MA-All-in-one Anniversary Celebration

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Today marks the one-year anniversary of MA-All-in-one, and I'm thrilled to extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this journey. With your encouragement, I am driven to introduce a plethora of exciting features in its second year of existence!

Over the past year, I've been diligently working, and I'm excited to announce that I've rolled out Thirty-six versions, along with eleven apps and seventeen games, each brimming with enhancements and refinements. You'll find this year's changelog outlined below.

Reflecting on the accomplishments of MA-All-in-one's inaugural year, I'm pleased to present an impressive array of apps and games that now call our platform home:

Apps:

Accessibility Apps:

- Accessigram
- Color Detector

Clients:

ChatGPT Client

Media-related Apps:

- Media Converter
- Media Downloader

Media Player

Miscellaneous Apps:

- Audio-Image Merger
- CD Drive Controller
- MA Midi Keyboard

Productivity Apps:

- MANotepad
- MATranslate

Games:

Board Games:

- Chess
- Snakes and Ladders

Card Games:

- 1000 Miles
- Crazy Eights
- Escoba
- Ninety-Nine
- Scopa
- •War

FPS Games:

MAWorld

Memory Games:

- Mathematical Operations
- Recall Numbers

Miscellaneous Games:

- Endless Objects
- General Knowledge
- Russian Roulette

Rhythm Action Games:

• Bop It

Sports Games:

- Pong
- Showdown

Without further ado, here's a comprehensive list of all the changes implemented over the past year:

Changes:

Changes of version 0.36.0 (Incomplete)

- MAWorld: Added new items.
- MAWorld: Added an inventory system.

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Changes of version 0.35.0 (Thursday, April 25, 2024)

- MAWorld: Shifted the game from online to offline status due to current lack of online expertise.
- MAWorld: Added enemies.
- MAWorld: You can now check the list of your kills by pressing K.
- MAWorld: Added over 8 new weapons.
- MAWorld: Added items.

Changes of version 0.34.0 (Sunday, April 21, 2024)

- Media player: Youtube links now play correctly.
- Improvement: Window handling.
- Media downloader: Recoded the download progress bar.
- Mathematical operations: Added the following operations: Exponents, Square Roots, and Percentages.
- Changes list is now included within the collection itself rather than a text file.

Changes of version 0.33.0 (Wednesday, April 17, 2024)

- Media downloader: Optimized the downloader to make it faster than before.
- Added an about section.
- Miscellaneous apps: Added a new app: MA Midi Keyboard.
- Media player: It's now possible to search YouTube by pressing Control+Y.
- Media player: It's now possible to listen to online radios by pressing Control+R.

Changes of version 0.32.0 (Friday, March 29, 2024)

- Card games: Added a new game: Ninety-nine.
- Card games: Added a new game: Scopa.
- Card games: Added a new game: Escoba.
- Games: R now speaks the current round in round-based games.
- Media downloader: YouTube playlists now have their own folder after downloading.

Changes of version 0.31.0 (Friday, March 22, 2024)

- Card games: Fixed 1000 miles.
- Games: Added bots to the following games: Card games, Russian roulette.
- Games: Pressing W now displays the total number of players in bot-added games.
- Card games: Pressing C now shows the last card on the table.
- Games: Pressing T now indicates whose turn it currently is in bot-added games.

Changes of version 0.30.0 (Wednesday, March 20, 2024)

- Endless objects: Added police cars.
- MA-All-in-one now loads faster than before.
- Endless Objects: Police cars are now capable of colliding with other objects.
- Card games: Added a new game: Crazy eights.
- Card games: Recoded war.

Changes of version 0.29.0 (Monday, March 18, 2024)

- Improved the online translator to be faster than before.
- It's now possible to select the input and output devices when launching MA-All-in-one for the first time.
- Sport games: You'll now be notified of game stats when each game ends.
- Endless objects: Added the following passing ways: Horse, Scoreboard, Bicycle, Car.
- Endless objects: Added items.

Changes of version 0.28.0 (Sunday, March 17, 2024)

- Sport games: Added a new game: Pong.
- Miscellaneous games: Added a new game: Endless objects.
- Fixed exiting from each app or game.
- Added a new category for Games: Rhythm action games.
- Rhythm action games: Added a new game: Bop it.

Changes of version 0.27.0 (Tuesday, March 12, 2024)

- MANotepad: Fixed document management.
- MANotepad: When going to the previous page of a document by hand, It no longer goes to where page starts at.
- MANotepad: It's now possible to open and OCR images.
- Apps: Removed MA OCR as MANotepad performs OCR operations from now on.
- Media Player: Fixed file sorting while navigating to the next/previous file.

