

Red Ryder Host LogOn

Version 2.0

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(1) What It Does:

Red Ryder Host LogOn Version 2.0 allows you incredible ease of calling and logging onto Red Ryder Host BBSs. It gives you an unlimited amount of possible BBSs, while still using only one procedure file, whereas some other procedures make you create several different procedures (one for each BBS you call).

(2) How It Works:

Red Ryder Host LogOn Version 2.0 uses Red Ryder's Shell Compiler to create a graphic interface for your logons. The way this works is that RRHLO 2.0 lets you create separate data files for each BBS that the procedure uses to call and log onto the BBS. Each BBS gets its own data file.

(3) The Main Unit:

The main unit of RRHLO 2.0 is a dialog box where you pick from all of the main functions. Its looks like this:



From here you may select any of 5 (five) different options, wich are:

- 1) Log Onto A Red Ryder Host**
- 2) Create A New RRH File**
- 3) Enter Default Values**
- 4) Modify A Save RRH File**
- 5) Quit Out Of Red Ryder Host LogOn**

There is also a field wich gives the status of your last logon attempt (It is at the bottom), in this picture it says 'NONE' because the procedure has just been launched and no logon attempts have been made yet.

(4) Logging On To A Red Ryder Host:

Selecting this option from the main unit puts up the standard getfile dialog box which looks like this:



This getfile box is configured to allow you to only select a file with the filetype of 'HOST', this is done to ensure that you don't select a file that isn't meant to be a RRH data file. The file you select is the data file that RRHLO 2.0 reads the information about to log onto the RRH such as the phone number, your name, password etc. I suggest that you name each data file with the name of the BBS that it belongs to so you will be able to tell easily which data file belongs to which BBS.

(5) Creating RRH Data Files:

Selecting this option from the main unit allows you to create the data files that RRHLO 2.0 needs to get information from for each RRH BBS you call. When you select this option it puts up the standard putfile dialog box asking for a filename and location to save the file that you are about to create in it looks like this:



If you select 'Cancel' the procedure reverts back to the main unit else it puts up the dialog box that asks you for the actual information for that particular BBS it looks like this:

☐ **Create a Red Ryder Host File**

Your First Name: <input type="text" value="Frank"/>	Your Last Name: <input type="text" value="Ventura"/>
Your Password: <input type="text" value="XXXXXXXX"/>	Your Calling From Location: <input type="text" value="The Bronx, New York"/>
The BBS's Phone Number: <input type="text" value="1-212-597-9083"/>	Your Modem's Dialing Mode: <input type="radio"/> Pulse Dialing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Tone Dialing
What Baud Rate To Use: <input type="radio"/> 300 <input type="radio"/> 1200 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2400 <input type="radio"/> 9600	The BBS's Name: <input type="text" value="Metro Area M.U.G."/>
<input type="button" value="Save"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

After you have filled in the needed information (The above is an example of me filling out a file for a BBS called 'Metro Area M.U.G.') you can select one of two buttons if you select 'Save' the procedure saves this file with the path and filename you specified in the putfile dialog box, if you select 'Cancel' then the procedure reverts back to the main unit with nothing saved. You need to create one of these data files for each RRH BBS you call. Once again I suggest that you name each data file with the name of the BBS that it belongs to so you will be able to tell easily which data file belongs to which BBS. I suggest that you save all of your data files in the same folder so that they will be easy to locate during your 'BBS hopping'.

(6) Entering Default Values:

As mentioned before you have to create a different data file for each RRH BBS you call. This would be a lot of information to enter if you call a lot of RRH BBSs, so I included a feature that will allow you to enter a minimum of only 2 items for each data file. When you select this option from the main unit it presents you with a dialog box similar to the 'Create A New RRH' dialog box asking for some information. It looks like this:

Please Enter Defaults

Your First Name: <input type="text" value="Enter First Name Here"/>	Your Last Name: <input type="text" value="Enter Last Name Here"/>
Your Password: <input type="text" value="Enter Your Password Here"/>	Your Calling From Location: <input type="text" value="Enter Your Calling Location"/>
What Baud Rate To Use: <input type="radio"/> 300 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1200 <input type="radio"/> 2400 <input type="radio"/> 9600	Your Modem`s Dialing Mode: <input type="radio"/> Pulse Dialing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Tone Dialing
<input type="button" value="Save"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

After you have entered the information in the dialog box you can select either of two buttons if you select 'Cancel' the procedure reverts back to the main unit with nothing saved, if you select 'Save' the procedure will save the information in a file in the same folder as RR, don't rename or move this file or the procedure won't be able to find it. Now that you have created this file all the information you have provided in this dialog box will be automatically forwarded to each new data file you create so that you won't have to enter it each time you create a new data file.

