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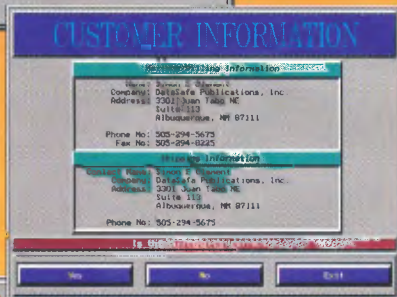
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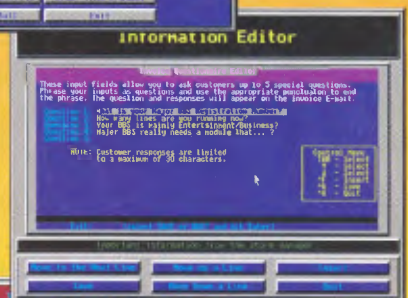
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President's Corner

By Scott J. Brinker
 President/CEO

Sixty pages! I exclaimed when Cindy Korman, our Editor-in-Chief for *The Major News*, showed me the layout for this issue. I couldn't believe it.

But with over 50 advertisements from third-parties and several dozen articles submitted, we were actually turning people away to get this out.

As a metaphor for the BBS industry, our once tiny customer newsletter has grown into a full-blown magazine, even rivaling store-bought industry magazines produced by real publishers.

Somewhere between "hacker havens" and information superhighways, you and I discovered a powerful tool. It's not even accurate to label it as bulletin board software. Our new box and brochure tout The Major BBS as: *An Open Platform for Creating Your Own Online Service*.

That's really what it is. Sure, the out-of-the-box software has some rather impressive features and kudos — even more with Version 6.2 — but that's just the beginning. You can do so much more than messaging and file transfers. Plug in photograph databases, credit card verifiers, a multimedia document retrieval subsystem, mail connectivity of all kinds, 900 number billing, shopping malls, Internet access, and so on. Or even use the Developer's Toolkit to write your own.

As you flip through this issue, I think you'll be as awed as I am with the cornucopia of third-party products available for your system. These guys are doing some incredible work! By supporting them with your business, you're paving the road for even better things to come.

I had a wonderful opportunity to work closely with many TPDs on this latest V6.2 release. Tim Stark and Don Pitchford, who have been key players in the third-party community, both joined our team this past fall. Tim engineered the new Polls and Questionnaires module, and Don was the lead architect behind the new File Libraries. And as you'll read in two of the stories inside, both High Velocity Software and Public Data Network helped make the new Entertainment Collection the state-of-the-art solution for consumer-oriented, for-profit networks.



Thanks to an early beta release, we also got some wonderful feedback from other key TPDs: Mountain Rose Multi Media, DataSafe Publications, Sirius Software, Tessier Technologies, Digital Consulting Services, Durand Communications, HighWaterMark, ProStar Computer Corporation, Logicom, BSI Technologies, and more. In fact, Mountain Rose has already taken advantage of the V6.2 platform for a new release of their widely successful Major CD add-on.

The success of these cooperative efforts has been so enthralling and productive for us, that I predict an even closer working relationship with the top TPDs on all future releases. It's a win-win-win situation for everyone.

Jumping to the Internet, things are really taking off there too. After a bumpy start, the Major Gateway/Internet is now humming away smoothly on several hundred systems, pumping Internet mail and newsgroups day and night. You can even hook up "telnet" and "ftp" access through a Unix box, or via third-party solutions offered by Sylvain Durocher of Vircom, Inc. and Brad Clements of Murk Works, Inc. A couple of feature stories in this issue will give you the information you need to make it happen.

There's so much more to tell you, but Cindy's already looking a little nervous about space. So if you haven't talked to us directly in a while, just give us a call. We'd love to hear how you're doing, bring you up to V6.2, and share with you the latest news from the third-party front. Or, drop us a line on the Internet (via Major Gateway/Internet). You can reach me personally at brinker@gcomm.com.

Enjoy this issue, and, as always, thanks for being our customer.

(P.S. We're still growing. If you know someone who wants the opportunity to make a mark in this BBS revolution/evolution, have them give me a call.)



Announcing Version 6.2 of The Major BBS

by Scott J. Brinker
President/CEO

At BBSCON '93, we brought paper, pencils, and both ears to find out how we could best improve The Major BBS for you. Along with some terrific feedback in the /Sysops Forum on our Demo System (networked by MailLink and NetACCESS), the wish list was created, and the Version 6.2 project was born.

Now, after six months of late-night development and testing, it's ready for you. Here's what you get...

The brand new File Libraries now have a full-screen interface that lets you browse through files and their short descriptions using the arrow keys. Hit <Enter> on a file to see its details and long description. <Ctrl-T> tags the file for download later, <Ctrl-V> views the contents of ZIP'd archives, and <Ctrl-D> jumps immediately into downloading it with the protocol of your choice.

New search methods for recent files and most popular files (by the number of times each has been downloaded) have also been added, along with a complete boolean keyword search engine. A few other extras such as user preferences (such as protocol selection) and automatic DIZ-file extraction are in there as well.

Behind the scenes as the Sysop, you can "join" Libraries together. This can be used to create multi-directory Library categories, that are ideal for CD-ROM offerings. A new

"copy before download" configuration option for each Library makes CD-ROM changers highly useful too.

In conjunction with V6.2, Bert Rozenberg of Mountain Rose Multi Media announced a new version of its Major CD add-on (distributed in the U.S. by Tessier Technologies and ProStar Computer Corp.). Major CD gives you the option of managing huge volumes of files on networked computers and CD-ROM drives.

Next on our list was Polls and Questionnaires. Completely redesigned and written from scratch, this new module lets you create an unlimited number of polls (for tallied votes) and questionnaires (for open-ended responses). Statistics are generated online in real-time, although an offline facility is still included for printed reports.

Each poll/questionnaire can have up to 100 questions. Each question can be configured to accept a certain answer type: yes/no, true/false, multiple choice, credit card number, date, numeric value, open response. The answers to multiple choice questions can be used to then "branch" to different follow-up questions.

