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Version 6.1: Coming Soon to a BBS Near You

By Sheri Robert
Editor-in-Chief

Head any rumors lately about a new version of The Major BBS? As you probably know, we don't usually discuss new developments before the products are ready to ship. But this time, we had something way too exciting to keep completely under wraps.

A few months ago, we announced an alliance that we formed with two other companies: TeleGrafix Communications, Inc. and deltaComm Development. This alliance was intended to foster interest and development in a graphical solution to the most popular text-based BBS (The Major BBS) and shareware terminal program (Telix).

Last year at ONE BBSCON, we were lucky enough to have a sneak preview of a project that one of our third-party developers had been working on for quite some time. This new endeavor was called RIPscrip (Remote Imaging Protocol) and would soon

become the most exciting graphical user interface for text-based BBSes that the industry had yet seen. The user's part of the graphics solution is RIPterm, a graphical terminal package that can be used to call into BBSes with RIP or ANSI menus.

Using the new multi-lingual/multi-protocol architecture built into the BBS (see article below), and our new RIPscrip Add-on Option, Sysops can design graphical menus for their BBSes. The RIPscrip Add-on Option (list price \$249) offers the RIPaint tool and manual from TeleGrafix; the .DLL, which will allow a seamless integration with The Major BBS's configuration utility, CNF; and some sample screens to get your BBS up and running with graphics, ASAP.

If you'd like to try this RIP stuff out, just call into the Demo System at (305) 583-7808, download a copy of RIPterm from the BBSV6SHR LIB in the file library, then call back into the Demo System. After logging in, type "/GO RIP". Have fun!



"Doors" on The Major BBS?

By Ken Nash
Technical Support Engineer

Yes! The Major BBS is now doors-capable. Doors are specialized programs available to the online BBS user. There are literally hundreds of them available and can include applications such as spreadsheets or databases, utility programs, or even online games.

Many of these programs are entertainment-oriented shareware and can usually be found in quantity on larger BBSes. Some may require a small registration fee for usage.

Most door programs are written specifically to run with a BBS, but ANSI/text-based DOS applications can also be configured to run as a door, such as Lotus 1-2-3, dBase, etc. With this in mind you can see that a whole new world has opened up for The Major BBS Sysop.

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Multilingual BBSing Offers a World of Opportunities

By Bob Stein
Writer/Developer

Version 6.1 of The Major BBS now supports up to 50 user-languages simultaneously. For example, a German-speaking user could be online seeing prompts and menus in German, while an English-speaking person sees English menus and prompts on his screen, and a French user sees French.

But there are a few things that the multilingual feature does *not* do. It doesn't translate user-input messages. A Spanish-speaking teleconference user could get prompts and help messages in Spanish, but if she's chatting with another teleconference user who only speaks Italian, she'll get his messages in Italian — they'll be on they're own trying to understand each other. Also, the standard BBS only comes with English messages.

Version 6.1 includes the *architecture* for multiple simultaneous languages, but we haven't done any of the translating ourselves. This makes it possible for third-party developers to create Alternate Language Add-on Options that any Sysop of The Major BBS can purchase and install on his BBS.

This is in line with our strategy at Galacticomm of putting power and opportunities into the hands of enterprising third-party developers. We're actively supporting and recruiting third-party participation in multilingual opportunities. The doors are wide open. (See related article on page 15.)

Perhaps I should clarify the distinction between Sysop translations and user translations...

