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For Operators of The Major BBS

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TPDs Release New and Updated Products for Version 6

By Sheri Robert
Editor-in-Chief

You spoke and we listened. Some of you may remember the Customer Marketing Survey which we sent out with last winter's issue of *The Major News*. In case you missed it, we surveyed our customers to find out which features they were seeking in future versions of The Major BBS. Many of those features were incorporated into the newly released Version 6.0.

But one of the most resounding responses was not exactly a feature request, but more of an appeal to do away with source code requirements for integrating add-on products. We've answered that appeal with Version 6 of The Major BBS.

The doors have opened to our existing and prospective third-party developers (TPDs) to create a flood of add-on products that *don't* require source code to integrate. Now, add-ons use Dynamic Link Libraries, and can be loaded into your system without having to recompile and relink the whole thing. It's usually as simple as typing "A:INSTALL" and you're done.

And the TPDs sure have responded. So

far, over fifty companies have registered Developer-IDs, the three character codes that identify a company's software files. We have awarded the Seal of Approval to more products than ever before, and new products continue to stream in every day.

You'll notice that this issue of *The Major News* looks a little different than the previous ones. We've added some color and it's now printed on slick, shiny paper. But the main difference is the abundance of advertising from the third-party developers. These people really want your business.

To help you get in touch with them, we've updated the list of TPD names and addresses, which you'll find on page 7. You'll also find the updated Seal of Approval list, current as of the day this went to press. There are many more products available from TPDs, but some of them may still be in testing for the Seal of Approval or may not have been submitted yet.

One product you should definitely take a look at is ALEX from Parallax Development Corp. ALEX is a sophisticated, high-speed text retrieval product, which can also function as a non-relational database for textual information. I was lucky enough to be able

to preview ALEX at the ONE BBSCON, and it is hot. This guy just zips through megs and megs of text files at the speed of light. When a new text file is added, ALEX "indexes" it and stores the index in a Btrieve file to make searching for keywords lightning fast. When a match is found, the file is ported into a full-screen viewer that works in ANSI or non-ANSI modes. You can then move forward, backward, or jump to selected pages. This is a great product and was awarded the Seal of Approval — check it out.

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Online Software Updates

By Les Bird
Sysop

With the advent of Version 6 of The Major BBS and with .RTPatch from Pocket Soft, it's now possible to offer minor maintenance updates free to our customers via the Galacticomm Demo System (305-583-7808). Here's how it works in 4 easy steps...

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Announcing Major QWK-mail

By Scott Brinker
Vice President

Released late last month, the new Major QWK-mail Add-on Option offers offline mail capabilities for The Major BBS Version 6.

Originally marketed for earlier versions of The Major BBS as "MjrMail" by Ren L'Ecuyer of Farwest BBS in Canada, it has been a popular add-on for nearly two years. It was acquired and updated by Galacticomm this summer.

"QWK" is by far the most popular offline mail format for BBSes. A user logs on to his favorite system and downloads his "QWK packet", which contains all new mes-

sages in the Forums he quickscans, as well as his private mail. He then logs off and uses an "offline mail reader" to read the messages at his own leisure. Using his favorite editor, he composes his replies, re-logs on to the system, and uploads his "REP packet".

This has a number of advantages. Primarily, you can collect your mail much faster (of particular help to long distance callers). You can also read it faster. Once you have your mail offline, you are no longer limited by baud rate in its display. And since the writing of messages takes place offline with your own editor, importing from other text files and whiz-bang text processing is duck soup.

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Announcing Major QWK-mail (cont'd from page 1)

The most popular offline mail reader is the Silly Little Mail Reader, commonly referred to as SLMR (pronounced "slimer"). It's shareware, and you can download it (SLMR20.ZIP) from the MAJORBBS LIB on the Galacticom Demo System (305-583-7808). Don't let the name fool you; this is a great program.

SLMR is also "message tree" oriented. This means it organizes Forum messages by topic, making message threading substantially easier to understand. (One disadvantage is the inability to thread-to-parent or backtrack, since those messages are still online.) Other mail readers available include EZ-Reader, BlueWave, and Freddie.

