



Holdem Bot User Manual



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Quick Start

1.1 List of Currently Supported Poker Rooms

America's Cardroom (Winning Poker Network, USA-friendly, Windows 7 only)

Black Chip Poker (Winning Poker Network, USA-friendly, Windows 7 only)

True Poker (Winning Poker Network, USA-friendly, Windows 7 only)

5 Dimes Poker (Shark Tank room only, WPN, USA-friendly, Windows 7 only)

BetOnline Poker (Chico Poker Network, USA-friendly)

SportsBet.ing.ag (Chico Poker Network, USA-friendly)

Full Flush Poker (Equity Poker Network, USA-friendly)

Bodog Poker (including Chinese version)

Bovada Poker (USA-friendly version of Bodog)

888 Poker (including Spanish, Chinese, and New Jersey USA versions)

WSOP Poker (including UK, New Jersey, and Nevada versions)

William Hill Poker (iPoker network, EU license)

Ladbrokes Poker (iPoker network, EU license)

Betfair Poker (iPoker network, Danish license)

Titan Poker / TitanBet Poker (iPoker network)

Winner Poker (iPoker network)

NetBet Poker (formerly **Poker770**, iPoker network)

Bet365 Poker (iPoker network, EU license)

BetnGo Poker (iPoker network)

BetFred Poker (iPoker network)

Boyle Poker (iPoker network)

Paddy Power Poker (iPoker network)

Everest Poker (iPoker network)

Sisal.it (Italy-only iPoker software room, bot reads Italian here)

Titanbet.it (Italy-only iPoker software room, bot reads Italian here)

PaddyPower.it (Italy-only iPoker software room, bot reads Italian here)

Turbopoker.fr (France-only iPoker software room)

Everest Poker France (France-only iPoker software room)

888.es (Spain-only 888 software room)

Please note that our bot will not automatically work on other skins on the same network, and must be specifically programmed to work at each site we support.

*For **Rakeback** and **special deposit bonus deals** sign up for your poker room accounts through this link:*

<http://tinyurl.com/l6x9cph>

1.2 Installation and Program Access

Unless you changed the path on the download screen, the bot was installed on your **c: drive** to a folder named **poker** in a subfolder named **data**. Five files came with the download and they should all be in that subfolder together. Therefore the bot folder can be accessed by going to **my computer** and then **Local Disk C:** and then opening the folder *poker* and then the subfolder *data*.

The bot itself is named **holdembot** and can be opened on an XP, Windows 7, or Windows 8 machine by simply double-clicking it. On a Vista machine **the bot** must be *run as administrator*. You can do this by right clicking on the bot and choosing the **Run As Administrator** menu item in the pop up menu.

Run Poker Room Software 'as Administrator'. On Vista, W7, and W8 machines you must start the poker room software to *run as administrator*. This is done by right-clicking on the program icon and choosing the *Run as Administrator* menu item in the pop up menu. Please note that you **must** do this **every time** you start the poker room.

You can set the poker room (and the bot on Vista machines) to always run as administrator by right-clicking on the program icon, choosing **Properties**, going to the **Shortcut** tab, clicking on the **Advanced** button, and checking the box that says **Run as Administrator**. If you do this once the program will then always run as administrator, even when you open it in the usual manner.

Please note additional temporary files will appear in the bot folder once you open the bot, including the bot's own recorded session log (which is a text file titled **holdem** and records everything the bot saw and did in the last session, and gives a reason for each action taken).

Use of Desktop Icons: By default the installation program creates a shortcut called "holdembot" on your desktop that can be used to start the bot. If you choose to use the desktop program icon, we recommend renaming it. (The icon image is generic-looking for stealth reasons.) To rename the shortcut: Right-click on the icon and choose *rename* from the pop up menu. Think of a creative name for it; perhaps something that sounds like another piece of software such as *Mail Grabber* or *Photo Editor*.

A desktop shortcut makes program access convenient. A better solution than a shortcut to the program, however, is a shortcut to the bot-folder itself. That way you can have quick access to your profiles and session logs as well. To do this, right-click on the bot folder (the 'data' subfolder inside the 'poker' folder) and choose *Send To* and then choose *Desktop (create shortcut)*. After the shortcut to

the folder appears on your desktop, rename it by right-clicking on it and choosing *Rename* from the popup menu.

Windows 8. The bot will work on most Windows 8 computers (except for the Winning Poker Network rooms) as long as you have it on the desktop view. Also please make sure you have updated to Windows 8.1 or later. Here is a web page that shows you how to do that:

<http://www.pugetsystems.com/labs/articles/How-To-Make-Windows-8-1-Act-More-Like-Windows-7-514/>

You may also like to read this thread in our support forum where other Windows 8 users have reported on what they did to optimize it for the bot:

<http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,7405.0.html>

(You will need to log into our support forum first in order to access that board. There is **a lot more** to our support forum than what is visible to guests – including profile and add-on software marketplace boards – so make sure you get registered there and log in to check it all out!)

Errors reported by bot on start-up: When you start the bot it will check your PC display settings and give a numbered error message if they do not match those required by the bot. Appendix A at the end of this document tells you how to correct each of these errors. If you get any of these, please refer to Appendix A to correct them before proceeding further.

Verify Bot Window Data: After doing the initial poker room software settings adjustments described in section 1.3 below, put the bot in a low stakes cash game, playing one table only, and keep the bot window open on your screen. Watch closely and make sure accurate information is being reported in the bot window data. Especially pay attention to the **big blind size** and **your stack size** figures – if those are not being reported accurately, the bot will appear to play like a maniac but it will be because the bot thinks your stack is extremely low. If the information scrolls too fast for you to read it, you can close the bot and verify the data in the bot's session log (see section 3.5 for an explanation of how the session log works and where to find it).

English Language Regional Settings in Windows. Our bot needs your Windows language to be in English at most of our supported poker rooms (the special Italian rooms supported are exceptions). From the Control Panel in Windows, find the **Language and Regional Options**. Set this to **English / United States**. (Please note that *English / United Kingdom* can cause problems due to their using commas in place of decimals, so do not use that.)

If your native Windows language is not English and the bot does not report the correct big blind size or stack size in the open bot window (or reports stack = unknown) even after changing your Windows language to English/US, you may also need to adjust your **language for non-unicode programs**. Here is the path for doing that in Windows 7:

Control Panel >
Clock Language and Region >
Change Keyboards or other input methods > [set keyboard language to English here](#)
Administrative tab >
Language for non-unicode programs > [here set this to English/US](#)

Don't forget to make sure your keyboard language is set to English /US on the third step on the above path.

Poker room setup: The list of currently supported poker rooms is at the beginning of this manual. The bot will usually not work at **any** other poker rooms, even if they are a skin on the same network. Also, each supported poker room **requires some setup** before the bot will work there (see below).

Do not attempt to run the bot before doing the necessary setup at the poker room you want to play at. **This is critical.** If you don't fix error messages in the bot window and do the required poker room setup, the bot may not be able to read the cards or the situation properly - and as a result may appear to act erratically.

Anti-Virus and Anti-Spyware Warnings: If you get a warning message from your anti-virus software about our program, it is a **false positive**. Some security programs don't like the looks of our software. Rest assured our software is 100% safe. We have been in business since 2006 and have over 10,000 members in our support forum. Tell your Anti-virus to leave the bot folder alone and let our script run (you may even need to disable the *file shield* function of your AV program in order to run the bot).

If you get the error message that the .dll file is missing: This file comes in the bot download and is necessary for the bot to work. It **must** be kept in the same folder as the bot! If you get this message and you do indeed see that this file is located inside the bot folder like it is supposed to be, that means your anti-virus program is quarantining this file. You need to tell it leave the C:/Poker/Data file alone. Here is a link that may help for Avast users:

https://support.avast.com/index.php?_m=knowledgebase&_a=viewarticle&kbarticleid=201

In particular, **Avast!**, **Malwarebytes**, **Norton** and **Kaspersky** are known to quarantine the bot folder files without your permission. If you have those applications running on your PC you may need to tell them to ignore the bot folder.

The alternative is to disable your anti-virus program, download the bot again, and keep it disabled while you play.

English Only: Our poker bots can only read United States English (the special Italian rooms supported are exceptions) so you **must** be using the English versions of the poker room software. You must also adjust the following settings on each individual poker room client.

If the only action the bot ever takes is folding even when the instructions in the bot window say to raise or call, you may have a CPU configuration issue on your PC that can be fixed by setting it to use only one core. The path for making this adjustment is as follows:

START / All Programs / Accessories / Run >

In the Run window type in **MSCONFIG** and hit enter >

In the **BOOT** tab click on **Advanced Options** >

Put a tick in **Number of Processors** and set it to **1**

1.3 Poker Room Settings

Winning Poker Network

(America's Cardroom, Black Chip Poker, True Poker, 5 Dimes Shark Tank)

Note: Our bot only works with **Windows 7** at this network, so if you have Windows 8 you should use a VM. Also, it can currently play a **maximum of 2-3 tables** at these rooms (three on most desktops, two on most laptops). While you can hook additional bot windows to tables, you will get “unable to read cards” messages on one of the tables if you attempt to play 4+ tables.

Also Note: Your **screen name** cannot contain any symbols in it. This poker network allows symbols in screen names such as \$ and ?, but our bot will not work properly if your screen name contains characters other than letters and numbers (upper or lower case letters is fine). **In addition**, your screen name cannot contain the word ‘holdem’ in it.

