TotalControl32 1.2

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Welcome to the first fully graphical RA 2.0x userbase editor for Windows95/NT.

1.0 Disclaimer

Niels Schoot, as the author of TotalControl32, cannot be held responsible for any damage that could be caused directly or indirectly by TotalControl32. This is a beta release and the usage of this program is on your own risk. If TotalControl32 causes damage, please report it to Niels Schoot (*see chapter 6 Contacting the author*) so the error can be fixed in future versions.

NOTES:
-In the documentation are some abbreviations used: 'TC32' means TotalControl32 or TotalControl and with 'This program' is also TotalControl32 or TotalControl meant.
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2.0 This program is shareware

This program (TotalControl32) is shareware. This means that you can use this program for a limited period only (30 days). If you like the program and want to use it, you have to register the program (see REGISTER.TXT for prices in you area). This not a rule that I made up, but it is a rule that is described in the shareware concept. You will receive a registered version and discounts on future products. See ORDER.TXT for more information.

3.0 Introduction

TotalControl32 is a userbase editor for RA 2.xx. TotalControl32 can access the same information as RAMGR.EXE, but adds these very nice features:

- Searches for Username, Alias or Location or a combination;
- Prints nice-looking datasheets of your users;
- Supports the 32-bit multitasking and -threading of Windows95;
- Can access information RAMGR can't (organization and hidden space);
- Searches your entire userbase for keywords;
- Can do global changes, even per group;
- Can do conditional global changes (for i.g. automated security upgrading for uploaders);
- TC StatusMonitor supplied, which displays useful information on your BBS;
- Looks damn nice in your Windows95 desktop ;-).
- And much, much more...

TotalControl can be easily installed in your Windows95 desktop using the SETUP.EXE program. You can even use TotalControl32 while users are on-line! (You can't save the data of users currently on-line, just as RAMGR.EXE can't)

4.0 Installation
Other than the versions before, TotalControl32 requires a specific installation procedure. You have to run SETUP.EXE. (You've probably done this already, because otherwise you wouldn't be able to read this file...). It is absolutely required that you run SETUP.EXE because TotalControl32 requires quite some .DLL files. Future versions will be distributed in two versions, a 'Full' package and a 'Light' package. The 'Full' package contains all the .DLL files and the Setup procedure, and the 'Light' package only contains an update of the TC32.EXE file and the document files.
If you are upgrading from an older version, you just can copy the .EXE and .HLP files over the old ones.

Note:
Make sure when you use the StatusMonitor, that you have configured TotalControl first. If you don't, StatusMonitor will not start.

4.1 Release Notes
None really…

4.1.1 Error during setup: Unable to register COM32CTL.OCX
This problem was caused the fact that the file MFC40.DLL was missing with the runtimes of TotalControl.

4.2 Reconfiguring TotalControl32

New in version 1.2:
To change the path to your USERS.BBS you can now select Preferences… from the File menu.

If you want to completely reconfigure TotalControl32, there are 2 things you can do:
1. Edit the file TC32.INI in your WINDOWS directory. TC32 checks automatically if the path you specified contains the file USERS.BBS. If not, TC32 will run the First-Time configuration.

2.   Delete the file TC32.INI (in your WINDOWS directory). TC32 will automatically run the First-Time configuration utility. TC32.INI contains very few data, so by deleting the file, you will not risk data loss.

NOTE: By *reinstalling* the software, the configuration is saved.

4.3 Uninstalling TotalControl 32
You can unistall TotalControl by these simple steps
1.   Go to the Windows95 Control Panel
2.   Choose Add/Remove Programs
3.   Choose TotalControl32 listed in the listbox
4.   Click the Add/Remove button.
5.   Follow instructions on the screen.

5.0 Version 1.1
History:
Version 0.901
    - First release... No password support yet
Version 0.910
    - Bug fixed which overwrites users under certain conditions.
    - Some little graphical improvements
    - Better file-sharing support... You are now able to use TC at all times (even when a user is on).
    Because of filesharing, TC won't save the USERS.BBS when a user is on-line. (Just like
    RAMGR.EXE)
Version 0.911
    - Bug fixed which quits TotalControl if you pick someone from the list.
Version 0.912
    - Password change finally works. Mainscreen was made sizable to enhance the Win95 look
Version 0.913
    - Fixed some minor problems.
    - Added search functions.
Version 0.914
    - Added indicator light for deleted users
    - Language type is displayed
Version 0.915
    - Added small index in Help menu. (Doesn't tell you a thing)
    - Non proportional font in userlist, this allows me to display the sec. levels of the users.
Version 0.920
    - TotalControl changed its name to TotalControl32 and is now designed for Windows95.
    - Added a print function, to print the data of users.
    - It contains major cosmetic changes, and some bugfixes (The dateformat is now saved correctly).
    The name TotalControl and TotalControl32 are not used consistent. This will be fixed in future
    versions.
Version 0.920
    - Changed some minor things on the printform

- If you now push on the >> or << buttons, TC comes up with the next user according to the order you've specified (Userlist Properties), instead of the 'original' order. This allows you to browse through the users ordered alphabetical, by level, or in the original order.