No talk of offline readers would be complete without mention of "taglines", those silly little quips that can be automatically tagged to the end of messages. Some of my favorites are:

REALITY.SYS Corrupted:
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Major QWK-mail is available for \$199. Folks who purchased "MjrMail" from Ren will be treated as if they bought it from Galacticom. If they are on the ASUP, a new version will be automatically shipped to them; if not, they can contact Galacticom Sales at 800-328-1128 for one-shot update pricing.



TPDs Release New Products (cont'd from page 1)

ProStar Computer Corp. also has an interesting new product out called MailLink. This is a message transfer system that provides unattended public and private mail transfers from one Major BBS system to another. You could form your own network to transfer messages between regional offices, schools in a district, or international hubs. In conjunction with MailLink, ProStar has started the first public newsgroup message and private E-mail transfer network for

The Major BBS called MajorNet. This could really widen the messaging highway for us and give old FIDO a run for its money, so to speak. MajorNet requires MailLink and is open to all Sysops of The Major BBS. For more info, give Rob or Don a call at ProStar.

Jeff Moriarty and his partners at High Velocity Software have been busy, too. Jeff has been a Sysop of The Major BBS for quite a few years now, but has just ventured into the third-party world in the last few months. And his first two product releases are excellent. Both Auto Validator and Crossroads have been awarded the Seal of Approval and according to Edward Bush, chief tester of the third-party products, "They installed flawlessly and followed the Seal of Approval criteria to the letter. It was a real pleasure testing them." Auto Validator lets your users validate themselves with a call back to their modem. And Crossroads is a magical new text adventure game that takes place in a time long ago when man was one with the elements.

Well, that's just a nibble of what awaits you inside. We're sure you'll be excited to see all the new games, business applications, and utilities that are now available.



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ONE BBSCON a Success Galacticom Launches Trade Show Appearances

By Scott Brinker
Vice President

If you were there, you witnessed it. The official birth of an industry. And Galacticom was there to help make it happen.

In Denver, Colorado, this past August, Online Networking Expositions (ONE) hosted the first serious BBS trade show. It featured four days of educational sessions on everything from legal issues of running a BBS, to the secrets of turning a BBS into a "for-profit" enterprise, to developer roundtables for BBS graphics. John Dvorak, Jack Rickard, Dennis Hayes, Chuck Forsberg, and Phil Katz were among the luminaries on hand. And about a hundred Galacticom Sysops attended — we were delighted to meet many of you face-to-face for the first time.

Tim Stryker, Bob Stein, Sheri Robert, and myself all hosted sessions and manned our new 10' x 20' booth. The Major BBS Version 6.0 was officially announced in a press conference held by Tim Stryker. Demo copies of the new software were freely dis-

tributed, along with "Galacticom System Operator" t-shirts.

The Flash Party was a raving success. (No, it wasn't a striptease.) It was a one-night hospitality suite dedicated to the demonstration of Galacticom's Flash Attack and Flash SpaceWars. And, wow, was it packed! It was quite a sight to see — dozens of people squeezing through the door, portable computers taking up every inch of table space, bunches of serial cables run across the room. The fun went on until early in the morning, when people finally stumbled out, still mumbling, "Thrusters. Thrusters. Where's my hyperdrive?"

At the time of this writing, we're finishing up preparations for the COMDEX/Fall, too. Don't worry if you missed our traveling show. We'll do it again next year, bigger and better yet. And I hope we see you there.

By the way, I saw a copy of *SYSLAW, 2nd Edition* at the show. This is a fantastic book for anyone who wants to know the legal issues involved in running a BBS today. Call the PC Information Group at 800-321-8285 to order a copy for \$34.95.



Third-Party Developers: Helping Your Ideas Become Reality

By Jeff Moriarty
High Velocity Software

Every owner of The Major BBS has his own idea of how his BBS should appear. The configurability and versatility of The Major BBS, especially with the advancements in Version 6, allow most of these ideas to become reality, but not all. No one piece of software can be all things to all people, no matter how hard the authors strive to make it that way.