Changes of version 0.26.0 (Thursday, February 29, 2024)

- MANotepad: Added options sub menu.
- MANotepad: Sounds can now be muted and unmuted from the options sub menu.
- MA OCR: You can now save the recognized text by pressing Control+S.
- MANotepad: It's now possible to OCR images automatically when opening a document if needed. Toggleable in options sub menu.
- Media downloader: It's now possible to download a list of URLs contained in a file.

Changes of version 0.25.0 (Wednesday, February 28, 2024)

- Apps: PDF management is now better than before in required apps.
- MANotepad: Added page support to text files and specifically to MAT (MAText) file format.
- MANotepad: You can now search between pages by pressing Alt+G.
- MANotepad: You can now find text by pressing Control+F.
- MANotepad: You can now move between lines by pressing Control+G.

Changes of version 0.24.0 (Wednesday, February 28, 2024)

- It's now possible to change input/output devices from settings menu.
- Added a new category for apps: Clients.
- Apps: Moved ChatGPT client from Miscellaneous apps to clients.
- It's no longer possible to receive updates with no active licenses.
- MANotepad can now open and manage PDF files.

Changes of version 0.23.0 (Wednesday, February 21, 2024)

- Added an experimental online translator.
- Added settings menu to the main menu.
- It's now possible to reset settings from settings menu.
- Media related apps: Your preferences now save in each app.
- Media downloader: URLs are now automatically cleared after downloading.

Changes of version 0.22.0 (Wednesday, February 21, 2024)

- Apps: Added an ability to open a random app.
- Recoded Color detector.
- Accessibility: Added a new app: Accessigram (Accessible telegram).
- Memory games: Added a new game: Mathematical operations.
- Miscellaneous games: Added a new game: General knowledge.

Changes of version 0.21.0 (Friday, January 26, 2024)

- Added a new category for Games: Miscellaneous games.
- Fixed conflicts of app and game category names.
- Miscellaneous games: Added a new game: Russian roulette.
 Thanks to Abbass Hoseini for their suggestion.
- Games: Added an ability to play a random game.
- MA All in one now provides comprehensive support for a wider range of Windows operating systems, including Windows 7 SP1(*) (x64, x86), Windows 8.1 (x64, x86), Windows 10 Version 1607+ (x64, x86, Arm64), Windows 11 Version 22000+ (x64, x86, Arm64), Windows Server 2012+ (x64, x86), & Nano Server Version 1809+ (x64). Previously, it was limited to supporting Windows 10 Version 1607+ (x64, x86, Arm64), Windows 11 Version 22000+ (x64, x86, Arm64), Windows Server 2012+ (x64, x86), & Nano 2012+ (x64, x86), & Nano Server 2012+ (x64, x86), Windows Server Core 2012+ (x64, x86), Windows Server Core 2012+ (x64, x86), Windows Server Core 2012+ (x64, x86), & Nano Server 2012+ (x64, x86), Windows Server Core 2012+ (x64, x86), Windows Server Core 2012+ (x64, x86), & Nano Server Version 1809+ (x64).

Changes of version 0.20.0 (Tuesday, December 26, 2023)

 MATranslate: Added the following translation engines: Bing translate, ChatGPT.

- MATranslate: You can now listen to pronunciation of translated texts by pressing Control P.
- MATranslate: Added an ability to automatically detect the source language.
- MATranslate: Added an ability to use multiple translation engines simultaneously.
- You can now purchase your license key from the app.

Changes of version 0.19.0 (Thursday, December 21, 2023)

- Component updater: You no longer receive announcements when components are being updated.
- Productivity: Added a new app: MATranslate.
- You can no longer open multiple instances of the same app or game simultaneously.
- Fixed visibility issues with `MA-All-in-one` window and secondary windows.
- Miscellaneous: Added ChatGPT client.

Changes of version 0.18.0 (Monday, December 11, 2023)

- Added a component updater.
- Accessibility: Added a new app: MA OCR.
- Added an ability to make shortcuts of each app or game within desktop.
- Recoded how notepad opens for better performance.
- MAWorld: Added server uptime.

Changes of version 0.17.0 (Wednesday, November 22, 2023)

- Board games: Added a new game: Snakes and ladders.
- 1000 miles & Chess: The game will now exit later than before when someone wins.

- Games: Current player's turn is now announced when a turn-based game starts.
- Added a new category for apps: Accessibility.
- Accessibility: Added a new app: Color detector.

