

METZ Dialer October 7, 1990

METZ Software Support (206)-641-4525
P.O. Box 6042 Sales 1-800-447-1712
Bellevue, Wa., 98008-0042, U.S.A. International (206) 641-4525
Fax (206) 644-6026

GEnie: A.METZ Compuserve: [73567,1637]

Overview

Dialer is a popup, speed dialer which, when coupled with a Hayes compatible modem, provides a quick and convenient method of dialing phone numbers. A customizable pulldown menu allows you add names and numbers you frequently call.

The Names option under the Dial menu allows you to maintain the names and phone numbers in your Dialer menu. For example, to add a name and phone number select Dial Names. The Names dialog will appear, from which you can now select the Add button, upon which a final dialog will appear, which is where you enter the name as it will appear under the Dial menu and the phone number to be dialed upon selection. Select Save, and Save again, and the name should now appear under the Dial menu.

When a name is selected from the Dial menu, the number being dialed will appear in the edit field above the numeric keypad. Then dialer will begin dialing the number (including the prefix if configured) and display the call in progress information at the bottom of the dialpad. You can click on OK/Stop or press Escape at any time to disconnect Dialer from the modem (the modem will affect your phone speaker volume until you do so). If you have not picked up your phone when you select OK/Stop, the line will be dropped (hungup).

The last number dialed is displayed by Dialer, even when it is closed and re-opened. You can select Dial or press Enter to have Dialer make a call using the currently displayed number.

For your convenience, the license number XDEVAL will allow you evaluate this application for a limited time without the usual reminder screens popping up.

Non-registered users

This release is a demonstration version and as such is not to be sold. Dialer may only be distributed for free (or at cost) as the following group of files: DIALER.EXE, DIALER.DOC, DIALER.XLM, METZ.ORD, APPS.WRI. These files may not be modified in any way.

Use for purposes other than evaluation requires payment of the registration fee. Once you register and receive a license number you are automatically allowed to upgrade to future releases. It is important that you register this application to help insure continued support and development. Our intention is to provide useful, user-friendly applications at a low cost, and your support helps make that possible.

All available functionality is enabled in this version to provide you the ability to effectively evaluate this application.

Ordering information is included in the file METZ.ORD or available by contacting METZ Software. All orders will receive a disk containing the latest versions of our products.

Using Dialer

If you have trouble dialing a number, make sure that your configuration is correctly set. Phone numbers are not validated and are assumed to be in a Hayes compatible format.

You will need to register Dialer in order to add more than 10 names to the menu.

Information in this document is subject to change without notice and does not represent any commitment on the part of METZ Software. No warranties of any kind are associated with this product.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome, and help make this application a better product.

Thank you for your support.

File Descriptions

DLR.EXE or DIALER.ZIP - Archive file containing the following files:

DIALER.EXE - The METZ Dialer program. (required)

DIALER.DOC - This file.

DIALER.XLM - Sample Excel macro for DDE Dialing.

METZ.ORD - METZ Software order form.

APPS.WRI - METZ Software application descriptions.

METZ Dialer version history

Version 2.21

* This version has some changes and options addressing the dialing speed and modem compatibilities:

Dialer now performs modem initialization the first time a number is dialed. Subsequent attempts to dial a number will skip the initialization process. Should Dialer have trouble dialing an number more than once, please add the following line to your WIN.INI file: [METZ Dialer] -- find this header hayes=0 -- add this line If you have a truly Hayes compatible modem, try adding the following line to the Dialer section of your WIN.INI file: [METZ Dialer] -- find this header hayes=1 -- add this line Remove this line if Dialer has trouble dialing or disconnecting. * An obscure bug when printing single columns has been fixed.

Version 2.2

- * You can now enter longer phone numbers (up to 60 characters, although the modem does have its limitations).
- * Dialer still had problems with some modems. Seems that my attempt to "reach out and dial" via a wider range of modems caused some new incompatibilities. So, now there is an option to reset the modem in the configuration dialog. If you have trouble getting Dialer to dial a number, try selecting the "Reset modem before dialing" option. If you can't get Dialer to dial and you are sure that the configuration is correct or it did work in the past, please let us know.

Version 2.1

- * Dialer did not work with some older or non-standard Hayes compatible modems. This version now should work on a wider variety of Hayes "compatible" modems. The performance of the dialing process has been improved as well.
- * The Dial button now becomes the OK/Stop button when dialing is in progress. Simply click on the OK/Stop button once the number has been dialed and you have picked up the phone, or when you wish to stop the dialing process.
- * An option to display various area codes and country codes has been added to the Info menu. The values can be sorted numerically or alphabetically.
- * The configuration dialog will ignore the preliminary modem command if it is set to ATDT or ATDP as this is already automatically generated by the dialing process.

Version 2.01

- * Dialer had a bug which caused it to fail when a long phone number was added to the Dial menu. This has been fixed.

Version 2.0

- * This version is compatible with Windows 2.x and 3.0.
- * Please check your modem configuration, previous versions of Dialer used the configuration set by Phones. Due to possible conflicts Dialer now maintains a separate configuration.
- * Dialer now can dial a number via DDE. A sample macro for Excel is included (DIALER.XLM). Be sure that you have configured your modem with Dialer. When using Microsoft Excel, load DIALER.XLM, then, to dial a number, select a cell in your spreadsheet which contains a phone number and press CTRL+D (Control D). Dialer will then begin the process of dialing the number. A dialog box will appear asking you to pick up the phone. Press OK after the number has been dialed and your phone is off hook.
- * A preliminary modem command has been added to the Control Modem dialog. This field can be set to a modem command you wish to have sent just before Dialer dials a number. For example, some users need to turn the speaker on, so they would place ATM1 in this field, and Dialer will issue an ATM1 to the modem before dialing. Other possible uses would be for volume control. See your modem reference manual for the command options and syntax. Note, only certain commands are useful for this option. Does anybody want a post dialing modem command option?
- * Several modifications have been made to improve the dialing process and modem compatibilities.

Version 1.1

- * Dialer will now dial phone numbers containing characters. Each character is translated to the corresponding number on a normal phone dial pad before dialing. (i.e. 555-SNOW will be dialed as 555-7669) The characters can be upper or lower case. Note that some characters are not on the dialpad and will not be translated.

Version 1.0 - released 3/90

* first public release