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1. GoPrompt 15 NEWS

OVERVIEW

The GoPrompt range are self-contained prompting system designed for fast moving news, field, or studio productions and offers full prompting facilities within 45 seconds of switch on.

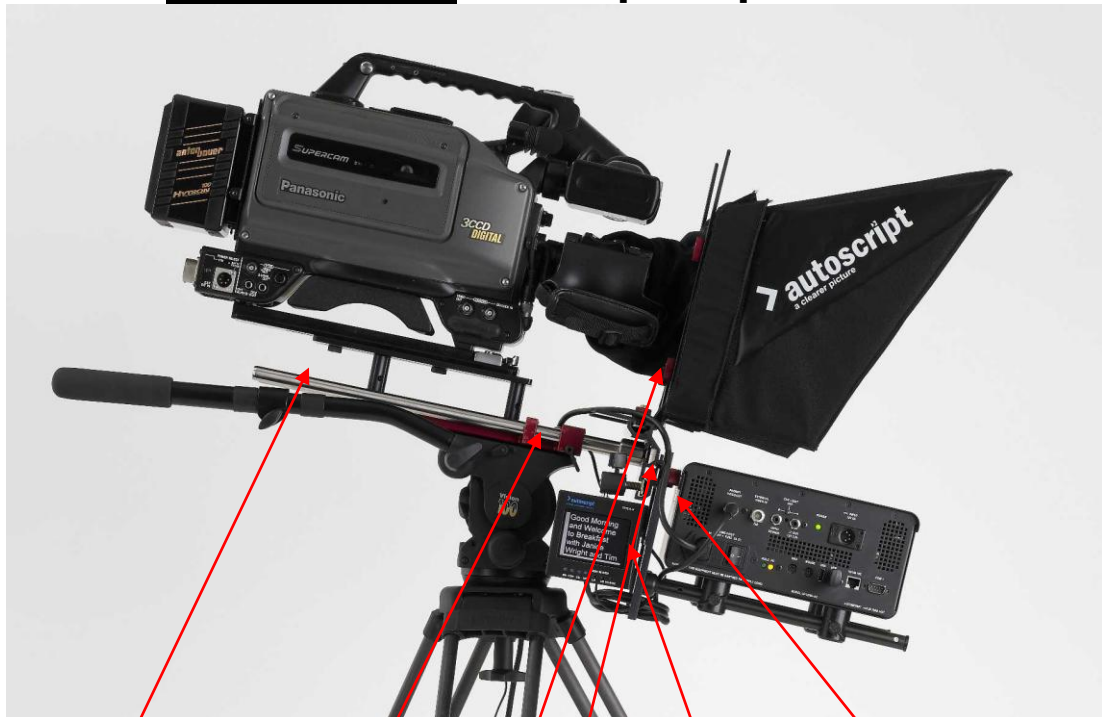
Scripts can be Imported from a USB flash drive, or over a network, and prompting can commence immediately the import has been completed.

A simple to operate wireless hand control is supplied as standard, which enables the talent to choose a file, load it, initiate prompting and then control the scroll speed of the prompted text – all from in front of camera. An optional 3" TFT monitor can be mounted on the side of the unit for script tracking by an operator or as a confidence monitor. .

The GoPrompt incorporates a robust, sunlight readable, 8" 12" 15" TFT High Bright prompt monitor designed for use in the most demanding production environments. The unit can be powered by universal mains or 12 V DC. GoPrompt is the most significant development in mobile prompting for a decade - truly a revolution in teleprompting .

2. RIGGING

Goprompt 15



MOUNTING PLATE MT/RED

SIDE LOCKS

HOOD SUPPORTS

EXTRUSION

RED KNURLED NUTS

OPTIONAL 3" CONFIDENCE

MONITOR

ON-CAMERA RIGGING PROCEDURE:

1. Fix the camera adaptor plate to the riser platform of the MT/RED or MT/Blue mounting plate using the two 3/8 Whitworth bolts. The recommended way of locating the bolts in the camera plate is hold the MT/RED upside down and offer the camera plate to the slot in the MT/RED riser adaptor. Locate the first bolt then slide the camera plate forward to locate the second. Slide the camera plate forward until it is approximately level with the front of the MT/RED and tighten the bolts with the spanner provided.
2. Fix the main body of the MT/RED plate to the pan and tilt head wedge adaptor, or direct to the head depending on type.
3. Replace camera.
4. Slacken the side locks and pull the rods forwards well clear of the camera lens and re-lock. Slacken off the T Screws at the end of each rod and slide on the Extrusion. Lock centrally in place by rotating the rods to tighten the T screws.
5. Slide the GoPrompt assembly onto the extrusion and lock centrally to the camera lens using the red knurled nuts.
6. Assemble the hood components and slide the hood assembly onto the top horizontal slot of the extrusion. Lock centrally to the camera lens using the two red knurled nuts.
7. Release the support rod locks and slide the on-camera prompter unit back until the lens is nearly touching the glass and re-lock with side locks.
8. Move the whole camera/prompter assembly back using the adjustment available in the pan and tilt head sliding adaptor to obtain perfect balance.

3. GOPROMPT SETUP

In order to access the GoPrompt Configuration a Serial or USB mouse must be installed.

Use the 'Monitor Function Button' to access GoPrompt edit screen. If a keyboard has also been installed on-line editing can now be undertaken which includes alteration of text or using drag and drop to change the Run Order. The Goprompt Software package is a fully featured general purpose prompting programme and there are therefore many facilities available through this screen which do not necessarily apply to the straight forward GoPrompt application. However the following are some key features:

After network connection has been achieved you can go to 'options\configuration\Newsroom to choose the news interface If you are using MOS please see MOS Guide on CD

1. CHANGING FONT SIZE: At the top of the Script side of the screen, below the file name of the current script/story, there is a Font name followed by two boxes with numeric entries. The first box dictates the size of the Prompter text and the second the size of the text on the edit screen. Increasing the number within the first box will increase the size of the prompted text – for instance Arial size 64 will give 6 lines of prompter text.

2. CHANGING FONT STYLE: Click on the Drop Down Arrow to the right of the Font name to display the 16 default fonts. To change a default Font style click on Options, Fonts and select the Font you want to edit. The Font Selection Window will now appear. The required TrueType Windows Font can now be sampled and selected with size options for the prompt output and the edit screen and flagged as a default font if required. Alternatively double click on the Font name at the top of the Edit Screen and the Windows Font Selection screen will appear and can then be edited.

3. FORCING FONT STYLE AND SIZE: Go to Options, Configuration, and Template. Suggested settings are Max Paragraph Spaces 3 (this will provide a maximum of a three space indent for paragraphs), Max Carriage Returns 2 (this will limit the number of blank lines between paragraphs to one), Force Text to Font 1 - this can be configured to any of the available fonts 1 to 16. Force Slug to Font 16 - this would normally be set to a small size in order that Sluglines do not take up unnecessary space on the prompt display. Force Inverse to Font 15 - similarly set to a small font in order that Studio Instructions displayed in Inverse do not take too much space in the prompter text.

4. CONTROL CONFIGURATION: Options, Configuration, and VGA will enable different Prompt Speed Controls to be configured, Mouse, Serial Hand Control or RF Hand Control. Click in the box for the required Control. If the RF Hand Control is being used the RF Channel Number can also be selected.

5. IMPORTING FILES OVER THE NETWORK: Install a PS2 Mouse and Keyboard, establish a Network link, and determine which Directory will be used to save the files required for GoPrompt.

To manually open Files in a Directory on the network a mouse and keyboard will be required to configure a remote path in the GoPrompt configuration screen. On the GoPrompt edit screen go to Options, then Configuration and then the Constants tab. The Path to the required Directory should be typed into the Remote Input Directory field or use the Browse feature by clicking on the three dots to the right of the field. Use File, Open to view the available Files. Files can be Appended by using File, Append and select File to build a RunDown of a series of Stories.

NB: If Files are being opened manually over a network a Flash Drive used simultaneously to avoid the possibility of File conflict during prompting. The empty default Filename Selection screen should be closed after power up. The RF Hand Control White button will now toggle between Prompt On and returning the display to the Edit Screen.

4. QUICK GUIDE TO LOADING A SCRIPT

- 1.** Locate the power switch on the side of the monitor and turn on the system.
- 2.** In approx. 45 seconds the File Select page should be displayed on the screen.
- 3.** To load scripts from a flash drive insert the flash drive into the USB port (located on the same side as the power switch) before or after power up and the files will be automatically listed in the GoPrompt File Select page.
- 4.** To load scripts over the network ensure that the Directory path has been configured (See Set Up above) and files saved in the nominated Directory will automatically be listed in the GoPrompt File Select Page.
- 5.** Press either the Yellow or Blue buttons on the wireless hand control (RAT) to navigate up or down the file list.
- 6.** Highlight the required file to prompt and press the White button on the RAT. "Loading" will appear in red in the right-hand column. When the script has Loaded it will say so in green.
- 7.** Press the White button on the RAT again to initiate the prompt mode and the prompter text will appear on the screen ready to scroll.

RF HAND CONTROL FUNCTIONS WHILST PROMPTING ENABLED:

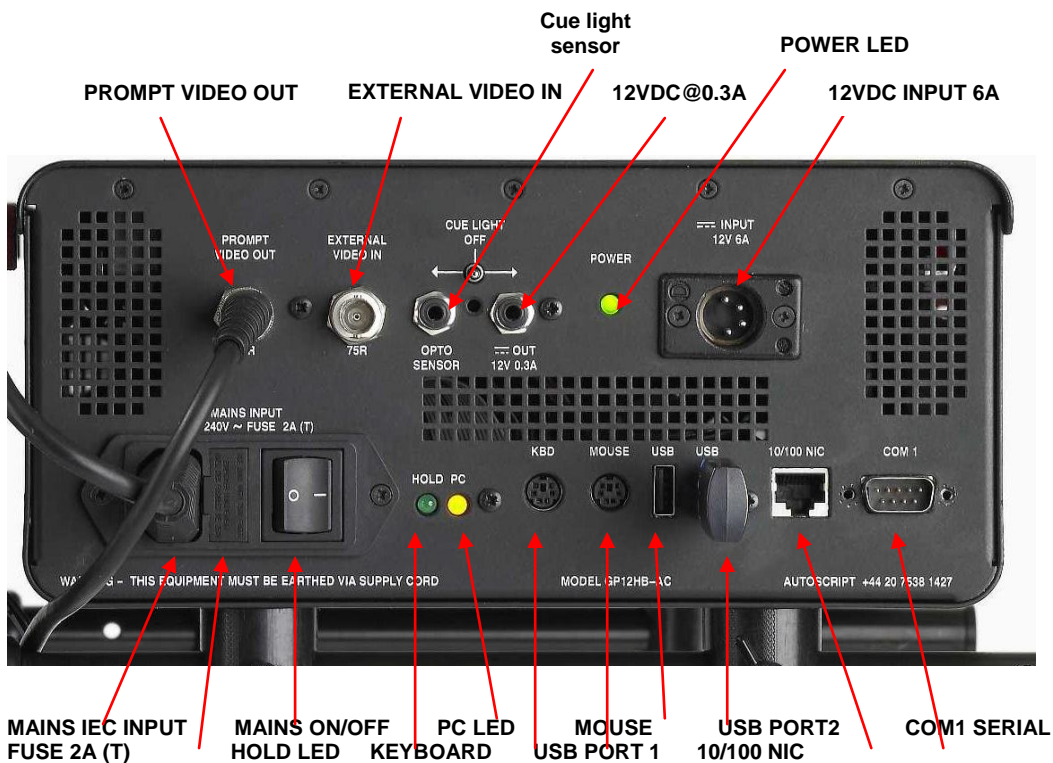
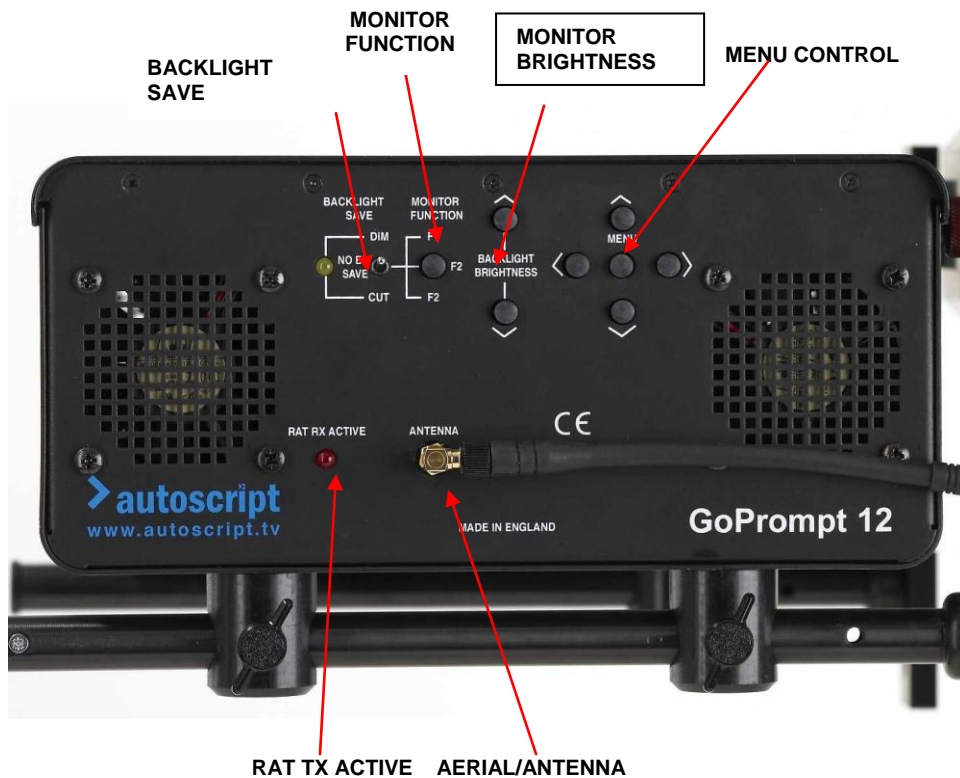
White button - Return to Running Order page.

Blue button - If you have entered Sluglines this jumps you forward to the next Slugline.

Yellow button – If you have entered Sluglines, the first press will jump you to the top of the current story, the second press will jump you to the top of the Previous Story.

Blue + Yellow simultaneously – Jumps you back to the top of that script.

5. CONNECTIONS AND CONTROLS



Note May Vary slightly between models

CONNECTIONS AND CONTROLS - FUNCTIONS:

BACKLIGHT SAVE

An LCD display has no inherent lighting, so an extra bright backlight is required to ensure that prompting text is visible, even in sunlight. The Backlight Save facility is intended to prolong the life of the display backlight. After a period of inactivity, monitored over a particular area of the screen, the display can be dimmed or turned off according to the setting of the Backlight Save switch. The adjacent yellow LED shows when the display has been turned off or dimmed. The Off position of the switch turns the feature off.

The timeout period, the area where screen activity is measured and the background brightness in Dim mode are factory pre-sets.

MONITOR FUNCTION

Switches to Winplus Edit screen.

BACKLIGHT BRIGHTNESS

Use ^ to increase the backlight brightness, and v to decrease the brightness

MENU FOR MONITOR CONTROL

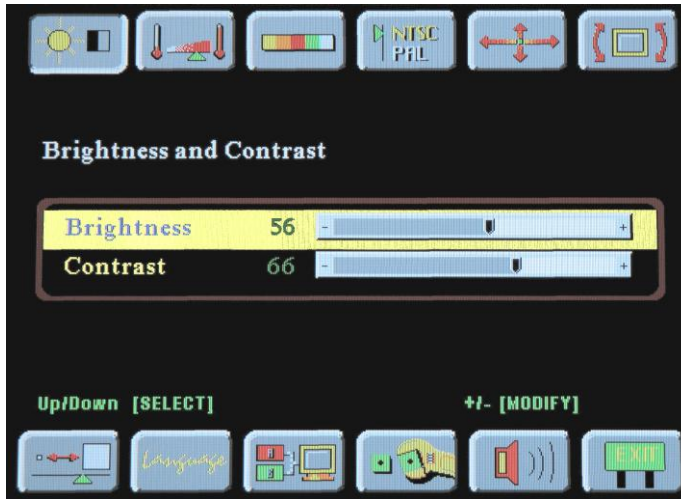
The Menu button brings up the on-screen menu. The <, >, ^ and v buttons are used to choose and activate menu options.

While no menu is displayed:

The < and > buttons control display brightness.

The ^ and v buttons control display contrast.

Note: These are the factory set functions of these switches. They can be changed via the Extended Menu - Direct Access #1/2 options.
Direct Access #1 controls the < and > button functions.
Direct Access #2 controls the ^ and v button functions.



On-screen menu

Use the Menu button to bring up the menu on the screen. The menu display will time out after a short period of inactivity (depending on the User Timeout setting on the Utilities/User Settings menu). After a time-out, pressing Menu will restore the menu at the page where you left it.

With the menu displayed, use the Menu button to page through the ten available pages represented by the icons. The selected icon has a black border at the top instead of at the bottom, giving the icon the appearance of being pressed.



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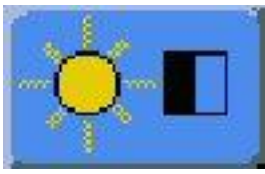

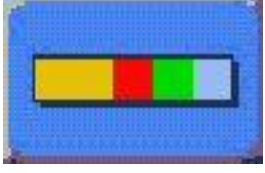

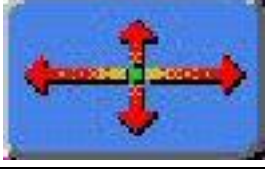
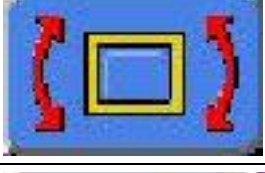
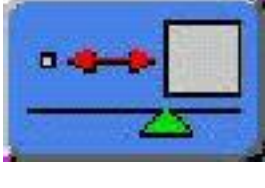
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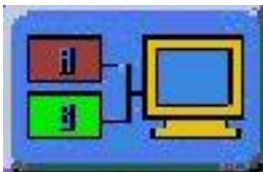

Notes:

1. Menu options such as Brightness will not function in the absence of a video signal input from the PC.
2. The items of the on-screen menu may change as the design of the converter board evolves.

Use the < button where the on-screen menu refers to the – button.
 Use the > button where the on-screen menu refers to the + button.
 ^ is the Up button. v is the Down button.

	Brightness and Contrast Use the ^ and v buttons to select the required function. Use the < and > buttons to decrease/increase the selected function. There are 100 steps.
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	<p>Press Menu to move to the next menu page.</p>
	<p>Colour Temperature 9500, 8000, 6500, 5000 K Use the ^ and v buttons to highlight a temperature. Use the < or > button to select that temperature for adjustment. Use the ^ and v buttons to choose red, green or blue for adjustment. Use the < and > buttons to adjust the red, green or blue content. Press Menu to return to the main menu.</p>
	<p>Video Adjustment Use the ^ and v buttons to select between colour, tint and sharpness adjustments, picture type and video type. Use the < and > buttons to adjust the selected option: Colour: Video colour level Tint: Video tint level Sharpness: Image sharpness Picture Type: Motion, Still, Normal. Select the Motion option for prompting display. Video Type: DVD, VCR. Select DVD. Press Menu to proceed to the next menu page.</p>
	<p>Video System Use the ^ and v buttons to select the required system: Auto: automatic detection of NTSC or PAL (not SECAM) NTSC NTSC 4.43 PAL PAL M SECAM Press Menu to proceed to the next menu page.</p>
	<p>Position Use the ^ and v buttons to shift the image vertically. Use the < and > buttons to shift the image horizontally. Press Menu to proceed to the next menu page.</p>
	<p>Rotate Use the ^ and v buttons to rotate the image between landscape the portrait formats. Press Menu to proceed to the next menu page.</p>
	<p>Video Scaling Use the ^ and v buttons to select the required option: Normal Letterbox Letterbox with subtitles</p>

	<p>Non-linear</p> <p>For non-linear options, use the < or > buttons to set the parameters. Use the ^ and v buttons to select from: Horiz clipping, Horiz offset, Horiz stretch, Vert clipping, Ver offset, Vert stretch. Use the < and > buttons to adjust the selected parameter. Press Menu to return to the main menu.</p>
	<p>Language</p> <p>Use the ^ and v buttons to select the required language:</p> <p> English Danish Chinese</p> <p>Press Menu to proceed to the next menu page.</p>
	<p>Video Type</p> <p>Use the ^ and v buttons to select the appropriate video type:</p> <p> Analogue RGB Component video Compositve video S-video</p> <p>Press < or > to confirm your selection. Press Menu to proceed to the next menu page.</p>
	<p>Utilities</p> <p>Use ^ and v to highlight the required option. Press > to confirm your selection.</p> <p>User Settings:</p> <p>Use ^ and v to highlight the required User Setting and then use < and > to set the value/selection as required.</p> <p>User Timeout: Adjust the on-screen menu timeout period in a step of 5 seconds (max 50 seconds)</p> <p>DPMS: Disable / Enable the DPMS function. Select Enable.</p> <p>Display Input: Disable /Enable the input source name on screen</p> <p>Auto Source Select :</p> <p> Off - Disable auto source select function. Low - Enable Auto source select ONLY on power up. High - Auto source select ALWAYS enabled.</p> <p>Gamma : 1.0, 1.6 or 2.2</p> <p>Video Port Select:</p> <p>Press > to access this option. The Composite, Svideo and Component options must all be set to Port 1. Press Menu to return to the User Settings menu.</p> <p>Caution: If you select Port 2 for Composite, you will lose the video input. You will also lose access to the menu and</p>

this will prevent you from restoring the setting. If this occurs, connect the prompter as a PC monitor by connecting a monitor cable from the PC to the VGA input (Port 2). This will enable to access the menu and restore the **Composite** option to Port 1.

Press **Menu** to return to the main menu.

OSD Setting

Use OSD Setting options to control the on-screen menu.

Use ^ and v to highlight **OSD Settings**. Press > to confirm your selection.

OSD Horz Position : move the on-screen menu horizontally

OSD Vert Position : move the on-screen menu vertically.

OSD Background : Translucent / Opaque

OSD Rotate : Normal / Rotate

Press **Menu** to return to the main menu.

Freeze : Freeze the image

Use the > button to freeze and restore the image

Zoom :

Use ^ and v to select Zoom Level, Horizontal or Vertical Pan.

Use < and > to adjust the selected option.

Press **Menu** to return to the main menu.

Direct Access #1 and 2:

Use these options to define the options of the < (#1) and > (#2) buttons when the menu is not on screen.

Use the ^ and v buttons to select the desired option from the list.

Press > to confirm your selection.

Note that PIP (picture in picture) is not available in this application.

The factory defaulta are Brightness for < and Contrast for >.

Display Orientation :

Use this option to set the orientation of the displayed image.

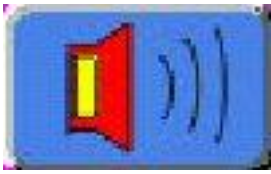
Use the ^ and v buttons to select the required option and > to confirm your selection.

Press **Menu** to return to the main menu.

Load Factory Defaults :

This restores all settings to their default factory values.

Press > to confirm.

**Volume**

This is not used in this application.

**Exit**

Press > to remove the menu from the screen.

RAT RX ACTIVE

Will flash when in communication with a wireless prompt speed control device.

AERIAL/ANTENNA

The aerial/antenna is required when a Radio Prompt Speed Control is used. The size of aerial differs between the US and Europe.

The Channel will default to 1 in each case.

NOTE: The Transmit/Receive Units are unique to each region and should not, under any circumstances, be used in an unauthorised area – see Specifications for frequency details.

PROMPT VIDEO OUT

An NTSC or PAL composite video prompt output is available for reference use by an operator to track the prompted text or as a Confidence Monitor.

EXTERNAL VIDEO IN

The GoPrompt can be used as a conventional prompter or reference monitor and will autosense a PAL or NTSC composite video input.

CUE LIGHT

GoPrompt12 has a built-in cue light. Use the three position Cue Light switch to select, or turn off the cue light feature.

By using a cue light sensor the GoPrompt cue light will switch on/off in synch with the “host” cue light. The cue light Sensor is equipped with an adhesive pad so that it can be attached to a convenient surface such as a Viewfinder Cue Light or Camera LED.

As an alternative to a sensor, the cue light can be controlled by a GPI switch connected to the sensor socket. If no sensor or switch is connected, the cue light is on while 12V DC is present.

OPTO SENSOR

The units can accept an input from a cue light sensor. This can be attached to the camera cue light so that, when the camera cue light comes on, the prompter cue light comes on also. (See Cue Light above).

12V DC OUT AT 0.3A

There is also a 12V DC output for an external cue light. If a cue light sensor jack is plugged into the GoPrompt unit the power output will be switched on/off in synch with the “host” cue light. If no sensor is plugged into the unit the power output is permanently on.

POWER INDICATOR

The Green LED indicated whether power is being fed to the unit.

12V DC INPUT 6A

A four pin XLR connector is used to power the unit from an external power supply or batteries. Pin 1 +12 VDC Pin 4 Zero Volts.

MAINS IEC INPUT

Socket for 90 – 240 VAC universal mains input with 3 pin IEC plug.

HOLD LED

The Hold LED indicates activity in the virtual HDD of the embedded PC.

PC LED

When this is lit it indicates that power is present at the embedded PC.

KEYBOARD

PS2 Keyboard input.

MOUSE

PS2 Mouse Input.

USB PORT 1

USB2 Port

USB PORT 2

USB2 Port

10/100 NIC

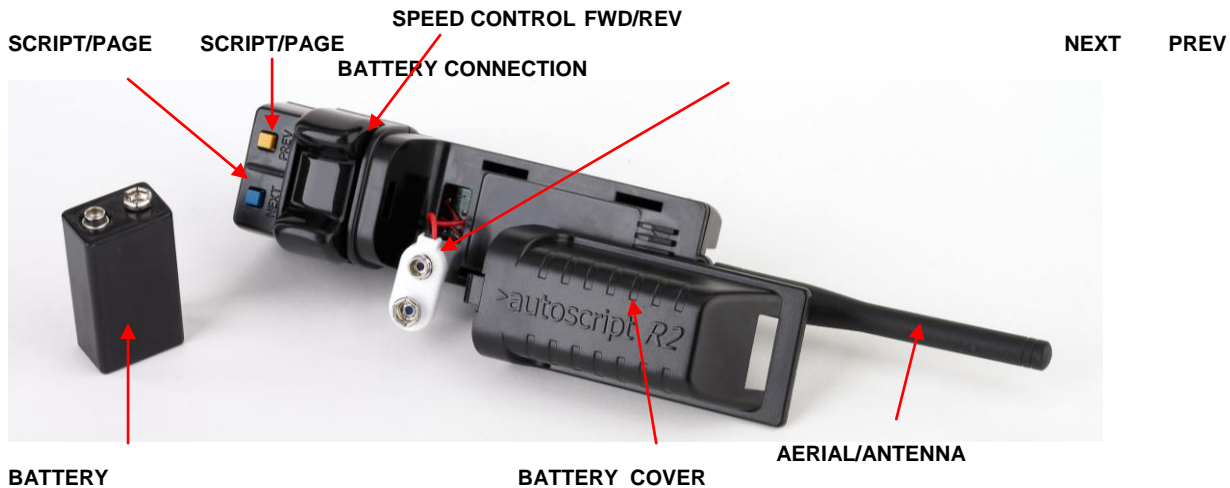
RJ 45 10/100 Network connector.

COM1 SERIAL PORT

Serial Port for use with conventional Prompt Speed Controller, Type HC/2. (See GoPrompt12 Setup....)

6. HAND CONTROL OPTIONS

The RF Hand Control



OPERATION:

INSTALLATION OF BATTERY

Slide battery cover off
Attach a PP9 9V battery to terminals
Slide battery into hand control compartment
Slide battery cover back onto hand control

AERIAL:

Screw aerial onto thread at rear of unit
NB: Ensure the correct aerial is used for the required frequency.

ON/OFF SWITCH

Slide switch to Red for On
Slide switch to Blue for Off

LANYARD:

Attach lanyard to lug at rear of unit if required.

SELECT FREQUENCY UK/EUROPE:

Select the required RF frequency. This must match the frequency that is set on the receiver unit. Where multiple radio hand controls and receivers are used the frequencies should be separated by one unused frequency to minimise the possibility of crosstalk. Channel 0 is a valid channel.

SELECT FREQUENCY – US:

There is currently only one frequency available in the US which will default to Channel 1.

BUTTON FUNCTIONS:

Yellow – Page/Story Previous will take the prompter text back by one Page/Story. If prompting is enabled and the autoscript text is somewhere within a story, the first press will take you to the top of the current Page/Story, subsequent presses will take the prompt text back by Page/Story.

Blue – Page/Story Next will take the prompter text forward by one Page/Story for each press.

Yellow/Blue together will return the prompter text to the overall top of the script.

White – Function/GPI can either be programmed through WinPlus for various functions, or, if the facility has been installed, control devices through a GPI, General Purpose Interface.

SCROLL CONTROL:

The Rocker scroll control is a sensitive and discreet scroll speed control designed to operate with minimum movement. The further the control is moved the faster the prompter text will scroll. The factory default for the rocker is to scroll the prompter text forward when moved to the left and back when moved to the right. The control will automatically return to a null point between Forward and Reverse if the unit is put down. There is a movement sensor within the control which will automatically switch the unit to standby after 30 seconds in order to maximise battery life.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

DIMENSIONS:

GOPROMPT MONITOR O/ALL	360 x 255 x 150 mm
GOPROMPT HOOD	440 x 330 x 310 mm
MT/RED MOUNTING PLATE INC. RODS	430 x 150 x 70 mm
RAT RFHAND CONTROL(LESS AERIAL)	110 x 55 x 50 mm

WEIGHTS:

GOPROMPT MONITOR	5.1 Kg (11 lbs)
GOPROMPT HOOD	2.2 Kg (4.8 lbs)
MT/RED	1.5 Kg (3.3 lbs)
RAT HAND CONTROL	151 gr (5 oz)

GLASS REFLECTION/TRANSMISSION: 30% Reflection 70% Transmission

RF OUTPUT POWER: 10 mW

RANGE: The range that can be expected depends on the operating conditions. If there is line of sight between the hand control and receiver the maximum range is 75 meters. For average sized studio operations coverage should be adequate without the necessity of line of sight.

FREQUENCIES:

UK/European version:

- Channel 0 433.23 MHz
- Channel 1 433.30 MHz
- Channel 2 433.45 MHz

- Channel 3 433.55 MHz
- Channel 4 433.68 MHz
- Channel 5 433.83 MHz
- Channel 6 433.88 MHz
- Channel 7 434.00 MHz
- Channel 8 434.15 MHz
- Channel 9 434.35 MHz

USA Version:

- Channel 1 914.65MHz

The Channel will default to 1 in each case.

NOTE: The Transmit/Receive Units are unique to each region and should not, under any circumstances, be used in an unauthorised area.

POWER CONSUMPTION:

GoPrompt Monitor Universal Mains Input, IEC plug, 80 to 240 VAC, 250 Watts
 12 V DC 4-pin XLR, Pin 1 Zero Volts, Pin 4 +12 V DC, 60 Watts
 Fuse Value 2 Amp Anti-surge

RAT HAND CONTROL

Battery PP3 9V
 9V DC Operating power consumption 10 mA
 Standby power consumption 3 mA

Battery Life – Operating
 Alkaline 550 mAh PP3 – 55 hours
 NiMH 170 mAh rechargeable PP3 – 17 hours

Battery Life – Standby Mode
 Alkaline 550 mAh PP3 – 180 hours
 NiMH 170 mAh rechargeable PP3 – 56 hours

Low battery warning LED flashes at 7.8 Volts or below. The unit will remain operational down to 6 Volts. The battery should be replaced as soon as possible after the warning commences.

If fitted with a good quality Alkaline/Manganese non-rechargeable battery the estimated remaining operational time from start of warning light flashing is 10 hours. For NiMH rechargeable batteries this time is less than half an hour.

CONVENTIONAL SCROLL CONTROL



HC/1 9 Pin DESK HAND CONTROL

If required a conventional Autoscript WinPlus Desk Hand Control can be used with GoPrompt.

CONNECTION:

Connect the Desk Hand Control to GoPrompt using a standard 9-way, all pins connected, serial cable.

BUTTON FUNCTIONS:

NEXT - Each Press of the Next button will take the prompt output forward by one Page/Story.

PREV - If the Prompt text has been scrolled into a Page/Story, the first press will take the prompt text to the top of that Page. A second, and each subsequent press will take the prompt text back by one Page/Story.

NEXT/PREV - If Next and Previous are pressed together the prompt text will return to the overall top of the script.

TOP – When pressed Top will return the prompt text to the beginning of the script.

Function

Programmable button see Option pulldown in Winplus

MOUSE/TRACKBALL CONTROL

There is also an option to scroll the prompt text using a serial or USB mouse or trackball. Plug the mouse into GoPrompt and re-start the system. Use the mouse to close the GoPrompt default Script Loading screen to return to the main WinPlus edit screen. Go to Options, Configuration and VGA tab. Click on the Mouse control option and OK.

Once you have started prompting by clicking on the Prompter icon in the Task Bar click anywhere in the Grey strip on the left of the prompt screen. This will enable the Mouse. Move the mouse towards you to scroll forwards and away from you to scroll backwards.

At the bottom of the prompt screen there are icons to provide the Button functions of the Hand Controls, Blank Screen and Speed Control scaling.

To return to the Edit Window to change the Configuration, Running Order or review the script, click anywhere in the prompt screen to disable Mouse scrolling and then close the File selection screen as before.

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WinPlus Help

If you are familiar with windows and want to get started with prompting as soon as possible, open the Getting Started section for the basic WinPlus operations.

Getting Started

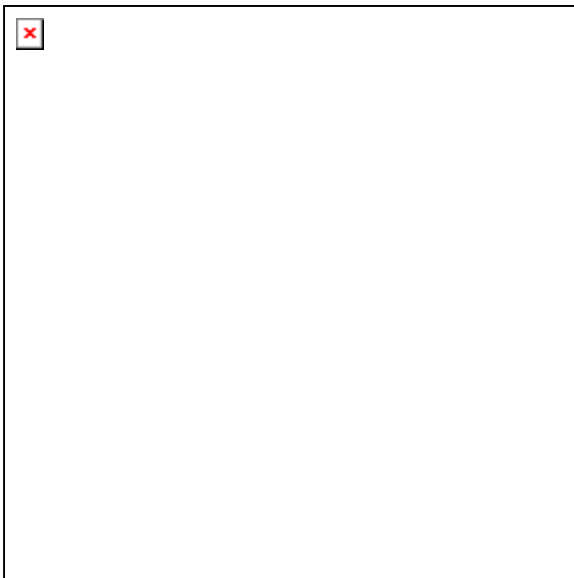
Create A Script And Prompt It

Before you can use WinPlus for prompting, the PC Prompt Card should be installed in your computer or an XBOX should be connected to a USB or Parallel port. See the [Hardware Installation](#) section for [PC Prompt Card](#) installation details. If WinPlus is running with an older style XBOX (Parallel Port), check that the correct selections have been made in the Pc-Card section of the Configuration.

Note: No additional hardware is necessary for the VGA version of WinPlus, unless an external VGA to TV convertor is required.

Start up WinPlus. To produce a reasonable display, a default layout can be set by calling up the [Default](#) option under the Window menu options. This layout (or any other you set) can be saved automatically when you exit from the WinPlus program, using the [Save Setup on Exit](#) function.

You can now type text into the edit window, words will wrap automatically as required. To prompt the words you have just entered, position the edit cursor to the beginning of the text you have typed, click on the Prompt Button or press F9 on the keyboard:



The button will light up and prompted text will appear in the Prompt Preview window at the bottom left of the screen. If a monitor is attached to the video output of the PC Prompt Card it will also display the prompted text.

The Run Time Display will show the time to the end of the script. Clicking on the Run Time panel will toggle the display between the Script Run Time and the Story Run Time.

The Script Run Time is the time remaining to the end of the complete show.

The Story Run Time is the time remaining to the end of the current story.

The Run Time can include any VT insert times using the following command line:

```
//VT hh:mm:ss
```

The hours and minutes fields together with any leading zeros may be omitted if desired. The colon separators are mandatory. If a comment is added, a space must be added as a delimiter to the time value:

```
//VT 5:30 This adds 5 minutes 30 seconds to the Run Time
```

If a * is inserted after the //, the time will not be added into the Run Time, but will still appear in the Timing Display. E.g. // *VT 5:30

Caution: If the comment exceeds the length of an edit line, then it will wrap. If any wrapped text is not to be prompted, it should be preceded by a /

Any edit line beginning with the // sequence will not be controlled by the Print Margin

If a hand control is connected to the PC Prompt Card, the scrolling speed may be controlled by adjusting the knob. If no scroll control is available, it is possible to use the [Prompt Control Panel](#).

If the WinPlus software version is for driving a VGA display with or without an external video card, the speed control is by the mouse or the serial hand control. See [Prompting With The VGA Screen](#)

For further quick start information go to [Saving your script](#) , [Making a Run Order](#) or [Using The USB XBOX](#)

Editor Commands

The script may be edited whenever the edit window is active as shown by its title bar being highlighted, this is achieved by clicking anywhere in the window.

Cursor Commands

Character left: Left Arrow

Character right: Right Arrow

Word left: Ctrl + Left Arrow

Word right: Ctrl + Right Arrow

Line start: Home

Line end: End

Line up: Up Arrow

Line down: Down Arrow

Top of window: Ctrl + PgUp

Bottom of window: Ctrl + PgDn

Text Positioning Commands

Screen up: PgUp

Screen down: PgDn

Line up: Ctrl + Down Arrow

Line down: Ctrl + Up Arrow

Text Deleting Commands

Next character: Del

Previous character: Backspace

To end of word: Ctrl + Backspace

To start of word: Ctrl + Del

Whole Line: Ctrl + y

Text Insertion: Commands

Non breaking hyphen: Ctrl + Shift + Minus

Non breaking space: Ctrl + Shift + Space

Force tab on carriage return: Alt + U

See also: [Edit](#) for details of edit menu functions.

See also: [Prompt Line](#), [Prompt Preview Window](#), [Font Tool Panel](#), [Highlighted Block](#), [Closed Caption Data](#), [Background Message](#)

See also: [Using The Macro Buttons](#)

Hardware Installation

See also: [WinPlus Device Drivers](#)

Important.

Always use anti-static procedures when handling the PC/PCI Prompt cards. Only handle the card by its edges and never touch the gold plated edge connector.

PC Prompt Card (ISA Bus)

Configuration Switch (Sw1).

The ISA card can be set to a number of different addresses, unless there is a known conflict it is suggested that the factory default setting is used. Before installing the card, confirm that the switches are at the desired setting. The factory default setting is as follows:

1 - On

2 - On

3 - Off

4 - On

This setting will set the board to address 240. The software that is shipped with the board will already be configured to this address.

If it is desired to change the board address, the following table shows the corresponding switch positions. Note that the address value in the configuration menu of the WinPlus software will have to be set if a change from the factory default setting is used. Select the [Prompt Card](#) option in the Configuration Menu to select the address, the address selection is laid out to match the positions of the four configuration switches.

1 2 3 4 Address

On On On On 200

Off On On On 210

On Off On On 220

Off Off On On 230

On On Off On 240 Factory Default Setting

Off On Off On 250

On Off Off On 260

Off Off Off On 270

On On On Off 280

Off On On Off 290

On Off On Off 2A0

Off Off On Off 2B0

On On Off Off 2C0

Off On Off Off 2D0

On Off Off Off 2E0

Off Off Off Off 2F0

When using the XBOX connected to a Parallel Port, ensure the address set in WinPlus matches that set in the computer. See [PC Prompt Card](#).

Jumpers.

At power on the PC Prompt card can initialise in 625 or 525 line operation.

Make the link JP1 switch position 8 for 525 lines. Leave open for 625 lines. When WinPlus is running, the line standard will be that set in the Configuration settings.

A vertical striped pattern should be displayed at power on until WinPlus is started.

The board does not use interrupts or DMA so there are no considerations required in these areas.

Installing The PC Prompt Card.

When the switch settings have been checked, plug the card into a spare slot in the computer, making sure the computer is powered off. The two BNC sockets at the top of the board provide two video outputs. The BNC socket at the bottom of the board is the genlock input that may be composite video, black burst, or mixed syncs. It is not mandatory to feed the board with a genlock source, it will function correctly with no connection to the bottom BNC.

See [PC Prompt Card](#) if the pixel clock needs to be adjusted.

Installing The PCI Prompt Card.

There are two link settings on the PCI Prompt Card JP1 and JP2.

JP1: This controls the mode of the fourth hand control input.

Set 1-2 for the serial hand control designated HC1.

Set 2-3 to enable the fourth analogue hand control.

JP2:

This link is for diagnostic purposes and should be set to link position 2-3 for normal operation.

Installing The USB Prompt Card.

There is one link setting on the USB Prompt Card, JP1.

JP1: This controls the mode of the fourth hand control input.

Set 1-2 for the serial hand control designated HC1.

Set 2-3 to enable the fourth analogue hand control.

Smart Combiner Box

The Smart Combiner box consists of a 9 way D plug (CONTROL OUT) and 6 BNC connectors. Normally the 9-way D connects directly to the PCI Prompt card or USB XBOX. The 6 BNC connectors are all COAX inputs from HC/1, optical foot controls or another Smart Combiner box. It is recommended that these combiner boxes are only expanded to one level, giving a maximum of 30 hand control inputs. When the 9 way D is left unconnected, the adjacent BNC connector (IN6/OUT) becomes an output which connects to one of the inputs of another combiner box, or directly to the USB XBOX or the PCI Prompt card via a Coax adaptor. Once prompting, any control can take over simply by operating it.

Old Style Combi-box

If a four way adapter box has been shipped with a flying 9 way D plug, it should be connected to the 9 way D socket on the board. This is the control input. The hand and foot controls all have 5 pin XLR connectors and each should be plugged into one of the four XLR connectors on the adapter box. Note that one of the box connectors is marked **Master**. This is simply the control that will be read first when starting to prompt. Once prompting, any control can take over simply by operating it. If the multi-control option has not been supplied, the single scroll control simply plugs into the 9 way D socket.

Hot Keys

WinPlus Hot Keys

F1	Help
F2	Cloak story
F3	Shift focus between run order and edit screen
F4	Change font
F5	Drop story from run order
F6	Toggle snapshot status
F7	Print story
F8	Turn prompt track on
F9	Turn prompting on
F10	Trigger MOS event
F11	Master/Slave mode
F12	Toggle closed caption access
End	Insert after on-air story
Ctrl+F1	Help
Ctrl+F2	Uncloak story
Ctrl+F3	Reformat script
Ctrl+F4	Used by Windows
Ctrl+F5	Create slugline
Ctrl+F6	Used by Windows to shift focus between MDI forms
Ctrl+F7	Print script
Ctrl+F8	Turn prompt track off
Ctrl+F9	Turn prompting off
Ctrl+F10	Toggle cloaked line status
Ctrl+F11	Toggle closed caption status of edit line
Ctrl+F12	Abort auto story playout
Ctrl+1	Execute Macro 1
Ctrl+2	Execute Macro 2
Ctrl+3	Execute Macro 3
Ctrl+4	Execute Macro 4

Ctrl+5	Execute Macro 5
Ctrl+6	Execute Macro 6
Ctrl+7	Execute Macro 7
Ctrl+8	Execute Macro 8
Ctrl+9	Execute Macro 9
Ctrl+0	Execute Macro 10
Ctrl+-	Execute Macro 11
Ctrl+=	Execute Macro 12
Ctrl+Space	
Ctrl+Enter	Generate new line
Ctrl+/	Insert studio mark
Ctrl+A	Select all text
Ctrl+B	Set bold
Ctrl+C	Copy to local clipboard
Ctrl+D	Toggle bookmark display
Ctrl+E	File append
Ctrl+F	Find
Ctrl+G	Insert hard return
Ctrl+H	Find and replace
Ctrl+I	Set italics
Ctrl+J	Select sentence
Ctrl+K	Select paragraph
Ctrl+L	Select story
Ctrl+M	Select program
Ctrl+N	File new - clear script
Ctrl+O	File open
Ctrl+P	Insert page break
Ctrl+Q	Toggle maximum prompt preview height
Ctrl+R	Toggle prompt control display
Ctrl+S	Save script
Ctrl+T	Save story (remote)
Ctrl+U	Set underline
Ctrl+V	Paste from local clipboard
Ctrl+W	Set inverse
Ctrl+X	Cut to local clipboard

Ctrl+Y	Delete whole line
Ctrl+Z	Undo
Ctrl+Delete	Delete to end of line if no highlighted text
Ctrl+Up	Arrow Shift edit text down one line
Ctrl+Down	Arrow Shift edit text up one line
Ctrl+Shift+F1	Help
Ctrl+Shift+F2	IME debug
Ctrl+Shift+F3	Toggle bookmark status of edit line
Ctrl+Shift+F4	Used by Windows
Ctrl+Shift+F5	Renumber run order story numbers
Ctrl+Shift+F6	Used by Windows
Ctrl+Shift+F7	Set edit screen to the prompt preview window
Ctrl+Shift+F8	Edit return
Ctrl+Shift+F9	Insert multiple blank lines
Ctrl+Shift+F10	Set edit screen to next slugline
Ctrl+Shift+F11	Set edit screen to previous slugline
Ctrl+Shift+F12	Remote closed caption connect
Ctrl+Shift+1	Display Prompt Message 1
Ctrl+Shift+2	Display Prompt Message 2
Ctrl+Shift+3	Display Prompt Message 3
Ctrl+Shift+4	Display Prompt Message 4
Ctrl+Shift+5	Display Prompt Message 5
Ctrl+Shift+6	Display Prompt Message 6
Ctrl+Shift+7	Display Prompt Message 7
Ctrl+Shift+8	Display Prompt Message 8
Ctrl+Shift+9	Display Prompt Message 9
Ctrl+Shift+0	Display Prompt Message 10
Ctrl+Shift+-	Insert hard hyphen
Ctrl+Shift+=	Insert soft hyphen
Ctrl+Shift+Space	Insert hard space
Ctrl+Shift+Enter	Insert hard blank Line
Ctrl+Shift+/\	Remove studio mark
Ctrl+Shift+Left Arrow	Set prompt video output display narrower
Ctrl+Shift+Right Arrow	Set prompt video output display wider
Ctrl+Shift+A	Increment vertical grid spacing

Ctrl+Shift+B	Decrement vertical grid spacing
Ctrl+Shift+C	Increment left Prompt margin
Ctrl+Shift+D	Decrement left Prompt margin
Ctrl+Shift+E	Increment right Prompt margin
Ctrl+Shift+F	Decrement right Prompt margin
Ctrl+Shift+G	Increment background message vertical position
Ctrl+Shift+H	Decrement background message vertical position
Ctrl+Shift+I	Toggle inverse video
Ctrl+Shift+J	Increment run order track offset
Ctrl+Shift+K	Decrement run order track offset
Ctrl+Shift+L	Cloak all sluglines
Ctrl+Shift+M	Toggle presenter instruction status
Ctrl+Shift+N	Create new line as package text
Ctrl+Shift+O	Delete all tablet data on current line
Ctrl+Shift+P	Insert camera card page break
Ctrl+Shift+Q	Create new line as presenter instruction
Ctrl+Shift+R	Insert recording break
Ctrl+Shift+S	Select all sluglines
Ctrl+Shift+T	Toggle package text status
Ctrl+Shift+U	Delete all tablet data
Ctrl+Shift+V	Toggle VGA dual screen prompt preview display
Ctrl+Shift+W	Turn on edit sets prompt mode
Ctrl+Shift+X	Only prompt caption text
Ctrl+Shift+Y	Shift studio instructions up
Ctrl+Shift+Z	Shift studio instructions down
Shift+F1	Help
Shift+F2	Create sluglines from lines starting with a number in [] brackets
Shift+F3	Display remote input directory
Shift+F4	Display program names
Shift+F5	Display WinPlus configuration
Shift+F6	Display Unicode value of character at caret
Shift+F7	Print run order
Shift+F8	Toggle right to left text
Shift+F9	Toggle blank screen
Shift+F10	Select first element in main menu

Shift+F11	Force scrolling on (just in case the hand control freezes)
Shift+F12	Toggle keyboard
Alt+F1	
Alt+F2	
Alt+F3	
Alt+F4	Used by Windows to close application
Alt+F5	
Alt+F6	
Alt+F7	Print Preview
Alt+F8	
Alt+F9	Insert multiple blank edit lines
Alt+F10	Caption access on
Alt+F11	Caption access off
Alt+F12	
Alt+A	Send story to MOS slave
Alt+B	Copy to Windows clipboard
Alt+C	Display color selection
Alt+D	Toggle GoPrompt filename display
Alt+E	Main edit menu items
Alt+F	Main file menu items
Alt+G	Main program menu items
Alt+H	Main help menu items
Alt+I	Main insert menu items
Alt+J	Set hard returns on all lines
Alt+K	Clear hard returns from all lines
Alt+L	Paste from Windows clipboard
Alt+M	Create bookmark
Alt+N	Start prompting from next bookmark
Alt+O	Main options menu items
Alt+P	Start prompting from previous bookmark
Alt+Q	Insert Story Break
Alt+R	Main run order menu items
Alt+S	Main presenter menu items
Alt+T	Main prompt menu items
Alt+U	Force Tab after carriage return

Alt+V	Main view menu items
Alt+W	Main window menu items
Alt+X	
Alt+Y	
Alt+Z	
Alt+Up Arrow	Move highlighted run order block up
Alt+Down Arrow	Move highlighted run order block down
Alt+Left Shift	Windows language change
Alt+Right Shift	Windows language change
Alt+Shift+0	Toggle visibility of colour selection window display
Alt+Shift+1	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 1
Alt+Shift+2	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 2
Alt+Shift+3	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 3
Alt+Shift+4	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 4
Alt+Shift+5	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 5
Alt+Shift+6	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 6
Alt+Shift+7	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 7
Alt+Shift+8	Set foreground colour of highlighted block to colour 8
Alt+Shift+9	
Alt+Shift+A	
Alt+Shift+B	Insert bullet point
Alt+Shift+C	Set Space characters to Normal
Alt+Shift+D	Set Space characters to EN Spaces
Alt+Shift+E	Set Space characters to EM Spaces
Alt+Shift+F	
Alt+Shift+G	
Alt+Shift+H	
Alt+Shift+I	
Alt+Shift+J	
Alt+Shift+K	
Alt+Shift+L	
Alt+Shift+M	
Alt+Shift+N	
Alt+Shift+O	
Alt+Shift+P	Insert presenter name and text

Alt+Shift+Q	
Alt+Shift+R	
Alt+Shift+S	Next shot number
Alt+Shift+T	Next camera position
Alt+Shift+U	Force Bullet point after carriage return
Alt+Shift+V	
Alt+Shift+W	
Alt+Shift+X	
Alt+Shift+Y	
Alt+Shift+Z	
Ctrl+Alt+0	
Ctrl+Alt+1	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 1
Ctrl+Alt+2	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 2
Ctrl+Alt+3	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 3
Ctrl+Alt+4	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 4
Ctrl+Alt+5	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 5
Ctrl+Alt+6	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 6
Ctrl+Alt+7	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 7
Ctrl+Alt+8	Set background colour of highlighted block to colour 8
Ctrl+Alt+9	
Ctrl+Alt+Dot	Insert ellipse character

All the following are potentially used by foreign language keyboard commands.

