, you should use it if you have a Class 1 modem (or if you use the CLASS1 switch) and do not have a powerful CPU. In fact, as Class 1 requires much CPU power, the modem could loose some characters with small CPUs and thus STFax would report some unknown errors.
- \* ANSWERHOOK This is the name of an ARexx script to start whenever STFax receives a document. It can be useful to perform automatically some operations on the received fax.
- \* SPARESERIAL This forces STFax to open the serial device just when it needs to send or receive a fax. It can be useful if you have installed the OwnDevUnit.library and have a program like a mailer that always keeps the serial port busy.

  NOTE: if you specify this parameter, STFax won't be able to receive automatically incoming faxes.

The arguments marked with a  $'\star'$  are also available as ToolTypes.

Other ToolTypes are:

CHECKDSR STFax will check the DSR when you start it. If it doesn't find it, it will show the error requester "DSR not found".

The main window of STFax (when opened on the Workbench) is an AppWindow: you can drag'n'drop the icon of a fax file on it to load it.

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#### 1.13 The main window

Printer Driver

The main window of STFax will look like this:

Edit Fax
View Fax
Transmit
Receive
Scheduler
View Reports

### 1.14 STFax Printer Driver

Using this gadget you can activate/deactivate the printer driver of STFax.

This is a special driver that converts into a fax file what is sent to the printer.

Thus you can converts into a fax any document created with a program that let you print it, e.g. WordProcessors, Spreadsheets...

So far, the driver is not guaranteed to work with all the programs: if you have some troubles with it, please report it to me, specifying which program have you tried it with and which are the results.

#### 1.15 Edit a fax

When editing a fax, a window will appear with these gadgets in it:

Pages In these listview you can see the pages of the fax. Selecting a page, the following four gadgets will

be enabled.

View the selected page.

Delete Remove the selected page.

Move Up Move the selected page up or down. These gadgets Move Down will let you rearrange the page order of the document you're editing. To make the changes

permanent you need to save the fax.

From image... This will open a file requester to select a picture

file. Then the image will be converted in the fax format and a new page will be appended to the

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document.

STFax can convert any kind of image into a fax, provided that you have the right datatype installed. If you can't use datatypes, you can convert only IFF-ILBM images.

From text...

This will open a file requester to select a text to convert into a fax. See Fax preferences for the options you can set for the conversion.

STFax also supports ANSI sequences, like bold,

underline, italic...

Edit

If you want to enter the text for the fax in a quick way, this gadget is for you. It will open the editor configured in the Misc preferences requester and convert into a fax what you write.

You can abort the conversion quitting the editor without saving the text.

# 1.16 View

This will open the viewer window.

From here you can print the fax or save it as an IFF-ILBM picture.

See the Viewer Menus for more info.

### 1.17 Transmit

This will open a small requester with these gadgets inside it:

Send to

Insert here the number to which send the fax.

You can use the 'R' gadget next to this one to open a requester with the phone numbers stored in your phonebook. Then, you can select one or more of them: if you select more than 1 number, the gadget "Send to" will appear ghosted and the fax will be sent to each of those numbers.

Make Cover Selecting this gadget, a cover page will be sent before your fax.

Send Now This tells STFax to send immediately the fax.

Schedule

This lets you add the current fax to the scheduling queue. To schedule a fax, it needs to be saved on disk: if it has not been saved yet, STFax will save it in the Out dir with the name "Fax\_X.stf", with a progressive

number instead of the ' $\mathbf{X'}$  .

Cancel Abort the operation.

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#### 1.18 Receive

This tells the modem to answer to an incoming call. You can use it when the autoanswer is switched off or if you want to receive a document while already on line: e.g. if you were speaking on the phone with someone and you need to receive a fax from him.

The incoming fax is stored in the directory you setup as Fax In directory in the Misc prefs requester.

The fax will be called "Fax\_X.stf", with a progressive number instead of the  $'\mathrm{X}'$ .