Answers can be saved to a Btrieve database, an ASCII file, or both — or just discarded if you're using branching polls for more of an expert help system application. Btrieve answers can be associated with a user's account record for you, or your users if you allow, to look up later. You can even assign a priority to a poll/questionnaire that forces users to take it at log on time (or in

less urgent situations, just notified or asked if they want to take it).

Next: online graphics. Now you don't have to be a graphic artist to win ooh's and aah's from your users. With V6.2 we have included an out-of-the-box English/RIP language. It automatically detects RIPscript-compatible callers at connect time. You simply configure your menus under Menu Tree, and we take care of generating appropriate-looking RIPscript menus complete with mouse fields. (Of course the RIPscript Add-on Option, now titled the RIPaint Add-on Option, is still available as an integrated DLL to let you paint your own, unique RIPscript scenes and menus as well.)

One last visible addition was the integration of Major QWK-mail into the baseline package. With the popularity of QWK becoming so widespread for offline messaging, we decided to make it a basic feature. (And to be fair to everyone who purchased Major QWK-mail separately, we will update them to Version 6.2 for just \$19 plus shipping — a dramatic discount on the standard V6.2 upgrade prices.)

Under the hood, some rather exciting developments also took place. We added support for up to 16 channel groups, including new 57.6K bps channels. This lets you take full advantage of the new line of 28.8K modems now on the market.

But the big improvement came in file transfer efficiency — a 70% improvement over Version 6.12. On our in-house "megapup" test system, we clocked 100 channels locked at 19.2K, all simultaneously downloading files over real serial connections with a 1751 CPS rate on each channel, on a 60 MHz Pentium computer with no server or special hard drive caching. *No other PC-based software on the planet can even come close to this Mach 1 performance.*

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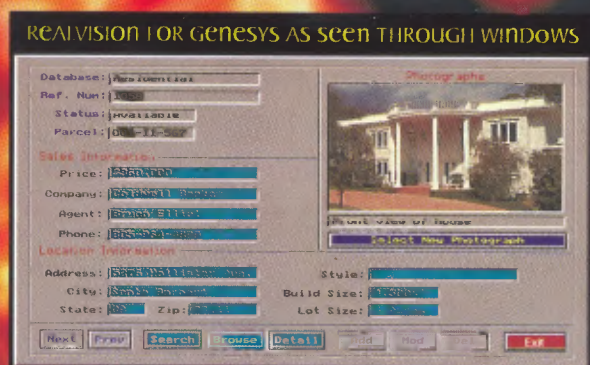
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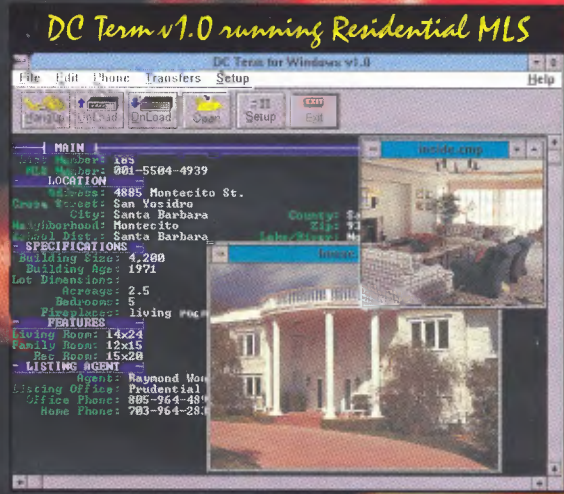
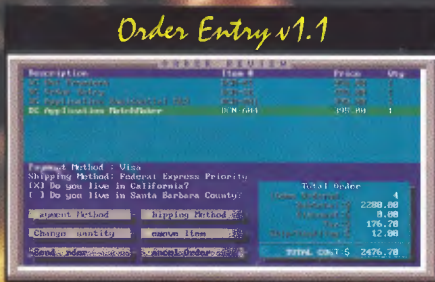
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Guide to the Internet via Major Gateway/Internet

by Harris Fellman
Customer Service Representative

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The following is just a partial list of the rich harvest of data available on the Internet. Since it would take a huge book to give you a thorough understanding of this complex network, we simply want to introduce you to the 'net, so you can get a taste of what the Internet can bring to your users.

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RIP Integration Provides Sysops More Power and Flexibility

by Bill Hyatt
Software Engineer

The results are in. You've told us how much you and your users enjoy *RIPscrip*, the friendly new graphics protocol for BBSes created by TeleGrafix Communications, Inc. Novice and expert users alike appreciate the intuitive mouse-driven screens with icons, buttons, pop-up dialog boxes, and more. We've responded by including a complete set of RIP menus in our baseline package.

We've also added some exciting enhancements. The Major BBS can now auto-generate menus for your RIP users, just as it always has for your ANSI and ASCII users. Just create or edit your menus in the Menu Tree Editor — The Major BBS will do the rest. You can hide and dim options and display a special title for each menu. The Major BBS will show RIP menus to your users who call in with *RIPterm* (the freely-distributable terminal program that interprets *RIPscrip* commands), while displaying ANSI or ASCII menus for non-RIP users.

Our new File Libraries and Polls and Questionnaires facilities have powerful graphical interfaces. We've revamped the graphics



for the Full Screen Editor, Forums, and E-mail, as well as added a RIP interface for the file transfer service.

With the *RIPaint* Add-on Option, the possibilities are even greater. *RIPaint* is a GUI designer implemented as a paint program. It connects with Menu Tree and the CNF configuration utility as a DLL, letting you edit graphics as easily as you would regular text. You can control the style, size, and placement of the buttons on auto-generated RIP menus, or devise your own backgrounds and menus.

RIPaint lets you create your own icons as well. These small rectangular images are stored on your users' hard drives, which the BBS can tell *RIPterm* to display.

