



WIN-MAIL *"The Pointe System"*

WIN-MAIL "The Pointe System" is the first point system designed for MS-Windows.
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Sales and Support

Print Message

Print message help info goes here.

Printer Setup

Printer setup help info goes here.

Quit WIN-MAIL

Quit WIN-MAIL help info goes here.

New Message Status

New message addressed to you help goes here.
Short-cut Key: F2

All new messages help goes here.
Short-cut Key: F3

Select Message Area

Select message area help goes here.

Read New Message(s)

Read new pertains to the current message area only.

Read new message(s) addressed to you help goes here.

Read all new message(s) help goes here.

Read Old Message(s)

Read old pertains to the current message area only.

Read all old message(s) help goes here.

Read old message(s) starting at a message number help goes here.

Scan Messages

Scan pertains to the current area only.

Scan messages help goes here.

Write Message

Write message in current area help goes here.

Select area before writing message help goes here.

Delete Message(s)

These delete features pertains only to the current area only.

Delete message(s) from message number help goes here.

Delete message(s) From a specific user help goes here.

Delete message(s) To a specific user help goes here.

Delete message(s) based on the Subject help goes here.

Delete All message(s) help goes here.

Poll Host / Boss

* National Mail Hour - NMH

Most echomail networks have what is called a National Mail Hour, when all node address's and points are to be dedicated to the transfer of mail and/or files.

The purpose of this hour is to insure that all systems on the network are available for message transfer at least once in a 24 hour period. This usually is set for early morning hours to permit long distance transfers at the lowest Long Distance Rates.

Check with your Boss node to find the appropriate time for your networks National Mail Hour.

NOTE Most networks use Greenwich Mean Time and is not the same as your local time. For instance, Central Standard Time is 4 hours behind GMT, so if National Mail Hour is 1:00am GMT that's 5:00am CST.

This must be adjusted for Daylight Savings Time as needed.

* Timed Polling

It's decription goes here

Manul Poll - this will goto a sub menu with more detail information.
A brief decription here

No Poll - this will goto a sub menu with more detail information.
A brief decription here

NMH Poll - this will goto a sub menu with more detail information.

Timed Poll - this will goto a sub menu with more detail information.

Purge Message Database(s)

Purge message database definitions help info goes here.

Repair Corrupted Message Database

Repair corrupted message database definitions help info goes here.

Manual Tossing of Mail

Manual tossing of mail definitions help info goes here.

Shell to DOS

Shell to DOS windowed or full screen definitions help info goes here.

ToolBar Definitions



1. Read New Messages

Displays new messages since last read in Current Area one at a time.

2. Write New Message

Allows you to write a new message in Current Area. *Note* This is not the same as Reply.

3. Scan Current Area

Searchs for messages meeting your criteria, in Current Area.

4. Print Current Message

Prints current message to default printer as defined in Setup.

5. Delete Current Message

Note This does not purge the message from the database.

6. Poll Hub

Dials your Hub as previously defined in Setup, checks for waiting mail and sends any new messages

7. Change Current Area

A menu selection will appear with choices of Message Areas that you have previously define in Setup.

NOTE All ToolBar icons are for Current Area and/or Message only.

What is a "Point System"

What is a point system definitions help info goes here.

Sales and Support Information

Sales and support info goes here.

Communication Parameters

Communication Parameters help info goes here.

Serial Port Settings

Serial port help info goes here.

Modem Init Commands

Modem init command help info goes here.

Additional Modem Settings

Additional modem settings help info goes here.

NRAM Settings

NRAM settings help info goes here.

Host and Your Information

Host and point settings help info goes here.

Polling Times

Polling settings help info goes here.

This is where the user sets the NMH time and the Timed Polling.

Message Area Definitions

Message area definitions help info goes here.

Quote Message on Reply

Quote message definitions help info goes here.

No Message Quote

No message quoting definitions help info goes here.

Truncate Message When Quoting

Truncate message when quoting definitions help info goes here.

Wrap Message When Quoting

Wrap message when quoting definitions help info goes here.

Font Setting for Editor

Editor font setting definitions help info goes here.

Keyboard Macros

Keyboard macros definitions help info goes here.

Origin Line

Origin line definition help info goes here.

Twit List

Twit list definition help info goes here.

Compression Utility

Echomail is distributed in a compressed form to shorten the amount of time to transfer mail from one system to another.

It is necessary for to compress your outbound mail with the same compression program used by your Host/Boss. It is also necessary that you un-compress your inbound mail with the same program use by your Host/Boss. Your Host/Boss should have a copy of the utility used by the network you are connected to, available for you.

You may specify any compression utility you desire as long as it is in your Path, or in the Win-Mail directory or you may specify a complete drive and path to it. ie; C:..exe

The most common of all compression programs are PKzip and PKunzip. These program have specific command line switches to compress and un-compress.

In the Utility Name box place the name of the compression program including the extension, ie; PKzip.exe. In the Additional Parameters box place any command line switches that are necessary for the program to operate properly, ie; -a

The un-compress utility is setup the same way as the compression utility.

Sort Messages

Sort messages definition help info goes here.

Sort on Subject Field

Sort on To Field

Sort on From Field

Sort on Date/Time Field

Start WIN-Mail Minimized

Start WIN-MAIL minimized definition help info goes here.

Toss Mail When Received

Toss mail when received definition help info goes here.

Tossing Mail Into A Microsoft Access Database

When dealing with mail on a continuous level such as WIN-MAILL allows, you will tend to have small, medium and some large mail packets delivered to you throughout the day depending on the type of polling you use. Once the mail has been delivered to WIN-MAIL, it loads and executes the WMTOSS mail utility. **It is the responsibility of WMTOSS to un-arc the mail packets and sort the mail and call on the MS Access Database Engine to add the messages to the database.** The routines used to create WMTOSS will open, sort and format the mail at a rate of approximately 900 messages a minute. However, you will not experience that maximum rate of tossing mail. The reason is not based on the code that was used to create WMTOSS but the calls to the MS Access Database Engine to write the sorted/formatted message to the database. Based on a 80386-33mhz computer with a hard disk that has an average disk access time of 18 milliseconds, MS Access will add approximately 26-32 messages a minute to the database. We know this is **"NOT"** the kind of performance that should be expected however, WMTOSS will run in the background while you still read/create/reply to mail. **The decision to use MS Access is based on the speculation that most major Windows based applications in the near future will be able to read/write to a MS Access database.** This is the reason the MS Access Database Engine was chosen for WIN-MAIL, so that your messages could be **access** from other applications other than WIN-MAIL. We have been assured that the MS Access Database Engine will only get better in performance.

AreaFix Your Host / Boss

Area-fixing your Host/Boss is a process by which your system calls your Host/Boss system and declares which Echomail areas your system would like to receive. This process is done system to system and does not require you to manually request specific areas to receive.

After you complete the Message Area Definitions or make changes to the Message Area definitions you should immediately let WIN-MAIL areafix your Host/Boss.

NOTE If you do not areafix your Host/Boss after changes are made in the Message Area Definitions, you could potentially send the wrong Echomail to the wrong areas on other systems in your network.

EXTERNAL.MDB - For Access Users

Access info goes here.

