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BullRead'r 1.8

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.

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.

Version 1.9 will add the ability to create ANSI and TEXT   bulletins with special borders and color!

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.

Setting Up BullRead'r

NOTE! NOTE! NOTE! ALL Bulletins MUST END with a CARRIAGE RETURN and NOT CONTAIN extra LINEFEEDS.

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.**

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' and '.text' -- 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. All special files have ANSI and TEXT versions. If you only want to take the time to create a TEXT version, you must make a duplicate

copy and append the extension '.ansi' to its filename. It is recommended that you use both ANSI and TEXT versions.

<u>Choose "E> Toggles"</u>

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.

Problems

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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