

***wcOnline* connection manager**

This is the program that handles incoming calls, either via modem or telnet. You can configure which kinds of calls are accepted on which lines in the node configuration section of *wcConfig*. *wcOnline* is the part of *Wildcat!* that answers the phone and logs on incoming callers. In order for *Wildcat!* to answer calls, *wcOnline* must be running.

The *wcOnline* window shows a list of modem nodes and their status. The bottom part of the window displays statistics and current details about your system's performance.

To enlarge or reduce each part of the window, drag the window borders with your mouse.

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The command menu

Node

Exit exits and closes *wcOnline*.

Tools

Font opens the font selection dialog box, allowing you to select your font preferences.

Page enable toggles the page availability on and off. When this is on, callers will be able to page the sysop.

Page bell toggles the page bell on and off. When this feature is on, if the sysop is paged, a bell will be heard.

Help

Help topics launches the online help (this file).

About *wcOnline* displays version and copyright information about *wcOnline*

The display window

The *wcOnline* screen displays information about the BBS. Each node number, the amount of time that the node has been in its current state, the status, any user online and that user's current activity.

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Displays the total number of calls received by the BBS.

Displays the total number of users registered in the BBS user database.

Displays the number of files available on the BBS.

Displays the total number of messages the BBS has received.

Starting all nodes

1. First, verify that *wcServer* is running.
2. Change to your *Wildcat!* home directory.
3. Type `START WCONLINE` and press [ENTER].

All nodes configured in *wcConfig* will now be available for logon.

Viewing a node

You can view node activity with the program *wcView*.

To launch *wcView* for a specific node, double-click the node number on the *wcOnline* screen.

To close *wcView*, press [ALT] [X].

You can also run *wcView* from an MS-DOS Command prompt.

Note: Using *wcView* can affect the performance of your system.

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Starting wcOnline with Windows 95

To start *wcOnline* in Windows 95:

1. Go to the **Start** menu on the Windows 95 task bar.
2. Select the **Programs** icon. Another menu will appear.
3. Select the ***Wildcat!* BBS** icon. A list of *Wildcat!* icons will appear.
4. Double click the ***wcOnline*** icon.

Starting wcOnline with Windows NT

To start *wcOnline* in Windows NT:

1. Go to the Windows NT **Program manager**.
2. Open the **Wildcat! BBS** Program Group.
3. Double-click the **wcOnline** icon.

Starting wcOnline on more than one machine

The **Computer** field in *wcConfig Node Settings/Edit node* determines which computer this node will be started on. If you are not running in a networked environment, leave this field blank. When *wcOnline* starts, it reads through all the node configuration records looking for nodes to start. *wcOnline* will start all nodes that either have blank Computer fields, or have Computer fields that match the name of the computer running *wcOnline*.

Modem nodes should always have the Computer field filled in, because the Port field only has the correct meaning when started on the correct computer.

For all other node types (Local, Telnet, FTP), filling in the Computer field will let only the named computer allocate that node. For example, when a Telnet connection is established to *wcOnline*, it attempts to allocate a node on the server for the session. If there are any nodes whose call types include Telnet and have a computer name that matches the name of the computer running *wcOnline*, those nodes will be chosen first. If there are no free nodes that meet that criteria, the node configuration list is searched for nodes whose call types include Telnet and have a blank Computer field. If there are no nodes available to be allocated, a short message will be sent to the caller and the connection will be closed.

Closes wcOnline. All nodes will be closed and connections terminated.

The status of the selected node.

The amount of time that the current node as been active for this connection.

The name of the caller currently online using the selected node.

Double click on the node to open *wcView*. *wcView* displays current information about node activity.

