Dial-It Pro

To learn how to use help press F1.

Introduction

Dial-It for windows allows you to dial telephone numbers from Any Wordprocessing, Database, PIM, application or any Screen Area Within Windows Containing Editable Text.
Don't Let this tiny window fool You. It Branches out into a   Mess Load of features.

Dial-It Pro Features:
01-Dials telephone numbers   directly from text documents ,   database , and other   Windows applications.
02-Allows you to enter and dial numbers from the keyboard.
03-Long Distance, Outside Line access codes   with user definable pauses.
04-Calling Card Dialing.
05-Saves window positions.
06-On line / context sensitive help.
07-Full keyboard access.
08-3D Interface
09-Special Character codes for easier dialing from withing database applications.
10-Timer to keep track of call duration.
11-Local exchange options include #1 prefix only, area code only, or both.
12-Keeps track of calls in a log with date, time, duration, number dialed, and recipient.
13-You can print entire log or selected entries only with user defined fonts.
14-You can save your logs for archival purposes if you need to do so.
15-Log can be resized or maximized for better viewing.
16-You can re-dial numbers from the log listings.
17-Log window attributes include color, size, font,   position, minimize on dial and can be saved if you wish.
18-Timer tells you the duration of the call and allows you to enter the recipient.
19-Memory dialer for those frequently called numbers. 80 numbers can be stored.
20-Memory dialer Position and minimize on dial attributes can be saved.
21-Memory dialer "cells" can be saved in any position you like.
22-Auto Re-Dial on BUSY with user defined intervals from continuos to 15 minutes apart.
23-Stores the current number when BUSY for later redial.
24-Stored number can be redialed from any of dialit's windows..
25-Timer reminder lets you know timer is active by flashing and optional audible beep.
26-Automatic "Vanity" number translations such as 1-800-DIALPRO.
27-Uses the modem only when it needs it to dial otherwise releasing it to other applications.

I have tried to keep Dial-It as simple as possible. Down to a simple Click of the Mouse
or hitting the ENTER key to Dial your Number.
More than That , and you   might as well dial the number yourself.
I hope you enjoy using Dial-It and thank you for trying it.   Any feedback will be greatly appreciated.
Lou Collado - 1994

Requirements

<u>**Dialit requires:**</u>

Windows 3.1
Visual basic Runtime module (VBRun300.Dll)
Hayes Compatible Modem.
Clipboard in your windows directory.

<u>**Dialit will NOT work with:**</u>

Windows 3.0 or earlier
Visual Basic Runtime modules 1 and 2

Dial-It Pro Main Window

Main Dialer Window:

Buttons:
Left Button:
Dial button. To dial the currently selected number click this button once with the LEFT mouse button.
Middle Button:
Hilight Toggle Button. Toggles between manual, (hiliter with **X** over it) or automatic text hilighting.
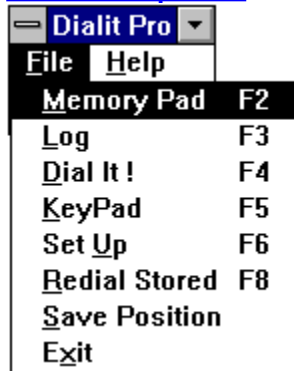**Right Button:**
Selects dialing options. The title bar will change from "DIALIT PRO" to "LOCAL"   to "CCARD".
When title bar reads "DIALIT PRO", dialit will add a #1 to calls whose area code differs from
your area code. It will leave numbers with no area code alone and assumes a local call.
When title bar reads "LOCAL" dialit will specificaly use the Local Exchange options
specified in the setup dialog box, (#1, area code, or both), on long distance calls withing your
area code.
When title bar reads "CCARD" dialit will specificaly use the Calling Card options
specified in the setup dialog box.

File Menu Options:

Memory pad: Display the memory dialer pad.
Log: Display the log viewer.
Dial It!: Dials the curent number selected.
Keypad: Drops down the Keypad for keyboard entry.
Setup: Displays the setup panel.
Redial Stored: Dials the last number stored when BUSY was encountered.
Save Position: Saves the current window position.
Exit: Exits Dial-It.

