

NewsWatcher Version 2.0d17 Mods

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This document lists the changes in version 2.0d17. For a full history of all changes since version 1.0.2, see the separate document "Mod History".

[Comments inside brackets like this give details for programmers.]

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-- Errors fixed.

The new version fixes an error which could cause crashes when expanding threads in subject windows. Thanks to Dan Murphy, Stephan Somogyi, and Marshall Clow for reporting this error.

The new version fixes an error under A/UX with the "Get Group List from Host" command. Under A/UX, this command resulted in bogus "Lost Connection to Server" error messages. Thanks to Ole Solberg for helping to investigate and fix this error.

The new version should fix another error under A/UX. The problem in the old version was with the "Path" and "Message-ID" header lines in postings, which sometimes contained garbage characters following the Mac's domain name. This fix has not been tested. If you use NewsWatcher with A/UX, and if you still have this problem with the new version, please let me know.

In some circumstances, under System 6, the old version would crash instead of presenting the alert telling you that NewsWatcher requires System 7. This error is fixed.

-- New feature.

Network managers can now create a customized version of NewsWatcher for distribution at their site. The customized version contains preconfigured news and mail server addresses and server options. At NU, the version of NewsWatcher we distribute for local use on our Plato file server is preconfigured, while the version we distribute on ftp.acns.nwu.edu is a "generic" version which is not preconfigured. For details on how to do this, see the new "Appendix F - Customizing NewsWatcher" in the user document.

-- User document changes.

There are several changes to the user document, in an attempt to clarify confusing issues or provide answers to frequently asked questions.

-- [Internal changes.]

I am now using Think C 6.0.1 for NewsWatcher development. 6.0.1 fixes the smart link problem. The application is now built with the smart link option turned on, which decreases the size of the application file by about 23K.

I am now using the latest and greatest MacTCP header files and dnr.c file (from the August 1993 Developer's CD). I had to make two changes to dnr.c to get it to compile with Think C 6.0.1.