Lisimba 1.0

# Short history

This program started as a very small application that was supposed to arrange my friends after birthday. And that because I was frequently forgetting whose birthday is next. The program is able to open a yahoo .csv file containing an address book and take the name and birthdays from there.

I named it “Lisimba”. I am not really sure why. Lack of inspiration I suppose. Lisimba is a male name in Zulu language and means “lion”.

# How to import Yahoo csv address book

1. Export the yahoo address book to a .csv file.

In the “Contacts” section of the old yahoo interface there is in the top-right corner a link “Import/Export”. There you can export the address book in different formats. Choose “Yahoo! CSV” and save the file locally.

1. Import the csv file to Lisimba.

* File->Import->From Yahoo CSV
* Select the csv file saved in the step 1.
* Click Ok.

Right now you may import the yahoo contacts only in a new Lisimba address book. Please check for new versions of Lisimba for an improved import function.

Check the “csv yahoo fields.xls” file for a list with the fields and how they are (or not) imported in my address book.

Note! There is no function to export the address book. I am thinking about that, but I am not sure that it is really useful.

# Sort

You can sort the contacts by:

* birthday - the year is not considered
* birth date - the contacts are ordered after the age of the person (the year is considered)
* first name
* last name
* nickname.

# Command line

If the application is started with the parameter “–f”:

lisimba.exe -f:filename.lsb

or “-filename”:

lisimba.exe -filename:filename.lsb

or even in this way:

lisimba.exe filename.lsb

it opens automatically the specified address book.

# Future features

I want to add the capacity to load and save a .lsb file from/to a web location, and create also a web interface.

Already in development is a windows service that will be able to announce you with proper time in advance about the friend’s birthdays.