

## Voting Booth docs By Bryan Turner

This version will only work with Hermes 1.0.8.

To install voting booth:

Simply drag the voting booth external file into the 'externals' folder.

Remove all old files AND folders.

Add a folder called 'Vote' to your externals folder.

You will now need to modify 'STR#' resource ID = 16, add a 'V' (capital) to the first string. If you are unfamiliar in the use of ResEdit, please do not attempt this. Now launch Hermes, and add a 'Vote' command to your main menu. To use voting booth, type 'V' at the main menu. When you log into Hermes, and type 'V' it will create your entry file, and from there you can do anything a normal user can.

To make a question:

First your SL must be over the set amount (see features section), and a configure menu choice will magically appear. Choose it, and you will be asked to create a new question or quit back to the main choices. For now, create a new one. Then you are asked what question number this will be, you don't have to go in order but it helps. Say #1 for now. You will be prompted as to update all user files, this will open each user's file, and set their answer for new (or updated) question to 0. Then it asks for the question, just type in the question (say, 'How is this BBS?'). If you entered the number of a previously created question, and want to remove it, type a period as the question, otherwise it will simply write over the old one. Now you are asked for the first of 10 choices, just type each one in. If you don't want all 10, type a period on an empty line to end early. It will save the data and display '..Done..'

You will now notice that at the main choices it says 'Current questions: 1' this will contain a list of the nonblank questions so that users can see what question numbers there are.

Answering questions:

Just type the question number in, and then the answer number.

Features:

Some other features are also hanging around, here they are.

Set SL's : This is an option to restrict users of certain SL levels to use or create questions. The first thing to do is go into the configure section 'C', and edit the SL's 'S'. You are then asked to enter the min SL allowed to vote, that is the minimum SL

a user must have for the voting booth to let them in (default = 0). Then it asks the min SL to use the config choice, that is the minimum SL a user must have to access the configuration menu (default = 0).

Restrictions: This is an addition to fit the hermes 'alphabetic' restrictions, just enter a capital letter for each question, and it corresponds to the restriction. Enter a space for no restriction (default = [space]).

List questions: This simply displays a list of the questions and whether or not the current user has a 0 answer for it or not.

Question stats: This new feature gives you some feedback from the current question, like the most popular answer(s), and the total times this question has been voted on (including re-votes).

Menu choice: This is a feature that allows you to change what the user types to invoke the Voting Booth. It can be up to 10 characters in length, and MUST be in caps. The default is 'V', but you could change it to say '//VOTE' (two slashes are required for a command of more than 1 character).

"You haven't voted" prompt: This prompt is displayed at login, and each time you exit Voting Booth without all the questions being answered, an answer is considered a nonzero number stored in the user's file for that question.

Update user files: When creating a question it asks if you want to update all user files, if you answer yes, it opens each user's file, and changes the answer for the question you are about to make/delete/re-write to 0. Thus it displays the 'You haven't voted' reminder correctly.

To external programmers and SysOps:

I've included a 'TMPL' for ResEdit that makes the 'HRMS' resource much easier to modify. This may come in handy sometime.

Known errors:

When two nodes are simultaneously creating a question, the results can be disastrous, this is a good reason to set the config SL to 255.

I'm not sure why, but several errors are creeping up in the SL and restrictions even when logging on to Voting Booth. I've noticed things like typing a 'V' at the transfers lets me into Voting Booth, but I specifically look to see if you are in the main menu. Please report any errors such as this, I'm still tracking them and any help is appreciated. Also, the voting booth will let some people configure even though their SL is lower than needed, I haven't tracked this down, but it seems to work fine if you set the SL's and restrictions to let no one in.

Reporting errors:

If you have access to the Hermes SysOps echo, I regularly read it, and will accept error reports through there, but I'm not sure if the moderator likes that. And we all know what mad moderators do, now don't we?

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Thanx, and hope you like it!