

X-Mailer

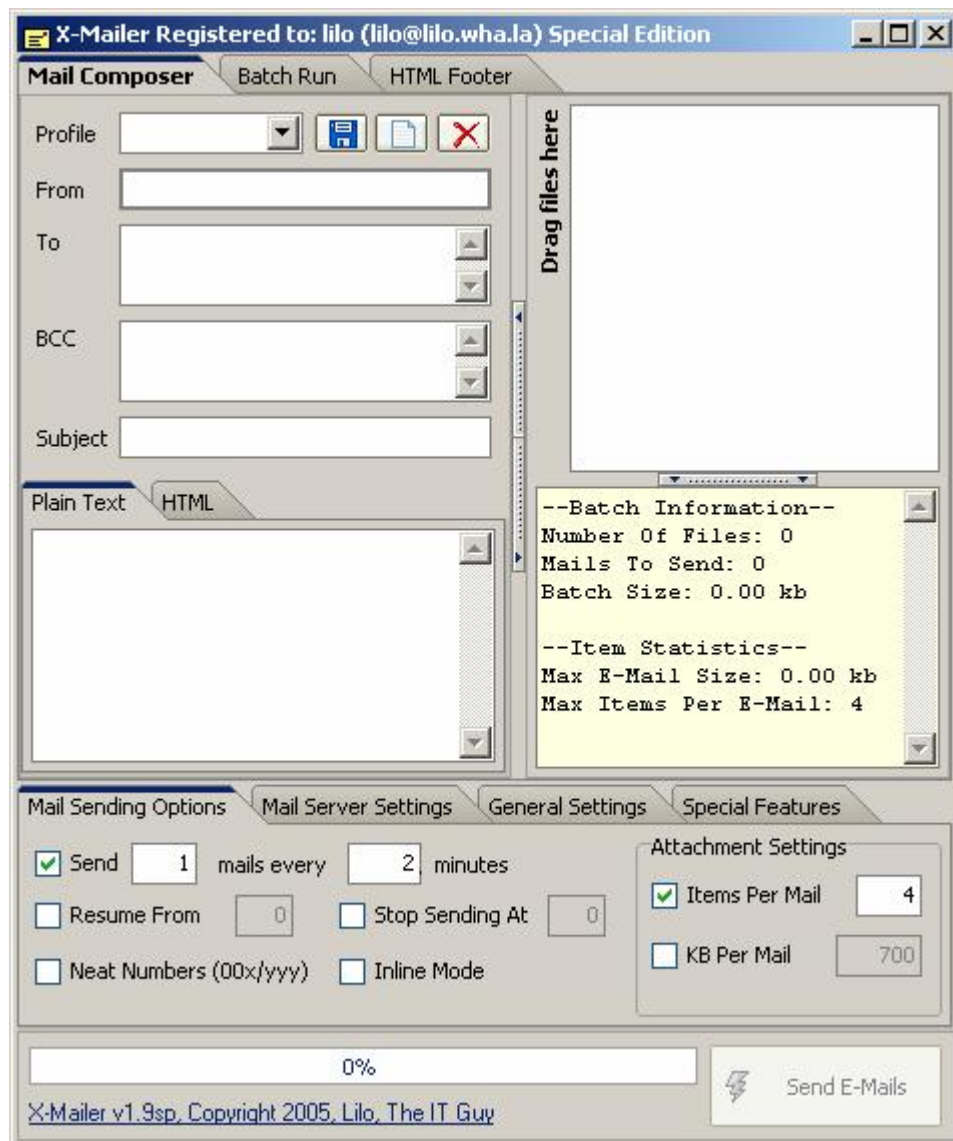
User Manual

Introduction

X-Mailer is an advanced attachment email software, versatile in every way. It allows you to post massive amounts of attachments to discussion groups with ease. What used to take several hours now takes only minutes.

This guide is intended to get you familiarized with all the features of X-Mailer.

The User Interface



Profile

You can name your profiles anything you like. The profiles and all your settings are stored in a file called **config.xml**. Backups are created but you are advised to make your own backup on a different disk or media. Clicking on the diskette icon will save the current profile. The New button clears the screen for convenient entry of a totally new profile. The X button deletes the profile from the system.

From/To/BCC

Specify the respective email address. You can specify the following formats:

Name <name@email.com>

Name “name@email.com”

Name (name@email.com)

Name [name@email.com]

The **To** and **BCC** fields allows multiple entries, each email address separated by a new line.

Subject

Specify the subject heading you want to for your emails. Macros work here. (See later section on macros.

Plain Text

X-Mailer supports both plain-text as well as HTML-styled email content. Use this box to enter plain-text content. If you intend to use HTML, use the plain text to say something like ‘*You need a HTML-enabled email client to read this in its full glory!*’

HTML

You have to specify fully qualified HTML code, meaning that it must contain a <html><body>...</body></html> section at the very least.

Adding Files

Simply use your Windows Explorer, select the files you want and drag them into anywhere on X-Mailer.

Mail Sending Options

Send ??? mails every ??? minutes

This is a very important feature. Use this to ‘trickle’ the posts so as to not flood your mail server, and thereby using up all your bandwidth. Also, if you do not use this function, the groupmail hosts will kick you out and set you as ‘autoresponder’

Resume From ???

