

IPDial

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Chapter 1

IPDial

1.1 IPDial 2.1 Documentation

IPDial V2.1
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A dialer for SLIP/PPP connections with shell terminal program, released under the GNU General Public License (see included file COPYING).

Introduction	What's all this about?
Features	What makes IPDial different from other dialers?
License	GNU General Public License
Installation	How to install IPDial on your machine
Updating	Read this if you have used IPDial before
Using IPDial	How can IPDial be started?
Script commands	IPDial's own script language
Common problems	Read this if you script does not work
History	What has changed between the releases?
Future	What might be implemented next?
Acknowledgements	Thanks go to...
Authors	Who wrote all this?

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1.2 Introduction to IPDial

IPDial is used to establish a SLIP, CSLIP or PPP connection to an ISP (Internet service provider). This is done using a script file which consists of commands like SEND "ATZ" or WAIT "CONNECT". After the connection is

established, IPDial usually logs in with your user account and activates SLIP/PPP on the remote machine. When all this is successfully done, IPDial exits and your SLIP/PPP device takes over the line.

When you want to disconnect, you can also use IPDial to make to modem physically hang up the line after SLIP/PPP has terminated.

Furthermore, IPDial has a built-in terminal mode which uses the current shell window. If something fails while IPDial is trying to establish a connection, you can just press Ctrl-F to enter the terminal mode and log in manually.

1.3 Features of IPDial

IPDial has several features that many other dialers lack:

- built-in shell terminal mode: You can always interrupt your dial script if something went wrong or enter a secret password without writing it into your dial script file.
- IPDial can read the serial configuration (device, unit, baud rate and handshake protocol) from a SANA configuration file. If you ever want to use a different device, unit or baud rate, just change it for your SANA device and IPDial will automatically use your new settings.
- own script language: Simple but powerful BASIC-like language. You can, for example, scan the input stream for dynamic IP addresses and store them in environment variables.
- very small: IPDial is less than 23 KB small and uses very little memory while running.
- sample scripts included: Just adapt one of the example scripts to your needs. You don't have to write your own programs!
- IPDial is absolutely free of charge with full source code included (see the GNU General Public License for details).

1.4 Installing IPDial on your computer

To install IPDial on your machine just copy the executable IPDial to a directory in your command path. If you are using AmiTCP, AmiTCP:bin might be a good choice.

Next, adapt one of the supplied example login scripts (Login-SLIP.IPDial or Login-PPP.IPDial) and the hangup script Hangup.IPDial to your needs and copy them to your hard disk (AmiTCP:db might be a good place). For a list of script commands, see chapter Script commands.

1.5 Updating from IPDial 1.x and 2.0

IPDial 2.1 is based on IPDial 1.7, the last release from Jochen. The changes from IPDial 1.8/1.9 have not been included - if you really need the delay after DoIO() (as in IPDial 1.8/1.9) just recompile IPDial with a delay value set in IPDial.h.

You can use your old dial scripts but you might have to change them because IPDial 2.1 is not 100% compatible to IPDial 1.x and 2.0:

- the DELAY command now takes 2 arguments: seconds and milliseconds. If you haven't used decimals before, you don't have to change anything. Otherwise change e.g.

```
DELAY 1.5 to DELAY 1 500
```

```
DELAY 0.25 to DELAY 0 250
```

and so on.

- the arguments of the SEND command are now separated by spaces (as the ECHO command always did). If you have only been using quoted strings you don't have to change anything. Otherwise change e.g.

```
SEND $MyUsername \r to SEND $MyUsername\r
```

```
SEND a b c d to SEND abcd
```

and so on.

- if you have used multiple arguments for one command, either put them in one pair of quotes or don't use quotes at all. Things like

```
SYSTEM "Copy" "ENV:MYVAR ENVARC:MYVAR"
```

won't work - use

```
SYSTEM "Copy ENV:MYVAR ENVARC:MYVAR"
```

of

```
SYSTEM Copy ENV:MYVAR ENVARC:MYVAR
```

instead.

