

Outpost v2.7 Release Content Description

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1. Introduction

This Release Content Description provides information about new or changed functionality that will be available in Outpost Packet Message Manager Release 2.7. This information is organized under the following sections:

- **New Features:** A new capability that did not exist in any prior version of Outpost in any form.
- **Enhancements:** A change to an existing feature that further improves the performance or usability of the application. Enhancements include minor changes, internal changes (that may not be evident to the user, but contribute to improved supportability increased stability, or application performance) and bug fixes.
- **Changes since Version 2.6c024:** A list of the various changes that were introduced in maintenance or defect releases since the original v2.6 release.

2. New Features

2.1. ER#1017: User Profiles

Most of Outpost's configuration settings are stored in either .dat files (TNCs, BBSs, Addresses, etc) or in an initialization file (Outpost.ini). Version 2.7 introduces the concept of **Profiles** that are essentially different combinations of Outpost settings stored under different profile names. Profiles are user-defined based on your specific needs. Once defined, you can switch from one profile to another, thereby mass updating the configuration of Outpost in one click. Your current settings are saved prior to the profile change.

The idea of profiles is to address the needs of users who need to switch a variety of Outpost settings as they change roles or modes of operations. For instance,

- You can define an "Emergency" Profile that sets up your tactical call, a specific BBS, possibly some automated send/receive, cycle, and turns on automated message numbering, to name a few.
- You can also define a "Casual" Profile that has tactical calls turned off, maybe names a different full-feature BBS, select a retrieve filtered bulletin set for areas of interest, etc.
- Any number of Profiles can be named with any combinations of settings configured.

3. Enhancements

3.1. Outpost

ER#951: Resolves Vista/W87/W8 operational problems. The need to run Outpost with Administrator privileges has been resolved. When the Outpost v2.7 installation runs, it will move your data files from C:\ProgramData\Outpost*.* to C:\Users\<your_name>\AppData\Roaming\Outpost*.*. This data move puts your Outpost data in a location that does not require Administrative Privileges to update (the essence of the problem).

However, with this change, Outpost is now installed for the user that actually did the installation. If you have a common PC where multiple users operate Packet under a common login, there is no problem. If you operate under individual log-ins, please let me know and we can talk through options for setting up your data correctly.

ER#1015: Resolves Address Book Error where no address entries were present and the user pressed the To: button on the message form.

ER#1016: Resolves Header Look-alikes where the text in the message body that contains the words “From:”, “To:”, and “Subject” get picked up and treated as message header entries. This impacted FBB, JNOS, TNOS, and SNOS BBSs.

ER#1018: Control Message Form fonts. Allows the user to change font size and font on Outpost message forms.

ER#1021: SCS DSP Tracker Modem Support. Adds an option to append a prefix character (usually escape, integer 27) to the front of TNC commands sent to this device. No other TNC is known to require this character prefix to be sent to the device.

ER#1022: Previous/Next Message. Adds an up-arrow and down-arrow control to the Outpost message forms to allow you to pick the previous or next message without closing the current message.

ER#1025: Forgetful PC/Time Check. Message time-stamping is critical when creating packet messages, especially when they become part of the official event record. Some PCs may sit in go-kits and their PC time drifts. This feature adds an option to pop up the PC Time Check form at the time Outpost starts that shows the current PC time. It also allows the user to change the date and time if necessary.

3.2. Interactive Packet

ER#1012: Add KissOff Controls. Ipserial now includes specific options to turn off KISS and HOST mode from Kantronics, AEA, and PacComm TNCs.

4. Changes since v2.6 c022

ER#1003: Added SendOnly option to Scripts

ER#1004: Resolved opening script files from MRC listing when not in the standard location.

ER#1007: Resolved Iperial problem of correct placement of the cursor after pressing Connect.

ER#1008: Resolved setting with KAM3 controls.

ER#1010: Added support for KWM-9612+ TNC (identical to KPC-9612).

ER#1011: Reinstated Font Controls in the Ipterminal programs.

ER#1013: Add support L@ filter option along with L>

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