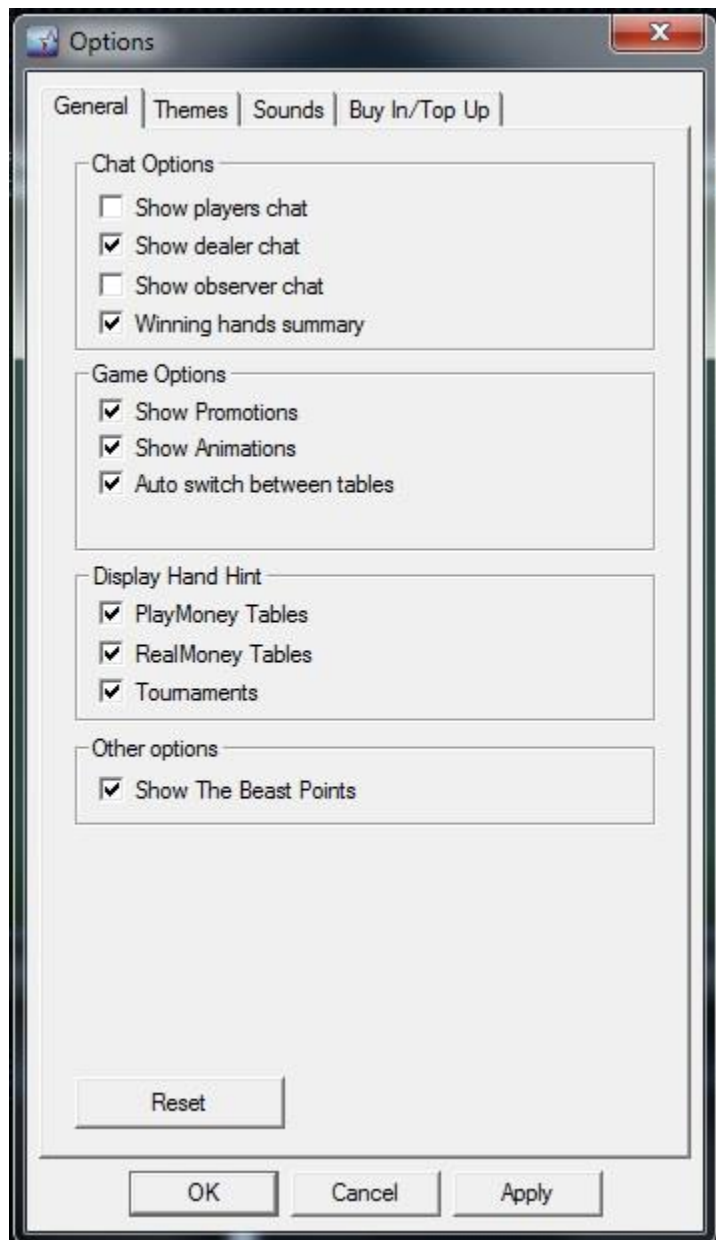
The bot will resize the table to how it needs it as soon as it is attached. This is to make multi-tabling easier, as the default table size fills the entire screen. We find it easiest to resize the table to the minimum manually, before starting the bot, especially when multi-tabling. This way, you can move the table location first.

There are three crucial option settings for the poker table that must be set in order for the bot to read everything.

1. The poker table **chat** must be set to display on the table in the lower left window, not ‘info’ or ‘stats’. It cannot be detached to the side-dock either. Also, never click on the poker chat scroll bar on the side of the chat. The table should look like this, with the chat bubble highlighted in blue:



- From any poker table, bring up the options window by clicking on the gear icon on the top left. In this window, on the **General Tab**, under Chat Options, make sure **Show dealer chat** is checked:



3. Then, from the **Themes tab**, make sure the **2-color deck** is checked:



No other settings matter. Don't forget to always start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions see: <http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

Rakeback: Some of the poker rooms on this network offer a **27% rakeback deal** which you can get by following this link: <http://tinyurl.com/l6x9cph>

Chico Poker Network (BetOnline, Sportsbetting.ag)

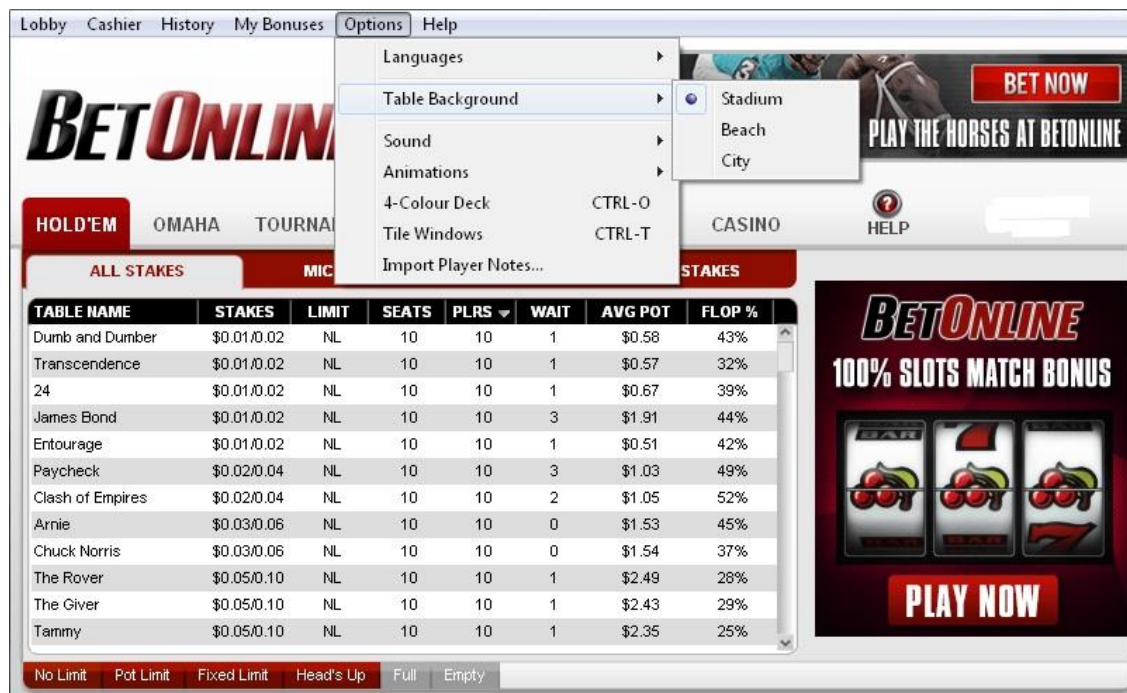
Note: BetOnline cash tables have an annoying blackjack table attached on the right-hand side and there doesn't appear to be any way to get rid of it. No big deal, as it doesn't bother our bot.

The bot will resize the unhooked table to where it needs it as soon as it is started. This is to make multi-tabling easier, as the default table size fills the entire screen on most monitors. Don't worry -- the bot can still see everything even if you can't. When multi-tabling the tables can overlap if necessary, but it's probably wise to stagger them a little so the betting buttons don't overlap.

From the poker room lobby, click on **Options** and set as follows:

Options

- Language > English
- Table Background > Stadium
- Animations > On
- 4-color deck – **Do not check!**
- Tile Windows – **Do not check!**



The screenshot shows the BetOnline poker lobby interface. The 'Options' menu is open, showing the following settings:

- Languages
- Table Background: Stadium (selected)
- Sound
- Animations
- 4-Colour Deck: CTRL-O
- Tile Windows: CTRL-T
- Import Player Notes...

The main lobby area displays a table list with the following columns: TABLE NAME, STAKES, LIMIT, SEATS, PLRS, WAIT, AVG POT, and FLOP %. The table list includes the following entries:

TABLE NAME	STAKES	LIMIT	SEATS	PLRS	WAIT	AVG POT	FLOP %
Dumb and Dumber	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.58	43%
Transcendence	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.57	32%
24	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.67	39%
James Bond	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	3	\$1.91	44%
Entourage	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.51	42%
Paycheck	\$0.02/0.04	NL	10	10	3	\$1.03	49%
Clash of Empires	\$0.02/0.04	NL	10	10	2	\$1.05	52%
Arnie	\$0.03/0.06	NL	10	10	0	\$1.53	45%
Chuck Norris	\$0.03/0.06	NL	10	10	0	\$1.54	37%
The Rover	\$0.05/0.10	NL	10	10	1	\$2.49	28%
The Giver	\$0.05/0.10	NL	10	10	1	\$2.43	29%
Tammy	\$0.05/0.10	NL	10	10	1	\$2.35	25%

At the bottom of the table list, there are buttons for 'No Limit', 'Pot Limit', 'Fixed Limit', 'Head's Up', 'Full', and 'Empty'. The interface also features a 'BET NOW' button and a 'PLAY THE HORSES AT BETONLINE' banner at the top right, and a '100% SLOTS MATCH BONUS' banner at the bottom right.

No other settings matter. Don't forget to always start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions see: <http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

Full Flush Poker (Equity Network)

Note: Full Flush uses the same poker room software platform as the Chico network above (Betonline & Sportsbetting.ag) but operates on a different network so has different games and players.

