Absolutely On-line

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Introduction

I use a nice local ISP (Internet Service Provider) to connect Internet from my home computer, but they configured their modems to drop the line after five-ten minutes inactivity.

Sometimes, when I'm thinking about a reply to a user, or while reading an interesting article on the WEB, or simply when I go down to get something to drink, my ISP drop the line and I have to reconnect.

Many people known how annoying it is.

Absolutely On-line periodically polls the line (about one time a minute) performing the minimum activity required to avoid line drop by ISP.

This version should work with AOL connection too, using the dialog autoreply feature, but I haven't tryed it, so test the program for a while before to buy.

While developing it I added also two simple functions, the first to automatically dial and connect to your RAS ISP (optionally remembering your password for you); the second to set the system clock using your favorite Internet time server.

The dialog autoreply feature is also useful to get rid of annoying dialog pop-up.

This version has an option to automatically drop the line after a fixed amount of time. This to avoid to be on-line forever (so you can leave your computer while it download the email or a newsgroup fixing a maximum time to stay online).

Good work....

Overview
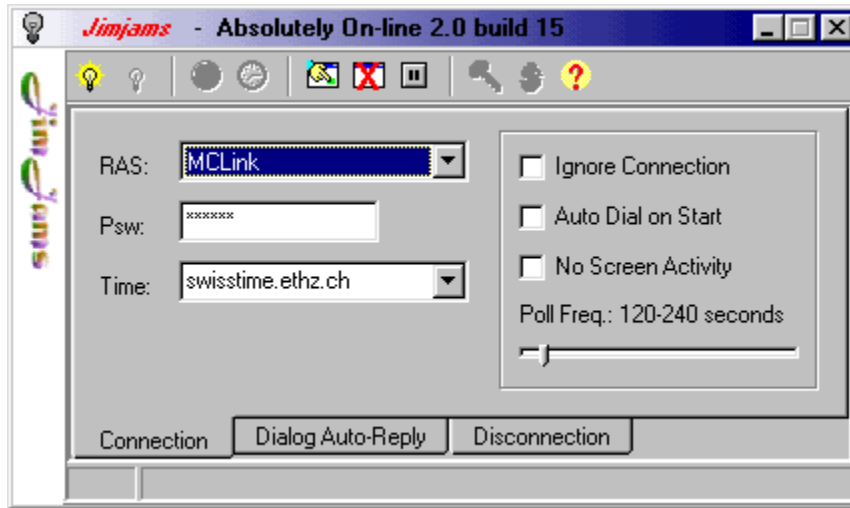
Absolutely On-line is really easy to use, after you started it the first time, you need to chose your default RAS services selecting it from the RAS combo box (if you use only one RAS provider then it will be automatically selected).

Some users will not need to use a RAS connection because their ISP may have a special client software to connect.

Optionally you can provide a password associated with that provider. Abson will remember the password for you.

If you want to use the time set function then insert a Time Server name in the Time combo.

Check "**Auto dial on start**" if you want to dial your ISP immediatly when you launch the program.

Check "**No Screen activity**" if you use a screen saver, to avoid generation of screen activity detected by your screen saver.

If you connect to your ISP by yourself using some kind of RAS enancher or a dedicated client, then you can select "**Ignore Connection**" to avoid conflicts with your software. This way it starts polling immediatly.

You can change the poll frequency modifying "**Freq**" (seconds).

All settings will be saved.

Use the " **Light-On** " icon to connect.

Use the " **Light-Off** " icon to disconnect and hang-up the line.

Use the " **Green Led** " icon to start/stop **Absolutely On-line** polling.

🕐   Use the " **Clock** " icon to connect Time Server and set the system time.

🔑   " **Key** " icon is used to insert registration key.

💲   " **Dollar** " icon is used to connect to registration site or to activate `register.exe`.