Changes of version 0.16.0 (Saturday, November 18, 2023)

- Recoded the updater to make the app load faster than before.
- Media downloader: All files downloaded by media downloader now go to the downloads folder in the app folder itself.
- Media downloader: Now the components will check for updates whenever a file is about to be downloaded through them rather than at startup.
- Media player: Displaying elapsed time on screen with Control + T is now accessible to all users.
- Added a help section that can be viewed by pressing F1 in each app or game.

Changes of version 0.15.0 (Tuesday, November 14, 2023)

- Reorganized all Apps and games.
- Combined all downloaders to make a media downloader.
- Renamed file converter to media converter.
- Added a sound updater for all apps and games.
- Added license system.

Changes of version 0.14.0 (Friday, November 10, 2023)

- MAWorld: Fixed wall detection.
- Games: Added a new game: Recall numbers.
- Games: Added a new game: Chess.

- Games: Added a new game: War.
- Games: Added a new game: 1000 Miles.

Changes of version 0.13.0 (Thursday, October 12, 2023)

- You can now open menu items by pressing enter or by clicking via mouse. Thus removed the context menu and ability to open from there.
- Spotify downloader: Download status is now accessible to the blind.
- The main menu now has a size of 800×600 pixels, making it more suitable for a standard window size.
- MAWorld: Fixed air detection in cameras.
- Media player: Title of the playing file now appears at startup.

Changes of version 0.12.0 (Wednesday, October 11, 2023)

- MAWorld: Fixed being in the air.
- MAWorld: Added weapon system.
- Youtube downloader: Fixed the Youtube downloader.
- Youtube downloader: The downloader will now check for update at startup.
- Youtube downloader: Download status is now accessible to the blind.

Changes of version 0.11.0 (Thursday, July 13, 2023)

- MAWorld: Added camera.
- MAWorld: You can now check the camera position by pressing C while holding the G key.
- Games: Added a new game: Showdown.
- Misc: Added MA audio-image merger.

• Misc: Added CD drive controller.

Changes of version 0.10.0 (Monday, July 03, 2023)

- The treeview menu is now collapsed by default.
- Recoded the updater.
- Added a new section: Convertors.
- Convertors: Added MA File Converter.
- Added a new section: Misc.

Changes of version 0.9.0 (Monday, June 26, 2023)

- Added a new section: Text editors.
- Text editors: Added MANotepad.
- Introducing MAT (MA Text File) format.
- Media player: You can now know the elapsed time of the playing track by pressing Control T.
- Media player: You can now go to a specified time of the playing track by pressing Control G.

Changes of version 0.8.0 (Thursday, June 15, 2023)

- MAWorld: Added chatting.
- MAWorld: Added buffers.
- MAWorld: Added an Account system.
- MAWorld: Added an ability to check for the current online players.
- MAWorld: Added pinging.

Changes of version 0.7.0 (Saturday, June 10, 2023)

• Added the application icon (A white chain that connected

two letters of my first name (MA) at the top and two letters of my last name (AB) below it).

- Media player: Fixed uppercase file format detection.
- Media player: Fixed file browsing.
- MAWorld: Added main menu.
- MAWorld: The game is online from now on.

Changes of version 0.6.0 (Sunday, June 04, 2023)

- Media Player: The media player can now play links.
- Now the program will check for updates only when you are connected to the internet.
- MAWorld: Recoded walking.
- MAWorld: Added wall detection when walking.
- The program will now check for updates only when directly run by the user.

Changes of version 0.5.0 (Tuesday, May 30, 2023)

- MAWorld: You can no longer walk with unlimited speed.
- MAWorld: Added jumping and falling system.
- MAWorld: Added health system.
- MAWorld: You can now turn around.
- Added an auto-updater.

Changes of version 0.4.0 (Sunday, May 28, 2023)

- MAWorld: Added zones.
- MAWorld: Added sound sources.
- Added a new section: Media players.
- Media players: Added a media player.
- File downloaders: Added Spotify downloader.

Changes of version 0.3.0 (Thursday, May 18, 2023)

- Added a map system.
- Introducing MA-All-in-one (collection of every possible thing that I wrote and will write in the future).
- Added a new section: File downloaders.
- File downloaders: Added a YouTube downloader.
- MAWorld: You can now go up and down stairs.

Changes of version 0.2.0 (Tuesday, May 09, 2023)

- You can now walk around by pressing arrows.
- Added Text to Speech support.
- You can now press C to check your coordinates.
- Added a sound system.
- You can now press Escape to exit from the game.

Changes of version 0.1.0 (Tuesday, May 02, 2023)

• Released the first version on Tuesday, May 02, 2023.

