

What's Coming on SIGNET?

Introduction to ICONDESK 4.4 and SIGNET 1.1

We all recognize that adaptation to SIGNET takes time and is not without difficulty and frustration. That adaptation is soon to be made much easier.

ICONDESK 4.4, with its improved organizational messaging environment, will become available at **Headquarters in February**, and at **missions soon thereafter**. For the client, **ICONDESK 4.4** is, overall, quicker and easier to use, with a more pleasing user interface. Behind-the-scenes improvements associated with the new version of the e-mail program will also permit major improvements in the efficiency of mail delivery between sites.

SIGNET Release 1.1* with its enhanced features (e.g., access to individual mailboxes from any SIGNET site and availability of corporate applications at missions) will also be rolled out at **Headquarters in February** and at **missions shortly after**.

Improvements to anticipate in **ICONDESK 4.4** include:

- the *Compose Message* window comes up immediately. (Our apologies, Timothy Gorham (HKONG), but you will no longer have the time to put into practice your "innovative use of SIGNET" — making a cup of coffee while awaiting the Send Mail window!)
- fewer keystroke verifications ("OK"s)
- faster response time and less chirping

- improved organizational messaging environment; all divisional staff will be able to access incoming messages
- ability to work with eight or nine messages at once from the Browse environment
- single screen view of messages (From, Subject, Text, Attachment)

Systems Engineering and Development (STE) appreciates the many suggestions for improve-

ments to **ICONDESK** that they have received from clients. It is only through such feedback that they are able to provide **SIGNET** clients with the e-mail system to meet their needs.

*a collection of changes to improve system performance and lay the foundation for other functions not currently supported by **SIGNET** (e.g., the login process will be quicker and you will not have to wait for the virus scan).

CLIENT TIPS

When sending a message containing a forwarded message, I recently found out the hard way that if such a message is not sent right away, but saved for later, the forwarded message will not be included if you use the *Message, Reuse* option.

This is particularly annoying, since there is no way of verifying that the forwarded message is actually included after after you have sent it.

I find the *Message, Reuse* option very useful, especially

when sending to an alias, as it shows the full address of your recipients. You can easily spot an obsolete address in your alias without having to spend what seems like an eternity in pulling up the alias portion.

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Comment from STC: Please note that all *Message Options* are reset to the default value when you use the function *Message, Reuse*.