The *RIPaint* Add-On Option comes with dozens of icons ready for you to use. If your users don't have these icons on their hard drives, we offer a quick and easy method for them to download the icons they need. With the auto-icon-download feature, you can let the BBS check your users' hard drives for a special "signature file" to determine if they have your custom icons. You decide whether you want The Major BBS to check at log-on, log-off, or both.

If users don't have your icons, or the latest version of them, you can force your users to download them, let users choose whether to download them, or just warn users and provide instructions on downloading your icons. You can store your icons as a single archive file, a group of individual files, or both.

If you haven't seen RIP yet, call our Demo System (305/583-7808). Download a copy of *RIPterm* from the File Libraries, and then call back to view the RIP graphics.

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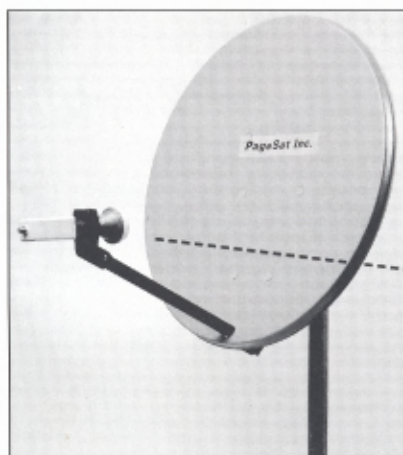
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Accessing the Internet

by Jeff Torello
Technical Support Engineer

If you want your BBS to have Internet capabilities, you have two alternatives. The simplest and most cost-effective way to access the Internet is batch transfer of mail and news through a UUCP host. The second option is a direct, real-time connection to the Internet. This provides more features and services, but it is more complicated to set up and maintain, and also costs a lot more.

Mail and Newsgroups via a UUCP Host

The Internet uses a store-and-forwarding messaging system for E-mail and newsgroups, similar to other mail systems such as FidoNet, RIME, and MajorNet. A cost-effective way to attain these two important Internet services is through a UUCP host.

Here's how it works. You arrange, usually through an Internet service provider, to access a UUCP host that connects directly to the Internet. You will be assigned an Internet domain name (ours is *gcomm.com*) that identifies your site. All mail and news destined for your site is routed to the UUCP host. Using our Major Gateway/Internet Add-on Option (MG/I), you call the UUCP host at preset times during the day. MG/I transfers mail and newsgroup messages to and from the UUCP host, which then routes your outgoing messages through the Internet. If you network your Major BBS with another com-

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Using Internet messaging is simple. Your users select their own Internet user names (mine is *jtorello*). A user name along with your domain name forms an Internet address. For example, my Internet address is *jtorello@gcomm.com*. The Internet uses these addresses to route E-mail to the correct destination. Internet messages sent to your users will show up as E-mail messages. Users send Internet messages through your regular E-mail service. The letter is addressed to: "IN:" followed by the recipient's Internet address. MG/I handles all the routing and delivery considerations.

Newsgroups work just like any other Forum on The Major BBS. Your users simply write or reply to messages. MG/I sends messages to the UUCP host, which distributes them throughout the Internet. Messages written by users on the Internet are imported into your Forums in the same way.

Directly Connecting to the Internet

A direct connection opens your BBS to the world of Internet online services. This world at first appears a little strange to us BBSers. We are used to accessing all BBS services through a single connection. On the Internet, separate connections exist for most services. And, the user interfaces are quite different from the user-friendly ones on a BBS. Here's a quick summary of some of the online Internet services and their rough

BBS equivalents. These comparisons are not exact, since many Internet services access more than one system at a time: telnet is used to connect to an Internet computer; ftp is for file transfers (download/upload); Gopher is similar to the menuing system; finger is similar to the Registry of Users; archie is like the File Libraries keyword search; IRC is the equivalent of the Teleconference.

Getting Connected

A direct Internet connection requires a permanent link between your site and the Internet — even dial-up attachments need to be long term. There are several ways to establish a direct connection with the Internet, ranging from dial-up modems to leased T1 (1.54 Mbps) lines and beyond. You'll need a modem (or a CSU/DSU for digital lines) and a router. The latter converts the serial line protocol to TCP/IP (the Internet protocol) on an Ethernet LAN. Most of you will have to contract with an Internet service provider for your Internet connection. Many service providers include the required equipment as part of the contract. Once you're connected, your next step is to integrate the Internet with your BBS.

You can do this using a Unix machine. There are even some versions of Unix that will run on a PC. Each Unix system has different features and contrasting degrees of Internet compatibility. Once you connect a Unix machine to the Internet, it becomes an Internet host. Then, you'll attach the Unix machine to your BBS.

There are two main ways to connect a Unix machine to The Major BBS: serial cables and X.25. Both of these options will provide the same services; the differences lie mainly with the speed of the connection, the number of simultaneous users, and the hardware you use to make the connection. With either of these arrangements, Internet users can telnet into your Unix system and then log on to your BBS. With our Dial-Out Add-on Option, your users can log on to your Unix system and access Internet services.

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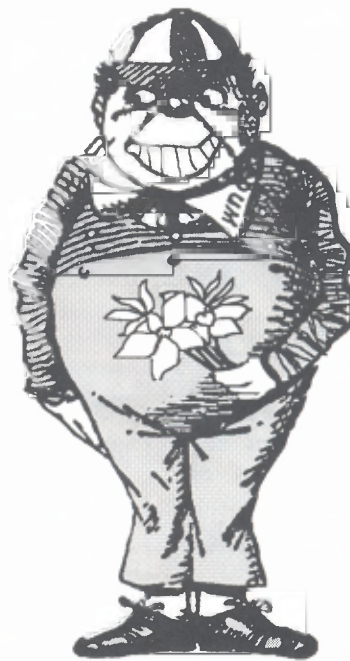
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By Dihan Rosenburg
Managing Editor

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This is the equivalent loading of 100 high-speed 14,400 bps modems connected to real phone lines, all dialing into a bulletin board system to transfer files and electronic messages. The application of this technology is ideal for organizations and entrepreneurs who want to set up their own online service using off-the-shelf hardware and software.

