

WINLINK MESSAGE COMMAND CODES

Ever wonder what those letter codes are when sending or receiving Winlink Messages?

User authentication:

PQ Account authentication query

PR Account authentication response

FW Forward messages for this user (call sign(s) follow)

CMS via NS7C > Server prompt

; NS7C-11 DE NS7C (CN87WH) Client prompt

PM Pending messages

Message transfer:

FA Message proposal, ASCII (followed by call signs, message identification MID, and size)

FB Message proposal, Binary (followed by call signs, message identification MID, and size)

FC Message proposal, Encapsulated (followed by message type, identification, and size)

F> Proposal acceptance or rejection (Y or N for each message proposed)

Session completion:

FF Requestor has no further messages

FQ Responder has no further messages, disconnect

If the session ends without the FF->FQ handshake, it was not successful and should be retried (possible time-out disconnect)

In Winlink we mostly use the FC (encapsulated message) proposal.

There are other commands in the B2F protocol, but there are not used by Winlink.

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