WinPack Auto Bulletin Download Tips

Paul g4apl has seen many pleas for help with regards getting WinPack v6.80 Auto Bulletin to work with FBB version 7.x.x. To date Paul has never used WinPack for Mail or Bulletins. Has only tested it as a terminal program and prefers PaKet 6.2 for his use with a TNC.

NOTE:
From the 6 June 2011.
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The new updated English Message format and help files have been installed.
The message listing format is now compatible with OUTPOST and other mail
clients.
WinPac user will need to adjust their Message List Configuration and BBS Prompt


Msg#    TSLD   Size To     @Route   From    Date/Time Subject  [LC-choice: *]
803271 B$    1301 PIC    @WW      JI1FGA 0606/0826 7+ 10112914.jpg info
803270 B$ D  3636 PIC    @WW      JI1FGA 0606/0807 7+ 10112914.jpg 7/7
803269 B$ D  6618 PIC    @WW      JI1FGA 0606/0807 7+ 10112914.jpg 6/7


BBS Prompt now for Xpert mode is
(0) GB7CIP BBS>
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i.e.
"I am trying to set up the auto bulletin download with WinPack v6.80 but seem to be having a little trouble in getting it to work.

WinPack auto connect and checks for my mail but does not down load or upload bulletins or mail"

These are some of the advice that has been given by other well informed Radio Amateurs that use WinPack.

Hope this useful for you in solving your problem.
73 Paul g4apl

Tip 0

Feedback from Mel G4WYW (Thanks Mel de Paul g4apl)
Configuring WINPACK

Personal Information   Log Information
First Name   Second Name   Callsign   Frequency
Name1   *Name2*   *your callsign*   Telnet

QTH   QRA   WAB   Power
Town   *Locator*   *NGR 10KM Square*   10dbw

Email Address   Mode
me<at>a.co.uk   F2D

BBS Information
BBS Callsign   BBS Prompt   "To" Label   "From" label
GB7CIP   GB7CIP **BBS**   To   From

"Date/Time label   "Message #" label   "Title" label
 Date/time   Message #   Title

Message end identifier   Bulletins   Personal
=======[End of message   List   lr $num-   lr

You may/will need to reset the LASTNUM.TXT if using GB7CIP for the first time. Please refer to TIP4

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Tip1

First run WinPack, click on the Help, Help Contents, at the top of the screen.
Two windows should appear side by side.
In the right one click on Auto BBS session and read it first.

Next go to the Options drop down box and click on it.
Click on Personal/BBS Info and go to the bottom right corner where it says List.

In the Bulletins box make sure you have the following in there EXACTLY,
 lr $num-   then lm in the Personal box.
Click OK when done.

Test again

Tip2

Have you setup the Selection List Editor in Winpack?

The "TO" and "Not TO" boxes etc can be empty.
One the right hand side (Auto Times)
Set the times you want to connect (in the little white box above "OK")
example: using the 24 hr clock
00:20 Mail
00:40 Mail
01:20 Mail
01:40 PRUNE

Also under (Mail)Mail Options, put a tick in the top three boxes
Use Compressed Forwarding
Use Compressed Download
Use split sessions.

under Options
tick enable remote

Tip3

Check out the contents in the following URL
http://www.theskywaves.net/ax25/UserManlWinPack6_80_page_185_186.pdf

Tip4

Check out the contents in the following URL
http://www.theskywaves.net/fbb/FBB_WINPACK_COMPRESS_FORWARDING_TIP.pdf

Tip5

This is all covered in the WinPack Help File or the Manual
http://www.theskywaves.net/fbb/UserManlWinPack6_80.pdf

Tip6

Hi Paul,

I thought I would give you an update re my forwarding probs...

I am not sure how well you know Winpack but I edited the packet.ini file so that it does not try to auto resume and so far so good!

I was watching carefully what was happening and it was seeming to crash when it was 'resuming' a broken download/upload.

So fingers crossed!

It will probably crash when I upload this message - hi...