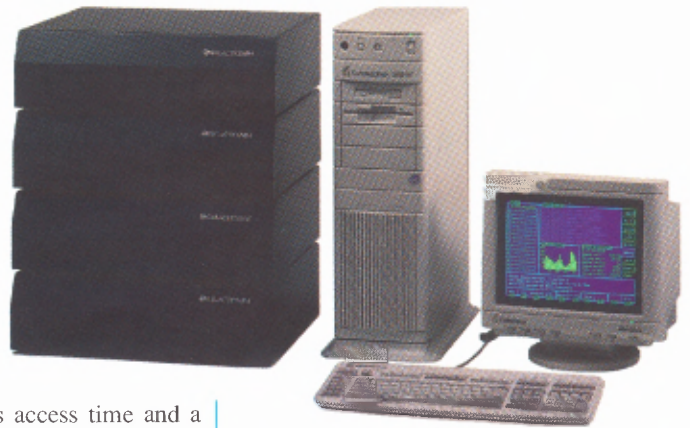
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For the demonstration, we ran a copy of The Major BBS Version 6.2 on a Gateway 2000 P-60 Pentium computer with 16 MB of memory and a 540 MB Western Digital IDE

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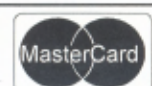
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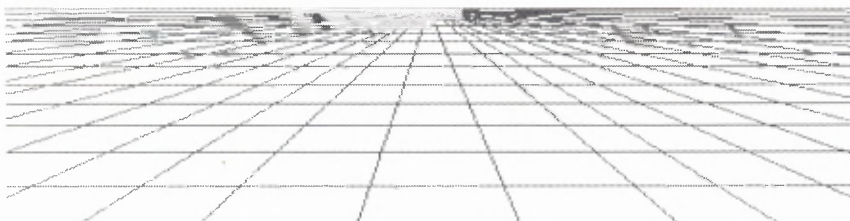


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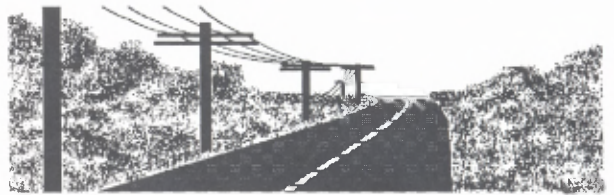
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Established in 1987, ProStar is a leader in the telecommunications industry and is the *largest* developer of add-on software for The Major BBS. ProStar now has offices on both coasts of the United States to serve you. We specialize in products that will not only enhance *your* system, but will make *you* money.

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Features:

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ProSecure Security Enhancement Module	ProPack ProStar Utilities Pack	PC Watchdog Guards your BBS while you're away
<p>ProSecure offers your features normally found on other systems as well as security features found in such products as Netware 3.11. ProSecure is set up as a menu option to interactively allow users to change their passwords. ProSecure also allows you to set up multiple-"security groups" which regulate users or classes based on the setup or the keys held.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$49.00</p>	<p>The ProStar Utilities Pack provides some handy utilities for The Major BBS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROUSG - Line Usage Display and Record keeper • PROPASS - Change Password Utility • PRONET_R - Class/Channel-group Network Restriction Utility <p style="text-align: right;">\$49.00</p>	<p>PC Watchdog is a hardware solution that forces a reset of your computer if your BBS locks. A special .DLL sends out a signal to the watchdog card every X number of minutes. If the watchdog card does not receive the pulse, then a relay is activated which closes the contact of the reset connector on your motherboard forcing a hard reset. A must for systems that have to be online at all times.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$99.00</p>

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Local Phone Companies Provide Low-Cost X.25 Access

By David Marshall
BellSouth Advanced Networks

X.25 networks can offer big savings in long-distance charges. Users dial a local number to reach your BBS from anywhere in the world. Domestic dial-up rates start as low as \$6 per hour during prime time and \$3 per hour at night. If your BBS has a lot of international callers, X.25 is a practical alternative to costly telephone rates.

You can have up to 255 simultaneous users with only two lines or ports into your PC — eliminating multiple phone lines and modems. X.25 lines are generally of better quality and have built-in error correction.

Until recently, Public Data Networks (PDNs) were the only way to access X.25 networks; however, fixed costs were nearly \$1,000 per month to connect to a PDN.

Now there's a better way. Your local phone company may be able to provide this PDN connection at about one-third the cost (about \$350 per month for a 9600 bps link in BellSouth territory). Your users will still get attractive dial-up rates.

Here's how it works: You link up with your local phone company, which gateways into the global network of your choice. The four most popular ones are SprintNet, CompuServe, ADP AutoNet, and BT North America.

If you plan to pay for your customers' long-distance charges, you'll get a monthly bill for your users' tolls. Otherwise, users call the PDN carrier of their choice and set up an account. It's similar to getting a long-distance carrier for their telephones.

To connect X.25 to The Major BBS you'll need the following: Galacticomm's X.25 Software Option (\$935), which allows your BBS to attach to an X.25 network without the need for a PAD (packet assembler/disassembler); the PC XNet card-by OST (\$1,295); and a synchronous modem (CSU/DSU).

You can then define as many X.25 channels as your user count license allows, without any additional hardware.

If you are within BellSouth territory, please contact me at (404) 847-2993. Or you can call your local phone company for more information.

X.25 Now Available on Galacticomm Demo System

by Shane Thomas
Technical Support Engineer

You can now access our Demo System via X.25! We've configured four channels to handle incoming X.25 calls.

You will need to have access to the SprintNet network. Just call your local telephone company representative to help you set up an account. Sprint's toll charges are about \$6 per hour during prime time and about \$3 per hour for non-prime hours.

Your provider will give you a local number to call. At the "@" prompt, you will need to enter our X.25 address on SprintNet, which is "03142 305 581 1200."

