

The CSGnet archive offers CSGnet files a few different ways to suit those who download all for the first time as well as those who want only part or an update.

The instruction that follows is written for first-timers. The folders available should be self-explanatory for those who want parts only.

The file [CSGnet\\_Eudora.zip](#) holds the Eudora CSGnet archive program as installed on Dag Forssell's XP / Win7 computer. Just download and unzip to the root of a logical hard disk of your choice. This can be on your computer, on an external logical hard disk, or on a memory stick (which is also a logical hard disk).

[CSGnet\\_Eudora.zip](#) is ready to run on your Windows machine once you unzip it. It holds the entire set of Eudora mailboxes that make up the archive. [CSGnet\\_attachments.zip](#) holds the attachments that go with the mailboxes. [CSGnet\\_PDF\\_files](#) holds early archives as pdf-files (some are missing from the Eudora archive).

If you prefer, you can run the Eudora install program for either Mac or Windows so you have a virgin copy on your machine. The Windows program is Eudora\_7.1.0.9.exe

Then copy the folders with mailboxes, CSGxxxx.fol (where xxxx stands for the year), from the installed program you downloaded.

The Eudora program is simple enough and old enough that it works just fine without installing to your operating systems registry. It will run just fine on an ancient Win 95 machine, Windows XP or Win 7. When you disconnect the external hard disk or memory stick, Eudora will leave no trace on your computer.

The executable is Eudora.exe. For your convenience, you can right-click on Eudora.exe and create a shortcut. Just copy the Shortcut to your desktop. You can also just go to the executable on your memory stick or wherever and click on it. When you click on the shortcut or executable, a dialog box may complain that **the directory specified... .. is not writable**. That has to do with the attachments. Click OK. Eudora opens. Cancel the New Account dialog. Go to Tools/Options and scroll down to Attachments. Browse to and specify the [CSGnet\\_attachments](#) folder at the location to which you have unzipped it.

Many messages include ASCII figures. Therefore, it is good to set Eudora to display messages using a fixed-width font such as Courier New. Tools / Options / Fonts / Messages Printer and Screen. Adam Matic just recommended the Consolas monospace font as an alternate.

With Eudora's excellent search function you zero in on individual messages and can apply several search criteria simultaneously. Play with it. Note that you check which mailboxes you include in your search.

Eudora is now a classic legacy program. The program is a bit challenged in regards to displaying up-to-date html code in messages and embedded image files. Note that the folder Embedded holds embedded image files. It may also be desirable to load Mozilla Thunderbird version 17.09 as shown in the folder [Importing Eudora to Thunderbird](#) and import the entire set of Eudora files into Thunderbird.

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If you can run the old Mac version of Eudora (program included under [EudoraProgramFiles](#)), you may copy all the mailboxes to your Mac. The Windows and Mac versions of what is now called Classic Eudora (Wikipedia) were placed in the public domain in 2006 or so.

In recent years I have indulged in changing to label 5 or 7 (not consistent) when I wanted to highlight a post (usually Powers, of course) as especially interesting or important. Sporadic!

The 36 pdf files in [CSGnet\\_PDF\\_files](#) are a small subset of the 245 Word 2.0 docs files I put together covering 1990 through 2002. Word 2.0 is now ancient. People have trouble opening them. I created the 36 files for this upload to plug holes in the early Eudora record. Each pdf is searchable to be sure, but they each run several hundred pages. I made a point of scanning for ASCII images so they would not be bisected by page breaks.

I started formatting and archiving posts on CSGnet using WordPerfect DOS and kept that up for several years before I converted to Word 2.0. I did not store emails as such and did not use Eudora until much later.

Martin Taylor and Bruce Nevin have both been very helpful with the creation of this Eudora record by submitting their personal Eudora mailbox archives to me. I edited these archives (the .mbx files are text files; can be edited in a text editor) to remove any non-CSGnet posts contained in them. Thanks to Martin and Bruce, you now can search several of the earlier years using Eudora's search tools.

Credit is also due Greg Williams, the original CSGnet archivist, who sent me the first several months of CSGnet traffic. I incorporated that in the series of Word (now pdf) files so that the CSGnet record is complete. I did not join CSGnet until several months after it was started.

Enjoy,

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