# 1.19 Scheduler

Using the scheduler you can program STFax to send a fax at a specific hour.

The scheduler window contains a listview in which you can see the active scheduling queue: double-clicking on a item, you can edit it.

The other gadgets are:

Add This will open a small requester with which you can

set which fax to send and at what time and day it

will be sent.

Remove This will remove a scheduled event from the queue.

Change time This will let you edit a scheduled event.

## 1.20 View Reports

Here you can view all the faxes that you have sent or received or that are in the scheduling queue and also those that couldn't been sent.

At the top of the window there's a cycle gadget: use it to cycle through the various lists: Sent, Received, Scheduled and Failed.

In the listview you can see some data regarding the faxes: date and time of transmission, duration of the transmit session, number of the remote modem and name of the fax file.

Double-clicking on a fax you can view it. If the selected list is "Scheduled", with a double-click you can edit the scheduled fax data.

At the bottom of the window, there are these gadgets:

Remove This will remove the selected item from the list.

Resend This can be used if you want to send again the

selected fax. See the Send chapter for more info.

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Print This will print the list you're looking at.

Free List This will empty the selected list.
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# 1.21 The menus of STFax

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These are the menus of STFax:
    Project
         About...
         New
         Open...
         Append...
         Save
         Save as...
         Print...
         Iconify
         Quit
    Fax
         Edit...
         Transmit...
         Receive...
         Poll...
         View Reports...
         Scheduler...
    Preferences
         Fax...
         Modem...
         Strings...
         Misc...
         Paths...
         External programs...
        Viewer Screen
             Use main screen
             Change...
         Timeouts...
         Phonebook...
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# 1.22 Project/About...

Save

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Try it...:-)
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# 1.23 Project/New...

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This will free the fax in memory (if there's one). If the fax has not been saved yet, you will be asked if you want to save it or continue without saving.

# 1.24 Project/Open...

This will open a file requester to select a fax file to load.

# 1.25 Project/Append...

This will append a fax to the one currently in memory. It can be useful to join two (or more) parts of a fax whose transmission had some problems.

# 1.26 Project/Save...

This will save the current fax. If the fax has not been saved before, you will have to enter the name of the file.

# 1.27 Project/Save as...

Save the current fax in the file you select via the file requester.

## 1.28 Project/Print...

Prints the current fax (if there's a fax in memory).

# 1.29 Project/Iconify

Iconifies STFax.

When iconified, STFax will still handle incoming calls, the scheduler queue and the ARexx commands.

# 1.30 Project/Quit

Quit STFax.

If the current fax has not been saved, you will be asked what to do: if save & quit, quit without saving or cancel the action.

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#### 1.31 Fax/Poll...

This will let you poll a fax, i.e. to call a fax machine with a document waiting for you and get it.

Not all the modems support polling, for example my Trust AE1414 don't.:-| STFax will inform you in the case that your modem cannot poll.

After you select this menu item, you'll have to enter the fax number to STFax will then dial that number and receive the document that's waiting for you, if any.

#### 1.32 Preferences/Fax...

You can set several things regarding your faxes aspect.

In the fax preferences requester you will find these gadgets:

Insert your name or company. This will be used in Company

the fax cover.

Fax # Insert here your fax number. This number is the ID of your machine. You can enter anything you want, but please remember that not all characters are allowed, according to the fax standard. Allowed

characters are digits 0-9, + and the space.

Examples:

+39 522 123456 OK

+39-522-123456 Not defined Not defined HELLO WORLD

You should never have troubles even with no defined sequences, but if a fax machine misteriously hangs up to your calls, check that this number is ok.

Phone # Insert here your phone number.

Here you can insert the name of an image or ASCII LetterHead file that STFax will put in the top of every page.

Same as LetterHead, but this will be put at the

Signature bottom of every page.