Ctrl+Alt+A	
Ctrl+Alt+B	
Ctrl+Alt+C	
Ctrl+Alt+D	
Ctrl+Alt+E	
Ctrl+Alt+F	
Ctrl+Alt+G	
Ctrl+Alt+H	
Ctrl+Alt+I	
Ctrl+Alt+J	
Ctrl+Alt+K	
Ctrl+Alt+L -	Invoke Edit Locking (Padlock)
Ctrl+Alt+M	

Ctrl+Alt+N

Ctrl+Alt+O

Ctrl+Alt+P

Ctrl+Alt+Q

Ctrl+Alt+R

Ctrl+Alt+S

Ctrl+Alt+T

Ctrl+Alt+U

Ctrl+Alt+V

Ctrl+Alt+W

Ctrl+Alt+X

Ctrl+Alt+Y

Ctrl+Alt+Z

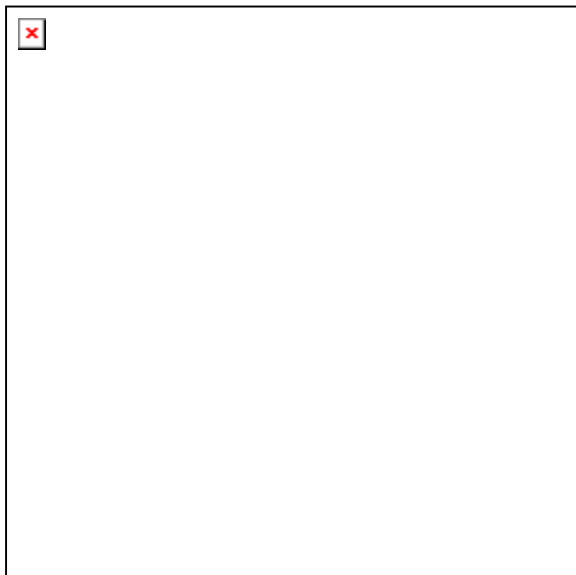
Making A Run Order

To make a large script more manageable and to give the ability to change the prompted order of sections of the script, WinPlus has the ability handle the script as a series of *stories*. In WinPlus, the term story is used to describe any defined section of the script.

WinPlus defines a story as being any section that starts with a Slugline. At the top of the script you have written, type the following, starting on a new line:

Story one

With the edit cursor still on the line click on the create Slugline button:



A dialogue box will appear requesting the Slug Identifier. A default value will be preset which may be overridden. The default value will increment by one after each Slugline has been created. A message will be displayed if the current default slug number already exists. After a string has been entered press Enter or click on the OK button. The line will be highlighted and an entry will appear in the Run Order window. Move down the script and create Story 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the same way. You will now have five entries displayed in the Run Order window. See [Create Slugline](#) for more details.

Now see [Manipulating the Run Order](#).

Note: For software versions where the Numeric Format can be set in the Language configuration, the Run Order will assume the Text Hindi Numerics setting.

Run Order Commands

Run Order Commands

The Run Order may be manipulated whenever the Run Order window is active as shown by its title bar being highlighted, this is achieved by clicking anywhere in the window.

Run Order Manipulation Commands

See [Run Order](#) for details of Run Order menu functions.

Cursor Commands

First cell	Home or Ctrl + Left Arrow
Next cell left	Left Arrow
Next cell right	Right Arrow
Slugline cell	Ctrl + Right Arrow
Next cell up	Up Arrow
Next cell down	Down Arrow
Top of window	Ctrl + Page Up
Bottom of window	Ctrl + Page Down

Text Positioning Commands

Top of Run Order	Ctrl + Home
Bottom of Run Order	Ctrl + End
Screen up	Page Up
Screen down	Page Down
Line up	Ctrl + Down Arrow
Line down	Ctrl + Up Arrow

Move Story to Next ON-AIR

If prompting is active, to move a story to be the next ON-AIR, type in the story number followed by the END key. The number will be echoed in the box at the bottom left-hand corner of the WinPlus display. The backspace key will operate on this number. The escape key will clear the number.

Start Prompting from Story nnnnnn

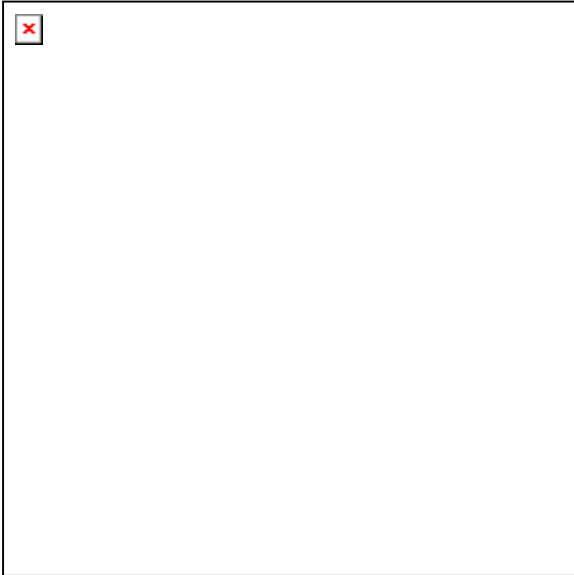
If the Run Order screen is selected, type the number of the story from which prompting is to be started. The number will be displayed in the bottom left hand corner. Press the F9 key to complete the operation.

Deleting Commands

Delete Story or Highlighted block Del

Saving Your Script

You may save any text that you have typed by selecting Save Script from the File menu or clicking on the save button:

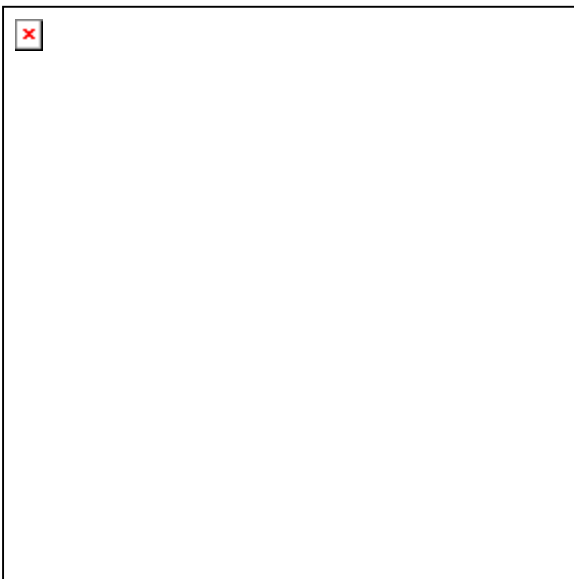


If this is the first time you have saved it will ask you for a filename.

If you wish to save subsequently and write over the same file, just click on the save button again and your script will be saved without the need to input any additional information. If you are writing a large script it is a good idea to save regularly, just in case there is a power failure.

See also "Auto Save Script Interval" in the [Constants](#) page of the WinPlus configuration.

To recall your script, select File Open from the File menu or click on the open button:



If you have a script in the editor you will be asked what filename to save it as. If you do not want it saved you can simply click cancel, confirm you want it deleted and you will then be shown the directory dialogue from which you can choose the file you wish to retrieve.

For further quick start information go to [Making a Run Order](#).

Studio Instructions

For the non-Unicode version of WinPlus, studio instructions are enabled by setting the following parameter in the WPLUS32.INI file.

[Main]

Studio Instructions=1

This is the default condition and should not need to be turned off.

The studio instruction display is made visible using the View/Studio Instructions menu option. The position of the light grey panel to the left of the spoken text forms the dividing line to the studio instructions. This panel may be positioned horizontally by placing the mouse on the thin dark line to the left of the panel. Then with the left mouse button pressed drag the panel to the required position.

The Studio Instructions consists of a multi-column display, SHOT, CAM, POS and Description. The first three of these column are optional and may be configured in the Script page of the WinPlus configuration.

The "Production" field provides a means of allocating a name to the script

In the MultiScript version an additional entry is provided for the "Author" when Multi-User Mode is enabled

Text can be entered in the normal way, with the Tab key being used to jump to the next column and the Shift + Tab key to switch between the Edit screen and the Studio Instructions.

Studio Instructions may Cut, Copied & Pasted within the Studio Instruction area using the local WinPlus clipboard. Contiguous blocks of Studio Instructions may be highlighted.

Note: Only whole lines may be highlighted.

When Studio Instructions are pasted to a new position they will overwrite any existing Instructions. New edit lines will be automatically created if required.

Ctrl+Shift+Y and Ctrl+Shift+Z may be used to shift blocks of Studio Instructions up and down with respect to the Script Text.

Non-Unicode Version:

The original method of the Cut & Paste of a single Studio Instruction line is still functional. A whole Studio Instruction line may be copied by:

a:Right Button click on the studio instruction to copy it to a buffer.

b:Ctrl + Right Button to copy the text to a new Studio Instruction position.

The same rules apply to studio instructions as to control lines embedded in the script, when creating entries in the Program Timing display.

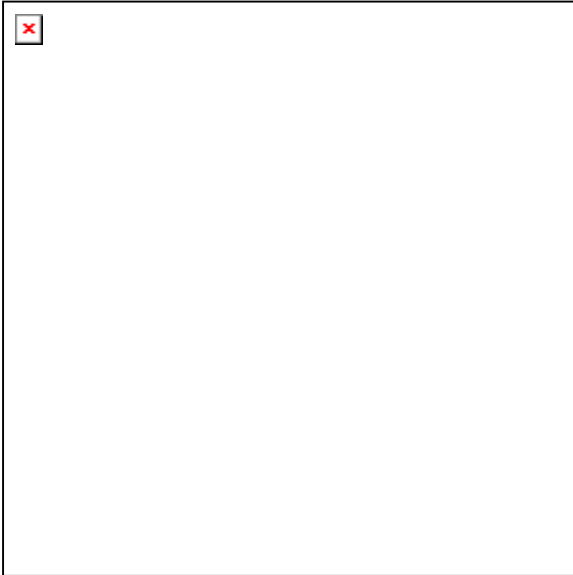
Additional information: [Insert Studio Instruction Mark](#) and [Remove Studio Instruction Mark](#)

For the Unicode version: See also: [Camera Card Page Break](#) and [Insert Recording Break](#)

Prompting From The Run Order

This description assumes that you already have a script made up of a series of stories loaded. See [Making a Run Order](#) for details on how to do this.

You may start prompting from a point defined in the Run Order. Highlight the number or Slugline entry of story you want to prompt from by clicking on it and click on the prompt on button:



AIR will appear in the status section of the line you selected indicating that you are prompting from that story.

For a keystroke only approach the F9 function key may be used to turn prompting on.

The Prompt On (F9) function operates in conjunction with any story number which may have been entered into the "Run Order Number Panel" situated at the bottom left hand corner of the WinPlus display. Any number entered will override the current selected story. The Escape key will clear the entry.

Prompting With The VGA Screen

For versions of the WinPlus software using the VGA display as the prompt output, either the mouse or the Serial Hand Control may be used to scroll the prompted text.

When prompting is activated the current page will be displayed. Moving the mouse around the screen, you will notice that when over the text, the mouse will be displayed as an arrow. When over the left hand panel, the mouse cursor will be displayed as a double vertical arrow.

If the mouse is being used as the scroll control, then to enable scrolling, click the mouse button on the left hand panel. The cursor will now disappear. All vertical mouse movement will now be interpreted as a speed command, with the centre of the screen being the zero point. Horizontal mouse movement will be disabled. Move the mouse up or down to scroll backwards or forwards. A deadband exists about the centre of the screen. A mouse button click in this mode will put the screen into Edit Mode. A flashing caret will appear at the click point, and text may be added or deleted. Restart scrolling by clicking in the left-hand panel. To turn prompting off and return to the conventional Edit/Run Order display press Ctrl F9 or double click on the Cue Marker when in Edit Mode.

Any button press will result in the scroll speed being set to zero and scrolling disabled. To restart, click on the left-hand panel.

If the Serial Speed Control is connected and has been configured in the Options/Configuration/Constants section, the scroll speed is adjusted directly by the rotary control. The red and blue buttons each marked with an arrow will jump the prompted text to the next or previous stories. Pressing both buttons together will restart prompting from the top of the script. While scrolling is active, the cursor will be forced into the left-hand panel and will not be visible. When the scroll speed is returned to zero, cursor control will revert to normal.

NOTE:

The button panel displayed at the bottom of the prompted display has now been removed. These functions have been replaced by key presses as follows:

F2 : Toggle Prompt Screen to Black.

F4 : Snap Return.

F5 : Find Previous Bookmark.

F6 : Find Next Bookmark.

F11 : Toggle Scrolling.

See [Configuration/Constants](#) for additional information.

Advanced Functions

ActiveX Control

(Unicode Version Only)

To enable the ActiveX interface see Option/Configuration/Template and turn on "ActiveX Enabled". WinPlus will now be waiting for the ActiveX control to establish a connection.

The Port number is set in the [Main] section of the "wplus32.ini" file and defaults to 1100.

[Main]

Remote Control Port Number=1100

Multiple ActiveX controls can connect to a single WinPlus system for monitoring purposes. However, only one ActiveX control should be used to control the Prompt speed.

The following links provide some guidelines on how to configure the ActiveX control in the newsroom system client.

[ENPS](#)

[iNEWS](#)

[Octopus](#)

Assuming now that the WinPlus ActiveX control is appearing in the newsroom client, the configuration at the ActiveX end needs to be completed.

Click the "Setup" button and the display will change to display the configuration data.

Table Entry

The ActiveX control has the ability to control two Prompters (Dual Mode) running WinPlus. Future references to these Prompters will be "A" and "B". Prompter "A" is generally the main Prompter in the studio and Prompter "B" will be at some remote site. The IP addresses of the Prompter computers must be entered into the table "Host IP A" and "Host IP B". If the entry for "B" is left blank, the ActiveX control will only attempt to connect to "A". Normal operation appears to be that the connection is made by IP address. The Hostname may be used as an alternative. In this case the "Host Name A" and "Host Name B" must be entered.

The description field is something the user can enter as a unique identifier for this ActiveX connection. The identifier will appear in the Drop Down box next to the "Connect" button, enabling the user to select a connection. This is useful when the ActiveX control has to connect to different Prompters at different times.

Port Number

This is the socket Port number used for the TCP/IP connection to WinPlus. This should match the number in the WinPlus INI file (wplus32.ini). The default is 1100.

Local Mode

This should only be enabled if the newsroom client is running in a local mode not connected to a server.

Enable A to B Transfer

When running in Dual Mode, this will enable the button to transfer all the Run Order and text on Prompter "A" to Prompter "B".

Confirm Download Request

When selected, the user is required to confirm the download of a MOS Run Order to WinPlus.

Dual Mode Tracking

For this mode of operation to function correctly, the ActiveX control is connected to two Prompters, each configured in exactly the same way and displaying the same data. The scrolling of the two Prompters is done using a single Hand Control (HC/2) connected to the serial port of the computer running the ActiveX control. The ActiveX control will send the "scroll speed" commands to the two Prompters. Due to an unfortunate fact of life, the Prompters will receive these commands at slightly different times. Consequently as time progresses, with speed changes happening continuously, the displays on the two Prompters will drift apart. When Dual Mode Tracking is enabled, the ActiveX control will attempt to compensate for this. Each Prompter sends back to the ActiveX control, a copy of the display on its own Prompt Preview window. The ActiveX control compares the two Preview windows and adjusts the relative Prompt Speeds to compensate for any drift. During this mode of speed control, local speed control on the Prompters themselves should be avoided as this will cause the ActiveX control to behave erratically.

Connect By Host Name/IP Address

This determines whether to connect to the Prompter by using the Hostname or the IP Address specified in the "Table Entry".

Serial Hand Control (HC/2)

This should be checked if the Serial Hand Control is connected.

USB Hand Control (HC/5)

For computers that don't have a serial port, there is the option of the USB Hand Control. If this is connected and installed, the ActiveX control will attempt to establish the virtual COM port and enable the "USB Hand Control" Check Box. If this Check Box is not enabled and you think it should be, in the Windows Control Panel, select System, Device Manager and check the Ports settings. There should be an entry "BDL-Autoscript USB Serial Port (COMn)", when "n" is the COM port number assigned to this device. Now in the ActiveX configuration, select the "Serial Hand Control" option and manually enter the COM Port number.

COM Port

This is the COM Port number used by the Serial or USB Hand Control.

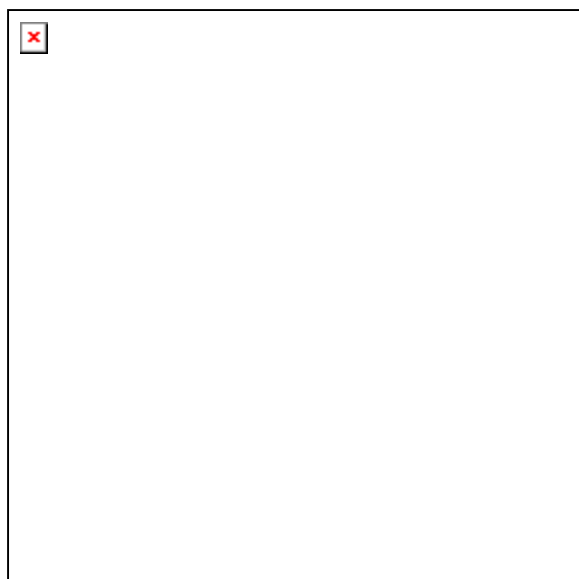
General Operation

When all the options and settings have been entered, click on the "Save" button and exit the Configuration mode by turning off the "Configuration" button.

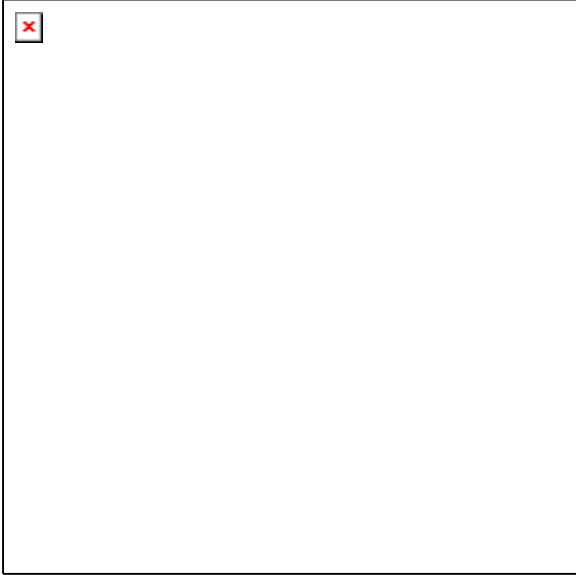
The Drop Down box will display all the Hostname/IP configurations. Select the required entry and click on the "Connect" button. If the selection specifies two Prompters, there will be two "Connect" buttons with each one controlling the connection to its own Prompter.

The additional buttons that appear after a successful connection is made will depend upon which newsroom interface is in operation.

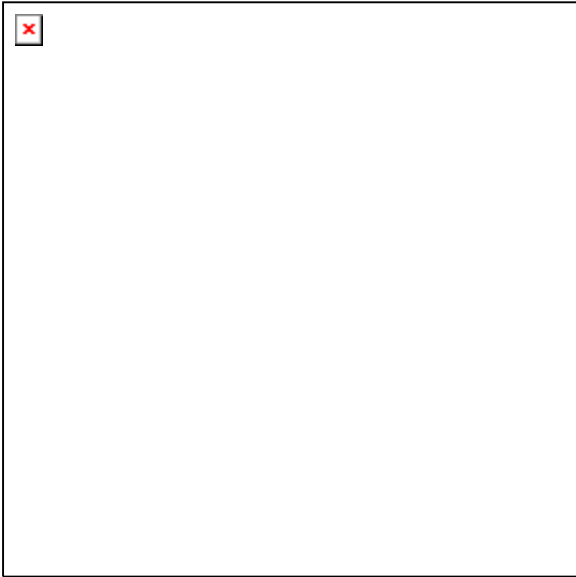
Buttons Common To All Interfaces



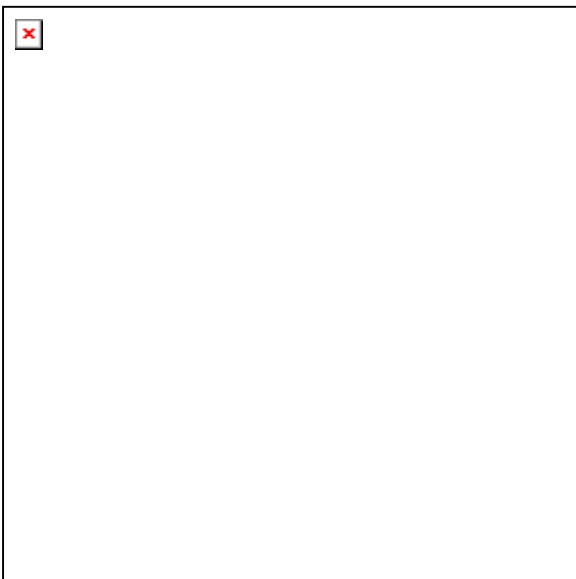
Connect button. Click to establish communication with WinPlus. There maybe two of these buttons if two Prompters have been entered in the ActiveX configuration.



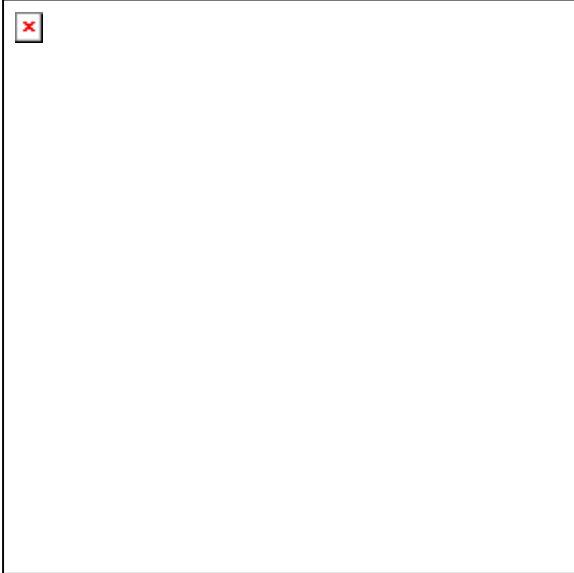
Cut To Black button. This mimics the operation of the Cut to Black button in WinPlus.



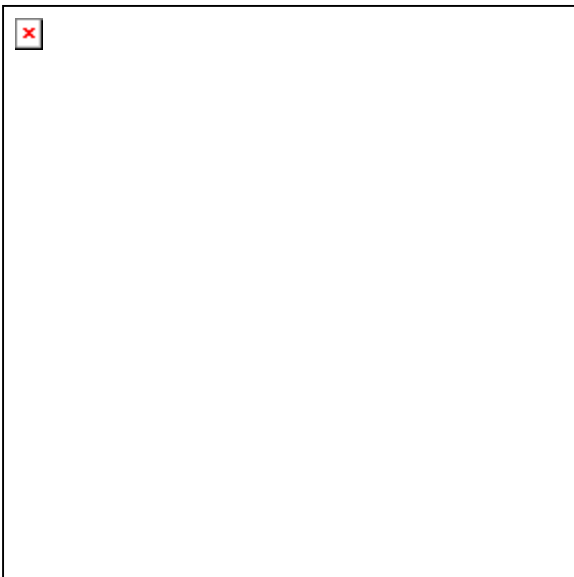
Prompt button. This mimics the operation of the Prompt button in WinPlus.



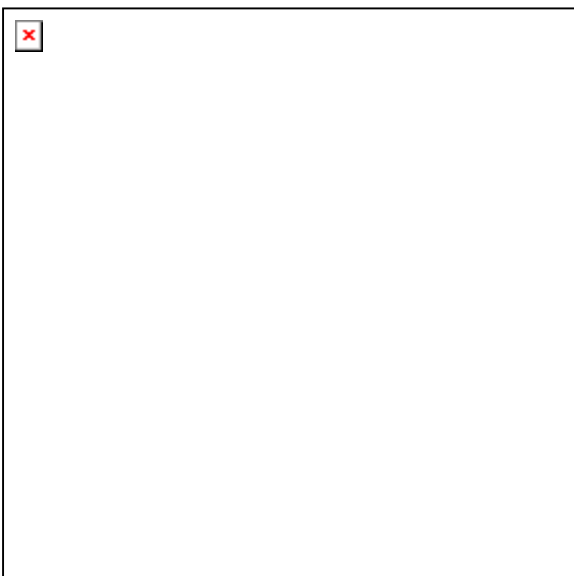
Closed Caption button. This button will control or reflect the Closed Caption Access status which enables WinPlus to communicate with the Closed Caption generator.



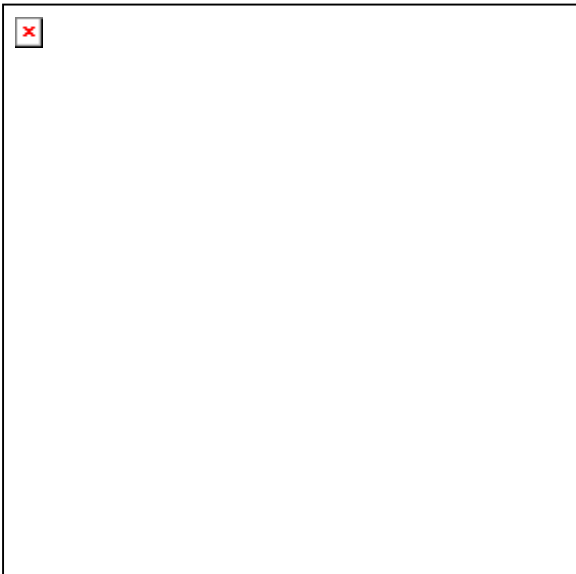
Configuration button. This will display the configuration data when pressed.



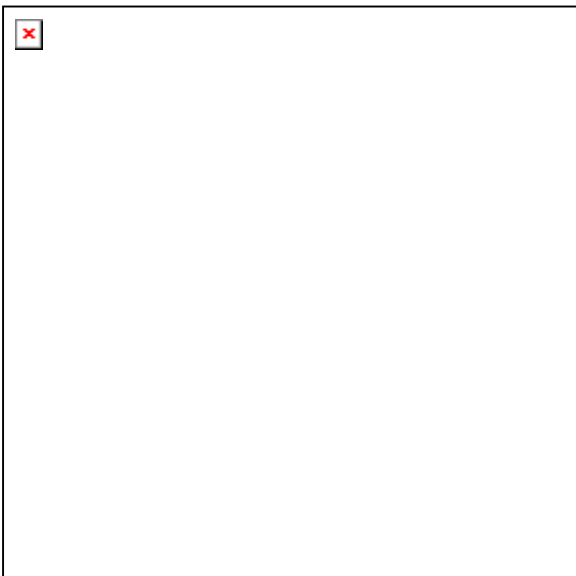
Send Message button. This function is only enabled when the ActiveX control is connected to a WinPlus running with the PCI Prompt card or the USB XBOX. This button is used to send a message to WinPlus which will be displayed as a Background Message on the Prompt Output. The message is entered in the Message Entry panel to the left of the button. Background Messages sent locally from WinPlus to the Prompt output will also be sent to the ActiveX control and displayed in the Message Entry panel.



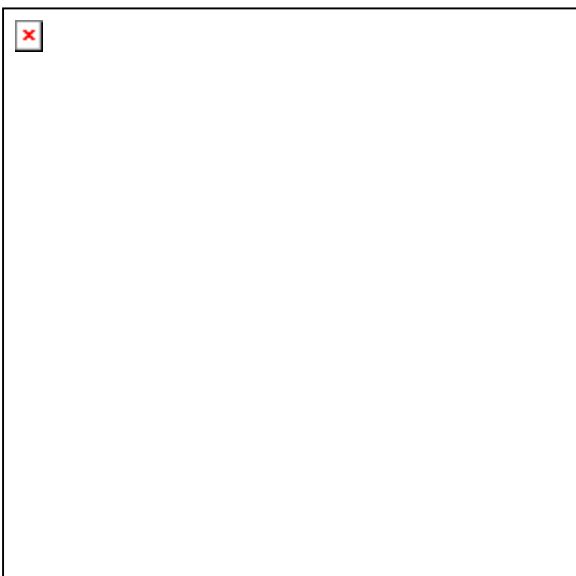
Turn Off WinPlus Message Mode. This will clear down the Background Message mode on WinPlus.



Send Story Text To WinPlus. At present this function only operates with ENPS. When this button is pressed the currently active story displayed in the ENPS client will be sent to WinPlus. This is generally used when the ENPS client is running in "Local" mode, i.e. with no server running. It provides a mechanism to transfer the story text to the Prompter.

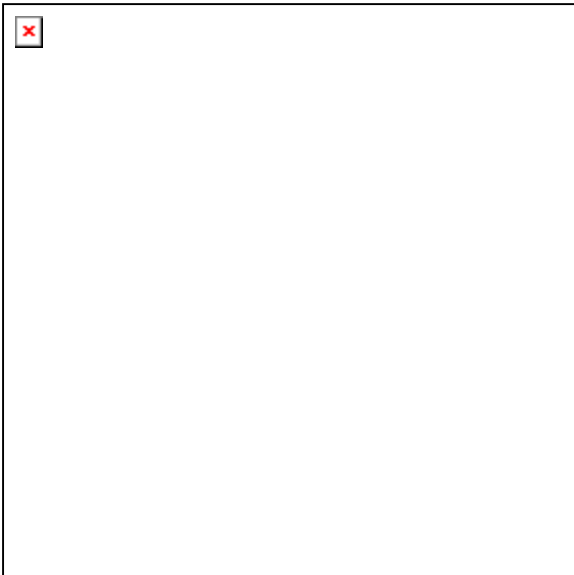


Delete the entire script from WinPlus. Confirmation will be required by the user to complete the operation.

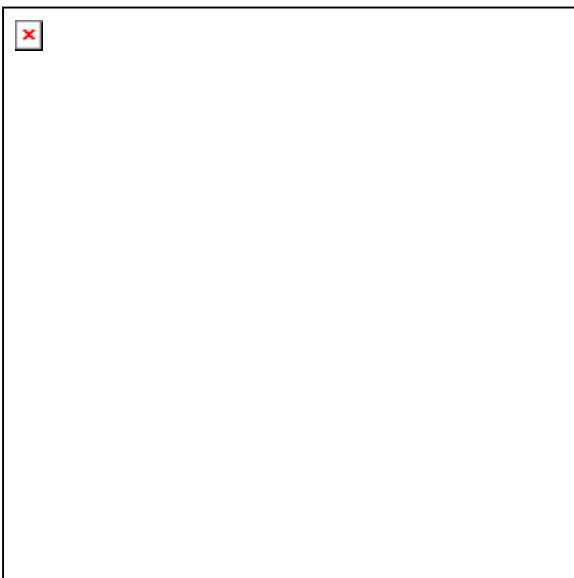


Start the WinPlus Background Timer with the value set in the Timer Entry panel to the left of the button.

Buttons Specific To MOS Interface



Displays the list of MOS Active Run Orders. WinPlus must be in the "MOS Listening" state for this function to operate. The user can select one or more Run Orders to send to the Prompter(s) to which the ActiveX is connected.



Toggle the Visibility of the selected Program. Programs that are not Visible will appear greyed out and will not be Prompted.

Buttons Specific To iNEWS Interface



Used to turn Polling of the iNEWS Queue ON and OFF.

The Polling button is also functional when WinPlus is operating in ENPS Shared Directory Mode.

The "Queue" Dropdown box reflects the same Queue names as that displayed in the WinPlus FTP window. The current Queue loaded on to the Prompter may be selected from the ActiveX control. If WinPlus is operating in Multiple Run Order mode, the ActiveX control will only be able to display the Run Order, it will not have any Queue selection control.

Connect To A Closed Caption Encoder

Use these entries to set up one of the computer's serial ports when connecting to closed captioning or subtitling equipment using an RS232 serial interface.

See also: [Closed Caption Control Codes](#)

Closed Caption Enabled

When checked, the live prompted text will be output line by line on a serial port to a Closed Captioning unit. Ensure that the serial port parameters such as Baud Rate, Parity etc. are set to correctly.

Caption via Modem

When checked, the Closed Caption data will be sent to the Modem port. The Phone number to dial must be entered in the appropriate box, see below. If unchecked, the data is sent to the specified Serial port.

XON/XOFF Flow Control

When checked the XOFF character (Ctrl S) will be transmitted when the input buffer has filled to within 256 of maximum. The XON character (Ctrl Q) will be transmitted when the input buffer has emptied to 256 bytes of data. The current size of the input buffer is 1024 bytes.

COM Port

This is enabled when the "Caption via Modem" is not selected. This specifies the serial port to use for the Closed Caption data.

Phone Number

This is enabled when the "Caption via Modem" is selected. This specifies the serial port to use for the Closed Caption data.

Closed Caption Offset

This number controls the vertical offset of the Closed Caption text with respect to the Prompt Output. The reference point is just below the bottom of the Prompt Output display. A typical value to align the Caption Output with the Prompt Reading position is 5 when using the ISA card and 7 for the PCI card. This value is also used to adjust the trigger point when WinPlus is used with the Conference Plus software. If the font size of the Prompt Output is reduced from the default settings, it may be necessary to increase the value of this offset.

Closed Caption Sluglines

When checked all Sluglines will be Closed Captioned. If the Prompt Sluglines As Inverse option is turned off, Sluglines will always be Closed Captioned.

Non Prompted Text

Any text sent to the Closed Caption generator and not intended to be read by the Presenter (Anchor) may be displayed on the Prompt Output with a variety of attributes to distinguish it from normal reading text. Bold, Italics, Underline and Inverse may be selected with a specific font and colour attribute.

The default setting is Inverse, Italics and font 15.

Block Output Mode

This mode will override the "Maximize Output Line Length" setting and is designed to transmit character strings up to the next full stop or comma. (This includes Chinese full stops and commas) There is no limit check on the amount of text sent as each line. This mode is for use with Caption Generators or Subtitling equipment that can reformat the data to suit their own output requirements.

Maximize Output Line Length

When checked the text sent to the Caption Generator will be formatted to maximize the number of words sent on each line. The maximum number of characters on a line will be limited to 32. On the Unicode version this value is configurable, but should be set to 32 when used for Closed Captioning in the U.S.

If this option is not selected, the text sent to the Caption generator will be formatted as the Prompt Output and will be transmitted at a rate governed by the scroll speed. The "New Line On Full Stop" function will be disabled and any setting ignored.

New Line On Full Stop

If the Maximize Output Line Length option has been selected, this option will be enabled and determines whether a new line should be started on the Caption Generator on detection of a full stop. The full stop must appear at the end of a line or be followed by a space.

New Line On Chinese Comma/Full Stop

If the Maximize Output Line Length option has been selected, this option will be enabled and determines whether a new line should be started on the Caption Generator on detection of a Chinese full stop or Chinese comma.

Minimum Output Interval

If the Maximize Output Line Length option has been selected, the data sent to the Caption output will be buffered and then transmitted at a rate governed by the number of words in the line, subject to a minimum, specified by the Output Interval. This overcomes the problem of sending multiple lines very quickly which may not be seen. The default time is set to 500mS.

CJK Caption Rate (Characters/Min)

If the Maximize Output Line Length option has been selected, this works in conjunction with the Output Interval and controls the display time for Captioned lines containing Chinese characters. The display time will be subject to the minimum specified by the Output Interval. The default rate is set to 360 characters per minute (6 characters per second).

Buffered Output

If the Maximize Output Line Length option has been selected, this determines whether the text for the Caption generator will be buffered and played out at a controlled reading rate. If not selected the text will be sent as fast as possible.

Buffered Output Limit

If the Buffered Output option has been selected, this determines the maximum number of lines that will be buffered. If a new line is to be added to the buffer that would result in the limit being exceeded, all current lines in the buffer will be removed.

Caption Access On Prompt Start

This function only applies when Closed Captioning is enabled.

When prompting is turned on, this option determines if the Closed Caption Access code is to be sent to the Caption Generator automatically. If it is not selected, the Access code will have to be sent manually by clicking on the Caption On/Off button or using the F12 key.

Force Data To Even Line Length

When this is enabled all lines of text sent to the Caption generator will contain an even number of characters. A trailing space will be added to lines containing an odd number of characters.

Auto Caption Stories

This is only available on Unicode Colour (PCI) versions.

This function enables Story/Package text to be sent to the Closed Caption generator without necessarily having a Prompt card installed.

The following entry should be set in the [Main] section of the "wplus32.ini" file. [Main]

Non Prompted Text As Inverse Italics=1

Note: In the Unicode version of WinPlus this can be set on the Caption page of the configuration display.

If a Prompt card is not installed, a USB or Parallel Port dongle will be required, and the following parameter in the [Main] section of the "wplus32.ini" file should be set to a 0

Default Studio=0

When used with following Newsroom systems, these settings should also be made in the [Main] section of the "wplus32.ini" file if it is required to Caption the Package text.

ENPS (Shared Directory):

ENPS Caption Angle Brackets=1

AP Newscenter:

AP News Caption Angle Brackets=1

If the INEWS interface is being used, select the "Prompt Closed Caption Only Text" option in the WinPlus INEWS configuration if required.

If the MOS interface is being used, select the "Caption Package Text" option in the WinPlus MOS configuration if required.

Pressing Ctrl F12 will abort any data transmission currently queued for the Caption generator.

The rate at which the text is sent to the Caption Generator is calculated from the main WinPlus Speech Rate and the number of lines to be sent. The background timer will display the time remaining at which all the Package text will have been sent. This may not necessarily coincide with actual end of the package. For example, if a Package lasts for 30 seconds, but the spoken text within the Package is calculated to last for 20 seconds, there will be a 10 second interval after the Package has been captioned and when the Anchor restarts normal reading from the Prompter.

This function is mutually exclusive with "Auto Caption Packages".

Auto Caption Packages

This is only available on Unicode Colour (PCI) versions and should be used with the new optical hand control.

This function enables Package text to be sent to the Closed Caption generator and not to the Prompter.

The following entry should be set in the [Main] section of the "wplus32.ini" file.

[Main]

When used with following Newsroom systems, these settings should also be made in the Main section of the "wplus32.ini" file.

ENPS (Shared Directory):

ENPS Caption Angle Brackets=1

AP Newscenter:

AP News Caption Angle Brackets=1

If the INEWS interface is selected, ensure that in the WinPlus INEWS configuration, the "Prompt Closed Caption Only Text" option is selected.

If the MOS interface is selected, ensure that in the WinPlus MOS configuration, the "Caption Package Text" option is selected.

If the Abort facility is required, the Hand Control Function button should be set to "Abort Auto Caption Package Payout". The Function LED will be illuminated when the Payout is active.

When a Package is received by WinPlus, it will appear in the edit screen with a green background. WinPlus will add a header on a single line containing the text <PKG>. This line will appear on the Prompt output and will be used as the trigger point for the Auto Caption Payout.

When the trigger point is detected, Scrolling will be disabled and the Auto Caption Payout will begin. The rate at which the text is sent to the Caption Generator is calculated from the main WinPlus Speech Rate and the number of lines to be sent. If the Abort feature is enabled, during Payout the Function LED will be ON. The background timer will display the time remaining at which all the Package text will have been sent. This may not necessarily coincide with actual end of the package. For example, if a Package lasts for 30 seconds, but the spoken text within the Package is calculated to last for 20 seconds, there will be a 10 second interval after the Package has been captioned and when the Anchor restarts normal reading from the Prompter.

Pressing the Function (Abort) button during Payout will stop any further Package text transmission to the Caption generator and Scrolling will be re-enabled, otherwise Scrolling will be re-enabled at the end of the Payout.

This function is mutually exclusive with "Auto Caption Stories".

Compress Packages

This is only available on Unicode Colour (PCI) versions and when "Auto Caption.Packages" is enabled. The purpose of this option is to combine a group of contiguous Packages into a single Package. This will have the effect of displaying the Package header <PKG> only for the first Package. It will be followed by a number representing the number of Packages that have been combined. The Package Header text string may be set in the Script page of the Configuration. The default text string is <PKG>.

Note: Packages separated by blank lines are deemed to be contiguous.

Caption Timeout To Black (secs)

This sets the delay from the Caption Generator not receiving any more data, to when the Caption display is blanked. In Normal mode, three blank lines are transmitted. In Unicode and Big5 modes a single Carriage Return is transmitted. Line Feeds will be added if selected. A value of zero will disable the function.

Caption Timeout To Flush (mSecs)

If you are scrolling and stop in the middle of a line, with text pending in the Caption output buffer, this text would not have been transmitted until the "Caption Timeout To Black" operated. So the last few words would appear and disappear on the screen with not enough time to have read it. The "Caption Timeout To Flush" will send all pending data prior to the "Caption Timeout To Black". The default setting is 1 second to flush the buffer, leaving time before the "Caption Timeout To Black" operates and clears the display.

Story Separator Text (Unicode version)

The text entered in this window will be transmitted to the Caption Generator each time a Slugline is detected. It will generally be used as a mechanism to indicate the end of a story. Care must be taken to select characters that are available within the Character Generator. If the window is left blank, a blank line will be automatically transmitted as the story separation.

Extended Character Set

This option may be used if the Closed Caption Generator is capable of displaying the 16 "Special Characters" and the 64 "Optional Extended Characters".

Caption Data Channel

This value is used when the Double Byte special characters or Optional Extended characters are to be displayed. Normal settings for this are 1 or 2, resulting in a leading byte of 11, 12, 13(hex) or 19, 1A, 1B(hex) respectively.

Line Termination

This option selects the required termination for each line sent to the Caption Generator. The selections are:

A:No termination characters added

B:Carriage Return

C:Carriage Return + Line Feed

Send Access Off Before Access On

This option defaults to on and will send the Access Off code sequence before the Access On.

Although WinPlus may have previously sent the Access On sequence, it has no knowledge of the current Access status. For example, some other external source may have taken control. So to overcome this, each time Prompting is turned on or restarted, the Access On code is sent the Caption generator. The problem with this is that some Caption generators misinterpret the Access On code if access has already been granted, resulting in a number of the command characters appearing on the Caption output. By sending the Access Off code before the Access On, this problem is alleviated. The Link PDE-890 Closed caption encoder appears to require this option turned off. It is recommended for the Evertz and EEG Closed Caption encoders, it is turned on.

Closed Caption Access On/Off

These are the ASCII strings that will be transmitted to the Closed Caption equipment when access has been manually requested or relinquished. To enter a Control Character into the string, type the ^ character followed by the corresponding letter. For example to enter Control A, type the two character sequence ^A. If the command is to be terminated by a carriage return, then ^M must be appended to the string as shown below. All leading and trailing spaces will be removed.

Examples for the **EVERTZ** and **EEG EN230 & EN270** Close Caption Encoder (Default WinPlus settings):

Enter Newswire Mode: ^A2 C1 3^M

Exit Newswire Mode: ^M^C^M

Examples for the **EEG EN370** Closed Caption Encoder:

Enter Newswire Mode: ^A2 CC1 3^M

Exit Newswire Mode: ^C^A7^M

Examples for the **EEG EN470** Closed Caption Encoder:

Field One Commands:

Enter Newswire Mode: ^A2 C1 3^M

Exit Newswire Mode: ^C

Field Two Commands:

Enter Newswire Mode: ^A2 C3 3^M

Exit Newswire Mode: ^C

The examples above are for a 3 line roll-up with a base line position of 15.

If a 2 line roll-up with a base line of 1 were required, a typical Access On sequence would be

^A2 C1 2 B1^M

When the B part of the message is omitted, the baseline default of 15 is assumed.

If the "PassThru" mode is to be used in preference to the "Real Time" caption mode, an example setting would be:

Access On: ^A3 F1 ^M

Access Off: ^M^C^M

Pre-Line Access: ^T-^Tp^T&

See also: [Closed Caption Control Codes](#)

The default COM port settings for the **EEG** encoders are: 1200 baud, 7-data bits, 1-stop bit & odd parity. The Pre-Line Access sequence should be blank.

