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Thanks for trying **Check Mail During the Day!**

What Is It?

It is an AppleScript that works with Qualcomm's Eudora mail program to periodically check your mail during the day (as shipped, defined as 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Weekends are excluded by default.

Why?

Good question! Suppose you have Eudora set to check your mail every five minutes. It will do this ALL day. Now suppose you use an energy saver to spin down your drive. If Eudora is frequently retrieving mail (as it might if you are on a lot of mailing lists), your disk may never spin down, or may constantly spin up and down.

Besides energy saving issues, you may only care about getting mail if you're there to read it, so I wrote this script to check mail only during certain hours. This is user-configurable (see below).

The script will only work if Eudora is running, and does **not** launch Eudora if it is not running.
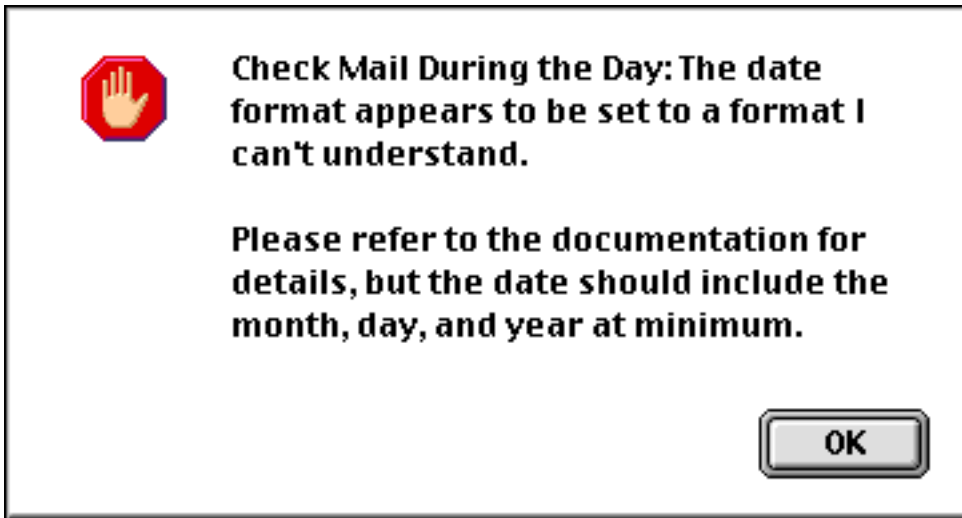
This script is most useful when set as a startup item. To do this, make an alias to the script, and place it in the Startup Items folder of your System folder.
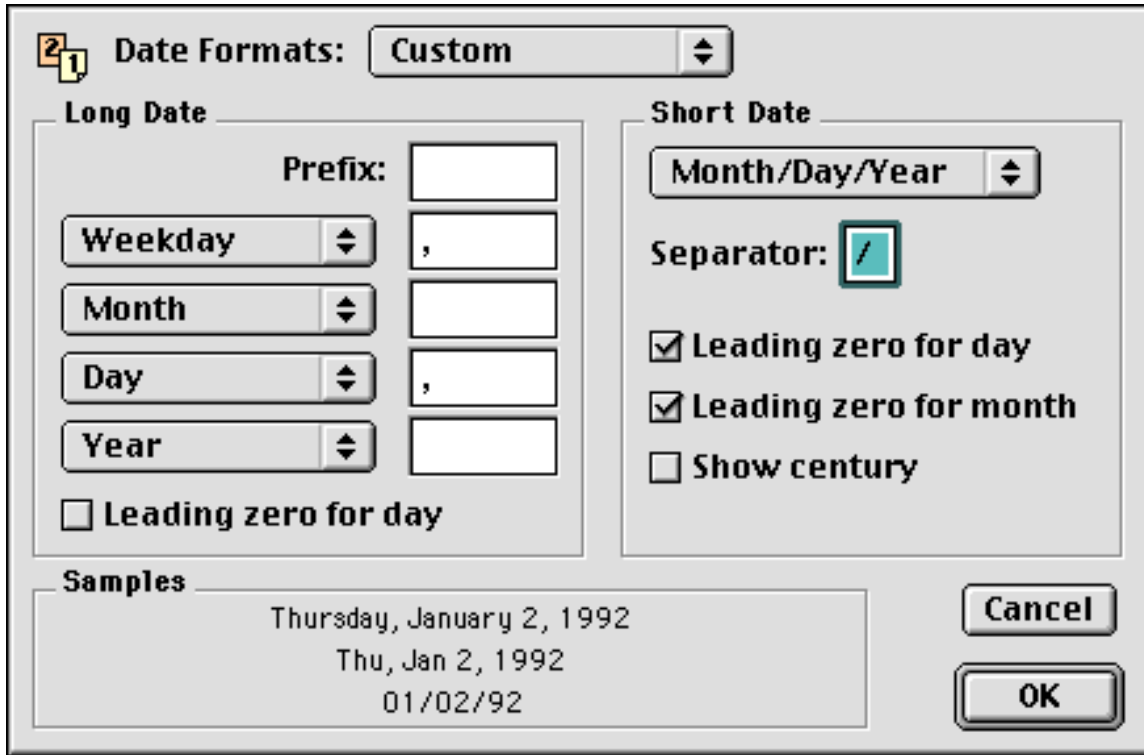
Notes on Eudora Settings:

