

Connecting to a TeleFinder BBS

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Click in the Connect button to place the call. See the “Setting up TeleFinder” section if you need instructions for setting the telephone number or choosing a modem configuration.

TeleFinder dials the number using your modem and then waits for the BBS to answer your call. TeleFinder automatically will make repeated attempts to connect to a busy line. Click in the Cancel button to stop.

You normally see the following messages in the Call Progress portion of the Connection window while TeleFinder is connecting.

Opening the Connection...

Connection Established...

After the modems connect, TeleFinder logs you on to the bulletin board. This is when the bulletin board checks your name and password. The BBS starts this process. You should see these messages displayed in the dialer as log on takes place.

Waiting for the host...

Sending name and password...

Waiting for authorization...

Successful connection!

If the log on fails, it is usually because the modems did not make a good connection. Poor connections often result from using the wrong settings. Correct TeleFinder’s modem configuration if necessary. Contact your BBS system operator for assistance if you have problems connecting, or if your modem is not shown in the Modem Setups list.

If your password is incorrect the BBS sends a “TeleFinder Message” saying that your name or password did not match. If necessary, verify the password with your BBS system operator or reenter it and try again.

If you are not yet a registered user of your BBS or your logon name is misspelled your BBS will send you

a message explaining what to do next. If you are already a user of the BBS, correct the name and password in the Connection window and try again. If you are a new user of the BBS, fill in the registration form to request an account.