The bot will resize the unhooked table to where it needs it as soon as it is started. This is to make multi-tabling easier, as the default table size fills the entire screen on most monitors. Don't worry -- the bot can still see everything even if you can't. When multi-tabling the tables can overlap if necessary, but it's probably wise to stagger them a little so the betting buttons don't overlap.

From the poker room lobby, click on **Options** and set as follows:

Options

Language > English

Animations > On

4-color deck – **Do not check!**

Tile Windows – **Do not check!**



The screenshot shows the Full Flush Poker lobby interface. The 'Options' menu is open, displaying the following settings:

- Languages
- Change Table Background...
- Sound
- Animations: On
- 4-Colour Deck: CTRL-O
- Tile Windows: CTRL-T
- Import Player Notes...

The background interface includes a navigation bar with 'Lobby', 'Cashier', 'My Bonuses', 'Options', and 'Help'. Below this is a 'FULL FLUSH POKER' logo and a table of tournaments. The table has columns for 'DATE', 'NAME', and 'REGISTRATION'. The right side of the interface features a 'MONTHLY POP ACCUMULATOR' showing 20.00, a 'Running' checkbox, and a 'Tournament Lobby' button.

DATE	NAME	REGISTRATION
Oct 27 18:02	\$300 BIG NIGHTLY	
in 51 minutes	\$2,000 GTD BACK2BACK	50 Reg \$5.50+\$0.55
Oct 27 19:02	\$25 FREEROLL ON DEMAND	20 Reg 1 POP
Oct 31 11:02	\$1,000 Dep/Reload FREEROLL	20 Reg - Deposit Freeroll Tick
Oct 27 18:22	\$5000 HIGHROLLER SPECIAL	9 Reg \$50+\$5 Gold
Oct 27 18:22	\$2,000 LATE NIGHT	8 Reg \$5.50+\$0.55
Oct 27 19:02	\$500 GTD \$2 Special	4 Reg \$2+\$0.20
Oct 31 14:02	\$5K HALLOWEEN BOUNTY TREA	1 Reg \$15+\$1.50 Rubies
Oct 27 20:02	\$1500 GTD AFTER HOURS Turbo	0 Annc \$4.50+\$0.45
Oct 27 21:02	\$200 GTD Turbo Rebuy/Add	0 Annc \$1.60+\$0.16
Oct 27 21:02	\$25 FREEROLL ON DEMAND	0 Annc 1 POP
Oct 27 23:02	\$25 FREEROLL ON DEMAND	0 Annc 1 POP

No other settings matter. Don't forget to always start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions see: <http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

Bodog / Bovada Poker (Including Chinese Bodog room)

Note: Our bot uses “OCR technology” to play at Bodog and Bovada, which is different than the technology used for supporting our other poker rooms. This means that the bot is dependent upon reading information from the screen and therefore will be more sensitive to monitor and display settings. Tables can still overlap when multi-tabling, because the bot brings the active table to the front and takes a screenshot when it is your turn to act.

However, when playing more than three tables you might see timing issues when you have to act at more than one table at the same time, as the multiple tables waiting for your action fight each other for the front view. In these cases the bot may take longer than the normal 2 seconds to act, and in rare instances may even time out without acting. This looks quite natural however, as human players often have the same issue under these circumstances. Also, this issue will be dependent somewhat on your system resources. Most people can play at least three tables without noticeable timing issues.

Lobby settings: You must set the **Game Play Settings** tab exactly as shown below, at both Bodog and Bovada, under the Preferences options in the lobby.

Preferences
(Press ESC key to close)

Table Settings Game Play Settings Default Buy-in About This Software

Game Play Settings

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Pot Total Display the Pot Total for each hand above the main pot.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Folded Hand Display Show your folded pocket cards until the end of each hand. Opponents will not see them.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Bet Value View your opponents numeric Bet Values along with their chips for each round of betting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Four Colored Deck Use a 4 colored deck. Clubs will be shown as green and diamonds will be blue.
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Hand Strength Display your best 5-card hand to the right of your pocket cards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Disable Enter to Bet Prevents the keyboard Enter key from placing a bet.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Table Spotlight Turn on the Spotlight to follow the action at the Poker table.	<input type="checkbox"/> Disable Pop to Front Prevents the table from popping in front of other windows when it is your turn.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Game Play Animation Turn on Game Play animation such as chip and card movements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auto Muck Hands Always muck losing/uncalled hands.
<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit Card Displays the next card that would have been dealt after the hand has ended.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enable Fold and Show Enable the ability to fold and show your hand at the showdown.

Language
English

In addition, on the **Table Settings** tab the **background must be set to red**. These Preferences settings from the lobby are not optional and must be set properly in order for the bot to function at Bodog/Bovada.

Make certain that you do not collapse the box on the table screen which shows the options for auto-posting blinds and sitting out! If you do, the bot will not be able to use the sit-out functions such as the bathroom break settings. That box looks like this:



See that little arrow above those check boxes on the right? Stay away from that! If you click it, that entire box collapses and hides the sit-out options. If they are not visible on the screen, the bot cannot check them and follow sit-out commands.

Do not enable “preferred seating” on the Table Settings tab! It doesn’t matter which seat the bot is in, but the preferred seating function may hinder the bot’s reading ability in some situations.

Troubleshooting: If you have correctly followed the above setup instructions and the bot cannot read the cards (and therefore will not act), then it is highly likely that a windows variable has been installed on your PC registry from another downloaded software program, which is interfering with the bot’s ability to work properly at Bodog/Bovada. In this case, the bot should return a warning message about the presence of this file, which is unnecessary and safe to remove. You can find instructions for removing it, plus a link to a free app which will remove it for you, here:

<http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php?topic=5318.0>

Non-standard systems may have trouble trying to run the bot at Bodog/Bovada, due to the nuances of using OCR technology (for example, a laptop + external monitor or a Netbook PC). You might play around with the resolution and display settings in these cases.

English language must be used.

888 Poker & WSOP Poker

(Includes Spain 888.es room, Chinese version, 888 New Jersey, WSOP Nevada, WSOP New Jersey, WSOP U.K.)

Important: The older **version 24** of the poker room software is required for our bot to work on the 888 rooms. Most of you should be able to downgrade to that version via this link:

setups poker.images4us.com/setups/888poker/EN/p-1-en-4-6.17-0/24/SetupFiles/GIB/FULL/888pokersetup.exe

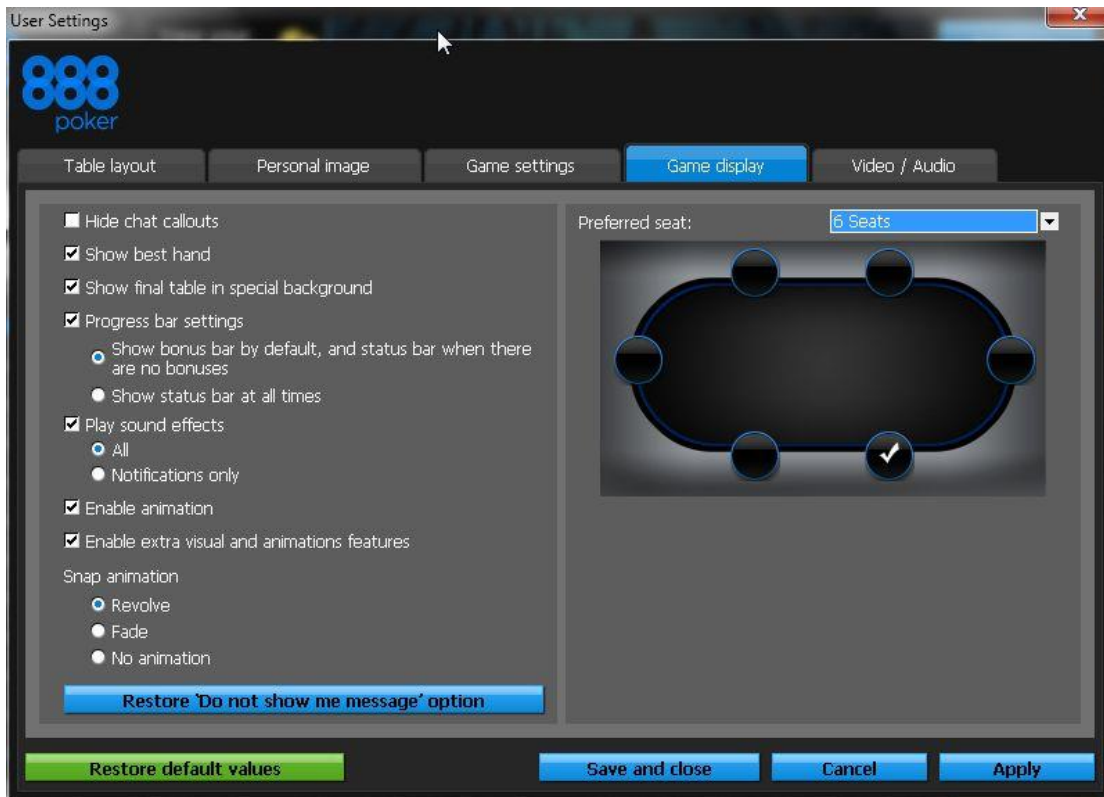
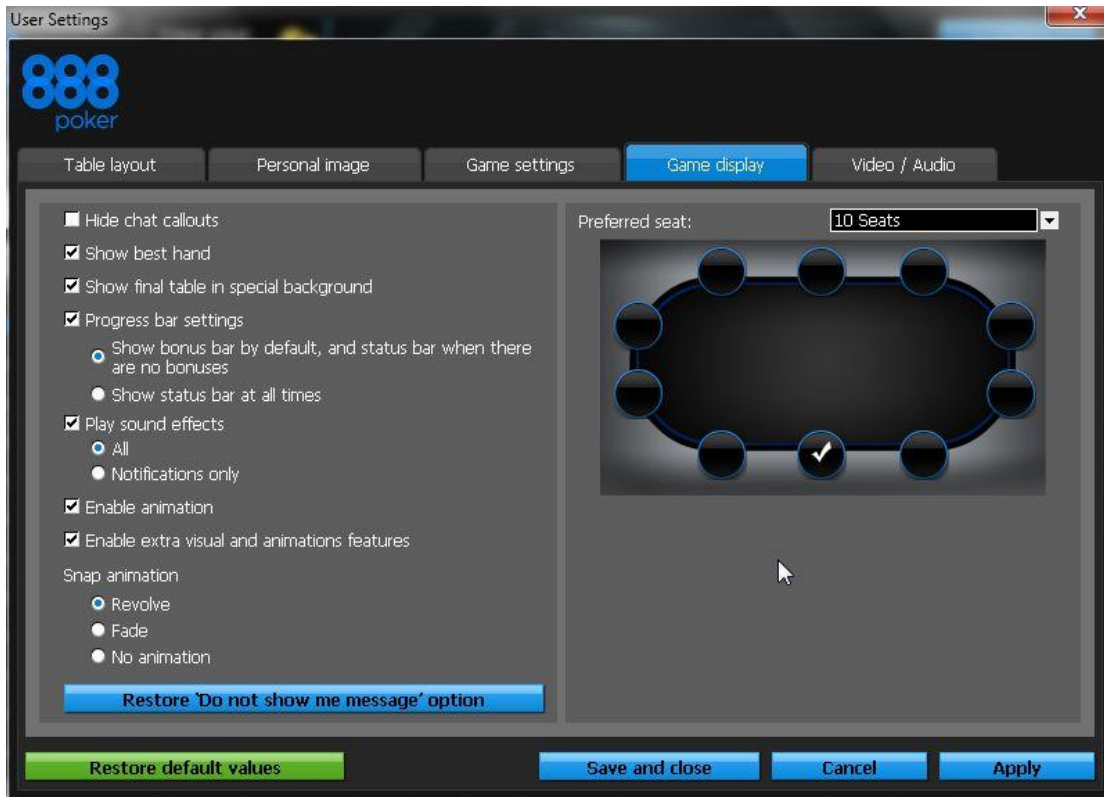
Please Note: For the **first hand dealt** in any game at this poker room, the bot's stack size, position, and opponent count will be unknown and/or incorrect for the **first hand only**, but should correct from the 2nd hand onwards.