Help Menu Option:
Main / Keypad: Will display these instructions or keypad help if keypad is active.
About: Will display the About box.

Dialing:

You can dial from the Main Window using one of the following.
1-Point to the number you want to dial.
1-Click the Dial Button. (Phone Icon) or..
2-Press F4 or..
3-Tab to the Dial button then press ENTER or the Space Bar.
4-Select FILE / DIAL IT!
Keyboard Shortcut Keys:
Tab: Move between Dial and Auto / Manual buttons then press ENTER or the Space Bar to activate their functions.
F1: Display These Instructions.
F2: Display Memory pad.
F3: Display Log viewer.
F4: Dial the Current number.
F5: Display the keypad.
F6: Display the Setup panel
F7: Makes the Timer the active window. This will allow you to perform the timer operations.
F8: Redial stored number.
F9: Toggle Local, Credit card, Standard, dialing options.

Keyboard Entry

Key Pad Extension:

When key pad is selected from the file menu, Dial-It's window expands into this neat little keypad where you may enter numbers from the keyboard or you may use the mouse.
If a default number was specified in the Setup Box , that number will appear as default for quick dialing.
Although the entry box is only about 1 1/2 inch wide, it will accept up to 37 characters to dial.
The keypad will also dial "Vanity" numbers such as 1-800-DIALPRO.
See Also: Special Character codes

Buttons:
0 thrugh 9: Numerical entry. You may use the numeric keypad or top row numbers.
Back: Back space
Clear: Clear window
Close (Door Icon): Closes key pad
Operator: Dials operator assistance (frivolous but requested by many)

Keyboard Shortcut Keys:
Tab: Move between Dial, Close, and Mode buttons then press ENTER or the Space Bar to activate their functions.
A thrugh Y: Use to enter Vanity numbers.
0 thrugh 9: Use numerical keypad on your keyboard.
Alt+B: Backspace.
Alt+L: Clear Window.
Alt+C: Close keypad.
Alt+O: Dials operator assistance.
ENTER: Dial number entered.
F1: Display These Instructions.
F2: Display Memory pad.
F3: Display Log viewer.
F4: Dial the Current number.
F5: Toggle keypad open and closed.
F6: Display the Setup panel
F7: Makes the Timer the active window. This will allow you to perform the timer operations..
F8: Redial stored number.
F9: Toggle Local, Credit card, Standard, dialing options.

<u>Dialing:</u>
You can dial from the Keypad using one of the following.
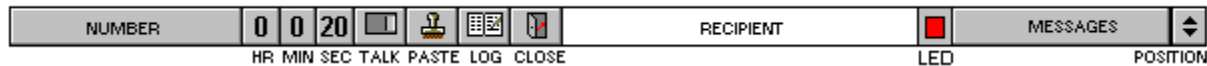1-Click the Dial Button. (Phone Icon) or..
2-Press F4 or..
3-Press ENTER after entering your number.
4-Tab to the Dial button then press ENTER or the Space Bar.
5-Select FILE / DIAL IT!

Timer Bar

Dialit's timer bar will appear anytime you initiate a call.
The timer will allow you to keep track of how long you are on the phone and optionally log the call.