If you have questions about connecting from your local X.25 network into Sprint, give me a call at (305) 321-2404, or leave E-mail to "Shane Thomas" on the Demo System or shane@gcomm.com on the Internet.

New MDP Releases!



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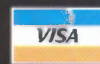
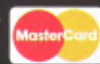
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Unix machine, and then directly download them from a private DOS-only Library mapped into the same directory.

You can also set up your Unix system to act as a UUCP host. Using MG/I, you'd transfer Internet mail and newsgroup messages to and from the Internet via your Unix machine.

It is very important to select a Unix system that has the features you need. These systems vary greatly in features, cost, ease of use, etc. Unix systems require more technical expertise than MS-DOS systems. We've set up an /Internet Forum on our Demo System (305/583-7808) to exchange the advantages and disadvantages of different solutions. For more in-depth and up-to-date information, you can download the GTEC9401.TXT file from the TECHNOTE Library.


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We recognize the importance of Internet connectivity. We're working, along with our TPDs, to bring you new products that will reduce the cost and complexity of connecting to the Internet while improving Internet integration with The Major BBS.

Two third-party developers, Murk Works, Inc. and Vircom, Inc., have announced plans to provide products that will offer a more seamless interface to the Internet.

For more information, consult the following resources: the Internet newsgroup,

alt.bbs.majorbbs; Murk Works, Inc., (315) 265-4717, info@murkworks.com; Vircom, Inc., in care of Digital Consulting Services, 1-800-899-2002, sysop@gamemaster.qc.ca;

Connecting to the Internet, Susan Estrada, or *The Whole Internet User's Guide & Catalog*, Ed Krol, O'Reilly & Associates, Inc., 1-800-998-9938, nuts@ora.com. 

Glossary of Internet Terminology

ARCHIE	facility to locate files that are publicly available on the Internet
FINGER	facility to find information about Internet users
FTP	a program that moves files from one computer to another using the File Transfer Protocol; has user interface that looks like a directory structure
GOPHER	a menu-based system for accessing Internet services
INTERNET	the worldwide network connecting thousands of other networks; the Internet provides file transfer, remote login, electronic mail, news, and many other services
INTERNET HOST	a computer that connects directly to the Internet, sometimes referred to as a node
IRC	Internet Relay Chat: teleconference involving multiple Internet computers
LEASED LINE	a permanently connected private telephone line between two points commonly used to connect to an Internet service provider
PPP	Point to Point Protocol: a more robust version of the SLIP protocol.
ROUTER	a device that transfers data between two networks; a router accounts for physical differences between the networks (e.g. leased line to Ethernet LAN, and can also perform protocol conversions (e.g. PPP to TCP/IP)
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol: the primary Internet protocol used to establish connections between computers on the Internet
TELNET	a terminal program that allows you to log in to another computer system using the telnet protocol; most telnet programs don't support file transfer, unlike BBS terminal programs
UUCP	Unix to Unix Copy Program: UUCP is commonly used to batch transfer messages between an Internet host and a computer which is not directly connected to the Internet
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When you log in ZIP files or users upload files, the new File Libraries will search for and extract FILE_ID.DIZ or DESC.SDI, if they exist. This is done automatically. If you need to add descriptions, you can create a script file (see page 390 of the *Systems Operations Manual*), or you can use the FILES.BBS file(s) on the CD.

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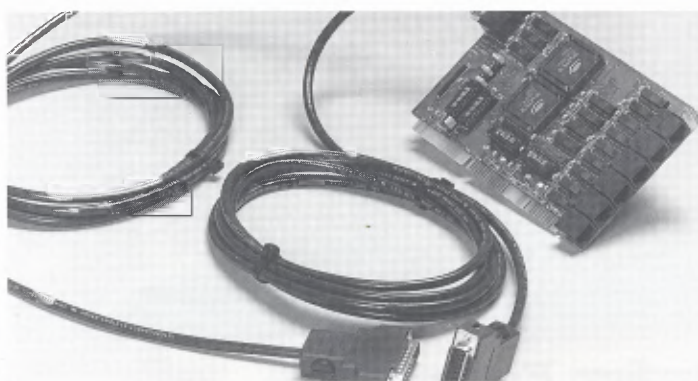
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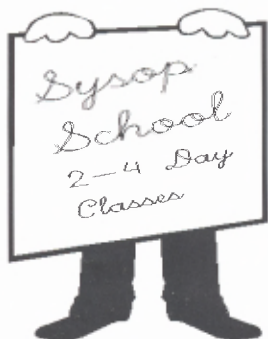


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by Tony Javoric
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Start-up BBS services need an active Teleconference to entice new users into becoming subscribers. ChatLink instantly provides a busy, vibrant Teleconference that will interest new customers.

"We had to upgrade to eight lines because of the usage increase on my system due to ChatLink," says Bruce Chapman of Whiz Data Network in Manchester, NH.

Established BBS services need an active Teleconference, as well. A steady supply of

new users for your customers to meet and talk to is necessary to keep interest and usage high. ChatLink supplies hundreds of friendly Teleconference users from across America every night. ChatLink can make Teleconference the most profitable area of your BBS business and be the catalyst for sustained growth.

Ease of use was one reason this software was selected to be part of the Entertainment Collection. ChatLink is the only link package that runs right out of the Entertainment Teleconference, so customers don't have to search your BBS to find the link. It is also the only software to utilize the standard Teleconference commands Sysops and customers already know. And no additional hardware or software is needed.

ChatLink uses SprintNet's high-speed X.25 network to link your BBS to the server/hub, avoiding expensive long-distance charges. Hourly link rates run between \$1.50 - \$1.70 per hour.

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More Entertainment Collection Enhancements

And there's more good news! The Entertainment Collection is super "action packed." Jeff Moriarty, president of High Velocity Software, helped modify the Entertainment Teleconference to include an open architecture and a wealth of new features. We've also added two of our most popular game packages for your users to enjoy.