So what happens when someone has a need that The Major BBS cannot quite fill on its own? They turn to a Third Party Developer (TPD for short). Whether a TPD is a single programmer or a company, the TPD is there to fill niches in the marketplace that Galacticomm cannot address. TPDs develop full add-on packages and custom consultation jobs for individual clients.

They are the "catch-all" in The Major BBS arena, building on Galacticomm's foundation with their independent development and customization in order to provide a stronger, broader, and more well-rounded

product base for all Major BBS customers.

If you'd like to see who's out there in the TPD market, the best place to start is with the magazine in your hands. Spend some time looking at the ads from different TPDs, and see what they have to offer.

Another good place to locate information on TPDs is the Galacticomm Demo System. Specifically, the /Ads and /Press Forums contain a wealth of information about TPDs, and their current products. Most TPDs have an account on the Demo System, so you can reach them by E-mail whenever you have questions about a product.

Talking to other Sysops is a good way to find out which TPDs are available, as well as finding out which modules are the most popular. Explore other systems, see how they handle their BBS, and maybe you'll get some ideas for your own system.

If all else fails, call Galacticomm! Tell them what you're looking for, and what you need, and they'll be happy to help steer you in the right direction.

When approaching a TPD for the first time, you might want to consider a few

things to help you feel more comfortable with the developer.

Ask for customer references, or find some of the TPD's customers on your own. Talk with the customers about the TPD and find out how they've done business in the past. Sysops of The Major BBS are often harsh critics, but they have first-hand experience that could save you both time and money.

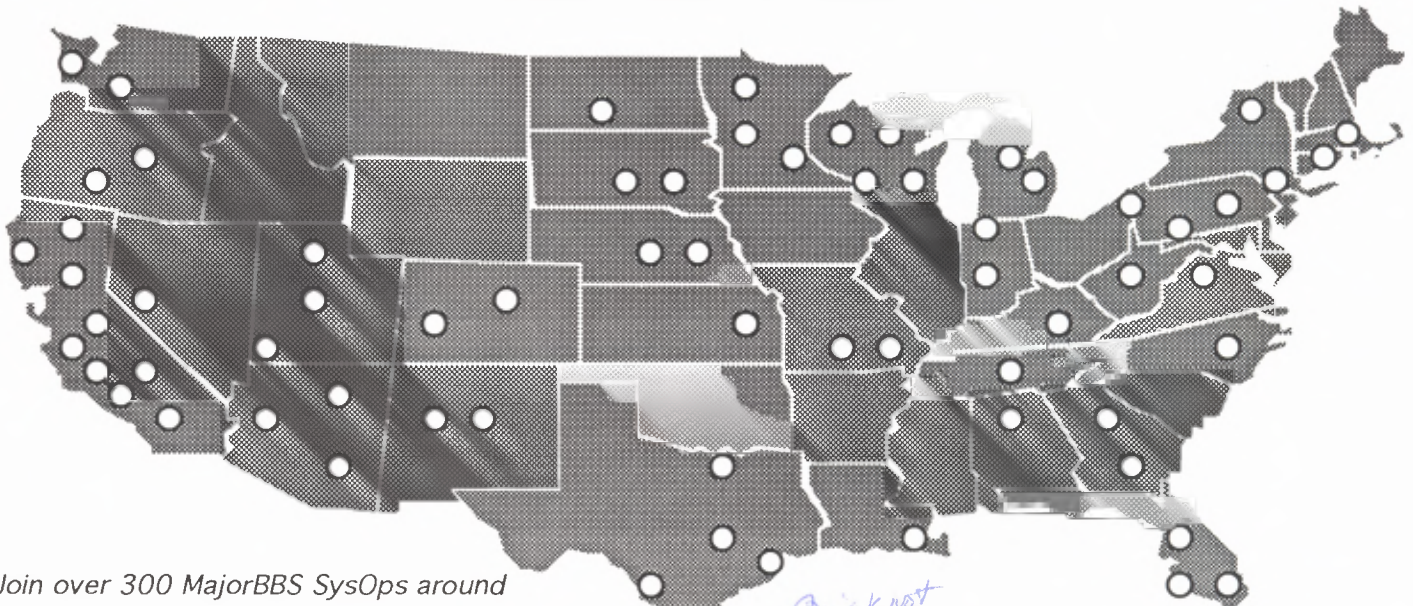
Make sure that the TPD is going to provide what you need. Make a list of questions about a product before you contact the TPD so you will not forget anything important. If you're not sure about a product or a developer, ask them to send you some literature or request a copy of their catalog.