Timer Bar Description
Number Button: Current number is displayed here. This button will also start the Auto redial feature and redial the number displayed.
Hrs Button: Displays the hours. This button will also fire up the setup panel.
Min Button: Displays the minutes. This button will also fire up the Memory Pad.
Sec Button: Displays the seconds. This button will also fire up the Log Viewer.
Talk Button: Click this button to release the modem after entire number is dialed and toggle the timer on and off.
  This button does NOT have to be clicked to release modem if you specified "Auto Connect"
  in the setup panel.
  This button does NOT have to be clicked to start the counter if you specified "Auto Timer"
  in the setup panel.
Paste Button: Click with LEFT mouse button to paste info in the recipient field from an outside source. To do a partial paste, Hilight text you want to paste, Click with the RIGHT mouse button then with the LEFT mouse button to paste.
Log Button: Click this button to Log the call and close the timer.
Close Button: While the phone is dialing you may click this button to immediately hang up the phone and close the timer bar without recording the call in the log.
Recipient Field: You enter whatever you want here. Make it short and sweet. 60 characters max.
This field, when clicked, will also display the current time on the Messages button.
If the counter is running, time will be updated.
LED: Flashes when the timer is counting.
Messages Button: Messages and Button functions are displayed here.
This button will also fire up the Help file when clicked.
Position Button: Positions the timer bar at the top or bottom of your screen.
The current timer bar position will be saved on exit.
Basic Dialing Sequence:
1-Initiate the call.
2-Timer bar will appear and start dialing.
3-AFTER number dials completely, click the "TALK" button to release modem and start the counter. (See Red Notes Above)
4-While conversing you may enter the recipient if you wish.
5-When conversation is finished click the "LOG" button to record the call and close the timer.
Keyboard Shortcuts:
F1: Display These Instructions.
F2: Display Memory pad.Main window.
F3: Display Log Viewer.
F4: Quickly Log current call and close timer bypassing recipient entry.
F5: Toggle position from top to bottom.
F7: Activates Main window.
F8: Redial stored number.
ALT+T: Hangup / Toggle counter on and off.
ALT+P: Paste into recipient field.
ALT+L: Log current call.
ALT+C: Hangup and close timer without logging the call.
Enter or Return: Log the current call.

Log Viewer

Dialing: Double click on any log entry, or hit the enter key, or select OPTIONS / DIAL IT! to dial hilited entry.
Font: Select Window/Font to change the list font. This font will be used also in your printer.
The log viewer uses only Mono-spaced fonts in order to maintain alignment.
Color: White or Light Gray.
Minimize on Dial: Selecting Window/Minimize on Dial will iconize the log everytime you dial from it.
Save Attributes: Selecting Window/save attributes will save all setting for the log.
These are the color, minimize option, window size, font, and position.
Editing Entries: Select EDIT/ENTRY. Click the Log entry you want to edit.
Make the required changes then click the OK button to save your changes. Click CANCEL to abort Edit.
NOTE: You can only edit entries in the Default Log. You can not edit entries in archived logs.
F1: Display These Instructions.
F2: Display Main window.
F3: Display Memory pad.
F4: Dial the Current number.
F5: Toggle list background color.
F6: Maximize/Restore window.
F7: Makes the Timer the active window. This will allow you to perform the timer operations.
F8: Redial stored number.
F9: Toggle Local, Credit card, Standard, dialing options.
CTRL+E: Edit the current Log item.

Memory Pad

Dialing: Click any cell entry to dial that number or navigate to the cell you want and press ENTER. You may also press F4 or select OPTIONS / DIAL IT!.

Adding cells:.
1-Select the page you want to edit by clicking the PAGE menu item.
2-Select Edit/Cell or press F5
3-The cell edit panel will drop down.
4-Click on an empty cell or a cell you want to edit.
5-Enter the name in the NAME field
6-Enter the number in the TEL field
7-Click STORE to save. Repeat 4 thru 8 if you want to store more numbers.
8-Click CLOSE to save your layout and close the panel.
See Also: Special Character codes
Clearing a cell:
1-Select the page you want to edit by clicking the PAGE menu item.
2-Select Edit/Cell or press F5
3-The cell edit panel will drop down.
4-Click on the cell you want to clear.
5-Click CLEAR. Repeat 4 and 5 if you want to clear more cells.
6-Click CLOSE to save changes and close the panel.
Saving position: Select Window/save position to save the current memory pad position.
Minimizing on dial: Selecting Window/Minimize on dial will iconize the pad every time you click a cell to dial.

F1: Display These Instructions.
F2: Display Log viewer.
F3: Display main window.
F4: Dial the Current number.
F5: Edit or add a cell.
F7: Makes the Timer the active window. This will allow you to perform the timer operations.
F8: Redial stored number.
F9: Toggle Local, Credit card, Standard, dialing options.

TAB / SHIFT TAB: Move Up and Down through cells.
SHIFT Left / SHIFT Right: Cut across to other cells.

