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TCP/IP chat - Chat with other RASPlus users just like the big commercial online services!!   When you connect to your Internet provider, RASPlus will go out and check for other RASPlus users. When it finds them, their names will appear in the CHAT window and you can start talking!!

RASPlus Overview

RASPlus is finally here!!

The most important thing to happen to RAS since Windows 95!! RASPlus is more than just some musical redialler. More than a...."Been there, 'Dun' that!".....scripting tool. RASPlus is a full featured Internet connection tool.

With RASPlus you can :

- ¤   Keep track of multiple RAS entries
- ¤   Auto-redial any single entry or group of entries
- ¤   Chat with other RASPlus users
- ¤   Automatically start dialling your
         favorite service at startup
- ¤   Start up the applications you choose after
         connection. Mail, Browsers, News Readers.
- ¤   Keep track of online time and billing
         information, ie. cost per hour.
- ¤   Track call stats : number of connects and
         connect speeds.
- ¤   And much, much more!!

RASPlus is fully integrated with Windows 95. It
makes use of many new features within Windows 95
and Microsoft Plus!. RASPlus is a complete replacement
for Dial-Up Networking which is included with Windows 95.
There is no need to re-enter your RAS dial-up information
 once you've entered it into Windows 95 dialup networking.
RASPlus automatically grabs all your existing settings

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Requirements

To use RASPlus you will need to meet the follwing requirments.

- ¤ Windows 95 (release version or higher)
- ¤ Windows 95 Dial-Up Networking installed
- ¤ A modem

RASPlus will run under Windows NT 3.5x Workstation with loss of some functionallity.   We have not fully tested RASPlus under Windows NT, watch for updates.

Setup

To install RASPlus :

- ¤ Un-zip the executable onto a floppy diskette
    labeled "RASPlus Install".
- ¤ Insert the floppy into your drive and
    open Control Panel.
- ¤ Open the Add/Remove Programs icon
- ¤ Click on the 'Install' button and choose next
- ¤ Windows 95 will detect the "RASPlus Install"
    diskette in the drive and start to install.
- ¤ After installation, the RASPlus program
    group added to your Start Menu.
- ¤ Installation Complete!!

If you already have your Dial-Up Networking setup, RASPlus will automatically pick up your settings.   We are working hard to get RASPlus out in a timely fashion. Responses to our initial screen shots have been pouring in constantly.   This release will assume that you already have RAS setup under Windows 95.   If you do not, please send email to chronos@cftnet.com.   Include your providers domain name and gateway IP addresses.   Anyone that sends mail asking for help will automatically receive updated help files as they are made available

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Disclaimer

This document is still under development.   It is hoped that this will help you get RASPlus up and runnning as quickly as possible on your machine.   Some features of RASPlus are still under development as well.   Most functionallity will be included for the initial release.   Additional features will be included within the 'Full' release.   This software has been tested with Windows 95 from build R-2 through the 'Gold Disk'.   No warranty is expressed or implied.   The full version of RASPlus will be released soon.

Please report any bugs, comments, or enhancement requests to :

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>   chronos@cftnet.com

   Include what type of system configuration you are running as well as what other software may have been running in the backround.   The target audience for this beta version of RASPlus is for existing Windows 95 RAS users that already are familiar with setting up RAS.   Visit http://www.cftnet.com/mall/rasplus for details.

Thank you for using RASPlus!!

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Using RASPlus

RASPlus will have many features included in the initial release.   The non-registered version will   have some features limited but will contain NO ANNOYING features!!   It is our hope that the program will be so valuable to you that you would like to register it.

The many features of RASPlus :

- ¤ TCP/IP chat - Chat with other RASPlus users
- ¤ Hailling - Send a chat greeting via .wav files
- ¤ Application launcher - Launch your Internet applications
- ¤ User Handle - Create your own unique chat handles
- ¤ Stealth mode - Start TCP/IP chat and watch anonymously!
- ¤ Group dial at start-up - Begin dialing your default group when you start RASPlus
- ¤ Automatic reconnect - Auto redail connection if dropped!
- ¤ Add/Remove/Edit RAS entries from within RASPlus!!
- ¤ Auto Login - RASPlus have your Login ID and Password entered for you.
- ¤ System Agent support - Schedule dial-up sessions
- ¤ And much, much more!!

Feature limitations in non-registered version :
- ¤ Launching of applications   on connection is limited to one app.
- ¤ On-line expense tracking is disabled.
- ¤ When exiting RASPlus, your connection will be disconnected.
- ¤ Changing of connect WAV files.
- ¤ Chat Stealth Mode is disabled.

For more notes regarding the setup of TCP/IP Chat.

For additional last minute information please consult the Readme.txt files supplied with this program.

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Hailling - Right click on any persons handle in the chat window and choose hail.   This will play the hail.wav file on their computer.   It's a great way to get someones attention!!

Application launcher - Set up to 5 different Applications to start automatically when you start up RASPlus.   Start up Internet Mail, Usenet readers, Browsers, or anything else you want!!

User Handle - Create your very own online name!!   Change it as often as you like, RASPlus will resend your new identity out to everyone.

Stealth mode - For the voyeur in you!!   Enable TCP/IP chat with stealth mode and they'll never know you were there!!   A great feature for those who would rather watch than participate!!

Group dial - Dial and Re-dial all numbers in the selected dialling group till you get connected!

Automatic reconnect - If you should loose your connection while you are online, no problem. RASPlus will automatically re-dial and log you back in!!

Add/Remove/Edit - You can setup new, edit existing, or remove unwanted RAS entries right from inside RASPlus!!

TCP/IP CHAT

Here are a few things you should know about setting up TCP/IP chat under RASPlus.

You will need to edit the chatlist.txt file located within the RASPlus directory.   TCP/IP chat works by scanning a list of known IP addresses.   If you do not have IP addresses listed, you will NOT be able to chat!   If you connect with an Internet provider that assigns you an IP address, and you have friends that are connected through the same provider.   You will need to add their Static IP address to your chatlist.txt file, and yours to theirs.   If you connect with an Internet provider that assigns you a Dynamic IP address, usually based on what modem you dial in on, you will need to add as many of those IP addresses to your chatlist.txt as possible.   Check with your provider for a complete list of their Dynamic Ip addresses.   As long as you have the IP addresses defined within your chatlist.txt file, Dynamic or Static, RASPlus will scan them for users of RASPlus Chat.   When editting chatlist.txt, use a semi-colon (;) for adding remarks.

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Static IP - An address assigned to you by your Internet provider.

Dynamic IP - An IP address assigned to you based on that login.   Will change from call to call.

Auto Login - RASPlus interfaces with Windows 95 Dial-up scripting tool.   You will have to assign a script to each RAS entry.   More detailed help will be forth comming.

System Agent support - Setup your System Agent to automatically dial-up and check for new mail before you arrive at home or office.