Sysop translations are developed for selling The Major BBS in markets where the

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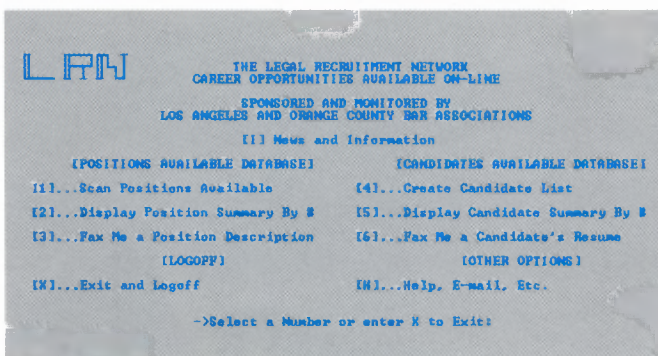
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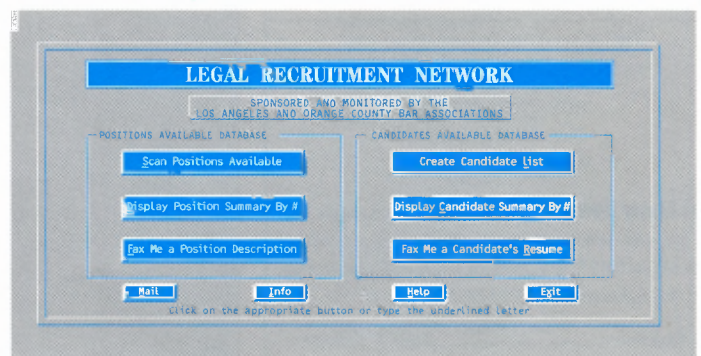
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Multilingual BBSing (cont'd. from page 1)

Sysops speak a language other than English. These translations include all text that The Major BBS displays to users, as well as the words on the screens at the Sysop's console, and the entire *System Operations Manual*. Sysop translations have been going on for a number of years now (the German version started shipping in 1990) and they require special contracts with advance royalty payments.

User translations are newly possible with Version 6.1 of The Major BBS. User translations involve only the text that BBS users see on their terminals. On any one BBS there may be many user-languages available simultaneously. (The Sysop console remains in the BBS's native language, which of course depends on where you bought your BBS — it's in English from Galacticomm, for example.) User translations may be packaged and sold to any Sysop of The Major BBS (Version 6.1 or later) for integration into his BBS.

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sell translated versions of the text in The Major BBS.

Another set of multilingual possibilities includes talking to different types of users in different ways. You might want to create languages like Tutorial, Expert, Staff, or Novice to make things easier or more efficient for these special groups.

One aspect of the multilingual feature is that an alternate language doesn't have to be complete. You could, for example, design a language specifically for certain customers, so that a few prompts in the Electronic Mail service appear with special suggestions. All of the other prompts would appear in standard English.

Other possibilities for Alternate Language Add-on Options include whimsical variations on English, such as trekkie, valley-girl, English-butler, jive, new-yawker, southern-drawl, 4-year-old-child, medieval, or pig-latin. Put some spice into those stuffy old prompts and help messages.

But seriously folks. The main reason we developed multilingual capability, the branding iron in our backside was: *getting graph-*

ics onto the user terminals. Jeff Reeder and Mark Hayton at TeleGrafix have done the hard part with the RIPscrip protocol (an advanced ASCII-based graphics protocol, specifically designed for online applications), the RIPterm terminal software, and the RIPaint design tool. We first saw RIPscrip at the ONE BBSCON last year and we were blown away by the possibilities.

The first thing we've done at Galacticomm is to open up The Major BBS to talking to all kinds of users, on different kinds of terminal protocols — all simultaneously. See "Online Graphics and the RIPscrip Add-on" on page 31 to find out about the next step we took: designing the RIPscrip Add-on Option, and packaging it with RIPaint.

Once you have the RIPscrip Add-on Option, and once you can get the RIPterm graphical terminal software onto your users machines, they can start operating your BBS with a point and click of their desktop mouse.



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President's Corner

By Scott J. Brinker
President/CEO

Freedom is a wonderful thing. There's a sense of exhilaration when new doors are opened and new opportunities blossom before you. In the past five years of BBSing, the most "freeing" experience I've had was the discovery of the RIPscrip protocol.

Developed by Jeff Reeder and Mark Hayton, RIPscrip delivers on the promise of an EGA/VGA graphical interface for BBSes. It takes the freedom of ANSI drawing to a new order of magnitude. Imagine being able to draw wild pictures with curves and fills, offer mouse-driven icons and buttons for your prompts and menus, take advantage of multiple fonts, and more — well, it's here! And it's cool.

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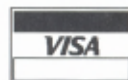
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“Doors” on The Major BBS? (cont'd. from page 1)

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Because of the multi-user architecture of The Major BBS, one or more additional computers are required to run door programs. The Major BBS is connected to these door computers via serial ports and null-modem cables.