Special Character Codes

The Following Codes Can Be Used To Tell Dial-It How To Prepare Your Number:
Note: Control Characters Cannot Be Combined. Only One Per Number.
comma (,): Inserts Two second Pause.
Sample: *102880-212-5551212,,,,12345678910* Pause Eight Seconds before dialing Card Number.
Sample: *8,1-212-555-1212* Pause Two Seconds after dialing Outside Access Code.

plus (+): Add Long Distance Prefix and Local Area Code To Local Number.
Sample: *+5551212 returns 1-212-555-1212*

shift 6 (^): Add Long Distance Carrier and Calling Card Number to Long Distance Number.
Sample: *^5551212 returns 102880-212-5551212,,,,12345678910*

shift 5 (%): Add Long Distance Prefix Only To Local Number.
Sample: *%5551212 returns 1-5551212*

shift 2 (@): Add Local Area Code Only To Local Number
Sample: *@5551212 returns 212-5551212*

Where can I use these codes?:
1-You can use these codes in or your favorite Database Application.
2-They can be placed at the begining of a number to be selected for dialing from withing a text document.
3-They can be added to the beginning of the KeyPad Number specified in the Setup Panel.
4-They can be entered directly in the KeyPad.
5-They can be added to the beginning of numbers stored in the memory pad.

How Do I Access These Codes?:
1-Dialit will always use these codes when it encounter them at the beginning of your number regardless of whether the title bar displays either LOCAL or CCARD.

Selecting Numbers

Hilight Modes Available:

Auto:
Click the hilight button until you see the Plain Green Marker Icon.
Point to location where the number to be dialed is and click the Dial button.
Manual:
Hilight the desired number and click the Dial button.

Understanding how Dial-It selects numbers:

Auto Mode:
Dial-It filters out any non-numeric characters from the selected string. So technically you may use auto mode to select from text lines provided the only numeric data in the line of text is a telephone number.
Sample:
"*You may reach me at*   **212-555-1212** *this evening....etc..*"
Auto mode will filter out all alpha characters and will generate **212-555-1212** in this case.
However,if the line of text contains any other numeric data Dial-It will include that data in the dial string.
Sample:
"*You may reach me at*   **212-555-1212**   *this evening afte*r **8:45** *pm....etc..*"
In this case the dial string generated by Dial-It in Auto Mode will be **212-555-1212845**.
This is where Manual Mode comes in.

Manual Mode:
Click the hilight button until you see the Green Marker Icon with the **X** over it,
Hilight the number **212-555-1212,**   Dial-It will generate **212-555-1212** you click the dial button to Dial It.
that's it.

NOTE: When Manually hiligthing, don't worry if you accidentally hilight   any alphabetical or blank space characters found before and after the number. Dial-It will filter those characters out for you.