The Entertainment Teleconference now has its own DLLs and APIs, so add-ons integrate directly into the module. Previously, add-on games, such as Food Fight by Jabberwocky, were separate modules that scanned the Entertainment Teleconference for users in order to run.

"This opens up a whole new market for Teleconference add-ons," Moriarty said. "Developers can now create games that add to the environment — without designing a full-blown module. Writing a Teleconference game will only take a day or two, when it used to take weeks."

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BBS Expo '94

WASHINGTON, DC – The nation's capital has been designated to host the first annual BBS convention of its kind. This convention is intended for anyone interested in the fast growing "information superhighway" provided by local BBSs, information services such as Prodigy, CompuServe, GENie, etc.

The sponsor, *BBS Magazine* (aka *BBS Callers Digest*), intends to bring together its readers with companies that represent the latest in BBS software, communications, utilities and hardware. Companies include:

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Playing host to this event is The Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW (photo upper right). Located in northwest Washington, DC, The Sheraton Washington is in an excellent setting for BBS EXPO. Set two miles from downtown DC, minutes from National Airport and a few miles from the Balt/Wash International Airport, the award-winning Sheraton Washington Hotel combines first-class amenities, restaurants and an experienced exhibit service department to provide a first-class venue for BBS EXPO.



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Programmers' Interface Optional API Services

by Chris Robert
Director of Technology

If you've written any add-ons to The Major BBS, you must be reasonably familiar with the basic architecture and API you're working with — at least those aspects which are necessary to construct a working add-on. What you may not be familiar with are all the optional API services available to you. Many of these services can speed your development time in addition to helping you achieve a better end-result.

The EXAMPLES Library on our Demo System contains some excellent examples of API services in action. All of the examples available come complete with DLLs, well-documented source files, make files, etc. In fact, the following API sub-services are represented there.

Sub-services are modules created to be used by other modules. When your module calls upon a sub-service, it will usually take over the current user's channel, do its thing, and then return control of the user's channel to your module again. Sub-services make add-on development easier. Using them will speed up your development cycle, as well as give aspects of your user interface a familiar look and feel.

Full Screen Editor

The Full Screen Editor (FSE) sub-service is an online text editor. The FSE is used

throughout the BBS for entering and editing text. When you write a new E-mail message, you're using the FSE. It features a full-screen mode for ANSI users, and a line mode for non-ANSI users. Features offered to online users include: upload text file (any protocol); center line; mark block; delete block; format paragraph; and frame text.

The FSE is made up of 3,556 lines of source code that you don't have to write. You just call "bgndt()," tell it what you'd like to have edited, and what routine of yours to call when it's done. It'll call you back when the user is finished, giving you the results. It couldn't be easier.

For more on the FSE, see page 99 in the Version 6.2 Developer's Guide and the GALFBK.ZIP file in the EXAMPLES Library.

Full Screen Data Entry

The Full Screen Data Entry (FSD) sub-service is used for entering and editing data online, like the FSE; but while the FSE works with one large buffer, the FSD works with many small fields of different types. When you edit user account information online, you're using the FSD. Like the FSE, the FSD supports a full-screen mode for ANSI users and a line mode for non-ANSI users.

You use the FSD by creating a screen template in your .MSG file, a string describing the editable fields, and a string containing default field values. You pass all of these things off the FSD to start the FSD session. If you'd like, you can also provide the FSD

with a special field-verification routine so that you can validate each field yourself. When the user is done editing the fields, the FSD will call you back with the results.

For more on the FSD, see page 103 in the Version 6.2 Developer's Guide and the GALCTX.ZIP file in the EXAMPLES Library.

File Transfer Facility

The File Transfer Facility (FTF) sub-service is used for uploading and downloading files. The FTF is used wherever you see file transfers supported. In fact, even the FSE sub-service makes use of FTF in order to support the uploading of text files! Using FTF, you can easily support the following: any standard single- or multi-file transfer protocol; Sysop file import and export; file tagging; and auto-logoff upon completion of file transfer.

After you tell FTF to begin a file transfer, it still keeps your module "in the loop." Your module needs to have an upload- or download-handling routine in order to communicate with FTF. It'll call your handling routine every now and again to let you know what's going on or get information from you. When the file transfer is complete, FTF will return control to your module.

For more on the FTF interface, see page 107 in the Version 6.2 Developer's Guide and the GALUPX.ZIP, GALUPX2.ZIP, GALDNX.ZIP, and GALDNX2.ZIP files in the EXAMPLES Library.



Spanish

The multi-lingual/multi-protocol architecture of The Major BBS lets you easily plug in languages. With The German Add-on Option, you can offer Spanish prompts for up to 256 simultaneous users on a single machine. Your Spanish-speaking users can get prompts and help messages in Spanish, while your English-speaking users get prompts and help messages in English. Earn increased profit by paying more attention to your Spanish-speaking users. It is very easy: Install The Spanish Add-on Option with only a couple of keystrokes.

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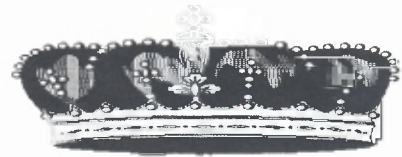
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BSI Technologies Announces BBS Training Seminars

BSI Technologies, Fort Lauderdale, FL, is now offering several training seminars to Sysops and users of The Major BBS. Classes are designed to assist new users, teach Sysops how to get their systems online, and give more detailed information on configuration options and network administration.

The following is a brief description of the courses currently available.

Introduction to PCs and Telecommunications is a one-day seminar, recommended for novice computer users. The agenda includes: how to install and configure your modem and terminal emulation software, how to log on to a BBS, uploading/downloading files, exploring the features of BBSeS, and using basic DOS commands.

Beginning Sysop, a one-day course for novices, teaches basic BBS installation and configuration options. It also reviews elementary modem installation.

Intermediate Sysop is a three-day seminar that deals with installation of multi-port hard-

ware, doors, advanced Menu Tree design, CD-ROMs, and more.