Many door programs may be made available on this door computer, but only one door may be active at a time. (You may be able to run more with the use of a multi-tasker.)

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The Online Office

*Chris Robert
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With the addition of Fax/Online and Major Gateway/Internet to the Galacticomm product line, a dream is being realized: the Online Office. With each of these new products, the online BBS comes one step closer to replacing the workplace's fax machines, its in-house E-mail systems, its courier service. The BBS is becoming the workplace, and it's much more mobile than the old one. That's the concept of the Online Office.

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You'll need to decide what to include in your personal Online Office. The built-in MHS support will exchange messages with most in-house E-mail services. You may want to be able to send faxes using the same

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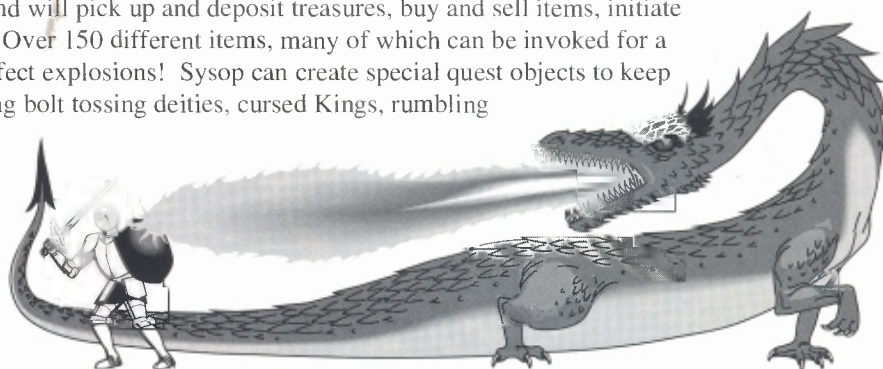
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Making an Alternate Language Add-on Option

Bob Stein
Writer/Developer

Here are the four steps to making an Alternate Language Add-on Option:

1. Define the language. Shut down the BBS and select number 7, "Basic Utilities," from the introductory menu. Choose BBSLANG from the list of utilities. Type <Alt-N> to define a new language. See the *System Operations Manual* or the *Developer's Guide* that comes with the C-source code for more information.

2. Edit the text blocks. Here's where you translators get to work. You'll be able to start with the English/ANSI version of each prompt or help message and convert it into your new language.

Under number 6, "Edit Text Blocks," there are thousands of text blocks that you can edit with CNF. Under number 4, "Configuration Options" there are a few more. Not all CNF options can have multiple versions in multiple languages — only "TEXT" options. When you're pointing to a text option, you'll see these softkeys appear at the bottom of the screen.

<F3> CHOOSE LANG

<F2> EDIT

Use <F3> to choose your language

among all the languages now defined on your BBS. Then use <F2> to edit the text and "translate" it into your language.

3. Export the text. When all the translation text is done, it's stored in the .MSG files on your BBS. This is where CNF stores all text and options, for all languages. To extract the text for *your* language, you'll need to use BBSLANG's Export option. Run BBSLANG again and this time point to your language using the up and down arrow keys. Hit <Enter>, then choose: "Export .MSG file text for this language."

You'll get to name a few specific .MSG files to extract your language from, or just specify *.MSG to include all of them. You can specify a different directory to put the .MLX files into, or hit <Enter> to put them in your BBSV6 directory. (But if you've already exported another language here, you'll overwrite any existing .MLX files.)

This step may take a few minutes. When it's done, the .MLX files will contain the text for your language from the corresponding .MSG files. For example, GALTLC.MSG might contain teleconference prompts for four different languages, but GALTLC.MLX would contain only the prompts for the language you're exporting.

You only need .MLX files for the corresponding .MSG files that have alternate ver-

sions for your language. For example, if you create a language Add-on Option with an alternate set of prompts for the Shopping Mall, then you only need to export from GALORD.MSG (the Shopping Mall .MSG file) into GALORD.MLX.