Setup Panel

Setup panel options

Modem Settings:
Port: Select Modem Port Location. Selecting "Off" will dissable use of the comm port.
Baud: Select Baud Speed required. **Parity:** Select Parity required.
Databits (DB): Select Databits required. **Stopbits (SB):** Select Stopbits required.
Dialer Preferences:
Speaker Off: When Checked, turns modem speaker off.
Vol Low: When Checked, Lowers the Speaker Volume.
Pulse Dial: When Checked, Selects Rotary Service.
Speed Dial: When Checked, Dials fast.
Auto hilight: When Checked, Selects Automatic Number Selection.
Top Most: When Checked, Dial-It's main window will allways be on top.
Other TM: If you have other topmost applications running, like the windows clock,
dialit may refuse to grab numbers from text. Check this box only if you have other topmost apps running.
KeyPad Number: Enter your most commonly used number here.
Name: Enter the name associated with the Keypad Number.
This name will be recorded on the log for you. You may leave this field blank if you wish to.
File PathI: You may choose to keep your log and memory pad files stored in another directory
other than the dialit directory. Enter (or Browse) the directory here.
Timer Preferences:
Auto Connect: If checked, will automaticaly hangup the modem and return control to you.
   NOTE: You must pickup the handset before dialing ends.
   NOTE: This option dissables Dialit's ability to detect BUSY signals.
Auto Timer: If checked, will automaticaly start the timer for you.
Redial: How often should dialit redial on BUSY. (0=continuos 900 = 15 minutes) in seconds.
Flash: How often should dialit FLASH the LED telling you the timer is still open .(in seconds)
Flash Beep: Check this box to add a beep to the LED when flashing.
Notify: If checked, will tell the timer to tell you when a call has not been logged.
Local Exchange Options:
Some call are considered long distance although they are within your area code.
Some areas require you to use the number 1 prefix when making these types of calls while other areas
require you to use the area code only and some require you to use both, prefix and area code...(WHEW)
Select the option required by your area here.
See Also: Special Character codes
Access Codes:
Local Area Code: Enter your Local area Code Here. This entry is Required in order for DIALIT to detect
long distance calls.
Long Distance Prefix: Enter your long distance Prefix. (normally a #1) here.
Use on 800: Some areas require the #1 prefix to dial 800 service calls.
Checking this box will add prefix to 800 service calls.
Outside Line: Enter your Outside Access code. (usually 8 or 9). leave this option blank if not required.
Add Outside Line Pause: Check this box if you want a 2 second delay after the ouside line code.
Card Calling Options:
Use Codes: When Checked, Long Distance Carrier and Card numbers will always be used when
a long distance call is placed. When Un-checked, you may still place a card call by pressing the
F9 from any of dialit's windows untill "CCARD" is displayed in the main windows's title bar.
This provided of course you have specified the carrier and card codes.
Carrier: Enter your Long Distance Carrier Code here. (Sample: Long Distance Code For ATT is 102880)
Pause: Enter the delay to be inserted before dialing the calling card number. (0-14 seconds)
Enter Card Number: Enter your calling card Number Here. Your number will be replaced by a row of
asterisks.
Double clicking on this field when a card number exists will allow you to change the number.

Buttons:
Ok (Enter): Save all changes and close setup dialog box.
Cancel (F6): Cancel and close setup dialog box.
Help (F1): On line Help for the setup box.

Calling Card Security
At No time except when entering, will Dial-It expose the Calling card Number.
If you find a bug in Dial-It's Security feature please notify me.
See <u>Techical Support</u> for Mailing Address.

Vanity Numbers

To dial vanity numbers such as 1-800-DIALPRO etc..
-Open Dialit's keypad.
-Enter the number from the keyboard or you may use the mouse.
-When alpha characters are entered, dialit will translate the characters to their numeric
 counterpart.
-Click the dial button or hit enter.
-That's it!

Support Files

There were many problems reported with the use of Mscomm.vbx, and Threed.Vbx.
Dialit will not run when it encounters an older or more current version of any of these files.
In order to prevent this from happening, the following files where renamed as follows.

Mscomm.Vbx   **Developed by Cresent Software Corp. Copyright © 1992, 1993 Microsof t Corp.**
Dialitcm.Vbx

Threed.Vbx **Copyright © 1992, 1993 Sheridan Software Systems**
Dialit3d.Vbx

Cmdialog.vbx **Copyright © 1991, 1992 Microsof t Corp.**
Dialitdl.Vbx

Dialit's setup program will copy Dialitcm.Vbx, Dialit3d.Vbx, and Dialitdl.Vbx into your system directory.

Technical Support

If you need technical support, you may leave mail in AOL or CompuServe to:
America On Line: LODI3437
CIS:72202,1272

or please send your comments along with a self stamped envelope to:

Louis Collado
3616 Willow Lake Court
St. Cloud, FL. 34769-6506

<u>Submit the following info:</u>
Name
Your Telephone Number
Fax Number (if any)
Feedback or Problem encountered.
If you are a member of the BBS you downloaded from please indicate your screen name.
This will help me speed responses to you. If I can help you I will reply.

Trouble Shooting

Dial-It, like most windows communication programs,   will not re-direct the comm. port for its own use and it will refuse to work when another application is using the same comm. port.

If your Modem fails to dial:
1-Make sure you specified the right port in dialit's setup dialog box or that its not OFF.
2-Check the Baud, Parity, Databits (DB), and Stopbits(SB) settings in dialit's setup dialog box.
   2400, NONE,8,1 are the most common and work well.
3-Check the **Address** and **IRQ** settings on the Windows **Control Panel / Port settings**.
   The **IRQ** should match those of your Modem Board and should not conflict with another
   board in your system. Change if necessary.
4-Did you exit any application sharing the same comm port? And if so, did it close
   the port and made it unavailable to Dial-It? If so Exit and Re-Run Dial-It.
5-Make sure another application using the same comm. port is not running.*
6-Your modem is not supported or is not Hayes compatible.
7-Everything fails....sorry..I don't know what to tell you.