You **must** set the following display options on the poker client from the 888 poker lobby **including the preferred seat positions**. These are all critical and are not optional in order for the bot to function properly.

Set the **Game Settings** tab as follows:



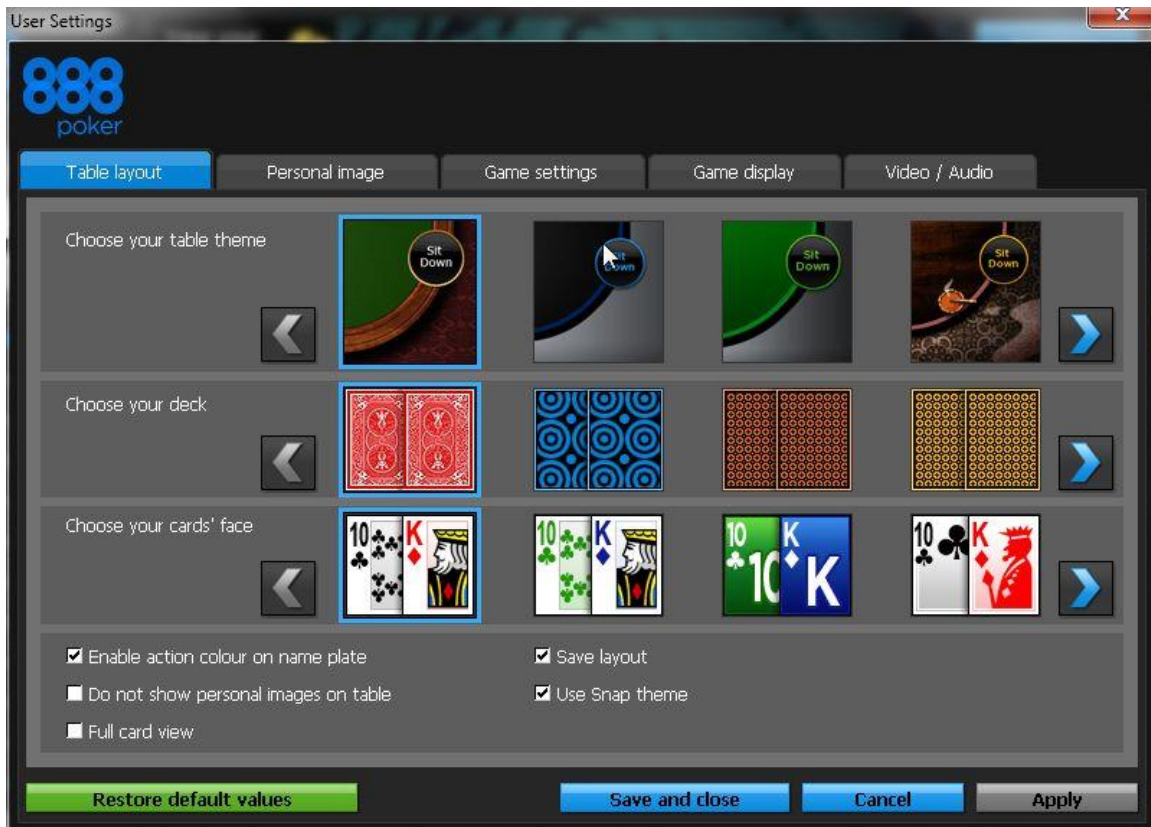
Set the **Game Display** tab as follows:



You must have the **English language** selected on the Game Settings tab for the bot to work here (this includes the Spanish and Chinese rooms), and you must have your windows language set to English/US.

You **must** select the preferred seat for **each table type** on the drop-down list as shown above! For all table types except 6 and 8 player tables, it is the bottom center seat. For 6 and 8 player tables, it is the right-bottom seat. In other words, **if a bottom center seat exists you must be seated in it!** If not, you **must** be seated in the bottom right seat!

Finally, set the **Table Layout tab** as follows:



Make sure that on the **Video/Audio tab** you did **not** check the box that says *Show final table in special background*, or the bot will not be able to play the final table in MTT's!

Please remember that 888 Poker **must be run as administrator** on all operating systems except XP. You can set any program to always run as administrator when opened; for instructions go here:

<http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic.6734.0.html>

iPoker Network

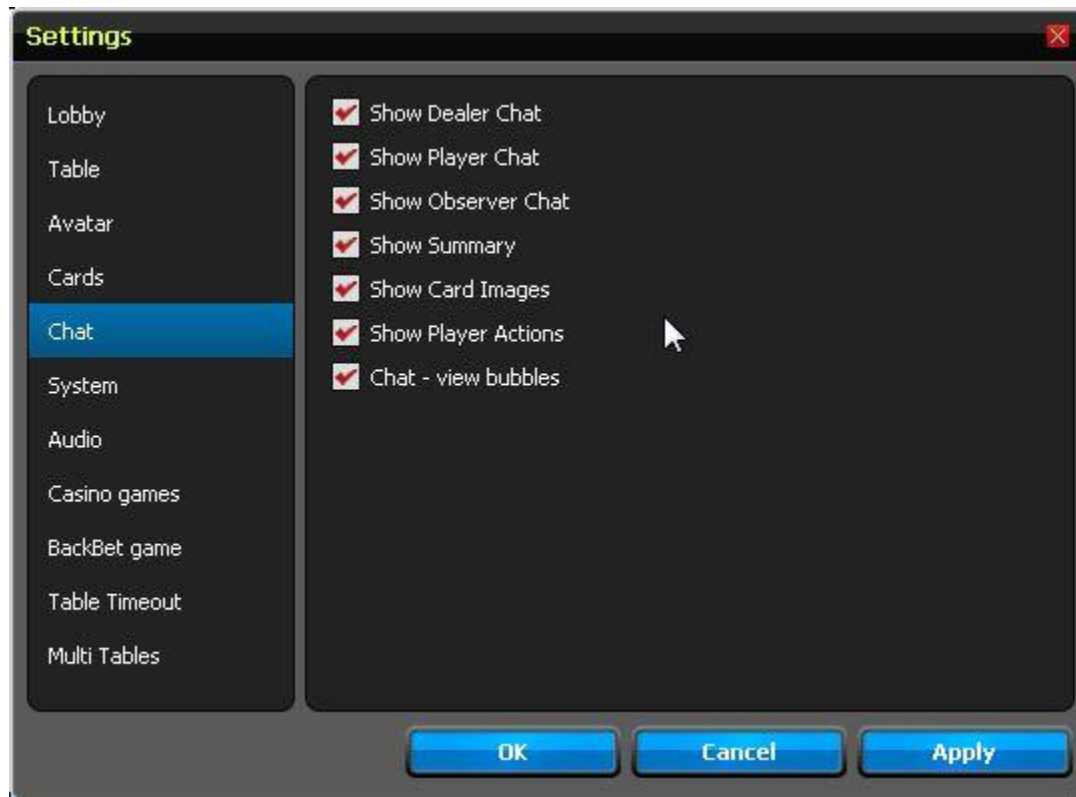
(William Hill / Ladbrokes / Betfair / Titan / TitanBet / NetBet / Bet365 / Boyle / Winner / Paddy Power / Everest / Sisal.it / Titanbet.it / Turbopoker.fr / Everest.fr)

This setup is for all supported **iPoker network** rooms, including the French and Italian only rooms. These settings adjustments are all critical and **must** be followed in order for the bot to function properly.