4. Package the language. To package your language into a module for Sysops to install on their BBS, you'll need to put together the .MDF file created in step 1 and the .MLX files created in step 3. You'll also need an installation program or batch file that: 1) copies the above files into the Sysop's BBSV6 directory; 2) runs "BBSI-LANG * OLD" to import that language into the BBS (the Sysop's original .MSG files will be backed up in .OLD files); and 3) deletes the .OLD files, so future BBSI-LANG's won't try to "recover" them.

That's all there is to it. You'll notice that the Developer's C Source Kit is not required, although you might find the *Developer's Guide* helpful with the details on the .MDF file format.

If you want to use Galacticcomm's INSTALL.EXE program to help with the installation of your language, call us about a license agreement (currently, no charge).

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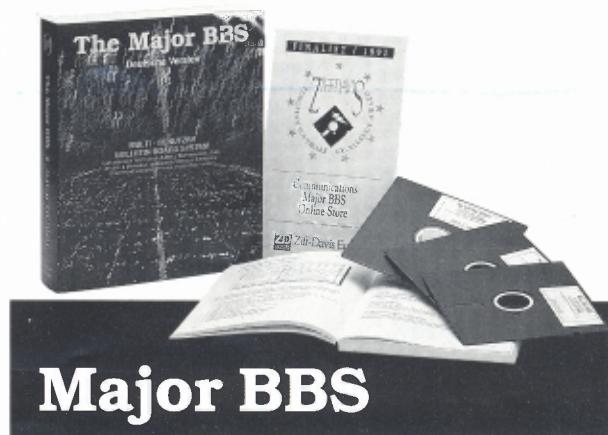
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Mukwonago, WI 53149
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Note: Listings of third-party developers that appear in color have advertisements in this issue.

Seal of Approval Update



Here is the current list of the third-party products which have received the Seal of Approval from Galacticomm (as of the date this publication went to press). These products have been proven reliable, easy to install and configure, and compatible with Version 6.0 of The Major BBS. The documentation, package design, and online user-interface are also excellent.

Galacticomm is proud to award this seal for third-party software that subscribes to the same exacting standards we demand of our own products. We look forward to receiving more exceptional products from all third-party developers in the future. TPDs — give us a call here at (305) 583-5990 and ask for Edward Bush; he can give you details on what benefits the Seal of Approval provides.

For the most up-to-date list, call our Demo System at (305) 583-7808 and choose "G" from the main menu for the Guide to Seal of Approval.

Add-On Product	Version	Developer
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MjrFIDO	v2.00	Crystal Vision, Inc.
VisaMan	v1.40	DataSafe Publications
Event Manager	v1.1	Digital Business Comm.
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Let's Get Personal	v2.00	East Side Computing
PCAT	v1.20	Excalibur! Software
Farwest Trivia	v1.0	Farwest BBS
Global TicTacToe	v1.0	Farwest BBS
Othello	v4.0	Farwest BBS
Super Disc CD-ROM	v1.15	Farwest BBS
Major Holiday	v2.10	GalactiLink Hardware
AutoValidator	v1.11a	High Velocity Software
CrossRoads	v1.00	High Velocity Software
RingMasters	v2.0	InfiNetwork
InfiBase	v2.0	InfiNetwork
Bio	v3.0	Logicom, Inc.
Blox	v2.0	Logicom, Inc.
Yahtzee	v4.0	Logicom, Inc.
Galactic Empire	v3.0p	M.B. Murdock & Assoc.
Formation	v2.00	MagiComm, Inc.
SubStriker	v1.02b	MagiComm, Inc.
Super Hangman	v2.00	MagiComm, Inc.
Tournament Backgammon	v2.00	MagiComm, Inc.
Master of Minds	v2.00	MajorSoft
Mutants!	v2.22	MajorSoft
Wheel of Fame	v2.10	MajorSoft

