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#Here and Now#  
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Also, you can connect via SSH, which is pretty cool. I'm all for more security in these regards.

## The Main Menu



## The Messaging Menu



## The Files Menu



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@Connection Methods@

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telnet://agency.bbs.nz
ssh://agency.bbs.nz:2024

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#Alcoholiday#
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Centered around alcohol, the theme is very prevalent in all the art. It has a very nice laidback atmosphere that makes you feel as if you're in a lounge area. I'd love to meet the SysOp of this place. The other special thing about this place is the myriad of Door games found in it. There were at least 3 game menus. I didn't really check the files, but I imagine they have lots of files as well.

Overall, if you like a good atmosphere, I would highly recommend this one.

## The Main Menu



## The Files Menu



## The Games Menu



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telnet://alco.bbs.io

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#FIDONet#  
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FIDONet is a still in use messagning protocol, used by BBSes to store and forward messages from one place to another. I personally haven't used it, as I don't believe I've encountered any cross-BBS socialization yet. I could go into specifics of the protocol according to wikipedia, but honestly, I don't feel like it as I feel it would be a waste of time to just copy and paste various tidbits from an article anyone can access.

I realize I need to be a SysOp to gain a full understanding of how the system works and how I can post more about it. In any case, I'll be sure to update about this again once I gain some understanding by running my own BBS.

Look forward to more info and if I can get some feedback from the community concerning this system, that would be great too.

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#BBSes and decentralization#  
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BBSes were, from the very start, decentralized. They continue to be decentralized as well, as no BBS relies entirely upon another. Now, we have centralized services such as Facebook and Twitter, which practically everyone uses. They've been shown to have massive problems, whether with censorship or privacy breaches. That's not to say that BBSes can have the same problems, but the thing is, due to their decentralized nature, if you dislike one BBS community, you can go and freely find another.