Set this option to start sending the batch from that post onwards.

Stop Sending At ???

Set this option to stop sending after that post number.

Neat Numbers (00x/yyy)

Set this option so that the macros indicating the post number has leading zeros or not.

Inline Mode

This option will make your attachments (works with images and audio files only) appear inline, inside the HTML email body. This mode requires HTML.

Attachment Settings

Items Per Mail

Limits the number of attachments per email

KB Per Mail

Limits the number of attachments by the total size of the attachments. X-Mailer will continue adding attachments until the KB limit specified is reached or at least one file is attached. If both options are turned on, both conditions must be satisfied, e.g. if Items Per Mail is set at 3, the total number of attachments per email will never exceed 3, even if there's still room for one or two more, based on the KB limitation.

Mail Server Settings

SMTP Server

Specify the SMTP Server's address here. This is where your posts will be sent to. If you do not understand the concept of how emails are delivered, please do a google search and do some reading. It is recommended that you understand the concept of emails before you use X-Mailer.

Port

For plain-text SMTP, the port is 25. For secured connections, it is usually 143 or 465.

User SSL/TLS

Checking this option will enable X-Mailer to communicate securely with the SMTP server.

Req. Authentication

Most SMTP servers require you to authenticate yourself before it allows you to use its services. Specify your login and password in the boxes provided. This information is usually your POP login and password details.

Retry On Error

X-Mailer can be set to retry sending posts. Setting 0 attempts will make X-Mailer try forever, any other number will make X-Mailer retry until that amount of times, then quit trying. Set the number of seconds to delay between retries. Once a mail goes through successfully, the retry counter is reset.

General Settings

Close On Completion/Shutdown PC on Completion

You may choose either one or none at all. It does what it says, it will either make X-Mailer close itself or shutdown the PC once the posts are completed.

Clear File List On Profile Change

When scrolling through your profiles, you can make X-Mailer keep the list of files in the current profile. This will cause the file list to be copied to all scrolled-through profiles. Enabling this option will make X-Mailer clear the list before scrolling to a new profile.

Save Profiles On The Fly

You can make X-Mailer automatically save the changes made to the current profile by enabling this option. If you are the forgetful type, it is recommended that this option be left on.

Move Files When...

After posting is complete, you may want to move the files to the recycle bin or a folder of your choice. You also have the option to move the files when each post is completed or when all posts are done.

Log To Screen Only

If you are stingy on disk space, you can make X-Mailer log only to screen.

Special Features

If you have made the author happy, by either donating to his beer fund or otherwise, will get this tab. Inside you can find an option to disable the ads by X-Mailer. Also, Batch Run has no more limitations (currently limited to 5 for the registered version and 2 for the freeware version), and the HTML footer allows all 5 inline attachment items (registered versions allow up to 2 only)

Batch Run

You will be presented with two lists, the one on the left contains the available profiles. The one on the right holds the profiles that you want to queue to send. You can double-click any item on any of the lists, and the item will be toggled to the other side. To start running the batch, simply click on the same “Send E-Mails” button. The batch run can be continued if you did not mess with the list after stopping the send. You may adjust your profiles in the Mail Composer tab, but don’t add or remove anything in the Batch Run list (right-side one), if you do, please note that you have to manually adjust the list to remove those profiles that have already been processed.

HTML Footer

You can specify your own custom footer, and include the images or music files inline. Knowledge of HTML is required here.

Macros supported here are: %1, %2, %3, %4, %5, each corresponding to the respective attachment file you specify. You may specify each macro multiple times in the footer.

The Log Window

Right-click on the Log Window and you have an option to clear it.

Macros

%n - Mail being sent

%t - Total mails to send

%d - Date

%f - Filename (put as many as you like, one filename will appear for each macro)

%g - Filenames of all attached files, each separated by commas

%h - Filenames of all attached files, each separated by CR/LF or

%i - Position you want X-Mailer to inline your attachments (to only use once in the HTML body)

The Subject line and plain-text body will accept all macros except %i. HTML body supports all the above macros.

Other Features

X-Mailer minimises to the taskbar. Right-click on it will allow you to choose two options, namely, to view the lousy about window and the other to exit the lousy program. The icon on the taskbar also blinks ever so slightly when it is doing stuff. Watch it while it is adding files.

Final Note

This software is provided as-is. You may use it freely without ever sending me a postcard, or ever donating to my beer fund. You may give comments and suggestions to make X-Mailer better. **But** you may not complain about the tedium of sending me a postcard, because I'm not budging on that one. I've spent valuable hours on this project, and all I'm asking you folks is to go to the mall to get me a postcard and posting it. It's not much to ask for. I could have asked for a PSP or two-tickets to Paris, but all I request is that you send me a postcard. You may not bitch about not being able to get it to work also, because this program really does work and you just need to ask for help in setting it up. X-Mailer will save you countless hours of preparing and sending emails out one by one, I **don't need** your gratitude, but I sure **don't want** your bitching.

Contact the author at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/x-mailer/> if you have any queries or suggestions.