

Your Guide to the WORLD PERCUSSION NETWORK: Part Five

Using the "USER" command by Norm Weinberg

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There are times when you need to know who's around on the WPN. Perhaps you're looking for an old drumming buddy. Maybe you need to know if Larry Logdrum has visited the WPN lately to receive the E-Mail that you've sent him. You might want to advertise an upcoming concert to all the WPN members in your state. Or, you may be interested in swapping files with other WPN members who share your computer type. Well, there is a handy command called "USER" that just may solve your problems.

From anywhere in the WPN, just type "U" for USER. It will look something like this:

[MIDI] Command: User

User Lists & Info

C)allLog, S)earch, L)ist, F)ind, Q)uit (?=Help): ?

As you can see from the prompt above, typing the question mark (?) will send you to the HELP screen for this command. The HELP screen looks like this:

CallLog	View log of recent callers
Search	Search for names in the user file
List	List names of registered users
Find	Search by location or system type
Quit	Exit the User command

Let's take a look at each command and see how it operates. The CALLOG command is activate by simply typing the one-letter command "C". With this command, your computer screen will list the last 75 members who have called in to the WPN.

Enter Choice : C

CallLog of last 75 Callers:

Date	Time	Caller	Location
6/03	6:50	NORM WEINBERG	Corpus Christi, TX
6/03	5:19	GRAY BARRIER	Greeley, CO
6/03	3:19	SHAWN BROWN	Lawton, OK
6/03	2:52	ED HARTMAN	Seattle, WA
6/03	2:27	CLYDE D. CAMPBELL	Sacramento, CA
6/03	1:55	JONATHAN WACKER	Savannah, Georgia
6/03	1:07	BRIAN B. BUNN	Coral Gables, FL
6/02	23:36	GARY OLMSTEAD	Indiana, PA
6/02	20:13	MICHEL GOUDSWAARD	Den Haag, Holland
6/02	16:13	MARK THEOBALD	Birmingham, MI
6/02	15:31	PAUL BISSELL	Ruston LA

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As you can see, the WPN CallLog includes the date of the last call, the time, the WPN member's name, and his/her location. The WPN is currently getting between twenty and thirty calls each and every day from PAS members around the world! Remember, that if you don't want to see the entire list, you can press the spacebar on your computer (or ^C) to stop the listing.

The SEARCH command lets you find certain people on the WPN based on their names. To activate this command, type "S". Searching for a specific PAS member's name would tell you if that person were currently on the WPN. You can create a wider search by typing only a few letters. In the example in the next column, the search-string is "GAR". Notice that the system searches and finds not only "Garwood" but every "Gary" on the WPN. In fact, if someone named "Garland" were on the WPN, the system would find that name, too!

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Enter Name (ENTER to Quit)

>GAR

Name : GARWOOD WHALEY	First Call : 8-15-91
From : Galesville, MD	Last Call : 5-29-93
System : IBM	Total Calls : 124
Name : GARY FINK	First Call : 2-05-93
From : North Bergen, NJ	Last Call : 2-05-93
System : Macintosh	Total Calls : 1
Name : GARY FRANCE	First Call : 5-06-93
From : Perth, Australia	Last Call : 5-10-93
System : IBM 386sx	Total Calls : 2
Name : GARY OLMSTEAD	First Call : 6-23-92
From : Indiana PA	Last Call : 6-02-93
System : IBM	Total Calls : 16

The LIST command (type "L" at the prompt) gives an alphabetical list of users on the World Percussion Network. You can start the list anywhere by typing the first few characters of the name you want to begin with or by pressing RETURN to view the entire list. As before, you can cancel the listing by typing "^C" or by pressing the spacebar.

User Lists & Info

C)allLog, S)earch, L)ist, F)ind, Q)uit (?=Help): L

There are 231 Usernames on file.

Enter Starting Name (ENTER to list all):

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Last On	Name	System	Location
3-17-93	ABILE MUSIC BVBA	486	Westerlo—Belgium
5-11-93	ADAM LANIER	ibm	Tallahasee, FL
5-04-93	ALAN BLACK	Mac II	Wichita Falls, Tex
5-31-93	ALBERT BACHMANN	Amiga	Basel, CH
1-03-93	ANN MCGREGOR	telix	London, Ontario
5-22-93	BECKY DESANTO	MAC	Bloomington, IN
5-28-93	BLAIR HELSING	Compaq & Mac	Pacifica, CA, USA

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The FIND option (type "F") works like LIST, but allows you to specify an arbitrary search string. Only WPN members whose records contain the search string in the name, location, or system type fields are displayed. Using this command, you can find all the people in your state, or WPNers who use the same type of computer system.

User Lists & Info

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Enter Search Key (matches Name, Location, or System Type):

>MAC

Last On	Name	System	Location
4-27-93	ANDREW SPENCER	Mac Plus	Ellensburg, WA
5-22-93	BECKY DESANTO	MAC	Bloomington, IN
5-28-93	BLAIR HELSING	Compaq & Mac	Pacifica, CA, USA
5-17-93	BOB SAYDLOWSKI	Mac IIci	Richmond VA
4-13-93	BRIAN SCOTT	Macintosh LCIII	Eugene, Oregon
5-02-93	BRIAN THURGOOD	Macintosh SE	Sherwood Park, Albe
6-02-93	CHERYL COPES	MAC SE30	Lawton, OK
2-02-93	CHRIS HOLLIDAY	Macintosh	Columbia, MO