

Boot-A-Note

Version 2.0

An Affordable Note System For Schools, Business, and the Home.

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Boot-A-Note is a simple note system for the home, office, or school computer system. It resembles the written Post-It Note! It's very easy to use, and it's very helpful in getting notes on how to use the system, what's going on, or whatever you need to remind someone about.

Color Support

Boot-A-Note isn't a boring, no color program! Boot-A-Note uses plenty of color! Color is used as a tool in Boot-A-Note; The whole new look of BAN is uses color well.

Easy To Use Commands

Boot-A-Note comes with many command line options, whether you want to post a new message, delete an old one, register the software, or just get help you can do it from the DOS prompt.

No Need For A Separate Text Editor

Boot-A-Note has a built in three line editor for the "Notes" you leave. Nice and simple! On the other hand, if you have an editor you really like, you can simply edit the note with it!

Flexibility

If you want to edit the configuration file or the note file, just call up your favorite text editor and edit. Of course, you can just use the built in utilities.

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- B) unofficial support through the RelayNet Shareware message base,
- C) bulletin board support,
- D) A reduced upgrade price for major upgrades,
- E) A disk with the latest version of Boot-A-Note,
- F) notification of all future releases,

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G) free minor upgrades,

E) possibly new, unreleased software for Free, and

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Refer to the file listing for the complete list of files that should be within the archive. If the contents are not complete please send away for a unregistered, shareware, evaluation copy of Boot-A-Note for \$5 and get 10% off any one program registration by David Pabst. (See order form)

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Installation

It is important that you read the instructions slowly and fully before editing your autoexec batch. Be sure to make a backup of your autoexec in case you really mess it up.

Boot-A-Note easily installs into your autoexec batch, and is self sufficient from there. Here are simple installation instructions for Boot-A-Note:

- 1) Unzip Boot-A-Note in a directory of your choice.
(preferably in a directory that is in the PATH statement; If you want to call BAN up from any place on your hard drive.)
- 2) Edit your autoexec batch (AUTOEXEC.BAT) in the root drive of your system.
 - a) Type CD\ if you are not in the root.
 - b) Use your favorite editor to OPEN autoexec batch, and put Boot-A-Note somewhere within it. It would probably be beneficial to place Boot-A-Note after important system initialization programs.

Example of AutoExec.BAT:

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@echo off
prompt $p$g
PATH=c:\cache;c:\mouse;c:\tools
cache
mouse
ban
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- c) After making changes; be sure to save your autoexec batch!

- 3) Test Boot-A-Note by typing BAN in a directory different from the one you have stored BAN.
 - a) Type BAN. It should say " No message pending."
 - 1) If it doesn't, refer to the above instructions, or send a message to one of the support systems.

- 4) You now can use Boot-A-Note; For a list of commands type BAN ?, or read the section on "Boot-A-Note" commands.

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Boot-A-Note Commands

Most of Boot-A-Note's commands are command line options. This means that at the DOS prompt, you can type BAN and then a command letter. For complex programs you wouldn't want to have command line options for major procedures, because it would be too complex for most people. That's why a sophisticated user interface can make or break a program (Many software packages written by me use the Text Windowing Interface, this allows for windowing in all of my programs; except Boot-A-Note.)

Boot-A-Note asks for the directory you want to store the configuration file and note file. You should enter a directory in your PATH. If you're an organized person, you might want to store all the Boot-A-Note files in their own directory, BUT make sure that the directory you pick is in the PATH!

To use commands you must type BAN [command]. For instance, to use the help system, type "BAN ?". (without the quotation marks)

Description of Boot-A-Note Commands

? Help For Boot-A-Note

Using this command gives a brief description of all the commands within Boot-A-Note.

N New Message For Boot-A-Note

Boot-A-Note has a built in note editor. Once you type this a screen will come up with a box where you can enter text. After you complete entering text, a "quick preview" of what you entered will be displayed. You can either keep or discard the entered text. Finally, It asks you where you want to store the information (read above).

P Print Currently Stored Message

If you happen to need a copy of the stored note, just use this command. It will print a copy of the note to LPT:1.

R Register Boot-A-Note

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When you register Boot-A-Note you will receive a registration code. You will first be asked your name, then a code; fill it out, and it will be personalized for you! Also, You will be asked where you want to store the configuration file.

V Version Information

This displays any major changes to Boot-A-Note, copyright, version, and release date.

S Setup of Boot-A-Note

This command is a menu. Right now it has three options, one takes you to the registration option, another is the new message editor, and the last one exits the menu. More commands will be added as Boot-A-Note is developed.

Important Information

Boot-A-Note notes can be edited by using your favorite ASCII text editor. The file you want to edit is known as BAN.NTE.

File List

BAN.EXE	Boot-A-Note executable
BAN.DOC	Boot-A-Note documentation
BAN.WPF	Boot-A-Note documentation for WordPerfect 5.1 - Fully Formatted.
ORDER.DOC	Order\Registration for Boot-A-Note
BAN.CFG	Boot-A-Note configuration, Boot-A-Note creates it, when it is needed.
BAN.NTE	Boot-A-Note note file. Created when needed.
HISTORY.DOC	Boot-A-Note history.
SHAREWRE.DOC	A file describing the Shareware concept.
FILE_ID.DIZ	Description for Boot-A-Note when its uploaded
BAN_DESC.DOC	Description for Boot-A-Note (long)
CATALOG.EXE	DSP Software's Informational Catalog

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What Happens When Boot-A-Note Runs

If there are no menus pending, Boot-A-Note will just fly by and write Boot-A-Note on the screen, and the computer will keep going. If there is a note waiting to be read it will display the message, and ask if you want to keep or delete the note.

Retaining

Keeping the note will keep it there until Boot-A-Note is run again. The same question will reappear asking if you want to keep or delete the note.

Deleting

Deleting will terminate the note, and you will have to create another note with command N or your text editor.

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Registering

(You can find most of this information in the legal information section)

Boot-A-Note is not free software. It is shareware; Shareware is basically, try before you buy! It has the ultimate money back guarantee, if you don't like it, don't buy it.

Boot-A-Note costs \$10 register. You will receive a disk with the latest version of Boot-A-Note, future notification, a newsletter, and a registration code.

If ORDER.DOC was not included with Boot-A-Note, mail to David Pabst, 18 McAdams Road, Framingham, MA, 01701, USA.

Support\Furthur Help

If you have any questions, problems, comments not addressed in this manual, feel free to make use of Boot-A-Note's online support. Please post questions and comments in the RelayNet Shareware conference (David Pabst), or compuserve EMAIL (to ID: 76547,2643). Finally, you can call the) (evious Telecommunications Service at (508)875-3618, and post a message to David Pabst in the EMAIL conference. You may also download the latest version of Boot-A-Note from)(evious, or the Compuserve IBMSYS forum.

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