Internet Support

RFD Mail supports several dialup Internet-access sites, including World Unix, MV Communications, Islenska menntanetid, The Portal System, George Mason University, GreenNet, Netcom Online Communications, Panix, The Internet Access Company, The Direct Connection, The WELL, CRL, and Hong Kong SuperNET. The supplied Post Office comes setup with entries for World Unix, MV Communications, and The Direct Connection. Support for one of the other services can be easily added by creating an entry using the appropriate script file, as listed below:

panix.scr	Panix
netcom.scr	Netcom Online Communications
tiac.scr	The Internet Access Company
well.scr	The WELL
crl.scr	CRL
hksuper.scr	Hong Kong SuperNET
ismennt.scr	Islenska menntanetid
portal.scr	The Portal System
green.scr	GreenNet
gmumason.scr	George Mason University

All of the above script files (with the exception of ismennt.scr) are very similar to the unix.scr file, usually with only simple changes to aliases in the beginning of the file to account for different prompts and messages sent by each system. They all transfer mail using the ZMODEM file transfer protocol, which is very efficient error-correcting protocol. Because it is so efficient, it is recommended that the Flow setting in the Post Office entry be set to **Xon/Xoff** to prevent overrunning either the host or your local computer. If you have difficulties with file transfer the scripts are easily configurable to use either XMODEM or YMODEM.

The script files are highly configurable through liberal use of script aliases. For example, if you use a shell other than /bin/csh (bash for example), you can easily adjust the script to accomodate your shell's prompt by changing the "prompt" alias. This and other options are documented within the script files.

Signing up:
If you do not belong to any of the above Internet sites and wish to subscribe, here is the phone contact information for each service, current as of May 1994:

(212)-877-4854	Panix
(415)-332-4335	The WELL
(408)-973-9111	The Portal System
(408)-554-8649	Netcom
(415)-381-2800	CRL
(617)-275-2221	The Internet Access Company