Using Majordomo

User's Perspective

First, here's a user's guide to the Majordomo package. (Actually, this is an introduction to majordomo, the program which provides all of these functions.) It explains subscription, unsubscription, and all the other Majordomo commands available to users.

A user can **subscribe** to a list, or **ask** about his or other users' subscriptions, by sending mail to the **majordomo server**, usually *majordomo@hostname*. Put the commands in the **body** of the mail message (not on the "Subject:" header component). Other than white space, the commands **must** be the **first** text in the message body; in other words, don't begin with *"Dear Majordomo."*

Commands

help

> Sends one-line summaries of majordomo commands. The first line of output tells you which version of Majordomo the server is running.

info list

> Sends an introduction to the list **list**.

subscribe list [address]

> This command subscribes a user to the named **list**. Unless the user includes the optional **address**, Majordomo will use the e-mail address in the mail message header ("*Reply-To:*", if any, otherwise "*From:*") to send mail to the user.

unsubscribe list [address]

> This unsubscribes the user (or **address**) from **list**.

which [address]

> Tells the lists to which the user (or **address**) is subscribed.

who list

> Lists the subscribers of **list**.

index list

> Gives a listing of files in the **list** archive. If the list is private, only members can run this command.

get list filename

Mails a file named *filename* from the **list** archive. If the list is private, only members can run this command.

end

Stops reading the message. This is useful for users whose mailer adds text (like a signature) to the end of a message. A line that starts with a **dash** (-) is also treated as an **end** command by newer versions of Majordomo. Because many peoples' mail message signatures start with some dashes, this avoids error messages.