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### Odyssey File Request Processor

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Subject: Odyssey File Request Processor

The Odyssey Fringe Science Research Network now supports an Internet-based File Request capability.

What does that mean?

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It means that you can now request Odyssey files using only an Internet e-mail message and without long distance charges.

How does it work?

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First, you write an e-mail message with the correctly formatted request (see below) and send it to:

<sjpowell@access.digex.net>.

Next, wait for the e-mail confirmation message that your request was received. Lastly, wait for your new file (or an error message if the request was incorrectly formatted) to arrive in your InBox. All requested files are uuencoded using MIME. Simply save the message as a file with an .MME extension, uudecode that file to get your requested file. (Most newer e-mail readers will automatically decode the file for you.)

How do I format the file request?

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The Odyssey File Request message is just like any other e-mail message you might write and send. From your Mail Reader select New Message. Address the message to:

<sjpowell@access.digex.net>.

Now, you have to write the Subject line very carefully. Here are the rules.

Subject must contain:

(OFR) (email.address) (ffffff.eee)

The three sections are:

- A) Action Code.
- B) Return Address.
- C) Filename.

A) Action Code.

The Action Code is used to specify a remote action at the Odyssey Fringe Science BBS. To initiate an Odyssey File Request action the Action Code is 'OFR' (no quotes). The Action Code must be enclosed in parentheses, it is not case-sensitive.

Correct File Request Action Codes:

(OFR)  
(ofr)

#### B) Return Address.

Use one space to separate the Action Code from the Return Address. The Return Address is your Internet e-mail address, it can contain no spaces. This must be your complete e-mail address. Do not bracket your e-mail address with '<' or '>'. Your e-mail address must be enclosed in parentheses.

Example: (sjpowell@access.digex.net)

#### C) Filename.

Use one space to separate the Return Address from the Filename. This is the full name of the file you want to request. Use only the complete filename. The filename must be from 1 to 8 characters long, followed by a '.' (period), followed by the extension. The extension must be no more or no less than 3 characters long. The filename must be enclosed in parentheses.

Example: (coolfile.zip)

You may leave the body of the e-mail message blank (the Odyssey File Request Processor does not read it). Now send your message.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

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Can I request ANY file? Of course not, only publically available files on the BBS are available through the Odyssey File Request Processor.

Can I use wildcards in the requested Filename? No way.

How many files can I request? As many as you like, but try to be considerate of others and not request too many at a time.

How long will it take to get my file? Usually between 24 and 72 hours.

I want a particular file right now, how can I get it? Call the Odyssey Fringe Science Research Network BBS long distance at 410-321-7461 to download the file.

How do I get a list of the files available? Send an Odyssey File Request for the listing. Here they are by category:

Complete Listing:	AOEINEOA.ZIP
Alien Abductions:	ABDFILES.ZIP
Assassinations:	ASNFILES.ZIP
CSICOP Files:	CSIFILES.ZIP
Book Reviews, etc.:	BOKFILES.ZIP
Crop Circles, UGMs:	CIRFILES.ZIP
UFO Crash/Recovery:	CRSFILES.ZIP
Cryptozoology:	CRPFILES.ZIP
FOIA Files:	FOIFILES.ZIP
Government Stuff:	GOVFILES.ZIP
International UFO Sightings:	NTFILES.ZIP
Mars Face, etc.:	MRSFILES.ZIP
Misc. UFO Stuff:	MUFFILES.ZIP
Mutilation Stuff:	MUTFILES.ZIP
Parapsychology:	PSIFILES.ZIP
Photographs, Movies, etc.:	PICFILES.ZIP
Political Stuff:	POLFILES.ZIP
Science Stuff:	SCIFILES.ZIP
Channeling, New Age Stuff:	CHAFILES.ZIP
USA UFO Sightings:	USAFILES.ZIP

Okay, enough questions, is this available now? Right now.

