

advice

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	<i>TITLE :</i> advice		
<i>ACTION</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>SIGNATURE</i>
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Chapter 1

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1.1 main

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ADVICE: A new requester from BOTH Software  
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Usage : Advice

```
TITLE/A, BODY/A, BUTTONTTEXT=BUTTON/K, POSITION=POS/K, PUBSCREEN/K
```

Arguments:

```
TITLE      <text> - Title text for requester window.  
BODY       <file> - Body text for requester window.  
BUTTONTTEXT <text> - Button text. (default "_Continue")  
POSITION   <pos> - Open requester window at <pos>.  
>or POS    Values are: CENTERSCR, TOPLEFTSCR,  
            CENTERWIN, TOPLEFTWIN, POINTER.  
PUBSCREEN   <screen>- Public screen name.
```

DESCRIPTION

Advice is a general purpose advisory requestor. It's function is to present the user with a ReqTools-like requester. This requester displays text in the window and offers one Button to clear the requester.

The text comes from a file.

Example:

```
Advice TITLE "Info for you" BODY RAM:help.txt BUTTONTEXT "_I See"
```

Click here to see it in action.

Advice is very much like `rteZrequest`. The main difference is that `BODY` information comes from a text file and not from the command line.

MUInt Users:

Calling Advice from a button is easy. If the `TITLE` has spaces in it (and it probably will) call Advice like this:

```
echo >>ram:X.button "HELP;Advice *\"Help Text*\" X.help.txt"
```

1.3 ti

`TITLE`

`TITLE` is a Required argument and it is Positional.

This information appears in the top bar of the window. It should describe the kind of information the user is reading.

```
Advice TITLE "Installation Instructions"
```

The word `TITLE` does not have to be used as long as the text is presented as the first string following the name of the requester.

```
Advice "Installation Instructions"
```

There is no default value for `TITLE`. If you choose not to present any information in the window you must include a null string as the first string after the argument.

The text you assign as `TITLE` will be truncated if the window is too narrow to render it.

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`BODY`

`BODY` is required and positional.

This is the text that appears inside the window. Use Advice to give specific instructions to the user.

```
Advice "Installation Instructions" BODY RAM:help.txt
```

The word BODY does not have to be used as long as the text is presented as the next string following TITLE.

The text must come from a textfile. If a path is necessary, include it like this:

```
BODY DH2:extrainfo.txt
```

If the filename has a space in it, enclose the entire path/filename in double quotes.

```
BODY "DH2:Extra Info.txt"
```

FORMATTING THE TEXT

The text must have a newline at the end of each line. Write the text with your text editor and format the document manually. We suggest a maximum right margin of 70. The maximum number of lines should be 40 although Advice will accept a textfile of any length. The appearance of the text inside the requester is controlled by the line width and number of lines.

Do not embed ANSI characters in the text. They won't show.

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```
BUTTONTEXT
```

BUTTONTEXT is optional.

The default value is "_Continue". If you don't call a BUTTONTEXT value, Advice will supply the default for you.

You cannot assign multiple buttons. If you don't want to use the default, the syntax is this:

```
BUTTONTEXT "buttontext"
```

Any keypress will return a zero to \$RC, and close the requester. Keyboard shortcuts are allowed. The UNDERSCORE character is used for shortcuts.

```
BUTTONTEXT "_buttontext"
```

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```
PUBSCREEN
```

PUBSCREEN is optional.

If you want a requester to appear on a Public Screen, enter the Public Screen name. Example:

```
PUBSCREEN WorkBench
```

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POSITION or POS

You may use the name POSITION or POS interchangeably. With this argument, you may place the requester on several places on the screen. The options are:

```
CENTERSCR    Centers the requester in the screen.
              CENTERSCR is the default if no other option is used.
TOPLEFTSCR   Top left corner of the screen
CENTERWIN    Centers the requester in the active window
TOPLEFTWIN   Top left corner of the active window
POINTER      Places the window so the pointer is over a button
```

If you don't specify POSITION, Advice will appear under the pointer.

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Installation

COPY the file Advice to anyplace in the path. SYS:c would be a good place to park it.

1.9 bs

Advice was written to compliment MUI Interface, a package that generates and controls a MUI GUI from a DOS script. If you use DOSReqTools, you will see that Advice is very much like rtEZrequest.

If you find any bugs or have any comments, please contact the Authors. Email messages will be answered immediately. Snail Mail letters will take longer since we never learned to read.

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If you feel the requester could be made more useful, please contact BOTH Software.

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The exception to this requirement would be if you wrote a script that used the requester. Advice may be distributed with your script(s).

Advice may be included in any archive collection.

Tested on a 4000, 3000, 2000, 1000, 600, 500, and 1200 without problems.

Advice is free of Enforcer hits.

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You must have the ReqTools.library installed. ReqTools.library is not included here. WorkBench 2.x and up is required.