Example for the **Links** Encoder:

Closed Captioning On: ^A3

Closed Captioning Off: ^AR

Pre-Line Access Sequence: ^T-^Tp^T&

Pre Line Access

This ASCII string will be transmitted to the Closed Caption equipment before each line of text. For control characters the same rules apply as for the Closed Caption Access codes. All leading and trailing spaces will be removed.

See also: [Closed Caption Control Codes](#)

Output Mode (Unicode Version Only)

Normal:

Text is output as single byte ASCII.

Unicode:

Text is output as Unicode with the high byte first.

Big5:

Text is converted to Big5 (double byte) and output with high byte first. Latin text is output as single byte.

When the Unicode or Big5 modes are selected, the Access On/Off codes and Pre Line Access code will change to the alternative selection. A single 16 bit value is entered for each parameter. These can be entered as decimal or HEX with the appropriate prefix (e.g. 0xE0E1 or \$E0E1).

Remote Caption

Off:

Remote Caption is disabled.

Master:

WinPlus will operate as the Master and will listen for a TCP/IP connection from the Slave. Data received from the Slave will be sent to the Closed Caption generator.

Slave:

WinPlus will operate as the Slave. A TCP/IP connection is made to the Master by clicking on the "Remote Caption" panel or using the Hot Key Ctrl+Shift+F12. This is a toggle action to connect or disconnect.

IP Address:

This is the IP Address of the Master computer.

Port:

This is the Port number to be used for the TCP/IP connection and should be set the same in both the Master and Slave computers.

NOTE: The Remote Caption function must be turned OFF if the MOS Master/Slave mode is enabled.

See also:

[Closed Caption Access](#)

[Closed Caption Control Codes](#)

[Insert Package Text](#)

[Remote Caption Control](#)

Acknowledgements: EEG: EEG Enterprises Inc; Links: Link Electronics Inc; Evertz Microsystems Ltd.

Connecting To A Newsroom System

MOS

[MOS Protocol](#)

[IP Address Configuration](#)

iNEWS

[iNEWS Configuration](#)

[iNEWS - FTP Operation](#)

[iNEWS - Multiple Run Order](#)

[iNEWS - Program Triggers](#)

[iNEWS - Server Configuration](#)

ENPS

[ENPS Shared Directory Configuration](#)

Dalet/OpenMedia

[Dalet Configuration](#)

OCTOPUS

[MOS Protocol](#)

File Formats

Host Download Format

Any story received via the serial port or the TCP/IP interface must adhere to certain guidelines before it can be successfully imported into WinPlus.

Check the Options/Configuration/Host Port and Template parameters are set correctly.

For the TCP/IP interface ensure the appropriate Port Number has been configured in the WPLUS32.INI file. The default is 2001.

Three character control sequences are used to identify story breaks, attribute changes, commands etc. The sequences all begin with %, and are terminated by a single character which determines the control function. The Unicode version of WinPlus allows the user to use his own two character Control Sequence to replace the %. WinPlus will convert the user Control Sequence to % for internal use. Therefore the use of % in the downloaded text should be avoided.

The currently implemented control sequences are as follows:

%%B or %%bStart of Story

%%E or %%eEnd of Story

%%I or %%iInverse Video On

%%V or %%vInverse Video Off

%%U or %%uUnderline On

%%L or %%lUnderline Off

%%P or %%pBold On

%%Q or %%qBold Off

%%S or %%sItalics On

%%T or %%tItalics Off

%%J or %%jCloaking On

%%K or %%kCloaking Off

%%F or %%fNon Closed Captioning On

%%G or %%gNon Closed Captioning Off

%%R or %%rStart of Run Order

%%O or %%oEnd of Run Order (Serial Download Only)

%%dxxxxxxDrop Story xxxxxx

%%Mxxxxxx,yyyyyyMove Story xxxxxx above Story yyyyyy

%%mxxxxxx,yyyyyyMove Story xxxxxx below Story yyyyyy

%%Axxxxxx or %%axxxxxxMove Story xxxxxx to the Next On-Air

%%CxxxxxxTurn Prompting On at Story xxxxxx

%%cTurn Prompting Off

%%X or %%xIgnore Text until end of current Story (%%E) or %%W whichever is detected first.

%%W or %%wContinue loading text. Used with %%X.

%%Y or %%yDelete Script

%%Z or %%zUnused

%%0Set Left to Right Text Mode

%%1Set Right to Left Text Mode

%%2Set Prompt Scrolling to Pause

%%3Set Prompt Scrolling to Scroll

Sluglines and Story Numbers

In Template mode the Slugline and story number are extracted from the [template](#) as set up in the WinPlus configuration.

In non-template mode the Slugline is the line that contains the Start of Story control sequence (%%B). This is immediately followed by the story number, which can be up to 6 characters in length. If it is less than this, it must be terminated with a Space.

The maximum length of the Slugline that can be accommodated is limited to one line on the edit screen. It is therefore a function of the Prompt Font Size, as the edit display is two prompt lines displayed side by side.

An example of a typical story is as follows:

%%B100 Slugline for story 100

This is the main body of text which may consist of %%Pbold%%Q, %%Uunderlined%%L,

%%linverse%%V or text in %%Sitalics%%T.

Turning cloaking on and off during a download will force a new line, as only complete lines may be cloaked.

%%X All text from here until the end of this story will be ignored.

%%E

NOTE: An ID field may be included in the Slugline as follows:

%%B100,123456 Slugline for story 100.

A comma is used as the delimiter between the story number and the story ID. The space after the ID acts as the delimiter between the ID and the Slugline text. The ID field will be extracted and displayed in the WinPlus Run Order ID column.

An example of a non-template Run Order

%%R1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8<CR>

The <CR> should be used as the command terminator when used with a TCP/IP download.

Remote Polling Formats

All WinPlus Versions

The following file description applies to RTF, Word and ASCII text files.

For early versions of WinPlus (pre V3.20).

The first line of the file is the Slugline and must contain the story number in square brackets.

e.g.: [1]Slugline for story 1 <CR>

The remaining text follows as normal.

When the file is saved, the filename must contain the story number that appears in the square brackets. In addition this number must be preceded by a single character. This is used to identify those files to be polled. If the identifying character is "Q", valid filenames are as follows:

Q1

Q1.rtf

Q1.txt etc.

SETTING THE WINPLUS CONFIGURATION

The WinPlus configuration has to be set to match the file format to be polled.

In the "Configuration Constants" section:

1: Set the "Remote Input Directory" to the directory to be polled.

2: Set the "Remote File Mask" to match the file type

e.g.:

Q*

Q*.rtf

Q*.txt

Q*.doc etc.

The "*" is a wildcard character and represents the story number in the filename. The story number may be up to 6 characters in length.

3: Set the "Remote Run Order Filename" to the name of the file containing the run order information. This file must reside in the same directory as the story files as specified by the "Remote Input Directory". This filename must be chosen so as

not to be a valid match with the "Remote File Mask".

It is a text file with the following format:

Q1=xxxxxx

Q2=

Q3=

.

.

.

Qn=

etc.

The "xxxxxx" field is optional. It may be up to 6 characters in length and this data will appear in the Run Order ID field.

The = character must appear after each story number even when optional ID field is omitted.

If the remote run order file is not present, the stories will be in the order in which they are read from the disk.

In the "Configuration Script" section set:

1:Import Detect [] Slugline

To enable "Remote Directory Polling", select the item in the main "Options" menu.

WinPlus Versions of 3.2 Onwards

In addition to the above scheme, a more user friendly Remote Polling Format has been devised. The story number now only has to be specified once, and that is in the filename.

The first line of the text is the Slugline without any reference to a story number.

e.g.

Headlines //This is the Slugline

In the news tonight we have... //This is the text body

The filename now has the following format:

Qnnnnnn comment.ext

where Q = file identifier

nnnnnn = story number - up to 6 characters and must be delimited by a space character.

comment = any text

ext = file extension

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e.g.:

Q*

Q*.rtf

Q*.txt

Q*.doc etc.

The "*" is a wildcard character and represents the story number in the filename. The story number may be up to 6 characters in length.

It is advisable to use files with an extension to avoid polling spurious files that may give rise to unwanted data.

In the "Configuration Script" section set:

1:Extract Story Number from Filename. This is mutually exclusive with "Import Detect [] Slugline"

To enable [Remote Directory Polling](#), select the item in the main

"Options" menu.

See also: [ENPS Shared Directory operation](#), [AP Newscenter Operation](#) and [Additional Parameters](#) for Basys Remote Script operation.

Language Files

WinPlus can display the menu items and messages in a number of languages. Each language is stored in its own file in the WinPlus data directory as follows:

English: WpMsgEng.txt

German: WpMsgGer.txt

French: WpMsgFre.txt

Japanese: WpMsgJpn.txt

Romanian: WpMsgRom.txt

Spanish: WpMsgSpn.txt

If it is required to edit any of these files, the user must ensure that these files are saved as Unicode Text Files. The Windows WordPad editor has this capability.

Master Slave Mode

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o n

The purpose behind the Master/Slave mode is to provide a mechanism whereby a Slave computer can track as closely as possible, the Prompt display of the Master.

The Master will send the line number corresponding to the top row of Prompted text to the Slave. The Slave will redraw its Prompt output to match the current Master display on a line by line basis.

When **Connect to Slave** in the Options menu is selected, the computer will create a network connection to the Slave and become a Master. The small display panel at the bottom of the WinPlus screen will turn green if a successful connection is made. As the red Run Order banner moves during prompting, the current position is sent to the Slave to keep it updated. The scroll speed of the Slave should be set to zero.

It is possible for the Slave computer to make a reverse connection to the current Master. Select **Connect to Slave** on the current Slave computer. In this case both the small display panels will turn green indicating a two-way link has been established. The hand control in current use will force that computer to become the Master. Also any prompt command executed on the Slave computer will regain full control. Once again the scroll speed of the current Slave must be set to zero to avoid the possibility of the Slave inadvertently regaining Master status.

To use the ActiveX control to synchronize the speed of two Prompters displaying the same text, see : [ActiveX Configuration](#)

MultiScript

The MultiScript mode retains all the functionality of the conventional WinPlus but has some additional enhancements. MultiScript has the capability of having more than one script loaded simultaneously. The Run Order display has changed to reflect the new functionality and two new columns titled "Script Filenames" and "Folder" display the filename and folder name of each script that has been opened or created. The top entry is reserved for the "News" version of WinPlus MultiScript and is the page where all newsroom downloads will reside. Newsroom operations will operate regardless of which script is active. In the VGA and "Studio" versions this column is disabled and the title is replaced by a *.

When a file is loaded into WinPlus, the file extension will be changed to WPL. The full path of a loaded script may be displayed by a Right mouse click on the "Folder" display. Ctrl+Right click will display the original filename.

To enable the MultiScript mode, go to the Script page of the WinPlus configuration where the MultiScript check box will be found.

Menu Items that are new or have a different functionality when MultiScript is enabled:

File/New: This will create a new "Untitled" script together with the corresponding entry in the filename list.

File/Close: This will close the selected script. Confirmation will be requested to save any changes that may have been made.

File/Close All: This will close all the currently loaded scripts but will exclude any action regarding the "NEWSROOM" script. Use the single File/Close option to delete the text from the current page.

File/Workspace: MultiScript mode introduces the concept of a Workspace and is defined as a collection of scripts. The Workspace may be loaded or saved, making it a single operation to save or recall multiple scripts.

When a Workspace is saved, it will save all the filenames with the WPL file extension and the original filename if one exists. When the Workspace is reloaded, WinPlus will first check for the existence of the WPL file and load it. If the WPL file doesn't exist, the original filename is loaded if it exists.

Note: Care should be taken if multiple scripts are loaded with the same name but a different file extension. WinPlus will internally set all loaded scripts to the WPL file extension for its own internal file format. This can result in different scripts having the same filename.

Remote Link

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

This mode of operation provides a mechanism for a remote site to get access to the stories currently loaded on to the main prompter. The main prompter may be connected to the newsroom system to receive live updates, which in turn will be transmitted to the remote site.

The principle of operation is that both the Master and Slave computers connect to a Remote Server running at a specified IP address listening for data on the selected port numbers.

Configuring WinPlus for Remote Link operation

- 1: Select Options/Configuration/MOS - Master or Slave
- 2: Select Options/Configuration/MOS - Use Legacy ENPS Brackets - OFF
- 3: Select the "Remote Link" option.
- 4: Set the Port number to 11400.
- 5: Set the IP address of the Remote Link server
- 6: Exit the configuration.
- 7: From the main WinPlus menu select: Options/Remote Link.

8: Enter the User Account name assigned to you by Autoscript.

9: Enter the Unique ID the unique identifier which must be the same for both the Master and the Slave.

10: Enter the Username which currently is only displayed in the Chat messages.

11: Press the "Connect" button.

12: If a successful connection is made, the Link Status will display "Connected to Link Server" in yellow text.

13: When the other user also make a successfull connection with the same username, the Link Status will display "Connected to Master" in green text.

14: If the user is logged on as the Master, the WinPlus script can be sent to the Slave. If the user is logged on as the Slave, the WinPlus script can be requested from the Master. The same button in the Remote Link is used for both master and Slave. The "Download All On Connect" option will force the master to send the entire script when a complet Master/Slave link has been established.

Chat messages may also be sent between the connected sites.

Voice Activated Prompting

Speech Control

To enable the Speech Follower interface, DirectX version 8 or above must be installed.

Next the WinPlus Speech Registration number must be entered. See Help/Update Speech Registration. This will display the Prompt card registration number and you must enter the Speech Registration number obtained from Autoscript.

If this is successful, proceed to the [Speech Configuration](#) where the Speech tab should now be enabled.

If WinPlus is set to "News" and the prompted text has been loaded or imported from a file, ensure that Options/Newsroom is set to "Default".

Enable Button

This is used to "Enable" or "Disable" the Speech Follower. When Enabled the Speech Follower will be listening and controlling the scroll speed of the Prompt output. The Function button on the HC/1 hand control can be programmed to mimic this function if required.

WinPlus commands may be embedded in the script to provide the following functionality:

//SP OFF - Automatically set the Speech Follower to the Disabled state.

//SP EN - Set the language to English.

//SP ES - Set the language to Spanish

//SP DE - Set the language to German.

//SP RO - Set the language to Romanian.

//SP DU - Set the language to Dutch.

//SP FR - Set the language to French.

//SP IT - Set the language to Italian.

//SP AR - Set the language to Arabic.

The "Default Language" drop down box in the WinPlus Speech configuration page will indicate which languages are currently available.

NOTE: Only one language command may be used in each story. If none are specified, the Default language setting will be assumed.

Clear Button

Clears the display of all WinPlus speech status and control messages

Reset Button

This clears the Speech Follower of all text and Run Order information.

Download Button

This will download the current Script and Run Order to the Speech Follower.

Record Button

This is used for diagnostic purposes. When enabled, any speech detected by the Speech Follower will be recorded as raw audio. The data will be saved in the WinPlus data directory with a filename specified by the user. The default name is "sfsXAudio.bin". When importing this raw data into an audio application, the sampling rate should be set at 16000Hz.

Dump Button

This will dump the entire contents of the Speech Follower to a file in the WinPlus data directory with a filename specified by the user. The default filename is "sfsXRundown.txt".

Audio Monitor Button

This will run the Audio Level Monitor program. This is the same as displayed in the Speech page of the WinPlus configuration. The "Audio input" selection of this control has to be set independently.

NOTE:

1:

Under normal operation, text and Run Order information should be automatically sent to the Speech Follower. So in theory the Reset and Download button should not need to be used.

The Speech Follower cannot accept updates to the On-Air story. The "Force PNEW" option should be set to prevent this from occurring.

2:

If working with a plain script, a dummy Slugline should be added as the first line of the text. The Speech Follower relies on their being at least one entry in the Run Order.

3:

The speech following mechanism will perform better with as much text as possible on the Prompt display. So it is recommended the font size is chosen to be as small as is acceptable to the reader. Also, choosing a font such as "Arial Narrow" will display more text for a given font size. A good compromise which provides good results is to use this font with the size set to 60.

WinPlus Device Drivers

The device drivers for the hardware associated with WinPlus are to be found in the following sub-directories under the WinPlus installation directory:

HARDWARE DIRECTORY

PCI Prompt card (Win2000/XP/Vista): PCI Prompt Card Drivers (formally PCI Drivers)

USB XBOX (Win98/Me): USB XBOX Win98 Drivers (formally USB V1 Drivers)

USB XBOX (Win2000/XP): USB XBOX Win2000-XP Drivers (formally USB V2 Drivers)

USB XBOX (Vista): USB XBOX Vista Drivers

USB Dongle (Win2000/XP/Vista): DongleUsb

USB GPI I/O card: USB GP IO Drivers

USB Hand Control (HC/5): USB Hand Control Drivers

USB RF Hand Control (VGA Version): USB GP COM Drivers

NOTE: There are no additional device drivers required for the ISA Prompt card.

See also: [Hardware Installation](#)

Menu Functions

File

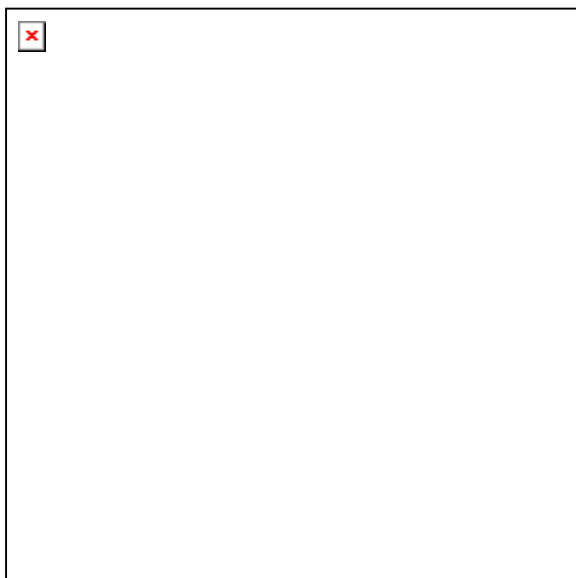
New

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f n

Use this function to create a completely new script. If there is already a script loaded which has not been modified since it was loaded or saved, that script will be deleted. If there is already a script loaded which has not been saved, the save script dialogue will be displayed. If you do not wish to save the current script click the cancel button, you will then be asked to confirm that you want the present script deleted. Clicking on Yes will delete the current script, clicking on Cancel or No will abort the operation.

If the MultiScript option has been selected in the Script page of the WinPlus Configuration, this function will create a new page for editing a script. All existing pages will be unaffected.

Prompting has to be turned off for this function to work if the MultiScript options has not been enabled.



The Delete Everything function is similar to the File New operation with the following exceptions :

- 1: Prompting will be automatically turned off.
- 2: No warning will be given if the script has not been saved.
- 3: Remote Polling will be turned off.

Open

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f o; Ctrl+o

Use this function to recall a script previously save script or to [import](#) a word processor file. If there is already a script loaded which has not been modified since it was loaded or saved, that script will be deleted. If there is already a script loaded that has not been saved, the save script dialogue will be displayed. If you do not wish to save the current script click the cancel button, you will then be asked to confirm that you want the present script deleted. Clicking on Yes will delete the current script, clicking on Cancel or No will retain the current script and display the Open File dialogue, the chosen file will be appended to the bottom of the existing script. Clicking on Cancel at this point will abort the operation.

See also: [Append](#) and [History](#)

Append

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f e; Ctrl+e

Append will recall or [import](#) a file without deleting the current text. The recalled text will be added to the bottom of the existing text.

Close

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f c

If MultiScript is enabled in the Script page of the WinPlus configuration this function will be visible and will Close the current script.

Close All

If MultiScript is enabled in the Script page of the WinPlus configuration this function will close all the currently loaded scripts but will exclude any action regarding the "NEWSROOM" script. Use the single File/Close option to delete the text and remove the current page.

Delete

Short Cut Key: Alt+f d

The Delete will bring up the standard file dialogue and provides a simple means of deleting any unwanted disk files without having to exit WinPlus. After selecting the file you wish to delete and pressing the OK button, a warning message will be displayed giving you the opportunity of confirming or aborting the delete operation.

Delete All Remote Stories

Short Cut Key: None

This function will delete all the files currently in the Remote Output Directory.

The directory must exist and confirmation will be required to complete the operation.

Save Script

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f s; Ctrl+s

The Save Script function will save the entire current script in WinPlus 5 format. If the script was originally recalled from disk or had been previously saved, then the filename used will be retained and the original disk file will be overwritten without any further dialogue.

If a filename has not been previously specified, the Save Script function will bring up the [Save Script As](#) dialogue to enable a filename to be entered.

If it is required to not save any cloaked text, use the [Save Script As](#) function.

Passwords are not stored when the Save Script function is executed. See [Save Script As](#) if it is required to password protect a script file.

Save Script As

Short Cut Key: Alt+f a

The Save Script As function will save the current script giving the user the opportunity to specify the filename and directory. If the filename already exists confirmation will be required to overwrite the existing file, clicking No will allow you to type a new filename.

To save the script in a different format, click on the Save File As Type Box and select one of the available formats.

Only use the "Save As DOS Text" if the resultant file is to be loaded into a DOS environment.

Save Cloaked Text: This option determines whether or not cloaked text is saved. Subsequent use of the [Save Script](#) function will automatically save any cloaked text.

Password: A password can be saved within the file which will then be required before the file can be reopened.

The password will be remembered for future "Save As" operations, but will not be saved when WinPlus is closed.

Save Story

Short Cut Key: Alt+f v

This function will save an individual story to the current directory. Select a story by either placing the edit cursor within the story or from the Run Order. The filename for the saved story will be the story number preceded by the letter 'Q'.

Passwords are not stored when the Save Story function is executed. See [Save Story As](#) if it is required to password protect a story file.

Save Story As

Short Cut Key: Alt+f y

This function will save an individual story having requested a filename. Select a story by either placing the edit cursor within the story or from the Run Order.

To save the story in a different format, click on the Save File As Type Box and select one of the available formats.

Save Cloaked Text: This option determines whether or not cloaked text is saved. Subsequent use of the [Save Script](#) function will automatically save any cloaked text.

Password: A password can be saved within the file which will then be required before the file can be reopened.

The password will be remembered for future “Save As” operations, but will not be saved when WinPlus is closed.

Save All Stories

Short Cut Key: Alt+f b

This function will save all the individual stories or those highlighted to the Default Directory specified in the main configuration. The filename for each saved story will be the Slugline (story number removed) with a .wpl file extension. Any invalid filename characters will be discarded and an appropriate message added to the WinPlus History Log.

Save Story Remote

Short Cut Key: Alt+f m; Ctrl+t

This function will save an individual story to the Remote Output Directory specified in the main configuration. Select a story by either placing the edit cursor within the story or from the Run Order. The filename for the saved story will be the story number preceded by the letter 'Q'.



The button is situated on the Run Order Panel. If the Story is saved using this button, the saved Story will be the one highlighted in the Run Order. If the short cut key or the main menu is used, the Story will be that selected on the ACTIVE form.

Save All Stories Remote

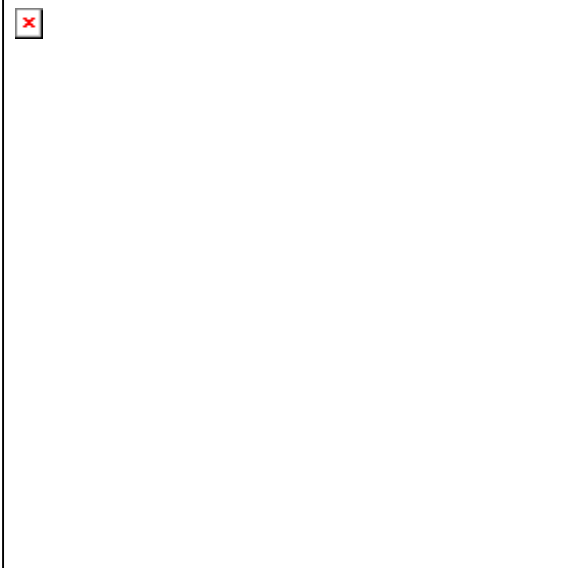
Short Cut Key: Alt+f l

This function will save all the individual stories or those highlighted to the Remote Output Directory specified in the main configuration. The filename for each saved story will be the story number preceded by the letter 'Q'.

Save Run Order

Short Cut Key: Alt+f t

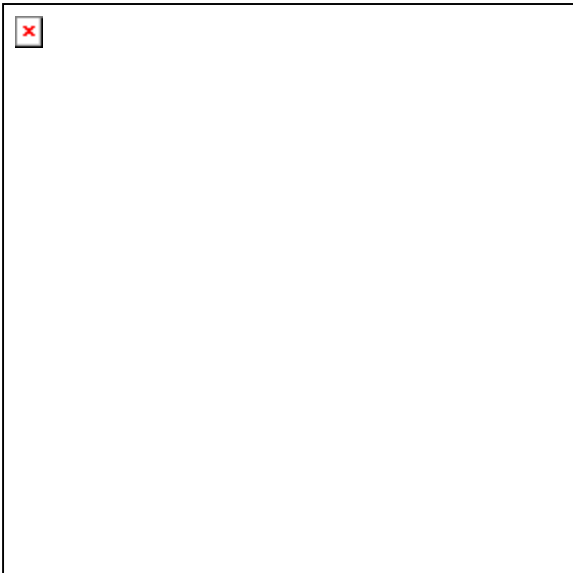
This function will save the Run Order to the Remote Output Directory with the filename specified in the main configuration.



The button is situated on the Run Order Panel.

Save Remote Run Order And All Stories

This function will save the Run Order to the Remote Output Directory with the filename specified in the main configuration. It will then save all the individual stories or those highlighted to the remote directory specified in the main configuration. The filename for each saved story will be the story number preceded by the letter 'Q'.



The button is situated on the Run Order Panel.

Save Local Configuration As

Short Cut Key: Alt+f f

This function will save the current WinPlus configuration to the specified filename. The file extension will always be ".INI" regardless of what is entered.

Create iNEWS Show

Unicode version only, with iNEWS newsroom option selected.

This function allows the user to assign a Show name to a set of iNEWS login parameters. The Show name, Queue, Login Name and Password are specified.

See also: [iNEWS - FTP Operation](#)

Delete iNEWS Show

Unicode version only, with iNEWS newsroom option selected.

This function will display a window containing all the currently created Shows. Select the entries to be deleted and click the Delete button. Click the Close button to close the window.

See also: [iNEWS - FTP Operation](#)

Force All Printing To Default Printer

When selected, any print operation will automatically send the data to the default printer. The Print dialog box, which normally gives the user a choice of printer will not be displayed.

Print Preview

This will display a scaled version of how the script will appear when printed. This function is only enabled if the "Print Format" is set to "Print As Script" or "Print As Prompt".

Print Story

Short Cut Key: Alt+f p; F7

If the Edit window is currently active (the Edit Window title bar is highlighted), Print Story will print the contents of the individual story that contains the edit cursor.

If the Run Order window is currently active (the Run Order Window title bar is highlighted), Print Story will print the contents of the individual story that is highlighted in the Run Order.

See [Printer Button Studio Instructions Font](#) and [Printer Configuration](#) to customise the format.

Print Script

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f i; Ctrl+F7

Print Script will print the entire script currently loaded into WinPlus program.

See [Printer Button Studio Instructions Font](#) and [Printer Configuration](#) to customise the format.

Print Run Order

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f r; Shift-F7

Prints the current Run Order, i.e. gives a printout of the Run Order as shown in the Run Order window.

See [Printer Button](#)

Print Program Timing

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f g

Print the current Program Timing Display.

If it is required to override the current printer orientation setting and always print the Program Timing display in "landscape" mode, this can be achieved by setting a parameter in the "wplus32.ini" file.

In the [Print Options] section see:

Force Display RT To Landscape=0

If this option is enabled, after printing the Program Timing, the printer orientation will be reset to its original setting.

See [Printer Button](#)

Print Highlighted Block

Short Cut Key: Alt+f h

Print Highlighted Block will print all the text defined by a block highlighting a region of text in the script.

The highlighting may specify a block of text from the edit screen or a block of stories from the Run Order.

Print Bookmarks

Short Cut Key: Alt+f k

Print the contents of the bookmark display.

See [Printer Button](#)

Print Configuration

Short Cut Key: Alt+f u

Print the contents of the WinPlus configuration.

Print Setup

Short Cut Key: Alt+f u

Calls the standard Windows Print Setup dialogue box so that the printer can be configured.

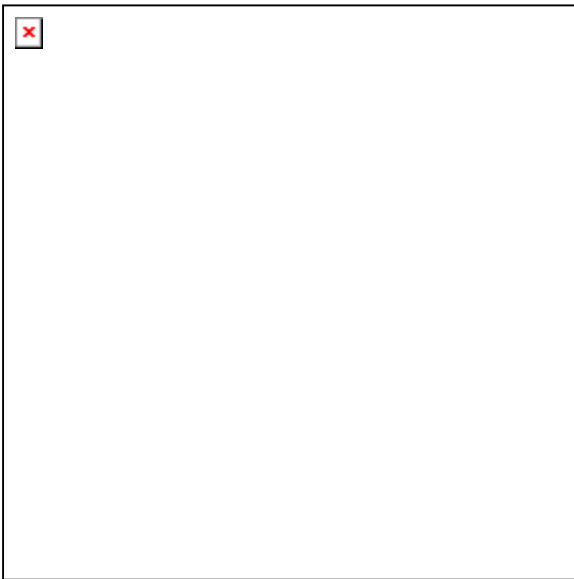
Exit

Short Cut Keys: Alt+f x; Alt+F4

Exit from the WinPlus program, if there is any unsaved text the save dialogue box will be invoked giving you the opportunity to save the script before exiting.

History

WinPlus keeps a record of the last four filenames that were recalled. These are listed at the bottom of the File menu:



To recall one of the files in the history list, simply move the cursor down to the desired file and click on it with the left mouse button. Alternatively just enter the number 1 to 4.

Edit

Undelete

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e u; Ctrl+z

Each time a character, line or block is deleted it is saved in a temporary buffer for possible recovery at a later time. Selecting Undelete will retrieve the data from the temporary buffer in reverse order, and attempt to re-insert it at the point of deletion.

Local Cut

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e t; Ctrl+x

Local Cut will copy any [highlighted block](#) of script text to the [local clipboard](#) and delete the text from the edit screen. This allows any block text to be moved since the cut text may be pasted to a different part of the script.

See also [Local Paste](#)

Local Copy

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e c; Ctrl+c

Local Copy will copy any [highlighted block](#) of script text to the [local clipboard](#) leaving the text in the highlighted block intact. This allows any block text to be copied since the copied text may be pasted to a different part of the script.

Note: All text attributes will be copied except for the Slugline attribute.

See also: [Local Paste](#)

Local Paste

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e p; Ctrl+v

Local Paste will copy the contents of the [local clipboard](#) into the WinPlus script using the current cursor position as the insertion point.

Note: All text attributes will be copied except for the Slugline attribute.

See also: [Local Cut](#) , [Local Copy](#)

Local Delete

Short Cut Key: Alt+e d; Ctrl+Del

Local Delete deletes any [highlighted block](#) that has been defined.

Copy To Windows Clipboard

Short Cut Keys: Alt+B

This will copy a highlighted block to the Windows clipboard as RTF and Unicode text.

Paste From Windows Clipboard

Short Cut Keys: Alt+L

Paste will copy the contents of the Windows clipboard into the WinPlus script using the current cursor position as the starting point.

Select Sentence

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e n; Ctrl J

Select Sentence is a fast way of highlighting a whole sentence. Move the edit cursor to anywhere within the sentence you wish to highlight and use Select Sentence to highlight it. The [highlighted block](#) produced in this way may be used with [Local Cut](#) , [Local Copy](#), [Local Paste](#) , etc.

The start point for a sentence is defined as any one of the following :

- 1 : The character after the first encountered Dot-Space sequence.
- 2 : The first character of the line if :
 - a : The line begins with a space.
 - b : The previous line ends with a Dot.
 - c : The previous line is blank.
 - d : The line is a Slugline.
 - e : The previous line is a Slugline.

The end point for a sentence is defined as any one of the following:

- 1: The first encountered Dot-Space sequence.
- 2: The end of the line if :
 - a : The last character is a Dot.
 - b : The line is a Slugline.
 - c : The next line is a Slugline.
 - d : The next line starts with a space.
 - e : The next line is blank.

Select Paragraph

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e h; Ctrl K

Select Paragraph is a fast way of highlighting a whole paragraph. Move the edit cursor to anywhere within the paragraph you wish to highlight and use Select Paragraph to highlight it. The [highlighted block](#) produced in this way may be used with [Local Cut](#) , [Local Copy](#), [Local Paste](#) , etc.

The start point for a paragraph is defined as any one of the following :

- 1 : The first character of the line if :
 - a : the line begins with a space.
 - b : the line is a bookmark line.
 - c : the line is a Slugline.
 - d : the previous line is a Slugline.

e : the previous line is blank.

The end point for a paragraph is defined as any one of the following :

1 : The end of the line if the next line :

a : is a Slugline.

b : starts with a space.

c : is a bookmark line.

d : is blank.

Select Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e y; Ctrl L

Select Story is a fast way of highlighting a whole story. Move the edit cursor to anywhere within the story you wish to highlight and use Select Story to highlight it. The [highlighted block](#) produced in this way may be used with [Local Cut](#) , [Local Copy](#), [Local Paste](#) , etc.

Select Program

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e g; Ctrl M

This function is only available if Multiple Run Order has been enabled.

Select Program is a fast way of highlighting a whole program. Click on the required Program in the Program window and use Select Program to highlight it. The [highlighted block](#) produced in this way may be used with [Local Cut](#) , [Local Copy](#), [Local Paste](#) , etc.

Select All

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e l; Ctrl A

Select All is a fast way of highlighting the whole script. The [highlighted block](#) produced in this way may be used with [Local Cut](#) ,[Local Copy](#), [Local Paste](#) , etc.

Select All Sluglines

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e g; Ctrl+Shift+S

Select All Sluglines is a fast way of highlighting all the Sluglines in a script. This is used in conjunction with the Font selection, Bold, Italics, Underline and Inverse buttons to change the attributes of all the Sluglines simultaneously. If the "Prompt Sluglines As Inverse" option is enabled, this will override the action of the Inverse button.

Select All Command Lines

MultiScript Only

Select All Command Lines is a fast way of highlighting all the Command Lines in a script. A Command Line is one which start with a double slash followed by a two letter mnemonic e.g.

/VT 10

Find

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e f; Ctrl+f

The Find function allows text to be searched for in the script. Type the text you want to find in the Find section and click the Find Next button. After doing a search, the Find dialogue will remain open so that you may search for subsequent occurrences of the entered text simply by clicking the Find Next button again.

If the Find dialogue box is visible, double clicking on a single word in the script will copy the highlighted word into the Find What section.

By clicking on the Match Whole Word Only and Match Case boxes you can make the search more specific if desired.

The Find search string may be terminated with Hard Carriage Return characters. These may be specified by ^M, <CR> or Alt+244 (if NumLock is On). This is so blank lines can be included in the Find and Replace operation.

The search starts at the current position of the edit cursor and proceeds either down or up the script depending on whether Down or Up has been selected for the Direction..

Click the Cancel button when you have finished with Find.

Find and Replace

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e e; Ctrl+h

The Find and Replace function works in a similar way to [Find](#), but has the additional capability of replacing the found text with some new text. Type the text you want to find in the Find section, type the text you want in its place in the Replace With section and click the Find Next button. If the searched for text is found, it can be replaced with the other text by clicking the Replace button. Find Next will search for the next occurrence of the text and Replace All will replace all occurrences of the text.

The Find and Replace search strings may be terminated with Hard Carriage Return characters. These may be specified by ^M, <CR> or Alt+244 (if NumLock is On). This is so blank lines can be included in the Find and Replace operation.

The Find and Replace will also change the attributes. For example if Bold is selected, all text that is replaced is set to Bold. It should be noted that the reverse is also true. Attributes will be removed if they are not set.

If the Find dialogue box is visible, double clicking on a single word in the script will copy the highlighted word into the Find section. Double click again on the same word and it will be copied into the Replace section. This makes it easy to set up a change of attribute.

Click the Cancel button when you have finished with Find and Replace.

Insert/Overstrike

Short Cut Key: INS



The way text normally entered is in insert mode that is indicated at the bottom of the WinPlus screen. Typing in this mode allows automatic word wrap to take place without the need to manually type carriage return at the end of a line. Selecting Overstrike will cause any entered text to replace any existing text as it is typed.

Reformat Text

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e m; Ctrl+F3

Reformat Text will reformat the entire script, word wrapping as required. It is advisable to reformat a script if it was prepared with the WinPlus software working with a different screen resolution.

The cursor will be forced to the top of the script when completed.

Create Slugline

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e s; Ctrl+F5

Create Slugline will automatically convert a normal text line to a Slugline. The edit cursor should be somewhere on the line you wish to convert.

If the line is already a Slugline, confirmation will be requested to remove the Slugline status. The slug identifier and its associated brackets will be deleted.

If the current line is not already a Slugline, a dialogue box will appear requesting the slug identifier. Pressing Enter or clicking on the OK button will accept the entry. The identifier will be inserted at the start of the line enclosed in brackets.

If the Prompt Slugline As Inverse option is disabled, or the Truncate Slugline To One Edit Line is not checked the text will wrap if the new line length is too long. If the option is enabled the Slugline may be truncated if the new length is longer than one Edit line. This is to ensure that Slugline text does not get into the actual readable text.

After invoking Create Slugline, the background colour of the line will change to the colour specified in the colour configuration:



A Run Order entry will automatically appear in the Run Order display.

Regardless of the setting of the Script As Prompt option in the main configuration, a Slugline will always appear as if the Script As Prompt option is disabled. This will allow the Slugline to be a maximum of two lines on the prompt output. Any overrun will appear on the edit screen only.

See also [Insert Sluglines](#)

Cloak Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r k

This will set the cloaked status of a single story or a block of stories. To highlight a block of stories in the Run Order position the mouse pointer so that it points to the Number or the ID of the first story to be deleted. Hold down the left mouse button and move the mouse until the desired block of stories are highlighted.

See also: [Toggle Cloak Line](#)

Uncloak Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r o

This will clear the cloaked status of a single story or a block of stories. To highlight a block of stories in the Run Order position the mouse pointer so that it points to the Number or the ID of the first story to be deleted. Hold down the left mouse button and move the mouse until the desired block of stories are highlighted.

See also: [Toggle Cloak Line](#)

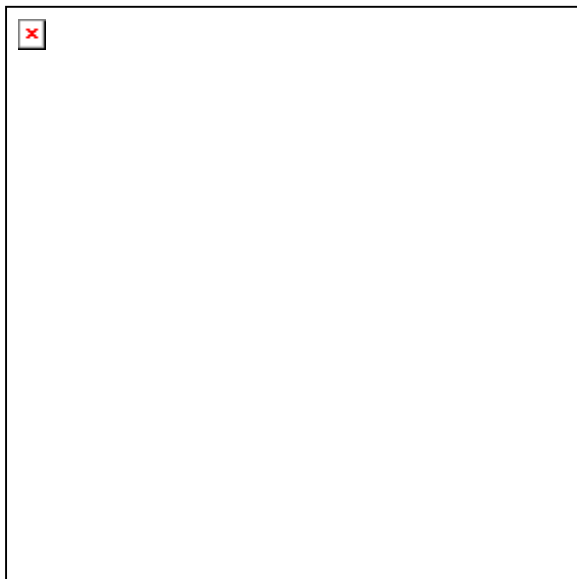
Toggle Cloak Line

Toggle Cloak Line

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e k; Ctrl+F10

Toggle Cloak Line is used to hide from the prompt output any text in the script marked in this way. Move the edit cursor to the line you wish to Cloak and select Toggle Cloak Line, the background colour of the selected line will change to the colours defined in

Options/Set Colours/Cloaked Background and Options/Set Colours/Cloaked Foreground. The default colours are yellow text on a dark grey background.



The edit cursor will automatically move to the next line in the text making it easy to cloak several consecutive lines with successive use of the cloaking function. Alternatively a block of text may be highlighted and cloaked in one manoeuvre.

To uncloak a previously cloaked line, put the edit cursor on that line and use Toggle Cloak Line. This will remove the background colour and allow the line to be prompted once again.

If the Run Order screen is active, single or contiguous blocks of stories may be cloaked.

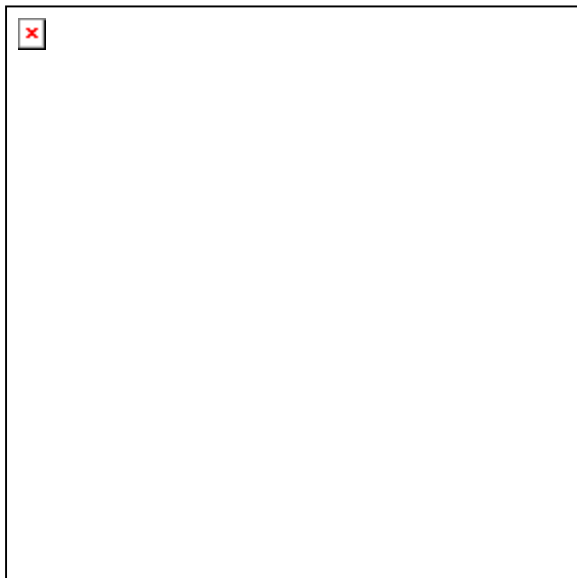
If the Select All Sluglines is active, this function will operate on all the Sluglines.

See also [Cloak Story](#)

Toggle Bookmark

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e b; Ctrl+Shift+F3

Toggle Bookmark is used to insert a bookmark into the script. This is used purely as an aid to quickly finding a point in the script and has no effect on prompted output or the printed script. Move the edit cursor to the line you wish to add a bookmark and select Toggle Bookmark. The colour of the line will change to that selected for the Bookmark background and foreground.



To remove a bookmark, put the edit cursor on the line in question and use Toggle Bookmark. This will remove the entry in the Bookmark list.

See also: [Bookmarks](#)

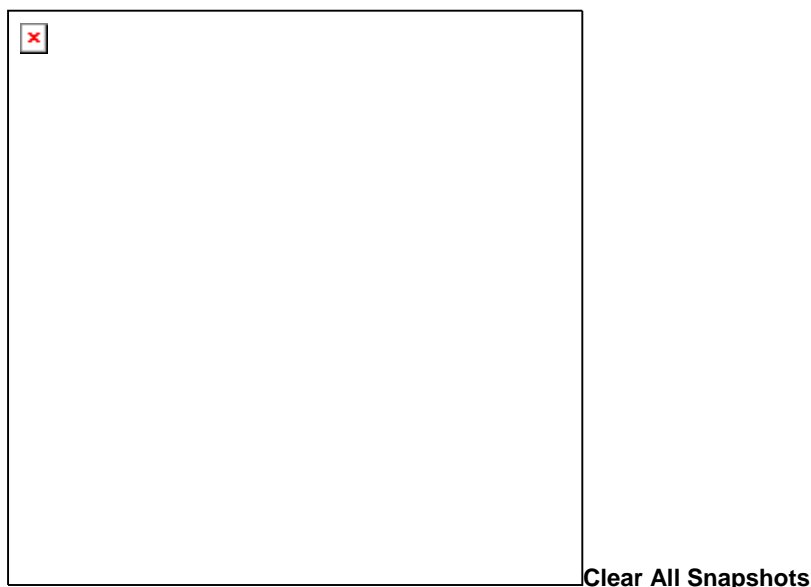
Toggle Snapshot

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e a; F6

Toggle Snapshot is used to mark a line in the script and create an entry in the Snapshot display. This is used purely as an aid to quickly finding a point in the script and has no effect on prompted output or the printed script. Move the edit cursor to the line you wish to mark select Toggle Snapshot. The colour of the line will change to that selected for Snapshot background and foreground.

To remove a Snapshot, put the edit cursor on the line in question and use Toggle Snapshot. This will remove the background colour and remove the entry in the Snapshot list.

The Right Mouse button will display a Pop-up menu containing the Snapshot entry and has the same effect as the Hot Key F6



This function will clear the Snapshot status from all lines in the script.

See also [Snapshot](#)

Toggle Non Caption Line

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e k; Ctrl+F11

Toggle Non Closed Captioning is used to hide from the closed caption output any text in the script marked in this way. Move the edit cursor to the line you wish to Non Caption and select Toggle Non Closed Captioning, the background colour of the selected line will change:



The edit cursor will automatically move to the next line in the text making it easy to toggle several consecutive lines with successive use of this function.

To Caption a previously Non Captioned line, put the edit cursor on that line and use Toggle Non Closed Captioning. This will remove the background colour and allow the line to be Closed Captioned once again.

Toggle Presenter Instruction

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e u; Ctrl+Shift+M

This function will toggle the Presenter Instruction attribute of the current edit line.

See also: [Insert Presenter Instruction](#)

Toggle Package Text

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e x; Ctrl+Shift+T

This function will toggle the Packaged Text attribute of the current edit line.

See also: [Insert Package Text](#)

Delete Whole Line

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e w; Ctrl+y

This function provides a quick way of deleting a complete line from the script. Move the edit cursor to the line you wish to delete and select Delete Whole Line.

Set Space Character

Sub Functions and Hot Keys

Set to Normal: Alt+Shift+C

Set to EN Space: Alt+Shift+D

Set to EM Space: Alt+Shift+E

This function will map the conventional Space character into either the EN space or EM space character. The characters have Unicode values of 2002 (Hex) and 2003 (Hex) respectively and

have a larger width than the conventional Space. This is useful for increasing the gap between words without having to add multiple spaces. EN Space is approximately twice the width of a normal space. EM Space is approximately three times the width.

When selected, any text currently loaded into WinPlus will be updated, with all spaces being replaced with the new selection. Following this, the keyboard Spacebar will be mapped to the new selection.

NOTE: Ensure the selected font you are using contains these characters. Use the Windows Character Map to check if you are not sure.

Known fonts which are suitable:

Arial Unicode MS

Code 2000

Tahoma or the Shell Font will require the "Single Character Caret Mode" to be selected if the script needs to be edited.

Set Hard Returns

Short Cut Keys: Set: Alt+e h; Alt+J Clear: Alt+e i; Alt+K

Set Hard Returns will add a hard carriage return to the end of every line in the script. The purpose of this is to prevent any automatic formatting when editing the text.

Clear Hard Returns removes all hard carriage returns from the script.

For normal reading text that has a hard carriage return removed, WinPlus will ensure the line is terminated with a space character. This will not apply to Sluglines, presenter instructions and package text.

See also [Insert Hard Return](#)

Force Uppercase

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e r

This will set all the characters in a highlighted block to uppercase.

The Force Uppercase button in the WinPlus main toolbar works independently from the menu options controlling upper and lowercase. The button is latching and will act like the Caps Lock key. It will also control the importing of text from an external source.

See also [Options/Configuration/Template](#).

Force Lowercase

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e l

This will set all the characters in a highlighted block to lowercase.

Remove Multiple Spaces

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e v

This function will replace all occurrences of multiple spaces in the script to single spaces. The script will then be reformatted.

Delete All Macros

The Script macro function expands the WinPlus Copy and Paste commands to the local clipboard. When this option is selected, a row of 12 buttons will appear at the top of the script display. The colour of the button number represents the type of data stored.

1:Black:No Data

2:Yellow:Studio Instructions Only

3:Red:Script + Studio Instructions

To save one or more lines of studio instructions, highlight the required line or block and press one of the Macro buttons. If the button already has data associated with it, the user will be prompted to overwrite it. When the studio instructions have been stored the colour of the button number will become yellow. No script text will be stored. Studio instructions may be highlighted by either dragging the mouse down from the first line or by using the Shift Down arrow function.

The same procedure may be used for the script text. In this case, any studio instructions associated with the text will be stored as well.