- the SHOWPARAMS and SET commands have been removed in IPDial 2.1. Some options of the SET command (baud, protocol) have been moved to the DEVICE command. The other options are not needed IMHO. If you have used SET before, change

```
DEVICE serial.device UNIT=0  
SET BAUD=38400 PROTOCOL=7WIRE [...]
```

to

```
DEVICE serial.device UNIT=0 BAUD=38400 7WIRE
```

and remove all lines containing a SET or SHOWPARAMS command.

I recommend using the new SANADEV command line option and removing the DEVICE command from your dial script. This way, you don't have to change your dial script, if your serial device changes.

1.6 Using IPDial

SYNOPSIS

```
IPDial SCRIPT,DEVICE/K,PROTOCOL/K,UNIT/K/N,BAUD/K/N,SANADEV/K,
      TERMINAL/S,ECHO/S,VERBOSE/S,RAW/S
```

ARGUMENTS

```
SCRIPT:      Script file to execute [S]
DEVICE:      Device to use (default: "serial.device") [T]
PROTOCOL:    Protocol to use: XONXOFF, 7WIRE (default) or NONE [T]
UNIT:        Unit to use (default: 0) [T]
BAUD:        Baud rate to use (default is taken from serial prefs) [T]
SANADEV:     SANA config file to read serial config from [T,S]
TERMINAL:    Run in terminal mode (i.e. don't execute script)
ECHO:        Show modem replies [S]
              Use local echo mode [T]
VERBOSE:     Show all operations the program performs [T,S]
RAW:         Use character mode instead of line mode [T]
```

If IPDial is called with TERMINAL switch given, SANADEV or (if SANADEV is not given) DEVICE, UNIT, BAUD and PROTOCOL are used to open the serial device. Once it is opened, the program acts like a very simple shell terminal program (terminal mode).

If TERMINAL is omitted, the given SCRIPT file is read and the commands inside are executed line by line (script mode).

[S]: argument is used in script mode, [T]: argument is used in terminal mode

EXAMPLES

```
IPDial AmiTCP:db/Login-PPP.IPDial SANADEV=ppp0
```

reads DEVICE, UNIT, BAUD and PROTOCOL from ENV:sana2/ppp0.config (the configuration file for PPP.device unit 0) and starts IPDial in script mode. All commands in AmiTCP:db/Login-PPP.IPDial are executed line by line until the end of file or an EXIT command is reached.

```
IPDial DEVICE=artser.device BAUD=38400 TERMINAL RAW
```

opens artser.device unit 0 (default) with 38400 baud and 7WIRE handshake

(default) and acts like a simple shell terminal program (character mode). Each character entered is immediately sent to artser.device (the modem), while each received character is printed to the shell window.

CALLING IPDIAL FROM SHELL SCRIPTS

IPDial is normally called from a shell script when you want to make a connection to your Internet provider. I recommend writing a small script called "DialSLIP" or "DialPPP" (e.g. in AmiTCP:bin) which contains the following lines (replace ppp0 with your SANA interface):

```
AmiTCP:bin/IPDial AmiTCP:db/Login-PPP.IPdial SANODEV=ppp0
If NOT WARN
    Execute AmiTCP:bin/StartNet
EndIf
```

To call your provider just enter "DialPPP" or "DialSLIP". To hangup your connection, create a second script called "StopPPP" or "StopSLIP" which contains the following lines (again replace ppp0 with your SANA interface):

```
Execute AmiTCP:bin/StopNet
AmiTCP:bin/IPDial AmiTCP:db/Hangup.IPdial SANODEV=ppp0
```

TERMINAL MODE

If something went wrong with your dial script you can always enter terminal mode by pressing Ctrl-F and try to activate SLIP/PPP manually. When in terminal mode, you have several ways to leave:

- Ctrl-C: exit IPDial with return code 5 (WARN)
- Ctrl-F: exit IPDial with return code 0
- Ctrl-\: continue script (if terminal mode was activated by a TERMINAL command in a dial script)

If you failed to manually log in, just leave with Ctrl-C to tell your shell script not to start AmiTCP. Otherwise use Ctrl-F to let your shell script know that everything is fine and AmiTCP with SLIP/PPP might be started.

1.7 IPDial's script language

- Any line of the script file may contain only one command. In general command arguments are parsed with ReadArgs(), thus they may look like CLI command line arguments: The characters "" may surround a string which contains blanks.