The font to be used when converting ASCII files Text Font into a fax. I suggest you to use a quite large

These are the margins used to layout the text while Margins Left Right converting it. They are expressed in characters.

If selected STFax will create a new page every tot Paginate lines, depending of what you've entered in the STFax 16 / 32

following gadget. Otherwise, STFax will create a single page. Please note that if create a very long page, probably you won't be able to view it due to lack of memory.

Lines Number of lines per page.

Fine Resolution If checked, STFax will create fax in Fine

Resolution. Note that you need a quite big font (height  $\geq$ = 24) to create fax in fine resolution, otherwise the characters will appear very small at

the other end.

### 1.33 Preferences/Modem...

In this requester you can set all the parameters regarding the modem handling.

Device Serial device to use.

Unit of the serial device. If you don't own a

multiport card, this will probably be 0.

Baud Speed of the serial port. The default value (19200)

should be ok for most people. If you want to change it, please check the manual of your modem: in fact, you cannot enter any value you wish, but only a baud rate supported by your modem. If you enter a wrong value, you should see the message "Modem not responding" when clicking on the "Ok" gadget. Then you'll have to switch your modem off, then on again, change the baud rate with a good value and click

again on the "Ok" gadget.

Rings Number of rings to wait for before answering.

Shared If selected, the serial port will be opened in

shared mode. Use this gadget if you need to share the serial port among more than one program,  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac$ 

for example, between STFax and a mailer.

Retry Minimum number of attempts STFax should do when

sending a fax.

Redial Delay Delay between two attempts.

Init Init string for your modem.

Dial Mode This tells STFax if it should call in tone or pulse

mode. If you can, you'd better use tone mode.

Dial Prefix Prefix to use in the dial command. For example, if

you need to use the command "ATDOWnnnn" to dial the

number "nnnn", insert "OW" here.

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# 1.34 Preferences/Strings...

In this requester you can set the strings that are used by your modem to communicate the events to the program.

You should change these strings only in the case that you own a very exotic modem.

# 1.35 Preferences/Misc...

Auto Answer If checked, STFax will automatically answer the

phone when it detects an incoming call. STFax will wait until the number of rings set in the modem preferences requester are detected.

Quiet Modem Selecting this, STFax will set the modem

speaker off.

Silent Answer This will activate (if your modem support it)

the Silent Answer feature, that means that STFax will answer only to fax or data calls, but it won't answer to voice calls, leaving

your telephone ring.

Make Icons If checked, STFax will create an icon for the

faxes it saves.

Close = Iconify If checked, the close gadget of STFax's main

window will cause STFax to be iconified, not

quitted.

Auto Print If checked, STFax will automatically print the

incoming faxes.

Mode You have two options: FAX/DATA or ONLY FAX.

In the first mode, STFax will spawn the external program set in the External programs  $\,$ 

requester when a data call is detected.

Instead, in the ONLY FAX mode, STFax will send out the text saved in the file STFax:NoData.txt when a data call is detected and then it will hang up. If the file doesn't exists, it will

only hang up.

Log Here you can set the logging level. Higher the

level is, more the informations put in the log

file (STFax:STFax.log) are.

NOTE: "Debug" level is the highest and if you have troubles with STFax, you should send me the log produced with this level along with

your bug report.

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### 1.36 Preferences/Paths...

Fax In Directory in which STFax will store the

received fax.

Fax Out Directory in which STFax will store the

outgoing faxes.

Images Default directory for the "From image..."

button in the Edit fax window.

Texts Default directory for the "From text..."

button in the Edit fax window.

#### 1.37 Preferences/Viewer Screen/Use main screen...

If this item is set, the faxes will be displayed on the same screen of STFax main window.

# 1.38 Preferences/Viewer Screen/Change...

This lets you select a new screen on which STFax should display the faxes.

A good resolution is the PAL Super Hi-Res Lace with 2 colors (the faxes are in black and white, so more colors are useless).

