

WinPoint Installation & Basic Setup Guide

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Foreword

The instructions contained in this guide relate to WinPoint Beta Release 5

It is assumed that the user will be installing WinPoint in English

It is also assumed that the user will be using Fido-Over-IP along with binkP

1. Installation

- Extract **setup.exe** from the WinPoint distribution archive
- Double-click on **setup.exe**
- Select your language(English) and then click **Next**
- Click **Next**
- Accept the license agreement and click **Next**
- If you're happy with the installation directory, click **Next**

Your boss node section:

- Enter the name of your BossNode's system in the **System name** field and then press the **<TAB>** key
- Enter the Fido address of your BossNode in the **Address** field and then press the **<TAB>** key **twice**

You(the point) section:

- Enter **your** name in the **Full name** field and then click in the **Point number** field
- Enter your Point number and then press the **<TAB>** key
- Enter your location
- Check all the details before clicking the **Next** button

Modem/ISDN configuration:

- Skip this section by clicking the **Next** button

Fido-Over-IP configuration:

- Check the **Use Fido Over IP** checkbox
- Click in the **Host Name** field and enter either the hostname or the IP address of your BossNode's system
- Make sure that the **Protocol** is BinkP and that the **Port** is 24554 before clicking the **Next** button

Passwords configuration:

- Enter all required passwords as given to you by your BossNode and then click **Next**

Now click the **Next** button to install WinPoint and finally click the **Finish** button to complete the initial installation.

IMPORTANT

Before executing WinPoint for the first time, navigate your way to **C:\Program Files(x86)\WinPoint** and load **lang_English.ini** (as administrator) into a text editor and locate the following two lines:

```
TabTextGroups_Caption=Signatures
GBTextGroups_Caption=Signatures
```

These two lines can be found in the **TsettingsDialog** section.

Change both instances of **Signatures** to **Templates** and then save the file. The reason for this may not be obvious but you'll see why later :-)

Now onto the more interesting stuff -----

2. Basic Configuration

- Fire up WinPoint, maximize the window and click on **Fidonet** on the Menu Bar
- Click on **Mailer Configuration**
- On the **General** Tab, change the **Name:** field to the name of **your** Point system
- Change the **Delay between attempt(s):** setting to 10
- Click the **Apply** button followed by the **Ok** button

- Click on **Extras** in the Menu Bar
- Click on **Options**
- Click the **Templates** Tab (You will now see why we needed to change *Signatures* to *Templates* in the .ini file)
- Click the **Add** button
- Change **Neue Gruppe** to something more meaningful, such as **Default Group**

- Click the **General** Tab
- Click the **Properties** button
- Click the **Textgruppe** pulldown and select **Default Group**
- Click the **Uebernehmen** button
- Click the **Neue Mails** Tab
- Click the **Erster Origin der Textgruppe** radio button
- Click the **Uebernehmen** button
- Click the **Aufraeuemen** Tab
- Un-check the **Dieser Area automatisch aufraeuemen** checkbox
- Click the **Uebernehmen** button
- Click the **Ok** button
- Click the **Uplinks** Tab
- In the **Fidostyle Uplinks** pane, click the **Properties** button
- In the **Netzname** field, add a SPACE at the beginning of **fidonet** (the reason for this will become apparent later)
- Click the **Uebernehmen** button
- Click the **Ok** button
- In the **Systems** pane, click the **Properties** button
- Enter the name of your BossNode in the **Sysop** field
- Click the **Uebernehmen** button
- Click the **Ok** button
- Close the **Options** dialogue

That concludes the basic configuration and you are now ready to make your first poll but before doing so, take a moment to look at the left-hand pane. You will notice that you don't have any echomail areas yet. New areas will be automatically created as and when required.

Now click the **Poll** button to test your new installation. Assuming everything went OK, you will now have either the mailer logfile window or the import/export logfile window in front of you. If you picked up any mail, you will have the import/export logfile window in front of you. Read it if you wish and then close it. If you didn't pick up any mail, you will have the mailer logfile window in front of you. By checking either the **Log Debug Information** or **Log Protocol Details** checkboxes, a more comprehensive logfile will be shown. You can now close the mailer logfile window to get back to the WinPoint main screen.

Note that a new message area has been created (*Internal Folder/Reports*) which serves the purpose of holding all the logfiles which WinPoint creates. Click on the *Reports* area and you should see the *Export* log. But where is the *Mailer* log?? Due to a bug in WinPoint, you should exit and restart WinPoint, click on *Reports* and you should now see the *Integrated Mailer Log*.

3. Beyond the basics

This section currently covers the following topics:

- Working with an areas list
- Installing a nodelist
- Sending crash netmail

3.1. Obtaining, installing and using an AreasList

Obtaining an AreasList

- Click the **Fidonet** button on the menubar
- Click on the **Echoarea Management** option
- Click the **%LIST** button
- Exit the Echoarea Management screen

A netmail should have now been generated requesting an areaslist from your BossNode. Check that the details are correct, paying particular attention to the **Subject** field which should contain your AreaFix password.

- Click the **Poll** button
- Wait a few minutes and then click the **Poll** button again

Depending on how your BossNode's system is configured, you may receive an areaslist or you may have to wait a bit longer before polling again.

Installing an AreasList

- Once the areaslist arrives, right-click on the netmail message and then click the **Use As Area List** option

The dialogue which is now in front of you may look a bit daunting ;-)

The raw areaslist needs to be formatted in a readable format which can be a bit tricky and a bit of experimenting may be needed here. As a starting point, here's my own working settings:

```
Beschreibung/Relativ Zeile = 0  
Beschreibung/Anfangspalte = 32  
Areaname/Anfangspalte = 6
```

Experiment with the settings and note how the text changes in the grey text fields.

