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Installation

Installing and setting up Net Connector is quick and easy. Simply unzip the files into a temporary directory, and run "Install". The installation program will install Net Connector in a directory of your choice, and create a program group with an icon for "Net Connector Setup". When the installation is complete, run "Net Connector Setup", and fill in the <u>Communications</u> <u>Program Options</u> and the <u>Connection Options</u>.

When you have completed selecting the setup options, click on the "Save As" icon, and specify a name for this instance of Net Connector. I would suggest you select a fairly descriptive name (long names are okay, of course), because in the next step you will be asked if you would like an icon created for this instance. If you click "Yes", the icon created will be labeled "Net Connector" plus the file name you have selected.

You will need to repeat this setup process for each communications program you wish to run with Net Connector.

That's it. When you double-click the icon you have created, Net Connector will open and dial the connection you choose, and then run your communications program.

About Net Connector

If you have installed and used Dial-Up Networking, you know you must first open the Dial-Up Networking connection, click on "Connect", and then run the communications program you want to use. When you are finished, you then must close the connection. Dial-Up Networking "should" open when a communications program "needs" it, but this doesn't work with many programs, and you still need to click the "Connect" button to actually make the connection, and click "Disconnect" when you are done. These extra mouse clicks can be tedious and annoying, especially if you are connecting several times a day.

Net Connector makes all this unnecessary. Once you have set up Net Connector for your communications programs, it will automatically open the specified Dial-Up Networking connection, send the "Connect" command, and open the communications program. Net Connector will then (optionally) monitor the connection, re-connect if the connection is accidentally broken, and close the connection when you close your communications program. A "Delay" option is available, which will keep the connection open for a specified period of time, so that you can close one communications program and open another without having to re-dial. And since Net Connector is a small program (only 21.5 KB!)which only needs to run when you run your communications programs, it has virtually no impact on system resource use.

With Net Connector, you can now go straight to your favorite web site with a single click, or with the help of a scheduler, you can run Internet sessions automatically. And you can do this without adding another permanent "resident" program to your system.

Net Connector installation places the following files on your system:

In the Net Connector directory: Net Connector.exe Net Connector Setup.exe About Net Connector.exe Net Connector Help.hlp

In the Windows\System directory:

COMDLG32.OCX COMCTL32.OCX CTL3D32.DLL MFC40.DLL MSVCRT20.DLL MSVCRT40.DLL OLEPRO32.DLL SPIN32.OCX STKIT432.DLL VEN2232.OLB

(Some or all of the above system files may already be on your system. Net Connector installation will only replace these files if the ones on your machine are older versions.)

Net Connector also requires VB40032.DLL to be in the Windows\System directory. To reduce file size, and thus download times, this file is not included with Net Connector. Many people have it on their machines already, and it is available online at a number of locations, including the Bay Area Building web site (www.baybuild.com).

Files

Registration

Net Connector is shareware, not freeware. It's a simple program, but has required more hours than I want to think about to write, test, and refine. If you find Net Connector useful, please register it by sending a check or money order for \$15 to :

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For your convenience I have contracted <u>NorthStar Solutions</u> to process registrations with Visa or MasterCard credit cards. They may be contacted <u>for orders only</u> via any of the following methods:

Voice: 1-800-699-6395 (10:00 a.m. - 10: p.m., EST. Calls from the U.S. only.) 1-803-699-6395 (10:00 a.m. - 10: p.m., EST.)
Fax: 1-803-699-5465
E-Mail: America Online: STARMAIL CompuServe: 731561,2751 Internet: STARMAIL@aol.com
Please have the following information ready when you call: Program name and version (Net Connector, Ver 1) Your Visa or MasterCard # and expiration date.

Registration of Net Connector will get rid of that nasty little bug screen, and will entitle you to free upgrades for a period of one year from the date of registration. Note: the <u>NorthStar Solutions</u> contact information is for <u>credit card registration only</u>. If you have any problems running Net Connector, or have comments, suggestions, or requests for changes, please contact me at the above snail mail address or at:

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Microsoft Network	Peter_Amick

And be sure to check my web page at http://www.baybuild.com for updates.

Thank you for your support

Peter Amick Bay Area Building

Communications Program Options

Use this tab to select the options relating to the communications program (i.e. web browser, mail program, etc.) that you wish to use. Click on an option to see a brief explanation.

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Parameters or Script:			Browse

Legal Stuff

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No one may modify or change the Net Connector executable files in any way, including but not limited to decompiling, disassembling, or otherwise reverse engineering the programs.

Select Dial-Up Networking connection to use. The drop-down list will show all the connections that Net Connector has found on your system.

Select this option if you want the connection closed when the communications program is closed.

Enter the path and file name of the communications program that Net Connector should run.

Select the window style for the communications program.

Enter any command line parameters for the communications program, e.g. scripts to run, Web locations to go to, etc.

Sets a delay (in seconds) between the closing of the communications program and closing of the connection.

Select this option if you would like Net Connector to reestablish the connection if it is broken while in use.

How many times would you like Net Connector to reestablish the connection?

This option minimizes the connection window once the connection is established.

Connection Options

Use this tab to select the options relating to the Dial-Up Networking connection that you wish to use.

Click on an option to see a brief explanation.

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