

JNOS Settings for Outpost Users

Three JNOS settings affect the ability and efficiency of Outpost to connect and interact with the bulletin board system. In Santa Clara County, JNOS is set up with these values properly set as defaults, so users who always connect with Outpost can do so without any additional effort.

Users who manually connect to the JNOS command line may have changed these settings to make working from a dumb terminal or terminal emulation program easier. However, doing so will impact the way Outpost interacts with JNOS and, especially with the XM command, can cause Outpost to hang. Before using Outpost again, these settings must be returned to values which are compatible with Outpost.

Instructions

Use a terminal program such as lpserial or PuTTY to connect to the BBS. Use the commands below at the JNOS command prompt to return your account to the proper settings for use with Outpost.

Expert Mode

The “X” command toggles between long and short (Expert) prompts. Long prompts are useful for inexperienced command line users. But they should be turned off because they take up extra bandwidth and are not needed with Outpost.

Toggle to short prompts by typing: **X**

Areas

The “XA” command toggles between showing the current area as part of the command line prompt or not. This feature allows terminal users to know which area or mailbox they are currently reading. But it should normally be turned off because it takes up extra bandwidth and is not needed with Outpost.

Toggle the area indication off by typing: **XA**

Paging (the “—more—” prompt)

The “XM” command controls paging. This feature allows terminal users to view long messages a page at a time. But paging is not needed with Outpost and will cause it to hang. Therefore, paging must be turned off by setting the page length to 0 (zero).

Turn off paging by typing: **XM 0**

To log off the bulletin board, type “b” (bye) and wait for it to disconnect.