Inquire about their return policy in case the product or service does not meet your needs. Do they have an unconditional refund, and if they do, what is the procedure for obtaining it? How long does the refund policy last, and do you have any options after the normal refund policy has expired?

Find out how they offer customer support for fixing reported bugs and providing

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It even has its own glossary and index.

You can purchase these manuals one at a time, or in large quantities. Distribute them around the office, include them in a "new user" kit, or sell them by request to interested customers.

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Galacticomm Licenses "INSTALL" Technology to Third-Party Developers for Free

*By Scott Brinker
Vice President*

In early October, Galacticomm announced the availability of its "INSTALL" program technology to authorized third-party developers on a royalty-free basis.

"This is part of our ongoing effort to give third-party products the same 'look and feel' of The Major BBS," says Bert Love, Director of Engineering. "We want Sysops to just type 'A:INSTALL' to add any off-the-shelf options to their BBS. It's important to us that they feel as comfortable with third-party software as they do with add-ons from Galacticomm."

Developers for The Major BBS interested in this offer should contact Bert Love at (305) 583-5990.

Third-Party Developers (cont'd from page 4)

updates. Talk to some people who have already purchased products from them, and verify the TPD's claims. You're entitled to support for your purchases, and if it doesn't appear that you'll receive it, try a different TPD.

There are some amazing products in the third party market, perhaps even a few that

could change the whole way you run your system. And what's not available yet, could very well be heading your way soon. So take the time to see which TPDs are out there, and you might just be surprised at how much they have to offer. They can help you transform your system into exactly the system you've always wanted.

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Note: Listings of third-party developers that appear in color have advertisements in this issue.

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ALEX propels the MajorBBS into the big leagues of text retrieval systems.

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The Carrier Wave: The Meaning of Modem Init Strings

By Les Bird
Sysop

When calling into The Major BBS, its modems need to be initialized before they can send and receive data. Their settings may need to be tweaked in order to work properly. The Major BBS follows certain steps to prepare each modem to answer calls.

First, the BBS sends an "ATZ" to the modem. The BBS expects a reply of "OK" from the modem within 5 seconds (2 seconds if you have Version 5.31 or earlier). If it doesn't receive a reply, the BBS re-sends the "ATZ" until it gets one back.

Second, after getting an "OK" back from the "ATZ", the BBS sends the init string. (You can change the init string by choosing option 1, "Hardware Setup" in Version 6 or option 2, "Configuration" in Version 5.) Once the BBS gets an "OK" back after the init string, it's ready to take calls with that modem.

The init string is very important. Here are a few tips to figure out which one you should be using.

If you have a standard 2400bps or 1200bps modem, you could probably get away with just the standard init string:

AT&FE0S0=0S2=255X1&C1&D2
(if you're using Version 5, change **S0=0** to **S0=1**)

AT is the standard Hayes attention command. This tells the modem to get ready to receive additional commands from the software.

&F restores the factory default settings for the modem. This is a good place to start with an init string since in most cases the factory default is a somewhat "known" state.

E0 turns off command echo. With command echo turned on ("**E1**") you'll see on the input activity screen all the commands that are sent to the modem. However, this tends to clutter up the input activity screen so we recommend turning command echo off.