Price

Two euros per month.

As we celebrate this milestone, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your continuous support and enthusiasm. Together, we've built something truly remarkable, and I'm incredibly excited about the journey ahead. Here's to many more years of innovation, growth, and shared experiences with MA-All-in-one!

Don't forget, To download MA-All-in-one and to purchase your license, please visit <u>here</u>

Thank you once again for being a part of this incredible journey!

Celebrating Norouz: Embracing the Persian New Year

As the winter frost melts away and nature begins to awaken, millions of people around the world prepare to welcome Norouz, the Persian New Year. Rooted in ancient traditions and celebrated with immense joy, Norouz marks the arrival of spring and symbolizes renewal, rebirth, and the triumph of light over darkness.

A Tapestry of Tradition

Norouz, which translates to "New Day" in Persian, has been celebrated for over 3,000 years, tracing its origins to the Zoroastrian religion. Today, it is observed by diverse communities, including Iranians, Kurds, Afghans, Tajiks, and other groups across Central Asia, the Middle East, and parts of the Caucasus.

The festivities typically begin on the vernal equinox, which falls on March 20th or 21st, depending on the year. Preparation for Norouz often starts weeks in advance, with families cleaning their homes, buying new clothes, and stocking up on special foods and decorations.

Rituals and Customs

Central to Norouz celebrations are a series of time-honored rituals and customs, each imbued with symbolic significance. One such tradition is "Chaharshanbe Suri," or the Festival of

Fire, which takes place on the eve of the last Wednesday before Norouz. During this lively event, people leap over bonfires, chanting, "Give me your redness, take away my yellowness," symbolizing the casting off of the previous year's misfortunes and embracing the warmth and vitality of the new year.

On the day of Norouz itself, families gather around the "Haft-Seen" table, an elaborate spread adorned with seven symbolic items, each starting with the Persian letter "S." These may include wheat or barley sprouts (sabzeh) representing rebirth, apples (sib) for beauty and health, garlic (sir) to ward off evil, and vinegar (serkeh) symbolizing age and patience, among others. Other items on the table might include painted eggs, goldfish, a mirror, and candles, all representing different aspects of life and nature.

Haft-Seen Table:

The Haft-Seen table is a central focal point of Norouz celebrations, typically adorned with seven symbolic items, all starting with the Persian letter "S" (pronounced "seen"). Each of these items holds special significance, representing various aspects of life, nature, and wishes for the new year. While the specific items may vary based on regional and family traditions, some of the most common elements include:

- Sabzeh (wheat, barley, or lentil sprouts): Symbolizing rebirth, growth, and the arrival of spring.
- Samanu (sweet wheat pudding): Representing sweetness and affluence.
- Senjed (dried oleaster fruit): Signifying love and wisdom.
- 4. Seer (garlic): To ward off evil spirits and illnesses.
- 5. Seeb (apple): Symbolizing beauty, health, and fertility.
- Somaq (sumac berries): Representing the sunrise and the triumph of good over evil.
- 7. Serkeh (vinegar): Symbolizing age, patience, and wisdom.

In addition to these seven items, families often include other symbolic elements on the Haft-Seen table, such as a mirror (representing reflection and self-awareness), painted eggs (symbolizing fertility and new life), goldfish (representing life and the end of the astrological year), and candles (symbolizing enlightenment and happiness).

The Haft-Seen table is typically arranged with care and attention to detail, often featuring colorful decorations, fresh flowers, and other seasonal items. It serves as a visual representation of the hopes, aspirations, and blessings for the year ahead, inviting family members and guests to reflect on the past and embrace the promise of the future.

Sizdah Be Dar:

Sizdah Be Dar, which translates to "Thirteen in the Outdoors," is a joyous tradition observed on the thirteenth day of Norouz, also known as "Nature's Day." On this day, families and friends gather outdoors for a picnic or recreational activities, enjoying the beauty of nature and the company of loved ones.

Sizdah Be Dar is steeped in ancient customs and superstitions, believed to ward off bad luck and ensure prosperity for the coming year. It is said that if one stays indoors on this day, they risk inviting misfortune upon themselves. Therefore, people eagerly embrace the opportunity to spend time outdoors, often in parks, gardens, or countryside settings.

During Sizdah Be Dar, it is customary to partake in various recreational activities, such as flying kites, playing games, singing songs, and dancing. Some also engage in the tradition of "sabzeh gerdo" (literally "throwing away the sprouts"), where the sprouts from the Haft-Seen table are cast into running water, symbolizing the renewal of nature and the casting off of negativity.