# 1.39 Preferences/External Programs...

Editor

This is the command line used by STFax to invoke the editor when needed. "%s" is replaced by the name (and the path) of the file to edit. NOTE: the editor should not detache itself from the parent process! So, if you use such an editor (like CygnusEd), you should put the right parameter in the command line to prevent it from detaching itself. For example, if you use CygnusEd, you should use a command line like:

Ced %s -keepio

Or if you use GoldEd:

Ed %s STICKY

Data Call Voice Call

Here you can set the external programs that STFax will spawn when a data or voice call is

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detected.

To be able to use these feature, you should set both STFax and the external program to open the serial device in shared mode.

STFax expects the hang up to be done by the external program.

You can use these symbols in the command line:

%d Serial device to use

%u Device unit

%b Baud rate of the serial port

%f Flags of the serial port

%c Connection baud rate

#### 1.40 Preferences/Timeouts...

With this requester you can configure the timeouts that STFax uses in the modem handling.

The default values should be fine to you, anyway if your modem behaves differently, you can change them.

Above all, the Connect and Answer timeouts are the most subjected to changes.

NOTE WELL: the "Modem" timeout is a bit special. It is the delay inserted by STFax between two consecutive commands to the modem and it is expressed in 1/50th of second. You can set it to 0 if your modem is able to handle incoming commands at full speed, otherwise try increasing it. You should increase it if you notice that STFax tries to reset the modem many times when you load it and keeps the busy pointer too much...

#### 1.41 Preferences/Phonebook...

A fax program without a phonebook is not very comfortable, at least in my opinion, so here it is. :-)

Phonebook Entries

In this listview you can see the numbers stored in your phonebook. Double-clicking on one item, you can edit it (see below for a description of the edit requester).

You can select more than one item at once, clicking on the item you want to select while pressing the SHIFT key.

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New Adds a new item to the phonebook.

Delete Remove the selected entries from the list.

Select All Select all the items.

Deselect All Deselect all the items.

Edit the selected items. You can achieve the

same result by double clicking on one item.

Sort the entries in alphabetic order.

Load a new phonebook into memory. If you save

the prefs, that phonebook will be used by

default.

Save the phonebook.

When editing an entries, a requester with these gadgets will appear:

Name of the person/company.

Number Fax number.

Note Anything you want.

Make Cover If checked, when you send a fax to that person

the "Make Cover" function will be automatically

activated.

ATTN Person to whom the fax should be addressed.

LetterHead If this is not checked, the global preference

set in the Fax prefs requester will be used. If checked, the file you specify here will be used when sending faxes to this person. You can leave the gadget empty not to use any

letterhead.

Signature Same function as LetterHead.

#### 1.42 Preferences/Save

Save the current configuration to the prefs file (STFax:STFax.prefs).

The position of the main window is saved too, so you can place it where you like it most on your desktop, without having to move it every time.

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## 1.43 Menus of the viewer

```
Fax
     Save IFF...
     Print...
     Close
View
     Invert
     Rotate +90\textdegree{}
     Rotate -90\textdegree{}
     Flip Vertically
     Flip Horizontally
     Next page
     Previous page
     Go to page...
Scale
    1:1
    1:2
    1:4
```

## 1.44 Fax/Save IFF...

This will open a file requester to select where to save the fax.

Then the current page will be saved as IFF-ILBM picture.

### 1.45 Fax/Print...

This will print the current page.

### 1.46 Fax/Close

This will close the viewer.

### 1.47 View/Invert

This will invert the colors of the fax.

## 1.48 View/Rotate +90°

This will rotate the fax of 90 degrees anti-clockwise.

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## 1.49 View/Rotate -90°

This will rotate the fax 90 degress clockwise.

# 1.50 View/Flip vertically

This will flip the fax vertically. It's useful if you received the fax upside-down.

# 1.51 View/Flip horizontally

This will flip the fax horizontally.

# 1.52 View/Next page

This will show the next page, if it exists.