❓   " **Help** " icon will start this help.
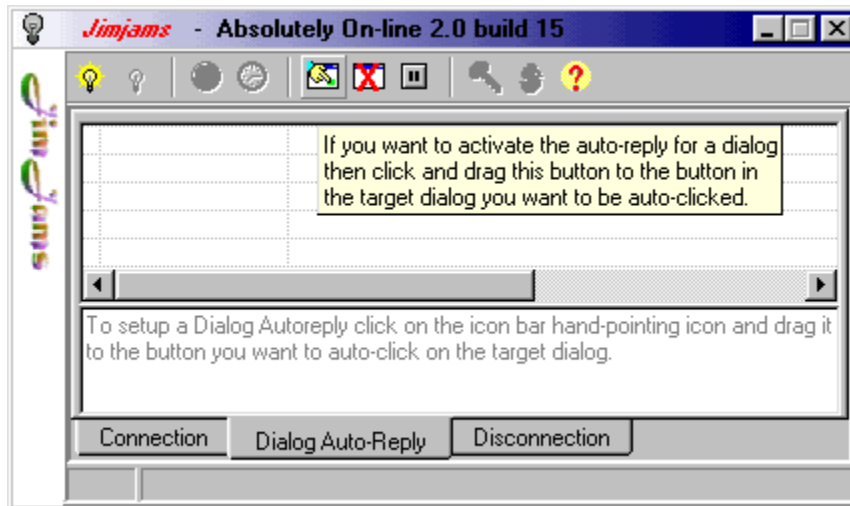
If your ISP use a special client software may be it will pop-up periodically with a dialog asking you to confirm you want be on-line. Absolutely On-line has a new feature to get rid of this dialogs.

To activate this feature you must wait the dialog to pop-up, now, instead to reply it, go to Absolutely On-line window, select   "Dialog Auto-reply" tab, then click and drag this icon dropping it on the button you need to click in the pop-up dialog.

Absolutely On-line should now auto-click that dialog each time it will pop-up again.
You can add as many autoreply as you need.

You can delete an entry from the auto-reply list selecting it and clickint the **Delete** button

You can suspend the auto-reply feature clicking the **Pause** button
Click it again to reactivate the feature.
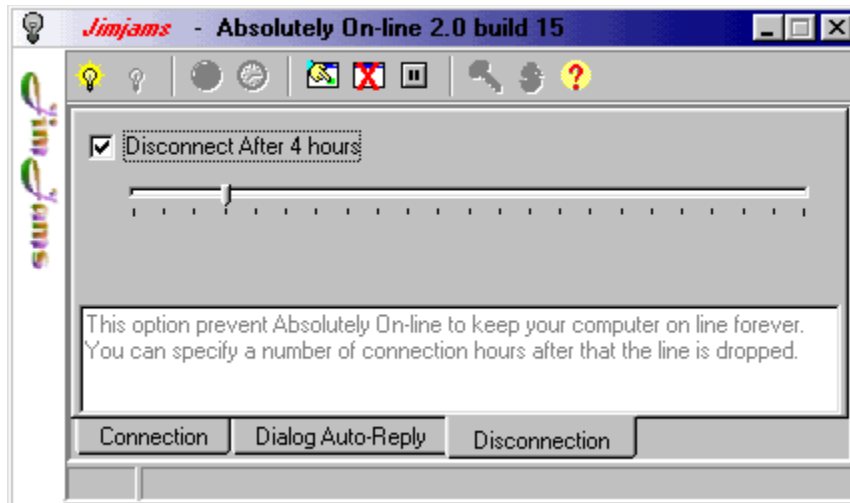
Finally you can select a maximum number of hours for your connection. When Absolutely On-line detect the connection is active past that amount of hours, it will automatically drop the line.

I use this setting to avoid to stay connected for ever if I forgot to drop the line manually.

There is no more to speak about, **Absolutely On-line** is a simple program.

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Known Problems

There are no know problems or bugs.

F.A.Q.

1   **When I close Absolutely On-line it drop the line. How can I keep the line on, while closing it?**

Absolutely On-line drop the line in exit if you used it to start the connection. There is no reason to close the program while you stay connected, because you can disable polling and auto-reply.
Still if you want to close the program remaining connected you have to connect by hand and only after the connection is estabilished you have to start Absolutely On-line.

2   **When Absolutely On-line sincronyze time with a remote Time Server how accurate is it?**

It's not a Rolex, but it's good if you don't need an absolute precision. Error can vary, but should be very little.