PowerComm

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A PowerBBS Communications Front End!

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PowerCOMM is a very easy to use COMMunications program. It has the capability to call any ANSI-compatible BBS, however its main advantage is when calling a PowerBBS System (and most likely the reason you have picked this program up!). Please read this entire documentation before attempting its use. PowerCOMM requires Windows/A Modem/A Mouse. If you do not have these 3 items, this program will not work for you.

PowerComm permits you to use your MOUSE remotely, and to see actual graphics from your local BBS. Note that PowerComm saves some ANSI screens and Graphic files to disk. This is to permit quick retrieval the second time your call a bbs! The first time may be a little slower, but you'll speed by the next time around!

Please note that you must have a working copy of PKUNZIP.EXE in your path, for PowerComm to correctly receive graphics!

Both PowrComm.Exe and UnZip.BAT should be placed in a directory of their own! UnZip.BAT MUST be placed in the same directory.

To make use of POWERCOMM connections to a PowerBBS, requires the PowerBBS version that was made for your PowerCOMM. For example, version 1.0 of PowerCOMM will talk to v1.73 of PowerBBS. When trying to call other versions, you will only get an ANSI detect. When you do get an ANSI detect, you can download the latest PowerCOMM version, and update for the latest.

To setup PowerCOMM, you have to first have the COM switches in the SYSTEM.INI set up. **In order to use PowerCOMM, you MUST have a BUFFER of at least 2000 bytes!**

To set up such a buffer, edit your SYSTEM.INI. Edit the ComXBuffer for your particular com port.

Com2Buffer=2048

Sets a 2048 byte buffer for the com2:. For futher information on this, and other settings refer the your Windows manual (and also informational .TXT files in your \Windows directory).

Once you have completed setting up the information in the SYSTEM.INI, unzip PowerCOMM into a directory of its own (we suggest \PowrComm). Create the ICON for PowerCOMM, and run-it.

The first time you run PowerCOMM, the SET-UP dialog screen should appear. You must carefully set this screen up, or else problems may occur.

SET-UP options:

COM PORT: Select the COM Port number you want to use.

BAUD RATE: Enter the highest baud rate that you modem can handle.

LOCK BAUD: If you want PowerCOMM to always use this Baud Rate, then select this. (Note that using the lock baud may require special initializing to you modem)

PORT BASE #: Enter the port base # of the com port, such as $2f8. This number should be the same as you selected in SYSTEM.INI

MODEM INITIALIZATION STRING [1]: PowerBBS will send this to the modem when you first load PowerComm.

MODEM INITIALIZATION STRING [2]: PowerBBS will send this after the first string is sent.

Note: You must have a &D0 setting with any other required dip settings, to set the DTR to not drop carrier on a change. The API sometimes drops DTR, which results in a drop of carrier if you do not use a &D0 setting.

ATDT (CALLING INIT) STRING: You should either enter ATDT or ATDP, depending on if you want to use pulse dialing or not.

YOUR NAME! : Type your full name here. This name is used automatically when you log on to PowerBBS Sytems. **Put your FULL NAME here.**

After filling out the SETUP, you will now enter the PowerCOMM system. PowerCOMM is typical of such a GUI system, and you should already understand the basics about menus, etc.

When you want to QUIT, select the first MENU OPTION! This will close the COM PORT, etc.

The TERMINAL MENU option will give you the ability to call systems, and download/upload files.

At the DIAL MENU, you will first have to ADD a BBS entry (you can later EDIT this entry in the same way).

ENTRIES:

BBS NAME (8 Characters): Enter 8 LETTERS on the BBS. **This is IMPORTANT.** The name you put here, will become a subdirectory if this is a PowerBBS sytem (if it isn't a PowerBBS, then the info you put here is just for your own information). As you connect to a PowerBBS system, information will be placed in this directory. This will give you the ability to store screens, instead of having to continually receive them, saving you time.

DESCRIPTION: You can put whatever you like here, to help you remember about this BBS.

PHONE #: Enter the phone number here.

PASSWORD: Enter the password you will use (or have already used) on this system. If you call a PowerBBS System, this PASSWORD will automatically be sent to the system!

PowerCOMM is a user supported Product. If you use this PRODUCT, you are required to **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POWERBBS SYSTEM!!**

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You are licensed to use PowerComm for 30 days. Being a shareware product, if you would like to REGISTER you should do so. Information on registering is provided for in the opening screens of PowerComm!

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