# 1.53 View/Previous page

This will show the previous page.

## 1.54 View/Go to page...

This will ask you to enter the number of the page you want to see.

### 1.55 Scale

In this menu you can select the scale to use to view the fax.

#### 1.56 STFax ARexx commands

STFax has got an ARexx interface. It's port is called 'STFAX.1'.

These are the commands available in the current version:

ADDIMAGE ADDTEXT AUTOANSWER

DEVICE

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GETLASTRECEIVED

INITMODEM

NEW

OPEN

PBENTRY PRINT PRTDRIVER

QUIT

RECEIVE

SAVE SAVEAS SCHEDULE SEND

VIEW

# 1.57 ADDIMAGE

TEMPLATE

ADDIMAGE FILE/A

FUNCTION

Add a new page to the fax converting it from an image.

INPUTS

FILE/A image to add

## 1.58 ADDTEXT

TEMPLATE

ADDIMAGE FILE/A

FUNCTION

Convert a text to fax.

INPUTS

FILE/A text file to convert

# 1.59 AUTOANSWER

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TEMPLATE

AUTOANSWER ON/S,OFF/S

FUNCTION

Turns the Auto Answer on or off.

INPUTS

ON/S to turn the auto answer on

OFF/S to turn it off

NOTES

If neither ON nor OFF are specified, nothing happens.

IF both ON and OFF are specified, the AutoAnswer is turned

OFF.

### 1.60 DEVICE

TEMPLATE

DEVICE NAME/A, UNIT/N/A, FLAGS/N/K, BAUD/N/K

FUNCTION

Set the serial device used by STFax.

INPUTS

NAME/A name of the device

UNIT/N/A unit of the device

FLAGS/N/K flags of the serial port. Currently not

used.

 ${\tt BAUD/N/K}$   $\;\;$  speed of the serial port. If this is not

specified, the speed set in Modem prefs

will be used.

RETURNS

0 No errors

20 Couldn't open the device

## 1.61 GETLASTRECEIVED

TEMPLATE

**GETLASTRECEIVED** 

FUNCTION

Returns the file name of the last received fax.

NOTES

If no faxes have been received since STFax start, this

will return an empty string.

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### 1.62 INITMODEM

TEMPLATE

INITMODEM

FUNCTION

Forces STFax to initialize the modem.

# 1.63 **NEW**

TEMPLATE

NEW FORCE/S

FUNCTION

Remove the current fax from memory.

INPUTS

FORCE/S if specified, the fax will be discarded

even if it has not been saved yet.

Otherwise, the user will be asked wether

STFax should proceed or not.

RESULT

0 No errors

5 The fax was not removed from memory

# 1.64 **OPEN**

TEMPLATE

OPEN FILE/A

FUNCTION

OPEN will load the specified fax into STFax.

INPUTS

FILE/A name of the file to load

RETURNS

0 no errors

20 the fax couldn't be open

### 1.65 PBENTRY

TEMPLATE

PBENTRY NAME/A, NUMBER/K, NOTE/K, COVER/S, ATTN/K, LETTERHEAD/K, SIGNATURE/K, DELETE/S

FUNCTION

Edit a phonebook entry. If the entry doesn't exists,

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it'll be added to the phonebook, otherwise it's data will be updated.

INPUTS

NAME/A Name of the user

NUMBER/K Fax number

NOTE/K Note

COVER/S If specified, a cover will be made by

default for this user.

ATTN/K ATTN field

LETTERHEAD/K If specified, it will override the

default letterhead.

SIGNATURE/K If specified, it will override the

default signature.

DELETE/S If specified, the entry will be

removed from the phonebook.

RESULT

If the entry couldn't be added

0 If all went OK.

### **1.66 PRINT**

TEMPLATE

PRINT

FUNCTION

Prints the current fax (if there's a fax in memory).

#### 1.67 PRTDRIVER

TEMPLATE

PRTDRIVER ON/S,OFF/S

FUNCTION

Turns the printer driver of STFax on or off.

