

Introduction

BulkRate is the only off-line reader for FirstClass® e-mail and conferences, including full support for Usenet/Internet quoting and attributions.

BulkRate is an offline reader for FirstClass® BBSs. Using BulkRate, you can quickly capture all new mail and messages, then read and reply to them while "offline," or no longer connected to the BBS. This minimizes the amount of time you spend online, which has two benefits: One, if the BBS you call is a toll call for you, you save money. Two, if the BBS is a busy one, the line is freed up for another's use more quickly.

BulkRate works only with FirstClass® BBSs. You must have an active account on a FirstClass® BBS before using BulkRate with that BBS.

BulkRate connects to the FirstClass® BBS via FirstClass's CLUI (Command Line User Interface). Not all FirstClass® BBSs support this, though most do. If yours doesn't, you cannot use BulkRate with it.

Unlike some offline readers for use with other BBS systems, BulkRate does not compress messages and mail or employ error checking, so it is subject to line noise and random errors. If, however, you have a relatively clean phone line and/or a modem that supports data compression and error correction, this should not present much of a problem.

BulkRate is © 1991-1995 by Greg Neagle. Versions prior to 2.0 were free (I asked users to send me a postcard). They still are, but I have discontinued all support for versions prior to 2.0. Versions 2.0-2.1 and any subsequent versions of BulkRate are SHAREWARE. I ask \$25 US.

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BulkRate 2.1 was created using Zedcor's FutureBasic and Staz Software's PG:PRO. FutureBasic is a BASIC compiler for the Macintosh, and PG:PRO is a interface designer/application framework/function library rolled into one.

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Using This Document

This [DOCMaker Stand-Alone-Document](#) has a few features you should be aware of. The above icon with the [bold-blue](#) text beneath it is a [hot button](#). This means that you can click on the icon and it will perform the action stated by the text. In the case above, the action is to jump to the chapter that contains the [BulkRate Registration Form](#).

There are other such icons throughout this document. Some are there to allow you to jump to a chapter referenced by the text in the chapter, others to allow you to return to the chapter following the one that you jumped from. An example is the [Scripting](#) chapter. At the end of the chapter is a [hot button](#) that will allow you to jump to the [More On Scripting](#) chapter. The [More On Scripting](#) chapter has a [hot button](#) at the end of it that will allow you to jump to the [.fcl Logon Scripts](#) chapter (which is the next chapter after [Scripting](#)).

Some will allow you to print the document without having to go through menu selections. A further note about these icons; they may state 'Print <section>', but they all perform the same function. DOCMaker sets up printing by having you choose the chapter(s) that you wish to print, but does NOT allow for choosing particular sections of a chapter. You can specify pages to print from your printer software, but the [SAD](#) doesn't provide page numbers in the document window to facilitate page selection. The [Table of Contents](#) chapter in this document is provided to help you decide which pages you want to print.

Sometimes, it is necessary to calculate page numbers for printing specific pages. This document is paginated beginning with chapter 1 (Title) and ending with the last chapter (BulkRate FAQ).

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Some chapters are one page, others are longer. When you want to print only one chapter, the print function will automatically handle page

numbering. When you want to print less than an entire chapter, you may have to calculate the page numbers for the page(s) you wish to print.

As an example, my Stylewriter II won't accept, say, page 37 if I'm not printing the entire document. To give you an idea of how to select pages for printing, here's an example (assuming use of a Stylewriter II):

First, I either select Print from the File menu, or I click on one of the [Print <section>](#) icons located in the document. Next I select the Chapter that the section I want to print is located in and click the OK button. Depending on whether or not I previously selected Page Setup from the File menu, I'll either be taken to the Page Setup dialog or to the Print dialog.

I want to print the Address Book window section of the [BulkRate Windows](#) chapter.

The [Table Of Contents](#) chapter shows that [BulkRate Windows](#) starts on Page 18,

and Address Book window is Page 23.

Counting Page 18 as Page 1, Page 23 then becomes Page 6.

I choose [BulkRate Windows](#) as the chapter to print and click OK.

When I get to the Print dialog, I set the From: page# to 6.

If I just want to print that one page, I set the To: page# to 6 also.

If I want to print through Exchange Status window (Page 26), I specify the To: page# to 9.

Now I click Print, and away we go.

One further note. This document is paginated so that, even if you have to specify pages as the example above shows, the printed document will reflect the page numbers as shown in the [Table of Contents](#) chapter.

The [Launch BulkRate](#) icon in the [Getting Started](#) chapter looks for BulkRate in the same folder as this document. If it isn't found, you will be given a standard Open dialog with which to locate your copy of BulkRate.

To use the Hypertext Table-of-Contents , click the current chapter title box in the lower left corner of the window, or select Table of Contents from the Contents menu. This table will allow you to quickly go to any chapter or section of the document. Bold entries are chapters, and indented entries preceded by bullets (•) are hypertext entries that will take you to a section within a chapter. Chapters may also be selected from the Contents menu, or in sequential order by using the horizontal scroll bar at the bottom of the window.

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but can't remember where in the document it is, you can find the location quickly by using the Find and Find Again functions in the File menu. For more information about BulkRate and this document, select About BulkRate... from the Apple menu or click the icon below.