- Once you're happy with the settings, click the **Ok** button
- Click the **Ok** button

To view the installed areaslist, click the **Fidonet** button on the menubar and then click the **Echoarea Management** option.

The left-hand pane (*Unbestellte Areas*) lists all available areas from your BossNode, whilst the right-hand pane (*Bestellte Areas*) lists all linked areas. Naturally, the right-hand pane should be empty as WinPoint doesn't know if you're already linked into any areas or not. If you're happy with the format of the areaslist, you may now proceed with the next step(s).

If you're not happy with the format of the list, it can be changed by closing the Echoarea Management screen and selecting **Extras/Options**

- Click the **Uplinks** tab
- Click the **Properties** button in the **Fidostyle Uplinks** panel
- Click the **Areafix** tab

This is where things can be a bit tricky as it's all a matter of trial and error but play about with the **Name ab Spalte** and **ab Spalte** settings until the formatting of the list is acceptable.

The final step is to *tell* WinPoint about the areas you're already linked into. This may sound a bit stupid, as WinPoint automatically creates new areas, but

if you don't do this, the Echoarea Management utility won't work properly. Needless to say, if you're not already linked into any areas, you do NOT need to perform the following steps.

- Make a paper list of all the areas you're already linked into
- Click on **Fidonet** on the menu bar
- Select the **Echoarea Management** option
- Reading from the paper list you just made, double-click on each area in the left-hand window of the Echoarea Management utility until you get to the end of your paper list. Notice how each area is **moved** into the right-hand window. Check that the list in the right-hand window of the Echoarea Management utility is the same as the paper list you made earlier and then click the **Abschicken** button
- Close the Echoarea Management screen
- Winpoint should have created a netmail to your BossNode's AreaFix requesting all the areas that you've just linked into.
- For correct operation of the Echoarea Management utility, you need to send the netmail!
- Click the **Poll** button

You should receive a response back something to the effect that you're already linked into the areas you just linked into. That's what's supposed to happen :-)

Using an AreasList

- Click on *Fidonet*
- Click the *Echoarea Management* option
- To link into an area(s), double-click the area tag(s) in the left-hand window. Notice how the area tag(s) are moved into the right-hand window.
- Click the *Abschicken* button
- To link out of an area(s), double-click the area tag(s) in the right-hand window. Notice how the area tag(s) are moved into the left-hand window.
- Click the *Ruckgangig* button

Once you've completed linking in/linking out, close the Echoarea Management screen. Winpoint should have generated a netmail to your BossNode's AreaFix. Check that it's correct and then click the *Poll* button to send the netmail. In due course, you should receive a response back from your BossNode's AreaFix confirming your changes.

3.2. Installing a Nodelist

Assuming that you haven't changed the default directory structure, WinPoint is already configured to look for nodelists and nodediffs in the *DistribNL* directory.

Making sure that WinPoint isn't running, extract the raw nodelist from the compressed nodelist file and then copy the **uncompressed** nodelist to WinPoint's *DistribNL* directory. Once that's done, start WinPoint:

- Click **Extras** on the menubar
- Click the **Options** menu item
- Click the **Nodelists** tab
- The only thing that needs to be done is to enter NODEDIFF.Z?? in the **Archive** field. All other fields should be left at their default settings
- Now close the *Options* dialogue

The newly installed nodelist now needs to be compiled, ready for use:

- Click **Fidonet** on the menubar
- Click the **Process Nodelists** menu item
- Close the activity boxes once processing has completed

Assuming that everything worked as expected, you should now have a usable nodelist. To check this, click **Fidonet** on the menubar and then click the **Browse Nodelist** menu item which should bring up the nodelist browser.

3.3. Sending crash netmail

All netmail would normally be sent to your BossNode's system for onward routing to its destination. However, there may be occasions when you may wish to send a netmail directly to its destination. Such occasions could be that the netmail may be of a sensitive nature or speed of delivery may be of the essence.

To be able to send crash netmail, a nodelist **MUST** be installed so that WinPoint knows where to actually send it.

Writing a crash netmail is just the same as writing any other netmail but before exiting the message editor, click the **Crashmail** button followed by the **Send** button to exit the message editor.

- Click on **Fidonet** on the main menubar at the top of the screen
- Hover the mouse cursor over **Tosser**
- Click the **Export** option

There should now be some data in the **Outbound** window in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen. Double-click anywhere on this data to bring up the Nodelist Browser. The recipient's system should be highlighted but make absolutely sure that WinPoint is going to send the crash netmail to the correct system. Once you're happy, click the **Ok** button and WinPoint will call the recipient's system and deliver the mail.

4. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where does WinPoint store its configuration data

A: HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\New.Vision.Software\Winpoint

5. Dictionary

Abbrechen	Abort
Abschicken	Subscribe/Link in
Aendern	Edit
Allgemeines	Miscellaneous
Anzeigefilter	Display filter
Aufrauhmen	Maintenance
Beschreibung	Description
Bestellte Areas	Subscribed/Linked areas
Datei	File
Doppelte	Duplicate
Fehler	Error
Fertig	Finished
Heute	Today
Nicht gefunden	Not found
Nicht zuzordnen	Unassigned/Unknown
Ordner	Folder
Ort	Location
Ruckgangig	Unsubscribe/Link out
Suchen	Search
Übernehmen	Apply
Uhr	Hour
Unbestellte Areas	Available/Unlinked areas
Wurden aktualisiert	Have been updated
Verbindung	System/Uplink