Note, that ReadArgs() treats the character '*' as an escape sequence: Thus you have to write ECHO "***" if you want to print a single '*'.

- Empty lines or lines beginning with a semicolon are assumed to be comments and thus ignored.

- Lines may begin with a label, an alphanumeric word followed by a colon. Labels are ignored, except that they may be used as destinations for GOTO instructions. Anyone said BASIC? Yes, it is. :-)
- Labels are case-sensitive, commands are case-insensitive.
- This is the list of possible commands:

```

DELAY SECS/A/N,MILLISECS/N
DEVICE NAME/A,UNIT/K/N,BAUD/K/N,HANDSHAKE
ECHO TEXT/A/F
EXIT RETURNCODE/N
GOTO LABEL/A
ON STATUS GOTO LABELS/A/M
SCAN FORMAT/A,GLOBAL/S,SAVE/S
SEND TEXT/A/F
SETVAR NAME/A,VALUE/A,GLOBAL/S,SAVE/S
SYSTEM COMMAND/A/F
TERMINAL EOF,NOECHO/S,RAW/S
WAIT TIMEOUT/A/K/N,TEXT/A/M

```

See the scripts Login-SLIP.IPDial, Login-PPP.IPDial, T-Online.IPDIAL and Hangup.IPDial as examples.

1.8 IPDial's script language: DELAY

SYNOPSIS

```
DELAY SECS/A/N,MILLISECS/N
```

DESCRIPTION

Delays the given number of seconds (plus milliseconds if given). While waiting, IPDial may be aborted with Ctrl-C (exit with RC 5) or Ctrl-F (enter terminal mode).

EXAMPLES

```

DELAY 0 500    -- waits 0.5 seconds
DELAY 2        -- waits 2 seconds

```

1.9 IPDial's script language: DEVICE

SYNOPSIS

```
DEVICE NAME/A,UNIT/K/N,BAUD/K/N,HANDSHAKE
```

DESCRIPTION

Opens the given device NAME, unit UNIT (default 0) at the given baud rate (default 9600). This device must be compatible to the serial.device. HANDSHAKE may be one of XONXOFF, RTSCTS (default), 7WIRE (equal to RTSCTS)

or NONE.

The DEVICE command should in general be the first command of each script unless you use the command line option SANADDEV.

EXAMPLES

```
DEVICE serial.device      -- opens serial.device unit 0 at 9600 baud with
                          RTSCTS handshake
```

```
DEVICE bscisdn.device UNIT=1 BAUD=64000 -- opens bscisdn.device unit 1 at
                          64000 baud with RTSCTS
```

1.10 IPDial's script language: ECHO

SYNOPSIS

```
ECHO TEXT/A/F
```

DESCRIPTION

This command will write the given line to stdout. Note that the text may contain patterns like `\r` (Carriage Return), `\n` (Line Feed), `\\` (Backslash) or `\037` (octal digits, representing the character ASCII 31).

Sequences like `$VAR` or `${VAR}` will be replaced with the value of the environment variable `VAR` (local or global). If `VAR` doesn't exist, nothing is inserted. Use `$$` to get the `$` character itself. Please note that `$VAR` will only work, if the name `VAR` consists of alphanumeric characters and the name is separated with a non-alphanumeric character from the following characters. For example, `$VAR+NAME` means `$VAR` and not `$VAR+NAME`. On the other hand `$VARNAME` means `$VARNAME` and not `$VAR`.

Note that `ECHO` does not write any Line Feeds or Carriage Returns unless you explicitly request it with the respective patterns.

EXAMPLES

```
ECHO Hello, world!\n
```

```
ECHO $USER "has logged in\n"
```

```
ECHO The variable \"$$VAR\" contains ${VAR}\n
```

1.11 IPDial's script language: EXIT

SYNOPSIS

```
EXIT RETURNCODE/N
```

DESCRIPTION

Terminates the program, returns the given RETURNCODE (default 0).

EXAMPLES

```
EXIT          -- exits IPDial with RC 0

EXIT 5       -- exit IPDial with RC 5 (WARN)
```

1.12 IPDial's script language: GOTO

SYNOPSIS

```
GOTO LABEL/A
```

DESCRIPTION

Jumps to the given label and continues the script at that point.