To retrieve the stored data, clear any highlighted areas, position the caret to the correct position, either on the script or studio instruction side, and click on the desired Macro button. If the button contains studio instructions, they will be written from the caret position replacing any existing instructions. If the button contains script text and studio instructions, the new data will be inserted and no data will be overwritten. Data stored as studio instructions will always paste to the studio instruction side regardless of which side the caret is placed.

To see what has been stored at each button position, place the mouse over the button and the first line of the stored data will be displayed. To see the whole of the stored data, right click on the button and select View from the menu.

The stored data associated with each button may be deleted. Right click on the button and select Delete. Confirmation will be required to complete the delete process.

To delete all the macros, there is a menu option, Edit/Delete All Macros.

The following keystrokes have been assigned to each macro button

Macro Button 1:Ctrl + 1

Macro Button 2:Ctrl + 2

Macro Button 3:Ctrl + 3

Macro Button 4:Ctrl + 4

Macro Button 5:Ctrl + 5

Macro Button 6:Ctrl + 6

Macro Button 7:Ctrl + 7

Macro Button 8:Ctrl + 8

Macro Button 9:Ctrl + 9

Macro Button 10:Ctrl + 0

Macro Button 11:Ctrl + -

Macro Button 12:Ctrl + =



The Macro Load button is used to load a previously saved set of Macros



The Macro Save button is used to save the current Macros. The user is requested to enter a name to identify the current Macro set. The Macro sets are stored in the WinPlus “Macros” directory.



The Macro Delete button is used to delete one or more of the previously stored Macro sets.

See also: "Confirm Macro Load" in [Additional Parameters](#)

Insert Tab On Carriage Return

Short Cut Keys: Alt+U

This function acts the same way as the Tab button in the edit screen tool panel. When enabled, a number of spaces, specified by the Tab Width, will be added to the start of the line after a Enter key has been pressed.

See also: [Font Tool Panel](#)

Convert CJK To Prompt Single Column

Short Cut Keys: Alt+e j

(Unicode Version Only)

NOTE: Removed from WinPlus V7.34 onwards.

This function will adjust the Edit screen so as to prompt any Chinese, Japanese or Korean characters in a single column. Sluglines and non CJK characters will be unaffected. The "Script As Prompt" mode of operation will set the format of the Edit display.

Delete All Tablet Data

Short Cut Keys: Ctrl+Shift+U

(Unicode Version Only)

(PCI Colour Version Only)

This will delete all tablet data from the current Script, Preview and Notes. Confirmation will be required to execute the function.

Delete Line Tablet Data

Short Cut Keys: Ctrl+Shift+O

(Unicode Version Only)

(PCI Colour Version Only)

This will delete all tablet data associated with the current line of the Script, Preview and Notes.

Insert

Sluglines

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i s; shift-F2

This function will scan the entire script for lines beginning with a [character. If the accompanying] character is found, the line will be turned into a Slugline. The story number will be that contained within the square brackets.

Story Break

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i k; Alt +Q

This function will create a Slugline above the current caret position. The Slugline name will default to BREAK. This can be set in the message file as entry number 1482.

The entry in the Run Order will be displayed in the colours set by "Story Break Background" and "Story Break Foreground".

The story number will be as per the auto story numbering scheme and a warning will be given if duplicate story numbers are created.

Page Break

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i p; Ctrl+p

This function will add a Page Break attribute to the selected line. The section character § will be visible when the View Hard Returns option has been selected. This attribute will only affect printing. Placing the cursor at the end of the line and pressing the delete key will delete any Page Breaks.

Hard Return

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i r; Ctrl+g

This function will add a hard carriage return to the end of the current edit line. If the Show Hard Returns option is enabled the ¶ character will appear at the end of the line.

See also [Set/Clear Hard Returns](#)

Hard Space

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i s; Ctrl+Shift+Space

This function will add a non-breaking space to the script. This character will appear as a small circle ° and will be treated as a normal character for text wrapping purposes.

Hard Blank Line

Hard Blank Line

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i b, Ctrl+Shift+Enter

This function will add a blank line to the script, which will not be removed when prompting even if the Remove Blank Lines option is set. This character will appear as a double dagger character ‡ when the Show Hard Returns option is enabled. It will be treated as a normal character for text wrapping purposes.

Non-Breaking Hyphen

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i h; Ctrl+Shift+Minus

This function will add a non-breaking hyphen to the script. This character will appear as a slightly extended minus - and will be treated as a normal character for text wrapping purposes.

Soft Hyphen

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i f; Ctrl+Shift+=

This function will add a soft hyphen to the script. This character will appear as a minus - and will be treated as a space character for text wrapping purposes if the "Line Break On Hyphen" is set in the [Main] section of the wplus32.ini file.

Toggle Bullet Point

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i i; Alt+Shift+B

This function will either add a bullet point at the start of the current line or remove the bullet point from the start of the current paragraph.

When a bullet point is inserted, spaces will be automatically added before and after the bullet point according to the values of the "Pre/Post Bullet Spaces" settings which are defined in the Script page of the WinPlus configuration.

NOTE: Does not operate on Sluglines, Presenter Instructions or Command Lines.

See also: [Font Tool Panel](#).

Multiple Blank Lines

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i a; Ctrl+Shift+F9

This function will add 1 Hard Blank line, 1 Edit Line and then 2 more Hard Blank Lines above the current edit point.

The purpose of this function is to force a black area on to the Prompt Output, and then be able to edit live.

Prompting will be set to ensure any editing is visible by enabling then Prompt Matches Edit mode.

If Prompt Track is enabled, the user will have to cursor down to the edit line.

The following key functions are available for use with the Multiple Blank Lines feature:

1: Ctrl+Shift+Up Arrow

This will restart prompting from the top of the last Multiple Line Insert that was created.

2: Ctrl+Shift+Down Arrow

This will delete the last Multiple Line Insert that was created. Confirmation will be required.

Multiple Edit Blank Lines

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i t; Alt+F9

This function will add the number of blank line specified in the wplus32.ini file above the current edit point. In the [Main] section see:

Multiple Edit Blank Line Count=5

Presenter Instruction

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i u; Ctrl+Shift+Q

This function will create a blank line above the current cursor position and assign it the attributes of a line that is Prompted but not Closed Captioned. The Inverse Video character attribute will be turned on.

See also: [Toggle Presenter Instruction](#)

Studio Mark

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i m; Ctrl+ /

Place the cursor on the word to be marked and execute via the menu or the short cut keys. A line will be drawn under the studio instruction up to the end of the selected word in the script. A slash will be inserted at this point, which will not be prompted.

See [Studio Instructions](#)

Remove Studio Mark

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o v; Ctrl+Shift+ /

Place the cursor on the line containing the studio mark and execute via the menu or the short cut keys. Any studio marks will be removed.

See [Studio Instructions](#)

Camera Card Page Break

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i c; Ctrl+Shift+P

NOTE: For Unicode Version Only.

This function will add a Page Break attribute to the selected Studio Instruction line. The section character § will be displayed in the first character position in the Shot Number field. This attribute will only affect printing.

Run Order

Drop Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r d; F5

To drop a story, click on either the story number or Slugline entry for that story in the Run Order display so that the item is highlighted, then select Drop Story. The selected story will be removed from its current position in the Run Order and will be dropped to the bottom of the Run Order list.

Any story that is dropped is not deleted, only moved out of the running set of stories. Any dropped story may be reinstated back into the active list of stories by using any Run Order manipulation functions.

Any dropped stories will not be prompted unless they are reinstated as described above.

If a story is ON-AIR, it will not be dropped unless the "Enable Delete/Drop Of The On Air Story" is selected. This is found in Options/Configuration/Script.

A dropped story will appear on the Run Order as an entry at the bottom of the list and will have its status marked as DROP. A dropped story on the edit display will be shown with a green background to signify its dropped status. Note that if the edit window happens to be displaying a story which is then dropped, you will see the text background go green and furthermore the edit window will have followed the dropped story down to the end of the script.

A story may be undropped by moving the story above a story that is also undropped. Alternatively double click on the Run Order status box for that story. This handles the situation when all the stories have, for whatever reason, been dropped

Undrop All Stories

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r u

Use this to clear the dropped status of all previously dropped stories. The stories will remain at the bottom of the script, but they will be prompted.

Insert Recording Break

Short Cut Keys: Alt+i r; Ctrl+Shift+R

Unicode Version Only

This will add the text "RECORDING BREAK" to the description column of the Studio Instructions. A currency sign character ¤ will be displayed in the Shot column.

See [Studio Instructions](#)

Undo Last Move

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r v

This function will be enabled after a single story or block of stories has been moved in the WinPlus Run order. The single level Undo will restore the Run Order to before the move. The displayed top row and any highlighted areas will also be restored.

Show Top Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r t; Ctrl Home

This function is used when there is a long Run Order being displayed and provides a quick way to force the Run Order window to start at the top of the story list.

Show Last Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r l; Ctrl End

This function is used when there is a long Run Order being displayed and provides a quick way to force the Run Order window to end at the bottom of the story list.

Show Air Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r a

This function is used when there is a long Run Order being displayed and provides a quick way to force the Run Order window to start at the story that is currently on air.

Insert Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r i

This function provides a way of moving a story in the Run Order so that it is positioned after a specified story. When calling up this function, a dialogue box appears allowing you to type the source and destination story numbers.

If 'Multiple Run Order' is enabled the story ID fields will be active and included as an extension to the story number.

When the dialogue box is first created the displayed destination story number and ID will be that of the selected story in the Run Order.

While the dialogue is active the mouse can be used to dynamically select a new destination story from the Run Order.

Insert After Air Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r n; END

This function provides a quick way of positioning a story in the Run Order so that it is next to be prompted after the currently aired story.

In the Run Order window, click on the story number or Slugline of the story you want to position so that it highlights, then invoke Insert After Air Story.

It is possible to move a selected story to below the current ON-AIR story. A story may be selected by using the mouse or, if the Run Order screen is active, by entering the story number from the keyboard. If Multiple Run Order is enabled, the story number and the story ID separated by a space must be entered. Pressing the END key will then move the selected story. Any keyboard entry will be displayed in the left hand status panel.

Exchange PNEW

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r e;

Replace the currently prompted story with the newly downloaded version and restart prompting from the beginning of it.

When taking downloaded stories from a newsroom computer, WinPlus will protect the currently prompted story from being replaced. A message will appear in the message panel warning the operator that a new story has been downloaded. At the operator's discretion, the new story may be made to replace the currently prompted story using this function.

Exchange OLD

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r o;

THIS FUNCTION IS NOW NO LONGER AVAILABLE

If the selected story has the OLD attribute it will be exchanged with the story of the same number

If a story with the same name cannot be found the user is given the option to change the status of the selected story from OLD to NORMAL. This condition can occur if stories have been downloaded with the Multiple Run Order status incorrectly set.

Move Story Block

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r m

Use this to move a block of stories in the Run Order. First, highlight the block of stories you wish to move by holding down the left mouse button on the Run Order story number entry corresponding to the first story of the block you wish to move. Keeping the mouse button pressed, drag the mouse pointer down the story numbers until all the story numbers you wish to move are highlighted. Now select Move Story Block, a dialogue will appear with an entry box. Type the number of the story you wish to move the highlighted block under and click the OK button.

If 'Multiple Run Order' is enabled the story ID field will be active and included as an extension to the story number.

Note that a block of stories have to be highlighted for this function to work, you will be warned if you try to use this function with none or only one story highlighted.

Delete Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r s

This deletes a story from the script. In the Run Order window, click on the story number or Slugline of the story you want to delete so that it highlights, then invoke Delete Story or press the Del key.

Note: Unlike the [Drop Story](#) command Delete Story will irrevocably delete the story from the script, the only way to get it back would be to recall it back from disk (assuming it had been previously saved).

See also: [Enable Delete/Drop Of The On Air Story](#)

Resequence

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r r

This will arrange the Run Order into numerical order according to the story numbers. Alphanumerics will be ordered in a logical manner, the example below shows what would be deemed to be in the correct order after a Resequence:

If 'Multiple Run Order' is enabled the story ID fields will be active and included as an extension to the story number.

The ID field will have a higher priority than the number field resulting in the stories being grouped in blocks containing the same ID.

1

2

3

3a

3b

3c

4

4a

4a1

4a2

4b

30

40

or

1

1.01

1.02

1.03

2

See Decimal Story Number in [Additional Parameters](#)

Renumber Stories

Short Cut Keys: Ctrl+Shift+F5

This will renumber all the stories in the Run Order starting from a preset number defined in the [Main] section of the wplus32.ini file.

[Main]

Renumber Start Number=1

Set Host Sequence

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r h

This function is only used when the system is taking a downloaded Run Order from a host computer. If a script and Run Order has been downloaded from a host computer and the Run Order is manually changed, this function allows the original Run Order (from the host computer) to be re-instated.

Clear REP to Norm

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r c

This function will change the attribute of all replaced stories to normal.

Individual stories may be cleared using a Right Mouse Button click in the Status field.

Change ID

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r g

If not already selected this command will call up the Change ID dialog box. Enter the new ID for the selected story and click on the OK button. Click on the Cancel button to remove the dialogue box.

This dialogue box can also be activated by Double Clicking on the story ID to be changed. A contiguous block of stories can have their IDs changed simultaneously by highlighting an ID block first.

Change Story Font

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r f

This function allows the user to change the font of a story or group of stories selected in the Run Order. The story Slugline will only be affected if the "Force Slug To Font Number" value in Options/Configuration/Template is set to 0. See [Template](#)

To change the font of a story, either double click with the mouse on the Font Number in the Run Order display or select Run Order/Change Story Font from the main menu. If the Run Order is the active window, the Function Key F4 will also activate the Font change dialog box. The dialog box will allow the user to select a font from a list of Font or Presenter names. While the dialogue box is visible, the selected story in the Run Order may be changed or a group of stories highlighted and their fonts changed simultaneously.

If the Run Order display is not the Active window, the F4 Hot Key may be used to bring up the dialog box to change the Font of a Highlighted Block of text in the edit screen. The dialog box will request a new font number for the Highlighted Block. Click on the OK button or press Carriage Return to execute the function.

Calculate Run Time

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r l

This command will calculate and display the total run time of all highlighted stories in the Run Order.

Button/Column Configuration

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r b

Each of the buttons in the Run Order tool panel may be made visible or invisible. Either click on the button, or click on the check box to change the button status. Click on the OK button to effect any changes. The Cancel button will revert to the previous settings.

See also: [Run Order Tool Panel](#) to hide or display the entire panel.

Prompt Track

Run Order Prompt Track

Short Cut Keys: Alt+r p

When checked, the Run Order will track the Prompt Output. The On-Air story will be positioned one row from the top of the Run Order screen. This may be adjusted with the following Hot Keys:

Ctrl+Shift+J Move the On-Air story down

Ctrl+Shift+K Move the On-Air story up

NOTE: When adjusting the offset, ensure there are sufficient stories above the current On-Air story. The display can only go back as far as the top story.

<P>See also: Run Order Prompt Track</P>

Create

Short Cut Keys: Alt+g c

This will open up the dialogue box requesting the ID and Font Number of a new Program. Press Enter or click on the OK button and the new entry will appear at the bottom of the Program List.

Double clicking the mouse in the blank entry at the bottom of the Program list is a fast way to open the dialogue box. See [Multiple Run Order](#) for more information.

The parameters will not be accepted unless they are within the following bounds :

ID :String of Alphanumeric characters of 0 < Length <= 6

Font Number :Numeric with range 1 <= Value <= 8

Click on the Cancel button to remove the dialogue box.

Font Change

Short Cut Keys: Alt+g f

This will open up the dialogue box requesting a new Font Number for the currently selected Program. Press Enter or click on the OK button and the selected Program will be assigned the new font.

Double clicking the mouse in the Font Number box of the Program list is a fast way to open the dialogue box. See [Multiple Run Order](#) for more information.

The parameter will not be accepted unless it is within the following bounds :

Font Number :Numeric with range 1 <= Value <= 8

Click on the Cancel button to remove the dialogue box.

Activity

Short Cut Keys: Alt+g a

This will toggle the activity status of the currently selected Program

Double clicking the mouse in the Activity box of the Program list is a fast way to toggle the status.

ENPS Programs

Short Cut Keys: Alt+g o; Alt+v o;Alt+w k

Set the Remote Input Directory in the Options/Configuration menu to the ENPS WinPlus directory. This is the common directory that will be polled when the Remote Directory Polling option has been enabled. Also ensure that the remote mask is set to match the Running Order Control files (*.dat).

Setting the Shared Directory in ENPS

Open the ENPS.INI file with a text editor such as NotePad. The Section [Prompter] should appear as follows:

[Prompter]

; Enables Prompter output and "Dump to ..." menu choice

;Driver=AutoCue

;Driver=WinCue

Driver=WinPlus

;Driver=Simplicity

;Driver=AP Prompter

; Disk path, if to be written to disk (WinCue, WinPlus,

; AP Prompter). May specify a drive letter and a folder

; or a UNC name/path.

Path=c:\prompter

;Set Unicode=1 to create the Shared Directory in Unicode

Unicode=1

; Prompter port (for AutoCue only)

;Port=1

; Serial port (defaults to 9600,n,8,1)

;Settings=9600,n,8,1

; Test logging (1=Yes, 0=No)

;Log=0

Lines that begin with a semi-colon are commented out. When configured to communicate with WinPlus, the two lines that are enabled are:

Driver=WinPlus

Path=c:\prompter

Unicode=1

It is the Path setting that must match the Remote Input Directory in WinPlus.

The WinPlus program will monitor the shared directory for any updates to the Control files. Any changes will be reflected in the ENPS Program Display.

Any changes to the actual story files will be imported after the Update field in the Run Order Control file has been incremented.

The ID field of the WinPlus Run Order will display the ENPS story version number. If the story is not in the shared directory but has been entered into the ENPS Run Order, the ID will be set to XXX.

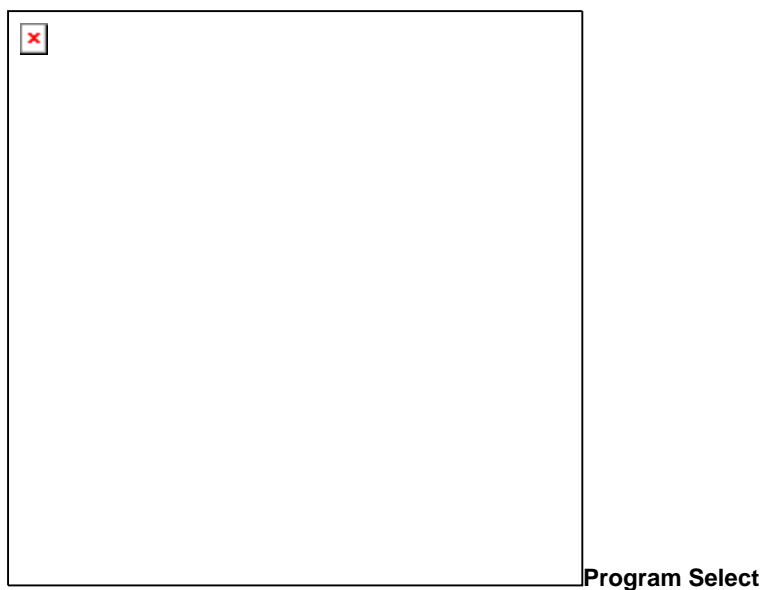
To use the WinPlus ActiveX control in the ENPS display, ensure the following setting is made in the WPLUS32.INI file:

[Main]

Remote Control=1

The Remote Control Port Number should be set to match that set in the ActiveX apremote.ini file.

See also: [Additional Parameters](#)



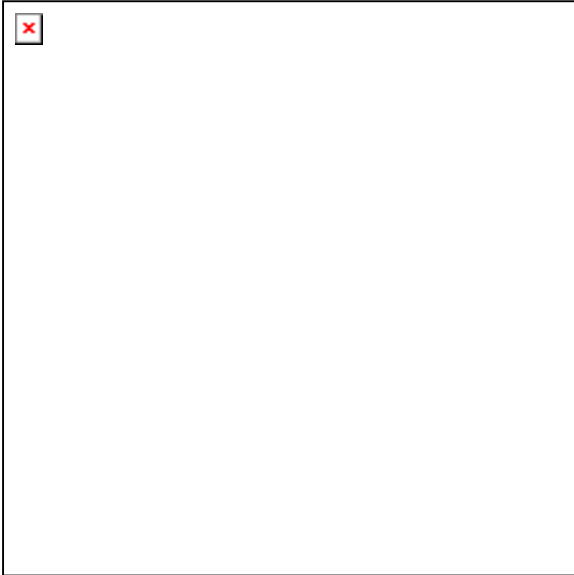
A Program may be selected by either of the two methods:

- 1: Double click on the appropriate Program
- 2: Select the Program with a single mouse click, then click on the Program Select button

When no Program entries are present, this button is disabled.

Enable Remote Polling to automatically accept any program material.

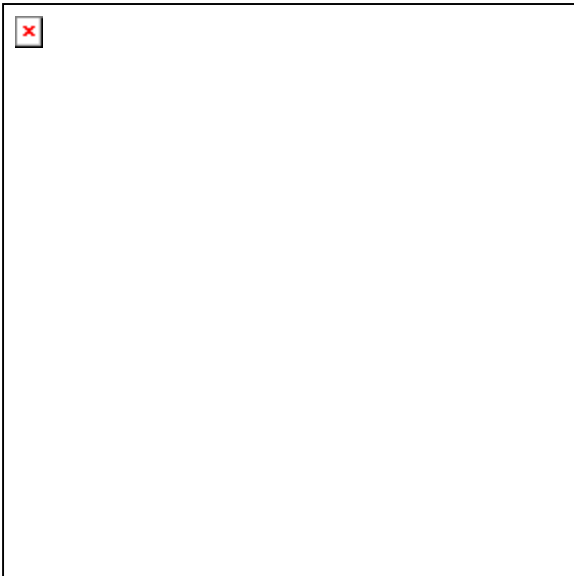
A SELECTED Program will become ACTIVE after Remote Polling has been enabled.



Reset Run Order To Match ENPS

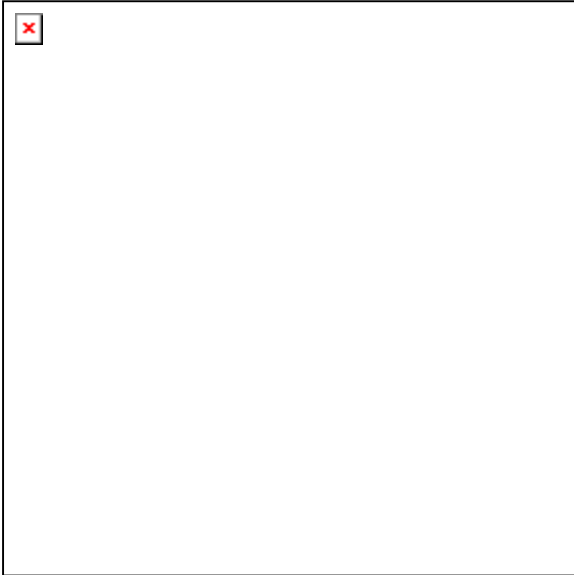
This function will restore the WinPlus Run Order to that specified by the ENPS news system.

When no Program entries are present, this button is disabled.



Reload Selected Story

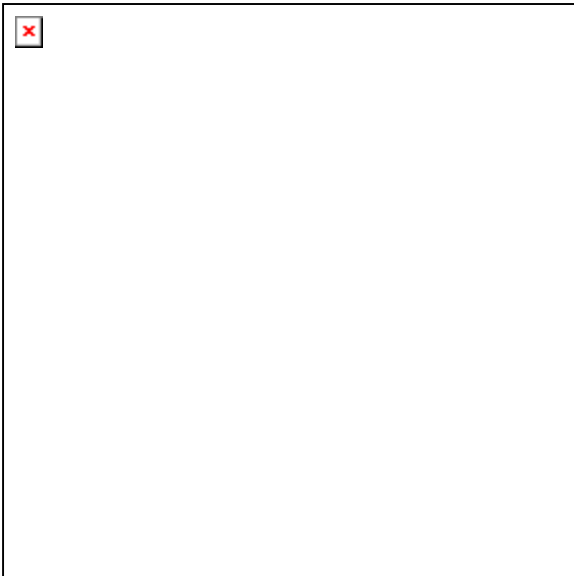
This function will force a reload of the story currently selected in the Run Order. This should only be necessary if a story has failed to update automatically. This function is also available from the Script display. See [Font Tool Panel](#)



Enable/Disable Remote Polling

This button will activate polling of the Remote Input Directory specified in the Configuration.

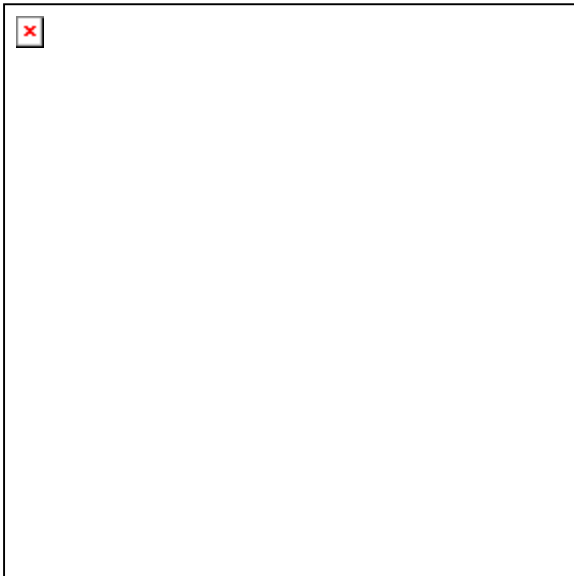
Any SELECTED Program will become ACTIVE.



Delete Program

After confirmation this function will delete the selected ENPS Run Order Control file and all its associated stories. The ACTIVE Program may not be deleted.

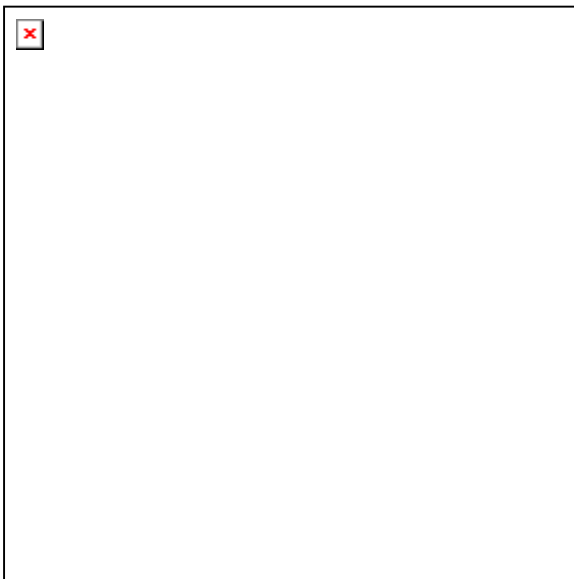
A block of programs may be deleted by highlighting a selection in the Program Name column. If the ACTIVE Program is contained within the highlighted block, only Programs above the ACTIVE Program will be deleted.



Delete Script

This function will perform the following operations:

- 1: Request user confirmation
- 2: Turn Prompting off.
- 3: Turn Remote Polling off.
- 4: Delete the Script and Run Order.



ENPS Help

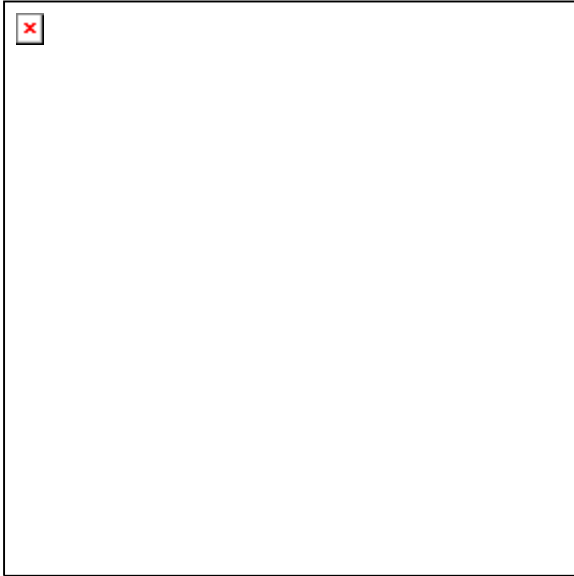
Displays this help page.

ApNewscentre Programs

Short Cut Keys: Alt+g o; Alt+v o;Alt+w n

Set the Remote Input Directory in the Options/Configuration menu to the AP WinPlus directory. This is the common directory that will be polled when the Remote Directory Polling option has been enabled. Also ensure that the remote mask is set to match the Program Control files (*.dat).

The WinPlus program will monitor the shared directory for any updates to the Control and Text files. Any changes will be reflected in the AP Program Display.



Program Select

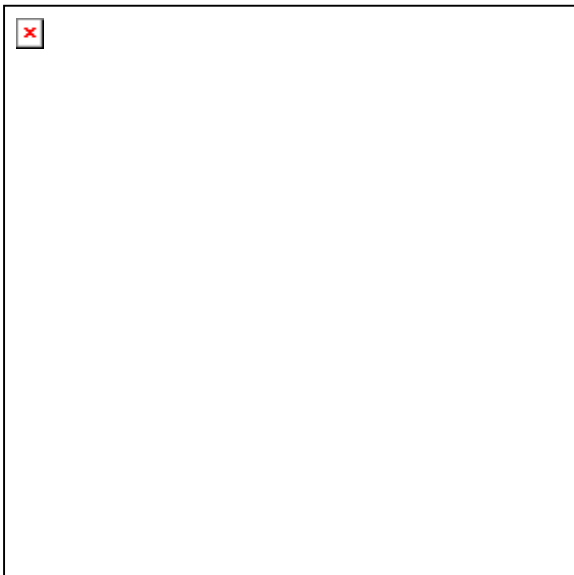
A Program may be selected by either of the two methods:

- 1: Double click on the appropriate Program
- 2: Select the Program with a single mouse click, then click on the Program Select button

When no Program entries are present, this button is disabled.

Enable Remote Polling to automatically accept any program material.

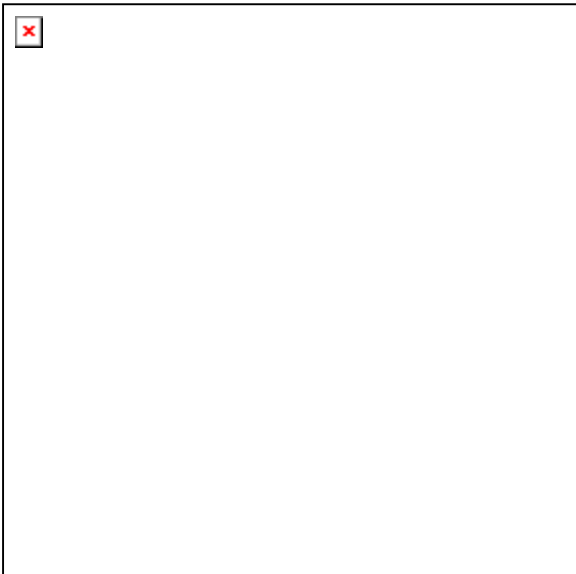
A SELECTED Program will become ACTIVE after Remote Polling has been enabled.



Reset Run Order To Match AP Newscenter

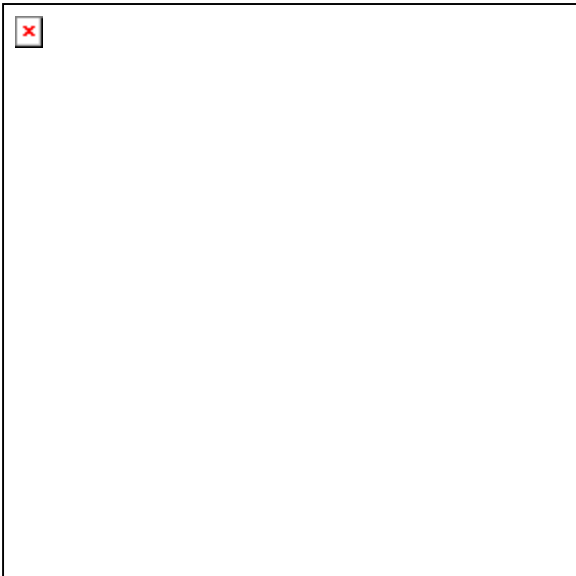
This function will restore the WinPlus Run Order to that specified by the AP Newscenter system.

When no Program entries are present, this button is disabled.



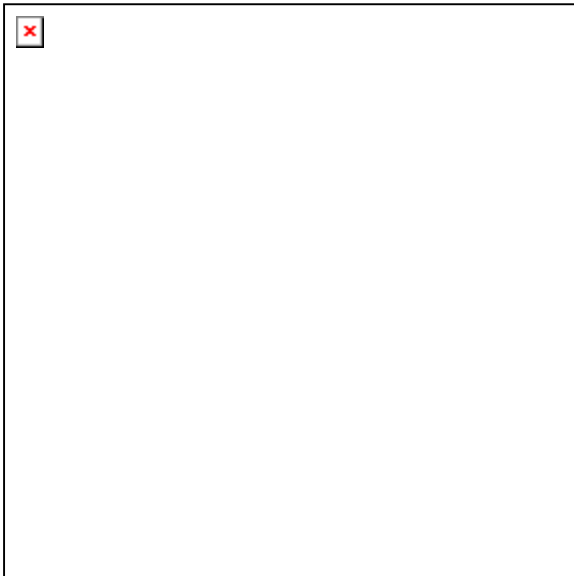
Enable/Disable Remote Polling

This button will activate polling of the Remote Input Directory specified in the Configuration.
Any SELECTED Program will become ACTIVE.



Delete Program

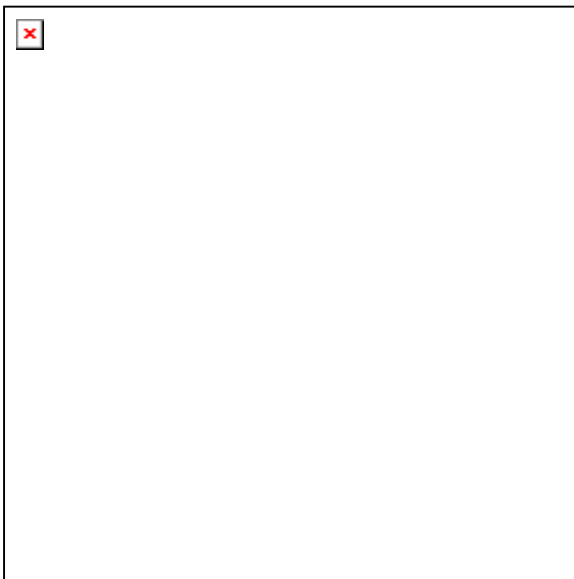
After confirmation this function will delete the selected AP Newscenter Control file and all its associated stories. The ACTIVE Program may not be deleted.
A block of programs may be deleted by highlighting a selection in the Program Name column. If the ACTIVE Program is contained within the highlighted block, only Programs above the ACTIVE Program will be deleted.



Delete Script

This function will perform the following operations:

- 1: Request user confirmation
- 2: Turn Prompting off.
- 3: Turn Remote Polling off.
- 4: Delete the Script and Run Order.



ENPS Help

Displays this help page.

Prompt

Prompt On/Prompt Off

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t o; F9/Alt+t f; Ctrl+F9

To activate prompting, click on the Prompt On menu option or click on the Prompt On/Off button.

If the edit window is active (the title bar is highlighted), prompting will start from the point in the script defined by the edit cursor.

If the Run Order window is active, prompting will start from the Run Order entry that has its story number or Slugline highlighted.

Prompting will not be started from stories that are OLD, DROPPED or INACTIVE.

When activating prompting, the scrolling speed of the prompt display will be defined by the master scroll control. If there is no hardware scroll control connected to the PC Prompt card, scrolling may be controlled by the [Prompt Control Panel](#). In this situation the prompt text will start to scroll forwards until it is brought under control by adjusting one of the controls on the Prompt Control Panel.

To deactivate prompting, click on the Prompt Off menu option.

See also: [Prompting With The VGA Screen](#)

Prompt Restart

Short Cut Keys: Alt+p r

If prompting is already active, to restart prompting from a new position, either place the edit cursor on the required position in the script or click on a story in the Run Order. Clicking on the Prompt Restart button or selecting Prompt Restart menu option will restart prompting from the desired point.

Prompting will not be started from stories, which are OLD, DROPPED or INACTIVE.

Prompt Track On/Prompt Track Off

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t y; F8/Alt+t k; Ctrl+F8

To activate prompt tracking, click on the Prompt Track On menu option. When activated, Prompt Track will automatically position the script in the edit window to correspond with the part of the script that is currently being prompted.

Note that the edit screen tracking only takes place when scrolling the prompted text below a certain rate.

To deactivate prompt tracking, click on the Prompt Track Off menu option.

See also: [Run Order Prompt Track](#)

Centre Justify

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t c

This function will automatically centre justify the prompted text, it has no effect on script as seen in the edit window. To activate this function, click on the Centre Justify menu option. To deactivate, click on the Centre Justify menu option again (a check mark appears against the menu item when the option is on).

Remove Blank Lines

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t b

This option will inhibit the prompting of any blank lines that exist in the script. In other words, if there is a line of text followed by two blank lines, and then another line of text, the two lines of text will appear on the prompt screen with no gap between them.

Inverse Video

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t i; Shift+Ctrl i

This function is a quick way of changing the Prompt Output between inverse video and normal.

Horizontal Scrolling Mode

(Unicode Version Only)

(PCI Colour Version Only)

This function will control the scroll mode of the PCI Prompt card. When Horizontal Scrolling mode is selected, the text on the Prompt Output and the Prompt Preview screens will be displayed such that the reading direction will be Top-To-Bottom and Right-To-Left. This mode is primarily for the Japanese/Chinese presenters who prefer reading Top-To-Bottom.

The Edit screen will always remain in conventional Left-To-Right reading mode. If the Horizontal Scrolling mode is changed while a script is loaded in WinPlus, the text will be reformatted accordingly. This mode can only be changed when Prompting is turned off.

Horizontal Scroll Variable Column Width

(Unicode Version Only)

(PCI Colour Version Only)

When the Prompted text is displayed vertically, there are two mode of operation. Firstly when this function is turned off, the text will be displayed in a vertical column with a fixed width of 64 pixels. So the selected font size must be chosen so that the width of any character does not exceed the width of the column. In practice, a font size of about 40 is the maximum that is usable in this mode. It should also be noted that only one line of text will be displayed in each column. In this mode the user has the option of configuration the "NEXT" and "PREV" buttons to jump by a screens worth of text. This is useful in the case where the user finds reading scrolling text difficult and prefers to read static pages of text.

When this mode is turned on, the Prompted text is not under the restriction of any column boundaries. Any font size may be chosen and the prompt output will automatically adjust itself to display correctly. The gap between column may be adjusted in the font configuration dialog.

Horizontal Message Mode

(Unicode Version Only)

(PCI Colour Version Only)

This function will control the scroll mode of the PCI Prompt card. When Horizontal Message mode is selected, the text on the Prompt Output screen will be displayed in a continuous single horizontal line. Scrolling is only enabled in the forward direction. This function may be used in conjunction with the Background Message and/or the Background Clock.

When prompting is activated, the Prompt output screen will become blank and the text will travel from right to left. The Jump to Next/Previous Story functions operate such that the new story will scroll in from the right hand side. There is no Page redraw facility for text updates.

The height of the window for the scrolling text is controlled by the Background Clock/Timer font size. The user should select a size that matches the largest font size contained in the script.

The position of the scrolling window is controlled by two settings. Firstly, in Option/Configuration/Clock, the Background Clock/Timer position will govern whether the window has a base position at the top or the bottom of the screen. Secondly, fine adjustment of the position may be achieved using the keyboard commands Ctrl+Shift+G and Ctrl+Shift+H. The former will shift the

window down if the base position is at the top and shift then window up if the base position is at the bottom. The opposite applies to Ctrl+Shift+H.

Prompting will have to be restarted to evaluate any changes made to the vertical position.

Reset Prompt Card

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t s

This will do force a hardware reset on the PC Prompt Card and download its firmware. The prompter display will momentarily show a series of vertical lines signifying its reset condition, followed by the WinPlus start up caption or a blank screen as set in the configuration.

Prompt Only Caption Text

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t n

When set, the Prompt Output will display the same text that is being sent to the Closed Caption generator. Sluglines and Presenter instructions will be removed.

Blank Prompt Screen

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t l; Shift F9

If prompting is ON, this function will toggle the Prompt Output between black and the prompted text. This function is also available on the HC/1 hand control.

The action of turning prompting off will reset the toggle state to off.

For the PCI card and USB XBOX a single line message can be displayed instead of the black screen.

The configuration for this is found in the [Blank Prompt] section of the wplus32.ini file, with the default settings as follows:

[Blank Prompt]

Line1=

Font Name=Times New Roman

Font Size=56

Font Style=2

Timeout=5

Foreground Colour=7

Line1

Entering some text for this parameter will enable the remaining Blank Screen functions and this will be the text that is displayed. If nothing is entered, the Blank Screen operation will set the Prompt output to black.

Font Name

This specifies the font name for the text. The default is Times New Roman.

Font Size

This specifies the font size for the text. The default is 56.

Font Style

This number specifies the font style for the text. The default is 2.

0 = Normal

1 = Italics

2 = Bold

3 = Italics + Bold

4 = Underline

5 = Underline + Italics

6 = Underline + Bold

7 = Underline + Italics + Bold

NOTE: All text will be centre justified and all leading spaces will be discarded.

Timeout

This number specifies the timeout period (in minutes) after which the displayed text will be removed. A value of zero will disable this timeout feature. The default value is 5.

Foreground Colour

This number specifies the foreground colour number for the text. The default is 7 which corresponds to White. Valid range is 0 - 7. The background colour will be set to black.

The default colour settings are:

0 - Black

1 - Red

2 - Green

3 - Yellow

4 - Blue

5 -Magenta

6 -Cyan

7 - White

Hand Control Button Configuration

This function allows the user to selectively enable or disable the buttons on the Hand Control.

Skip Empty Stories On Next/Prev

When enabled the NEXT and PREV buttons on the Hand Control will jump over empty stories.

An empty story is defines as one that contains no text.

Continuous Prompt Mode

Select this function to force the Prompt Output to continuously loop.

View

Next Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v n; Shift Page Down

Clicking on the Next Story menu option will move the script display in the edit window so that the top of the next story in the Run Order will be displayed at the top of the window. Subsequent use of this function allows you to step down the script on a story-by-story basis.

See also [Previous Story](#).

Previous Story

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v p; Shift Page Up

Clicking on the Previous Story menu option will move the script display in the edit window so that the top of the previous story in the Run Order will be displayed at the top of the window. Subsequent use of this function allows you to step up the script on a story-by-story basis.

See also: [Next Story](#).

Hard Carriage Returns

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v h

Click on this menu option to display any hard carriage returns in the edit window. A hard carriage return will be signified by a ¶ symbol.

A hard carriage return is entered into the script whenever the Return key on the keyboard is pressed. It is used to prevent unwanted automatic word wrap and to enter blank lines. In the normal course of typing a script, the return key will not be used to go to the next line, as word wrapping will take place automatically (assuming Insert mode is on - see [Insert/Overstrike](#)).

Max Preview Height

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v x

There is a window provided (normally located at the lower left quarter of the screen) which provides a mimic of the prompt output. The normal height of this window corresponds to the height of prompt display in terms of how many rows of text are visible.

By clicking on the Max Preview Height menu option, the prompt preview window will be set to the screen height. This feature allows the operator to preview upcoming prompt text before it becomes visible on the prompt monitor.

Regardless of the Max Preview setting the mouse can always be used to set any height up to the screen height.

This menu item is disabled when the WinPlus software has been built for VGA screen prompting.

Hide Preview Window

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v v

This is a toggle action and will hide or display the Prompt Preview window.

Prompt Preview (Next Story)

Short Cut Keys: None

This function provides the option to display the start of the story that is next in line to be On-Air. The display is similar to that of the Prompt Preview window except it is a fixed size. This window may be docked the Prompt Preview display or undocked allowing it to be placed anywhere on the screen. The button in the caption bar is used to dock or undock the display.

Prompt Control Panel

The Prompt Control Panel is an on screen emulation of the external hand control. It provides a backup means of controlling the prompted text in the event of a failure of the external control.

The Prompt Control Panel may be used concurrently with any operational external control. The assignment of control follows the same logic as having multiple hardware controls in that the last control to have moved is deemed to be the current master. This allows any control panel to assume control simply by changing its scroll speed setting.

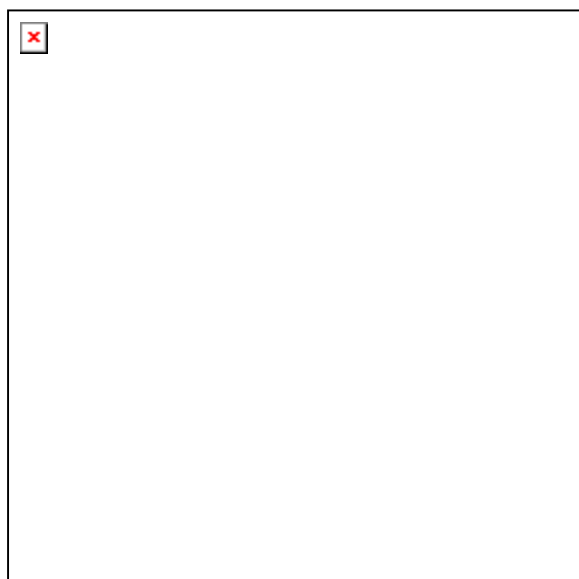
The Cue Marker buttons will set the position in the same way as in the PC Card configuration menu.

The Scroll Sense button changes the scrolling direction of the text with respect to scrollbar movement.

The Scroll Mode button changes the scroll control from a Scrollbar to a Scroll Panel.

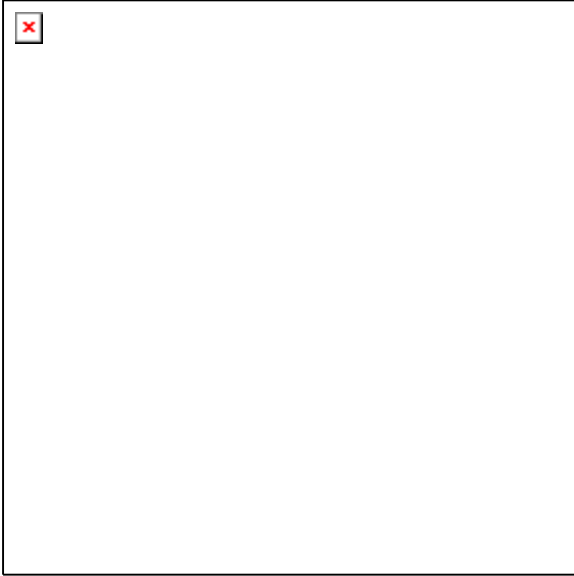
When pressed the Scroll Panel is activated. The advantage of using this panel is that the left mouse button does not have to be pressed to adjust the speed.

The functions of the Prompt Control Panel are shown below:



The prompt rate indicator will show negative numbers when scrolling backwards, PAUSED when paused and STOP when the scroll rate is zero. The pause button is a toggle, when it is pressed after pausing, the prompt rate returns to the original setting before pausing had taken place.

To activate the Prompt Control Panel click on the Show Speed Control button on the tool bar which will turn from yellow to red:



To hide the Prompt Control Panel, click on the Show Speed Control button again.

The following Key functions are available when prompting is active and the Prompt Control Panel is selected.

Up Arrow: Increase scroll speed.

Down Arrow: Decrease scroll speed.

Left Arrow: Activate pause.

Right Arrow: Release pause.

End: Stop scrolling and set scroll speed to zero.

Page Up: Restart prompting from previous story.

