NARS Message Creator

Version 51 | Windows standalone application | Quick-start user primer

Purpose. Prepare, preview, and save draft naval-style ACP-128 messages. This application is an **unclassified prototype**, not a certified operational messaging system. Confirm formatting with NARS before use.

1. Entering a message

Field	What to do
PRECEDENCE	Select the message priority (for example, R - Routine or P - Priority).
STATION SERIAL (SSN)	Message serial number. The application increments it when a message is generated; check the displayed value before use.
FM	Enter the sender station or call sign. Starts blank.
TO	Enter the intended recipient or recipients. Starts blank.
INFO (optional)	Enter additional information addressees, if needed.
SUBJECT	Enter a short subject. The screen shows the number of characters used out of 80.
MESSAGE BODY	Type the unclassified message text. The program formats it into the preview when you generate.

2. The five main buttons

Generate ACP Message

Checks required entries and creates the formatted message in the lower read-only preview. The station serial advances after generation.

Save Preview as TXT

Saves the generated preview as a plain-text (.txt) file. Generate the message first; this is the shareable text output, not an editable draft.

New Message

Starts another message by clearing the current entry fields and preview. A confirmation prompt may appear; choose Yes only when you are ready to clear the current work.

Save Draft

Saves the current message information as a JSON draft so it can be reopened and edited later. Use this before clearing or closing work you want to keep.

Open Draft

Opens a previously saved JSON draft and restores its message fields. A confirmation prompt may appear. After reopening, click Generate ACP Message to recreate the formatted preview.

3. Typical operating sequence

1. Select precedence and verify the station serial number.
2. Enter FM, TO, optional INFO, SUBJECT, and MESSAGE BODY.
3. Click **Generate ACP Message**; inspect the formatted preview.
4. Click **Save Preview as TXT** if you need a text copy, and/or **Save Draft** to preserve editable entries.
5. Use **New Message** to start over, or **Open Draft** to continue a saved message.

4. Quick test example

FM: TEST123 **TO:** TEST456 **SUBJECT:** WINDOWS TEST

MESSAGE BODY: THIS IS A TEST OF NARS VERSION 51.

Click Generate ACP Message. Confirm the preview contains the sender, recipient, subject, and message body. Save the draft, clear the screen, reopen the draft, and generate again.

5. Important notes

Draft vs. text: A JSON draft is for reopening and editing. A TXT preview is the formatted text output.

Serial numbers: Generation advances the station serial; do not assume that reopening a draft restores the previous preview or reverses a serial already used.

Distribution: The Windows .exe can run without a separate Python installation on the tested Windows PCs. New recipient PCs may display security warnings for an unsigned application; recipients should verify the file came from a trusted sender.

Safety: Use only unclassified test or authorized content. This primer describes the observed Version 51 interface, not a formal ACP-128 compliance certification.