

# **newsgroupeditor**

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# Chapter 1

## newsgroupeditor

### 1.1 Newsgroup Editor2

Newsgroup Editor V3

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Introduction

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This version is a beta version, if you experience any problems ←  
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### 1.2 Introduction

Newsgroup Editor V3

Introduction

This is a program that was initially written to be part of the Control Panel package, as I was given a lot of good feedback about this program I decided to develop further.

The program basically edits your uulib:newsgroup file and allows you to keep a list of inactive newsgroups which you can make active when you so wish by just a few simple mouse clicks.

It also allows you to make brief notes on what the newsgroup is about, and

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also allows unique signatures for each newsgroup (providing you are using Grn and my postnews script which is included with this package).

This version also has several more advanced options such as the import file utility, this utility allows you to add groups from a file such as your suppliers active file just by specifying certain conditions. This enables you to easily select all the newsgroups which are related to a certain subject, i.e you can select all the groups with the word amiga in them.

The interface for this version has also been improved, the previous interface was fine if you only had a few active and inactive groups, but could prove a bit of a pain if you had many newsgroups. I hope that the improvements which I have made are greeted positively by users of the current version.

Unfortunately this version of Newsed is not compatible with Control Panel 4, all users of Control Panel 4 should upgrade to version 5 compatible.

## 1.3 Using The Editor

### Using the Editor

On loading Newsed you will be faced with a screen which displays all the current active and inactive newsgroups in a listviewwidget , as well as a few buttons. The basic display looks something like this

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                                     Active Newsgroups
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|
|          demon.ip.support.amiga
|          | |
|
|          zynet.local
|          | |
|
|          zynet.announce
|          | |
|
|          comp.sys.amiga.announce
|          | |
|
|          uk.education.misc
|          | |
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                                     Inactive Newsgroups
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|
|          alt.2600hz
|          | |
|
|          alt.2d
|          | |
|
|          alt.3d

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|           | |
|           alt.3d.misc
|           | |
|           alt.3d.sirds
|           | |
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Add Group

Import

Save

Cancel

By clicking on the above diagram you can find out more about how [↔](#)  
to use the

editor. Most of it should be pretty simple apart from the import facility  
which is quite complex.

## 1.4 Add Group Gadget

### Adding A New Newsgroup

Enter the name of the newsgroup you wish to add into the Group Name box, then  
add the number of days you wish to keep articles posted to this newsgroup for.  
If you wish the newsgroups to be added to your active group list, click on the  
active box so that a tick appears.

Edit Sig

This button runs a text editor so that you can edit the signature file for  
this group. To use this signature file you need to be using Grn and the  
postnews replacement script which is included with this program.

Edit info

This allows you to write a brief description about the newsgroups, this  
description can be displayed in the  
group information  
display.

Add Group

This actually adds the groups to the inactive or active files and add the  
groups to the end of the relevant listview display on the main screen.

Cancel

Pressing this exits this part of the program, and changes nothing.

## 1.5 Import

### Import File

This window allows you to import a complete file into the uulib:newsgroup.inactive file, this is very handy for adding new newsgroup files, or adding a new active file. It also allows you to just import groups which match stated criteria, so you can add all the groups relating to one subject.

### File To Import:

type this in the string gadget or press the F button to use a file requester.

### Days To Keep:

newsgroups, only necessary if adding to active file.

### Active:

active list, to change click on box.

### All:

include and exclude options are disregarded.

Now for the advanced bit....

All the following string gadgets can contain more than one entry, to enter more than one item please separate the items by a comma (,) e.g alt,comp,rec

### Include Hierarchy:

your entry with the left handside of the newsgroup name.

### Include Text:

If both include gadgets are empty, all files will be selected unless you exclude them with the exclude gadgets.

### Exclude Text:

your entry with the left handside of the newsgroup name.

### Exclude Text:

If both exclude gadgets are empty then all the files specified in the include gadgets will be selected.

These basic operations then can be combined to provide a more complex group selection, by selecting the and/or buttons next to the include or exclude options.

### Include

ICNo	Include Hierarchy	Include Text	And/Or	
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1.	alt,demon	amiga	and	All groups in alt or demon hierarchies that contain the word amiga somewhere in their name
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2. alt,demon amiga or All groups that are in the alt and demon hierarchies as well as any groups that contain the word amiga.

The exclude options work in a similar way, but work on the groups selected by the include options and not the whole file.

#### Mixed

The include and exclude options can be combined to create a very complex selection, the include options are anded with the exclude options, i.e. the exclude options are only applied to the groups selected by the include options.

For example using ICno 1 from above and then specifying exclude text as misc, would add all the groups in alt or demon that contain the word amiga but do not include the word misc, so alt.amiga.1200 would be selected but demon.amiga.1200.misc and comp.sys.amiga.misc would not.

## 1.6 Group Information

### Group Information

This window shows you information about the group and allows you to change several of the groups attributes.

Group Name:

Days to Keep:

you may change this, by altering the number in the box.

Active:

that the group is active, you may change this by clicking in the box.

Articles Received:

from that group, this can give an indication of how busy that particular group is.

Edit Description:

this is a useful memory jogger.  
The gadget below displays the group description.

Edit Signature:

only useful if you have Grn and my postnews script.  
May modify script for tin, and include with registered versions.  
The gadget below displays the signature.

Save Changes:

Cancel:

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## 1.7 Save Gadget

Save

This gadget saves the changes made and then the programs exits after building any new files.

## 1.8 Cancel Gadget

Cancel

This gadgets exits the program forgetting any changes made.

## 1.9 Author

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I would appreciate any comments on this program and anything that you may want adding to any future versions.

Martin Hunt is currently studying for a B.Ed. (Hons.) Primary Mathematics degree. He originally comes from Leicester, England and managed to achive 2.5 A Levels, including Computer science, since then he has had a rough ride living on a tiny student grant and loans. Any jobs (with included accomodation) for summer 96 would be gratefully appreciated.

This program is shareware, and is packaged with Arfir, which is a GUI front end for Archie.

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I accept no liability for any damaged caused through use of this program.

## 1.10 Registration

Registration

This package is shareware, this means that if you carry on using the program that you send me the suggested fee.

The prices for registration is as follows

	Price	Discount
UK Pounds		
Arfir/Newsed3 Package	- £10	
Arfir/Newsed3 + Amiconnect or CP5	- £15	£5

Arfir/Newsed3 + Amiconnect + CP5 - £20            £10

US Dollars

Arfir/Newsed3 Package                            - \$20  
Arfir/Newsed3 + Amiconnect or CP5 - \$30        \$10  
Arfir/Newsed3 + Amiconnect + CP5 - \$40        \$20

Payment must be in UK cheques/postal order, cash (notes only in strong envelope, not airmail envelopes), or International Money Order. Cash and UK Cheques are the preferred methods of payment.

There is a further £5/\$10 discount for the combined packages if you register before the 13th August 1995. You will initially receive a registered copy copy of the beta versions and will receive the completed versions once full testing has been finished. The package will be sent on a 3.5" floppy disk along with some basic printed instructions.

You should send your registration fee and the following details

Machine

Memory

HD

Modem type

AmiTCP Version

WB Version

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