Please note that **France** residents need to use the English version of the poker clients at all three supported France rooms (including EverestPoker.fr). However, **Italy** residents must use the Italian version of the poker clients at both supported Italy rooms.

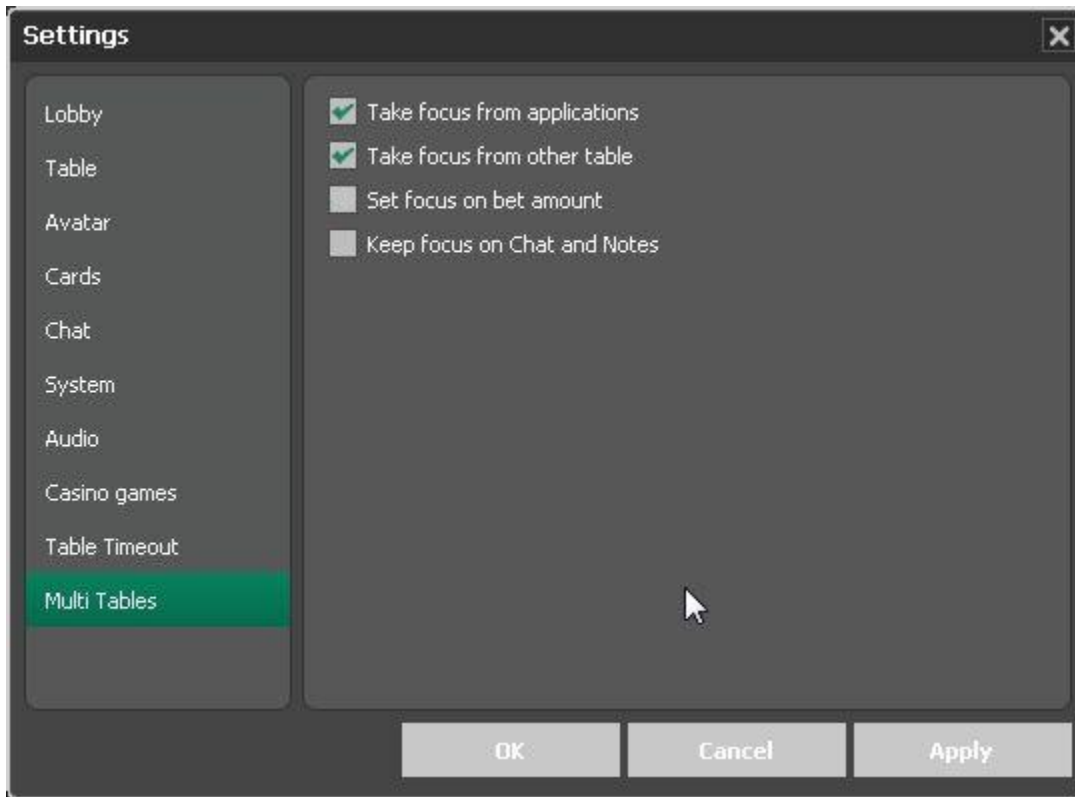
Poker Client Setup

Go to *Options > Settings* and on the **Chat** tab check all the options, as follows:

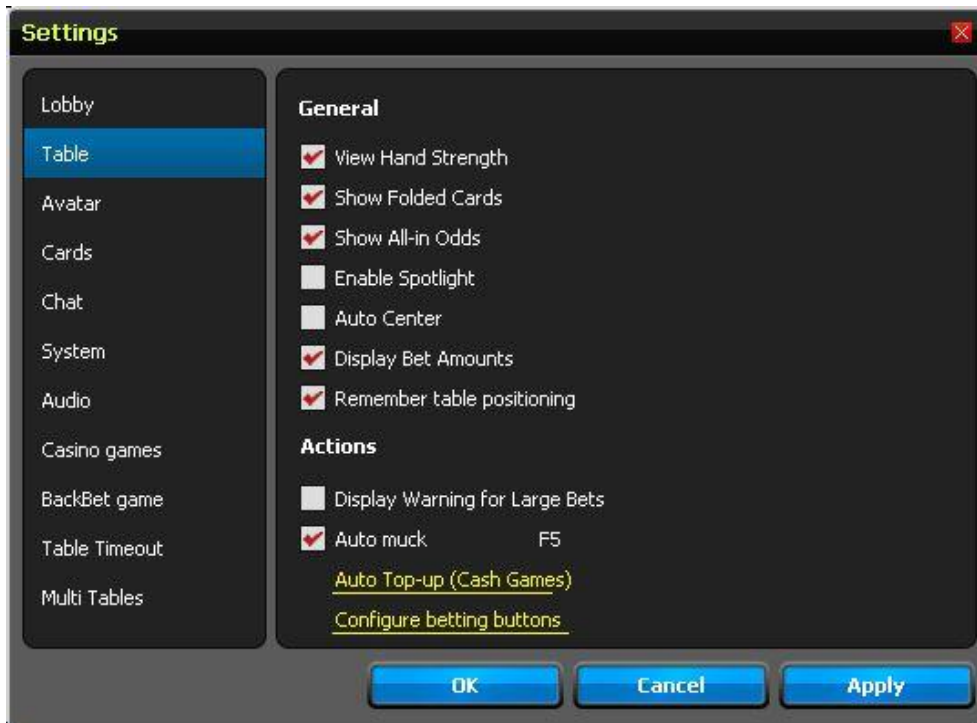


(Note: The player chat and observer chat can be unchecked if desired, and may improve bot performance, especially when multi-tabling.)

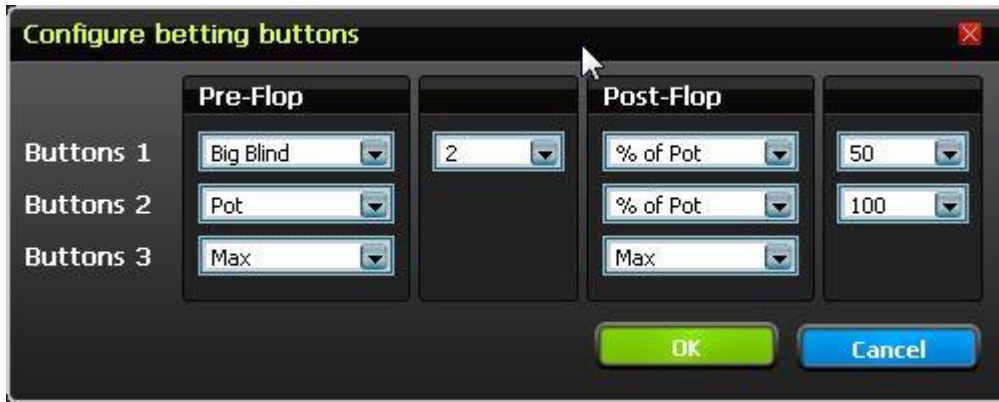
Next, go to the **Multi Tables** tab and set the options as follows:



Next, go to the **Table** tab and set the options as follows:

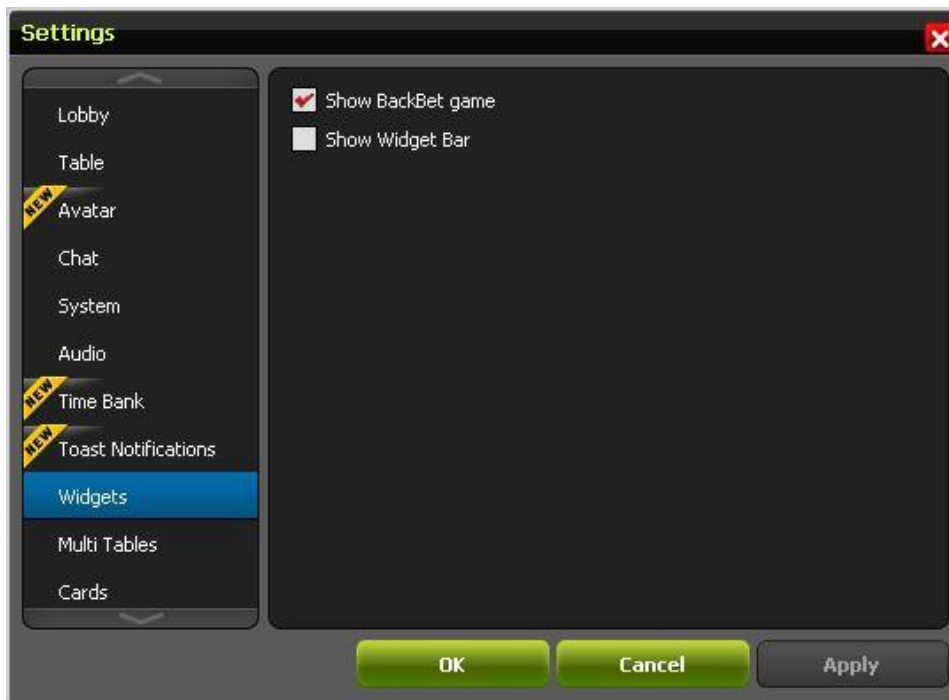


Important: If a **Configure betting buttons** link is available near the bottom of the Table tab, as above (some iPoker rooms have it, some don't), you **must** click that and then configure your betting buttons as follows:



If you do not configure **Buttons 2** and **Buttons 3** as shown above (for the iPoker rooms which have user-configurable betting buttons), there will be no *Bet Pot* or *Bet Max* buttons available on your screen, resulting in the bot's inability to follow these commands.

