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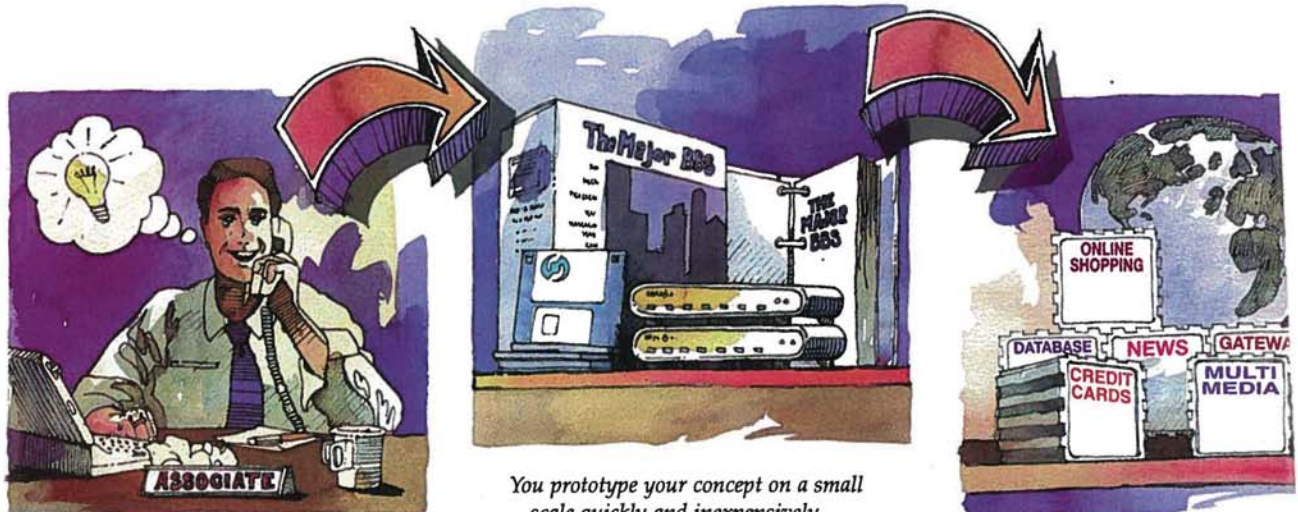
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You are the **cybervisionary.**



You start with a brilliant idea...

You prototype your concept on a small scale quickly and inexpensively...

You smoothly integrate multi-user applications as you need them...

You have a **vision**. Bring your company online. Tie the workgroups to the customers. Distribute all kinds of information and electronic media. Or maybe launch a new business in cyberspace.

You need more than just a BBS — you want an **open platform** for creating your own online service. A system that is tailored to your mission. And nobody can do it better than you.

Start Right the First Time

The Major BBS® Version 6.2 gives you everything you need to **get started**: e-mail, forums, polls, file libraries, QWK, teleconference, a user registry, and more. Right away, you can plug in one or two modems in a DOS-based 386 or better and go online.

Customize your look and feel with the built-in Menu Tree™ and text block editor. Use Locks and Keys™ security for intuitive access control. Create unlimited user classes for accounting and system management.

Enjoy auto-generated **RIP graphics**, MHS importing/exporting, full multilingual support, time analysis and user reports, CD-ROM utilities, remote Sysop management, "doors" to an auxiliary

machine, an activity audit trail, auto-cleanup and timed events — hundreds of special features designed to make your life as Sysop a **success**.

But that's just the beginning...

Expand Your Horizons

Next, you can integrate a wide array of add-on options. Installation is as easy as "A:INSTALL". The Major BBS takes full advantage of **DLL technology** to dynamically link these features into your system.

For instance, *Fax/Online* lets you provide outgoing fax-mail and fax database services to your users. *Search and Retrieve* gives you a full document database, with support for graphics files and fax attachments. And **Internet** mail and newsgroups can pipe right in with the *Major Gateway/Internet* package.

Other DLL extensions available from Galacticom include *Shopping Mall*, *The Major Database*, *Entertainment Collection*, *Dial-Out*, and a special version of the *RIPaint* GUI design tool.

Use the Menu Tree designer to place these new options in the most convenient location. **Full security control** lets you decide which users will have access.

And because these DLLs are written in C and Assembly, they provide far greater **performance and flexibility** than script languages or xBASE derivatives.

