

## Hints and tips

### Reading and editing during an exchange

Unlike earlier versions of BulkRate, you can actually do other things while a mail exchange is taking place. You can work in other open applications, or you can read mail from another BBS, or you can read mail as it comes in during an exchange.

Try not to leave a dialog box or alert on the screen for too long while an exchange is in progress; they do not allow any processor time to be devoted to the exchange and certain actions can then timeout. In most cases, BulkRate allows a full minute before timing out, so as long as the dialog box or alert is acted upon in less than a minute, you should be fine.

### Moving files around

BulkRate has to keep track of the location of a lot of files. If you move or rename mailboxes or settings files (or the folders they are within), BulkRate may not be able to find them when running an exchange or script.

You can force BulkRate to update the location of mailboxes by using the "Service setup.." dialog under the Service menu. To update the location of a Service file in a Script, you must delete the Service file from the Script list and re-add it. If you move an Address Book file, you'll need to reopen it in order for BulkRate to use it as the default address book file. Otherwise BulkRate will continue to look in the OLD location for the file.

### Adding a "signature" to your messages

BulkRate supports a "tagline" feature, in which a randomly chosen single line "tagline" is appended to the end of your message. On the Internet, multi-line "signature" files are very popular ways to end newsgroup postings and e-mail. You can have BulkRate automatically add a "signature" to the end of each outgoing message you send. To do so, you must create one or more text files and place them in the same folder as the BulkRate application.

The file names must end in ".sig". When BulkRate sends a message, it first looks for a ".sig" file with the same name as the "Host name" of your Service file. If you have a Host name of "LAMG BBS", BulkRate will look for a file named "LAMG BBS.sig". If it doesn't find a file with this name in the same folder as the BulkRate application, it then looks for a file named "BulkRate.sig". Failing that,

it does not append any .sig text to your outgoing message.

Be sure that the filename of the signature file (if it isn't named "BulkRate.sig") is the same as the Host name , not the service filename . For example, if your service filename is "LAMG", but the Host name (as it appears in the service window) is "LAMG BBS", a signature file named "LAMG.sig" won't work, but a signature filename of "LAMG BBS.sig" will work.

Also note that a specific service signature file will be used in place of the BulkRate.sig file, **not** with it.

You can use any word processor or even TeachText to create your ".sig" files; just make sure that the file is saved in "TEXT" format. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to create a .sig file from within BulkRate.