Also Important: If a **Widgets tab** is available, the **Show Widget Bar** setting **must be un-checked** at every iPoker room (**except** for Titan):



At **Titan Poker** (including TitanBet.it) The Show Widget Bar setting above must be checked!

None of the other settings on any of the other tabs are important for the bot, so they can be set as you desire.

Windows Settings

Both the bot and poker client must be *run as administrator* for Vista and Windows Seven machines (see section 1.1). The bot automatically runs as administrator on Windows Seven systems, but the poker client still must be opened that way **every time**. On Vista systems, both the bot and the poker room software must always be opened to run as administrator, using the right-click mouse option.

Your Windows language/regional settings **must be set to English/U.S** for all poker rooms (see section 1.2) with the exception of the Italian and French-only iPoker sites that are supported.

Poker Table Chat Window: Important!

There are two sizes that the poker table chat window can be and the bot needs it on the larger of the two sizes in order to read the dealer messages (please note that it can still read them even if the tables overlap and the table is covered by another table, however). This is very subtle and easy to miss, so please do play around with the poker table chat size to the point where you understand how to expand and collapse it. This does not apply to Speed Poker tables, however, which use a different type of chat window that is not resizable – but **the poker client will collapse all poker chat windows after playing on a Speed table**, requiring you to expand them again the next time you play a non-speed table, including any tournament!

Speed Poker

The bot supports Speed Poker tables at all our supported iPoker rooms. They can be multi-tabled in the usual manner. However, please note that after playing on a Speed Poker table, the poker table chat window will then be collapsed at all non-speed tables (including tournaments) and will have to be **expanded again manually** before the bot will work at them again.

Also, the bot will speed-fold the weaker starting hands automatically, which means it will not attempt to steal blinds with them in late position, being as it does not evaluate position until it is the bot's turn to act. Speed-folding can be disabled on the bot's option menu under Options > Other Options > Disable Speed Folding if you wish to steal blinds instead. It will slow the pace of the game some,

but not too much since most of the speed comes from not seeing the flop and having to wait for opponents to play out a hand.

Tournaments

At the iPoker rooms, the bot will ask you for your screen name when you play a tournament. **Be careful of typos!** If the name you enter does not match your screen name at the table exactly, the bot will not be able to read your stack size!

Sisal.it and Titanbet.it

The bot also supports the Italian iPoker rooms **Sisal.it** and **Titanbet.it**, for Italy residents only. These are the only Italian iPoker room currently supported, and the bot works with the Italian language only here. The same other iPoker setup instructions apply.

TurboPoker.fr, EverestPoker.fr, and Unibet.fr

The bot also supports these three French poker rooms, for France residents only. You must use the English speaking poker clients, as the bot only reads English at these three sites. All other iPoker setup instructions apply.

Rakeback

Private (non-advertised) rakeback deals are available for certain iPoker rooms and they are juicy! Check our support forum for the latest offers.

iPoker Troubleshooting

Problems reported using the bot at any of the iPoker network rooms almost always end up being due to one of these five things:

1. Not having your Windows language set to **English / US** (English / UK is no good because the betting amounts need to have decimals, not commas).
2. Not using an English speaking version of the poker client.
3. Having **collapsed the poker table chat window**. This is the most common error. There are two sizes that the poker table chat window can be and the bot needs it on the larger of the two sizes in order to read the dealer messages in the poker table chat (please note that it can still read them even if the tables overlap and the table is covered by another table however). It is quite easy to accidentally

collapse the chat on the poker table. If you have done this, some arrows will show on the right side of the chat that you can click and expand it back again.

4. Not having **configured the betting buttons** in the poker client properly, resulting in no 'pot' or 'max' size betting buttons available on the screen for the bot to use. See above screenshot of how they should be configured (if you are playing at an iPoker room which has incorporated that feature in the software).

5. Failing to start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. This must be done every time it is started. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions go here:

<http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

6. Having the widgets setting enabled if you are not playing at Titan, or having it disabled if you are playing at Titan.

7. A typo in entering your screen name on the bot for tournaments, resulting in the bot being unable to read your stack size. The screen name you enter must match your name displayed at the table exactly.

8. Having checked the “set focus on bet amount” box on the **multi-tables tab**. Don't do that!

1.4 Additional Stealth

While the Holdem Bot comes includes a built-in Hiding feature, there are some additional steps you can take to hide it on your system even further. We want to stress, however, that we think this is unnecessary. None of our supported poker rooms are giving any of us any trouble. Your best defense is to simply not play inhuman-looking marathon sessions.

Moving and renaming the bot folders.

- A) Create a new folder on your PC somewhere, on your C: drive should be fine, and name it something creative like “spykiller.”
- B) Rename the two folders that installed on your C: drive when you downloaded the bot. (Remember, on your C: drive there is a folder titled Poker and within that a folder titled Data, rename both of those to something that has nothing to do with poker).
- C) Move the outer of the two bot folders that you renamed in Step B above into the new folder that you created in step A above.

Example: New folder was named *spykiller*, Poker folder was renamed *install*, Data folder was renamed *records*. So the path to your bot folder is now *C:\spykiller\install\records*. You will need to navigate there to access the bot and also when downloading bot upgrades.

- D) Move your license file into the bot folder with the bot (if you had it on your C: drive or on your desktop)
- E) Remove any desktop shortcuts to anything bot-related. No desktop shortcut to the bot or even the bot folder! You will need to “dig” for the bot when you want it.
- F) Rename the bot itself (holdembot.exe) to something like **MSOUTLOOK.exe** or **skype.exe**. Do not rename anything else in the bot folder!

1.5 Sitting in a Game and Starting the Bot

Your poker bot came with 5 files in the download bundle. Two of them were instructional PDF files (this manual being one of them). The other three **must** all be kept in the same folder/directory or the bot will not work. They are:

- **holdembot.exe** – this is the bot software (the .exe extension may not show)
- **.dll file** – this is a necessary gears file and the exact name is changed often
- **holdem.ppl** – this is the default profile (the .ppl extension may not show)

To open the bot just double-click on the generic-looking program icon titled **holdembot**. On Vista you must run the bot as administrator. To do this right click on the above icon and choose “Run As Administrator” from the pop up menu. The default profile loads automatically from the *holdem.ppl* file, and you should get that confirmation message in the bot window when you first start it. We would suggest playing in the 9-max or 6-max No Limit cash games for your 200-hand demo, since the default profile was designed for them. Take a seat at a table in either a play money or real money game. Any open seat is fine as long as you followed the instructions in section 1.2 above for your chosen poker room.

» Do not tweak the poker room settings so that you are moved from the default bottom center seat position that the poker room places you in, at those rooms that default place you there. The bot can only function properly when you are seated there (you should be moved there no matter which open seat you choose).

» Click on *auto-post blinds* at the poker table. You might want to wait for the big blind before starting, but if you want to come in with a late position blind that is fine.

» Open the bot if you have not already done so. Wait until you are clearly **between hands** before starting the bot or before opening a new bot window.

» Start the bot by clicking *Start* on the bot program menu. You should then notice it reading the board cards as they are dealt. When it is your turn to act the bot will read your cards, its position, the number of opponents, and the entire situation and play the hand for you in a manner consistent with expert-level poker play.

» Optional: Hide the bot window by clicking on *Hide* on the bot program menu. Before it vanishes from sight it will give you the keyboard command for bringing it back (usually Alt+F10).

1.6 Multi-Tabling

To open additional tables for the bot to play, first take a seat at the new table and click auto-post blinds. Then go to *Holdem > New Window* and click *New Window*. A new bot window will appear. The second poker table should be in front, if possible, when you click start on the new bot window.

Only one unhooked table can be open when you start the bot. It will automatically attach itself to whatever table is open that has no other bot window connected to it. There cannot be two poker tables open that do not have bot windows attached to them, or it won't know which one to hook to. For this reason, you must open the tables, join them, and hook a bot window to them (by pressing *start* on a bot window) one at a time. Multiple bot windows can be opened in advance, however.

The Hide button hides all the bot windows at once. So, when multi-tabling, minimize the bot windows that are already attached first, and when you have started as many tables as you want, then hide all the bot windows at once.

Table Positioning Tip: If you have a big screen you should try and position the tables so there is minimum overlap between them. On smaller screens, you should at least position the tables such that the button areas do not overlap. Position the 2nd table window such that it is a little (about two inches) to the right of and a little (about 2 inches) below the 1st table and so on. However, tables do not need to be visible for the bot to work and they can all overlap if necessary.