INPUTS

ON/S to turn the printer driver on

OFF/S to turn it off

NOTES

If neither ON nor OFF are specified, nothing happens. IF both ON and OFF are specified, the driver is turned

OFF.

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## 1.68 **QUIT**

TEMPLATE

QUIT

FUNCTION

Make STFax quit. If the current fax has not been saved yet, the user will be asked to confirm the action.

## 1.69 RECEIVE

TEMPLATE

RECEIVE FAXCLASS/N, NOANSWER/S

FUNCTION

Tells STFax to start the reception of a fax.

INPUTS

FAXCLASS/N FaxClass to use. These are the available

classes:

0 Class 1 1 Class 2 2 Class 2.0

NOANSWER/S Tells STFax not to answer. This should be used when the call has already been

answered, e.g. from a Fidonet mailer.

RESULT

0 No errors

20 Illegal class specified

### 1.70 **SAVE**

TEMPLATE

SAVE

FUNCTION

Will save the current fax. If the fax has not been saved yet, a file requester will pop up to choose the name of the file.

## 1.71 SAVEAS

TEMPLATE

SAVEAS FILE

FUNCTION

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Save the fax.

INPUTS

FILE name of the file to save the fax in. If it is not specified, a requester will pop up.

### 1.72 SCHEDULE

TEMPLATE

SCHEDULE FAX/A, TO/K/A, PHONEBOOK/S, DATE/K/A, TIME/K/A

FUNCTION

Add a fax to the scheduler queue.

INPUTS

FAX/A Name of the fax file to send

TO/K/A Destination number

PHONEBOOK/S If specified, the TO parameter specifies

the name of a phonebook entry.

DATE/K/A Date in which the fax should be sent.

Format: dd-mm-yy

TIME/K/A Time in which the fax should be sent.

Format: hh:mm:ss

RESULT

0 no errors

5 One of the argument was wrong

EXAMPLE

SCHEDULE "STFax:Fax\_Out/Test.stf" TO "123456" DATE "14-06-97" TIME "15:02:00"

### 1.73 **SEND**

TEMPLATE

SEND NUMBER/A, PHONEBOOK/S

FUNCTION

Sends the current fax to the specified number. Note that this command won't have any effect if there's no fax in memory.

INPUTS

NUMBER/A number to send the fax to.

PHONEBOOK/S if specified, NUMBER is taken as a name

of a PhoneBook entry.

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RESULT

0 if the fax was sent successfully 10 if the transmission failed

### 1.74 **VIEW**

TEMPLATE

VIEW PAGE/N

FUNCTION

View the current fax. This command won't have any result if there's no fax in memory.

INPUTS

PAGE/N Number of the page to show. The default is the first page.

RESULT

0 no errors

if the page number was greater than the number of the pages of the fax.

# 1.75 STFax History

STFax History

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- GP2STFax
- OwnDevUnit.library support.
- New argument and ToolType: SPARESERIAL.
- Fixed a little bug in the Viewer menus.
- Changed the way the viewer blits the fax image, thus possibly solving the problems STFax had with CyberGraphX (and just because of a Cgfx v2 bug;-)
- 2.0 09/06/97
- STFax supports Class 1 fax-modems.
- New arguments and ToolTypes: NOPDREQ, MAX9600, CLASS1, ANSWERHOOK.
- New ARexx commands: AUTOANSWER, GETLASTRECEIVED, INITMODEM.
- New formatting code for external programs: %c
- STFax puts a "From" line (with date and time of transmission) at the top of every page sent.
- STFax works with TKR 1414 (or Aceex) modems.
- The viewer can rotate the fax of \ensuremath{\pm}90\  $\leftarrow$  textdegree{}.
- When you receive a fax, the remote id will be put in the comment of the fax file.
- Fixed a bug that could cause crashes when

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Auto Answer was on STFax could not open the serial device or the modem was turned off.