Ctrl Page Up: Restart prompting from top of script.

Home: Restart prompting from top of script.

Page Down: Restart prompting from next story.

The F3 Key may be used to select the Run Order, Script or Prompt Control Panel. Press repeatedly until the required window is activated.

Bookmarks

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v b; Ctrl+D

Click on this option to bring up the Bookmark window. This will show a list of bookmarks, which have been set using the [Toggle Bookmark](#) function.

Each bookmark entry is shown as a copy of the marked line as it appears in the script. A number of up to 6 digits may be assigned alongside each bookmark as a reference.

To find a bookmark quickly, click on the number window at the top of the bookmark display and type in the number of the bookmark you wish to jump to and press ENTER or CR. To clear the number window you can double click on it you can then type in a completely new number.

To set the edit screen to the bookmark double click in the bookmark text field. If Multiple Run Order is enabled then the Run Order will display the story containing the selected bookmark at the top of the screen.

A paragraph associated with a bookmark may be cloaked or uncloaked by making the selection and the clicking on the Cloak button. A block of paragraphs may be highlighted and cloaked simultaneously if required. To highlight a block press the left mouse button down on the first bookmark and drag the mouse to the final bookmark. Highlighting a block is only enabled when the mouse is in the bookmark number field.

To remove all the bookmarks, click on the Clear button in the Bookmark toolbar. Confirmation will be requested before the action is executed.

If prompting is started or restarted using the F9 key and the Bookmark display has the Focus, Prompting will start from the currently selected Bookmark.

Hot Keys:Alt+M will create a Bookmark.

Ctrl+Shift+F3 will toggle the state of a Bookmark.

Alt+N will start Prompting from the next selected Bookmark.

Alt+P will start Prompting from the previous selected Bookmark.

Main Tool Panel

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v a

Display the Main Tool Panel if checked. This is the panel that contains the main WinPlus shortcut buttons.

Run Order Tool Panel

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v u

Display the Run Order Tool Panel if checked. This is the panel that contains the buttons associated with the Run Order control.

See also [Button/Column Configuration](#) for the display of individual buttons.

Font Tool Panel

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v f

Display the Font Tool Panel if checked.

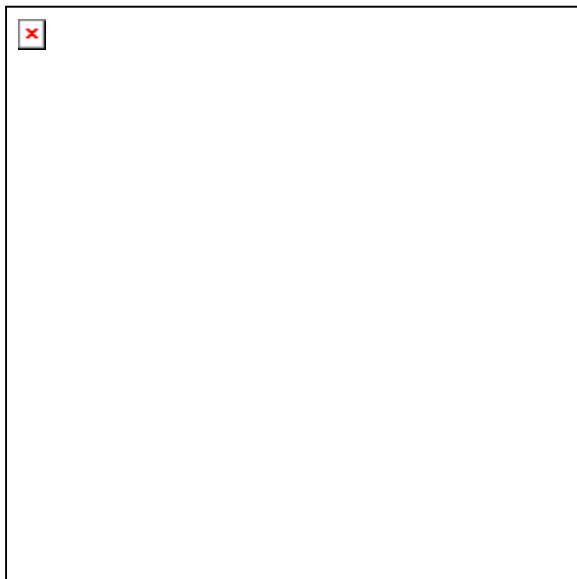
Font Name

A predefined font may be selected in one of the following ways:

- a) Click on the font number box and enter the font number.
- b) Select the font name box and click on the required font name.
- c) Select the font name box and type in as many characters as required to identify the font. Press <Enter> to select. The <Escape> key will revert the font to that selected in the font number box.

Font Size

To change the size of the prompted text or the edit text, click on the appropriate font size box type in the required size and press <Enter> or click on any other box. A message will be displayed if the selected size is out of range and the size will be limited accordingly.

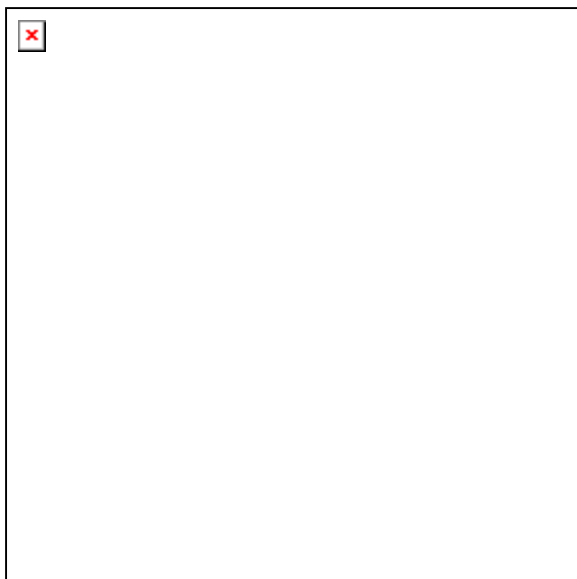


Set Prompt Position To Match Edit

This button will turn on the mode which will automatically adjust the Prompt display to show the text that is being edited. So wherever you type in the edit screen, the changes will be instantly visible on the Prompt output.

This mode of operation will be disabled as soon as any scrolling has been detected or any of the Hand Control buttons have been pressed. This is to try and avoid any unintentional keyboard presses from disturbing the Prompt output.

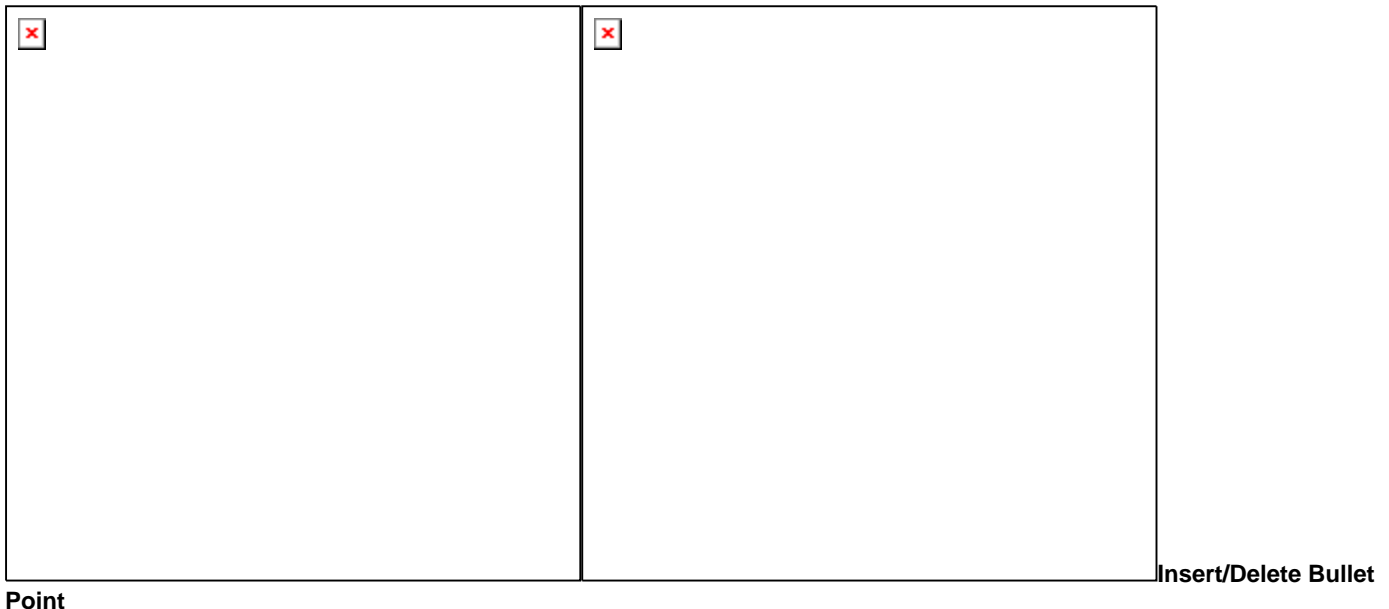
The Hot key Ctrl+Shift+W will toggle the on/off state of this function.



Edit Return

If the text position is selected from the Run Order, Bookmark, Prompt Output or Program List the current text position is saved. Clicking on this button will set the screen and edit cursor back to their original positions.

Hot Key for Edit Return: Ctrl+Shift+F8



Point

This Bullet button reflects the bullet status of the current line. There are two modes of operation for handling bullet points. Right click in the WinPlus edit screen and select "Auto Bullet Point Mode" to toggle between the two modes.

"Auto Bullet Point Mode" = OFF

Clicking on the Bullet button will either add or delete the bullet characters from the current line.

"Auto Bullet Point Mode" = ON

Clicking on the Bullet button will toggle the bullet status of the paragraph. Bullet point will be added to the start of the current line or deleted from the current paragraph. When the "Enter" key is pressed and the Bullet button is indicated you are in a "bulleted paragraph", a bullet will be added to the start of the next line.

The Bullet button image will vary according to the "Auto Bullet Point Mode" and will change from displaying 1 bullet to 3 bullets as shown above.

When a bullet point is inserted, spaces will be automatically added before and after the bullet point according to the values of the "Pre/Post Bullet Spaces" settings which are defined in the Script page of the WinPlus configuration. The "Post Bullet Spaces" works in conjunction with the Tab button. If the Tab and Bullet buttons are both enabled, the following rules apply:

Post Bullet Spaces = 0

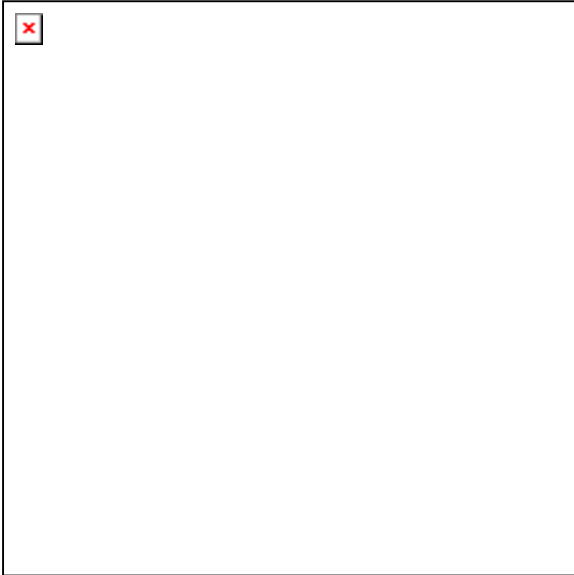
Number of spaces added after a bullet will be as per the "Tab Width".

Post Bullet Spaces > 0

Number of spaces added after a bullet will be as per the "Post Bullet Spaces".

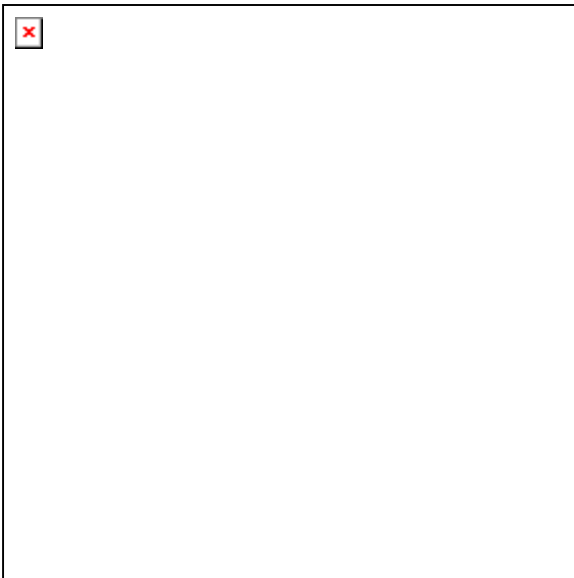
See Also: [Toggle Bullet Point](#)

NOTE: This function does not operate on Sluglines, Presenter Instructions or Command Lines.



Insert Tab On Carriage Return

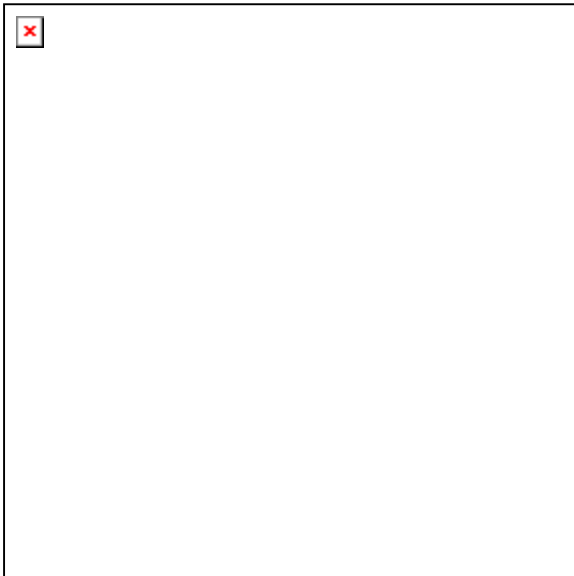
When selected and the Enter key is pressed, a number of spaces (defined by the Tab Width) will be inserted at the start of the current line or after any bullet point that may have been added.



Local Edit And Run Order Lock

The Edit Lock button is made visible by setting the "Edit Lock Enabled" parameter in the [Main] section of the wplus32.ini file. This function enables the user to quickly enable and disable the editing features in the WinPlus script and Run Order. Any other settings in the WinPlus configuration file that have been set to inhibit any form of editing will not be affected.

See also: [Additional Parameters](#)



Reload Story

This button will be visible when the ENPS newsroom option has been selected. Its function is identical to the Refresh button on the ENPS display. The purpose of having this button available in the Script display, is to keep the Refresh function accessible if the ENPS display is turned off. See [ENPS Shared Directory operation](#)

Closed Caption Data

Short Cut Key: Alt+v l

This function will be enabled when Closed Captioning has been enabled. When checked a window will appear in the WinPlus edit screen. This will display the last one or two lines sent to the Closed Caption generator. If the Maximize Output Line Length option is selected, two lines may be sent together as a result of the formatting process.

Message History

Short Cut Keys: None

Shows a list of the last 500 messages with the most recent being at the top of the list. Messages are usually provoked by external events such as a newsroom computer sending a new or updated story or the prompting being activated by pressing one of control panel buttons.

Font Names

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v o

Show's the current selected fonts and sizes. Each font can be set from the [Options Fonts](#) menu selection.

Default Font Names

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v e

Show's the current default fonts and sizes. These are loaded to the current font selection table from the [Options Fonts](#) menu selection.

Host Debug

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v d

Enables the Host Debug window. This will display the first 1000 lines of data received from the host via the serial port or the network TCP/IP port. If the Rolling button is pressed, the last 1000 lines will be captured. Clicking the Clear button will delete any captured data. The data may be saved to disk by clicking the Save button.

Control characters will be displayed as their text equivalent. e.g. \$0D displayed as <CR>

Program List

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v r

Enables the Program window if [Multiple Run Order](#) has been selected.

Timer

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v t

This will toggle the visible state of the Timer dialogue box. If the Timer was already active, the dialogue box will simply display the current Timer state. If the Timer was inactive, this function will be, the same as the Options [Timer Mode](#) menu selection, to activate the Timer.

Colour Selection

Colour Selection

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v s

This menu option and the associated button are enabled under the following conditions:

- 1: It is a VGA version of WinPlus.
- 2: It is a colour version of WinPlus.

Options/Configuration/Pc-Card – Colour Mode Enabled = yes

If the above conditions are met, this will toggle the visible state of the [Colour Selection Display](#) form.

Program Timing

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v i

This will toggle the state of the [Program Timing](#) display.

Prompt Messages

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v g

This will toggle the state of the [Prompt Messages](#) display.

Snapshot

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v a

This will make the Snapshot display visible.

See also: [Snapshot](#) to toggle the status of the current edit line.

Double clicking on any entry in the Snapshot display will align the Edit Screen.

For the PCI versions of WinPlus, this function may be operated from the HC/1 hand controller. See [Function Button](#).

See also: [Snapshot Return Mode](#)

Memory Resources

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v y; Alt+h y

Memory Usage

Specifies a number between 0 and 100 that gives a general idea of current memory utilisation, in which 0 indicates no memory use and 100 indicates full memory use.

Total Physical Memory

Indicates the total number of bytes of physical memory.

Available Physical Memory

Indicates the number of bytes of physical memory available.

Total Page File Size

Indicates the total number of bytes that can be stored in the paging file. Note that this number does not represent the actual physical size of the paging file on disk.

Available Page File Size

Indicates the number of bytes available in the paging file.

Total User Memory

Indicates the total number of bytes that can be described in the user mode portion of the virtual address space of the calling process.

Available User Memory

Indicates the number of bytes of unreserved and uncommitted memory in the user mode portion of the virtual address space of the calling process.

Scroll Control Profile

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v s

This function will display the two available Scroll Control profiles in graphical form. The Normal Profile is derived from the file wplus32.pr0 and the Fast Profile is derived from the file wplus32.pr1. These files may be changed to suit user requirements if desired.

The format of the files is as follows: xxx:yyy where xxx is an identifier and yyy is a decimal number representing the scroll speed for that scroll position.

Character Map

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v m

This display shows the character set associated with the currently selected font. If the mouse is moved over the grid, the Windows Code and DOS Code displays will show the decimal code associated with each character. The DOS Code is based on code page 850. This is useful when trying to enter foreign character into the script and you can't remember the DOS code. e.g. Alt+135 for ç. Alternatively, a single mouse click on the desired character will automatically load it at the current cursor position in the script. If the Find or Find & Replace displays are active, the selected character will be directed to the currently selected window.

Remote Input Directory

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v r; Shift+F3

This display provides a fast way to select the Remote Input Directory. The current directory is displayed in the top panel. A new Remote Input Directory may be selected by navigating around the directory tree or by directly entering the directory from the keyboard. Clicking on the Select button will accept the new selection and it will appear in the top panel. If Remote Polling is currently enabled, any existing script will be deleted, and polling of the new directory will begin immediately.

The Close button or the Shift F3 key press will toggle the display on and off.

The button displaying the red LED may be used to enable and disable Remote Directory Polling.

Navigating to a Network Directory.

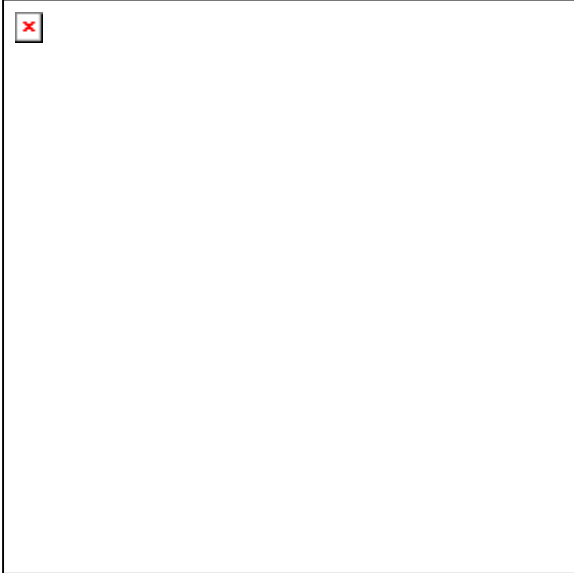
Use the Browse button to select the required network location.

Navigation to the particular directory can then be achieved as described above, or by continuing with the Browse display.

While a network directory is selected, the Drive Select box will be blank.

Program Names

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v n; Shift F4



This function will display the program names and directories that have been defined in the file <programs.txt>. This file is found in the main WinPlus directory (default: C:\Program Files\wplus32).

This file may be edited with any standard text editor such as Notepad. The format of the entries in this file are as follows:

Program description = Shared directory.

The Program description is any text string to describe the Program or Show.

The Shared directory is the path of the shared directory.

Examples:

Lunch News = \\prompter\c\wplus32\lunch

3PM Bulletin = c:\wplus32\bulletin3

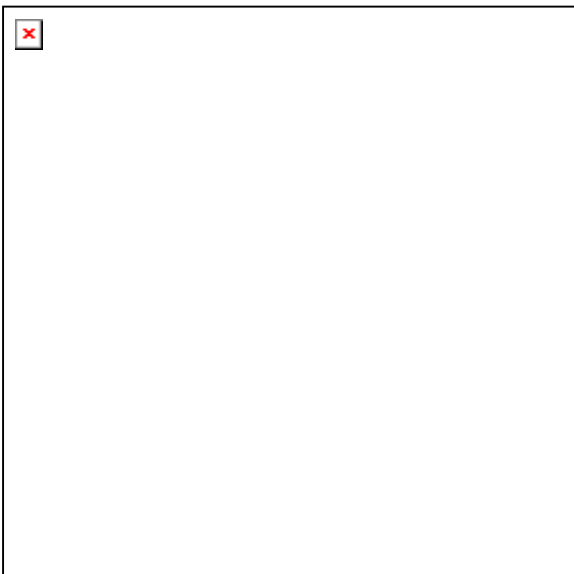
5PM Bulletin = c:\wplus32\bulletin5

6.30PM News = \\prompter\c\news630

The = character is the separator between the description and the shared directory. Leading and trailing spaces will be automatically deleted from the two fields.

The Create and Remove functions may also be used to add or delete program entries from the list.

Single Story Operation



To view the stories associated with a particular program, select the Program with the left mouse button and click on the View button. Alternatively, using the Right mouse button, click on the desired program.

The Story Numbers, Status and associated Sluglines will be displayed in a separate window in numerical order. If the user has the control of a story, i.e. he has opened the story with Read/Write privileges, the status display will have a Green background with the word Open displayed. If any story status is In Use and displayed with a Red background, that story has been opened by another user.

A story may be opened in one of three ways:

- a: Select the story with the left mouse button, then click on the Open button
- b: Double click with the left mouse button on the required story.
- c: Right click with the mouse on the required story.

If the story is successfully opened for Read and Write the Status panel at the bottom of the WinPlus will become Red. If a story has been opened for Read Only, a letter R will be displayed in the bottom right corner of the WinPlus screen.

The text may be edited and saved to the shared directory by clicking on the Save button. If the save is successful, the user will be asked if the Story is to be released so other users can edit it. If the Story is released, the status panel will no longer be Red, and no further saves are permitted. If further editing is to be performed the story will have to be re-opened again as described above.

Editor Mode

To build the script and view all the stories in the shared directory, select the Program with the left mouse button and click on the Select button. The Current Polling Program display will now show the selected Program. Now select Options/Remote Directory Poling from the main WinPlus menu. If this function is not visible, it may be because a Studio version instead of a News version of WinPlus is running. This may be because there is no prompt card installed or the studio registration number has been loaded.

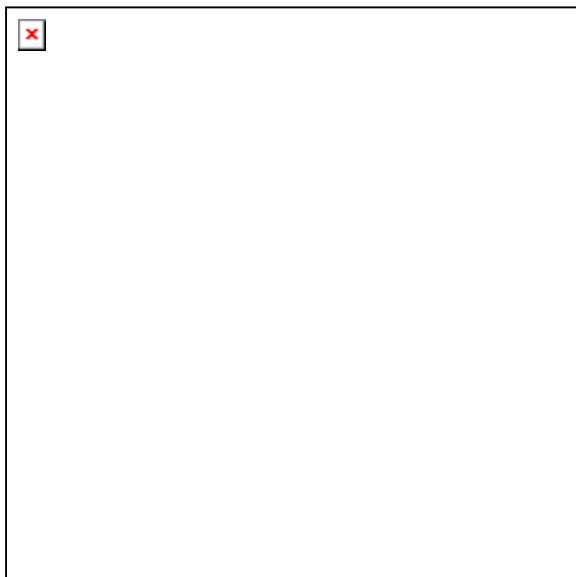
For no prompt card, check that in the WPLUS32.INI the following is set

[Main]

Default Studio=0

If polling is successfully turned on, all the stories in the selected shared directory will be displayed. Stories may be edited and the Run Order manipulated. Any changes can then be saved to the shared directory used by the Prompter computer.

The Delete button will delete all the stories in the selected program. Confirmation is required before the delete is executed.



Four buttons in the WinPlus Run Order display control the saving of stories and the Run Order. All operations using these buttons will save to the Remote Output Directory as specified in the Constants section of the Configuration. This is generally the directory being polled by the Prompter.

The Save button on the Select Program Screen will save the currently highlighted story in the WinPlus Run Order back to the Remote Input Directory. This will be the directory from which the story originated.

See also: [Multi User Mode](#)

Stopwatch

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v w

The stopwatch function provides a counter which counts the number of seconds from a given start time. The Start/Stop button will start the count from zero. The Pause button is a toggle action and will inhibit the count when in the Paused state. While the Stopwatch is running or in the Paused state, the Stop button will turn of the count and reset it to zero.

While the Stopwatch display has focus, the Space Bar may be used to start the count. Subsequent presses of the Space Bar will toggle the Pause status.

The Escape key will stop the count and reset.

Main Time Clock - Alarm

Short Cut Keys: Alt+v k

The Clock/Alarm function is turned on and off from the selection in the View menu list. The Clock/Alarm will display either the current CPU time or the remaining time left before the Alarm is triggered.

The default condition is to display the current time in either 12 or 24 hour format as per the current computer settings.

To set the alarm, right mouse click on the clock panel. This will bring up the display to enter the hours, minutes and seconds. The alarm time must be set as if working in 24 hour mode. The user has the option of either no sound, playing a WAV file, or just sound a Beep. A default WAV file (Ring1.wav) is provided. Additional WAV files may be created by the user and must be stored in the "Alarm" directory, which in turn is located in the WinPlus data directory.

Click on the "Set Alarm" button to start the alarm monitor. A small red square dot will appear in the top left hand corner of the display. A left mouse click on this red square will reset the alarm.

While the alarm is set, the user can toggle between the current time and the time left before the Alarm by a left mouse click on the clock panel.

When the alarm time is reached, the clock display background will flash between Red and Teal. Any associated sound will be played at this point. To acknowledge the alarm and cancel any sound, left mouse click on the clock panel.

The default flash rate is 250mS. This is configurable in the [Alarm] section of the wplus32.ini file:

Flash Interval=250

Note: The "Close" button will not set the alarm but will save any changes made to the alarm configuration.

XBOX Battery Voltage

(PCI Colour Version Only)

This menu function is visible when the USB Prompt Card has been selected in the configuration. It will be enabled when the link has been established with the USB XBOX.

When this option is selected, the battery voltage is measured every 5 seconds. The result is displayed in a panel on the WinPlus status bar. The background colour of the panel will be Red when the battery voltage is low. The threshold voltage governing when the battery voltage is low has a default value of 11.0 volts. This should be appropriate for use with a 12 Volt battery. However the threshold may be set in the WPLUS32.INI file as follows:

Note: Version V1.01 onwards of the USB XBOX firmware must be installed for battery monitoring to be enabled.

[PC Card]

USB Battery Threshold=11.0

See also: [Using The USB XBOX](#)

Options

Bold

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o b; Ctrl+D

Clicking on this menu item will toggle bold character entry, when the menu item is checked, Bold is enabled. When Bold is enabled, any characters you type in the script will be in bold.

When prompting, any characters that are shown bold in the edit window will also appear bold on the prompt display.

Text that has already been entered may be turned to bold by creating a [highlighted block](#) of text and selecting the Bold option. Text that is bold may be made normal by the same method.

Italics

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o I; Ctrl I

Clicking on this menu item will toggle italic character entry, when the menu item is checked Italic is enabled. When Italic is enabled, any characters you type in the script will be in italics.

When prompting, any characters that are shown in italics in the edit window will also appear in italics on the prompt display.

Text that has already been entered may be turned to italic by creating a [highlighted block](#) of text and selecting the Italic option. Text that is in italics may be made normal by the same method.

Underline

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o u; Ctrl U

Clicking on this menu item will toggle underlined character entry, when the menu item is checked Underline is enabled. When Underline is enabled, any characters you type in the script will be in underlined.

When prompting, any characters that are shown underlined in the edit window will also appear underlined on the prompt display.

Text that has already been entered may be turned to underlined text by creating a [highlighted block](#) of text and selecting the Underline option. Text, which is underlined, may be made normal by the same method.

Inverse

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o v; Ctrl W

Clicking on this menu item will toggle inverse character entry, when the menu item is checked inverse is enabled. When Inverse is enabled, any characters you type in the script will be in inverse.

When prompting, any characters that are shown in inverse in the edit window will also appear in inverse on the prompt display.

Text that has already been entered may be made inverse by creating a [highlighted block](#) of text and selecting the Inverse option. Text, which is in inverse, may be made normal by the same method.

Cloak All Sluglines

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o k; Ctrl+Shift L

When this option is checked all Sluglines created will be cloaked and therefore not prompted.

If the Slugline attribute is removed from a line of text, any cloaking attribute will also be removed.

If the option is unchecked, all Sluglines will be uncloaked and viewable on the prompt output.

When a file is loaded, all Sluglines will be cloaked or uncloaked according to the Cloak All Sluglines setting.

Search

The search facility allows the user to scan all WinPlus files in a directory for specified keywords. The following options are available to refine the search:

Search Keywords

This specifies the series of words or phrases on which to base the search. A phrase is defined as a group of words in quotes. A history list of previously entered values is stored and displayed in the drop-down list. A maximum of 32 entries will be kept. This number is stored in the [Search] section of the wplus32.ini file:

Max Keywords Count=32

The small button to the right of the "Search Keywords" box is used to delete all the stored entries.

Root Directory

This specifies the top level directory for the search. The "Root Directory" must contain a directory name such as C:\ArchiveFiles. If the top level is specified such as C:\, the search will be aborted as it will take an inordinate amount of time and memory.

Search Sub-directories

Search the specified root directory and all sub-directories.

Search Sluglines

Apply the search to Sluglines

Search Body Text

Apply the search to body text

Search Studio Instructions

Apply the search to studio instructions

Match Case

The search can be case sensitive or case insensitive.

Match All Keywords

A positive match will only result from matching all the keywords or phrases within a single story.

Match Whole Words

A positive match will only result from matching whole words.

Date Range

When enabled, the user can specify the start and end date of the search.

The "From" date will be saved as the other search parameters in the WinPlus configuration file. The "To" date will always initialise to the current date. The dates are inclusive. To confine the search to a single day, set the "From" and "To" dates the same.

Display Results In Reverse Time Order

The normal display order will be the oldest file first. This option will display the most recent file first.

Append Text To Current Script

If this is enabled, any story or script will be appended to the existing text. When not enabled, any existing text will be deleted before loading the selection from the Search results.

Using The Search Results

The Slugline field will always display the whole Slugline from the story and will be displayed in Bold if a positive result was detected in the Slugline.

The "Text" and "Studio Inst" will display the results of any matches. In these cases the Slugline field will display the Slugline of the corresponding story.

Double click in the "Date" or "Filename" fields to load the entire file into WinPlus. Double click in the "Num", "Slugline", "Text, or "Studio Inst" fields to load the single story. Each story or script will be appended to the bottom of any existing text. As each WinPlus file is stored with its own font settings, the following message may appear when a story is requested:

Font Mismatch... Force Existing Fonts, Reformatting May Be Required

This means that when this story is appended, it will have its font settings changed to match any existing text. As a result of this, the formatting (word wrap) of this story may not now be correct. Ctrl+F3 will reformat the script.

Spell Check

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o s

The Spell check function is currently available only when the WinPlus message language is set to English or German and will only function correctly on English or German scripts.

Left To Right Text

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o l; Alt+o r

This option is only enabled on versions of WinPlus that support the Right-To-Left text capability.

Clicking on this menu item will toggle the current text direction between Left to Right and Right to Left.

On the Unicode version of WinPlus the Left-To-Right item has been removed. The Right-To-Left item now acts as a toggle function. The Hot Key Shift-F8 has been allocated for this.

Alternate Keyboard

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o a

This option is only enabled on the Indian version of WinPlus.

Clicking on this menu item will toggle the Language status between Latin and Indian.

When the current font is changed, the new font will associate itself with the status of the Keyboard button. This enables the user to switch languages and fonts simultaneously.

Save Setup On Exit

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o a

Checking this box (by clicking with the left mouse button) will allow any settings you have made to be saved automatically when exiting the WinPlus program.

Save Setup Now

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o n

This function will immediately save any settings you have made such as window positions and configuration settings. See also [Save Setup on Exit](#)

Save Setup To Desktop

This function will save any changes that have been made to the WinPlus configuration (if configuration lock is not enabled). It will then copy the current configuration file to the Windows Desktop. The filename extension will be changed from INI to TXT. This should prevent any e-mail system from rejecting the file as a potential virus. With the file on the Desktop it can be easily added as an attachment without having to search through numerous directories.

Save Configuration As

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o a

This function prompts the user for a name to be assigned to the current configuration. A warning will be given if the name already exists. The data is then saved and the new name will appear in the list of available configurations when the WinPlus software is restarted. The new name will be displayed as part of the main title bar.

Delete Configuration

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o t

The current list of saved configurations will be displayed. Select the configuration to be deleted and click the OK button. A warning is given to confirm the deletion. The current configuration setting or the Wplus32 configuration may not be deleted.

Multiple Configuration

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o p

If Multiple Configuration is enabled, the [Save Setup Now](#) menu will change to [Save Configuration As](#). This allows the current configuration to be assigned a name and saved. When the software is first started, the required configuration can be selected from the current list.

If this function is disabled the Wplus32 software will automatically use the wplus32.ini, wplus32.tpl and wplus32.tro files for its configuration.

Fonts

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o f

This menu function allows you to specify a font and size for the characters associated with the functions listed in the sub-menu.

The items in the sub-menu named Font 1 to Font 8 allow the allocation of eight different fonts that can exist concurrently in any given script. Note that each font selection has a size specification for the prompt output and the edit display. If the Save as Default option is selected the font data will also be saved as a Default font.

Set Default

This option will load the default font settings to the current font settings for Font 1 to Font 8 and update the script.

Prompt Interline Spacing

Each of the selected fonts has an associated spacing value for the prompt output. This number can be in the range -32 to +64 and will be added to the font height. This enables the vertical distance between character rows to be adjusted. If a negative number is selected care should be taken to ensure that the actual character rows do not overlap and obscure each other.

Negative values may be of particular use with the Arabic version. Arabic font heights tend to be large to accommodate the diacritics. If the diacritics are not used, more text can be displayed on the Prompt output by using a negative offset.

Clock/Timer

This option will display the standard font dialogue box to select the Clock and Timer font, size and style.

Grid Text

This option will display the standard font dialogue box to select the font, size and style for all grid related displays. These are the Run Order, Bookmark, Program and Program Timing displays.

Note: Ctrl+Shift+A and Ctrl+Shift+B adjust the vertical grid spacing.

Remote Directory Polling

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o d

Check this option to enable automatic remote polling. This is used when WinPlus is used with a networked system.

The Remote Input Directory is polled at an interval set in the WPLUS32.INI file (Default = 3000 msecs). In a typical system the computer driving the Prompt Output would have the Remote Input Directory set to the common directory where the final story files are stored. All computers designated as input terminals would have the Remote Output Directory set to the common directory.

If required, an intermediate computer may be inserted, so that the stories can be monitored or checked before being sent to the Prompting computer.

For further information see [Remote Polling Format](#) and [Text Conversion](#)

Text Conversion

Unicode version only

When importing files the user may select the type of conversion to be performed. If the text is in Unicode format, the Text Conversion will be automatic. If the "Don't Show This Again" box is ticked, it is assumed that all subsequent imports will be the same as the original selection.

If you require this box to reappear when importing a file, select Options/Text Conversion and uncheck the box.

If WinPlus is configured for [Remote Directory Polling](#), the Text Conversion should be set prior to polling being turned on.

iNEWS Multiple Run Order

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o m

Note: This function can only be selected after the iNEWS Newsroom option has been enabled and the user logs on to iNEWS with the FTP option selected.

The Multiple Run Order mode allows an unlimited number of iNEWS Queues to be loaded into WinPlus. Polling will monitor all the selected Queues for updates. This is useful when shows are prompted back-to-back with little or no time to switch Queues manually.

Basic Operational Procedure

Ensure that Polling is turned off.

Navigate around the iNEWS directory structure and select the first queue required for the Multiple Run Order. Click on the button to add this Queue to the list. Repeat this operation until all the required Queues have been added. Queues may also be added by Dragging and Dropping from the directory list or from the Selected Queue to the Multiple Queue list. The order of the Queues may be changed at any time by dragging the Queue name to the required position. The Queue numbers are always allocated sequentially.

Unwanted Queue entries may be deleted by selecting a Queue or block of Queues. Press the "Delete Queue From List" button to complete the operation. If prompting is on and the user tries to delete the active Queue, a warning message will be displayed requiring prompting to be turned off first.

The Del key may be used if preferred. To highlight a block, drag the mouse on the allocated number column and not on the Queue name.

If Polling is now turned on, WinPlus will load all the stories from all the Queues that have been added to the list. The Queue number assigned to each Queue will be prefixed to each story number in the WinPlus Run Order. This makes it easy to identify the Queue for each story. A blue dividing line will be displayed in the Run Order at each Queue boundary.

Prompting may be started in the usual way (F9 key etc.) or by clicking on the FTP Prompt button. This will start prompting from the start of the currently selected Queue.

The Run Order Caption will display the current Queue. The On-Air Queue will be highlighted with white text on a red background.

If the Continuous Prompting Mode has been selected, prompting will restart from the top of the first Queue when the end of the last Queue has been reached. This applies only to forward scrolling.

The list of Queues selected for Multiple Run Order Operation are saved in the AvstarQ directory.

See also: [iNEWS - FTP Operation](#)

See also: [iNEWS - Server Configuration](#)

See also: [iNEWS - Program Triggers](#)

Configuration

Constants

Speech Rate

Enter the average speaking rate of the presenter in Words or Characters per second, one decimal place may be included. This is used to calculate the Run Time display.

Default Directory

Enter the full path of the directory you wish to be shown as a default when doing file save and load operations.

Remote Input Directory

When Remote Directory Polling is enabled, this directory is polled at an interval governed by the Polling Interval as set in the configuration file. (See [Additional Parameters](#). Any files, which match the Remote File Mask and have not been previously loaded, will be read into the script.

Remote Output Directory

This Remote Output Directory is set to match the Remote Input Directory of a remote computer running WinPlus. The Save Story (Remote) and Save Run Order functions will automatically reflect any changes, made locally, to the remote computer.

Remote File Mask

Enter any filename marking for use when polling the remote directory described above. To

read all files in the specified directory, the mask would be *.*.

The following mask settings have been predefined and should be used where applicable:

Newsmaker Q*

AP/ENPS *.DAT

WinPlus Story Format Q*

Remote Run Order Filename

Enter the name of the Run Order file used in the remote polling directory. This file is used to so that the WinPlus Run Order automatically follows the host computer's Run Order.

Left and Right Prompt Margin

Enter any margins required on the prompt display. This is used to ensure that all text on a line is visible on an overscanned monitor. The units of these margin controls are pixels (picture points).

When using the PCI colour Prompt card, the Horizontal position of the Cue Marker can also be adjusted. See: [Adjusting The Prompt Output](#)

Prompt Start Offset

This value is set to adjust the start position of the prompt output when prompting is started, restarted or a button is pressed on the hand control. A value of zero will set the position, at which prompting is to be started, to the top of the prompt display. A value of one will shift the start line down by one prompt line etc. The **On Air Update Offset** may need to be adjusted to compensate for any changes to this parameter.

Prompt On Air Lockout

Unicode Version Only.

This parameter has a valid range of 0 to 8 and controls the point at which the On Air story will become locked out for any updates. The value corresponds to the number of lines displayed in the WinPlus Preview window. For example, if a value of 2 is specified, the Preview screen will have to move by more than 2 lines before the story is locked out.

This function replaces the "Increased PNEW Lockout" that used to be set in the [Main] section of the "wplus32.ini" file.

On Air Update Offset

Non-Unicode versions should set the entry in the wplus32.ini file directly. See [Additional Parameters](#)

This value adjusts the point at which the Run Order ON-AIR status will update with respect to the Prompt Output display. Each increment will move the trigger point by one line as displayed on the EDIT screen. Typical values are in the range -3 to +3. The default is 0 for the ISA card and -2 for the PCI card. If text is updated while prompting is active, it is recommended to leave this at the default value.

NOTE: for WinPlus versions V5.42 onwards the default value for the PCI card is now 0. If a PCI version is upgraded from a version prior to this, the value of On Air Update Offset is initially reset to 0. After WinPlus has been run and closed, the value may be changed if required.

Message Archive Time (Days)

The message history displays the last 500 recorded events. When this limit is reached, the earliest 250 are archived to a file. The archive directory is "HistoryLog" and is a subdirectory from the main WinPlus directory. The history filename is of the format "H" + Date + ".txt" e.g "H20-01-2002.txt". Each day a new archive file is created and old archive files will be deleted after the specified time. The maximum archive time is 999 days.

Auto Save Script Interval (Mins)

The value controls the interval after which the script will be automatically saved. The timer will start as soon as the script has been changed. The timer will be turned off after an automatic or manual save has been completed. It will then be restarted after the next change to the script. If the script does not have a current filename, the user will be prompted for one. This mechanism works in the same way as saving a script manually. Setting a value of 0 will disable the Auto Save function.

Application Priority Level

This option allows WinPlus to be run with a higher process priority level than "Normal". The priority level may be set to "AboveNormal" or "High". This operation is the same as setting the priority level from the Windows Task Manager. However, if this is set in the WinPlus configuration, WinPlus will always start with the desired priority level.

Raising the priority level can be advantageous when running other applications simultaneously with WinPlus.

Master/Slave Mode

When checked WinPlus can operate in a Master/Slave mode. The Slave will track as closely as possible to the prompting of the Master. In the main menu under Options, the Connect to Slave menu option will be enabled. Also the small display panel at the bottom of the WinPlus display will become visible. This will indicate the Connect status between the Master and Slave computers.

See [Master/Slave Mode](#)

Slave IP Address

Set the IP address or Hostname of the computer to become the Slave. This must be set if the Master/Slave mode is selected. If this value contains a dot character, it will be treated as an IP address.

Newsmaker Cloak Dropped Stories

This function is available when the Newsmaker newsroom option has been selected. When checked, all Newsmaker stories labelled as DROPPED, will be loaded into WinPlus and CLOAKED. This means they will be seen in the WinPlus Run Order but not prompted.

When unchecked, any stories labelled as dropped by Newsmaker will be ignored.

Newsmaker Use ID As Story Number

This function is available when the Newsmaker newsroom option has been selected. When checked, the ID/Page field will be displayed in the WinPlus run order story number field. This will then be shown on the prompted output. When unchecked the Newsmaker generated story number will be displayed.

Screen Saver Enabled (PCI Colour Version Only)

Enabling this option will invoke the Screen Saver after the specified Screen Saver Delay.

Note: For PCI card firmware versions prior to V1.08, the screen saver will only function after WinPlus has been closed. Versions V1.08 onwards, the screen saver will be fully functional. The screen saver will only turn on if prompting is off and the specified time delay has expired.

Screen Saver Delay (PCI Colour Version Only)

This value specifies the time in minutes from turning prompting off to the Screen Saver turning on. Each time WinPlus is started or prompting is turned off, the Screen Saver timer will be reset.

If the Screen Saver is enabled and WinPlus is closed down, the PCI card will enter the screen saver mode immediately.

After initial power on of the WinPlus computer, the Screen Saver will not be functional until the WinPlus software has started and initialised the PCI card.

VGA VERSIONS OF WINPLUS

See [VGA Configuration](#)

Script

MultiScript Mode

This enables and disables the MultiScript functionality. See [MultiScript](#)

Multi-User Mode

When checked, WinPlus will operate in a Multi User mode. Each time a file is opened, it will remain open so other users will only be able to open the file for Read Only. When a user opens a file and gains write access, the Status Line at the bottom of the WinPlus display will have a red background. Each time a file is saved, the user will be asked if the file may be released for Write Access to other users. A file opened in Read Only mode may be saved using the File/Save As function.

When not checked, WinPlus is in single user mode. Each time a file is loaded it is automatically closed.

Script Matches Prompt

Checking this option will make the line length of the edit window text match that of the prompter output. Note: changing this option when there is an existing script loaded will require a [Reformat Text](#) operation.

Host Auto Replace On Air Story

When checked, if the on air story is updated, it will be automatically replaced and prompting restarted from the top of the new story.

If unchecked, the story will only be automatically replaced if the top of the story is being displayed on the prompt output. A message will be displayed on the WinPlus screen informing the operator that a new story has been downloaded. The new story may be manually brought into the Run Order by clicking the Exchange PNEW button.

Setting this function will cancel any Force PNEW and Live On Air Update selection.

See also: [Additional Parameters](#) Force PNEW On Button Start

Force PNEW

When checked, the on air story will never be automatically replaced. The new story will always appear as PNEW at the bottom of the run order.

Setting this function will cancel any Host Auto Replace On Air Story and Live On Air Update selection.

See also: [Additional Parameters](#) Force PNEW On Button Start

Live On Air Update

This function will allow an on-air story to be updated regardless of where the reading position is within that story. When it is detected that the on-air story is to be updated, a reference line position is taken from the top of the script. When the new story is in place, prompting will continue from the reference line number.

Setting this function will cancel any Force PNEW and Host Auto Replace On Air Story selection.

Caution: If text is changed above the reading point, any ripple effect of the text may propagate to the displayed prompt output.

If this function is used with the iNEWS newsroom system it is recommended that the On Air Run Order Change Mode function is set.

NOTE: This function is not available with the AP Newscenter newsroom selection.

Enable Delete/Drop Of The On Air Story

When checked, if the on air story is deleted/dropped manually or by the host, it will be automatically deleted/dropped on the prompter regardless of what part of the story the prompt output is displaying. Prompting will be restarted from the top of the next story.

On Air Run Order Change Mode

This function controls the action to be taken when the On Air story is moved within the Run Order. If the option is selected the following will apply.

If the Slugline is at or near the top of the Prompt display and that story is moved, Prompting will be restarted from the next story. The original previous story is used as the reference point.

For Example:

Assume the initial script has 8 stories with the Run Order 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8. If story 5 is On Air with its Slugline at or near the top of the screen and the Run Order is changed to 1,2,3,4,7,8,5,6 prompting will be restarted from story 7.

If the option is not selected the On Air story on the Prompt display will not change.

NOTE: This function is only operational when used with the following Newsroom interfaces:

A:Basys (Serial Download)

B:iNEWS

C:Newswire/OpenMedia/Dalet/CEA/MaxiMedia.

D:ENPS

E:MOS

When this function is enabled and used with the iNEWS newsroom, the following should be noted: If a highlighted block of stories are moved in the iNEWS Run Order, and that block contains the On Air story, the On Air story should be the first story in the block to avoid WinPlus jumping to an incorrect position.

Auto Delete OLD stories

THIS FUNCTION IS NOW NO LONGER AVAILABLE

When checked, any stories that have been replaced with new versions due to a host computer download will be automatically deleted. If unchecked, replaced stories will be dropped to the bottom region of the Run Order and their OLD attribute will be set.

Prompt Slugline as Inverse

When checked, Sluglines will appear as inverse video on the prompt display. This option is normally used when prompting a news program to signify a story heading which is not part of the spoken text.

When unchecked, Sluglines will be sent to the Closed Caption output if this is enabled. If Prompt Slugline As Inverse is checked, Sluglines will only be Closed Captioned if the Closed Caption Sluglines option is set in the Caption Port configuration.

When unchecked, Sluglines will appear as normal text on the prompter display.

Truncate Slugline To One Edit Line

When checked, Sluglines will be limited to one Edit line on the Prompt display. Text in the edit screen will not wrap into the next line and any excess text on the Slugline will not appear on the Prompt display. When text is deleted from the Slugline, text from the following line will not wrap back into the Slugline.

When unchecked, Slugline text will wrap and unwrap with text in the following line.

Text will never wrap into a Slugline from above.

Truncate Slugline To One Prompt Line

This function is fundamentally the same as "Truncate Slugline To One Edit Line" except that Sluglines will be limited to one Prompt line on the Prompt display. The edit screen will remain unchanged.