If the bot cannot connect to the additional table on its own, it will ask you for the name of the new table. Be sure to spell it correctly and make sure you capitalize the right letters. Try to do this as quickly as possible.

Repeat the process for opening a third and fourth table if desired, to a maximum of **6 tables** (any exceptions to 6-tabling ability are mentioned in the poker room settings adjustments sections).

To stop: First quit the poker game in the normal manner and close the poker room software. Then bring back all bot windows with the appropriate Alt+F commands and close them.

----- **Quick Start End** -----



Profiles

2.1 Using Different Profiles

Many alternative profiles targeting different game environments already exist for our Holdem Bot. We encourage you to check them out in our support forum.

In addition, you can easily make the bot play any way you want for any poker situation. There is a short learning curve for doing this, but it is not difficult.

The bot gets its playing instructions from one of four “levels,” the top overriding level which you can alter and customize to your heart’s content. User instructions for specific situations can be created and saved on a standard text file by using *Notepad*, the text editor that comes with Windows. These saved playing instructions are referred to as *profiles*. You don’t need any computer programming knowledge in order to make your own profile, or to tweak an existing profile to your liking. Just knowing basic poker terms is enough for most people to be able to do this.

There are two types of profile formats: **.ppl** (a type of *binary* file) and plain **.txt** (text files). A .ppl file started out as a .txt profile but was converted to the other format to protect the profile from being copied. You cannot open a .ppl file for viewing; only our software can access it. You can create and save profiles in .txt format, but you cannot convert them into .ppl unless you have us do it for you, or purchase the .ppl converter from us. (You don’t need to do this unless you plan on selling or sharing your profile and want to copyright-protect it.)

The default profile that came with the bot is in .ppl format (and has been named holdem.ppl so it auto-loads, as will be explained below). The only other way you are likely to get that type of profile is if you decide to purchase one from a reputable seller in the Marketplace section of our support forum. Most of the free profiles in our forum, many of which are quite good, are text files that can be opened, viewed, and tweaked to your liking.

At any given time exactly one .ppl profile and one .txt profile can be loaded into the bot. No more. Either can be swapped out at will. Commands from a .txt

profile will always be executed first, as that type of profile loads at the top level and is read by the bot first. The first matching command is always executed. So **.txt profile actions override any conflicting .ppl profile actions**. This way it is easy for you to tweak a play here and there and save it as a short text profile.

Both types of profiles can be set to auto-load by default whenever you open a bot window. That is what the default profile that comes with the bot is set to do. To designate a profile as a default auto-load profile, all you have to do is rename it as follows:

.ppl file auto-load name: holdem.ppl

.txt file auto-load name: AutoProfileHoldem.txt

Any profile kept in the same folder as the bot that has the above name will auto-load into the bot by default whenever you open a bot window. So obviously you cannot have more than one of each file type with the above names, or it will create a conflict. If you have one of each profile types saved with the above names they will both auto-load. But remember, the .txt file takes precedence.

For the demo we recommend you stick with the default profile and play cash games. You might want to try playing with one of the alternative profiles in our forum for a bit, or, if you are really adventurous during your 200 free hands, you might decide to read a little of the PPL Guide and try tweaking an action or two to get the feel of how customizing the bot's actions works.

2.2 Creating (or Tweaking) Your Own Profile

In order to customize the bot's playing instructions, you first need to understand how the existing programming works. There are four levels in the bot where playing instructions come from, and each higher level overrides the next lower level. They are:

1. Root-level programming
2. Option Settings on the Bot Menu
3. Any .ppl profile that is loaded
4. Any .txt profile that is loaded

The **root level programming** lies at the core. This is the original bot that we started selling in 2006, before it was improved 100 times, and before it became user-configurable. It actually plays decent poker to this day, and many actions in the current default profile are still referred to it.

The **option settings** on the bot's main menu are the second level. These were originally developed to start allowing user control of the bot's actions. They are explained individually further in this manual. The thing to understand about these is that adjusting the option settings on the bot will only affect actions that are referred to the original root level programming. If you want to create a profile just from the bot's option menu settings, you can still do that. But you will need to disable all other profiles from loading (because written instructions in them will override the option settings, so you will need to rename or remove the default *holdem.ppl* profile that is set to auto-load in the bot folder). This is still a viable way to make your own profile, however, especially for tournaments.

Profiles that consist solely of option menu settings can be manually saved as a text profile directly from the bot, and loaded again by using the menu items:

Holdem > Write Profile

Holdem > Read Profile

Write Profile is used to save them and *Read Profile* is used to load them. Profiles are saved as a simple text file, and then can be edited in Notepad. You can also add your own custom instructions to a profile that you saved from the bot by writing them in PPL underneath the saved option settings. PPL is the easy Poker Programming Language any poker player can learn in about an hour with no coding background needed (see the beginning sections of the *PPL Guide* that came with the bot download).

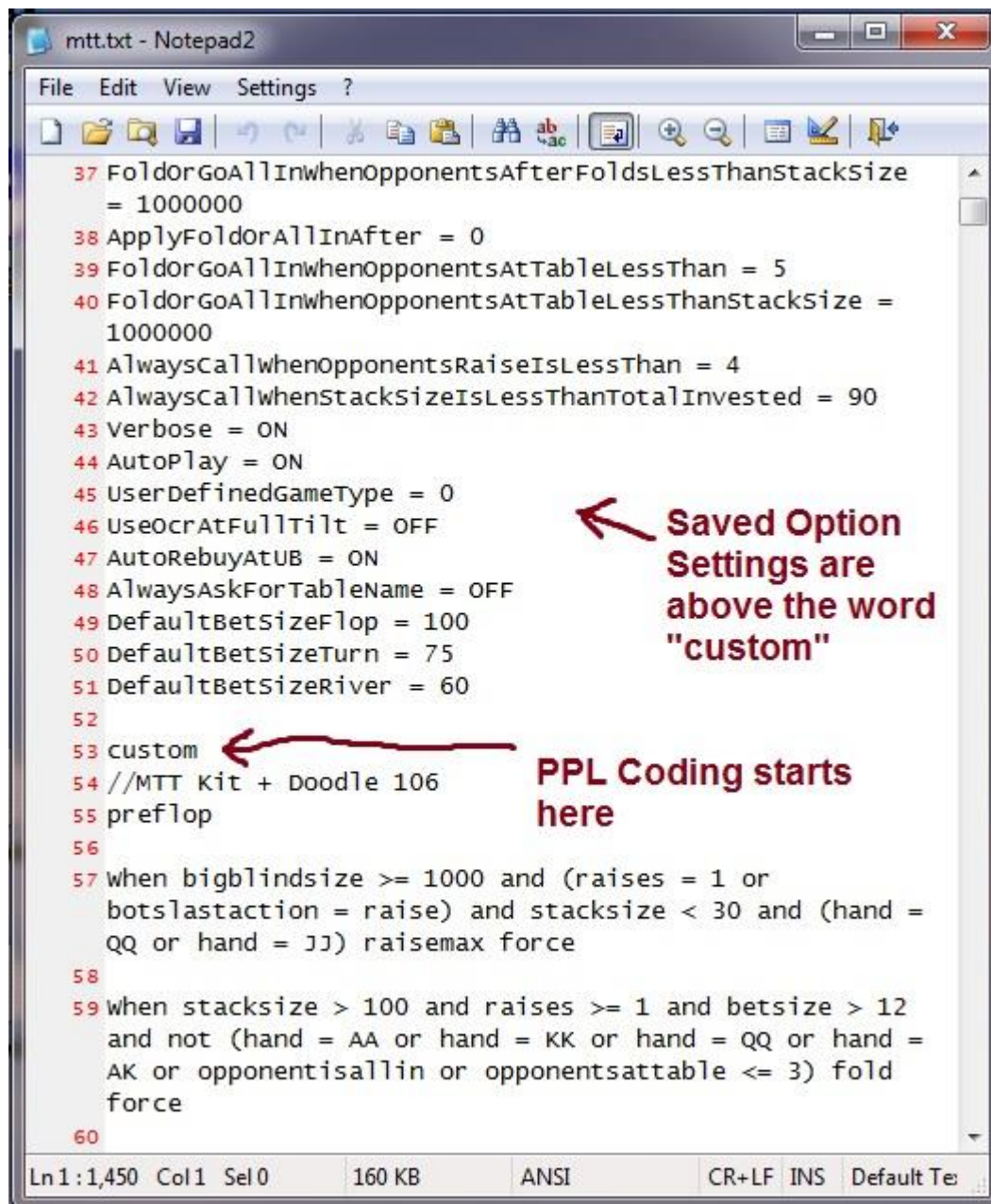
The default path for saving and loading the profiles into the bot is the same folder where the rest of your bot program files are located, which should be at C:Poker\data if you did not move it. So, the default location of the folder with your bot files was installed on your **C: drive** in a folder titled **Poker** and in a subfolder titled **data**.

Profiles in .ppl format are the third level that the bot gets its instructions from. Remember, these are just a saved text profile that has been converted into this format. You don't need to be concerned about this (other than the fact that the default profile which comes with the bot is in this format) unless you are downloading profiles in this format from our support forum.

Profiles in .txt format are the fourth level. Instructions from text profiles override everything. That way you can load a text profile with just a few lines of PPL code which will tweak a few actions here and there from the .ppl profile that you have loaded. Tweaking actions from the default profile in this manner is a great way to start making your own profile!

