

MCMaster_german

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Chapter 1

MCMaster_german

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1. What MCMaster does

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MCMaster is a program designed for printing covers for music cassettes. I know, there are a lot for such programs in the FD but none could satisfy me. So I wrote my own MC-cover-printing-program.

The MCMaster V1.27 is written with SAS/C 6.51 with some assembler routines.

The maximal number of MCs depends only on the amount of memory you have, but need not to be defined before (as it had to be in V1.1). The cassettes are now handled totally dynamically.

One cassette can carry 13 songnames per side plus the name of the interpret and the album name. The noise reduction and the source can also be specified via cycle gadgets.

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2. Starting MCMaster

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a) from Workbench

Doubleclick the Icon.

b) from the cli/shell

Type 'MCMaster' + <RETURN>

1.4 3.a

3. MenuFunktions

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a) Project

New: Deletes all the cassettes in memory.

Load: Load new data file. This will delete the currently existing data.

Include: Loads a new data file and appends it to the one held in memory.

Save: This will save all the mcs to the default disk file. If there is no default name a file requester will come up.

Save as: A file requester will pop up and you can select a file to save your cassettes.

- Append to: You can append the cassettes in RAM to the cassettes on in a disk file.
- Print: A big requester comes up asking you from which to which MC you want to print. Additionally you can select whether
- your printer supports half linefeeds (try it out...)
 - the titles should be printed in bold style (some printers do not support 15dpi and bold)
- Before the printer starts working you will be asked again.
- Info: This item gives some global information, like available memory, cassettes in RAM...
- About: Who's done this...
- Save Prefs: Saves all the options you selected, e.g. colors, screenmode, print quality to a file named 'MCMaster.prefs'. This file will be loaded at startup.
- Quit: Quits. When some data has been edited, you will be asked before quitting.

1.5 3.b

b) Edit

- New Cassette: Appends an empty MC to the list of MCs.
- Cut: Cuts the current MC to the internal buffer.
- Copy: Same as above but the current MC will not be deleted.
- Paste: Inserts the MC stored in the buffer behind the current MC.
- Delete: Deletes the current MC after asking.
- Copy one side: Allows you to select whether side (a or b) you wish to copy to the one-side-buffer.
- Paste one side: Pastes from the one-side-buffer to the current MC. You may select the side to paste the buffers contents.

1.6 3.c

c) Examine Data

1. Search

You may search for the names of the interprets, the names of their albums, the song names or anything.

In the search text gadget you can type in the name you want to search for. MCMaster will search either non-case-sensitive or case-sensitive. You can also use the standard dos wildcards like #?, ...

(I used MatchPatternNoCase() and MatchPatternCase())

You can start from MC 1, or search beginning from the current MC. If anything that matches was found, this MC will be displayed.

2. List

Like above you can choose what shall be listed: interprets, albums or songs.

At first, the list will not be sorted. It is simply created MC by MC. Pressing sort will activate a quicksort-algorithm, which is really fast.

You can click on any entry to jump to exit the list window and jump to this MC. If you want to examine or edit this MC simply click on the zoom gadget of the list window.

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d) Special

Owners Name

The owners name will be printed on the back of each MC-cover (three lines)

Palette

Pretty self-explaining.

Screen

You can select any screenmode (supports nearly everything)

Set Database

The database is the data file which is loaded at startup.

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4. Special Keys

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a) Main Window

cursor left/right backward/forward one MC

 with shift: 5 MCs

 with alt : 10 MCs

cursor up/down jump to first/last MC

<return>

 Activates the first string gadget.

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b) Print Window

cursor left/right: backward/forward one MC (from)

with shift pressed: backward/forward one MC (to)

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c) Preview Window

cursor up/down backward/forward one MC

with shift: 5 MCs

with alt : 10 MCs

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5. Printing

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a) General

The MCMaster should work with any printer which allows 10 and 15 cpi because I used only the printer.device to say the printer what to do. The MCMaster tries to print always two MCs on one sheet before a form feed is sent.

I tested this with an Epson LX-800 and a HP Deskjet 500.

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b) Preview

On the preview screen you can feel a little bit WYSIWYG: The strings are exactly cut off as they would be printed and the preview screen is rather fast.

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next version please let me know.

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