(7) Modifying Saved Data Files:

At some point it may be necessary to change some of the information contained within your BBS data files such as (Maybe a BBS number has changed, or you have changed your password, etc). So I included this feature. When you select this option from the main unit it presents you with the getfile box asking you to select a saved BBS data file and reads the data from it into a dialog box like this:

Edit A Saved RRH File

It allows you to edit any of the data in the file. It also gives you the option of saving the changes made or reverting to the old file.

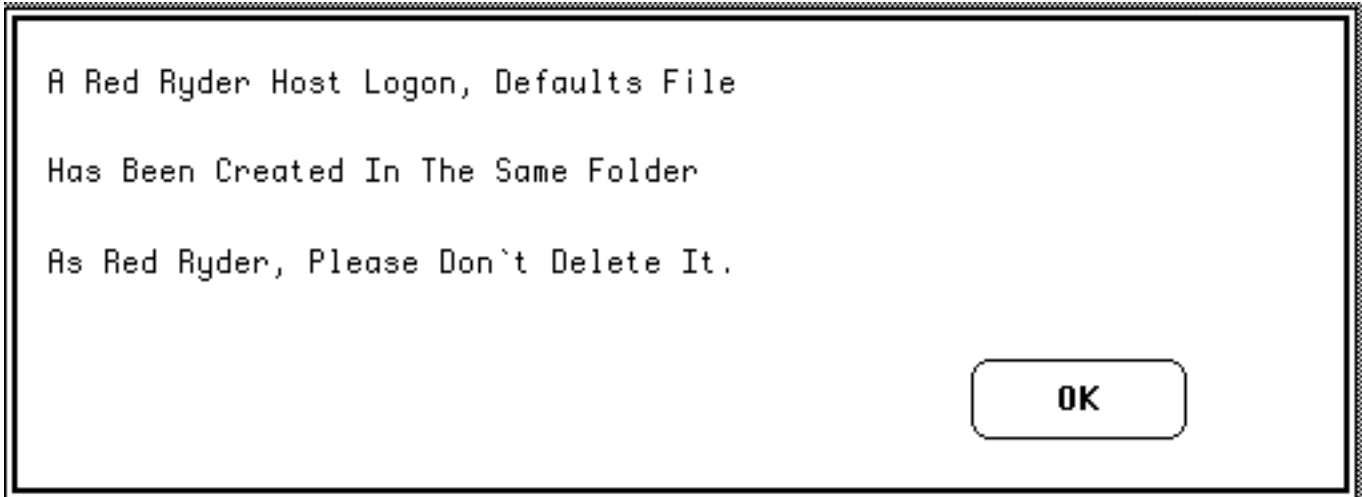
(8) Quit Out Of Red Ryder Host LogOn:

if you select this option from the main unit the procedure turns the screen back on, clears the variables, and ends the procedure and Red Ryder works again as regularly.

(9) Operational Tips:

When you first start RRHLO 2.0 it asks you (through a small dialog box) how many

time should the procedure redial each BBS before giving up, the default is 15 but you can enter any number from 1 to 255. After you have logged on to each BBS the procedure still remains active but it waits for the string of 'NO CARRIER' from the modem to continue if you log off of a BBS an the procedure does not catch the 'NO CARRIER' string from the modem then just type 'NO CARRIER' all in caps and the procedure will continue. At certain times durring the procedures operation it will alert you to some information that may not have been immediately apparent to you but still usefull it does this through info boxes wich look like this:



These info boxes can be very usefull and you should pay attention to what they have to say. The procedure also keeps a small log in the same folder as RR this may be of some interest to you too. The procedure is equipped to handle logging onto BBSs wich you have never used before.

Well thats about it read over this document carefully then enjoy the use of this procedure. If you have any questions/comments/suggestions please post them in the FreeSoft BB on GEnie.

Thanx
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