



## What are the New Features and Improvements?

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Patch 50 provides MailMan with a new user interface. This new interface gives you the power to further customize your message center and better manage your e-mail.

The MailMan interface with Patch 50 now has the following new look:

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VA MailMan 7.1 service for BLUE.THOMAS_E+@ISC-SF.VA.GOV
You last used MailMan: 09 Jul 98 09:41
Your current banner: Thom Blue, MailMan Tester, CIO Field Office San Francisco
You have no new messages.

NML   New Messages and Responses
RML   Read/Manage Messages
SML   Send a Message
      Query/Search for Messages
AML   Become a Surrogate (SHARED,MAIL or Other)
      Personal Preferences ...
      Other MailMan Functions ...
      Help (User/Group Info., etc.) ...

Select MailMan Menu Option:

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**Figure 1: The New MailMan Patch 50 Interface**

The following list highlights the **New** and **Improved** features with MailMan V. 7.1 and Patch 50:

### ■ A New Full-Screen MailMan Message Center

MailMan Patch 50 now provides a simulated full-screen message center. You can choose the message reader best suited to your needs. You can set your default message reader to the improved "Classic" MailMan message reader or either of the two new full-screen message displays:

- **Classic Message Reader**—Displays messages as MailMan did prior to Patch 50 (displayed in a traditional view).
- **Detailed Full Screen Message Reader**—Displays complete details of each message (displayed in a full screen view).
- **Summary Full Screen Message Reader**—Displays summary details of each message (displayed in a full screen view).

Also, when using either the Detailed or Summary Full Screen message readers to view a list of messages in a basket, you can switch between the two full screen readers (and change the amount of detail displayed) by using the new Change Detail action code. The Change Detail ("CD") command is

similar to entering one question mark (for summary information) or two question marks (for detailed information) at the message action prompt when using the Classic message reader.

## ■ **New and Improved User Options**

Along with some improvements, new options and functionality have been added to those commonly performed MailMan tasks, such as:

- **Reading Mail**—MailMan provides additional options/capabilities as well as the old standbys when reading your mail, including:
  - **New Capability to Specify the List Order of Your Messages**—You can now choose the order in which your messages are displayed (i.e., newest messages first or oldest messages first).
  - **Improved Ability to Page Through Messages**—MailMan allows you to page back and forth (any number of pages) through your list of messages.
  - **Improved Capability to Make Message New or Not New**—MailMan always allowed you to make message appear as "new" again, however, you can now make new messages "not new" (Un New) too.
  - **Improved Message Print Functionality**—When you print a message, you'll be able to print any selection of responses. The new prompt is more powerful than the old one. For example:
    - If you enter 0-100, MailMan prints the original message through response 100.
    - If you print responses "25-", MailMan understands that you want to print all responses from response 25 through the end.
    - You can also print specific responses as well as a range of responses to make one "clean" print with only the pertinent responses (e.g., 1-3,7,9,20-23,54...).
  - **Select Messages for Subsequent Group Actions or Take Action On a Single Message**—You can now select and deselect any combination of messages until you're ready to do something with the selected group of messages or a single message, such as:
    - Delete them
    - Filter them
    - Forward them
    - Later them
    - Print them to the screen or another device
    - Save them to another basket
    - Terminate them