



# *BullRead'r 1.9*

## Complete Bulletin Display System for Hermes BBS

BullRead'r is a display system for informational bulletins for the Hermes BBS. It offers several options for the display of ANSI/text files to your users. BullRead'r works automatically during the user logon process.

The first thing BullRead'r does is display 1 of 3 "Tri-Level" bulletins based upon a range of security levels you provide. The Tri-Levels can be used in a number of ways, such as displaying BBS rules, info about different levels of user access, etc.

**New in v1.9!** If you have selected bulletins to be automatically displayed, they will be presented to the caller at this point. Auto-display bulletins from your Master Bulletins menu.

The next thing BullRead'r does is handle the "Master Bulletins" menu. It either displays the menu of available bulletins or a prompt asking the user whether they want to view the menu. This option is toggled by you.

After reading the bulletins, or choosing not to, the user continues the normal logon process.

## Feature List

- 1] Display of the "Master Bulletin" menu can be forced or prompted.
- 2] One of three special Tri-Level bulletins may be displayed to the caller. The display is based on Security Level and the ranges are configurable by the SysOp.
- 3] The display of the Tri-Level bulletin can be either forced or occur once per day.

- 4] Automatic ANSI or TEXT display of the bulletins.
- 5] Up to 10 bulletins in the "Master Bulletin" menu. Bulletins can reside anywhere.
- 6] Remote operation. BullRead'r is configurable either logged on locally or by remotely.
- 7] Bulletins 3 through 10 can be ANSI and TEXT!
- 8] **New! Any of the regular bulletins can be set to be automatically displayed.**

## Setting Up BullRead'r

**NOTE! NOTE! NOTE! ALL Bulletins MUST END with a CARRIAGE RETURN and NOT CONTAIN extra LINEFEEDS. YOU MUST append ".ansi" to the end of the ANSI version, but it is not necessary to append anything to the TEXT version. (This is different than in previous version of BR).**

Put BullRead'r and the BullRead'r Files folder (and its contents, of course) in the Externals folder and restart Hermes.

Log on to Hermes as User #1 and select BullRead'r from the Externals List.

Choose "A> Set Number of Bulletins"

This will control the number of bulletin listings in your "Master Bulletins" menu, up to a maximum of 10.

Choose "B> Set Bulletin Prompts"

All menu items in the "Master Bulletins" menu are configurable by you. Enter the names of the bulletins you will be presenting to your users. Maximum of 50 characters.

Choose "C> Set Bulletin Paths"

Bulletins can reside anywhere, but are limited by a 78 character pathname.

***Enter the complete path to your bulletins INCLUDING the FILENAME.***

Example: HD:BBS:HERMES FILES:EXTERNALS:BULLREAD'R FILES:BULL1

**NOTE: All Bulletins are listed to the caller as either ANSI or TEXT, based upon their settings. When entering pathnames for those bulletins, DO NOT append the ".ansi" or ".text" extensions -- BullRead'r will do that. YOU MUST append ".ansi" to the end of the ANSI version, but it is not necessary to append anything to the TEXT version. (This is**

**different than in previous version of BR).**

Choose "D> Set Levels"

Here is where you enter the security level ranges which control the display of the "Tri-Levels" files (these are named 'Level 1', 'Level 2', and 'Level 3' -- ending in '.ansi' for ANSI versions -- and are in a separate folder named "Levels" inside your BullRead'r Files folder). There are 2 numbers which you must enter -- a low and a high number. Look at the 3 lines of info on the screen for instructions about how to choose the appropriate SLs.

**NOTE: If you do not want to use the "Tri-Levels" feature, simply enter the number 0 in both.**

Choose "E> Toggles"

This allows you to control whether the "Master Bulletins" menu is automatically displayed or whether the user will be prompted to see it. It also allows you to set whether or not the "Tri-Levels" will be displayed during each logon or only once per day. You can also set any of the "Regular Bulletins" to automatically display at each logon.

Choose "M> Display Bulletins Menu"

This menu item will be useful for testing your setup.

## Problems

Support for all CT Extensions can be found on two locations. The **primary** support location is Currents! BBS, the **secondary** support location is Olympus. Any problems should be reported to me either on Currents! (513) 253-2476 or the Hermes Support BBS (310) 275-6975.

*Thanks!  
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