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AOCE Mailer (10/93)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Mailer in Apple Open Collaborative Environment (AOCE).

DISCUSSION -----

The top portion of AppleMail contains the Mailer.

Apple is encouraging developers to incorporate the AOCE Mailer into their applications. Once the mailer is a standard part of a Macintosh application, sending messages from within an application will become as commonplace as printing is today.

Developer University has completed a course on adding the AOCE Mailer to applications. Because the process requires very little effort on the part of developers while at the same time adding significant functionality to the application, it is expected that most Macintosh developers will be incorporating the AOCE Mailer into their products.

There are applications where it would not be appropriate to include the entire Mailer. In these cases, developers can access the mail and messaging services of AOCE using the Mail Manager calls directly instead of using the standard Mailer.

- From...
The 'from' field defaults to the owner of this AOCE system.

- Recipients...
Letters are addressed using the Catalog Browser Panel. Click the Recipients button to display the Catalog Browser Panel.

Personal Catalog

Letters can be addressed by selecting the address from the list of potential addresses and clicking either the To button or the CC: button. The top icon displays the contents of the preferred Personal Catalog.

Catalog Browser

The second icon shifts the display to the Catalogs icon. This will

look inside the Catalogs icon on the desktop. Users can also use the pop-up menu at top to browse through the file system for other personal catalogs or information cards.

Find Address

The third icon is used for finding addresses. Users can search for addresses located in a particular catalog or on any mounted volume.

Type in addressing

The last icon allows users to type in an address. This is useful when the user knows the destination address yet there is no catalog service available to use in addressing the letter. One common example might be an Internet address or other messaging system that does not have a directory service.

- Subject...

The subject field contains the subject of the letter.

- Enclosures...

There are two ways to add enclosures with the Mailer. The first is to drag enclosures directly into the enclosures field.

The second is to click the Enclosures button and use the standard file dialog box to select a file or folder to enclose.

- Finder Support

PowerTalk is able to support dragging items directly into the enclosures field because of modifications to the Finder. PowerTalk incorporates a new Finder with changes made for AppleScript, AOCE, and QuickDraw GX.

It is also possible to drag information cards or addresses from Catalog windows into the Recipients field to address a letter.

The drag and drop method of addressing letters or adding enclosures is a feature of the System 7 with PowerTalk. It works no matter which application, third party or Apple, is in use.

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