

Cyberdeck: Part Eight

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Back in the 90's I ran a couple of different bulletin board systems (BBS). I won't get into all the details of the various "groups" of that time, but one of my favorite BBS software I ever ran was Oblivion/2 (long live Lord Jazz / ACID / iCE 😊)

Obv/2 is long gone, and despite [attempts](#) to resurrect it, no production ready version exist. However, its trademark ANSI art feel has been emulated in a very production ready BBS software called [Synchronet](#).

What in the world does this have to with a Cyberdeck you ask? Well, with the compute power I've packed into this Pelican case being thousands of times more than the machines I had in the 90s, I thought it might be fun to have a Docker container at the ready to run a pop-up BBS from the case any time I want. All reachable through a modern SSH client.

You know, the world is coming to an end, all forms of communication are down... maybe exactly what you need to pass the time is a LoRa connection, a high gain antenna, and a few friends who want to listen to the Seth Able the Bard in the tavern on LORD?



Synchronet BBS running that all too familiar green menu we all loved.

SyncTERM - Localhost

Num	Name	Num	Name
1	Synchronet Minesweeper	17	Milliway's Casino
2	Bubble Boggle	18	Synchronet Blackjack
3	Chicken Delivery	19	Star Stocks
4	Dice Warz	20	Star Trek
5	Dice Warz II	21	Synchronetris
6	Domain Poker	22	Synkroban
7	DrugLord	23	The Beast's Domain
8	Fat Fish	24	Thirstyville
9	Gobble Gobble	25	Trade Wars 2 - 500 Sectors
10	Good Times Trivia	26	Uber Blox
11	Jeopardized!	27	Solomoriah's WAR! on Earth
12	Kannons and Katapults	28	Solomoriah's WAR! on Alderon
13	Lemons	29	Solomoriah's WAR! on Solomoriah
14	Legend of the Red Dragon	30	Solomoriah's WAR! on Spacewar
15	LORD II: New World	31	Solomoriah's WAR! on Toloivar
16	Maze Race	32	Wordem

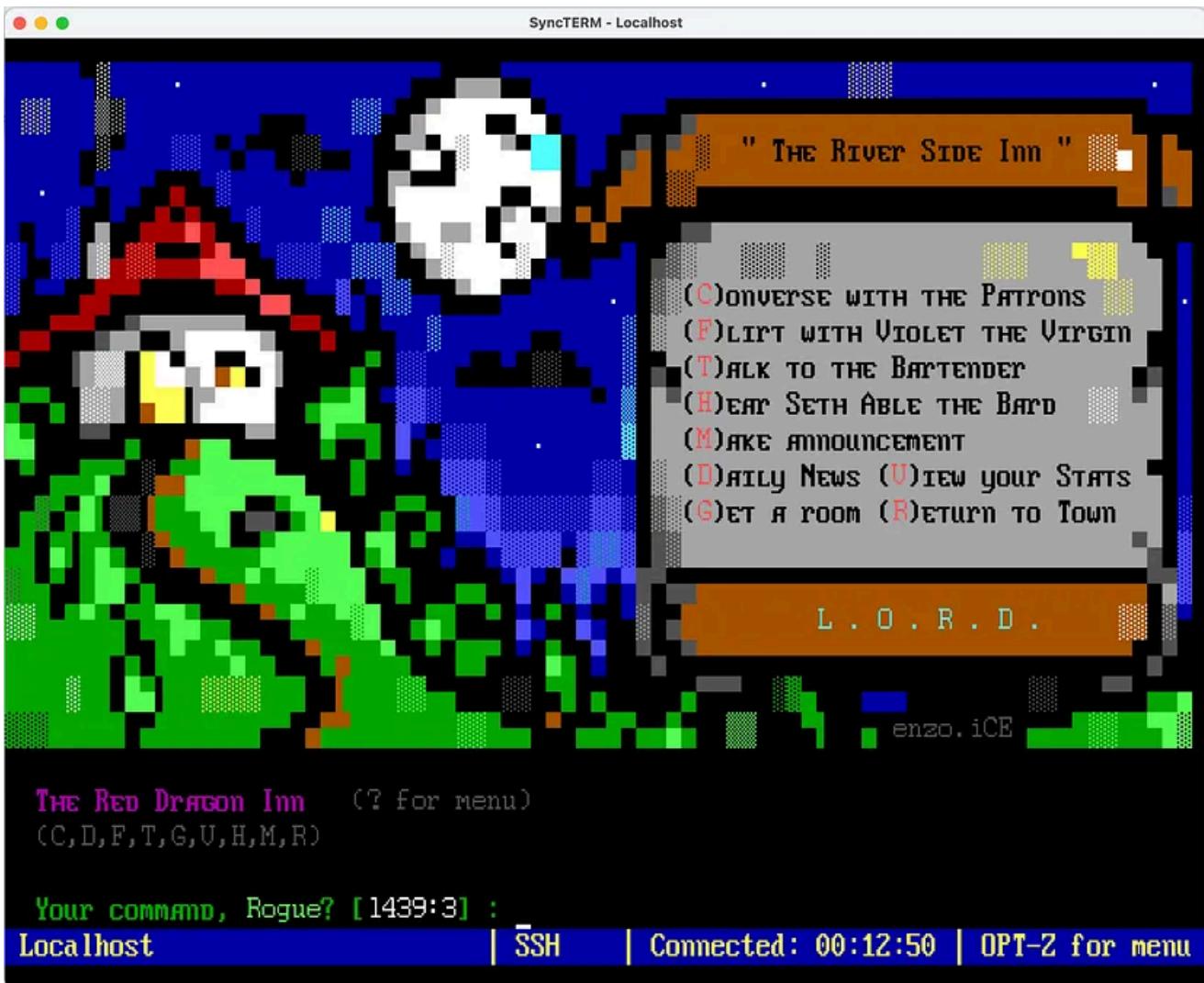
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| Connected: 00:01:18 | OPT-Z for menu

There's a list that brings back memories...



Let's just leave poor Violet alone now, ok?

The plan is to use a dynamic DNS service to update my whereabouts whenever the case is powered up so friends can connect. The BBS name? Cyberdeck of course. Hit me up on Fidonet for the new user password. 😊

Currently looking for ANSI artists to commission a custom theme. In the mean time, the Docker configuration is up on [GitHub](#).