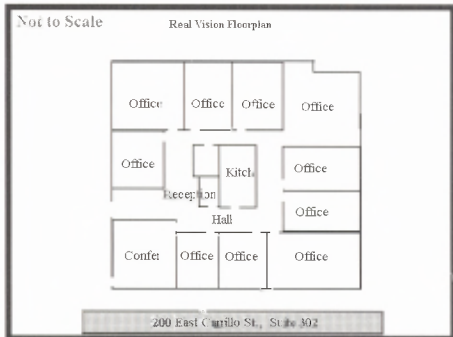
S0=0 tells the modem to not answer the line automatically. In Version 5, you would normally set this to "**S0=1**" which tells the modem to answer the line on the first ring. But, in Version 6 the default setting is for

the BBS to answer the line, rather than the modem to answer it. The software does this by sending an "**ATA**" whenever it sees a "**RING**" from the modem. This may not work for all modems, so you can always change this to "**S0=1**" in Version 6 and change the **OUTATA** option to "**NO**".

S2=255 disables the escape character, normally a "+". The escape character is used to put the modem into command mode. Normally, you would type three of these escape codes ("**+++**") in a row, then the modem would say "**OK**" and wait for additional commands. You don't want your users putting the modems into command mode, however, so it's a good idea to have this disabled.

X1 tells the modem to respond with normal result codes such as "**CONNECT 2400**" and "**RING**". Since those are the only result codes that the BBS looks for, "**X1**" is usually sufficient. If, however, you have Version 6 and the Dial-Out option, then you might want to use "**X4**" which will tell Dial-Out if a line is "**BUSY**" or if there is "**NO ANSWER**".

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Screenshot of a database record for a property listing. Includes fields for Status, Location (200 E CARRILLO ST, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101), Property Description, and Statistics (Lease Rate: 2.85, Net on Gross: 68000, etc.).

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SubStriker	V1.02b	MagiComm, Inc.
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Tournament Backgammon	V2.00	MagiComm, Inc.
ALEX	V1.02	Parallax Development Corp.
Caribbean Stud	V1.0	ProStar Computer Corp.
Command Center	V1.0	ProStar Computer Corp.

Add-On Product	Version	Developer
Video Poker	V1.0	ProStar Computer Corp.
ChatLink!	V4.11	Public Data Network
Match Maker	V2.14	Sirius Software
GaltiTrek	V1.02	Softworks, International
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By Brian Stephens
Software Engineer

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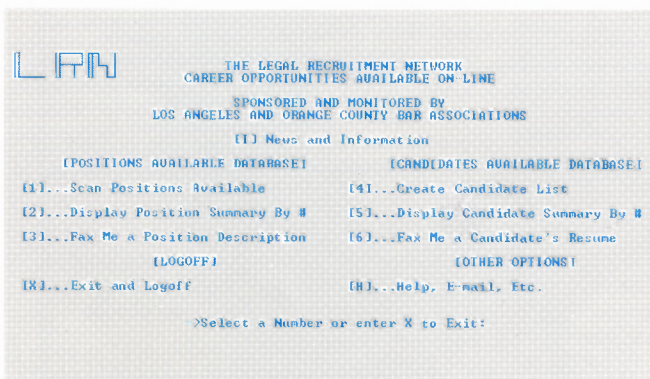
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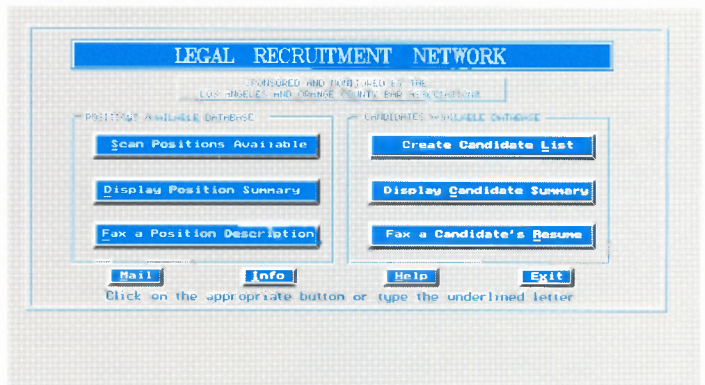
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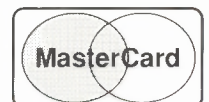
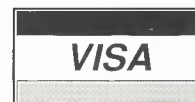
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