EXAMPLES

```
GOTO Logon    -- jumps to the label Logon (a line starting with
                "Logon:") and executes the following commands.
                Look at the ON command for a better example.
```

1.13 IPDial's script language: ON STATUS GOTO

SYNOPSIS

```
ON STATUS GOTO LABELS/A/M
```

DESCRIPTION

An ON command must follow a WAIT or SCAN command, because ON reads the value of the STATUS variable (set by WAIT and SCAN) and jumps to the first label if STATUS is -1, to the second label if STATUS is 0 and so on.

You don't have to supply a label for each possible value of STATUS. If no label is given, ON will suppress jumping and continue on the next line.

EXAMPLES

```
DialAgain:
  [...]
  WAIT TIMEOUT=10 "Login:" "Busy"
  ON STATUS GOTO TimeOut Login Busy

Login:
  [...]
  EXIT 0

TimeOut:
  ECHO "Timeout happened, aborting.\n"
```

```
EXIT 10
```

```
Busy:
```

```
ECHO "Remote busy, delaying...\n"
DELAY 25
ECHO "Trying again.\n"
GOTO DialAgain
```

1.14 IPDial's script language: SCAN

SYNOPSIS

```
SCAN FORMAT/A,GLOBAL/S,SAVE/S
```

DESCRIPTION

The SCAN command is used to scan the buffer read by the last WAIT command for certain words. This may be used set environment variables with a part of the received text. The format string may contain the following patterns:

```
%{WORD%} Ignores any characters until WORD is found in
the buffer. Use %% to insert the '%' character
into WORD.
```

```
' ' Ignores any number (including 0) and kind (blank,
tab, line feed, carriage return, form feed) of
white space characters.
```

```
%[VAR%]%(SUFFIX%) Reads the next word from the buffer until
the first white space character and stores it into
the environment variable VAR.
The optional SUFFIX is a sequence of characters
to be removed from the end of the word.
Any other characters in the format string are simply
ignored.
```

Usually environment variables are local (for IPDial and child processes only). Use the GLOBAL and SAVE (OS 3.0 only) keywords to store them in ENV: and ENVARC:, respectively. Note, that SAVE implies GLOBAL.

Please note that you can use the SCAN command more than once on the same buffer.

The SCAN command stores the number of created environment variables in the STATUS variable, which can later be used by the ON command. Note, that the value -1 is never stored in the STATUS variable, you have to use a dummy label in the ON command.

EXAMPLES

```
SCAN "%{Your IP address is%} %[IPADDRESS%]%(.)"
```

scans the buffer for a sentence like

Your IP address is 145.2.1.34.

and stores the value 145.2.1.34 into the variable IPADDRESS. Note that the character '.' is removed.

1.15 IPDial's script language: SEND

SYNOPSIS

```
SEND TEXT/A/F
```

DESCRIPTION

This command sends the given strings to the serial device using DoIO(). These strings may contain the same patterns as described in the ECHO command.

EXAMPLES

```
SEND "ATZ\n"
```

```
SEND $PASSWORD\n
```

1.16 IPDial's script language: SETVAR

SYNOPSIS

```
SETVAR NAME/A,VALUE/A,GLOBAL/S,SAVE/S
```

DESCRIPTION

Sets environment variable NAME to VALUE. If you set the GLOBAL switch, your variable will be set in ENV: and not in the programs local environment. The SAVE switch forces copying to ENVARC: (OS 3.x only). Note, that SAVE implies GLOBAL.

EXAMPLES

```
SETVAR USERNAME "Joe User" GLOBAL -- sets the global variable USERNAME  
to "Joe User" (without quotes)
```

1.17 IPDial's script language: SYSTEM

SYNOPSIS

```
SYSTEM COMMAND/A/F
```

DESCRIPTION

Executes the command given by COMMAND. The arguments will be parsed like

ECHO arguments (you may insert \ and \$ patterns).

