

How to Use Outpost Packet Message Manager on a Windows 10 System

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Hooking Up a Radio

1. Buy or make a cable to connect your 2-meter radio to your TNC.
2. To use the Rattlesnake Packet BBS, tune the radio to 145.030 MHz with no PL tone.

Note: In order to use the Rattlesnake Packet BBS, you need to be within radio range of the Rattlesnake tower.

Installation

1. Go to outpostpm.org.
2. Download Outpost Packet Message Manager 3.6.0.1 or later.
3. Install it with all of the default settings.
4. When prompted, enter the following:
5. User Call Sign: <your call sign> (e.g. KC3KVS)
6. User Name: <your name> (e.g. Bob Snyder)
7. Message ID Prefix: <3 letters> (e.g. KVS)
8. Check the box: **[x] Show this form on startup**. (This makes it easier for two people to share one PC)

BBS Setup

1. Go to Setup/BBS...
2. Click the **New** button.
3. Friendly: RATSNAKE
4. Connect Name: W3PHB-3
5. Description: Rattlesnake
6. Click the **OK** button.

Interface Setup (for a Kantronics KPC-3 Plus TNC)

1. Go to Setup/Interface...
2. Click the **New** button.
3. IF Name: KPC-3 Plus
4. Click on the **Com Port** tab.
5. Com Port: <select your TNC>
6. Max Speed: 1200
7. Data Bits: 8
8. Parity: None
9. Stop Bits: 1

10. Flow Control: RTS/CTS
11. Click the **OK** button.

Send/Receive Settings

1. Go to the Tools Menu and choose Send/Receive Settings...
2. Automation: Manual
3. Click the **Other** tab.
4. Check the box: **[x] Show TNC session window during Send/Receive**

Retrieving Messages

1. Start Outpost PM.
2. Click the Send/Receive button on the button bar.

Note: If you don't see a TNC session window, check your COM port setting in Outpost. Unplugging and replugging a USB cable can change the Com port number assigned to the TNC.

Sending a Message

- Start Outpost PM.
- Click the **New** button at the left side of the button bar.
- In the To: field, enter the call sign of the intended recipient.
- Complete the message and hit the Send button.
- The message will not be sent immediately unless you changed the default settings.
- Create additional messages if desired.
- Click the Send/Receive button to connect to Rattlesnake and transfer messages.