- Minor bugs fixed.

- 1.360 29/04/97 Fixed a silly bug in the ASCII encoder.
- 1.358 27/04/97 Added the modem init string requester.
  - New feature: Fax Polling.
  - If STFax is in memory when you print something to the STFax printer driver, the document you print will be directly loaded into STFax and you'll be asked to whom to send it.
  - New menu: "Preferences/Paths..."
  - Moved the "Editor" setting from
    "Preferences/Misc..." to "/External programs"
  - Removed some Enforcer Hits when using the ICONIFIED argument or ToolType.
  - STFax ignores the "RINGING" string (not standard) sent by some modems when dialing a number.
  - Minor bugs fixed.
  - NewIcons by Luca Longone
- 1.302 25/03/97
- New ARexx commands: ADDIMAGE, ADDTEXT, NEW, SCHEDULE.
- New menu: "Project/Append..."
- New viewer menu: "View/Go to page..."
- New timeout: "Modem"
- Added a dithering routine when converting an image.
- Improved the ASCII converter.
- Added a fax filename display.
- Fixed a bug in the fax encoder.
- Improved the printer driver.
- Minor changes here and there.
- Multi2STFax by Manfred Matzinger.
- 1.188 20/02/97
- Restored the old backfilling method for the requesters.
- 1.187 17/02/97
- Unseen faxes counter.
- New report type: "Unseen".
- New ARexx command: PBENTRY.
- Fine Resolution can now be turned off.
- STFax releases the lock on the screen when it is iconified.
- Enlarged the compatibility with Class 2
  modems.
- STFax should work on modem like Zyxel ones, that have both class 2 and 2.0 (class 2 is selected).
- When iconified, STFax uses the icon the user chose for the program itself.
- Fixed two Enforcer Hits in the printer driver.
- Fixed a bug that caused STFax to crash if

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- you turn the modem off when answering.
- Fixed bug: STFax crashed when printing a multi-page fax.
- Minor bugs fixed.

#### 1.133 21/01/97

- New datatype feature: if the fax you're loading has got more than 1 page, you'll be asked to select the one you want to see.
- Fixed a bug that caused STFax to hang up randomly when trying to send a fax.
- Italian docs by Andrea Trevisan.

#### 1.129 19/01/97

- New feature: Silent Answer.
- New setting: Dial Prefix.
- STFax.datatype
- STFax's version is now displayed in the About requester.
- Removed the DSR check since it didn't work with many modem configs. However, it can be turned on with the "CHECKDSR" ToolType.
- When no fax has been loaded and you select a function like "View Fax", an ASL requester appears to select the file.
- The viewer uses the full screen size.
- The viewer uses less memory than the previous versions.
- Added the close gadget to most requesters.
- STFax disables automatically its printer driver when it need to print.
- The printer driver puts the screen on which it opens its requester on front.
- The printer driver uses the page size set in the system prefs or by the program that starts the print.
- Probably removed a bug in the printer driver which sometimes caused it to enter neverending loops.
- Fixed bug: AutoPrint was misfunctioning.
- Minor bugs fixed.

#### 1.108 06/01/97

- New report type: "All"
- New CLI options: DEVICE, UNIT, BAUD, SHARED
- New ToolTypes: DEVICE, UNIT, SHARED
- Removed incompatibility with AmigaGuide library version 34.

### 1.99 04/01/97

- New menu: "Project/Print..."
- Made "Project/Save as..." commkey UISG compliant.
- New option: AutoPrint.
- New ARexx commands: DEVICE, RECEIVE, PRINT, PRIDRIVER.
- Fixed bug: STFax crashed when it couldn't open the serial device.
- Fixed bug: the default configuration was wrong.
- Fixed bug: when opening the Receive window

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for the first time, the title was corrupt.
- Fixed bug: sometimes STFax would not quit,
but freeze.

1.79 01/01/97 First public release.