As families and friends come together to celebrate Sizdah Be Dar, they cherish the bonds of kinship and camaraderie, reveling in the beauty of the natural world and expressing gratitude for the blessings of life. It is a day filled with laughter, joy, and the promise of new beginnings, marking the conclusion of the Norouz festivities with a sense of hope and optimism for the year ahead.

Feasting and Festivities

Norouz is also a time for feasting and merrymaking, with families and friends coming together to share traditional dishes and sweets. Specialties like "sabzi polo ba mahi" (herb rice with fish), "kuku sabzi" (herb frittata), and "samanu" (a sweet wheat pudding) are often enjoyed during the holiday. Music, dance, and storytelling further enliven the atmosphere, as people celebrate the joys of spring and the promise of new beginnings.

A Global Celebration

In recent years, Norouz has gained recognition and popularity beyond its traditional boundaries, with celebrations held in cities around the world. From Tehran to Toronto, Kabul to London, multicultural events and public gatherings showcase the rich tapestry of Persian culture and its enduring influence on art, music, cuisine, and literature.

Looking to the Future

As Norouz dawns once again, it serves as a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring power of tradition. In a world marked by rapid change and uncertainty, the rituals of Norouz offer a sense of continuity and connection to the past, fostering bonds of kinship and solidarity across generations and borders.

As families come together to welcome the arrival of spring, they do so with hope in their hearts, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. For in the spirit of Norouz, there is a belief in the endless cycle of renewal, where each ending gives way to a new beginning, and each darkness is followed by the dawn of a brighter day.

Chaharshanbe Suri: Embracing Fire and Bidding Farewell to the Old Year

Chaharshanbe Suri, also known as "Red Wednesday," ignites the festive season leading up to Nowruz, the Iranian New Year. Celebrated on the eve of the last Wednesday of the year, this ancient festival transcends a mere spectacle of fire. It's a vibrant tapestry woven with tradition, symbolism, and the collective anticipation of spring's renewal.

The Dance with Flames

The heart of Chaharshanbe Suri lies in the bonfires that blaze throughout the night. Streets and rooftops transform into a fiery landscape as families and friends gather. The most recognizable tradition is the act of jumping over the flames, accompanied by the chant "Sorkhiye man az to, Zardiye to az man" (My redness to you, your paleness to me). This ritual transcends mere entertainment; it embodies the core essence of the festival. By leaping over the fire, participants symbolically shed the misfortunes and sluggishness of the past year. The flames consume the negativity, leaving behind a sense of purification and rejuvenation, much like the shedding of old skin to embrace a new beginning.

A Night of Diverse Customs

While the fire rituals hold the spotlight, Chaharshanbe Suri boasts a kaleidoscope of other traditions:

- Oracle Seekers: Young girls, particularly unmarried ones, traditionally seek glimpses into their future by approaching fortune-tellers. This practice adds a touch of mystery and intrigue to the festive night.
- Espand: A Smoke of Purification: The burning of Esfand (rue seeds) fills the air with an aromatic fragrance. This practice is believed to ward off evil spirits and usher in good fortune. The smoke is believed to cleanse individuals and their surroundings, creating a protective shield against negativity.
- A Splash of Symbolism: In some regions, a unique custom involves jumping over flowing water, such as streams or pools. This act symbolizes washing away the inauspiciousness of the past year, paving the way for a fresh start.
- A Celebration of Community: The night transcends individual rituals and transforms into a vibrant display of community spirit. Fireworks paint the night sky with bursts of color, laughter fills the air, and families gather for joyous celebrations. This collective revelry strengthens social bonds and reinforces the importance of shared traditions.

A Legacy Rooted in History

Chaharshanbe Suri's rich history stretches back to the roots of Zoroastrianism, an ancient Iranian religion. Fire, revered as a sacred element, signifies purity and transformation. Jumping over the flames echoes the Zoroastrian belief in the transformative power of fire. It serves as a potent symbol of casting away the impurities of the past year and embracing the light and renewal associated with spring.

A Tradition that Endures

Today, Chaharshanbe Suri transcends geographical boundaries. Celebrated not only within Iran but also by Iranian communities worldwide, the festival serves as a significant prelude to the grand festivities of Nowruz. It's a time for families to reconnect, reflect on the year gone by, and set their intentions for a year brimming with prosperity and joy. A Note on Safety: While the allure of the fiery celebrations is undeniable, prioritizing safety remains paramount. Bonfires should be built in designated areas under adult supervision, and participants must maintain a safe distance from the flames. Responsible celebration ensures that the joyous spirit of Chaharshanbe Suri is preserved for generations to come.