Get G_{Enie}
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About

Get GNU is a White Knight™ 11.0 procedure that automates downloading the short descriptions of new uploads in GEnies' Macintosh™ round table software libraries. It runs unattended and collects the new uploads from up to five different round tables.

The "Get GNU" dialog box allows the user to tell the procedure to "Call GEnie" or that you are "Already Connected". The user also selects how the procedure ends: "Remain Connected" or "Log-off".

Macintosh™, Freesoft™ and MacPro round tables are given entries, however, the user must enter the present page number for these. Two optional spaces are available where the user can enter both the name and page number.

The procedure is designed for use only with a Hayes™ compatible modem at 300, 1200 or 2400 baud.

Using Get GNU

Initiate "Get GNU" as you do any White Knight™ procedure.

Get GNU Dialog Box

The "Get GNU" dialog box below will appear. Make all the selections necessary.

Library

Enter only the RT Library page numbers in the boxes provided. The 'M' command and menu item number 11 (New Uploads) SHOULD NOT be included. "Get GNU" will take care of that. Add any optional RT names and page numbers in the two spaces provided. Check the boxes of the libraries desired.

Reset Path

Click the "Reset Path" button to change the file path for the list as it is written to the disk. A dialog box will appear. Select the folder desired and click OK or Cancel for no change. The "Get GNU" dialog box will reappear displaying the path selected.

Setup…
Select Tone or Pulse dial and transmission speed radio buttons as desired.

Call GEnie
Selecting this radio button requires that the GEnie phone number, your user ID and password be entered in the boxes provided.

Already Connected
If you intend to initiate "Get GNU" while you are on-line, as stated in the dialog, you must make sure you are at a menu prompt (i.e., a GEnie prompt ending with "<H>elp?" or, if you are in the GEnie command mode, "P" followed by a page number and a "?").

After "Get GNU"…
Select the radio button to tell "Get GNU" what you want it to do after it complete its task.

When all the selections are proper, click the OK button to begin the process. If the "Cancel" button is clicked the procedure is aborted. All selections made in the dialog box are saved in a file named"GNU Stuff" which will be written in the folder where White Knight resides. The next time you use "Get GNU" the previous selections will reappear in the dialog box.

Wait Dialog Box

If "Call GEnie" was selected in the "Get GNU" dialog, a "Wait 'til Non-Prime (6 PM)" yes/no dialog box will appear. Click "yes" to wait for 6:01 PM (**it will wait for the NEXT 6:01 PM which will be tomorrow if its already 6:02 PM**) or "no" to immediately calling GEnie.

Collecting New Uploads

From this point on the procedure should proceed without action from the user. The White Knight "Status Bar" will display what library list "Get GNU" is currently collecting.

As the library list is received, "Get GNU" writes it to a disk file and names it "GNU@<RT name> <*date in the form*: mm/dd/yy>" (without <> or " "). using the file path.selected in the "Get GNU" dialog box.

Stuff

I found myself frequently calling GEnie to see what neat things had been uploaded into several libraries. I first wrote separate procedures to get to each library. I soon became frustrated with having to run separate procedures. I searched for a procedure in GEnies' libraries that would accomplish what Get GNU does. No luck. So I launched into writing one myself. Its my first upload..

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I am a registered user of White Knight™. Get GNU was written using the White Knight™ Developers Kit.

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