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Please use the Contents button on the button bar of the help. Make sure you have the RASPlus.cnt file in you running directory.

Overview

Thank you for using RAS+ 95 !!!!

My name is Roger Lamb and I am the author of RAS+ 95. RAS+ 95 was first released to the public September 1st and I have to say the response has been overwhelming! This release marks the 3rd public Beta release.

RAS+ 95 was developed specifically around Windows95™. I have plans to release a Windows NT™ version when the RAS interface under NT stabilizes. For now, RAS+ 95 will not operate under NT. For updates, see [RAS+ 95 updates](#)

The software is definitely under construction and is not finished. Please be patient if you have a bug report or don't see a feature working properly. I have a day job and I am writing RAS+ part time as a hobby in the evenings and weekends.

Note: I have started an entirely new Win 95 help file system which now has a very high priority. The context sensitive help is not functioning in this version.

Reviews:

"This app is so great, I HAD to give it TWO "get-its!" Hands down, the BEST Windows 95 Dial-up utility ON THE PLANET! Adds billing, auto-launching, multiple-phone number and provider dialing, and MORE! Download now, ask questions later...trust me. For more info, check out the <http://www.cftnet.com/mall/rasplus>." -Steve Jenkins, www.windows95.com.

Description

RASPlus is a replacement for the Dial-up Networking in Win95 that mirrors the features of Trumpet and then some. If you've been looking for a utility like that then this is the one for you! It is great if you have to dial multiple numbers for your Internet provider!! Press icon and forget it... Fire off from scheduler.. Direct TCP/IP chat, Launch your favorite WINSOCK apps when connected! Call tracking and billing info! True Win95 32bit application utilizing Win 95 user interface! Get it!

What is RAS+ 95?

RAS+ 95 is a complement to Microsoft's built in Remote Access! It picks up where they left off. You can use the Win95 scripting tool and RAS to allow RAS+ 95 give you full logging in to the Internet or RAS server with NO key-presses from you! Works great with the MS Scheduler! Even fires off the Apps you specify when connected. If your currently using RAS.. you've already setup RAS+ 95.. No import/export.. RAS+ 95 uses the same RAS entries as you have now..

What will it do for me ?

RAS+ 95 will dial multiple lines for you.. Track time for you.. show real time billing, will adjust for your monthly free connect time too! Gives you information about your connection such as IP address. You can even see other RAS+ 95 users that are entered into your personal IP addresses list pop in and out!

How about the interface?

The most common word I've heard is COOL!! Win95 controls w/ 32bit multithreaded performance.

RASPlus Features:

- Auto Dialing and number cycling!
- Direct TCP/IP Chatting
- Call stats and billing info
- Win 95 RAS Setup
- Interface to Win95 scripting tool!

- Customizable WAV files when being hailed and connecting!
- TCP/IP chat and support!
- 32 BIT application utilizing Win 95 user interface
- Launching and closing of your favorite WINSOCK apps when connected!!

Sample use of RASPlus:

“Hands free” Internet connection. As an example, I double click the RASPlus icon or fire it off from the scheduler. RASPlus has an option to begin dialing at start, and dials the currently active provider. It will cycle through multiple RAS entries within the provider until it connects. When it connects, I have a Microsoft script provided with Win 95 which logs me into the Internet (enters my login and password in the terminal window for PPP). You could also use RoboDUN to do this. RASPlus is NOT a scripting utility. From there, I have it launch my favorite winsock apps (mail reader and news reader). RASPlus searches for the pesky connect to window and hides it for you, getting rid of the OK button. One cool thing that RASPlus will do for you is if the line drops while connected, RASPlus, on the next screen refresh (configurable by you on the menu Options/ Properties / General tab) will detect the line dropped and reconnect to the same line your were on... without you there! Handy for bad connections.

Launch applications

I just rewrote launch in this release. You may now include a startup parameter when running RAS+ 95.

Syntax: rasplus /provider:Primary Provider

This will start RAS+ 95 with the provider group “Primary Provider”

Also added is the ability to assign each provider a set of launch applications.

