

Bundesversammlung

Manual

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Scripts for extracting Mail addresses of Swiss Members of Parliament

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1 PURPOSE

It is not desirable that members of parliament get flooded with spam. But – sparsely used – a list of mail addresses of the members of parliament is useful. Unfortunately the official web site of the Swiss parliament does not make it easy to extract the mail addresses. On the other hand the composition of the parliament changes often and thus a fixed list in a text file is less useful than a script that will extract the mail addresses from <http://www.parlament.ch/>.

1.1 Bundesversammlung

The application *Bundesversammlung* will extract the mail addresses of the members of the Swiss parliament and store them in a text file.

1.2 User Interface

The application *Bundesversammlung* does not come with a beautiful user interface. Instead you can just double-click on *bin/bv.cmd* which will store the resulting mail addresses in your personal home directory with file name *bv.txt*.

2 PREREQUISITES

Using *Bundesversammlung* was developed as a series of JavaScript modules that can be run as scripts by the Windows Script Host (WSH). Thus it can only be run on the Windows platform. And, of course, it requires access to the Internet (<http://www.parlament.ch/>).

3 INSTALLATION

Bundesversammlung is „installed“, by copying the distribution files to a suitable location (e.g. „C:\Programs\Enter AG\Bundesversammlung“ or „My Documents\Enter AG\Bundesversammlung“, if the *Programs* folder is not accessible to the user). No further „installation“ is necessary. The user installing *Bundesversammlung* does not need any special access rights.

4 USAGE

In a command window enter on the command line

```
bv /h | [/copy] | [/v] [/f] [<outputfile>]
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where

/h	displays usage information
/copy	display GPL
/v	verbose output
/f	force overwrite of output file
<outputfile>	Output file (default: %USERPROFILE%/bv.txt)

If the command *bv.cmd* is not in the Windows system directory, in the current directory or in a directory in the %PATH% environment variable, its absolute file name must be entered instead.

5 FUNCTION

bv.cmd will write an output file containing the mail addresses of the Council of States on the first line and of the National Council on the second line. The mail addresses are separated by semicolons.

6 DISTRIBUTION

Bundesversammlung being an open source program is distributed with the „sources“ in a ZIP file *bv_<v_rr>.zip*. As it only contains interpreted scripts no separate „binary“ package exists.

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