Your Guide to the WORLD PERCUSSION NETWORK: Part Five

Using the "USER" command by Norm Weinberg

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:

[MID] 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:

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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.
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Let’s take a look at each command and see how it operates. The CALLLOG command is active 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

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CallLog of last 75 Callers:
Date     Time   Caller          Location
06/03 06:50   NORM WEINBERG    Corpus Christi, TX
06/03 05:19   GRAY BARRIER    Greeley, CO
06/03 03:19   SHAWN BROWN     Lawton, OK
06/03 02:52   ED HARTMAN       Seattle, WA
06/03 02:27   CLYDE D. CAMPBELL Sacramento, CA.
06/03 01:55   JONATHAN WACKER  Savannah, Georgia
06/03 01:07   BRIAN B. BUNN    Coral Gables, FL
06/02 23:36   GARY OLMSTEAD    Indiana, PA
06/02 20:13   MICHEL GODDWAARD Den Haag, Holland
06/02 16:13   MARK THEOBALD    Birmingham, MI
06/02 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!

```WPN: 1-813-688-1353
User Lists & Info
C)allLog, S)earch, L)ist, F)ind, Q)uit (?=Help): ?
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
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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 Name    System Location
 3-17-93  ABILE MUSC BIVBA 486 Westerlo—Belgium
 5-11-93  ADAM LANIER  ibm Tallahassee, FL
 5-04-93  ALAN BLACK  Mac II Wichita Falls, Tex
 5-31-93  ALBERT BACHMANN Amiga Basel, CH
 1-03-93  ANN MCGRADY  telix London, Ontario
 5-22-93  BECKY DESANTO  MAC Bloomington, IN
 5-28-93  BLAIR HEADING  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
C)allLog, S)earch, L)ist, F)ind, Q)uit (?=Help): F
There are 231 Usernames on file.
Enter Search Key (matches Name, Location, or System Type): >MAC

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 Last Name    System Location
 4-27-93  ANDREW SPENCER  Mac Plus Ellensburg, WA
 5-22-93  BRADY DESANTO  MAC Bloomington, IN
 5-28-93  BLAIR HEADING  Compaq & Mac Pacifica, CA, USA
 5-17-93  BOB SAVEDOSS  Mac II Richmond VA
 4-13-93  BRADY SCHRADER  Macintosh LC11 Eugene, Oregon
 5-22-93  BRIAN THURGOOD  Macintosh SE Sherwood Park, Albe
 6-02-93  CHEYENNE COOPERS  MAC SE30 Watertown, OK
 2-02-93  CHRIS HOLLAND  Macintosh Columbia, MO
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