TCP/IP Chat:

First, if you are on the Internet, you can use our chat!

To put a handle in for yourself, goto the menu Options / Properties / Chat tab. Place a handle for yourself, as well as fill in the rest of the information such as email address.

The chat system is going to be rewritten. It's primarily for RASPlus online support. The way the current chat works is by special RASPlus pings to other RASPlus users on a TCP/IP network. I have included a file called chatlist.txt which contains a list of IP addresses that you can modify. It has our IP addresses in it. Because our IP address is in your chatlist.txt, when you start a RAS connection and if your on the Internet, you will see us if we are online. You only see those who are running RASPlus and who are currently online. If you connect and see no one, there is a good chance that we are not on the Internet. The best time to catch us is 7pm - 11pm EST and on the weekends. There is no chat server, it is a direct chat with our RASPlus program. The scope of this chat has served it's purpose and is going to be rewritten to a much more powerful system. This will take a while to develop.. we want to do it right! Check the web site listed in the about box for updates!

Note: For those of you using the version 1.24 through 1.49, the Internet TCP/IP chat has changed ports. This means that you will no longer be able to "see" those using that version of the software.

Billing:

Some of the features:

- Keeps track of time by extracting the time from Win 95's connection time, not from when RASPlus was started or exited! Even calculates into the past if you were connected outside of RASPlus and went through several payment periods you set up for your provider.
- Supports providers that give you a grace period (by hours) per billing cycle.
- Providers that set the rate to a flat rate if you exceed a certain number of hours.
- Providers who have a variable rate plan per day (ie. M-F .30/min from 8am-5pm, Sat. .20/min)
- Billing audit report, shows connect speed and times logged in.
- Connects, attempts, and drops shown for each RAS entry and totaled per provider group.

I hope this software makes your dial up networking life a bit easier, if so, let me know.

Sincerely,

Roger C Lamb Jr.
Lamb Software!

Updating from an older copy of RASPlus 0.0.2.57

For those who have the public release Beta 2 bld 57 or versions before, you will need to get rid of the current billing information files because the Beta 3 release uses a different file structure for billing history.

This will not reset your entire RAS system, just the provider billing history that you've been collecting. I am working on ways to migrate the older billing info over to a newer release without losing this billing history.

If you are running an version of RASPlus (BETA 0.0.1.24 or BETA 0.0.2.57):

Before you start RAS+ 95 Beta 3:

1 Delete the *.provider files located in your directory where your current RASPlus is located.

2 The program name has changed from RASPlus to RAS+ 95. You will need to modify the system registry if you want to avoid coming up with a "clean" copy. In order to salvage your existing RASPlus preferences, perform the following:

Goto the start menu on the Win95 taskbar, select run.

Type in "regedit"

Locate the following in the regedit tree and select each tree branch.... HKEY_CURRENT_USER\
Software\
Lamb Software\
RASPlus

Hit right mouse on the RASPlus and select rename.. name it RAS+ 95

Exit regedit to save.

Now you are ready to run Beta 3 of RAS+ 95!

Shareware version limitations

Commentary

Several people have asked what they get when they register. I would like to mention that the primary “thing” you get is future updates. As with any shareware program, if you use it regularly and you don’t send in your registration fee, enjoy what you have because there’s a good chance you are using the last published version. I would love to continue working on updates and enhancements, but I need to be sponsored by you to do that. I also ask that you not contribute to software piracy problem by using/redistributing “regged” or “cracked” commercial and or shareware software.

This version has some limitations that are removed by pre-registering:

- Splash screen requires you to press a key at start.
- A Message box is displayed when a new connection is made.
- Billing history is limited to 20 line items per provider only. After 20 lines, billing cost is shut off.
- You can only launch one application per provider when connected.

Under construction



We apologize, but this section is under construction and is not currently available.

For updates, please see [RAS+ 95 updates](#)

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Internet email: _____

Chat handle: _____

Company: _____

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Address2: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

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