Advanced Sysop is a two-day seminar. It demonstrates how to set up your BBS on a Novell network, using BREQUEST and B_ASSIST. It also discusses general troubleshooting and understanding of Btrieve errors, MHS gateways, and other LAN-related options.

There are also one-and two-day seminars offered to teach more about graphics, databases, and advanced connectivity options. Additional classes covering The Major BBS add-on options are planned for the near future.

Seminar prices range from \$199 to \$599. Each student will have his own workstation during class and receive courseware, study guides, and utilities to keep. Classes are held once a month at BSI's office.

Arrangements can be made for specialized training seminars, if needed. Please contact Michael Julson, president of BSI, at (305) 434-0189 for more information and a class schedule.

IMBBSA organization established for The Major BBS Sysops

The International Major BBS Association (IMBBSA), was recently founded for Sysops to meet and exchange ideas.

"We now have an organization of Major BBS Sysops committed to providing members with a network for the exchange of ideas, updates on technical, marketing, and regulatory information, a forum for feedback to Third Party Developers (TPDs), and opportunity for mutual support," says President Jeff Coleman.

The nonprofit organization was founded as a result of an informal meeting held at the 1993 BBSCON in Colorado Springs, CO. The group has set up a BBS (202/347-2928) for membership information and networking. An electronic newsletter will be forthcoming.

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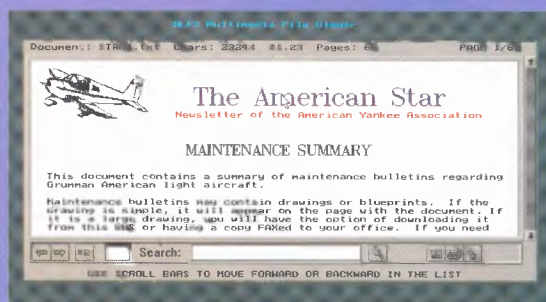
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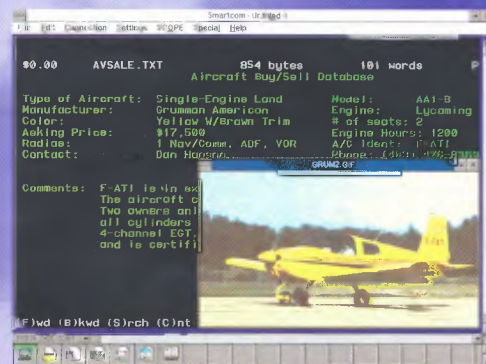
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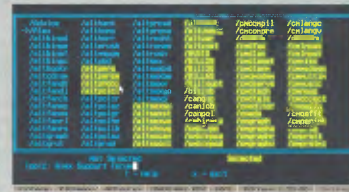
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The Keyrack



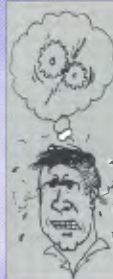
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Guide to the Internet (cont'd. from page 9)

Sampling of Subjects

Deciding which topics to offer your users can be quite a task. Electronic almanacs, such as *ces.ncsu.edu*, *edusda.gov*, and *oes.orst.edu*, are filled with up-to-date information. Simply mail the word "help" in the body of your message to learn how to use them.

If you'd like to receive a daily White House summary, try this one:

TO: *IN: almanac@esusda.gov*
 TOPIC: <leave blank>
 MESSAGE: *subscribe wh-summary*

You can also send a message to the President:

TO: *president@whitehouse.gov*
 TOPIC: <your message topic>
 MESSAGE: <whatever you want to say>

You can play games, such as Diplomacy by Avalon Hill. If you'd like to learn how to rule the "known world," just send a help message to *shrike.und.ac.za*, *morralan.eff.org*, or *dipvax.dsto.gov.au* as follows:

TO: *IN: judge@<location.of.game>*
 TOPIC: <leave blank>
 MESSAGE: *Help*

To get funny text files, ranging in content from G to XXX, try this address:

TO: *IN: laff@sal.cs.uiuc.edu*
 TOPIC: <leave blank>
 MESSAGE: *Filesend: help*

If you're a music enthusiast, you can add your name to a subscription list for the *Sonic-L* newsletter, which has music reviews, interviews, and music-related topics.

TO: *IN: listserv@vm.marist.edu*
 TOPIC: <leave blank>
 MESSAGE: *SUBSCRIBE SONIC-L*

If you'd like a comment from the most beloved music critics of all, send a message to *beavis@mtv.com* or *butthead@mtv.com*.

Many television networks are also experimenting with Internet connectivity. You can share your opinions about any of the Fox Network programs by writing a message to *foxnet@delphi.com*.

Movie fans also have somewhere to go. The following movie database has information on movies, biographies of your favorite actors, and more. Send this message and you will receive a help file:

TO: *IN: movie@ibmpcug.co.uk*
 TOPIC: <leave blank>
 MESSAGE: *help*

Newsgroups

MG/I will also let you access Usenet newsgroups. They are seamlessly integrated with your Forums, so users can read, write, and reply to newsgroups just like they would to one of your Forums. There are more than 4,000 newsgroups, with in-depth discussions on almost any topic you can imagine. After

you're connected with your service provider, you'll be able to choose the newsgroups you want to place in your Forums. You may be interested in carrying *alt.bbs.majorbbs*, which is devoted to our favorite topic — The Major BBS. You can exchange tips and tricks, ask questions, and more. You may also want one of these newsgroups: *comp.bbs.misc*; *alt.bbs*; *alt.fan.letterman*; *rec.food.recipes*; and *alt.tv.melrose-place*.

Conclusion

Now that you have a better understanding of the cornucopia of communication that is possible on the Internet, you can see why we at Galacticcomm are so excited about it. The vision of an electronic information highway, where you can interact with others and obtain a wealth of information right off your home PC, is a reality today via the Internet. The possibilities are mind boggling.

