WHAT IS THE NAUTILUS LINK AND HOW CAN I USE IT?

The Nautilus Link is an evolving communications facility created so you can communicate with the Nautilus Team via modem.

Here's the idea:

As you browse through the Nautilus Shell, you'll probably come up with some great ideas, comments, suggestions ... whatever. We would really like you to share those thoughts with us. Using the "Note" option from the control bar, you can jot down as many thoughts as you'd like. Then, you can easily send all your wonderful ideas to us using the Link. In short, the Nautilus Link is the best way for you to send us messages of any variety.

(Note that if you are seeking immediate technical support, we recommend you call Nautilus Technical Support between the hours of 8:30 am and 8:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at 614/766-3150.)

How It Works:

From your end, there are basically two parts to the Nautilus Link:
- Composing messages
- Linking

What's the quickest way to get started? Explore from the Nautilus Shell:

Try creating a new message by clicking the "Note" button on the main control bar and typing in your comments. When you're done, click the "Save" button to save it in your OutBox.

Then open Link by choosing it from the "Go" pop-up menu also on the main control bar. Click the "OutBox" button in the Link window if you want to see your message in the OutBox list.

Then, before you link that message, be sure to click the "Comm Setup" and "User Info" buttons to set up all that important basic communication information.

Next, click the "Link" button. The Nautilus Link will automatically send your messages to us AND put any reply messages from Nautilus into your InBox.

Composing Messages:

It couldn't be simpler! Select the "Note" option from the Nautilus control bar. This opens a Message window where you can enter your message: first, give the message a name (e.g., "My multimedia comments"). This name can be up to 26 characters long. Then, simply press the Tab key, Return key, or click in the Message text field. Type away!

To save the message for linking, click the "Save" button. The OutBox is where you store all your messages before linking them to us. You can view the contents of the OutBox and edit the messages you've written from the Link window (explained later).

Linking:

The Link window enables you to manage (view, delete) the contents of your OutBox and InBox, set up the Nautilus Link for uploading (User Info and Comm Setup), and actually perform a link.

The OutBox:

All messages to be linked to the Nautilus Host are stored in the OutBox. Click the "OutBox" button to view its contents; if you've created any messages, they'll be displayed here. You can view or edit them by double-clicking any message listed. You can delete a message by selecting it (click once) and clicking the "Delete" button. After a successful Link, all messages in your OutBox are deleted.

The InBox:

All messages received from the Nautilus Host are stored in your InBox, which works in the same way as the OutBox mentioned above. To view messages from the Nautilus Host, first click the "InBox" button to display the InBox contents. Any messages received will be displayed here. To view a message, double-click on its name. Messages can be deleted or saved and viewed later.

Please note that only those who have a Subscriber ID (Subscribers only) can receive messages from the Host.

User Info:

This is your basic info screen. We need your name, address, etc., as well as your Subscriber Identification (SI) number. If you have misplaced your SI please contact Nautilus Customer Service (800/637-3472; International callers use 614/766-3165). Because your SI is confidential, we cannot give your number to you over the phone, but we will mail it to you.

You can still Link messages to the Nautilus Team even if you do not have an SI number.

Comm Setup:

Be sure to check the settings recorded on this screen; you may only need to change the baud rate setting to match your modem.

(Note: If you change the default Modem Init String (using the Comm Setup dialog box) DO NOT include the "AT" prefix. The Nautilus Link will automatically include the AT command with whatever else you enter in the Modem Init String field.)

Link!

This is it! When you're ready to upload your messages, click "Link." The Nautilus Link will gather up the stuff in your OutBox and send it to the Nautilus Host as well as check for any messages to download to your InBox. When the Link is complete, you'll see a banner message in the status message box. Click "Close" to return to the Link window itself where you can browse your InBox for replies.

(NOTE: Our host is designed to serve as a transaction processor. It is not an interactive service or a bulletin board. It can respond only to transactions from the Linker. Commercial packages like ProComm cannot be used to access the host.)

That's all there is to it, so use the Nautilus Link, have fun -- and be sure to let us know what you think!

--The Nautilus Team