Automating a Dial-Up Networking connection

You can create a Dial-Up Networking script to automate the process of connecting to an Internet service provider, online service, or remote computer.

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Overview of scripting for Dial-Up Networking

Many Internet service providers and online services require you to enter information, such as your user name and password, to establish a connection. You can create a Dial-Up Networking script that provides this information to your service or provider automatically so you do not need to type it in each time you connect.

To create a Dial-Up Networking script, you use a text editor, such as Notepad, to create a script file, and then you use the Dial-Up Scripting Tool to assign the script file to a Dial-Up Networking connection you have established.

To create a script file

1 Click here to start WordPad.

2 In the folder that contains your Microsoft Plus! program files, open the SCRIPT.DOC document.

This document describes the Dial-Up Scripting command language. You will need to use this language to create your script file.

1 Click here to start Notepad.

Or, open a new file in any text editor you want.

2 Type the scripting commands that provide the information required by your Internet service provider, online service, or the computer you want to connect to. Refer to the SCRIPT.DOC document, if you need to.

3 Save the file using any name.

Tips

- To make it easy for the Dial-Up Networking Scripting Tool to find the file, save it to your Accessories folder, and use the .scp extension.
- For easy reference, you may want to print the SCRIPT.DOC document. To print it, click Print on the File menu.

What's next?

Assign a script file to a Dial-Up Networking connection

To assign a script file to a Dial-Up Networking connection

1 Click the Start button, point to Accessories, and then click Dial-Up Scripting Tool.

2 Click the connection you want to assign the script file to.

If you haven't yet created a connection, double-click the My Computer icon, and then double-click Dial-Up Networking. For more information, click Related Topics.

3 In the File Name box, type the location and filename of the script file, or click Browse to find the file.

4 Make any other changes as needed, and then click Apply.

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A script file contains scripting commands, parameters, and expressions that provide and retrieve information to and from the remote computer you are connecting to. This information includes your user name and password, port information, carriage returns, line feeds, and pauses.

For information about how to use the Dial-Up Scripting command language to create a script file, use WordPad to open the SCRIPT.DOC file. This file is located in the folder that contains your Microsoft Plus! program files.

An Internet service provider maintains a server that is directly connected to the Internet. You must connect through a service provider or The Microsoft Network unless your organization is directly connected to the Internet.

Lists the Dial-Up Networking connections that you have created. Select the connection you want to assign a script to.

Click this to view the properties for the selected connection. You can make any changes you want to the properties.

Provides a space to type the location and filename of the script you want to assign to the selected connection. If you don't know the location or filename of the script, click Browse.

Click this to find the script file you want on your computer.

Click this to edit the specified script file using Notepad.

Allows you to run the script one command at a time while establishing the connection. This is useful if you want to check your script for errors.

Minimizes the terminal window that displays information as it is sent and received to and from the remote computer. If you want to view the information as the script is running, make sure this box is unchecked.

Click this to display a Help topic that describes the commands you can use to create a script file.

Displays the script file assigned to the current connection. To run the script one command at a time, click Step.

Click this to execute the script, one command at a time. Use this to check your script for errors.

Displays information that is being sent and received to and from the remote computer.

If the Allow Keyboard Input box is checked, you can send information to the remote computer by typing it here.

Allows you to send information to the remote computer directly by typing it in the terminal window. This is useful if you need to halt your script and provide information to the remote computer manually.

Click this to continue establishing the connection.