*There are Utilities available which allows two or more communication applications to
 Share the same comm. port. One of this utilities is called
 KingCom © (OTC Corp. 800-769-6344, 714-832-4833. *As Reviewed in PC World, Sept. 1993*)

I make no guarantees that Dial-It will work with your communication or fax programs.

Dial-It© Pro Registration

Instructions

Information:

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Name:_____
Address:_____
City:_____
State:_____
Zip:_____
Country:_____
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The following is optional but will help me in the event you may need support:

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Tel:(   )_____   Fax:(   )_____
Heard about Dial-It on:_____
If Download, what BBS: _____
BBS ID: _____
BBS Aprox. Download Date: _____/_____/_____
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Please check disk size desired: 3 ½ ☐   5 ¼ ☐

Registration Fees:
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US and Puerto Rico..............20.00 Upgrade: 10.00
Outside the US and Canada:......30.00 Upgrade: 20.00
Amount Enclosed:_____
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If you are registered and wish to upgrade, Please specify which release you are upgrading from.
Upgrading from Release:_____
Registered users will be upgraded when completed form is received with upgrade fee.

Please make Checks / Money Orders out to: Louis Collado
Send completed form with payment to:
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Louis Collado
3616 Willow Lake Court
St. Cloud, FL. 34769-6506
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FREE maintenance updates of Dial-It Pro will be issued to registered users as required.
Your feedback is appreciated and needed. Please write comments on a separate sheet and mail at your convenience. Thank you for your support.

Signed:_____ **Date:**_____

I understand that....
This program is supplied as is and author shall not be held responsible for any problems extending from the use of this utility. In no event will author incur any liability for damages, including but not limited to, loss of profit, data or use of the software, or special, incidental or consequential damages or other similar claims. This program has no warranty.

Printing the form out
1- Select "FILE / PRINT TOPIC" to get a hard copy of this form.
2- Fill in all information. Please print if possible.
3- If you are a registered user of a previous release,
   you may upgrade to the latest release by specifying which release
   you are upgrading from and submitting the upgrade fee required.

Bell's Invention

(Excerpt from the world book encyclopedia)

   Alexander Graham Bell, a Scotsman who had come to the United States in 1871, invented the telephone. Bell was a teacher of the deaf in Boston. At night, he experimented with a *harmonic telegraph*, a device for sending several telegraph messages at once over one wire. Bell failed to perfect the harmonic telegraph, but he accidentally discovered the secret of the telephone.

   On June 2, 1875, one of the metal reeds of the harmonic telegraph stuck. Bell's assistant, Thomas A. Watson, snapped the reed to loosen it. Bell, who was in another room, heard the sound in his receiver. He realized that the vibrations of the reed had caused vibrations of electric current.
In turn, the electric current had reproduced the same variations in the receiver he was using.

   On March 10, 1876, Bell finally succeeded in speaking words over a telephone. He was about to test a new transmitter. In another room, Watson waited for the test message.
Suddenly, Bell spilled some acid from a battery on his clothes. he cried out:
"Mr. Watson, come here. I want you!"
Watson rushed into the room, shouting: "Mr. Bell, I heard every word you said-distinctly!"
Bell had just invented the worlds first successful telephone.

When the telephone was first demonstrated, someone said,
"It's interesting, but what good is it"
Somebody replied..."What good is a newborn baby."

Candlestick Telephone, (Used for Dialit's Icon) circa 1919.

Thank You...

I would like to thank the following people:

To some of my registrants who provided their feedback:
    ya'all know who you are....
    Glen
    Tom
    Angel
    Lisa from Ohio
    Robert from Queens
    Tony from the Bronx
    John from Philly
    Jay from Boston
    Andrew
    G. Dean from Akron...
    Missy..call me sometime..
    and
    Erik from Westchester .
    and the rest of you who provided helpful info...thanks.
Bye.