

SELECT.TXT Editor

(For help on the Auto Times, see AUTOTIME.TXT).

The eight lists represent the eight sections in the WinPack SELECT.TXT file. These tell WinPack what bulletins you want to automatically tag for downloading, and they also allow you to specify items that you don't want to download. As the message list is received from the BBS, each message header is checked against these lists, and WinPack decides whether or not to tag that header for automatic download of the message.

To add an item to a list, key it into the one line box under the list and then press <Return>. To delete an item in a list, click the mouse on it to highlight it and then press the <Delete> key.

The four lists at the top allow you to specify what you want to select for automatic tagging for download. Their meaning should be obvious. Examples:-

If you want to download bulletins to WINPAC, you would put "WINPAC" in the "[TO]" list.

If you want to download bulletins with "LOTTERY NUMBERS" in the title, you would put "LOTTERY NUMBERS" in the "[TITLE TEXT]" list.

The "[AT]" ("@") list isn't much use in the UK, because "@" is used to define the forwarding area, so it is almost always "GBR", "EU" or "WW". (Please don't put any of these in the selection list - your sysop won't be very happy at the number of bulls you will be downloading!). The one exception is "AMSAT" which is used as an "@" field.

The four lists at the bottom are for specifying things you **don't** want to download - they act as filters on your selections. They are checked first, so if a bulletin would have been tagged because it matches one of your selections, but it also matches something in one of your "NOT" sections, it won't be tagged. Examples:-

If you don't want to download any bulletins from G4IDE, even if they would have been tagged by one of your selections, you would put "G4IDE" in the "[NOT FROM]" list.

If you don't want to automatically download 7plus files, then putting "7+" and "<+AUTO7P" in "[NOT TITLE TEXT]" will stop most of them.

PLEASE make good use of SELECT.TXT! It can help to prevent WinPack users getting themselves a bad name by indiscriminately downloading large numbers of bulletins.

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AUTOTIME.TXT Editor

(For help on the selection lists, see SELECT.TXT).

The "Auto Times" list allows you to tell WinPack the times at which you want it to make automatic connections to your local BBS. If you are using it with WinPack V6.3 or later, then you can also use it to tell WinPack the times at which you want the bulletins list to be automatically pruned.

If an entry is marked "MAIL", then, on that connect, any personal mail waiting on the BBS will be downloaded and mail waiting to be sent will be uploaded, but bulletins will not be downloaded.

Entries marked "PRUNE" are special - they tell WinPack to automatically prune the bulletins list. The pruning method used by WinPack is as if you have selected "Read Bulletins" and then clicked the "Prune" button without marking a block - the list is trimmed back to the number set in "Bulletins List Prune Size", using whatever option you have set for "Block Delete Bulletins". (More help on pruning can be found in the WinPack on-line help.)

To add new times to the list, key them into the one line window underneath the list and press <Return>. The input format is fairly free, all the following are acceptable:-

1234
12:34
12:34 MAIL
12:34M
1234P
12:34 PRUNE
etc.

To delete a time from the list, highlight the time and press the <Delete> key.

Getting Started

If you've got this far, you've probably already successfully got started!

The most important thing is that the files SELEDIT.EXE and SELEDIT.HLP are in your main WINPACK directory. If the lists in SELEDIT are coming up blank, you've probably put these files in the wrong place.

Saving Your Changes

Clicking the "Ok" button terminates the program and saves the lists in SELECT.TXT and AUTOTIME.TXT. Clicking the "Cancel" button terminates the program and doesn't save any changes you might have made.

Any changes you make to your selections will not take effect until you restart WinPack.

About SELEDIT

SELEDIT is written by Roger Barker, G4IDE. It is designed to make it easier to edit the WinPack SELECT.TXT and AUTOTIME.TXT files, in the hope that people will make more effective use of these files.

SELEDIT is dedicated to all those who say that the UK packet network is only for mail - it is dedicated to proving them wrong!

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