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                    ADVICE: A new requester from BOTH Software
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            Usage : Advice

TITLE/A,BODY/A,BUTTONTEXT=BUTTON/K,POSITION=POS/K,PUBSCREEN/K

Arguments:


            TITLE
              <text> - Title text for requester window.

            BODY
              <file> - Body text for requester window.

            BUTTONTEXT
              <text> - Button text. (default "_Continue")

            POSITION
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                         <pos> - Open requester window at <pos>.
>or POS                     Values are: CENTERSCR, TOPLEFTSCR,
                            CENTERWIN, TOPLEFTWIN, POINTER.

              PUBSCREEN
               <screen>- Public screen name.
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DESCRIPTION

Advice is a general purpose advisory requestor. It's function
is to present the user with a ReqTools-like requester. This requester
displays text in the window and offers one Button to clear the requester.
The text comes from a file.

Example:

    Advice TITLE "Info for you" BODY RAM:help.txt BUTTONTEXT "_I See"

    Click here to see it in action.

Advice is very much like rtEZrequest. The main difference is that BODY
information comes from a text file and not from the command line.

MUInt Users:

Calling Advice from a button is easy. If the TITLE has spaces in it
(and it probably will) call Advice like this:

echo >>ram:X.button "HELP;Advice *"Help Text*" X.help.txt"

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    TITLE

TITLE is a Required argument and it is Positional.

This information appears in the top bar of the window. It should
describe the kind of information the user is reading.

    Advice TITLE "Installation Instructions"

The word TITLE does not have to be used as long as the text is
presented as the first string following the name of the requester.

    Advice "Installation Instructions"

There is no default value for TITLE. If you choose not to present
any information in the window you must include a null string as
the first string after the argument.

The text you assign as TITLE will be truncated if the window is

too narrow to render it.

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BODY

BODY is required and positional.

This is the text that appears inside the window. Use Advice to give specific instructions to the user.

 Advice "Installation Instructions" BODY RAM:help.txt

The word BODY does not have to be used as long as the text is pres-
ented as the next string following TITLE.

The text must come from a textfile. If a path is necessary, include
it like this:

BODY DH2:extrainfo.txt

If the filename has a space in it, enclose the entire path/filename
in double quotes.

BODY "DH2:Extra Info.txt"

FORMATTING THE TEXT

The text must have a newline at the end of each line. Write the text
with your text editor and format the document manually. We suggest a
maximum right margin of 70. The maximum number of lines should be 40
although Advice will accept a textfile of any length. The appearance
of the text inside the requester is controlled by the line width and
number of lines.

Do not embed ANSI characters in the text. They won't show.

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BUTTONTEXT

BUTTONTEXT is optional.

The default value is "_Continue". If you don't call a BUTTONTEXT
value, Advice will supply the default for you.

You cannot assign multiple buttons. If you dan't want to use the
default, the syntax is this:

BUTTONTEXT "buttontext"

Any keypress will return a zero to $RC, and close the requester.
Keyboard shortcuts are allowed. The UNDERSCORE character is used for
shortcuts.

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BUTTONTEXT "_buttontext"
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PUBSCREEN
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PUBSCREEN is optional.

If you want a requester to appear on a Public Screen, enter the
Public Screen name. Example:

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PUBSCREEN WorkBench
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POSITION or POS
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You may use the name POSITION or POS interchangeably.
With this argument, you may place the requester on several places on
the screen. The options are:

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 CENTERSCR     Centers the requester in the screen.
               CENTERSCR is the default if no other option is used.
 TOPLEFTSCR    Top left corner of the screen
 CENTERWIN     Centers the requester in the active window
 TOPLEFTWIN    Top left corner of the active window
 POINTER       Places the window so the pointer is over a button
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If you don't specify POSITION, Advice will appear under the pointer.

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Installation
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COPY the file Advice to anyplace in the path. SYS:c would be a good
place to park it.

1.9 bs

Advice was written to compliment MUI Interface, a package that generates
and controls a MUI GUI from a DOS script. If you use DOSReqTools, you
will see that Advice is very much like rtEZrequest.

If you find any bugs or have any comments, please contact the Authors.
Email messages will be answered immediately. Snail Mail letters will
take longer since we never learned to read.

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That means if you like it and use it, you may send us a Gift.
A birthday card or email would be nice. We would really like
to hear about how you've used the requester.

If you feel the requester could be made more useful, please contact

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right notices.

The exception to this requirement would be if you wrote a script that
used the requester. Advice may be distributed with your script(s).

Advice may be included in any archive collection.

Tested on a 4000, 3000, 2000, 1000, 600, 500, and 1200 without problems.

Advice is free of Enforcer hits.

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You must have the ReqTools.library installed.
ReqTools.library is not included here.
WorkBench 2.x and up is required.