Add-On Product	Version	Developer
AllMaker	v1.03	MLP Associates
Updater	v1.05	MLP Associates
ALEX	v1.02	Parallax Development Corp.
Caribbean Stud	v1.00	ProStar Computer Corp.
Command Center	v1.00	ProStar Computer Corp.
Video Poker	v1.00	ProStar Computer Corp.
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Chat on Demand	v2.02	Sirius Software
Happy Birthday	v1.06	Sirius Software
Match Maker	v2.16	Sirius Software
GaltiTrek	v1.02	Softworks International
AutoWars	v2.00.00	Softworks International
TIC-TAC	v2.00.00	Softworks International
Major Scheduler	v2.00.00	Softworks International
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Entrance/Exit Editor	v1.20	Starphire Electronics
Bulletin Board Listing	v3.00	Tessier Technologies
Card Sharks	v3.10	Tessier Technologies
Hearts	v1.00	Tessier Technologies
Jumbles	v6.21	Tessier Technologies
Liar	v1.00	Tessier Technologies
MicroMind	v3.01	Tessier Technologies
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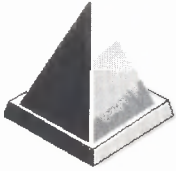
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PRIZES FOR BULLETIN BOARD OPERATORS

1ST PRIZE: The BBS system receiving the largest number of valid ballots will be named the most popular BBS. A trophy will be awarded to the top BBS at the **Online Networking Exposition and BBS Convention (ONE BBSCON)** held August 26-29th, 1993, at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Additionally, the winning BBS will receive air fare, hotel accommodations and registration at ONE BBSCON for the primary BBS operator as the guest of Boardwatch Magazine. Additionally, the system will be featured on the cover of Boardwatch Magazine with an accompanying feature length story about their system and a free full-page black and white advertisement in Boardwatch Magazine for a period of three months.

TOP TEN: The ten most popular bulletin boards selected by the voters will each receive an award trophy at on their system in Boardwatch Magazine, inclusion in a special top ten BBS listing in the magazine, and a free quarter-page black and white advertisement in three successive issues. Additionally, they will be listed in the Boardwatch 100 BBS list.

TOP ONE HUNDRED: The 100 bulletin boards receiving the most votes will each be listed in the Boardwatch 100 readers choice BBS list. This list will be published in Boardwatch Magazine and freely distributed electronically on thousands of bulletin boards world-wide.

IN CASE OF TIE. Positions for which an identical number of votes are received will be determined by point value established by the date stamp assigned to each received ballot. Time/Date stamp values are accumulated for all votes and a cumulative score assigned to each BBS based on date of receipt of ballots. Votes receive a date stamp value between 1 and 180 based on the day of the contest the vote is received. System with lowest (earliest)

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PRIZES FOR VOTERS

All valid ballots submitted by voters will be entered in a random sweepstakes drawing. As of the opening date of this contest, prizes include two U.S. Robotics Courier Dual Standard 16.8K Modems, two Hayes OPTIMA 14400 + FAX 144 modems, and two ZyXEL U-1496 14,400 bps modems - and more are on the way. A minimum of six valid ballots will be selected from all entries and each will receive a free modem - from the most popular modem manufacturers in the world.

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Each voter can vote once, for a single bulletin board system. Each ballot must be fully completed, and individually mailed by each voter. We will verify ballots as necessary. There are three ways to vote:

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Balloting closes at 23:59:59 on June 30, 1993. Last year it ended at midnight on July 1 and caused all manner of grief and confusion so we're cutting a second off of this year's contest.

This contest is not limited to Boardwatch Magazine subscribers, and no purchase of anything is required to participate in this contest. Reasonable facsimile's of this ballot are acceptable, so long as all specified information is included.

We held this contest during 1992 and it generated 11,152 votes by the close of balloting for some 1250 different bulletin boards. The TOP system received about 450 votes. Your individual vote can have a tremendous impact on the outcome of this contest. Further, the odds of winning a modem in last years contest, were 1 in 1394. You won't get those odds in the lottery.

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This same technology is available to Major BBS Sysops. You can connect your BBS to any X.25 network provider and offer your users low-cost access to your BBS from hundreds, even thousands of cities. There are at least ten X.25 network providers in the United States, and X.25 connections are available in just about every country around the world. Outside of the U.S., your local telephone company should be able to tell you about X.25 connectivity options.

The Major BBS is very flexible and provides almost seamless X.25 network support. There are two add-on products that you'll need in order to make the X.25 connection: The Major BBS X.25 Software Option (\$935) and the PC XNet X.25 card (\$1395). The software installation is quite easy and uses the same installation program provided with most Galaticomm software products.