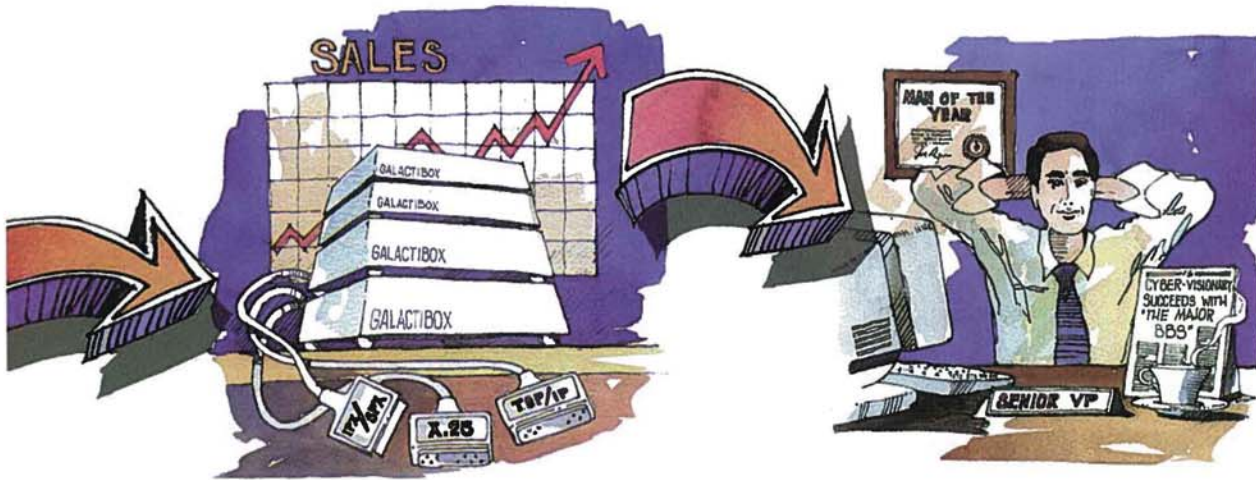
You Need It? You Got It...

Over 150 independent software vendors offer a wealth of products you can clearly add to your system as DLLs. Plug in software such as:

- multimedia document servers
- MLS photograph databases
- credit card verifiers
- FIDO, QWK, RIME mail support
- online bidding networks
- employment classifieds
- 1-900 payment and tracking
- interactive multiplayer games
- worldwide "chat" networks
- automatic call-back verifiers
- contact management databases
- alternate user languages
- photograph dating services
- online purchasing systems
- satellite news delivery
- remote management tools
- and much, much more...

Each of these products integrates directly into your system, taking full advantage of our **open architecture** and

We just provide the tools.



As you grow, you add more lines, hook up your LAN, connect to the Internet...

And you experience the success of your own, unique online service.

ulti-user environment. No other BBS platform gives you this power.

"Doors" even let you interface to client/server databases and other DOS applications, as well as the programs written for multinode BBSes.

With the Freedom to Grow

As your system takes off, you can add **more lines without the headaches** of multitaskers or stacks of computers. Simply add *User Six-Pack* licenses and hook up more modems.

ONLY THE MAJOR BBS GIVES YOU THE POWER TO SUPPORT OVER 100 SIMULTANEOUS HIGH-SPEED USERS ON ONE PENTIUM-CLASS MACHINE.

In performance tests reported by *ardwatch Magazine*, The Major BBS handled **104 simultaneous file transfers** at 14.4 modem rates (1750 cps), and over at 28.8 modem speeds (3300 cps). In most real world cases, even more simultaneous users are possible.

You can use multiport hardware such as the GalactiBoard and GalactiBox easily **manage huge numbers** of internal and external modems. (Galacticomm the only BBS manufacturer with multi-

user **hardware design experience**.) The Major BBS also works smoothly with non-intelligent hardware by vendors such as DigiBoard and Boca Research.

And Connectivity For All

Only The Major BBS gives you the ability to support modems, serial connections, IPX/SPX LAN channels, direct X.25 circuits, and TCP/IP sessions — all on one computer. Each channel group can have different menu branches and security controls, at your option.

The *Advanced LAN Option* lets you create a bank of channels that will dynamically accept calls from computers around your office — directly through your **Novell LAN**.

You can also provide **national and international** access at low cost via the *X.25 Software Option* and a PC XNet card — you avoid the inefficiencies and expense of a PAD.

And our new *Internet Connectivity Option* lets you integrate a **TCP/IP stack** directly into your BBS. You don't need a separate machine to provide telnet in, telnet out, FTP client, and FTP server features to your users. Anonymous FTP and Internet surcharges are also supported.

A Bright Future Awaits You

There are few limits to what you can accomplish with The Major BBS. The full **C source code** to the BBS is available, to give you the ultimate flexibility. Write your own add-on options, or tweak a particular function to your exact needs.

And to address the needs of very high-end applications, Galacticomm has launched a **UNIX technology** division to provide The Major BBS platform for minicomputers to supercomputers.

Integrated solutions, consulting, and custom development are available from *Ambassador* dealers worldwide. **World-class support** is available to you via voice, fax, BBS, CompuServe, and the Internet. A quarterly magazine called *The Major News* provides you tips and tricks, as well as a **resource** for third-party products and services. And regular software improvements bring you the latest in online technology.

For more information, give us a call at 1-800-328-1128 (or 305-583-5990 outside the U.S. and Canada). And let's turn your visions into **reality**.

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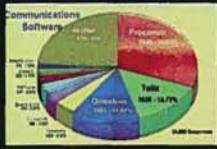


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