My Bills v4.7

What's New?

New Features:

This release of **My Bills** includes two new features as well as correcting a few small bugs.

Continuing the improved use of the 5-way navigation, I have changed the up and down arrows on the *List Bills* form to be included in the navigation stream. The down arrow will only be visible when the list continues on the next screen. Likewise, the up arrow will only be visible once you have moved down in the list. If your display includes the entire list for the month, neither arrow will be visible and will not be included in the navigation stream.

In addition I have implemented an alert function on both the *List Bills* form and the *Reports* form to notify you if there are unpaid bills remaining that were due in the previous month. The alert icon – a red exclamation point – will only appear if you have at least one past due bill in the previous month. At the beginning of a new month, if you do not see the alert icon, you will know that the previous month's bills were paid.

Be Sure to Use the Correct Runtime:

My Bills includes 2 runtimes in the zip file: NSBRuntime.prc and NSBRuntimeARM68K.prc. The runtime must be updated along with the **My Bills** program. The ARM68K runtime takes advantage of the processor used by Palm OS 5.0 and higher. If you are using Palm OS5.0 or higher, you may choose to either use the original NSBRuntime.prc, and **My Bills** will continue

to run as previously, or you may choose the enhanced NSBRuntimeARM68K.prc to take advantage of the speed of the OS5 or higher processor. Do not hot sync both runtime files to your device.

If your device does not run Palm OS 5.0 or higher, you should use NSBRuntime.prc.

Please be sure to hot sync the runtime file of your choice to your palm device along with the My Bills program file. **My Bills** will fail to run properly without one of these two runtimes, and both the program file and the runtime file must reside in main memory, not on an expansion card.

Note: Both runtime files are backwards compatible and will not interfere with previous versions of programs developed with NSBasic. ALSO, both runtimes are listed by Palm OS as NSBRuntime.prc on your Palm device, so once you have hot synced the file you will not be able to tell which is on the palm by the name.

Future Plans:

As most of you probably already know, Palm has decided to abandon the Palm OS as we know it. They have announced a new operating system, called WebOS, to be released sometime in the near future, but have stated that it will not support applications developed for Palm OS. This announcement has disappointed many palm developers, and we are all now looking at other platforms. I myself have started working on the Windows PC and Symbian platforms, and I'm looking very seriously at the iPhone. Apple, unfortunately, had a very restrictive policy toward independent developers, so the iPhone is, for the moment, on hold.

I do not, however, plan to abandon **My Bills** on the Palm OS. I have received many excellent suggestions for further improvements to **My Bills**, and will continue to update as necessary. I sincerely appreciate hearing from my users and try to include new ideas. Please continue to let me know of any problems or special requests.

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