Remove Slugline From Prompt Output

When enabled, the Slugline will not be prompted. In the non-Unicode version of WinPlus, this can only be accessed directly in the "wplus32.ini" file. See [Additional Parameters](#)

Remove Story Number From Prompt Output

When checked, Story Numbers will be removed from the Sluglines as they are prompted.

If this parameter is changed, and a script has already been loaded, a message will be displayed indicating that the script should be reloaded to ensure all the Sluglines have been correctly formatted.

Remove Story Number Of Empty Story From Prompt

When checked, Story Numbers will be removed from the Sluglines as they are prompted if the Slugline and the story body contains no text.

Remove Blank Story Number From Prompt Output

If the "Auto Story Numbering" option is turned off, a story with no Story Number allocated will have a single dot displayed in the Story Number position. If the "Remove Blank Story Number From Prompt Output" function is turned on, these blank Story Numbers will be removed from the Sluglines as they are prompted.

If this parameter is changed, and a script has already been loaded, a message will be displayed indicating that the script should be reloaded to ensure all the Sluglines have been correctly formatted.

Remove // From Prompt Output And Prints

When enabled, any command lines that begin with the classic // character sequence will have these characters removed from the Prompt output and from any printed script.

Accept <CR> on Import

When checked, on file import a carriage return will force a new line on the edit and prompt displays. If not checked the carriage returns will be handled as follows. A single carriage return will be converted to a space. Multiple carriage returns will be accepted as such and force a new line.

This function will also set and clear the Template function **New Line On <CR>**

Import Descripting

This option is used to descript files saved in the following word processor formats:

- 1: WordPerfect V5.1
- 2: Ami Pro
- 3: Olivetti Word processor (OLITEXT)
- 4: ASCII Text Files
- 5: Word Document Files

Script files prepared in WordPerfect V5.1 must be in dual column mode for the WinPlus import function to extract the text from the right hand column. If this box is incorrectly checked for the type of file to be imported, data may be lost.

For Ami Pro script files all text within { } will be discarded.

For OLITEXT files all grey (half tone) text will be discarded.

For ASCII text files, this option is used in conjunction with the ASCII Descripting Width. The specified number of characters will be discarded at the start of each line.

For Word Document files the script must be configured to be a fixed number of Cells or Columns. Merged Cells should not be used as this will cause the describing to fail. The default settings are for 2 Columns/Cells with the text to be extracted in the second column. If more columns are used or a different Column contains the text, the settings can be configured in the [Script] section of the wplus32.ini file:

Word Column Count=2

Word Extract From Column=2

Smart Quotes

When checked this option will convert single and double straight quotes to their smart counterparts as they are typed.

Disable Edit of On Air Story

When checked and prompting is active all alterations to the on air story will be inhibited.

New Line On X + n Space(s)

When checked the following action will occur. Each time a space character is entered on the keyboard it will be replaced by a Carriage Return if the previous n-1 characters are Spaces preceded by a one of the specified characters. The value of n can be in the range 0 - 9. If this option is unchecked, the value of n is ignored. A value of 1 will be used if 0 is entered. The X field can be any number of characters, with any of the characters, plus the specified number of spaces triggering a new line. For example if the character sequence is "dot comma", with one space specified, then either dot + space or comma + space will force a new line.

Note: the sequence set by X will apply the Template setting "New Line On Dot-Space".

Force Tab After "New Line On"

This function will be available when the "New Line On X + n Spaces" is checked. When turned on and the criterion is met, the new line generated will automatically start with the number of spaces specified by the Tab Width.

Import Detect [] Slugline

When checked, on file import an open square bracket will force a new line on the edit and prompt displays. Subsequent data up to the next carriage return will be treated as a Slugline. The open and close bracket characters are configurable. This option is mutually exclusive with the Extract Story Number From Filename. See [Additional Parameters](#)

Note: This function will override the "Extract Studio Instructions From File Import" function in the Template page of the WinPlus configuration if the Slugline brackets have been defined as [] in the wplus32.ini file.

Force Colour Reset Before File Import

This function controls the initial text colours of an imported file. When enabled, the foreground colour will be set to black and the background colour to white before the file is imported. If not enabled, the initial colours will remain as those currently selected. These colours apply to the appearance in the WinPlus edit screen. The concept of Black and White may be reversed when the text is displayed on the Prompt output.

Note: If the iNEWS or MOS newsroom options are selected, this function will be forced to the ON, resulting in black text on a white background unless subsequently modified.

Auto Create Slugline On File/Append

When checked, and a Run Order already exists, a File/Append operation will automatically create a Slugline for the appended text. The story number will start from the "Auto Story Number" in the Template page of the configuration.

Extract Story Number From Filename

When checked, on file import an open the Story Number will be extracted from the filename. The filename must in the following format : Qnnnnnn Comment.ext

Q = file identifier.

N = Story Number (up to 6 characters).

Space = Story Number delimiter.

Comment = Any text valid for a long filename. (May be omitted).

Ext = file extension.

Note: If Remote Polling is enabled the File Mask in Options/Configuration/Constants must be set to Q*.ext, where ext is the file extension of the files to be loaded.

This option is mutually exclusive with the Import Detect [] Slugline.

Import Using Command Characters (Unicode Version Only)

NOTE: This option has been replaced by the File Import functions in the [Template](#) page of the WinPlus configuration

Disable Print/Prompt Of Timing Lines

When checked, any command line beginning with the // sequence will not be printed or prompted. This will also disable any command timers from the Program Timing Display, as they are triggered from the Prompt Display.

Extract Fonts From RTF Files

When importing RTF files, normally they will appear in WinPlus in the current font selected. If the force Text/Slugline to Font Number is in the range 1-8, the incoming file will take on the specified font number.

If this option is checked, the font names embedded within the RTF file are extracted and used by WinPlus. Up to eight fonts will be extracted. Any more than eight will be ignored. If this option is to be used, it is worth examining a typical RTF file beforehand, to determine how many fonts are being defined in the header.

Extract Charset From RTF Files

When importing an RTF file that contains foreign characters it may be necessary to adjust the charset when converting the text to Unicode. **Note:** This function is mutually exclusive with "Force Charset For RTF Files".

Force Charset For RTF Files

When importing an RTF file that contains foreign characters it may be necessary to force the charset when converting the text to Unicode. Select the charset from the Template Page of the WinPlus configuration. **Note:** This function is mutually exclusive with "Extract Charset From RTF Files".

Extract Character Colours From RTF Files

When enabled, the Foreground and Background colour of each character will be reflected in WinPlus. In addition to the normal black and white, a maximum of 6 colours may be used in the RTF document.

The "Color Mode Enabled" must be turned on. See Options/Configuration/PcCard.

Extract Character Styles From Word Document

If set, WinPlus will extract the Bold, Italics and Underline attributes when importing a Word document file.

Extract Character Colours From Word Document

If enabled, WinPlus will attempt to set the foreground colour of the characters to match the character colours in the Word file. Colours extracted from Word Documents saved in the older style DOC format would never overwrite the existing colour settings. WinPlus would map the colour number from the file to its own internal colour number. Correct colours result if WinPlus is set to its default colours.

Overwrite WinPlus Colours From DOCX/RTF Files

DOCX and RTF files save the colour information as 24 bit values representing RGB. If this function is turned on, WinPlus will overwrite its own internal colour settings with those from the imported file. A maximum of 6 colours is allowed, after which a message will be displayed to the effect that no more colours can be accepted. If this function is turned off, WinPlus will keep its internal colour settings and select the closest colour.

The "Color Mode Enabled" must be turned on. See Options/Configuration/PcCard.

Display Slugline Colours In Run Order

When enabled, the foreground and background colours of the Slugline field in the Run Order will be set by the colour attributes of the first character of the Slugline. The first character being defined as the first character after the story number. For example, if the Slugline is:

[1]Story 1

All of the Slugline field in the Run Order will displayed in the foreground and background colours defined by the letter "S".

The default colours will be black text on a white background.

NOTE: The Sluglines in the edit screen will be displayed in colours set by Options/Set Colors - Edit Foreground/Background.

Create Bookmark From *

This currently applies to Word document and RTF file imports. When checked, if a * character is detected, a new line will be created and that line added to the Bookmark list.

If a character other than a * is preferred, edit the wplus32.ini file.

In the [Script] section:

Bookmark Star Character=*

An option exists to force a new line on the first Carriage Return received after detecting the Bookmark Star character.

In the [Script] section:

New Line After Bookmark=0

This would only be used if the end of the Bookmark is to be followed by a Carriage Return.

Use Word 97/2000 to Open Document Files

NOTE: This function is no longer available through the configuration. It can however be enabled/disabled from the setting in the wplus32.ini file:

[Script]

Use Word=0

Set to 1 to enable the function.

If the WinPlus computer has Microsoft Word 97 or 2000 installed, it can be used to act as part of the WinPlus file import mechanism.

If a file has been created in Word 97/2000 and saved with the "Fast Save" option set, there is a possibility that WinPlus will not be able to read it. With this option checked, any Microsoft Word file saved as a "Word Document" may now be imported. With latest version of WinPlus this function is not required.

No other file formats are affected by having this option checked.

Create Backup File On Save

When enabled and a script or story is saved, if an existing file is to be overwritten, it will be first renamed with a new file extension. For example, if the current file is "test.wpl", it will be renamed to "test1.~wpl". The new script will then be saved with the original name.

No Word Wrap On Spaces

When enabled, "Space" characters will be treated like normal characters. So text wrapping will be governed by the maximum number of characters that will fit on the Prompt output screen. This is designed primarily for use with Japanese scripts.

ASCII Descripting Width

If this value is non-zero, descripting of ASCII text files will be enabled. The value represents the number of characters to be discarded at the beginning of each line.

Script Interline Spacing

This number specifies the gap between rows of characters on the edit display. This number is added to the default line spacing for all script font sizes.

Tab Width

This number specifies the number of spaces to be inserted in the text when the Tab key is pressed.

Package Text String

When "Auto Caption Packages" is enabled, this text string is displayed to identify the start of a Package.

Pre/Post Bullet Spaces

These two values set the number of spaces that will be added when a bullet point is inserted into the script.

See Also: [Toggle Bullet Point](#) and [Font Tool Panel](#).

Studio Instruction Column Configuration

The Shot Cam and Pos fields can be configured to be visible or not visible. The Description field is always visible.

Complex Scripts

Force Diacritic Colour Enabled

When enabled, all diacritics will be set to the specified colour. When not set, the diacritics will assume the current colour.

Printer

Auto Form Feed on Slugline

If checked, a form feed will be output preceding any Slugline. This ensures that the start of a new story will always start at the top of a sheet.

Auto Final Form Feed

If checked, a form feed will be output at the end of a print.

Auto New Line

If checked, a line feed will be sent to the printer after every carriage return that is sent.

Double Line Spacing (Non-Unicode Version Only)

If checked, a blank line will be printed between every line of Script and Grid Text.

Line Spacing (Unicode Version Only)

Select the required line spacing from one of the three available options.

Force Bold

If checked, the text will be printed in BOLD.

Print Grid

If checked, the Run Order, Bookmarks and Program Timing displays will be printed with a grid.

Print Studio Instructions Grid

If checked, the Studio Instructions will be printed with a grid.

Print Camera Cards Grid

If checked, the Camera Cards will be printed with a grid.

Reset Page Number On Slugline

This function is applicable when using Print Script. It works in conjunction with the Auto Form Feed On Slugline. When both are checked, each story printed will begin with the Page Number set to 1.

Print Date

When checked, this function will print the Date & Time at the top of each page. When using the Unicode version of WinPlus the user may have to set the "Newsroom Codepage" in the Language configuration page.

Print 24 Hour Time

This function is used in conjunction with the Print Date option. When checked, the Time will be printed using the 24 Hour clock.

Print Filename (Full Path)

When checked, this function will print the current filename and the path at the top of each page.

Print Filename (Without Path)

When checked, this function will print the current filename without the path information at the top of each page. This may be desirable if the full path is too long to fit on the printed page. This function is mutually exclusive with "Print Filename".

Print Page Numbers

When checked, this function will print page numbers at the bottom of each page.

Print Cloaked Lines

When checked, this function will print cloaked lines. This applies to Sluglines and text.

Print Only Prompted Text

When checked, this function will only print the text that is Prompted.

Print Autoscript Name

When checked, this function will print the Autoscript company name at the bottom of the page.

Print Vertically

This function is for printing Japanese text vertically. The date and filename headings for each page will always be printed horizontally. The Print Script Margin will adjust the margin at the start of the script on the right hand side. Printing vertically requires the text to be displayed in a fixed width column. This width is defined as the **Vertical Column Width** parameter. This is only visible when the Print Vertically function is enabled and replaces the Print Instructions Margin. Printing Studio Instructions vertically is not currently available.

Print Coloured Text In Colour

When checked, this function will print any coloured text in the colours as they are displayed in the WinPlus edit screen. Cloaked lines will be printed in their uncloaked colours.

Any Backdrop colour is ignored.

Print As Script

When checked the Text will be printed as it appears on the Edit screen. Script margins and print font sizes may have to be adjusted.

Print As Prompt

When checked the Text will be printed as it appears on the Prompt output screen.

Note: Studio Instructions will NOT be printed when this mode is selected.

Print Formatted

When checked the Text will be reformatted to maximise the amount of text on each line. This will be a function of the selected print font size.

Note: Studio Instructions will NOT be printed when this mode is selected.

Slugline

The Slugline can be printed in one of four different styles: As is, Bold, Italics or Underlined.

Inverse

Text marked as inverse in the script can be printed in one of the following styles: Normal, Bold, Italics or Underlined

Non Prompted Package Text

Package text not displayed on the Prompt output can be printed in one of the following styles: Normal, Bold, Italics or Underlined. Selecting "Off" results in the Package text not being printed.

Camera Card Line Spacing (Unicode Version Only)

Set this number to adjust the line spacing between shots on the Camera Card printout.

Script Font Size

Set this number to fix the font size for the main body of the Script printout. The range is limited from 8 to 99. This value will apply to both the spoken text of the script and any studio instructions.

Run Order/Bookmark/Timing and Header Font Size

Set this number to fix the font size for the Run Order, Bookmark and Program Timing. It also governs to font size of the page Headers that consist of the Date and Filename. The Header will always be printed in Bold. The range is limited from 8 to 24.

Studio Instructions Font Size

This number sets the font size for the Studio Instructions.

See [Additional Parameters](#) for information on font sizes and styles when displaying Studio Instructions in the WinPlus script window.

Note: If the font size is too small, a portion of the characters may be obscured. The point at which this occurs is dependent upon the printer.

Header/Script Spacing

This number sets the spacing between the Header and the Script Text. A value of 0 will result in the Text being on the line directly after the Header with no additional spacing. This number needs to be set according to the printer resolution.

Print Script Margin

This number sets the left-hand margin for the spoken script text. Setting this number to 0 will create no left margin. This number needs to be set according to the printer resolution. Only used when not printing Studio Instructions.

Note: When printing with Studio Instructions enabled, the Description field and the Script field can be made equal widths by a setting in the [Print Options] section of the wplus32.ini file.

Equal Description Script Split=0

Studio Instructions Print Margin

If Studio Instructions have been enabled, this number sets the left-hand margin for the studio instructions. Setting this number to 0 will create no left margin. This number needs to be set according to the printer resolution.

See Also: [Printer Button](#)

PC Card

Internal PC Card

If selected, the WinPlus software will be set to operate with a PC Prompt card installed internally. See [Hardware Installation](#) for details on how to install the ISA bus or PCI Prompt card.

USB Prompt Card (PCI Colour Version Only)

If selected, the WinPlus software will be set to operate with the external [USB XBOX](#).

USB RF Channel Number

The USB XBOX fitted with firmware version V2.34 or later has the capability of using the Wireless Hand Control (RAT). Set this number in the WinPlus configuration to match the RF channel set on the RAT. Valid numbers are in the range 0 - 9.

LPT1, LPT2 (Mono version only)

If LPT1 or LPT2 is selected the WinPlus software will be set to operate with an XBOX. This is an external unit connected to the computer via a parallel printer port. The printer port should be set for Normal/Centronics Mode. The associated address should be set to match the address of the parallel port in the computer. These addresses are in hexadecimal and the defaults are:

LPT1:\$378 (Hexadecimal)

LPT2:\$278

Note: IBM Thinkpad laptop computers have the parallel port address at \$3BC. Before using any laptop always check the address of the parallel port matches that set in WinPlus.

Line Standard

Select the required line standard for the prompter output. See [Hardware Installation](#) for the power on condition.

Colour Mode Enabled (PCI Colour Version Only)

When checked the colour facilities of WinPlus are enabled, otherwise the output is forced to black and white.

Colour Output Enabled (PCI Colour Version Only)

When checked the PCI card is set into colour mode. The video encoder is set to colour mode and the colour burst is turned on.

Inverse Video

If checked, the prompter output video will be in inverse, i.e. black characters on a white background. If the colour version of WinPlus is installed, the Inverse Video selection will only apply to text in black and white. Any coloured text will remain unchanged.

Cue Marker Inverse Tracks Inverse Video

If checked, the Cue Marker foreground and background colours will swap over depending upon the state of the Inverse Video setting. When not checked the Cue Marker colours will not be affected by the Inverse Video setting.

Smooth Scroll

This option is normally checked which enables the line interpolation smooth scrolling algorithm. This option should be unchecked if an electro luminescent display is used for the prompter or if the font in use has significant occurrences of thin horizontal lines i.e. some Chinese fonts.

PC Address (Mono version only)

Set the number here to match the address of the PC Prompt card. The address must be chosen so that it does not conflict with any other cards present in the computer. The factory default setting for this address is set to 240 hex. See [Hardware Installation](#) for details on how to install a PC Prompt card.

Cue Marker Position

This number sets the position of the reading point marker on the prompt display. An entry of 1 would position the marker near the top of the screen, an entry of 8 would position it near the bottom.

For the PCI colour version of WinPlus:

The cue marker may be positioned to a specified line. Also it may be set to the desired position by dragging the cue marker in the Prompt Preview display. If the Prompt output display is overscanned such that the Cue Marker is not visible there are Key functions to configure the display screen width and the relative position of the text.

See: [Adjusting The Prompt Output](#)

Cue Marker Enabled

If checked the cue marker will appear at the Cue Marker Position otherwise it will be hidden.

Set Default Prompt Screen To Black

If checked, the Prompt Output and Prompt Preview screens will be cleared when prompting is inactive. If not checked the BDL/Autoscript message will be displayed.

This function operates in conjunction with the Colour Bars option if using the PCI version of WinPlus.

See also [Additional Parameters](#) for information on customizing the display when prompting is off.

Display Default Screen As Non-Inverse

This function governs how the Default Screen is displayed when working in "Inverse Video" Mode. If this function is OFF, the Default Screen display will follow the Inverse Video setting. This will result in black text on a white background. When using CRT displays this may reduce the life of the tube. If this function is ON, the Default Screen will always be displayed with white text on a black background. The Prompt Preview screen is unaffected by this and will always follow the Inverse Video setting.

Set Default Prompt Screen To Colour Bars (PCI Colour Version Only)

If checked, the Prompt Output screen will display colour bars when prompting is inactive. This function operates in conjunction with the Prompt Screen To Black option. The Colour Bars will override any Screen Saver output that may be operational.

Fast Scroll

NOTE: For later versions of the PCI Prompt card, this has been replaced by the "Scroll Control Profile" function.

If checked, the maximum scroll speed for the Prompt Output will be limited to a higher value. If the scroll speed is faster than the rate at which data can be written, the update line will become visible. If this situation is maintained, when the update line reaches the top of the screen, scrolling will be inhibited while each row is updated. If the scroll speed is reduced to normal, the data will eventually catch up with the scrolled picture.

NOTE: For the ISA Prompt card: The user may configure the scroll control characteristics to suit their own requirements. When Fast Scroll is unchecked the Scroll Profile is contained in the file wplus32.pr0. When checked the Scroll Profile is contained in the file wplus32.pr1.

When not checked the update line would not normally become visible on the Prompt Output.

Scroll Control Profile

For later versions of the PCI Prompt card with the SDI capability (Firmware V2.33 onwards), this option replaces the **Fast Scroll** functionality. There are now three options:

1: Normal Profile

This is the same as the previous scheme with the Fast Scroll set to OFF.

2: Fast Profile

This is the same as the previous scheme with the Fast Scroll set to ON.

3: User Defined

This option allows the user to define a custom Scroll Speed profile. The data is stored in the file wplus32.spf

NOTE: The default user defined file supplied with the initial installation has been designed to provide a less sensitive profile for the RF Hand Control.

The format of the file should be maintained, i.e. each data entry should be of the format:

XX=YY

XX is a unique number between 1 and 32.

YY is the scroll speed value in the range 0 to 250.

An XX value of 1 corresponds to the zero speed position of the hand control.

The XX value of 32 corresponds to the fully clockwise or anti-clockwise position. In practice, the maximum number reached for XX is about 27.

Any YY value will be limited by WinPlus to a maximum of 250.

Any negative YY values will be set to 0.

Any missing entries will be set to 0.

Enable Fast Pixel Clock (ISA Mono Version Only)

This option is used to switch the pixel clock rate of the PC Prompt Card. If unchecked the clock rate is nominally 10.625 MHz. When checked the frequency is raised to 10.753 MHz.

NOTE: If the frequency is changed, the PC-CARD must be adjusted as follows:

With an oscilloscope or a DVM monitor the voltage at the lower end of resistor R3. This is immediately to the right of IC15. Adjust the trimmer VC1 for a DC voltage of 2.5 volts.

When the Prompt Card is first powered and the prompt output is displaying the test pattern of vertical lines, the clock rate will be that governed by the default value set in the EPROM (IC2). The EPROM will be labelled as follows:

PMON1210.625 MHz

PMON12x10.753 MHz

When the WinPlus software is started the frequency saved in the configuration will be loaded.

% Video Level (PCI Colour Version Only)

This selected value is the scaling factor applied to the video output from the prompt card.

Limits of 10% to 100% are applied to any requested value.

Left/Right Cue Marker (PCI Colour Version Only)

This sets the Cue Marker to the left or the right-hand side of the prompter text.

Cue Marker Style (PCI Colour Version Only)

This sets the shape of the Cue Marker. There are two defined shapes, the traditional rectangular block and an arrow pointing towards the text. If the cue marker is set to the right of the prompt display, it will be reversed.

By selecting the User Defined cue marker, the user can create an individual shape. The file "UserCue.txt" contains the cue marker data. The cue marker is a maximum of 72 lines in height. Each number in the list represents the width of the cue marker for each line. The start position is fixed and will be the same for each line.

Note: If "Horizontal Scrolling Mode" is enabled, the Cue Marker Style is preset to the rectangular block regardless of the Cue Marker Style selection.

Colour Attributes (PCI Colour Version Only)

Cue Marker Colour

Sets the foreground colour of the cue marker.

Non-Scrolling Background Colour

Sets the background colour of the cue marker.

Slugline Foreground Colour

If Presenter Mode is disabled, this will set the foreground colour of the prompted Slugline, regardless of how it is displayed on the edit screen.

Slugline Background Colour

If Presenter Mode is disabled, this will set the background colour of the prompted Slugline, regardless of how it is displayed on the edit screen.

Default Screen Foreground Colour

Sets the foreground colour of the default display when prompting is off.

Default Screen Background Colour

Sets the background colour of the default display when prompting is off.

Instructions Colours

When the Enable Override function in this group is turned on, any command lines normally displayed in Inverse Video will now be displayed in the specified foreground and background colours.

Host Port

Use these entries to set up one of the computer's serial ports when connecting to a host computer (a newsroom computer system for example) using an RS232 serial interface.

Host Serial Port

The host serial port may be configured to accept downloaded data or to act as the port for the Interactive Terminal Interface.

Off

Selecting OFF will not access the Com Port and allow use by other devices such as a serial mouse. The Network Interface will be fully active

Download

When download is selected any incoming serial data will be automatically processed and loaded into the script. The Network Interface will be partially active. Users may logon but the data access command buttons will be disabled.

Terminal

Terminal mode is selected when the Interactive Terminal Emulator communicates via a serial port.

NOTE:

When Terminal mode is not set the Interactive Terminal Emulator communicates via the Network.

See also: [Translation Tables](#)

XON/XOFF Flow Control

When checked the XOFF character (Ctrl S) will be transmitted when the input buffer has filled to within 256 bytes of maximum. The XON character (Ctrl Q) will be transmitted when the input buffer has emptied to 256 bytes of data. The current size of the input buffer is 1024 bytes.

NewStar Download

When checked WinPlus will assume that any downloaded text will be in the Newstar serial printer format.

Strip Null Characters

When checked the Host Serial Port will strip any NULL characters from received text.

Control Sequence

The Unicode version of WinPlus allows the user to use his own two character Control Sequence to replace the %%. WinPlus will convert the user Control Sequence to %% for internal use. Therefore the use of %% in the downloaded text should be avoided. The non-Unicode version will accept qq or %% only.

Modem See also: [Options/Dial Up](#)

Auto Answer

This function should be selected if WinPlus is connected to a host computer via a modem and it is the host that will be dialling in. Leave unchecked if WinPlus is being used to dial and establish the connection. If it is selected, the modem Initialisation Sequence will be sent automatically to the modem when WinPlus is started. The Auto Answer sequence will be appended, so there is no need to include it in the initialisation sequence.

The Auto Answer sequence is set in the Modem section of configuration file (wplus322.ini) as follows:

[Modem]

Auto Answer=S0=2

The default is S0=2 which sets two rings before the modem answers. If Auto Answer is unchecked the sequence S0=0 will be appended to any initialisation sequence to disable the auto answering facility.

Initialisation Sequence

This is the character string sent to the modem each time a connection is to be established. These sequences may be modem specific, so consult the modem handbook for the required string. The modem must be configured for VERBOSE mode. The Data Carrier Detect (DCD) line is used to detect that a connection has been made or broken. WinPlus will pulse the Data Terminal Ready (DTR) line when the line is to be disconnected manually. XON/XOFF flow control is supported if selected.

Typical initialisation strings:

Multi Tech Systems:MT2834ZDXK:AT&FX4#L1&E14&E5V1\$SBA0S30=0

Hayes Accura:5205GB:AT&FX4V1S30=0&C1&D2&K2

Phone Number

This is simply the number that will be dialled when a connection is being made. Spaces may be included for clarity.

Template

These settings are used to control the interface between WinPlus and a connected host computer such as a newsroom system.

Describing Width

Set the describing width to correspond to number of characters to ignore counting from the left-hand side of the downloaded script. This option is used when the downloaded script has studio instructions on the left-hand side that will not be prompted. If the host only sends prompter text, the describing width can be made 0.

New Line On <CR>

Setting the New Line on <CR> option will force a new line on the edit and prompt displays whenever a Carriage Return is received from the Host. A hard Carriage Return will be inserted at this point. If this option is not set, the received <CR> will be treated as a space character.

This function will also set and clear the Script function **Accept <CR> on Import**

Force Space On First <CR>

This function will replace New Line On <CR> if the iNEWS or MOS newsroom option has been selected.

When checked, the first Carriage Return received from the host will be converted to a space. Subsequent Carriage Returns up to the maximum specified will be accepted and treated as a new line request.

New Line On Dot Space

Set the New Line on Dot-Space if it is required for this character sequence to force a new line at the end of a sentence.

See also: [Configuration/Script](#): New Line On X + n Space(s).

New Line On Inverse

This applies to serial downloads only.

Check this function to force a Carriage Return when Inverse Video is turned on with %%I and turned off with %%V.

Remove Spaces From Story Number

When the Template Mask is enabled, this option gives the choice of removing all spaces from the extracted Story Number. If the spaces are not removed the Story Number will be the number up to the first space. The remainder will be included as part of the Slugline.

Discard Carriage Returns After Presenter Instruction

This value is only used when the iNEWS or MOS newsroom option is selected. It is used to discard carriage returns between two successive Presenter Instruction commands. This enables blank lines to be maintained between paragraphs while discarding them between Instructions. This function is now accessible from the Template page of the WinPlus configuration.

Force Hard Blank Line After Slugline

This option will ensure a [Hard Blank Line](#) is inserted after each Slugline.

This function will act on imported files as well as those downloaded.

Force Hard Blank Line After Presenter Instruction

This option will ensure a [Hard Blank Line](#) is inserted after each Presenter Instruction.

This function will act on imported files as well as those downloaded.

Force Uppercase

When checked, all text sent from the host computer will be converted to uppercase.

This option does not apply to text polled from a remote directory, or imported from a file.

Force Lines Between Stories

This option will ensure the specified number of [Hard Blank Lines](#) are inserted between stories.

This function will act on imported files as well as those downloaded.

Force Bold

This option will force all downloaded text except for the story number to BOLD. It will also force all imported text, except for .WPL files, to BOLD.

Auto Story Load and Prompt on Startup

When Winplus starts up and this is enabled, the first file in the "File List" will be automatically opened and Prompting started from the top. This file will be the last file to be saved from the previous session of WinPlus.

//Command Line Mode Enabled

When enabled, any WinPlus script line that starts with // will be treated as a command line and prompted in inverse video or in the colours specified by the "Override Instructions". Lines beginning with /// etc. will not be treated as command lines.

Force Host Format

This option will force the configuration to Script As Prompt and maintain the downloaded format from the host computer. All the text wrapping has to be performed by the host. If the edit line is too long for the selected Prompt font size, the Prompt output will be truncated and some text may be lost. This option only applies to serial download and TCP/IP interfaces.

Auto Prompt Restart

If Prompting is on and WinPlus has no stories to prompt, the run in and run out dots will be displayed. If the Auto Prompt Restart function is enabled, prompting will be restarted from top of the first story to be received. If this function is not enabled, the scroll position may be undefined after the first story is received and the user should manually restart prompting from the desired story. This function would generally be used in a newsroom environment, where Run Orders are deleted and replaced with the requirement to automatically restart prompting from the top of the new Run Order.

Max Paragraph Spaces

If one or more spaces are received after a Carriage Return, subsequent text will be entered on a new line. The number of consecutive spaces at the start of the line will be limited to the Max Paragraph Spaces value. Any further spaces received will be discarded.

Max Carriage Returns

When importing text it may be desirable to limit the number of Carriage Returns accepted into the script. This function should be used in conjunction with New Line On <CR>. The settings may need to be adjusted when importing text from different sources.

Auto Story Number

If a natural Story Number cannot be detected from a downloaded or imported Slugline, an automatic number may be inserted. The Auto Story number is the base number from which number will be allocated. Subsequent Story Number insertions will always increment by one.

Any subsequent local editing will re-wrap the available text.

If the Force Host Format mode is deselected, remember to reconfigure the Script As Prompt to the correct setting.

Force Text To Font Number

When set to a number in the range 1 to 8 (Unicode version 1-16), imported or downloaded stories will be assigned that Font Number.

If set to 0, the text font will be the one currently selected in the Edit screen.

Force Slug To Font Number

When set to a number in the range 1 to 8 (Unicode version 1-16) the Slugline of any imported or downloaded story will be assigned that Font Number. This is generally used to assign the Sluglines a smaller font as the length is limited to one line as displayed on the edit screen.

If set to 0, the Slugline font will be the one currently selected in the Edit screen.

Force Inverse To Font Number

When set to a number in the range 1 to 8 (Unicode version 1-16), any text in Inverse imported or downloaded story will be assigned that Font Number. This is generally used to assign such text a smaller font.

If set to 0, the font will be the one currently selected in the Edit screen.

NOTE: For "Package Text" see Options/Configuration/Caption - Non Prompted Text

Force Slug Text Attributes

These options control the Bold, Italics and Underline attributes of Sluglines created manually or downloaded from a Newsroom system.

Air Margin

This number specifies the maximum number of characters to be displayed on each line of the prompt output. A value of 0 will disable the function and text wrapping will be governed by the size of the selected Prompt font. This option will normally only be used in conjunction with the iNEWS newsroom system to enable the printed script to match the prompted text. If the Air Margin or the Prompt font size is too large the prompted text may be truncated. It is up to the user to set these values appropriately. At present no indication is given when truncation occurs.

Discard Text Start Character

Discard Text End Character

Unicode Version Only. When using the ENPS, MOS or iNEWS newsroom interfaces, these Start and End characters may be used to discard sections of text. Care must be taken not to use characters that are used internally by the newsroom data format. Brackets are usually characters to be avoided. Spaces will be ignored. The same character may be used for the Start and End character.

When importing text from a file such as a Word document, there is no restriction on the characters used.

Mac Host Translation

When this function is selected, all data received via the host serial port or FTP interface will be translated by the mac translation table (WPLUS32.MAC). When deselected the normal translation table (WPLUS32.HST) is used.

Extract Studio Instructions From File Import

When enabled, all text enclosed in [] brackets will be treated as studio instructions. This text will be displayed in the Description column of the WinPlus Studio Instructions.

The [] bracket characters themselves will be discarded.

Note: This function will be overridden by "Import Detect [] Slugline" found in the Script page of the WinPlus configuration if the Slugline brackets have been defined as [] in the wplus32.ini file.

Extract Command Text From File Import

Currently the same as "Extract Presenter Instructions From File Import" but will act on { } brackets.

Extract Presenter Instructions From File Import

When enabled, all text enclosed in () brackets will be treated as presenter instructions. This text will be displayed in Inverse Video. Presenter Instructions will be Prompted but not Captioned.

The () bracket characters themselves will be discarded.

Extract Package Text From File Import

When enabled, all text loaded from a file or imported from the Windows clipboard enclosed in < > brackets will be treated as package text. If the "Use Non Prompted Text Attributes For Package Import" is enabled, the attributes for the package text will be defined by the "Non Prompted Text" settings in the Caption page of the configuration. If the Bold, Italics, Underline and Inverse attributes are all turned off, these attributes set by the file import will be retained. If the "Use Non Prompted Text Attributes For Package Import" is not enabled, the package text will not be prompted and will be displayed in the edit screen with the colours defined by the Set Colours menu items.

The < > bracket characters themselves will be discarded from the script.

Prompt Package From File Import

The function works in conjunction with the "Extract Package Text From File Import" function. When enabled, the package text will be sent to the closed caption output and prompted with the attributes set by the Non Prompted Text attributes.

See also: [Caption Port](#): Auto Caption Packages and Non Prompted Text.

Cloak Packages

This function is used when the ENPS newsroom is selected. When checked, any story that contains a package will be cloaked. A package is one where the < > brackets are placed around the package text. Note: This option will also cloak any Run Order entry that does not have an associated story file.

Remain Paused On Prompt Restart

If Prompting is on and has been manually paused, this function determines whether or not to release the Pause condition, when Prompting is restarted or the Jump TOP, PREV or NEXT buttons are pressed. The function defaults to be a 0 (OFF).

Start Prompting In Paused Mode

This function controls the initial Pause status when Prompting is turned on or restarted. Either the On-board speed control must be enabled or the Function button must be set to "Pause/Start Scroll". This function will take priority over "Remain Paused On Prompt Restart".

Reverse Function Button LED Status

When enabled, the LED status of the Function button on the HC/1 hand control will operate in reverse.

ActiveX Control

Unicode Version Only.

When enabled this will allow a network connection to be established the WinPlus ActiveX control. Any number of ActiveX controls may be connected simultaneously.

Force Slug Text Attributes

This set of options will force the Slugline to a given set of attributes. Previously saved WinPlus files will not be affected when reloaded with a different set of attributes.

Template Mask Enabled

NOTE: This function is no longer supported in the MultiScript version of WinPlus.

Set the Mask Enabled attribute if you wish to use the Template Mask (described below).

Mask

NOTE: This function is no longer supported in the MultiScript version of WinPlus.

The Template Mask is used to extract the story number and Slugline of a story downloaded from a host computer that uses a template. It also serves to mask out any unwanted information that may be downloaded from the host.

A typical Template Mask is shown below:

•
NNN . .RRR.SSSSSSSSSSSS

•
•

NOTE: All characters in the masks should be in UPPERCASE.

The dot at the start of the first line signifies that the first line downloaded received from the host will be ignored.

The NNN on the next line indicates from where to extract the story number. The following two dots indicate that the next two characters received will be ignored. A maximum of 6 characters may be specified for the story number.

If the Multiple Run Order function is enabled, the RRR field specifies the story ID indicating the Run Order to which the story is to be allocated.

If the Multiple Run Order function is disabled this field may be used to extract and display story identification data. A maximum of 6 characters may be specified for the story ID. This field may be omitted if the Multiple Run Order setting is off.

The SSSSSSSSSSSS indicates from where to extract the Slugline. The dots on the following two lines indicate that the next two downloaded lines will be ignored. All other text received from the host will be received until the end of story indicator.

Use the [Host Debug](#) option to examine the exact format of the downloaded text. This will enabled the Template to be created more easily.

See [Host Download Format](#) for more information on the serial data requirements.

Working Without Story Numbers

If the NNN field is omitted, a story number will be allocated automatically. The starting value is set in the WPLUS32.INI configuration file in the [Constants] section as the "Auto Story Number". It will be incremented each time a story is received. This number is reset to the starting value if the script data is cleared by the "Clear Data" button or the "File New" function.

Rejecting Stories Using The ID Field

The "Host ID Drop String" is a character sequence that may be specified in the [Main] section of the WPLUS32.INI file. Any downloaded story having an ID field matching the preset string will be accepted, but will be assigned the DROPPED status. When using the iNEWS FTP interface, any matching story will be CLOAKED.

Rejecting Text Using The Host Skip Character

The "Host Skip Char" is a single character that may be specified in the [Main] section of the WPLUS32.INI file. Once this character has been detected during a story download, all subsequent text will be ignored until the next End of Story marker (%%E or <etx>). To disable this function, set the entry in the WPLUS32.INI file to a blank.

Examples:

Host Skip Char=>Reject all text after receiving a > character

Host Skip Char=Function Disabled

Run Order Mask

NOTE: This function is no longer supported in the MultiScript version of WinPlus.

This is used in conjunction with the normal mask and is configured to extract the downloaded Run Order data. Only the one line containing the data needs to be specified. All blank lines will be discarded. Any line containing a Story Number beginning with 'M' or 'X' (case insensitive) will also be ignored.

See also [Translation Tables](#)

Language

These are for language specific options and are only relevant for the appropriate version of Windows.

Auto Font Update

When enabled, the WinPlus font and attribute settings will automatically reflect the settings at the current caret position. If Presenter mode is used with the "Default Newsroom" option, it is advisable to turn "Auto Font Update" off. This will prevent the Presenter selection from changing as the user navigates through the script.

Pan European (Non-Unicode version only)

This should be selected when running with the Pan European or Thai version of Windows.

Indian Language Mode

Select the option which matches the Indian Language support that has been installed.

Note: When using the Non-Unicode Indian version of WinPlus with GIST or Akshar, it is advisable to turn off the "Auto Language/Font Update" feature to avoid confusion.

Setting Up WinPlus To Run With Akshar:

Run the Akshar software. Select the "Software" menu option and select "Install".

A dialog box will appear. Enter the name "WinPlus" in the box labelled "Name of Application".

For the Command Line, enter the full pathname to the WinPlus program. The default pathname is c:\program files\PciWplus32U\wplus2k.exe

Click on the O.K. button. The next time the Software menu option is selected, WinPlus will appear as one of the options. Select this to run WinPlus. Alternatively just ensure that the Akshar software is running and active while using WinPlus.

Right To Left Menu

When checked the Main Menu will be set to Right To Left.

Single Character Caret Mode (Unicode version only)

If a font has been selected that does not contain the characters to be displayed, Windows will attempt to use an alternative that it considers to be of similar style etc. Under such circumstances this can affect the positioning of the caret on the WinPlus edit screen. When enabled, the Single Character Caret Mode calculates the caret position by using the widths of the individual characters. This mode should not be used with languages that have self modifying characters such as Arabic, Farsi, Urdu etc.

Enable Hyphenation

This option is visible when the WinPlus message language is set to English or German. The result may be unpredictable if Hyphenation is enabled and used with scripts containing other languages.

Only words that will not fit across the full width of the Prompt output will be hyphenated.

Text Hindi Numerics

Text Numerals will be forced to the Hindi character shapes.

Text Latin Numerics

Text Numerals will be forced to the Latin character shapes.

Text Context Numerics

Text Numerals will be context dependent.

Bookmark Hindi Numerics

Bookmark Numerals will be forced to the Hindi character shapes.

Bookmark Latin Numerics

Bookmark Numerals will be forced to the Latin character shapes.

Clock/Timer Hindi Numerics

Numerals will be forced to the Hindi character shapes.

Clock/Timer Latin Numerics

Numerals will be forced to the Latin character shapes.

WinPlus Message Language (Unicode version only)

This option allows the user to select a language for the WinPlus menus and messages etc.

See also: [Language Files](#)

Keyboard Layout (Unicode version only)

The options allow the user to use keyboard layouts not provided by Microsoft Windows.

Default

The default option will not enable any pre-processing of the keyboard data.

Phonetic Urdu

When checked and the Urdu language has been selected in Windows, any character entered from the keyboard will be mapped to match the Urdu Phonetic keyboard.

Bengali

When checked this function may be toggle on and off by using the Shift+F12 key. Any character entered from the keyboard will be mapped to match the Bengali keyboard. The file "wplus32.ben" is used for the translation.

Charset (Unicode Version Only)

This determines the Charset to be used for the WinPlus Edit screen and Prompt display.

Newsroom Codepage (Unicode Version Only)

If WinPlus is connected to a Newsroom system that is not sending Unicode data, this setting will select the Codepage with which to convert the incoming data to Unicode.

Import Double Byte Format (Unicode Version Only)

This applies to the double byte versions of WinPlus. (i.e. Chinese). When importing Word 6 files from a Macintosh system the Mac button should be selected. Otherwise the PC button should be selected. The reason for this is that Motorola based computers store the double byte information in reverse order.

This applies to the double byte versions of WinPlus. (i.e. Chinese). When importing Word 6 files

Ruby Characters (Unicode Version Only)

When importing XML of HTML files, WinPlus can detect the presence of Ruby characters. There are three display options:

A: Ruby Characters Only

B: Ruby Base Only

C: Ruby Characters + Base

Ruby Characters In Inverse

For display options A and C the user has the choice of displaying the Ruby characters in Inverse video.

If display option C is selected, the Ruby characters will be displayed either before or after the Ruby Base characters depending upon the file type.

XMLRuby characters displayed before Ruby Base

HTMLRuby characters displayed after Ruby Base

Remove HTML Ruby Brackets

HTML files generated by Microsoft Word automatically add () brackets around the Ruby characters. This function give the user the option to remove these brackets from the imported text.

Clock and Timer

Clock X Co-ordinate

Sets the X co-ordinate of the [Clock](#) Display

Clock Y Co-ordinate

Sets the Y co-ordinate of the Clock Display.

Timer X Co-ordinate

Sets the X co-ordinate of the [Timer](#) Display.

Timer Y Co-ordinate

Sets the Y co-ordinate of the Timer Display.

Font Name

Displays the font name of the Clock/Timer Display.

Font Size

Displays the font size of the Clock/Timer/Message Display.

Font Offset

Adjusts the vertical position of the text within the Background Message/Clock display.

The Clock or Timer will be disabled if prompting is activated.

While the Clock or the Timer is being displayed the Cue Marker will be hidden.

Clock/Timer/Message Colours

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card or USB XBOX.

The colours for the Background Clock, Background Timer and Background Message are set individually. However, the colours for the Background Message will be set by the Background Clock or Background Timer if either are enabled.

Background Clock/Message Position

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card.

This sets the position and size of the background clock.

The Background Message position will either be at the top or the bottom of the screen. If one of the Centre positions is selected for the Background Clock, the Background Message will be disabled.

Message/Prompted Text Line Separator

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card.

When enabled, a thin white line will be drawn on the Prompt Output to separate the scrolling text and any static text, such as the Background Clock or a Message.

Trigger Timer From Script

NOTE: This function does not apply when "Horizontal Scrolling Mode" or "Horizontal Message Mode" is enabled.

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card or USB XBOX.

When enabled, any time commands embedded in the script will automatically set and start the Background Timer. These commands are of the format:

```
//VT 10
```

```
//VO 1:20
```

The commands must start with a // followed by a space. The remaining value is converted into the Start value for the Timer.

If a * is inserted after the //, the time will not be added into the Run Time, but will still appear in the Timing Display. E.g. //*VT 5:30

When the command is detected, if not already on, the Background Timer will be automatically started. When the Timer count reaches zero the Background Timer will be turned off, if it was off prior to the command being detected.

It is recommended that when using the USB XBOX, the Background Timer is enabled before the show is started. This is because there will be slight pause in the Scrolling when the Background Timer is turned on and off.

Trigger Timer From Slugline

NOTE: This function does not apply when "Horizontal Scrolling Mode" or "Horizontal Message Mode" is enabled.

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card or USB XBOX.

When enabled, a Slugline scrolling through the detection point will automatically set and start the Background Timer. The detection point is governed by the "Timer Trigger Offset".

When a Slugline is detected, if not already on, the Background Timer will be automatically started. When the Timer count reaches zero the Background Timer will be turned off, if it was off prior to the Slugline being detected.

It is recommended that when using the USB XBOX, the Background Timer is enabled before the show is started. This is because there will be slight pause in the Scrolling when the Background Timer is turned on and off.

Timer Trigger Offset

This number controls the vertical offset of the Timing Trigger with respect to the Prompt Output. The reference point is just below the bottom of the Prompt Output display. The default value is 7 for the PCI Prompt card. If the font size is reduced from the default settings, this value may need to be increased.

Trigger Clock From Script

NOTE: This function does not apply when "Horizontal Scrolling Mode" or "Horizontal Message Mode" is enabled.

This option is similar to the **Trigger Timer From Script** function. The commands are as follows:

```
//TD ON - Background Clock ON
```

```
//TD OFF - Background Clock OFF
```

Display As Full Prompt Screen Width

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card.

When enabled, the background clock/timer will appear in a window that is the full Prompt screen width. When not enabled, the window will be the required width to display the clock or timer value.

Display Slugline As Message

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card.

When enabled, the Slugline will be automatically displayed as a background message. The update will follow the Red On-Air banner on the WinPlus Run Order. Any subsequent message sent manually will override any Slugline displayed. At the next story boundary, the new Slugline will overwrite any previous message.

Flash Messages For nnn Seconds

This option only applies to the colour version of WinPlus running with the PCI prompt card.

When enabled and a value greater than zero has been selected, any manually entered message sent to the Prompt Output will flash for the specified period.

Background Timer Function Button Preset (Secs)

This value sets the preset countdown time for the Background Timer when started from the Function button on the hand control.

See also: [Background Clock](#)

[Background Timer](#)

[Background Message](#)

Note: The Background Clock/Timer and Message apply only to the Colour (PCI) version of WinPlus.

Presenter

Presenter Mode Enabled

When selected, the Presenter option will be enabled in the Main Menu. This will allow the Presenter Font configurations to be selected. A maximum of fifteen Presenters can be configured. Each one will have a font number assigned to their name.

The Presenter Name and Font Number are entered after double clicking in the relevant field. Double clicking on any of the font parameters will bring up the WinPlus font change display. The user must be aware that changing the font parameters will affect other Presenter configurations if set to the same font.

Display Names In Run Order

Note: This function is not available when the MOS Protocol is enabled.

This option will change the Font Number display in the WinPlus run order, to display the Presenter Name.

Display Colours In Run Order

Note: This function only applies to the colour version of WinPlus and is not available when the MOS Protocol is enabled.

When selected, any colours defined for a Presenter will be displayed in the WinPlus run order display. The Slugline field will reflect the Slugline foreground and background colours. The Presenter/Font field will reflect the background, foreground and backdrop colours of the text.

Name

The Name field can be any text string and will appear in the Presenter Menu display. This would normally be set to the Presenter's name or initials. If WinPlus is interface to a Newsroom system that supplies Presenter information, the name entered in this field must match that of the Newsroom.

