The BPQ Terminal

If you are using WinPack in BPQ mode, a simple terminal program is available, so that you can connect to the node on more than one stream. This program can be started either from the program group, or by clicking the BPQ Terminal button on the tool bar (only available when WinPack is in BPQ mode).

You can start several copies of this program. They will be indentified as "Terminal 1", "Terminal 2", etc. The size and screen position of each Terminal is remembered between sessions.

The terminal includes a virtual TNC, which supports a subset of the commands used by the WinPack virtual TNC. To find out what commands are available, use the "DISP" command.

The top window is a monitor window, the centre window shows the text received on your stream. You can drag the bar between the windows to resize them.

The single line bottom window is the transmit window - anything you want to send you must key into that window and press <Return>. There are eight scroll back buffers available for the tx window, so you can reuse previous commands by pressing the up and down cursor keys.

The small window at the bottom left shows either "Disconnected" or the callsign of the connected station and the stream being used. E.g. "GB7IDE [2]".

To connect to the node from the terminal use "C", to connect to another station use e.g. "C GB7IDE".

If you press the Pause button, the windows aren't updated until you either click the button again, or 30 seconds elapses. This is to allow you to view the scroll back buffer more easily.

The Disconnect button can be used for breaking a connection.

If you drop down the System menu (the menu accessed by clicking on the top left-hand corner of the screen), there are options for changing the fonts and the background colours for the windows. You can set different colours and fonts for each terminal. So, if you have opened two terminals, "Terminal 1" and "Terminal 2", and you change the fonts or colours for "Terminal 2", the fonts and colours used by "Terminal 1", on this session or future sessions, are not affected. (If a custom set of fonts and colours have never been set for a terminal, then the default is to use the "Terminal 1" setup).

An idle Terminal, i,e, one not connected to anything, can pick up an incoming connection to your callsign if WinPack is occupied with another connection.