Version 0.921
- Some changes with the refreshing of information in the screen (for better scrolling)
- Changed TotalControl to TotalControl32 were needed.

Version 0.922
Quite some changes/improvements were made... I will give the most significant...
- Status Monitor is now included... Note that it has already version number 0.903.
- Improved save routine. Takes only 10% of the saving time... Especially when managing a large userbase.
- Included Global Change feature. You can now change all the users, or a users of a certain group. Global Change also includes advanced Conditional Global Change features. They are useful if you have to change the level of users who have uploaded/downloaded a certain number of Kb/files.
- Various interface changes...
- Display the first user of selected order, instead of the first user in the file at startup.

Version 0.923
- Quite some changes/improvements were made... I will give the most significant...
- Status Monitor has a Drop Carrier option, allows you to exit RA immediately with an errorlevel.
- In Status Monitor, you can easily click on a user that's called and it will be loaded in TotalControl.
- Total Control and Status Monitor save last used window position.
- The main window of TotalControl is a little shorter, the 0.922 window caused some problems with 640x480 users.

Version 0.924
- Fixed the Insert User bug. Saving a new user just didn't work...
- Fixed a serious bug about writing and reading the number 65535 (i.g. in the userlevel).
- Fixed a INI-file read problem.
- Moved the deleted indicator light one pixel to the right again... ;-)

Version 0.925
- TotalControl is now fully RemoteAccess 2.50 compatible.
- The search engine is now 300% faster in some cases.
- Successfully tested with extremely large userbases.
- Added an 'Userbase Analysis' option, which analyzes your userbase.
- Fixed the Name/Handle bug (RA wouldn't accept changed names or handles), index files are now correctly updated.
- Added 'Send Note' option in the StatusMonitor
- Added 'Hide Local' option in the StatusMonitor

Version 0.926
- Finally finished testing, now new errors reported.
- Layout now fully changes color when changing Windows95 Display Appearance.
- Fixed some minor bugs.
- Status Monitor: fixed bug which displays baudrates incorrectlry when higher than 32767 bps.
- Status Monitor: Users can be sorted by clicking on one of the column headers.
- New homepage; check it out at WWW.TIP.NL/USERS/SCHOOT

Version 1.0
- Updated runtimes

Version 1.1
- Fixed some minor Cut/Copy/Paste problems

- Unregistered users will get the Shareware reminder every 5 minutes they use the program.
- Default settings for new inserted users.
Version 1.2
- Completely rewritten Print User Sheet routines
- More registration reminders (Come on… Register!)
- StatusMonitor has nice overview window now.

5.1 Known problems
None.

5.2 Status Monitor
The Status Monitor is an utility that displays some information about the user(s) who have called to your node(s), about the user(s) who are calling at the moment. You can simply configure it, by running it. It will come up with a configuration wizard, which asks you the path to your RA directory. You can leave the StatusMonitor in the statusbar of Windows95; the title will change every 5 seconds to another node.

6.0 Testing

6.1 Reporting bugs
If you found a bug, please report it to me, so I can make TotalControl32 better than it already is (ahem). Report which things you did in the program that caused the error. If necessary, send a copy of your USERS.BBS with it.

6.2 Betatesters
I would like to thank the following people for being betatester of TotalControl32.

7.0 Contacting the author
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or with your modem:

Whitepaper BBS:
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8.0 Downloading TotalControl32

You can download the latest version of TotalControl32 at the following sites:

Whitepaper BBS   : +31-575-565697 (28k8, 24h)
                      : +31-575-565474 (28k8/ISDN, 24h)

Cool World   : +1-418-843-0162

Also, check out: http://www.tip.nl/users/schoot (new!)
                     http://www.coolworld.home.ml.org
                     http://www.pcmicro.com
                     ftp://ftp.pcmicro.com/4_authors/niels_schoot_software

I am still looking for some foreign registration/distro sites... Read TC.HLP for more information.

Don't forget! Order your registered copy today!

Good luck and have fun with TotalControl32!
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