If you'd like to obtain more information, try sending messages to these addresses:

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If you have any questions, you can leave E-mail to User-ID "Harris Fellman" on the Demo System or *hmf@gcomm.com* via the Internet. Technical questions should be directed to "Tech Support" on the Demo System or *support@gcomm.com*. Good luck and happy 'netting.



German

The multi-lingual/multi-protocol architecture of The Major BBS lets you easily plug in languages. With The German Add-on Option, you can offer German prompts for up to 256 simultaneous users on a single machine. Your German-speaking users can get prompts and help messages in German, while your English-speaking users get prompts and help messages in English. Earn increased profit by paying more attention to your German-speaking users. It is very easy: Install The German Add-on Option with only a couple of keystrokes.

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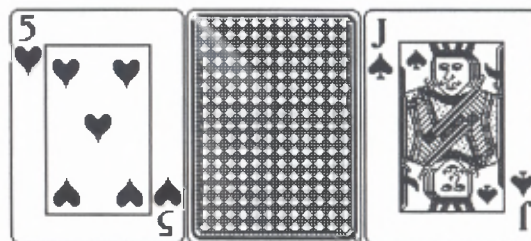
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New File Libraries Boast Better CD-ROM Support

by Jeff Torello
Technical Support Engineer

The File Libraries for Version 6.2 have some great new features. Not only have most of the offline utilities been moved online, but we've also improved support for CD-ROMs and multi-disc changers. And, you can now join and hide Libraries for easier CD-ROM management.

Most CDs have many directories and a tremendous amount of files. With previous versions of The Major BBS, you had to create a separate Library for each CD directory. Users then had to manually select each Library to see the different files. With V6.2 it's much easier. You still have to create one Library for each directory, but now you can "join" these Libraries together. This allows you to have one Library for the entire CD if



you want, or one Library with files in different directories (or even different drives!).

Let's say we have a CD with 10 directories, WIN1 through WIN5, and GIF1 through GIF5. To set up this CD, we first create the Libraries. You can name them whatever you want, but we'll give the Libraries the same name as the CD directories.

Using the "alternate path prefix" option, we'll tell the system to search specific CD directories to find the files. You may want to set all the locks to SYSOP until you're done, so that no one gets into the Library. We'll come back to the other options later.

We now have 10 empty Libraries, each pointing to the corresponding CD-ROM directory. To log in files, we select "L" from the Operations menu. You will be prompted for a file name, or you can just type "*" to automatically search for files that aren't logged in. We'll use "*" for this example. The message "Processing archived file" will appear. This means the system has encountered a ZIP file and is extracting it to look for a description file, if one exists.

Once all the files are logged in, we can "join" and "hide" the Libraries. Choosing "E" from the Operations menu, we will edit three settings. First, we'll change the option "Library on CD" to YES, so that files will be copied to the local hard drive before they are downloaded. Downloads from the hard drive are faster than from a CD-ROM. If you are using a CD-changer, your users will not have to wait for a download to finish before they can access a different disc. *Only change this setting after you have logged in all the files.*

The next option we'll change is "Library normally hidden." Set this option to YES if you want this Library to be invisible to users when they type "S?". Once joined to a non-hidden Library, all the files are visible, but the Library itself is hidden.

The last option we'll change is "Read only Library." Set this to YES, so that users cannot upload, which isn't possible on a CD.

Now we have 10 Libraries with files that we want our users to access. So we'll join these hidden Libraries to a visible Library. We need to create two visible Libraries, one for the Windows files and one for the GIF files. We'll use the default settings for these two Libraries.

Selecting the visible Windows Library, we choose "J" from the Operations menu to join the Libraries. We'll do the same for the GIF Libraries. When we join the Libraries, all the files in the corresponding hidden Libraries are visible and accessible from the one "central" Library (either Windows or GIFs).

All that's left is to add descriptions for all the files. You can either manually enter each description or import the FILES.BBS file(s) that came with your CD-ROM (see Tips and Tricks on page 33 for more information).

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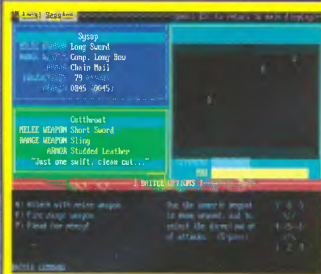
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Employee Profile

Fabian Cuervo's title is Technical Support Engineer, but his contributions to Galacticom go far beyond his job description. For Version 6.2, he helped integrate *RIPscrip* into the baseline package, and co-developed the graphics for the menus and text blocks.

He coordinates third-party translations of The Major BBS into alternate languages, and was instrumental in licensing an upcoming Portuguese version.

He's also Galacticom's informal "international liaison," since he speaks Spanish fluently. Fabian is currently looking into ways to expand our South American market.

Most of the time, however, you'll find him on the phone, eagerly answering Sysops' questions.

Galacticom has recognized Fabian for his excellence in shipping 20,000 disks with virtually no quality problems, being "outstandingly consistent and consistently outstanding," and for being a jack of all trades.

"I enjoy the challenges of my career and working with our customers," Fabian says. "I have always enjoyed BBSing, which is what enticed me to work for Galacticom in the first place."



Fabian was the eighth employee hired by Galacticom. He began working in the software production department in 1990, and was then promoted to building and testing the multiuser hardware. After two years in this position, he transferred to his current job in technical support.

He earned an associate degree in computer programming, and his goal is to eventually develop software.

Fabian's hobbies are computers, soccer, and working on projects around his home. His wife, Norma, is a medical assistant. They have a cat named "Lover" and a dog named "Valentine."

An Introduction to Galacticom Technical Notes

By Eric Thav
Technical Support Engineer

Galacticom's Technical Support team now offers a new avenue of information — the "Galacticom Technical Notes."

These articles are designed to offer insight into some of the more frequently asked questions and commonly occurring situations.

These files are available for download on our Demo System (305/583-7808) in the TECHNICAL Library, or in the PC Vendor J Forum, Section 14 on CompuServe. Topics already covered include: backing up The Major BBS; using multi-port hardware; mail networks; and more.

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