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## **Chapter 1**

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VERSION V01.16B

"SplUU", a File Email System.

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SplUU has been voted "Best software ever written, and I think we'll recursively delete our entire UNIX system today and use SplUU as our operating system instead..." by the magazine "Little White Mushroom User" in the August 2021 edition.

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#### 1.2 About the Author

Oh, I don't believe you really read this stuff anyway. If you're bored and really want to know, email me. Better yet, I'm on IRC as "Midnight" and may even talk to you. (Wow)

This is a beta Aminet release of SplUU. It has been tested and seems to work fine, but there \_may\_ still be bugs. Also I wish to improve the documentation - but have very little time as I'm studying Music Tech at the London Guildhall University at present. If anyone wants to write some decent docs (in text and AmigaGuide format) then feel free to do so. If they're any good, I'll use them in the next release.

### 1.3 What is SpIUU?

SplUU is used to prepare a file for emailing by splitting it into several files in UUEncode format. If the file has been UUEncoded previously, the UUEncoding function can be switched off.

Remember that SplUU will try to UUEncode by default...

Oh, and SplUU is a Command Line Interface utility! Yes, that's right, good ol' CLI. I had written a GUI version of SplUU, but I have such a deep loathing for graphical interfaces that I deleted it. Bwahaha!

## 1.4 Syntax for use

-u - UNIX filemode.

-n - Number of lines.

#### 1.5 -a - Overwrite.

The -a flag will, if set, make SplUU overwrite any existing files which share the same filename as <output\_file>.

#### 1.6 -r - Remove.

The -r flag will, if set, make SplUU delete the <[UUEncoded]file> after the output files have been written.

## 1.7 -e - Encoding off.

The -e flag will, if set, make SplUU assume that the <[UUEncoded]file> has been previously UUEncoded, and will try to split it without attempting to UUEncode.

#### 1.8 -I - LhA.

The -l flag will, if set, cause the output files to be LhAed before they are UUEncoded. You must have LhA in your system path for this to work. Note: this option is only allowed if the -e flag has \_not\_ been set. Pre-UUEncoded files should not need to be LhAed.

#### 1.9 -u - UNIX filemode.

The -u flag will, if set, make SplUU calculate the file mode for the UUEncoded file. This may cause problems on an Amiga-only platform, but has been included for the sake of completeness.

### 1.10 -n - Number of lines.

The -n flag, if used with a number following it directly, sets the number of lines of each UUEncoded block. This number defaults to 2000. Example use:

spluu infile outfile -n700

This will create several 700 line files - which equates to about 43K per outfile.

## 1.11 Extracting

If the -x flag has been set, all flags other than -d are ignored. This will cause SplUU to act as a DeSplUUer. :) It will read the input file, looking for SplUU-type blocks, and will try to concatenate them in the correct order for use - the output is written to <output\_file>.

When the -x flag has been set, the -d flag can also be set. This will make SplUU attempt to UUDecode the unbatched UUEncoded file. Note that the file/path of the UUDecoded file is taken from the coded file's begin line

Note: The format of batch file that SplUU is able to extract from must be similar to the username.txt folder used by mailreaders such as Elm.

#### 1.12 Sendmail

The -s flag is used in conjunction with SENDMAIL to directly post the split output files as email. Specify the user you're mailing to after the -s, i.e.

spluu in out -a -r -swyrd@ministry.demon.co.uk

You must have SENDMAIL in your path, and a UUCP config file in either your s: or your uulib: assignment. That is to say, you must have at least a minimum UUCP setup installed on your system.

Note: SplUU looks for the key words "NodeName", "UserName", "RealName" "Organization" and "DomainName" in the UUCP config file, and is casesensitive, so those words must be entered exactly as listed.

#### 1.13 Example use

Given a pre-UUEncoded file called "testfile.uue", we could:

spluu testfile.uue outfile -a -r -e

This would create NN number of files, depending on the length of the input file, in the format:

outfile.NN

Note that "testfile.uue" will have been deleted, due to the "-r" flag being set. Also, if there were any existing files with filenames such as "outfile.01" they will have been overwritten without any warning messages given, due to the "-a" flag being set. The "-e" flag is set to prevent SplUU from trying to UUEncode the input file, which had already been UUEncoded.

## 1.14 Whatware?

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Hope you find this useful. (c)1993 Psilocybe Systems Inc.

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This software is #wiccaware - if you like it, /msg me!:)

p.s. That means it's *free!* By all means send me a nice new A4000T-UNIX, but you haven't got to. Just don't screw with the code and re-release it.
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