- You should have Eudora **not** set to automatically check mail, as this script will take care of that.

- For convenience, you may wish to activate the Eudora setting that sends outgoing mail when mail is checked.

- If you feel comfortable doing so, you may want to configure Eudora to remember your password.

Tips

Check Mail During the Day uses the system date format when it is checking whether to run. Through the Date & Time control panel, you can extensively customize this format, but for the script to function, the long date string should include at least the month, day, and year. If it does not, you may see this alert:

Check Mail During the Day: The date format appears to be set to a format I can't understand.

Please refer to the documentation for details, but the date should include the month, day, and year at minimum.

OK

To correct this, open the Date & Time control panel, and modify the long date settings as above. Here is how my system is set:

Date Formats: Custom ⬍

Long Date

Prefix: [   ]

Weekday ⬍   [,   ]

Month ⬍   [   ]

Day ⬍   [,   ]

Year ⬍   [   ]

☐ Leading zero for day

Short Date

Month/Day/Year ⬍

Separator: [/]

☑ Leading zero for day

☑ Leading zero for month

☐ Show century

Samples

Thursday, January 2, 1992

Thu, Jan 2, 1992

01/02/92

[Cancel]

[OK]

Customizing

There are things you can tweak in the script. See the following lines:

property activeStartTime : " 09:00 AM"
property activeStopTime : " 05:00 PM"
property eudoraCreator : "CSOm" -- *creator type of Eudora*
property minutesBetweenChecks : 5 -- *check mail every five minutes*
property workingOnTheWeekend : false -- *whether this script is active on Saturday and Sunday*

activeStartTime defines the time to start checking. The leading space is significant. Similarly, activeStopTime defines when to stop checking. If you would like the script active all the time, set the start time to 12:00 AM and the stop time to 11:59 PM.

eudoraCreator is the creator type for Eudora. You shouldn't need to change it. The script uses it to check if Eudora is running.

minutesBetweenChecks defines the number of minutes to wait between mail checks.

workingOnTheWeekend is a boolean flag indicating whether the script is active on Saturday and Sunday. The default is false, but set it to true if you want mail checked on the weekend. The same start and stop time apply as during the week.

What Do I Need?

• AppleScript. See http://www.applescript.apple.com/ for general AppleScript information.

• MacOS 7 or higher. See http://www.macos.apple.com/

• An AppleScript script editor, if you wish to customize the script. Apple's editor, Script Editor, is distributed with AppleScript. Other editors are available; one source to check for these is Developer Depot at http://www.devdepot.com/.

• Eudora. See http://www.eudora.com/.

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Version History

11/97   v1.0   First public release.
06/98   v1.1   Added script check for proper system date format, and added relevant section to the documentation.
12/98   v1.1.1 Updated contact information.
9/2000 v1.1.2 Updated information for Sleeping Cat Software.