

Keep Trying!'s Settings:

You access KT's "Settings" dialog either by clicking the "Settings" button in the main window, or selecting "Settings" under the Special menu. The items to be set in this dialog are described here, in the order they appear:

"XX Rings before 'no answer' assumed"

This is obviously the number of rings KT will allow before reporting "no answer" to you, and starting the countdown to its next attempt. As stated in the dialog, this option can't be guaranteed to work with all modems. If your KT reports an error when initializing your modem, try turning this feature off by un-checking the check box. When this item is turned off, KT will wait the length of time your modem allows by default before "no answer" is assumed. This is technically the time to a "no carrier" error, and is generally long enough for 7 or 8 rings. The minimum number of rings allowed in this setting is 4.

"Give up after XX attempts"

If you have this item turn on (checked), then you can limit how many times over KT will dial the same number. It will give up after the number of attempts you enter.

"Remember last phone number"

When this is on, KT will save the number that was entered the last time it was run. This number will appear as the default number the next time you use KT.

“Prefix ‘1’ if number is 10 digits or more”

If this is turned on, then KT will put a “1” before the area code of a phone number. KT will only do this if the number does not already begin with “1”, and the number being dialed is 10 digits or more.

“Tone dialing/Pulse dialing:”

If you live in one of those remaining areas without touch tone phone service, select “Pulse dialing” and your modem will simulate a rotary phone when dialing.

“Modem connected to:”

This allows you to select the computer port your modem is plugged in to. On Macs equipped with PC Card slots (usually PowerBooks), the buttons for “PC card slot” will be available (and will be named differently), if you have a modem or other serial device in the slot.

“Modem Init String:”

This is the string of characters sent to your modem to initialize it before it dials a number. A number of factors can be controlled with this string. For example, “AT&F” resets a modem to its factory settings, clearing out any changes to its behavior that may have been made by telecommunications software you have used recently.

Some other examples of commands you can add to the initialization string:

Adding “M1L3” to the initialization string will, on many modems, turn on the speaker and set it to maximum volume.

“S11=40”. This will shorten the duration of touch tone beeps on many modems, so that numbers are dialed more quickly.

Your modem’s manual will have information on the various commands it responds to. Most of these, however, have more relevance to telecommunication through your modem, rather than the simple dialing that KT performs.

At the bottom of the Settings dialog are three buttons: “Standard Settings”, “Cancel” and “OK”. Standard Settings will set all values in the dialog to those that are most commonly used. Cancel will close the dialog and discard any changes you made. OK, of course, saves the changes you made.