EXAMPLES

```
SYSTEM Echo Hello!
```

```
SYSTEM "C>List #?.IPDial >RAM:IPDial-Files"
```

1.18 IPDial's script language: TERMINAL

SYNOPSIS

```
TERMINAL EOF,NOECHO/S,RAW/S
```

DESCRIPTION

Enters terminal mode: What you enter at the keyboard will be sent to the serial device and likewise the program will display any input from the serial device to you. The TERMINAL command will be finished, if you enter EOF (Ctrl-`\`).

The NOECHO and EOF options can be used to enter a password, if you don't like to include it into your login file: NOECHO makes your input invisible and the EOF string terminates terminal mode as soon, as you type in the first character of the string.

Usually you can send only complete lines to the modem, especially this means that you have all editing capabilities of the shell available. This is not the case in RAW mode: Every character you type will be sent immediately to the modem without any buffering or conversions. NOECHO mode implies RAW mode.

EXAMPLES

```
WAIT TIMEOUT=10 "Password:"  
ON STATUS GOTO TimeOut  
ECHO "Enter login password: "  
TERMINAL EOF="\r" NOECHO
```

1.19 IPDial's script language: WAIT

SYNOPSIS

```
WAIT TIMEOUT/A/K/N,TEXT/A/M
```

DESCRIPTION

This command waits until either one of the given strings is read from the serial device or the number of seconds given by TIMEOUT has gone.

A variable called STATUS indicates what happened: It contains either -1 for timeout or the number of the string that was read, beginning

with 0. This variable may be used by the ON statement.

WAIT arguments are parsed like ECHO arguments.

EXAMPLES

```
WAIT TIMEOUT=10 "CONNECT" "BUSY" "NOCARRIER"
ON STATUS GOTO TimeOut Connect Busy NoCarrier
```

1.20 Common problems with IPDial

- There might be problems with Executive (the task scheduler) if IPDial's priority is too low to get all characters from your serial device (see Executive's manual for further details). To prevent these problems either start IPDial with a priority above Executive's catch range (e.g. 3) or tell Executive to keep IPDial's priority above its schedule range.

- The following part of a dial script does not work:

```
WAIT TIMEOUT=3 "IP address"
ON STATUS GOTO TIMEOUT
SCAN "%{Your IP address is%} %[IPADDRESS%]%(.)" GLOBAL
```

The SCAN command works on the buffer that was received until the previous WAIT command exited (either a string was found or timeout). You are trying to wait for "IP address" which is sent to you before the IP address, so it might not be in the received buffer.

This seems to work in IPDial 1.x but that is not true: IPDial 2.0 is more optimized and faster than IPDial 1.x, so the WAIT command is left more quickly.

To solve the above problem, wait for a string that is sent to you after the IP address. In some cases

```
WAIT TIMEOUT=3 ".\n" or WAIT TIMEOUT=3 ".\r"
```

might be a solution. If that does not work, wait for the whole line that is sent to you right before the IP address, e.g. use

```
WAIT TIMEOUT=3 "SLIP ready. Your IP address is "
```

. If that still does not work, use something like

```
WAIT TIMEOUT=10 "a string that will never be sent to me"
```

and hope that 10 seconds are enough to get your IP address.

1.21 Development of IPDial

Changes in IPDial 1.1 to 1.7

- V 1.1 23.11.94 Initial version
- V 1.2 27.02.95 Added terminal mode
Now using ReadArgs() for command line parsing.
- V 1.3 09.03.95 Added environment variable support to "send"
command. Added unit support. Suggested by Quarvon
(Jürgen Lang)
- V 1.4 21.04.95 Added "system" command. Suggested by Gutgolf
(Michael Bauer)

Added environment variable support to "echo" command.
Terminal mode now converts LF to CR/LF, so that modem
recognizes commands. (Let's hope, that will still
work for entering passwords.)
- V 1.5 30.04.95 Added "scan" command.
- V 1.6 26.06.95 "delay" command supporting ticks; ParseString()
supporting octal characters; "wait" command using
ParseString(). Suggested by Will Bow.

Fixed bug in SerialSend():
*.io_Device = *.io_Unit
- V 1.7 21.07.95 Added NOECHO, RAW and EOF options to "terminal" command.
Suggested by Klaus Heinz

Added BAUD option to command line.

Added "setvar" command.