Font

Enter the font number required for this Presenter. The valid range is 1-7 for non-Unicode and 1-15 for Unicode versions of WinPlus.

Rate

Enter the Speech rate for the selected Presenter. The rate is in Words or Characters per Second as defined in the Constants section of the configuration. One decimal place will be accepted.

Force Right To Left Justification

This controls the text justification for each Presenter.

Font Name

The font name associated with the selected font number.

Text Size

The size of the prompted text associated with the selected font number.

Spacing

The spacing of the prompted text associated with the selected font number.

Note: Sluglines are always set to Font 8 (Font 16 for Unicode version) when Presenter mode is enabled.

Presenter Colours

Note: Colour (PCI) version of WinPlus only.

Select an entry in the Presenter display. The current selection is indicated by a red pointer in the left most field. By clicking in the colour selection panels, the colours of the text and Slugline can be configured.

The user should be aware, that when Black or White is selected as one of the Text colours, White will be prompted as Black and Black will be prompted as White.

Inverse Video

Note: Colour (PCI) version of WinPlus only

Selecting this option for a Presenter will force the colours to the standard black and white configuration. The Prompted text will be displayed as Inverse Video. The Inverse Video setting will be automatically cleared if a colour is selected.

Adjust Palette

This applies to the colour version of WinPlus only.

Click on a colour panel to display the Colour configuration display.

Note colours 1 and 8 are reserved and will always be Black and White respectively.

Default Button

This will reset the Presenter Names, Font Number and Colour selections to the default condition. The colour palette, font names and font sizes are not affected.

See also: [Presenter](#)

Note: At present, only the iNEWS and MOS newsroom systems can take full benefit from the Presenter mode. These are the only two to provide Presenter/Anchor information relating to each story. When the "Default Newsroom" option is selected, text can be set manually to Presenter settings.

NewStar

Cloak Unreleased Stories

When checked any story that has not been released or approved will be imported into WinPlus as Cloaked. The story will be visible in the WinPlus display but will not be prompted.

Inverse Text In () Brackets

When checked all text contained within () will be prompted in inverse video.

Extract Fields While "Remove Text Between Characters" Active

When checked, any specified field embedded in text being discarded will be extracted and loaded into WinPlus.

ID Field Number

Set this number to match the NewStar field containing the approval/release data. The default is 2.

Slugline Length

Set the Slugline length to match that set in the NewStar configuration.

Fields To Extract

Enter the required fields to be extracted from the NewStar files. The entries are case insensitive. This data is stored in the file "Newstar.txt".

A fresh installation of WinPlus will set the following default values:

Programme

PRES

Writer

Runs

Cap/Gen

Out-Q

EDL

Note: Leading spaces, * and dot characters will be removed from incoming data before a match is attempted with the entries in the "Fields To Extract" list.

Remove Text Between Characters

Enter the characters between which text will be discarded. Only single characters may be specified for the start and end. Spaces may be included for clarity and will be ignored.

E.g. { } will discard all characters between these brackets.

A fresh installation of WinPlus will set the following default values:

[]

{ }

< >

! !

~ ~

This data is stored in the file "Brackets.txt".

Break Strings

Enter the character sequences to match those assigned in NewStar for the Program Breaks

If the Cloak Unreleased Stories option is selected, and the Slugline matches one of the Program Break entries, the story will NOT be cloaked.

This data is stored in the file "Breaks.txt".

MOS

MOS Configuration

MOS is a protocol that has been developed for communications between Newsroom Computer Systems (NCS) and Media Object Servers (MOS), such as Video Servers, Character Generators, Prompters etc. Any equipment that is MOS compliant should therefore be able to function in an integrated MOS environment.

Communication between the NCS and the Prompter is established using a single Port (Default 10541). At start up WinPlus will listen on this Port for MOS messages from up to a maximum of 32 NCSs.

Multiple Run Orders can be accommodated and will be separated by a blue bar in the Run Order display. The Run Orders will be placed chronologically using the start times specified by the NCS. The Program order may be manually controlled by dragging the Program Name.

A Double Click on the Program Name will set the WinPlus Run Order display to the top of the selected Program.

If the "Send Heartbeat At Startup" is enabled or the "Request All Run Orders And Text" function is executed, WinPlus has to know the IP addresses of the NCSs to which it is to connect. A file containing this information named "ncsid.txt" has to be created manually in the main WinPlus directory. WinPlus does not add entries to this file as it may have done in earlier versions.

A typical example of the data in the "ncsid.txt" might be:

ncs01.ncs.com,NCS01,152.165.1.2

ncs02.ncs.com,NCS02,152.165.1.3

The first parameter is the Host name, followed by the ncsID and then the Host IP address. A comma is used as the separators. Blank lines and lines starting with a semi-colon are ignored. When WinPlus is closed the current MOS messageID is appended to each entry in the ncsid.txt file.

The normal sequence of events to communicate with WinPlus is initially to send the roCreate command containing the list of stories in the current Run Order. This will create a blank entry for each story in the WinPlus Run Order. All commands will be acknowledged, with the response being sent to the NCS that sent the command. The ncsID contained within a particular command is treated purely as a label and not used internally by WinPlus. Each story is then sent using the roStorySend command.

If WinPlus is configured to send roltemCue messages to another MOS device, it may not know the hostname or IP address of this device. The roltemCue messages only contain the mosID. To overcome this, a file "mosid.txt" can be created by the user. It has the same format as the "ncsid.txt" file and should be created in the main WinPlus directory.

This file will not be updated by WinPlus and only used for sending roltemCue messages to MOS devices if the IP address cannot be found in "ncsid.txt".

Note: The ncsid.txt and mosid.txt files must be saved as either ANSI text or Unicode text files. When WinPlus writes the current messageID data, it will save the files in Unicode Text format.

WinPlus supports the following commands:

roCreate

roStorySend

roStoryInsert

roStoryMove

roStoryMoveMultiple

roStoryReplace

roStorySwap

roStoryDelete

roStoryAppend

roMetadataReplace

roElementAction

roReq

roReqAll

roDelete

roReplace

roCtrl

roList

roListAll

roReadyToAir

reqMachInfo

heartbeat

Configuration Options

Server Port

This is the Port number used for communication with the NCS. The default is 10541. This should be set to the number specified by the NCS vendor.

MOS ID

The MOS ID is the unique name by which a MOS device will be referenced within a particular installation.

Note:

A: The MOS ID field is case sensitive.

B: This should only be changed from within the WinPlus configuration and not by editing the wplus32.ini file directly.

Event Offset

The Offset value adjusts the point at which Events are triggered or Appear with respect to the Prompt Output.

Event Font Number

This is used in conjunction with "Show Item Event On Prompt Output" and will select the Font number for the displayed Item.

NCS Timeout

Note: Unicode version only. Fixed at 5 seconds for Non-Unicode version.

This number is used to set the MOS/NCS timeout. The specified value is in milliseconds, but the resolution is to the nearest second. This timeout value is used when receiving a MOS command. If a period of inactivity in excess of the timeout period occurs during a MOS download, all data in the input buffer is deleted. This same timeout is also used when WinPlus sends a command to the NCS and is waiting for a response.

Auto Program Delete Time (Hrs)

This value sets the number of hours that will be added to a Programs start time in order to determine when that Program will be deleted. A value of zero or less will disable the function.

Unicode

When selected all messages sent and received will in be Unicode (Default).

Note: This option is not available in the Unicode version of WinPlus. All data received by the Unicode version of WinPlus must be Unicode format (High Byte first).

Extract Presenter Names

When selected, Presenter names will be extracted from a downloaded story and inserted into the prompted text in Inverse Video.

Send Item Events To Parent MOS

Select this option to enable Events embedded with the story text, to be sent to other MOS devices. E.g. sending a message to a video server indicating the Prompt Output has reached a particular point.

Send Item Events To Single NCS

Select this option if the Item Events are to be sent to the NCS.

Note: This is mutually exclusive with "Send Item Events To All Known NCS".

Send Item Events To All Known NCS

Select this option if the Item Events are to be sent to all known NCS.

Note: This is mutually exclusive with "Send Item Events To Single NCS".

Send Story Events To Single NCS

When selected, as each story becomes On-Air, an "roltemCue" message containing the On-Air "storyID" is sent to the NCS that created the story.

Note: This is mutually exclusive with "Send Story Events To All Known NCS".

Send Story Events To All Known NCS

When selected, as each story becomes On-Air, an "roltemCue" message containing the On-Air "storyID" is sent to all NCS computers that have communicated their "ncsID" to WinPlus in the current session. This happens, for example when a Run Order is created.

Note: This is mutually exclusive with "Send Story Events To Single NCS".

Automatic Item Event Triggering

When set, all item events will be automatically sent to other MOS and NCS devices. When Item Event triggering is in Manual mode, each event will appear in the MOS Program/Event display. The prompt operator will trigger the next event when required. Unwanted events may be deleted.

Automatic Story Event Triggering

When set, all story events will be automatically sent to then NCS device. When Story Event triggering is in Manual mode, each event will appear in the MOS Program/Event display. The prompt operator will trigger the next event when required. Unwanted events may be deleted.

Show Item Event On Prompt Output

This option will add the Item Slug into the script and displayed on the Prompt Output in Inverse Video. This may be used as a trigger point for the Presenter or Prompt Operator.

The text will be limited to one Prompt line. If the Item Slug is longer than this, it will be truncated. The Item will be displayed according to the "Event Font Number" setting.

Send Heartbeat At Start Up

When WinPlus begins to listen for messages from the NCS, this option determines whether a "Heartbeat" message is sent to the NCS's specified in the "ncsid.txt" file. This message will only be sent once.

Confirm Before Triggering Manual Event

When checked, confirmation will be required before a manual event is triggered.

When WinPlus begins to listen for messages from the NCS, this option governs whether a "Heartbeat" message is sent to the NCS. This message will only be sent once.

Confirm Before Deleting Program

When checked, confirmation will be required to proceed if the MOS Server requests that a Program is to be deleted from the Prompter.

Cloak Empty Stories

When set to a 1, all stories containing no text will be cloaked.

Use Legacy ENPS Brackets

When set to a 1, brackets embedded in the story text will be interpreted as follows:

[] Ignore Text for Prompting. Text will be displayed as Studio Instructions.

() Explanatory Text

{ } Prompter Cues and Talent Changes

< > Package text

Note: In the [MOS] section of the "wplus32.ini" file, there is an entry:

Normal Normal Brackets=0

If this is set to a 1 and "Use Legacy ENPS brackets" is enabled the any text in () brackets will be treated as normal.

Normal Curly Brackets=0

If this is set to a 1 and "Use Legacy ENPS brackets" is enabled the any text in { } brackets will be treated as normal but set to inverse video.

Accept Text In Square Brackets

This is only functional when "Use Legacy ENPS Brackets" is enabled. ENPS sends certain types of text enclosed in [] square Brackets. If this option is turned on, text in [] will be displayed on the Prompter in Inverse Video and with the [] brackets removed. The text will not be sent to the Caption Generator.

Ready To Air Mode

When selected, any Run Order that is created will be deemed as Inactive and will appear greyed out in The WinPlus display. An Inactive story will not appear on the Prompt Output.

The Run Order or individual story may be made Active by one of the following MOS commands:

a: roReadyToAir + roAir = READY

This will Activate all the stories in the specified Run Order and leave all other stories in all other Run Orders in their current state of Activation.

b: roCtrl + roCtrlCmd = READY

This will Activate all the stories in the specified Run Order and Deactivate all other stories in all other Run Orders. If a storyID is specified, only the one story will be Activated.

c: roCtrl + roCtrlCmd = EXECUTE

This will be the same as b: with the addition that Prompting will be started.

If the Ready To Air Mode is not selected, all Run Orders and stories will automatically appear in the Active or Inactive state according to the "Create Program Inactive" setting.

WinPlus will also support the use of "NOT READY" or "NOTREADY" with the roCtrl and roReadyToAir commands. This will set a story or Run Order into the Inactive state.

Restart Prompting on "MOS Ready To Air Mode"

This function is used in conjunction with the "ReadyTo Air Mode", If this function is enabled and a Run Order is made Ready To Air, prompting will be started or restarted from the top of this Run Order.

Create Program Inactive (Invisible)

If the "ReadyTo Air Mode" is turned off, this function will control whether a downloaded Run Order will be created in the Active or Inactive state.

Auto Story Numbering

When enabled, any story that does not have a Story Number will automatically have one allocated. The starting number is that set in the Template configuration page. If this is not enabled, no number will be allocated and a DOT will be displayed in the WinPlus Run Order NUM field.

Auto Closed Caption Access

When enabled, the Closed Caption Access will be under the control of the embedded commands in the story text. Any manual intervention will be overridden when the next line is captioned. These commands are received as MOS items and are also used to control Fonts and Text Justification. The default condition is for the Caption Access to be turned ON for each line unless overridden by an external command. If this function is disabled, normal manual control of the Closed Caption Access is resumed.

Message Hold Off

When WinPlus initiates a MOS message it opens a socket connection to the host, sends the message, waits for the reply and then closes the connection. This function has been included to overcome the following scenario. If WinPlus sends a "roReq" message to the Host requesting a particular Run Order, under certain circumstances WinPlus can receive a certain number of the "roStorySend" messages before the response to the "roReq". When this happens, these stories will be discarded as yet they have no associated Run Order.

When this function is enabled, all incoming MOS messages will be held in a queue until the response to the "roReq" has been received. Only then will they be processed. It may be advisable to increase any MOS timeouts in WinPlus and the NCS as message response times could be increased during the hold off period.

Restart Prompt Above On Air Mode

If this is enabled, when a story is moved above the currently On-Air story, prompting will be restarted from the story that has been moved. If not enabled, no action will be taken.

Filter MOS Active Run Orders

When the "Request MOS Active Run Orders And Text" function is executed, the resulting display can be filtered to show only the MOS Active Run Orders that are destined for this Prompter. This function requires the data to be stored in the `<roMOSIDList>..</roMOSIDList>` tag within the roListAll message.

RoList (V5.97 onwards)

This command will be treated functionally the same as roCreate except that it will not generate a roAck response.

Emphasized Text

Text that has been specified as "Emphasized" can be displayed on the Prompter in any combination of Bold, Italics, Underline or Inverse.

Caption Package Text

Any text that is sent to a Closed Caption generator must be prompted. This text will be prompted in Inverse Video and Italics to indicate to the presenter it should not be read.

In the Unicode version of WinPlus the "Auto Caption Package" function is available. See [Caption Port](#)

Caption Presenter Instructions Text

This text will be prompted in Inverse Video and this option enables the Presenter Instructions text to be sent to the Closed Caption output.

Caption Explanatory Text

This text will be prompted in Inverse Video and this option enables the Explanatory text enclosed in () brackets to be sent to the Closed Caption output.

Inverse Explanatory Text

This option enables the Explanatory text enclosed in () brackets to be prompted in Inverse Video. This function is used in conjunction with the "Normal Normal Brackets" in the [MOS] section of the "wplus32.ini" file. When this is set text in () brackets will not be separated out on to a new line, i.e. text in Normal brackets will be treated Normally.

Prompt Explanatory Text

This function controls whether or not to send the Explanatory text enclosed in () brackets to the Prompt output.

Master/Slave

WinPlus may be configured to interact with a Slave Prompter connected via a Modem or TCP/IP link. The Prompter that interfaces with the newsroom system must be configured as the Master, while the Remote Prompter must be configured as the Slave. If the Modem is being used and the Slave computer is the one that is to dial the Master, ensure that the phone number for the Master is

specified. If a Network connection is to be used, ensure the IP addresses have been set up for the Master and Slave as in this case it will always be the Slave that establishes the connection. This is regardless of which end attempts the initial action.

See also: [IP Address Configuration](#)

If the Master/Slave mode of operation is not used the selection should be set to "Off".

Modem Operation.

On the Slave Prompter, press the "Modem Connection For Master-Slave" button. This will display an array of buttons for the Modem control. Press the Dial button and the connection should be established. If successful, any Run Orders and text currently on the Master will be transferred to the Slave. Any updates received by the master will be forwarded to the Slave. The Slave also has the ability to ask the Master to request any MOS Active Run Orders from the newsroom system.

NOTE: If the "[MOS Remote Gateway](#)" application is being used on another computer to act as an interface between the Master and the Slave, the WinPlus setup should be as follows:

The Host computer running WinPlus which is directly connected to the MOS server should be configured as the "Master" and "TCP/IP".

The Remote computer should be configured for either the Modem or TCP/IP connection.

TCP/IP Operation.

This is virtually the same as the Modem mode of operation except that the "Modem Connection For Master-Slave" button changes to "Network Connection For Master-Slave". Pressing this will immediately try and open a socket connection with Master. If successful the operation is identical to the above.

The wplus32.ini file contains the following parameters in the [MOS] section.

Download All On Connect

When a connection is made from Slave to Master, the Master will send the Run Order information to the Slave. If "Download All On Connect" is enabled, the story text will also be transferred to the Slave. When this is not enabled, the Slave can request the story text by either double clicking in The "Num" field of the WinPlus Run Order or by a single click in the Run Order and then use the Hot Key "Alt A".

See also: [MOS Program/Event Display](#)

Additional Items which can be set in the MOS Section of the "WPLUS32.INI" file.

[MOS]

Prompt Off Event Enabled

This option enables a roltemCue event to be generated indicating that Prompting has been turned off.

See also: [MOS Events](#)

See also: [ActiveX Configuration](#)

IP Address Configuration

When the MOS Master/Slave mode is set to TCP/IP, the IP addresses of one or more Slave prompters must be configured. WinPlus will maintain a list of IP addresses and a more meaningful description for each.

When this display is first created it will display the IP address and description of the current selection. Use the "Next" and "Previous" buttons to cycle through the previously saved entries.

To create a new entry, enter the IP address of the remote prompter and a description. Click on the "Add" button to save the data into a temporary list.

To edit an existing entry, use the "Next" and "Previous" buttons to select the required item. If a change is made to the IP address and the new value already exists, the caption on "Update" button will change to "Add". If changes have been made and the "Next" or "Previous" buttons are pressed, the user will be asked if the changes should be automatically saved.

Use the "Clear" button to delete the text in the "IP address" and "Description" input boxes.

Use the "Delete" button to remove the current entry from the temporary list.

Use the "Delete All" button to remove all the entries from the temporary list.

Click the "OK" button to copy the changes made to the main IP address list. Click on the "Cancel" button to discard any changes.

See also: [ActiveX Configuration](#)

iNEWS

Unicode version only. Non-Unicode version see: [Additional Parameters](#)

Cloak Un-numbered Stories

When enabled, any story received from iNEWS that has no story number, will be cloaked. The story will be un-cloaked if a story number is subsequently assigned.

Hide Empty Stories In Run Order

When enabled, empty stories will be loaded into WinPlus, but will show no entry in the Run Order.

Accept Empty Stories And Story Breaks

When enabled, stories marked with a length greater than zero in the iNEWS directory listing will be loaded into WinPlus. This must be enabled before all other functions associated with "empty stories" and "story breaks" will operate.

Cloak Empty Stories

When enabled, any story that has no alphanumeric characters between the <body> and </body> commands will be cloaked and therefore not prompted.

Cloak Stories With Blank ID

When enabled any story loaded that has a blank ID (no presenter name) will be cloaked.

Accept And Cloak Floated Stories

When enabled, any story that is floated in the current iNEWS queue will be loaded by WinPlus and displayed as Cloaked. The Run Order status field will display FLOAT. When this function is disabled, all floated stories will be ignored completely.

Show Story Break Status

When enabled, any story that has the BREAK attribute will be displayed in the WinPlus Run Order in the specified foreground and background colours. The word BREAK will appear in the Status field.

Cloak Story Breaks

When enabled and "Show Story Break Status" is enabled, any story that has the BREAK status is cloaked.

Cloak Stories With * Sluglines

When enabled, any story that has a * character as the first character of the Slugline will be cloaked. This function has now been extended so that the * character can be replaced by a user defined string. See "Avstar Cloak Star Sluglines Data" in the: [Additional Parameters](#)

Show Status of Stories On Hold

When enabled, any story that has the HOLD attribute will be displayed in the WinPlus Run Order in the specified foreground and background colours. The word HOLD will appear in the Status field.

Auto Story Numbering

The story number displayed in the WinPlus Run Order will be extracted from the iNEWS story number field. If no story number has been allocated, WinPlus will either insert its own story number starting with the default setting, or if this option is disabled, WinPlus will display a dot in the story number field.

Prompt Caption Only Text

When enabled, any text designated for the closed caption output, but not for the prompter will be prompted in Bold and Inverse video and sent to the caption generator.

When disabled, this text will not be prompted or captioned.

Note: All text designated for captioning has to be prompted.

Display Queue Tabs

When enabled, the queue name will be displayed in the tabs along the bottom of the FTP display. When disabled, the tabs will only be displayed when the FTP display is in one of its two minimized modes.

Display Full Queue Name In Tab

When enabled, the full queue name will be displayed in the tabs along the bottom of the FTP display. When disabled, see "Folder Names Displayed In Tab" for the display options.

Folder Names Displayed In Tab

When "Display Queue Tabs" is enabled and "Display Full Queue Name In Tab" is not selected, the user has control of how much of the Queue name is displayed in the Tab. The default setting is 1, resulting in only the last part of the Queue name being displayed. A value of 2 will result in the last 2 sections of the Queue name being displayed. The maximum value is 9.

Clear Script On Logon

When enabled (default), any currently loaded script will be deleted when a successful logon has occurred. If disabled, any existing script will not be deleted after a successful logon. However, when polling is turned on, any stories not in the current Run Order will be deleted at this time. This function should be disabled if the user does not want to disturb the Prompt Output if a manual re-logon has to be attempted.

Auto Logon

Turn on to enable the automatic iNEWS logon function. If the newsroom is set to iNEWS and the iNEWS login parameters have been previously initialised, when WinPlus is started it will automatically logon, select the queue and turn polling on.

Auto Server Search

This function is enabled when the user wants to automatically logon to the first available iNEWS server. When the iNEWS logon screen is displayed, the "Select Host" selection box will display the first entry from the HOSTS file. The user may select one of the other Servers to start from at this point. If WinPlus fails to logon to the selected Server, it will attempt to logon to the next Server specified in the HOSTS file. When the end is reached, WinPlus will restart at the beginning.

When this function is not selected, the user selects the iNEWS Server manually.

If the "Select Show/Presenter At Logon" option is enabled, the server selection from the "System Setup" will apply. WinPlus will attempt to logon to the first entry in the HOSTS file or use the entry from the "Internal Server List".

See also: [iNEWS - FTP Operation](#)

Presenter Name In Slugline

When set to a 1, the presenter name extracted for display in the ID field will be added to the Slugline for display on the Prompt Output. If no presenter name is specified or the name does not begin with an alphanumeric character, nothing will be added. The presenter name will be enclosed by the character strings specified below.

Select Show/Presenter At Logon

When enabled, the iNEWS logon display will present the user with a Show list and a Presenter list. The Show list defines the login parameters, while the Presenter list defines the display settings such as Font name and Size. See: [iNEWS - FTP Operation](#)

Clear Multiple Queue List At Logon

When set and Multiple Run Order is enabled any currently selected Multiple Program Queue is cleared. This forces the user to reselect a new Program Queue.

UTF-8 to Unicode Conversion

Enable this option when iNEWS data transfer to the Prompter is encoded as UTF-8. This is applicable for iNEWS V2.6 onwards.

FTP Passive Mode

When enabled, FTP transfers with the iNEWS server will be in Passive rather than Active mode.

Inhibit Queue List Change

When enabled, the buttons to add or delete entries from the current queue list will be disabled to prevent further changes. When logging on to iNEWS, users will still be able to type in a Queue name, but this will not be added to the drop down list.

When working with Multiple Run Orders, this function will apply to the buttons controlling the list of Run Orders within each Multiple Run Order file.

Retain Logon Queue Selection

When enabled, the Queue that the user initially logs on to will be retained for future logins. The Queue will be added to the top of the current Queues list if it does not already exist.

Clear Current Queue Selection At Logon

When enabled, the Queue selection box will be cleared. This will force the user to select a Queue or attempt to logon at the top level directory.

Highlight All Show Timing

When the Show Timing Bar is pressed in iNEWS, that story is flagged as having been changed and the AIR-DATE field will be set. When this function is enabled, the Slugline field of the the WinPlus Run Order will reflect any such story in a different colour. The foreground and background colours can be specified from the Options/Set Colours menu. When the AIR-DATE of an iNEWS story changes, WinPlus will flash the Slugline data for a period of 5 seconds.

Highlight Only Latest Show Timing

The function is similar to "Highlight All Show Timing" except that only the latest story on which the Show Timing Bar has been pressed will be highlighted.

Slugline Field

Normally, the Slugline text is extracted from the iNEWS "TITLE" field. If required, this may be changed to extract the Slugline text from the "VAR-1", "VAR-2" or "VAR-3" fields.

Presenter Start Sequence

This character sequence is used in conjunction with the "Avstar Presenter Name In Slugline"

Presenter End Sequence

This character sequence is used in conjunction with the "Avstar Presenter Name In Slugline"

Max Re-logout Attempts

This value specifies the maximum number of times WinPlus will try and re-login to the iNEWS newsroom after an error condition has occurred. The default value is 10.

A value of -1 specifies no limit to the number of retries.

See: [Additional Parameters](#) for some additional functions not visible from within WinPlus.

See also: [iNEWS - FTP Operation](#)

See also: [iNEWS - Multiple Run Order](#)

See also: [iNEWS - Program Triggers](#)

See also: [iNEWS - Server Configuration](#)

Dalet

Dalet or OpenMedia

The Dalet and OpenMedia interface protocol is identical except that with the Dalet option selected WinPlus will expect the incoming data to be Unicode (high byte first). The OpenMedia option expects the incoming data to be 8-bit ASCII. When the OpenMedia interface is used with foreign languages, the "Newsroom Codepage", in the Language Page of the WinPlus configuration, may have to be set.

Double Bracket Control Enabled

This function will enable the Double Bracket control as described below.

Display << >> Text As Italics.

If Double Bracket Control is enabled, text between << >> brackets will be displayed in italics.

Note: The Double Brackets will be removed before the text will be sent to the Closed Caption output.

Display << >> Text As Inverse.

If Double Bracket Control is enabled, text between << >> brackets will be displayed in Inverse video.

Note: The Double Brackets will be removed before the text will be sent to the Closed Caption output.

Display [[]] Text As Inverse.

If Double Bracket Control is enabled, text between [[]] brackets will be displayed in inverse video.

Note: Neither this text nor the Double Brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption output.

Display (()) Text As Inverse.

If Double Bracket Control is enabled, text between (()) brackets will be displayed in inverse video.

Note: This text and the Double Brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption output.

Remove Double Brackets From Prompt Output

When set, the double bracket sequences will be removed from the WinPlus edit screen and Prompt output.

Note: The << >> characters will be removed from the Closed Caption output regardless of this setting.

Display () Text As Inverse

When enabled, all Dalet/Newswire/OpenMedia story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will appear in Inverse Video on the Prompt Output. Brackets appearing within a Slugline are not affected. Also text in (()) brackets is not affected.

This function is the same setting as "Nexus Inverse Brackets" found in the [Main] section of the wplus32.ini file.

Display { } Text As Cloaked

When enabled, all Dalet/Newswire/OpenMedia story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be Cloaked. Cloaked text will be displayed in the WinPlus edit screen with a grey background, but will not be prompted.

This parameter is the same setting as "Nexus Cloak Curly Brackets" found in the [Main] section of the wplus32.ini file.

Display "Page" In ID Field

When enabled, the name of the WinPlus Run Order ID column will change to PAGE.

This parameter is the same setting as "Nexus Page Number" found in the [Main] section of the wplus32.ini file.

Load Dropped Stories

When set to a 1, any story that has been downloaded but is not specified in the host Run Order will be assigned the DROP status and put to the bottom of the WinPlus Run Order.

If set to a 0, these stories will be deleted from the WinPlus Run Order.

This parameter is the same setting as "Nexus Load Dropped Stories" found in the [Main] section of the wplus32.ini file.

Reset Attributes At Start Of Each Story

This defaults to ON for backward compatibility and will reset the Bold, Italics and Underline character attributes at the start of each story.

Multi Read Mode

This changes the mode in which data is read from the Dalet server. When the event is generated indicating data is available, WinPlus will continue to read the data until there is no more. When unchecked, the available data is read and WinPlus relies on, the next event for the next packet of data. In the Dalet configuration a limit of 5000 should be put on the packet size.

Backup Directory

When the Dalet or OpenMedia newsroom option has been selected, the Dalet Script Backup option will appear under the main WinPlus File Menu.

The Backup Directory specifies the directory in which to save the Story files and Run Order. The Story files are saved in RTF format. The Slugline is not saved in the file, but is used as the filename with an RTF extension.

The Run Order is saved as a Unicode text file. The first line of the Run Order file will start with semi-colon followed by the date and time of the backup. Subsequent lines are the Sluglines in the order that they appear on the WinPlus screen.

ENPS

The Shared Directory mode of operation is based around a common directory that ENPS will write to and WinPlus will read from. The location of the directory can be anywhere on the network, but usually resides on the Prompter computer. The "Remote Input Directory" parameter in the Constants page of the WinPlus configuration should be set to this location. By selecting the ENPS newsroom option, all other parameters for ENPS Shared Directory operation should be automatically set.

ENPS Inverse Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will appear in Inverse Video on the Prompt Output.

ENPS Caption Normal Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. Set this parameter to 0 to inhibit.

ENPS Caption Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. Set this parameter to 0 to inhibit.

ENPS Caption Angle Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in < > ANGLE brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. The ANGLE brackets will be removed. The text will be prompted in INVERSE and ITALICS.

If this parameter is set to 0, the text between the angle brackets will be discarded. The ANGLE brackets will be prompted but not captioned.

ENPS Normal Angle Brackets

When set to a 1 all ENPS story text enclosed in < > ANGLE brackets will be treated as normal text. The ANGLE brackets will be retained. This option will override ENPS Caption Angle Brackets.

ENPS Normal Normal Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will be treated as normal text. The NORMAL brackets will be retained. This option will override ENPS Caption Normal Brackets. This function is used in conjunction with "ENPS Inverse Brackets".

ENPS Normal Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be treated as normal text in inverse video. The CURLY brackets will be retained. This option will override ENPS Caption Curly Brackets.

ENPS Ditch Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be discarded.

ENPS Accept Square Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in [] SQUARE brackets will be treated as normal text. The SQUARE brackets will be retained. This text will be Prompted in Inverse Video but not sent to the Closed Caption generator.

ENPS Cloak Empty Stories

When set to a 1, all empty ENPS stories will be cloaked.

ENPS Auto Program Delete Time

This number specifies the number of hours to elapse before WinPlus will automatically delete an ENPS program from the shared directory. The time calculation is performed using the current computer time and the ENPS Program Start Time. A value of minus 1 (default) will disable this function.

Start Polling On ENPS

When set to a 1(Default), this will automatically turn Remote Polling On when the ENPS button is pressed. When set to a 0, it will up to the Prompt Operator to turn Polling On when required.

ENPS Polling Off Confirmation

When set to a 1(Default), the user will be required to select whether Polling is to remain ON or be turned OFF when the ENPS window is closed down. When set, the "Stop Polling On ENPS Close" setting will be ignored.

Stop Polling On ENPS Close

This will only have an effect if "ENPS Polling Off Confirmation" is not selected. It will govern whether Polling is turned OFF or remains ON when the ENPS window is closed.

PowerPoint

(Unicode PCI & ISA Versions Only)

WinPlus can control a PowerPoint presentation running on a remote computer by using embedded commands within the script. An interface program (PPControl) runs on the remote computer, accepts commands from WinPlus and directly controls the PowerPoint presentation.

Configuring The WinPlus PowerPoint Interface.

The WinPlus PowerPoint settings are found in the PowerPoint page of the WinPlus configuration. The user can select whether the connection is made using a serial or network link. For the serial connection, the COM Port number must be specified. The network connection will require the IP address or Hostname of the remote computer and the Port number.

The Prompt Offset adjusts the position at which the PowerPoint command will be triggered with respect to the Prompt Output. For the ISA and PCI card versions of WinPlus this offset is calculated from the bottom of the Prompt Output. Typical values for the ISA and PCI cards are 5 and 7 respectively. The larger the value of the offset, the earlier will be the trigger.

On the remote computer running the PowerPoint application, the "WinPlus PPControl" software must be installed. Once installed, click on the "Setup" button. Select either the Serial or Network connection to match the setting in WinPlus. For the serial connection ensure the correct Com Port has been selected. This may not necessarily be the same as that selected on WinPlus. If the network connection is selected, the Network Port number must match that in the WinPlus configuration. The default is 1300.

Other PPControl Options

Display Control Buttons

This enables a set of buttons for local control of PowerPoint. This is included mainly for debugging purposes, but may be of some use to users.

Quit PowerPoint On Close

Set this option if it is required to automatically close PowerPoint when the PPControl application is closed.

WinPlus Power Point Commands.

These PowerPoint commands are embedded into the WinPlus script with the following format:

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//PP <command> <optional parameter>
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Each command must be on its own line

A space character must be inserted between the PP and the command.

The command and any optional parameter must be separated by a space character.

The command is not case sensitive.

These commands will appear in inverse video on the Prompt output.

OPEN

Opens a PowerPoint presentation.

Example://PP OPEN c:\presentation\pp1.ppt

The optional parameter defines the path and filename of the required presentation. This command only needs to be used if the PowerPoint presentation has not been opened manually.

RUN

Runs the PowerPoint presentation and displays the first slide.

Example://PP RUN

This command only needs to be used if the PowerPoint presentation has not been run manually.

FIRST

Sets PowerPoint to display the first slide of the presentation.

Example://PP FIRST

LAST

Sets PowerPoint to display the last slide of the presentation.

Example://PP LAST

NEXT

Sets PowerPoint to display the next slide of the presentation. This will limit at the last slide.

Example://PP NEXT

PREVIOUS

Sets PowerPoint to display the previous slide of the presentation.

Example://PP PREVIOUS

SLIDE

Sets PowerPoint to display the slide with the numeric ID specified by NNNN.

Example://PP SLIDE 23

STOP

Sets PowerPoint to display the stop the presentation.

Example://PP STOP

The usage of the above commands will depend upon how the presentation and the Prompter will interact. The simplest implementation is to open the PowerPoint presentation and display the first slide. Use the SLIDE command embedded in the WinPlus script to select the specific slide. Using the NEXT and PREVIOUS commands throughout the script may cause slides to become out of sync if the user jumps to another page of the script or scrolls back.

When the PPControl application is started it will run PowerPoint (if it is not already running) and make an internal connection. If the Setup is correct the PPControl application is ready to receive commands from WinPlus.

See also: [Reconnect To PowerPoint](#)

VGA

Unicode version

See also: [Prompting With The VGA Screen](#)

NOTE: For the Non-Unicode versions of WinPlus the VGA settings are displayed Constants page of the WinPlus Configuration.

Display VGA Control Panel

When checked, the Control Panel will be displayed at the bottom of the screen when Prompting is active.

VGA Speed Scaling Factor

This parameter has a valid range of 1 to 200. It acts as a gain factor on the speed control of the prompted text. It applies to both the mouse and the serial hand control. Typical values are 50 for the mouse control and 100 for the external hand control.

VGA Reverse Scroll Direction

This function will change the direction sense of the scroll control.

VGA Speed Control

Select the required option for the Speed Control. If the Serial Hand Control is selected, the COM Port must be assigned manually. If the USB hand control is selected, the COM Port will be assigned automatically.

VGA Synchronize to Vertical Interval

When checked, the VGA scrolling will be locked to the vertical interval of the graphics card. This is done to provide a smoother scroll.

View Run Time When Prompting

When checked, the remaining Run Time will be displayed in the VGA control panel.

VGA Speed Control

There are four options for controlling the speed of the Prompted text:

1: Mouse

When selected the mouse is used to control the scroll speed by dragging it up and down the left hand panel.

2: Serial Hand Control

If the Serial (HC/2) hand control is selected, the COM port must be set manually to the correct value.

3: USB Hand Control

If the USB (HC/5) hand control is selected, the COM port will be automatically set to the correct value.

4: USB RF Hand Control

When the USB RF hand control is selected, the COM port will be automatically set to the correct value. The RF channel number must be set to match the channel number set on the RF hand control.

VGA Dual Screen Mode

NOTE: For Unicode Version Only.

When enabled and the computer is running in Dual Screen Mode, WinPlus will position the Prompt Output in the right hand display.

Start Prompting With Preview Screen Visible

When prompting is turned on or restarted, this controls the initial visibility of the VGA Preview screen.

The VGA Preview screen may be turned on by:

- a:Ctrl+Shift+V (toggle action)
- b:Click on the Show Preview Screen button in the main tool panel.

The VGA Preview screen may be turned off by:

- a:Ctrl+Shift+V
- b:Right Mouse click in the VGA Preview area.

Vertical Flip

This will vertically flip the VGA Prompt Output screen for use with a mirror. The VGA Preview screen will remain as normal.

Manual Prompt Size Control

This function can be used to set the size of the VGA Prompt Output. It may be necessary to run this screen at a different resolution to that of the main WinPlus application. However, the Preview display and the VGA Prompt Output must always be at the same displayed resolution.

Tablet

This configuration page will be displayed when WinPlus has detected that a drawing Tablet has been installed.

Tablet Script Enabled

This will allow drawing with the Pen in the Script area of WinPlus.

Tablet Prompt Enabled

This will allow drawing with the Pen in the Prompt Preview area of WinPlus when prompting is turned on.

Tablet Script Notes Enabled

Studio Instructions must be enabled for this function to have an effect.

When Script Notes are turned on, the Studio Instruction display will be reduced in size to produce an area for drawing with the Pen. Anything drawn in the Notes area will not be copied to the Prompt Output or the Prompt Preview window.

Note: If the Tablet Script Enabled is turned off, the Notes area will extend over the scripted text.

Script Graphics To Prompt Output

When enabled, any drawing in the Script area will be scaled and copied to the Prompt Output.

Script Graphics To Preview Output

When enabled, any drawing in the Script area will be scaled and copied to the Prompt Preview window.

Preview Graphics To Prompt Output

When enabled, any drawing in the Prompt Preview area will be scaled and copied to the Prompt Output.

Display Pen Colours In Colour Selection Table

When enabled, the Pen colours may be selected using the Colour Selection table.

Print In Colour

When enabled, any drawing lines that are printed will be in their assigned colours, otherwise they will be drawn in black.

Pen Colours

Select the pen colours for drawing on the Script, Notes or Prompt Preview windows. If the colour mode of operation is enabled, the pen colours may also be selected by using the Colour Selection table.

See also: [Using The Tablet For Drawing](#)

Speech

Speech Configuration

The top line of this page will display the DirectX version number that is installed.

The second line indicates the presence of the Speech Follower dongle.

Speech Control Enabled

Set this to enable the Speech Follower interface.

Reading Offset

This offset controls the position of the Prompted text displayed in the Speech Follower window. This should be adjusted to coincide with the Cue Marker position. The default value is 7, but may need to be increased if the font size is decreased.

NOTE: This function is no longer used as part of the Speech Follower control mechanism, but is used in calculating the detection point for //SP commands.

Voice Activation Message Time

When the voice control is activated or deactivated, the appropriate message will be displayed on the Prompt output for the specified amount of time. A value of 0 results in the message being displayed permanently.

Activated FG Colour

This defines the foreground colour of the Activation message.

Activated BG Colour

This defines the background colour of the Activation message.

Voice Activation Message Enabled

This determines whether or not to display the Voice Activation message when its state is changed.

Display Data Sent To Speech Follower

This will display all the text and commands sent to the Speech Follower.

Noise Gate

The Noise Gate provides a mechanism whereby only detected speech above a certain level will be passed to the Speech Follower. If the value is greater or equal to zero, the threshold is set to a linear percentage of the maximum. If the value is negative, the threshold is set to a value in dB below maximum.

Value	Result
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100	Noise Gate shut... everything silenced
0	Noise Gate open... nothing silenced
-1dB	Noise Gate shut... everything silenced
-90dB	Noise Gate open... nothing silenced

WinPlus will limit the range allowed for this parameter from -90 to +100. The default value is set at -20dB.

Default Language

This will set the default language for the Speech Follower. This setting may be overridden by using the language commands embedded in the script. Only one language setting may be applied to each individual story. It is assumed that each story will be in the default language unless otherwise overridden.

Note: Some of the languages displayed in the drop-down list may have not yet been implemented. An error message will be displayed in the Speech control panel in this case.

WinPlus Trace Flags

These flags enable what data is to be shown in the WinPlus section of the display.

0x01 = Script text

0x02 = Speed and Time Interval Data

0x04 = Timing Mark

0x08 = Run Order ACK

0x10 = Story ACK

0x20 = Story Loaded

0x40 = Story Locked

0x80 = Language Change

0x100 = General Progress Messages

0x200 = Send SFS messages to the main Status History Log

The default value is 0x1FD.

Speech Follower Trace Flags

These flags enable what data is to be shown in the Speech Follower section of the display.

0x01 = LINE MANAGEMENT

0x02 = ESTIMATED LINE DURATION

0x04 = DELIVERED LINE HEIGHT

0x08 = SPEED VAL

0x10 = TIME

0x20 = WORDS

0x40 = ACTION

0x80 = SPEED SET

0x100 = RUNDOWN DUMP

0x200 = END OF STORY DETECTION

The default value is 0x20 to display the words at the current Speech Follower position.

Audio Device Selection

Select the Audio device to which the microphone has been connected.

See also: [Speech Control](#)

GPI

These settings allow the two relay outputs to be configured as latching or momentary action.

Only Relay 1 may be driven by the Function button on the hand control. However both Relay 1 and Relay 2 may be activated using the buttons in the WinPlus Status panel. The state of the inputs will also be displayed in the WinPlus status panel.

See Also [Function Button](#)

GPI Input Functions

The inputs can be used to trigger the GPI outputs or can be used in conjunction with one of the input configurations below to trigger one or both of the GPI outputs.

The two GPI inputs can be configured to do the following functions:

- 1: Closed Caption Access On.
- 2: Closed Caption Access Off.
- 3: Toggle Caption Access.

Note: Additional input functionality can be added as per user requirements.

GPI I/O card pin assignments (9 way D type female connector):

Pin 1: 0V

Pin 2: Relay 1

Pin 3: Relay 1

Pin 4: Relay 2

Pin 5: Relay 2

Pin 6: Input 1

Pin 7: 0V

Pin 8: Input 2

Pin 9: 0V

NOTE: When installing the USB GPI card, the drivers will be found in the WinPlus installation directory in "USB GP IO Drivers".

Additional Parameters

These parameters are in the [Main] section of the WinPlus.INI configuration file. Some of these parameters have now been brought within the WinPlus configuration. This has occurred mainly for the Unicode version of WinPlus where as many of these parameters as possible have been made available. Any parameters that are not accessible from the WinPlus configuration, may be altered by editing the file outside of the WinPlus environment (e.g. use Notepad).

Note: When editing the wplus32.ini file, make sure WinPlus is not running and the file is saved in ANSI text format. Do not save in any other format such as UTF-8, Unicode or RTF.

Configuration Lock

When set to 1, access to the configuration data via the WinPlus program is inhibited.

Disable Save On Lock

If the Configuration Lock has been set, setting this parameter to a 1 will disable the File Save Script function. If the Configuration Lock is not set, this parameter is ignored.

Disable Editing While Polling

If parameter is set to a 1 and Remote Polling is ACTIVE, editing functions will change as follows:

- 1: Changes made to the edit screen will be inhibited.
- 2: Run Order changes using Drag & Drop will be inhibited
- 3: Drop Story will be inhibited.
- 4: Delete Story will be inhibited.

All editing will be re-enabled when Remote Polling is turned off. This allows fast local changes to be made in the event of a Host failure.

NOTE: This also applies to Network socket interfaces such as Newswire2000, OpenMedia and MOS. When these interfaces are active, the same changes to the editing functions apply.

Disable Manual Run Order Mouse Move

This function will inhibit any Run Order changes made by dragging the mouse in the Slugline field.

Menu Font Name, Menu Font Size, Menu Font Bold

This sets the Font name size and bold attribute for the WinPlus main menu. The default is name is Arial with a size of 8. It may be desirable to change these settings for some foreign languages.

For example: Japanese, set the font name to "MS PGothic" and the size to 9 or 10.

Message Font Name

System Font Name

These names set the fonts for the Message boxes, Form and Titles Data.

Default Studio

If the WinPlus software is run without a PC Prompt card, this parameter determines whether the program will run as a Studio or a News version. Set to 1 for Studio version.

Host ID Drop String

This string may be up to 6 characters in length and will determine if a downloaded story is accepted as Normal or Dropped.

Host Skip Char

This parameter is enabled by specifying any single character. If this character is detected in a host download, the remainder of that Story will be discarded.

Basys Remote Script

When set to 1 and Remote Polling is enabled, the file polled is expected to be a Script file created from a Basys serial download. The file may contain more than one Story. The Slugline information will be extracted using the standard Host Template setup.

When this parameter is set to a 0, Remote Polling will treat each polled file as an individual Story.

The ENPS Remote Script and Nexus Remote Script parameters should be set to 0

ENPS Remote Script

Setting this parameter to a will enable the ENPS button and all the ENPS options in the main menu.

When Remote Polling is enabled, the directory polled is expected to be the top level of an ENPS directory/file structure.

Multiple Run Order operation will be disabled.

The Basys Remote Script, Nexus Remote Script and CEA Remote Script parameters should be set to 0

See also: [ENPS Shared Directory operation](#)

NOTE: This parameter is also controlled by the Options/Newsroom menu function.

Nexus Remote Script

To enabled is mode of operation, set this parameter to a 1. The network button on the main panel will now enable or disable the WinPlus network listening function. When enabled, data received will be treated as if it were a serial download. All template settings in the WinPlus configuration are therefore applicable.

Two indicators will be enabled in the WinPlus status panel. These will show the current status of the TCP/IP link. The left indicator will be Red when the port is listening. The right indicator will be Red when the host computer has made a connection. If the host disconnects, WinPlus will revert to non-listening mode with both indicators off. If the main network button is turned off during a session, confirmation will be required from the user and the connection will be closed.

The Nexus logo will be displayed in the Network button when this option is enabled.

The ENPS Remote Script, CEA Remote Script and Basys Remote Script parameters should be set to 0

NOTE: This parameter is also controlled by the Options/Newsroom menu function.

Nexus Port Number

Dalet Port Number

MaxiMedia Port Number

CEA Port Number

This number is used in conjunction with the Newswire/OpenMedia, Dalet, MaxiMedia and CEA Newsrooms. It establishes the Port to listen on. The default is 2001.

Avid Port Number

This number is used in conjunction with the Basys Remote Script FTP mode of operation. It establishes the Port to listen on. The default is 21. It should not be necessary to change this parameter.

Slash Cloak

When set to a 1 this parameter will enable the single / character to cloak a line.

On Air Update Offset

For the Unicode version of WinPlus this can be set in the Constants page of the configuration.

This value adjusts the point at which the Run Order ON-AIR status will update with respect to the Prompt Output display. Each increment will move the trigger point by one line as displayed on the EDIT screen. Typical values are in the range -3 to +3. The default is 0 for the ISA card and -2 for the PCI card. If text is updated while prompting is active, it is recommended to leave this at the default value.

NOTE: for WinPlus versions V5.42 onwards the default value for the PCI card is now 0. If a PCI version is upgraded from a version prior to this, the value of On Air Update Offset is initially reset to 0. After WinPlus has been run and closed, the value may be changed if required.

Force Text To Font Number

When set to a number in the range 1 to 8 (1-16 for Unicode version), imported or downloaded stories will be assigned that Font Number.

