

The MhonArc Reference Manual

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1 Introduction

1.1 What is MHonArc?

MHonArc is a Perl program for converting e-mail messages as specified in RFC 822 and the MIME standard to HTML. MHonArc can perform the following tasks:

Convert MH mail folders or UUCP/Unix style mailboxes into an HTML mail archive. Add or remove messages to an existing HTML mail archive generated by MHonArc. Convert a single message to HTML. Along with these tasks, MHonArc provides the following:

A main customizable index for mail messages archived. A customizable thread index listing messages by thread. Control over message formatting. The ability to hook in your own custom message filters.

1.2 Why Use MHonArc?

Here are some reasons for using MHonArc:

You want to keep organized archives of mail messages and/or news articles for a World Wide Web (WWW) server; complete with live hypertext pointers to their authors and to any url's mentioned. You would like to control the layout of mail/news archives to keep a consistent style to your WWW pages. You have MIME messages that you want to include in your archives. You have a WWW client, but no MIME mail reader. MHonArc will allow you to read MIME messages that includes images, audio, video, etc via your Web client. Multi-platform support: Unix, Windows, MacOS, etc. Basically, MHonArc should be usable on any platform that Perl has been ported to. You think the MHonArc logo is really cool, and it deserves to be used. You like Perl, and you want to see what it can do. Just cuz.

1.3 Supported Platforms

MHonArc will run under systems with Perl 5 installed.

1.4 Availability

The latest information on MHonArc, where to get more help, and its availability, may be obtained at [<http://www.mhonarc.org/>](http://www.mhonarc.org/).

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2 Release Notes

Read the CHANGES document included in the distribution for a more complete summary of changes to MHonArc. This document highlights important changes that have occurred and important usage details which you should be aware of before using MHonArc. If you are upgrading from a previous release, make sure to check for the highlighted incompatibilities from earlier releases.