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Cost varies from network vendor to vendor and is usually based on two things: speed of the leased data line and hourly usage.

Leased data lines typically run from 9,600bps to 57,600bps. The cost can be as low as \$500/month up to \$3,000/month, depending on the speed and X.25 network provider. These figures don't include installation charges, which can be considerable as well.

You'll also be charged for each hour that users access your BBS. These charges can run from \$1.00/hour up to \$10.00/hour for each hour the user spends on your BBS. Again, charges for user hours can vary based on provider, time of day, day of week, speed of incoming call, or location of the end-user.

The number of users that can use a BBS via an X.25 network can vary dramatically based on two variables: speed of the end-user's modem and the activity that the user will engage in once connected to the BBS. Obviously, since the callers will connect with the BBS via a single leased data line, more callers can be supported at low speeds (2,400 etc.) than high (14,400 etc.).

The activities that cause the most data to be transferred (downloading and uploading) between the end user and the BBS will limit the number of users that can be supported without annoying delays and/or interruptions. For example, four callers downloading files at 14,400bps using the Zmodem protocol

will be the max that can be supported on a 56Kbps connection (14,400bps x 4 callers = 56Kbps). If there are more callers utilizing the BBS at the same time, they will all experience delays and/or errors.

Our BBS (The Garbage Dump BBS at (505) 294-5675) is a chat/entertainment BBS. We have no problems supporting 30 or more X.25 callers over a 56Kbps connection since our typical user dials in at 2400bps or less and either chats or plays games online. We feel that we won't need to add an additional 56Kbps connection until we have 50 or more users on the same line at once. We usually have over 60 users online every night, but they are using a combination of modem and X.25 channels.

X.25 can be an excellent solution for many large and growing BBSes. Our own BBS has certainly expanded to markets outside our own local calling area specifically because of the X.25 support provided by The Major BBS. The installation and fixed costs can be quite high, so X.25 should be considered for large (20+ lines) systems only. However, in countries other than the US, X.25 connections may be reasonably priced through the local telephone company or PTT.



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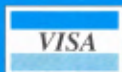
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In addition to features such as multiple layers of strategy, corporations, customizable hardware, alien races, planetary citadels, the infamous underground, and the overbearing federation, Trade Wars 2002 v2 will add multiple ships per player, transport beaming, real-time, multi-user interaction, navigational hazards, the legendary computer upgrade, and many more new secrets.

The new version has been in development for more than two years. Trade Wars 2002 v2 offers many new features requested by Trade Wars players, including an expanded universe of up to 5000 sectors. For more information, contact High Velocity Software at (800) 572-5882.

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Online Graphics and the RIPscrip Add-on

*Chris Robert
Senior Software Engineer*

The online graphics revolution has begun, and it's going to dramatically change the look and feel of BBSes everywhere. We've placed ourselves at the forefront of this revolution with our new multilingual support, RIPscrip Add-on Option, and strategic alliance with TeleGrafix.

TeleGrafix announced their new protocol, paint program, and terminal software at ONE BBSCON in 1992. Since that time, they've produced new versions — expanding their protocol and tools at a phenomenal rate.

Just after the release of Version 6.1 of The Major BBS, we released the RIPscrip Add-on Option, including a seamless interface (utilizing DLL technology) between the RIPscrip paint program and our Menu Tree and CNF offline editors. Also included is the ability to auto-sense RIP-compatible users.

What all this amounts to is that your BBS can provide a mouse-driven graphical

interface to your users. Your menus and text blocks can utilize EGA/VGA graphics to present your users with the type of interface that was once only available in offline programs, displaying icons, buttons, windows, animated sequences, etc.

The RIPscrip Add-on Option comes with a default RIP-ized baseline system that's full of attractive, easy to use menus and prompts. You can be online in minutes. If you want, you can use that as a starting point for your RIP-izing. Or, you can start from scratch and design your RIP interface from the ground up, using the tools included in the add-on.

There's no doubt that ease of use is an important aspect of any online service. There's also no doubt that the software market itself, in order to attract more business, adapted an easy to use graphical look and feel a long time ago.

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DataSafe Unveils VisaManTF

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