If set to zero, the text font will be that currently selected in the Edit screen.

This is also configurable from the Options/Configuration/Template menu.

Force Slug To Font Number

When set to a number in the range 1 to 8 (1-16 for Unicode version), the Slugline of any imported or downloaded story will be assigned that Font Number. This is generally used to assign the Sluglines a smaller font as the length is limited to one line as displayed on the edit screen.

If set to zero, the Slugline font will be that currently selected in the Edit screen.

This is also configurable from the Options/Configuration/Template menu.

Auto Resequence

When set to a 1, any new story downloaded from a host computer will initiate a resequencing of the Run Order. If an existing story is replaced, no resequencing is performed as the story is assumed to be in the correct Run Order position.

If this parameter is set to zero, all new stories downloaded will be inserted at the bottom of the Run Order.

Slug Open Bracket

For ASCII import, this character is the one used to signify the start of a story number sequence. The default character is [.

For the Indian version when being used with GIST this character should be set to (.

Slug Close Bracket

For ASCII import, this character is the one used to signify the end of a story number sequence. The default character is].

For the Indian version when being used with GIST this character should be set to).

Polling Interval

This parameter sets the Remote Polling interval in milliseconds. The default is 3000 for a 3 second interval.

Decimal Story Number

This option determines the operation of the Run Order Resequence function.

If set to a 0, the story numbers are treated as displayed. Each character is weighted according to its ASCII value.

If set to a 1, then for resequencing, the story number will be treated as a REAL number. All letters will be ignored. One decimal point may be included.

Avid Glyph

Set to 1 to display the iNEWS logo in the Network button.

NOTE: This parameter is now controlled by the Options/Newsroom menu function.

Studio Instructions

Version 3.00 onwards

Set to a 1 to split the script display into two columns. The panel that is normally placed at the left of the display now becomes the dividing line between the studio instructions and the script. See Insert [Studio Instruction Mark](#) and [Studio Instructions](#)

Studio Instructions Size and Style

Set these parameters for the visual display of the studio instructions on the edit screen.

The font style should be set as follows :

0 : No attributes

1 : Italics

2 : Bold

3 : Italics + Bold

PNEW On Button Start

When set to 1, any story with the PNEW attribute will be brought into the Run Order when any button is pressed on the Hand Control. Also when the ON-AIR story associated with the PNEW is no longer ON-AIR, the update will take place.

Increased PNEW Lockout

Set this to 1 to reduce the amount of scrolling necessary from the start of a story, to the point where the story will not be automatically updated.

Note: Unicode WinPlus V6.79 onwards, this function has now been replaced. It is now set in the Constants page of the WinPlus configuration as "Prompt On Air Lockout".

Auto ALP Conversion

This parameter is only applicable to the Indian version of WinPlus. When set to 1 it will control the following operation. If Remote Polling is enabled and an ASCII text file is detected for import, the text will be translated from a DOS based ALP format to a Windows GIST compatible format.

Translate Basys Arabic

This parameter is only applicable to Arabic versions of WinPlus when downloading serial data from Basys.

When set to a 1, the characters that correspond to ASMO449+ codes \$F7, \$F8, \$F9, \$FA are translated into their component parts. This is because Windows has no direct codes for these combined characters.

Prompt Caption

All text that is to be Closed Captioned must be prompted. It is the prompter output that governs the speed of any Captioned text.

This function decides whether text that has been designated as NOT PROMPTED but will be CAPTIONED, will be prompted or not. The user has to decide if it is acceptable to have unwanted text on the prompter that is being sent to a Closed Captioning device. When set to a 1, the Not Prompted text will be prompted.

Conference Link Enabled

When set to a 1, WinPlus will try to establish a link with Conference Plus. If successful, Conference Plus will be started automatically.

NOTE: Conference Plus must be installed into the same directory as WinPlus.

Conference Link Command

This character string provides the control link between WinPlus and Conference Plus. It is case insensitive and the default is CP. This command, when embedded within a WinPlus script, will control the height of the Stands automatically.

Example://CP JOHN

This command will instruct Conference Plus to search for JOHN in its database and set the Stand heights accordingly. The command line will appear in inverse video on the Prompt Output. If the fcommand line is inserted in the studio instruction field, it will not be prompted, but will control the Stands.

See also: Closed Caption Offset.

NOTE: The following ENPS parameters only apply when operating in Shared Directory Mode.

ENPS Inverse Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will appear in Inverse Video on the Prompt Output.

ENPS Caption Normal Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. Set this parameter to 0 to inhibit.

ENPS Caption Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. Set this parameter to 0 to inhibit.

ENPS Caption Angle Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in < > ANGLE brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. The ANGLE brackets will be removed. The text will be prompted in INVERSE and ITALICS.

If this parameter is set to 0, the text between the angle brackets will be discarded. The ANGLE brackets will be prompted but not captioned.

ENPS Normal Angle Brackets

When set to a 1 all ENPS story text enclosed in < > ANGLE brackets will be treated as normal text. The ANGLE brackets will be retained. This option will override ENPS Caption Angle Brackets.

ENPS Normal Normal Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will be treated as normal text. The NORMAL brackets will be retained. This option will override ENPS Caption Normal Brackets. This function is used in conjunction with "ENPS Inverse Brackets".

ENPS Normal Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be treated as normal text in inverse video. The CURLY brackets will be retained. This option will override ENPS Caption Curly Brackets.

ENPS Ditch Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be discarded.

ENPS Accept Square Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in [] SQUARE brackets will be treated as normal text. The SQUARE brackets will be retained. This text will be Prompted in Inverse Video but not sent to the Closed Caption generator.

ENPS Cloak Empty Stories

When set to a 1, all empty ENPS stories will be cloaked.

ENPS Auto Program Delete Time

This number specifies the number of hours to elapse before WinPlus will automatically delete an ENPS program from the shared directory. The time calculation is performed using the current computer time and the ENPS Program Start Time. A value of minus 1 (default) will disable this function.

Start Polling On ENPS

When set to a 1(Default), this will automatically turn Remote Polling On when the ENPS button is pressed. When set to a 0, it will up to the Prompt Operator to turn Polling On when required.

ENPS Polling Off Confirmation

When set to a 1(Default), the user will be required to select whether Polling is to remain ON or be turned OFF when the ENPS window is closed down. When set, the "Stop Polling On ENPS Close" setting will be ignored.

Stop Polling On ENPS Close

This will only have an effect if "ENPS Polling Off Confirmation" is not selected. It will govern whether Polling is turned OFF or remains ON when the ENPS window is closed.

AP News Inverse Brackets

When set to a 1, all AP Newscenter story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will appear in Inverse Video on the Prompt Output.

AP News Normal Normal Brackets

When set to a 1, all ENPS story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will be treated as normal text. The NORMAL brackets will be retained. This option will override AP News Caption Normal Brackets. This function is used in conjunction with "AP News Inverse Brackets".

AP News Normal Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all AP Newscenter story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be treated as normal text in inverse video. The CURLY brackets will be retained. This option will override AP News Caption Curly Brackets.

AP News Remove Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all AP Newscenter text contained within { } CURLY brackets will be discarded.

AP News Caption Curly Brackets

When set to a 1 all AP Newscenter story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. Set this parameter to 0 to inhibit.

AP News Caption Angle Brackets

When set to a 1, all AP Newscenter story text enclosed in < > ANGLE brackets will be sent to the Closed Caption Generator. The ANGLE brackets will be removed. The text will be prompted in INVERSE and ITALICS.

If this parameter is set to 0, the text between the angle brackets will be discarded. The ANGLE brackets will be prompted but not captioned.

AP News Load Dropped Stories

When set to a 1, all AP Newscenter stories that have been dropped will appear in the WinPlus Run Order with the DROP status. These stories will not be prompted. When set to a 0, Newscenter dropped stories will not appear in the WinPlus Run Order. As a result they will not be available in the event of a network failure.

Start Polling On AP News

When set to a 1(Default), this will automatically turn Remote Polling On when the AP button is pressed. When set to a 0, it will up to the Prompt Operator to turn Polling On when required.

AP News Polling Off Confirmation

When set to a 1(Default), the user will be required to select whether Polling is to remain ON or be turned OFF when the AP Newscenter window is closed down. When set, the "Stop Polling On AP News Close" setting will be ignored.

Stop Polling On AP News Close

This will only have an effect if "AP News Polling Off Confirmation" is not selected. It will govern whether Polling is turned OFF or remains ON when the AP Newscenter window is closed.

Remove Sluglines From Prompt

When set to a 1, all Sluglines will NOT be prompted. In the Unicode version, this function can be accessed in the Script page of the configuration.

SaveAs Updates Default Dir

When set to a 1, a File Save operation will update the Default Directory to that specified as part of the Save. If set to a 0 only the File Open function will update the Default Directory.

Remote Control

Unicode Version:

When set to a 1, WinPlus will accept network connections from the Unicode WinPlus ActiveX control or the general purpose Unicode WinPlus remote control. This may now be accessed in the Template page of the configuration.

Non-Unicode Version

When set to a 1, WinPlus will accept network connections from the ENPS/WinPlus ActiveX control. This is for the shared directory mode of operation only.

Remote Control Port Number

This is the Port Number used when Remote Control is enabled. It should match the Port Number set in the .INI file of the ActiveX application. (ApRemote.ini). The default is 1100.

Reverse Avid Slugline

This function applies only to the Arabic versions of WinPlus. When set to a 1 the Slugline from an iNEWS FTP story download will be displayed in reverse order.

Auto Avid Logon

Set to a 1 to enable the automatic iNEWS logon function. If the newsroom is set to iNEWS and the iNEWS login parameters have been previously initialised, when WinPlus is started it will automatically logon, select the queue and turn polling on.

Force Inverse To Slugline Font (*Now Obsolete, Replaced by Force Inverse To Font Number*)

When set to a 1, any imported text set to Inverse Video will also be assigned to the same font number as any Sluglines.

Force Inverse To Font Number

When set to a number in the range 1 to 8 (1 to 16 for Unicode version), text to be displayed in inverse video will be assigned the selected Font Number. This is often used in conjunction with "Force Slug To Font Number" to display all Inverse Video text in a smaller font.

If set to zero, the font will be that currently selected in the Edit screen.

NOTE: This parameter can now be set in the [Template](#) page of the WinPlus configuration.

Start Prompt With Caption On

This function is now available from the Caption page of the WinPlus configuration.

See also: [Caption Port](#) (Caption Access On Prompt Start).

Maximum Avstar Re-logon Attempts

This value specifies the maximum number of times WinPlus will try and re-login to the iNEWS newsroom after an error condition has occurred. The default value is 10.

A value of -1 specifies no limit to the number of retries.

ScriptWriter Inverse Video

Set this value to a 1 to convert highlighted underlined ScriptWriter text to be prompted in Inverse Video. When set to a 0, the text will be imported as it was saved in ScriptWriter.

ScriptWriter Section Numbers

Set this value to a 1 when importing from ScriptWriter2 and the story numbers for the Sluglines are required to match the Section numbers. When set to a 0, the Auto-Story numbering mechanism will be used.

Nexus Load Dropped Stories

When set to a 1, any story that has been downloaded but is not specified in the host Run Order will be assigned the DROP status and put to the bottom of the WinPlus Run Order.

If set to a 0, these stories will be deleted from the WinPlus Run Order.

This function may also be set in the [Dalet](#) page of the WinPlus configuration.

Nexus Page Number

When set to a 1, the name of the WinPlus Run Order ID column will change to PAGE.

This function may also be set in the [Dalet](#) page of the WinPlus configuration.

Nexus Inverse Brackets

When set to a 1, all Newswire/OpenMedia story text enclosed in () NORMAL brackets will appear in Inverse Video on the Prompt Output. Brackets appearing within a Slugline are not affected.

This function may also be set in the [Dalet](#) page of the WinPlus configuration.

Nexus Cloak Curly Brackets

When set to a 1, all Newswire/OpenMedia story text enclosed in { } CURLY brackets will

be Cloaked. Cloaked text will be displayed in the WinPlus edit screen with a grey background, but will not be prompted.

This function may also be set in the [Dalet](#) page of the WinPlus configuration.

Note: The above four Nexus parameters also apply to the Dalet, MaxiMedia and CEA newsroom interfaces.

Avstar Enable Save Password Dialog

When set to a 1 the Save Password dialog box will be enabled. This will allow the user not to have to type in the password for each logon. When set to a 0, the user will always have to enter the password.

Avstar Cloak Un-numbered Stories

When set to a 1, any story received from iNEWS that has no story number, will be cloaked. The story will be un-cloaked if a story number is subsequently assigned.

Avstar Cloak Floated Stories

When set to a 1, any story that is floated in the current queue will be loaded by WinPlus and will be displayed as Cloaked. When set to a 0, all floated stories will be ignored completely.

Avstar Cloak Stories With A Blank ID (Unicode Version Only)

When set to a 1, any story that has a blank entry in the iNEWS presenter field will be loaded by WinPlus and will be displayed as Cloaked.

Avstar Auto Story Number

The story number displayed in the WinPlus Run Order will be extracted from the iNEWS story number field. If no story number has been allocated, WinPlus will either insert its own story number starting with the default setting, or if this option is set to 0, WinPlus will display a dot in the story number field.

Avstar Cloak Empty Stories

When set to a 1, any story that has no alphanumeric characters between the <body> and </body> commands will be cloaked and therefore not prompted.

Avstar Prompt Caption Only Text

When set to a 1, any text designated for the closed caption output, but not for the prompter will be prompted in Bold and Inverse video and sent to the caption generator.

When set to a 0, this text will not be prompted or captioned.

Note: All text designated for captioning has to be prompted.

Avstar Cloak Star Sluglines Data

The default value for this is a * character. The user may change it to any string. If the initial characters of a Slugline match this string, the story will be cloaked. This is used in conjunction with the "Avstar Cloak Star Sluglines" in the iNEWS configuration.

Avstar Presenter Name In Slugline

When set to a 1, the presenter name extracted for display in the ID field will be added to the Slugline for display on the Prompt Output. If no presenter name is specified or the name does not begin with an alphanumeric character, nothing will be added. The presenter name will be enclosed by the character strings specified below.

Avstar Presenter Start Sequence

This character sequence is used in conjunction with the "Avstar Presenter Name In Slugline"

Avstar Presenter End Sequence

This character sequence is used in conjunction with the "Avstar Presenter Name In Slugline"

Avstar Clear Script On Login

When set to a 1 (default), any currently loaded script will be deleted when a successful logon has occurred. If this is set to a 0, any existing script will not be deleted after a successful logon. However, when polling is turned on, any stories not in the current Run Order will be deleted at this time. This function should be set to a 0 if the user does not want to disturb the Prompt Output if a manual re-logon has to be attempted.

NOTE: In the Unicode version of WinPlus, most of the above iNEWS parameters may be configured from the iNEWS page of the WinPlus configuration.

Avstar Show FTP Debug Directory Listing

When set to a 1 (default), the Host Debug monitor will display the response from a directory LIST command when logged on to iNEWS with FTP or Rxnet. When set to a 0, only the story data will be displayed.

Cut To Black Enabled

When set to a 1 the Cut To Black function will be enabled when prompting is active. When set to a 0, this function will be permanently disabled.

Remote Prompting Control

When set to a 1, WinPlus will accept network connections from clients running the BDL Remote Prompting software. Prompted text will be sent to each client.

Remote Prompting Port Number

This is the Port Number used when Remote Prompting is enabled. It should match the Port Number set in the .INI file of the Remote Prompting application. (RemPrompt.ini). The default is 1200.

Blank Lines All Spaces

This function is relevant if Prompt/Remove Blank Lines is enabled.

When set to a 1, any line that consists entirely of spaces will be considered as blank and not prompted. When set to 0 only true blank lines will not be prompted.

Prompt Double Reference

This function is used in conjunction with those commands relevant to moving the On Air story. When set, the On Air story is deemed to have moved if its position with respect to both the previous and next story has changed. When not set, the On Air story is deemed to have moved if only its position with respect to the previous story has changed.

Newsmaker CBS Sports

This function is used in conjunction with the Newsmaker newsroom system. When enabled, special formatting of the imported text is undertaken. Multiple blank lines are removed, while single blank lines preceded by a dot are kept.

In this mode, the Max Carriage Returns function in the Template configuration is ignored.

Hyphenation Enabled

This function only available if the WinPlus message language is set to English or German.

Set this parameter to 0 to disable the Hyphenation, but leave the Spell Check enabled.

Confirm Macro Load

When set to a 1, confirmation will be requested before text stored as a Macro is to be retrieved.

Caret Width

This value sets the width of the Caret on the WinPlus Edit screen and Prompt Preview screen when enabled.

Discard PI CRET

This function is now accessible from the [Template](#) page of the WinPlus configuration.

Line Break On Hyphen

This determines whether a normal hyphenated word may be split. The default is true. If this option is OFF, hyphenated words that do not fit will be placed on a new line. If the word is still too long, it will be split at the maximum possible number of characters. This may not correspond to the hyphen.

WinPlus Close Confirmation

When set WinPlus will prompt the user before closing down.

Delete Highlighted Block Confirmation

When set, WinPlus will prompt the user for confirmation before deleting a highlighted block.

Set Blank Lines Black On White

When set, any cursor action into a blank line will set the colours to normal (black on white). When not set the colour attributes will remain unchanged from any previous setting.

Create Snapshot on Multiline Insert

When set and the Insert Multiple Blank Lines (Ctrl+Shift+F9) function is executed, the line allocated as the new edit line will be assigned the Snapshot attribute.

Force Blank Screen on Multiline Insert

When set and the Insert Multiple Blank Lines (Ctrl+Shift+F9) function is executed, the Prompt Output will jump instantly and display the new blank area. When not set, the Prompt Output will jump after the first character is typed.

Multiple Edit Blank Line Count

This number will set the number of blank lines inserted into the edit text when using the Alt+F9 hot key. Each new line will be given the hard carriage return attribute. The valid range for this number is 1 to 8.

Request Confirmation To Turn Polling Off

When manually turning Remote Polling Off, this determines whether confirmation is required.

See also other Additional Parameters:

A:ENPS Polling Off Confirmation

B:Stop Polling On ENPS Close

Run Time Command

The default setting for this is the two character sequence RT. When this is used in an embedded WinPlus command, the associated time is not added into the Script timing.

e.g. //RT 20 will not add 20 seconds to the timing. However this may be used to trigger the Background Timer if the "Trigger Timer From Script" is enabled in the Clock page of the configuration.

Show Visible Spaces

This function works in conjunction with the "Show Hard Carriage Returns" button. If set to a 1, space characters will be displayed as a dot. If set to a 0, space characters will be displayed as normal. Only the Hard Carriage Return symbols will be displayed. It may be desirable to set this to a zero when using foreign languages.

Allow Backwrap Into Special Lines

The default setting is a 0 which will not allow text to be back-wrapped into lines ending with the following characters)] } > ? ! comma, semi-colon, closing single quote and closing double quote.

Set this option to a 1 to remove this restriction.

Force Colour Reset Before File Import

The default setting is a 0 which will set the initial text colours of an imported file to the current WinPlus colour settings. When set to a 1, the foreground colour will be set to black and the background colour to white before the file is imported. These colours apply to the appearance in the WinPlus edit screen. The concept of Black and White may be reversed when the text is displayed on the Prompt output.

Note: If the iNEWS or MOS newsroom options are selected, this function will be forced to the ON, resulting in black text on a white background unless subsequently modified.

On later versions of WinPlus this parameter appears in the Script page of the WinPlus configuration.

Convert RTF Bullet

When set to a 1, this will convert all Middle Dot characters (\$B7) to the Unicode Bullet character (\$2022). This function will override "Extract RTF Fonts From Files".

VGA Speed Cursor Type

Note: This only applies to the VGA version of WinPlus.

The parameter defines how the Speed Cursor will appear when scrolling is active. The cursor will always keep the same diamond shape. The following values are valid:

0: Colour will be the inverse of the background colour.

1: Colour will be black.

2: Colour will be white.

The background and foreground colours of the Cue Marker panel are configurable from the Options/Set Colours menu item.

Customizing The Default Prompt Output

The default two-line display on the prompt output is "AUTOSCRIPT WinPlus". Up to three lines may be configured by adding text to the following section in the wplus32.ini file.

[Default Prompt]

Line1=

Line2=

Line3=

This section will be found at or near the end of the file.

If ALL three strings are blank, the original default message will be displayed.

The font name and style may be configured as follows:

Font Name=Times New Roman

Font Style=2

Style Codes:

0 = Normal

1 = Italics

2 = Bold - Default Setting

3 = Italics + Bold

4 = Underline

5 = Underline + Italics

6 = Underline + Bold

7 = Underline + Italics + Bold

NOTE: All text will be centre justified and all leading spaces will be discarded.

Shortcut Keys

There is a section in the wplus32.ini file called [Shortcut]. This contains one entry which can be used to enable or disable the Shortcut key (F9) assigned to the Prompt button. The default state is ON. Set to a 0 to disable.

F9 Shortcut Enabled=1

Set Colours

Enables the colours of the various parts of the display to be set. Click on the item you wish to set the colour of and a colour dialogue will appear.

To reset ALL the colours to their default setting, click on Default.

Note:

The foreground colour of highlighted text in the script will remain unchanged. On the Run Order side, both the highlight background and foreground are effective.

Clock Mode

The Clock can only be activated if prompting is off.

The Clock will show the computers current time in hours, minutes and seconds and will update once per second.

The Clock can be configured to display the time in 12 or 24-hour mode. This is a Windows configuration option within the Control Panel (International) function.

The X and Y co-ordinates can be set along with the font size in the [Clock](#) page of the [Configuration](#) menu

The Clock will be disabled if prompting is activated.

The Clock is turned on and off from the [Options](#) Clock Mode menu selection.

Timer Mode

When the Timer Mode is selected a dialogue box will show the current default Timer start value and the current Timer value. If the start value needs to be changed then use the mouse or Tab key to select the desired box and enter the new value. When correct, press "Enter" or click on the "Accept" button to start the timer.

Once started the dialogue title will change to "Restart Timer" indicating that while the dialogue box is active the timer can be restarted at any time.

The Timer will display a decreasing count that will terminate at zero.

The Timer will update once per second.

If prompting is activated while the timer is running, the prompt preview and prompt output displays will update to show the prompted text. The Timer will keep running in the background and the current value will be displayed in the dialogue box.

If prompting is turned off while the Timer is active, the prompt displays will revert to showing the Timer.

The Timer can be activated while prompting is active. In this case the dialogue box will reflect the Timer status. The Timer can be started and will run in the background until prompting is turned off.

The X and Y co-ordinates can be set along with the font size and the default start time in the [Clock](#) page of the [Configuration](#) menu

The Timer is turned on and off from the [Options](#) Timer Mode menu selection.

The Cancel button will clear the Timer dialogue box but leave the Timer active. The dialogue box can be retrieved from the [View Timer](#) menu selection.

Background Clock

Short Cut Keys: Alt+t a

(PCI Colour Version Only)

The background clock may be displayed in conjunction with the prompt output. The size of the display may be set and it can be position in one of six positions. It is turned on/off using the Prompt/Background Clock or Options/Background Clock menu selection. The clock will update once per second. The Prompt Preview window will display a scaled down version of the background clock.

If the Background Timer is enabled at the same time as the Background Clock, the Timer will have priority while it is running.

See also: [Clock and Timer](#)

Background Message

Short Cut Keys: Alt+p g

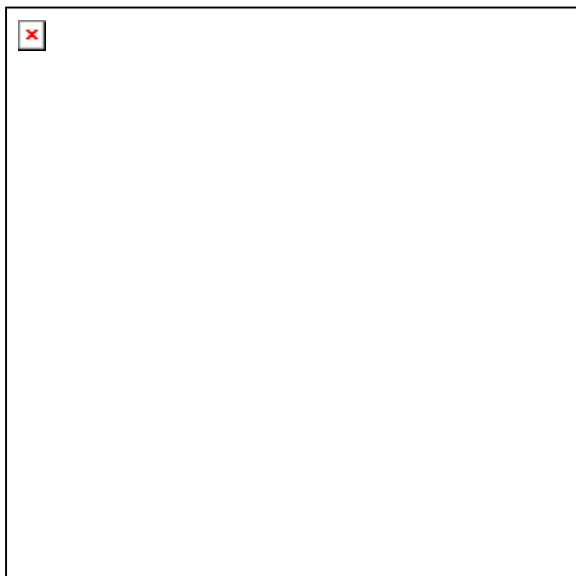
(PCI Colour Version Only)

The background message may be displayed in conjunction with the prompt output. The size of the display may be set and it can be position in one of two positions. It is turned on/off using the Prompt/Background Message or Options/Background Message menu selection.

When enabled, a text entry box will be displayed at the top of the WinPlus edit screen. Messages are created by typing the text in the Message window. The button marked with a Down Arrow enables a drop-down list of previously saved messages.

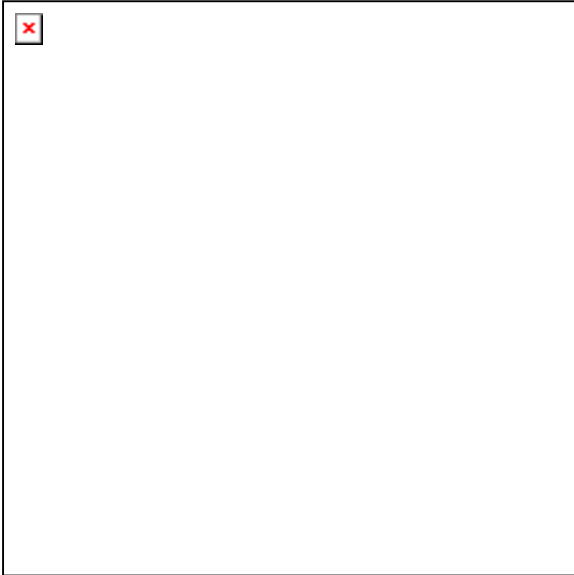
NOTE: When using languages other than the standard European character set, the Pan-European option should be enabled. See Options/Configuration/Language.

When changing language, ensure the Message entry or Drop-down windows are NOT active.



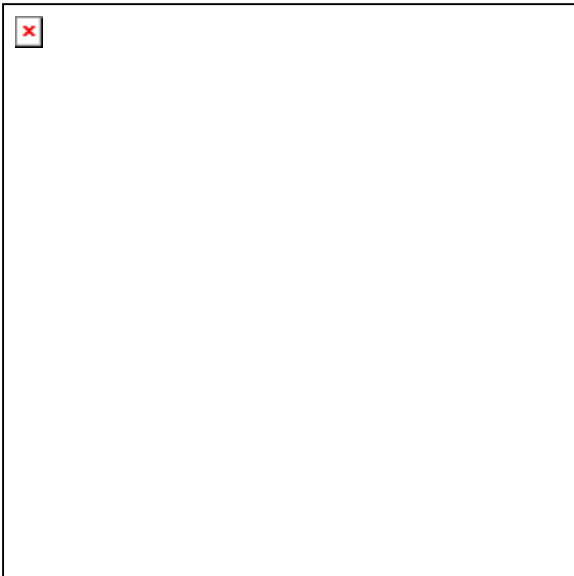
Send Message To Prompter.

Send the currently selected message to the prompter. The Enter key has the same function as this button. The message will also be save in the drop-down list.



Clear Message From Prompter.

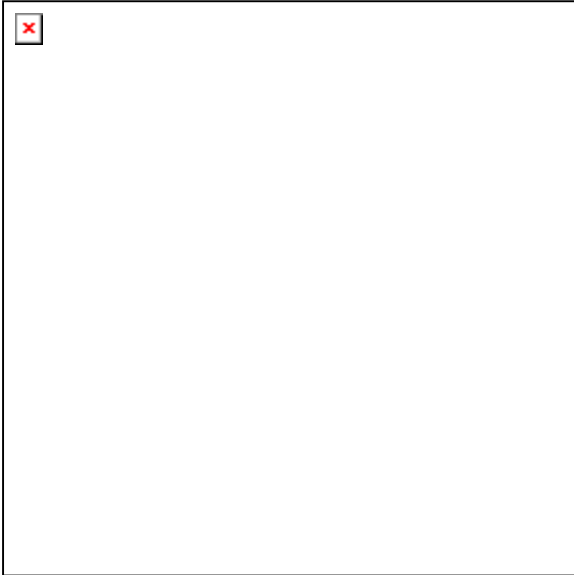
Clear any displayed messages from the prompter.



Save Message in List.

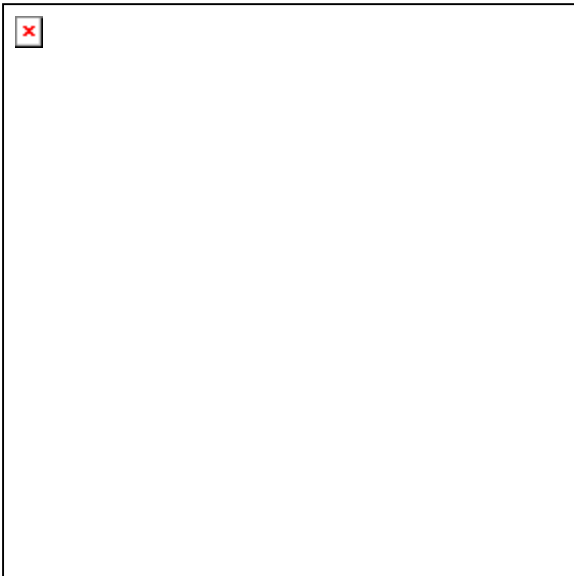
Save the currently selected message into the drop-down list.

Up to 16 entries will be saved in the drop-down list.



Delete Selected Message From List.

Delete the selected message from the drop-down list. Confirmation of the action will be required.



Delete All Messages.

Delete all messages from the drop-down list. Confirmation of the action will be required.

There is an option to display a thin white line between the Background Message and the prompted text. See Options/Configuration/Clock.

See also: [Clock and Timer](#)

Background Timer

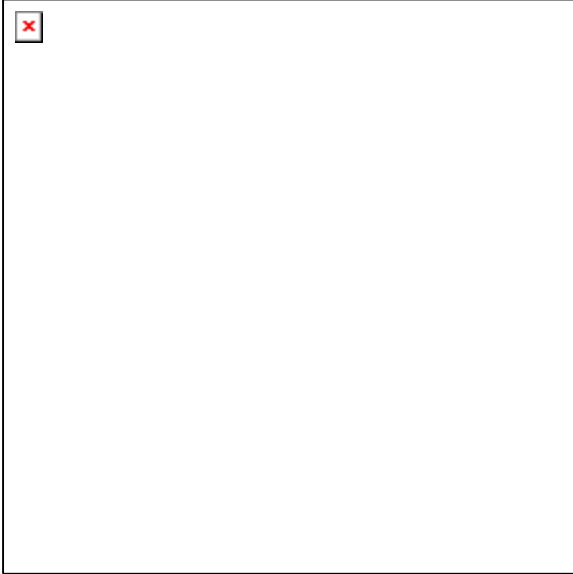
Short Cut Keys: Alt+p t

(PCI Colour Version Only)

The background timer may be displayed in conjunction with the prompt output. The size and position of the display will be as the Background Clock.

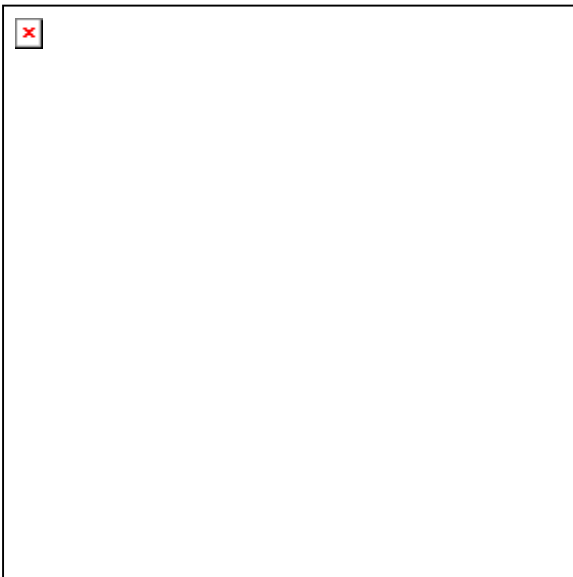
It is turned on/off using the Prompt/Background Timer or Options/Background Timer menu selection.

When enabled, a text entry box will be displayed at the top of the WinPlus edit screen. Timer values may be entered in Seconds or as a Hours/Mins/Secs string format, e.g. 1:10:20.



Start Background Timer.

Starts the background timer with the current value displayed in the text entry window. The Enter key has the same function as this button. A circulating arrow, displayed as part of the Start button, will indicate the Timer is counting down. When the Timer reaches zero, the Timer display will clear.



Pause Background Timer.

Pause the timer at the current value.

If the Background Timer is enabled at the same time as the Background Clock, the Timer will have priority while it is running.

See also: [Clock and Timer](#)

Newsroom

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o w

Selecting one of the supported newsroom configurations, will set all the WinPlus parameters necessary. A brief description of each interface is as follows:

iNEWS

The network button will display the iNEWS logo. FTP and Rxnet are enabled.

See also: [WinPlus and iNEWS Newsroom Computer Systems](#)

ENPS

The network button is replaced with the *ENPS* button. The Remote Input Directory should be set to the shared directory specified by the ENPS system.

See also: [ENPS Shared Directory operation](#)

Newswire/OpenMedia

This option displays the Nexus logo in the network button. When selected the program will listen on the Nexus Port Number specified in the WPLUS32.ini file;

See also: [Newswire Interface](#)

Newsmaker

If the Default newsroom is selected, and Remote Polling is enabled, the WinPlus software will be polling the Remote Input Directory for any files that match the Remote File Mask. The files may be any of the supported file formats of which Newsmaker is one.

So, although the Newsmaker interface is enabled by default, this option should be checked if the ON-AIR story feedback is required.

AP Newscenter

The network button is replaced with the AP button. The Remote Input Directory should be set to the shared directory specified by the AP Newscenter system.

See also: [AP Newscenter Operation](#)

NewStar

The network button is replaced with the NewStar button. The Remote Input Directory should be set to the shared directory specified by the NewStar system.

See also: [NewStar Interface](#)

See [Host Download Format](#) for more information.

Dalet

This option displays the Dalet logo in the network button. When selected, WinPlus will listen on the Dalet Port Number specified in the WPLUS32.INI file;

See also: [Host Download Format](#)

MaxiMedia

This option displays the MaxiMedia logo in the network button. When selected, WinPlus will listen on the MaxiMedia Port Number specified in the WPLUS32.INI file;

See also: [Host Download Format](#)

CEA

This option displays the CEA logo in the network button. When selected, WinPlus will listen on the CEA Port Number specified in the WPLUS32.INI file;

See also: [Host Download Format](#)

MOS Protocol

The network button is replaced with the MOS Protocol button.

See also: [MOS Protocol](#) and [MOS Events](#)

NEPRAS

The network button is replaced with the NEPRAS Protocol button.

See also: [NEPRAS Interface](#)

OS2000

The network button is replaced with the OS2000 Protocol button.

Dial Up

Short Cut Keys: Alt+o a

Select this function to display the Modem control panel. This is primarily used to connect to a remote Closed Caption generator via a modem. Before dialling, the Modem functions must be set in the Caption page of the WinPlus configuration.

Caption via Modem = ON

Phone Number = Set the number to which you wish to connect.

Function Button

(PCI Colour Version Only)

This function contains a number of sub-functions that control the operation of the Function Button on the HC/1 hand control.

The functions currently available are:

- 1:Off
- 2:Toggle the status of the [Closed Caption Access](#).
- 3:Mark the current edit line as a [Snapshot](#).
- 4:Pause Scrolling.
- 5:Mark the current edit line as a [Bookmark](#).
- 6:Toggle Inverse Video on Prompt Output.
- 7:Preset Background Timer Countdown.
- 8:Abort Auto Caption Package Playout.
- 9:Mark the current edit line as a [Snapshot](#) with RO Top to Return.
- 10>Edit Sets Prompt.
- 11:Buttons To Bookmarks. Next/Prev buttons will jump to Bookmarks.
- 12:Buttons To Snapshot. Next/Prev buttons will jump to Snapshots.
- 13:Top Button. Hand Control - Run Order Top button.
- 14:Next Button. Hand Control - NEXT button.
- 15:Prev Button. Hand Control - PREV button.
- 16:Prompt From Last Story.
- 17:GPI Output 1

18:Pause Background Timer

19:Enable [Speech Control](#)

20:Prompting Off

Note: The preset value for the **Background Timer Countdown** is set in the Clock page of the WinPlus configuration.

The "**Buttons To Bookmarks**" and "**Buttons To Snapshot**" functions are used to change the use of the Next and Prev buttons on the HC/1 hand control. The Function button will toggle the use between the selected function and the mode set in the [Button Control Mode](#)

The "**Top Button**", "**Next Button**" and "**Prev Button**" functions are provided to emulate the functions of the "Run Order Top", "NEXT" and "PREV" buttons on the HC1 hand control. This is primarily to provide some functionality in case of failure of one of these buttons.

The "**GPI Output 1**" function provides either a momentary or toggle action contact closure to drive external equipment. For momentary action, the period of the closure has a default value of 250mS. This setting is set in the GPI page of the WinPlus configuration.

See Also: [GPI Input Output](#)

Note: This function will only work with the USB GPI I/O device provided by Autoscript Ltd.

Button Control Mode

The Button Control Mode sets the function of the Next and Prev buttons on the HC/1 hand control. The user can configure the buttons to jump to Sluglines, Bookmarks or Snapshots.

If WinPlus is set the "Horizontal Scrolling Mode" and the "Horizontal Scrolling Variable Column Width" is turned OFF, the user will have an additional option called "Page". This will allow the "NEXT" and "PREV" buttons to jump a fixed number of lines. The default is 11, which equates to the number of columns of text visible on the Prompt Output. This number is configurable and is defined in the [Prompt] section of the wplus32.ini file:

HS Page Jump Count=11

See also: [Function Button](#)

Reconnect To Powerpoint

(Unicode PCI & ISA Versions Only)

If WinPlus is connected to a remote PowerPoint presentation via a network and the connection is lost, this function will attempt to re-establish the connection.

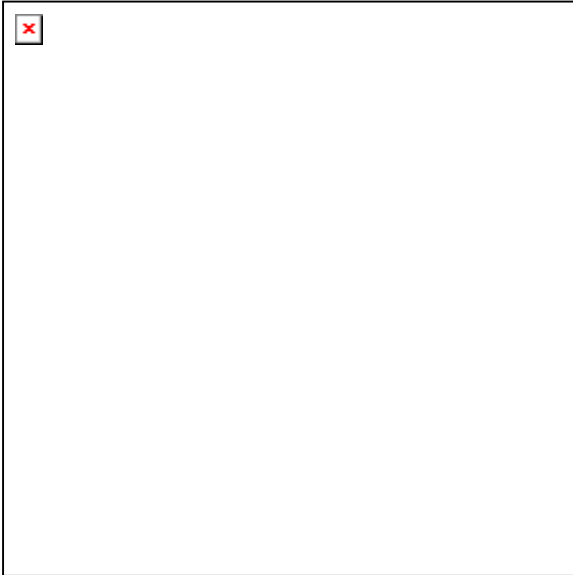
If prompting is active and the network connection is lost, WinPlus will attempt to re-establish the connection automatically.

See also: [PowerPoint Control](#)

Window

Default

Short Cut Keys: Alt+w d



Click on this option to set the various windows used in WinPlus to their default sizes and positions. Note that any sizing and positioning of the windows that you do will be saved automatically on program exit providing you have the [Save Setup on Exit](#) option checked.

User Layout

Short Cut Keys: None

The User Layout enables a name to be assigned to the size and position of the major WinPlus windows. This is basically simplified functionality of the [Multiple Configuration](#) in which only window size, positions and visibility are stored. Other configuration settings remain common to all "User Layouts".

Save

Set the position and sizes of the WinPlus windows. Select the "Save" menu item, enter the user name and click on the Add button. Each user should repeat this operation to save their preferred settings. The user name is case insensitive.

Load

Select the name of any previously saved user names to restore the WinPlus window positions to the preferred settings. The menu entry will only be visible when there are one or more names available.

Delete

Select the name of any previously saved user names from the drop down list and click on the Delete button to remove the user name and all its data.

Note: After a Save or Delete operation, the user should select Options/Save Setup Now to write the data back to the WinPlus configuration data file. If "Save Setup On Exit" is enabled, this will be done automatically when WinPlus is next closed.

Screens

Short Cut Key: Alt+w

[Default](#)

A Script

B Run Order

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B Bookmarks

M Message History

H Host Debug

C Colour Selection

T Program Timing

P Prompt Messages

K ENPS Programs

F FTP Screen

M Memory Resources

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Use the letters or arrow keys on the list of windows to choose which one to become active. This is used to make a window visible that may have been hidden under another and to select a window without using the mouse.

Presenter

Presenter

Short Cut Keys: Alt+s

The Presenter function allows the user to configure WinPlus for each presenter.

The font name, prompt size and prompt interline spacing will all be set.

In the colour version of WinPlus operating with the PCI prompt card, the foreground and background colours of the text and Slugline are also configurable.

Select.

Once a Presenter has been chosen from the **Select** menu, the current font will be set to the Font associated with that Presenter.

The Run Order display will change from displaying the Story Font number to displaying the associated Presenter Name. Double Click the Presenter field in the Run Order to change the Presenter/Font for the whole of a particular story.

Assign All Stories To Presenter

Shortcut Key: Alt+Shift+a

This function will apply the "Insert Presenter Name" to each story in the Run Order. The presenter name will be added as a new line after each Slugline. If a presenter name already exists in this position, it will be replaced with the newly assigned presenter name.

Insert Presenter Name

Shortcut Key: Alt+Shift+p

If a presenter name has been previously selected from the "Select" drop down list, a new line will be created in the script displaying this name. All text after this line and up to the next Slugline or next presenter line will be set to the attributes defined for the selected presenter.

NOTE: Presenter colour selections are only displayed on the Prompt output and not in the edit screen.

NOTE:

This menu function is primarily for when editing the script manually.

The user should fully understand the "Auto Font Update" option in the Language page of the WinPlus configuration. When this is turned ON, any mouse click in the text area will set the current font and Presenter selection to reflect the text at that point. So when using the Presenter mode it may be prudent to turn the "Auto Font Update" off. Having done this, the user should then be aware that after using the "Insert Name And Adjust Text" function, the current font selection will be for that presenter.

See also: [Presenter Configuration](#)

Help

Reset Serial Ports

Short Cut Keys: Alt+h s; Ctrl+F12

This function will reset the enabled Serial Ports and re-initialise the Host Download Interface.

Reinitialise USB Connection

This function is used to reinitialise the connection to the USB XBOX. If the USB XBOX is not selected, this function is greyed out.

Reinitialise GPI I/O

This function is used to reinitialise the connection to the Digital I/O card and display the status of the input pins. Under normal circumstances this should not be necessary as WinPlus continually polls for the presence of this device.

Update Prompt Card Registration

Short Cut Keys: Alt+h u

To upgrade from a Studio version of WinPlus to a News version, select the Help Update Prompt card Registration menu option. Enter the appropriate number and click on the OK button.

If the new registration number is accepted, a message box will inform the user that the WinPlus program should be restarted.

If the registration number does not match that required for a Studio or a News version, then all program functions are available, except Prompting will be disabled.

Update Speech Registration

Short Cut Keys: Alt+h p

To enable the Speech control functionality, select the Help Update Speech Registration menu option. Enter the appropriate number and click on the OK button.

Registration numbers are obtained from: support@autoscript.tv

You will need to quote the "Prompt Card Registration Number" as displayed from this window.

Update Tablet Registration

Short Cut Keys: Alt+h b

To enable the Tablet functionality, select the Help Update Tablet Registration menu option. Enter the appropriate number and click on the OK button.

Registration numbers are obtained from: support@autoscript.tv

You will need to quote the "Prompt Card Registration Number" as displayed from this window.

Restore Default Edit Colours

Short Cut Keys: Alt+h ; shift-F8

This function will remove any colour attributes from the edit text. Any existing text will be displayed with black letters on a white background. The Prompt output will be redisplayed if appropriate.

Where Is My 'wplus32.ini' File

This displays the directory in which the WinPlus configuration and data files are stored. This directory has been given full permissions to All Users.

Reset Configuration To Factory Deafult Settings

This resets the configuration settings to that shipped with the original installation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is my script all in uppercase

1: In the Template page of the WinPlus configuration, check that the "Force Uppercase" option is turned off.

2: Check that the aA button on the main WinPlus button panel is off.

The configuration won't save under Windows Vista

The configuration won't save using Windows Vista

During the installation process for WinPlus, the install application will try and set the file permissions for the WinPlus data directory for "All Users" to have Full Control (Read/Write).

However it has been found that on some of the low end versions of Vista (Home Edition), this process fails to set the permissions. The process must therefore be completed manually. The default directory for the WinPlus data is C:\ProgramData\Autoscript\WinPlus. The default directory for the VGA version of WinPlus is C:\ProgramData\Autoscript\WinPlusVGA. The default view status for the "ProgramData" directory is "Hidden", so first of all this directory must be set to unhidden.

Note: You must be logged in with Administrator rights to proceed.

- 1: Press "Start", then "Computer" and display the contents of the "C" drive.
- 2: Select "Organize", then "Layout and ensure the "Menu Bar" option is checked.
- 3: From the Menu Bar select "Tools", the "Folder Options"
- 4: Click on the "View" tab.
- 5: Turn on "Show hidden files and folders".
- 6: It may also be useful to turn off "Hide extensions for known file types".
- 7: Click OK
- 8: The ProgramData folder should now be visible when viewing the contents of the "C" drive.
- 9: Navigate to the relevant data directory (WinPlus or WinPlusVGA).
- 10: Right Click on the directory name and select "Properties".
- 11: Click on the "Security" tab.
- 12: In the "Group or user names" click on the "Users" entry.
- 13: Click on the "Edit" button to change the Permissions.
- 14: Select "Full Control" to give full access rights to all users.
- 15: Click OK.

I can't get the closed captioning to work

- 1: In the Caption page of the configuration, check that the "Access Codes" are correct for your caption encoder.
- 2: Check that the correct COM port has been selected and the baud rate, data bits, stop bits and parity are correct.
- 3: Turn on View/Closed Caption Data. This will give an indication as to what WinPlus is trying to send to the COM port.
- 4: Replace the CC generator with a computer running HyperTerminal. Check that what is displayed is what you expect.

See also: [Caption Port](#)

Some of my iNEWS text appears as garbage

1: iNEWS versions 2.6 onwards are Unicode based and the data sent to the Prompter is encoded as UTF-8. Consequently text not in the standard 8-bit ASCII range will be encoded into multiple characters and displayed as such.

In WinPlus, turn on this function: Options/Configuration/iNEWS - UTF-8 To Unicode Conversion.

Where are the Device Drivers for the USB XBOX

They will be found in the following directories:

- 1: Windows 98/Me: USB XBOX Win98 Drivers

This directory was previously named "USB V1 Drivers"

- 2: Windows 2000/XP: USB XBOX Win2000-XP Drivers

This directory was previously named "USB V2 Drivers"

3: Windows Vista: USB XBOX Vista Drivers

Users upgrading to **Windows Vista** should ensure that existing USB XBOX drivers are uninstalled and the new Vista Drivers are used. Failure to do this will result in the all to familiar BSOD.

Why Is Arial Black Always Displayed In Italics

With Microsoft Windows XP, the initial release of Service Pack 3 has a corrupted Arial Black font. This results in the text being displayed in Italics regardless of the font style. The associated filename is "ariblk.ttf" and will be found in the Windows\Fonts directory. The solution is to delete this file and replace it with the previous version. A copy of this file is provided in the WinPlus data directory under a sub-directory "Fonts".

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