Changes in IPDial 2.0 (06.03.96)

- + new command line option SANODEV/K (reads serial device, unit, baud and
handshake from SANA configuration file)
IPDial.c/main(), IPDial.c/Usage(), added SanaConfig.c
- = SETVAR command: struct for args was too short: using GLOBALONLY saved the
variable to ENVARC:, using SAVE caused a crash. removed LOCALONLY/S and
replaced GLOBALONLY/S by GLOBAL=GLOBALONLY/S (as described in the docs)
SAVE now only works on AmigaOS 3.0 and above
IPDial.c/SetVarFunc(), removed setvar.c
- + compiled with NOCHECKABORT (SAS/C), so Cleanup() is always called when
IPDial terminates
- + DELAY now takes two arguments (seconds and milliseconds) and can be
aborted with Ctrl-C (exit) and Ctrl-F (terminal mode)
IPDial.c/DelayFunc(), added Serial.c/TimerWait()
- + When IPDial is waiting for a string from serial.device and aborted with

Ctrl-C, CRLF is sent to hangup the modem in case it was dialing
Serial.c/SerialWait()

- no more Delay() after DoIO (as in IPDial 1.8/1.9). This delay made the character terminal mode unusable. Compile with DELAY_AFTER_IO defined (IPDial.h) to use a delay again.
DeviceIO.c/DeviceIODO()
- = ECHO, SEND and SYSTEM now use ARGS/F instead of ARGS/M -> arguments are one single string. Adapted ParseString() to remove extra quotes.
IPDial.c/EchoFunc(), IPDial.c/SendFunc(), IPDial.c/SystemFunc(),
IPDial.c/ParseString()
- no more parameter "Length" in SerialSend (it wasn't used anyway)
Serial.c/SerialSend()
- + command line option ECHO now works for terminal mode, too
IPDial.c/main()
- removed HELP/S command line option ("?" will do, too)
- + VERBOSE is now a bit more verbose
Serial.c/SerialOpen(), IPDial.c/WaitFunc(), IPDial.c/*
- removed Buffer.c/BufferExpand() - was never called
- + \$VAR and \${VAR} now work for local (shell) and global variables
IPDial.c/ParseString()
- + pressing Ctrl-F while a DELAY or WAIT command is running gets you into terminal mode (character mode without local echo)
Serial.c/SerialWait(), Serial.c/TimerWait()
- + Ctrl-C now exits terminal mode with RC 5, Ctrl-F with RC 0 (useful for shell scripts)
Serial.c/SerialTerminal()
- = added global scratch buffer -> many local buffers removed
IPDial.c/ParseFile(), IPDial.c/ParseString()
- + included second example dial script, improved hangup script
- = rewrote documentation (now AmigaGuide)

Changes in IPDial 2.1 (16.04.96)

- = fixed a couple of errors in the documentation (please reread the Updating and Common problems sections)
- + included dial script for the German T-Online (examples/T-Online.IPDial)
- = EXIT now checks its arguments
IPDial.c/ExitFunc()
- + the serial buffer size is now set to 4096 bytes when a device is opened.
Serial.c/SerialOpen()

+ cleaned up code a little bit (executable is now 2 KB smaller)
IPDial.c/PrintError(), IPDial.c/CleanupAndExit()

- removed SET and SHOWPARAMS commands. Some options from the SET command were moved to the DEVICE command.
IPDial.c/SetFunc(), IPDial.c/ShowParmsFunc(), IPDial.c/DeviceFunc(),
Serial.c/SerialOpen(), Serial.c/SerialShowParms(),
Serial.c/SerialSetDataBits(), Serial.c/SerialSetStopBits(),
Serial.c/SerialSetParity(), Serial.c/SerialSetProtocol()

= TIMEOUT in WAIT command is now optional (default: 5 seconds)
IPDial.c/WaitFunc()

+: new feature
=: bugfix / change
-: removed feature

1.22 Some ideas for the future of IPDial

The next steps in IPDial will be a logfile (suggestions welcome) and support for OwnDevUnit.library. If you have any other enhancement requests, please send me an email.

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<http://wwwcip.rus.uni-stuttgart.de/~inf11108/support/ipdial.html>