Within a saved profile there can be both saved option settings and PPL coding. The PPL coding starts with the word "custom." Some text profiles in our forum do

not bother with the bot's option settings. These will always start with the word *custom* on one line at the top of the profile. Profiles with saved option settings, by contrast, will have those settings saved above the word *custom*, like this:



```
37 FoldorGoAllInWhenOpponentsAfterFoldsLessThanStackSize
   = 1000000
38 ApplyFoldorAllInAfter = 0
39 FoldorGoAllInWhenOpponentsAtTableLessThan = 5
40 FoldorGoAllInWhenOpponentsAtTableLessThanStackSize =
   1000000
41 AlwaysCallWhenOpponentsRaiseIsLessThan = 4
42 AlwaysCallWhenStackSizeIsLessThanTotalInvested = 90
43 Verbose = ON
44 AutoPlay = ON
45 UserDefinedGameType = 0
46 UseOcrAtFullTilt = OFF
47 AutoRebuyAtUB = ON
48 AlwaysAskForTableName = OFF
49 DefaultBetSizeFlop = 100
50 DefaultBetSizeTurn = 75
51 DefaultBetSizeRiver = 60
52
53 custom
54 //MTT Kit + Doodle 106
55 preflop
56
57 when bigblindsiz >= 1000 and (raises = 1 or
   botslastaction = raise) and stacksize < 30 and (hand =
   QQ or hand = JJ) raisemax force
58
59 when stacksize > 100 and raises >= 1 and betsize > 12
   and not (hand = AA or hand = KK or hand = QQ or hand =
   AK or opponentisallin or opponentsatable <= 3) fold
   force
60
```

← Saved Option Settings are above the word "custom"

← PPL Coding starts here

Ln 1:1,450 Col 1 Sel 0 160 KB ANSI CR+LF INS Default Te

PPL coding always overrides the saved options settings. So PPL code in a text profile is always at the top level and that is the best way to start tweaking your own profile. This can be very simple, something like:

```
preflop
when (hand = AA or hand = KK) and raises >= 1 raisemax force
```

...which tells your bot to raise all-in with pocket aces or pocket kings whenever somebody else raises. All of PPL language is simple and intuitive like this, so do give the PPL Guide a read to start learning how to customize your own actions.

The default profile that comes in the bot is called the "Doodle" profile, and is available as a text profile as well. It is designed for full 9 or 10 player cash games. If you would like the text profile version of it, the latest version can always be accessed at:

www.bonusbots.com/doodle.txt

There is also an MTT version of the Doodle, which has been altered for optimal tournament play. It can be accessed here:

www.bonusbots.com/mtt.txt

You will need to copy the code and save it into a new text file (just open Notepad, usually located in the *Accessories* folder on the Windows Start menu, paste it in, and save it as shown in the screenshots below).

As you can see, some profiles are simply tweaks of other profiles, while others are complete and self-contained. It is difficult to define every possible poker situation (it took us two years to do that). Therefore most profiles, even fairly detailed ones, still use the original root level programming as a safety net. Many simply tweak the default Doodle profile.

To summarize, there are three practical methods of customizing profiles for use in different game types.

1. Make changes to the quick-settings located on the **Option Menu** of the bot. Many excellent profiles have been created with this method, and in fact one of the best tournament profiles being used by our forum members is of this type and contains no PPL- coding whatsoever. It has made plenty of high-money finishes in large-field MTT's including some firsts, completely unassisted. Just remember that option settings do not override PPL commands. So if you are making these option setting adjustments when you have a profile loaded that uses PPL code, the settings may not take effect in every situation you want them to.

2. Add some **custom code** to your saved profile by learning **PPL**, the easy Poker Programming Language that puts you in total control. All of the bot's actions can be 100% user-configured in this manner, and it's easy to use. If you are tweaking a profile that uses PPL, this is the only reliable way to get your desired actions to always occur. See the PPL Guide that was included with your download (and is therefore located in the same folder as the bot at *C: Poker / Data*) for more information.

3. Simply use an **existing profile** that somebody else created. There are several good ones posted on our website, and new ones are being built and shared in our support forum every day.

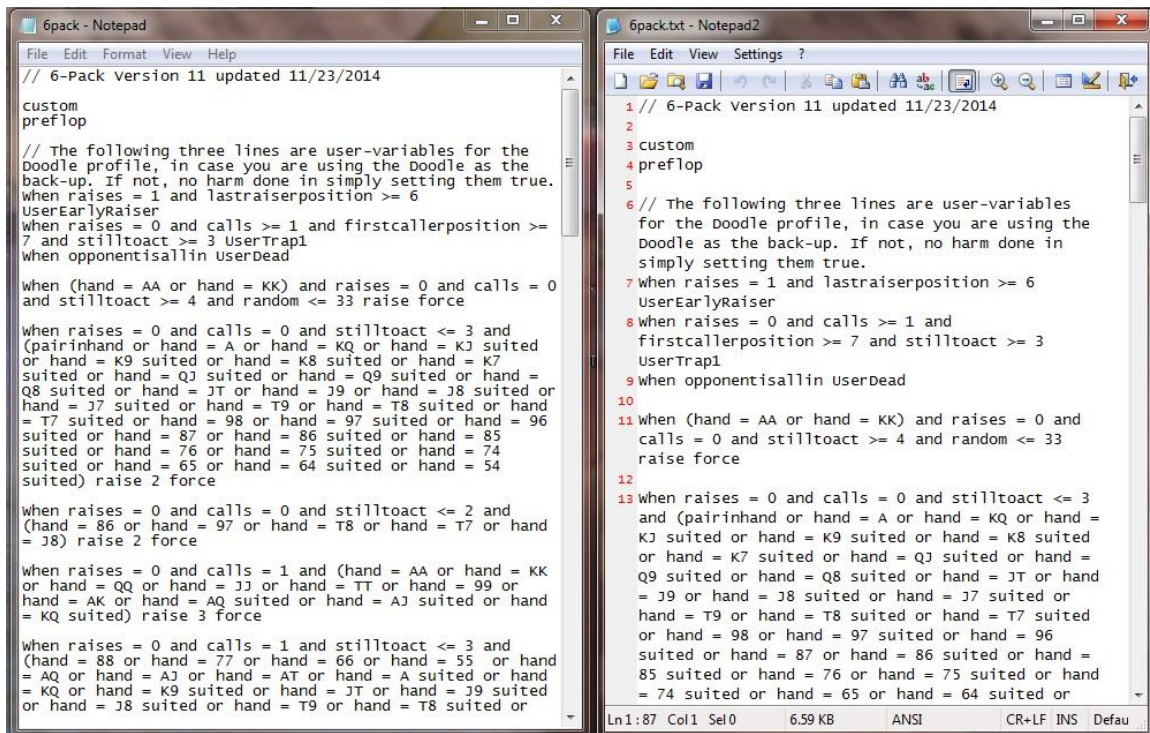
2.3 Changing Profiles in the Bot

Profiles can be loaded into the bot either automatically, semi-automatically, or manually. But before you can load a profile, you first must save it and place it in the bot directory. This can be a tad tricky if you have never worked with a text editor like Notepad before, so let's make sure you are saving the profile properly.

Notepad vs. Enhanced Text Editors

If you plan on tweaking your own profile using PPL, we highly recommend downloading **Notepad 2**, an enhanced text editor greatly superior to the original Notepad program that comes in windows. This is an open-source (free) program, so just Google it.

One of the nice things about Notepad 2 is it displays the codelines on the left side, so you don't have to search for them (also, original Notepad will sometimes mis-reference codelines). You can see the difference here:



```
6pack - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
// 6-Pack version 11 updated 11/23/2014
custom
preflop

// The following three lines are user-variables for the
doodle profile, in case you are using the Doodle as the
back-up. If not, no harm done in simply setting them true.
when raises = 1 and lastraiserposition >= 6
UserEarlyRaiser
when raises = 0 and calls >= 1 and firstcallerposition >=
7 and stilltoact >= 3 UserTrap1
when opponentisallin UserDead

when (hand = AA or hand = KK) and raises = 0 and calls = 0
and stilltoact >= 4 and random <= 33 raise force

when raises = 0 and calls = 0 and stilltoact <= 3 and
(pairinhand or hand = A or hand = KQ or hand = KJ suited
or hand = K9 suited or hand = K8 suited or hand = K7
suited or hand = QJ suited or hand = Q9 suited or hand =
Q8 suited or hand = JT or hand = J9 or hand = J8 suited or
hand = J7 suited or hand = T9 or hand = T8 suited or hand =
T7 suited or hand = 98 or hand = 97 suited or hand = 96
suited or hand = 87 or hand = 86 suited or hand = 85
suited or hand = 76 or hand = 75 suited or hand = 74
suited or hand = 65 or hand = 64 suited or hand = 54
suited) raise 2 force

when raises = 0 and calls = 0 and stilltoact <= 2 and
(hand = 86 or hand = 97 or hand = T8 or hand = T7 or hand
= J8) raise 2 force

when raises = 0 and calls = 1 and (hand = AA or hand = KK
or hand = QQ or hand = JJ or hand = TT or hand = 99 or
hand = AK or hand = AQ suited or hand = AJ suited or hand
= KQ suited) raise 3 force

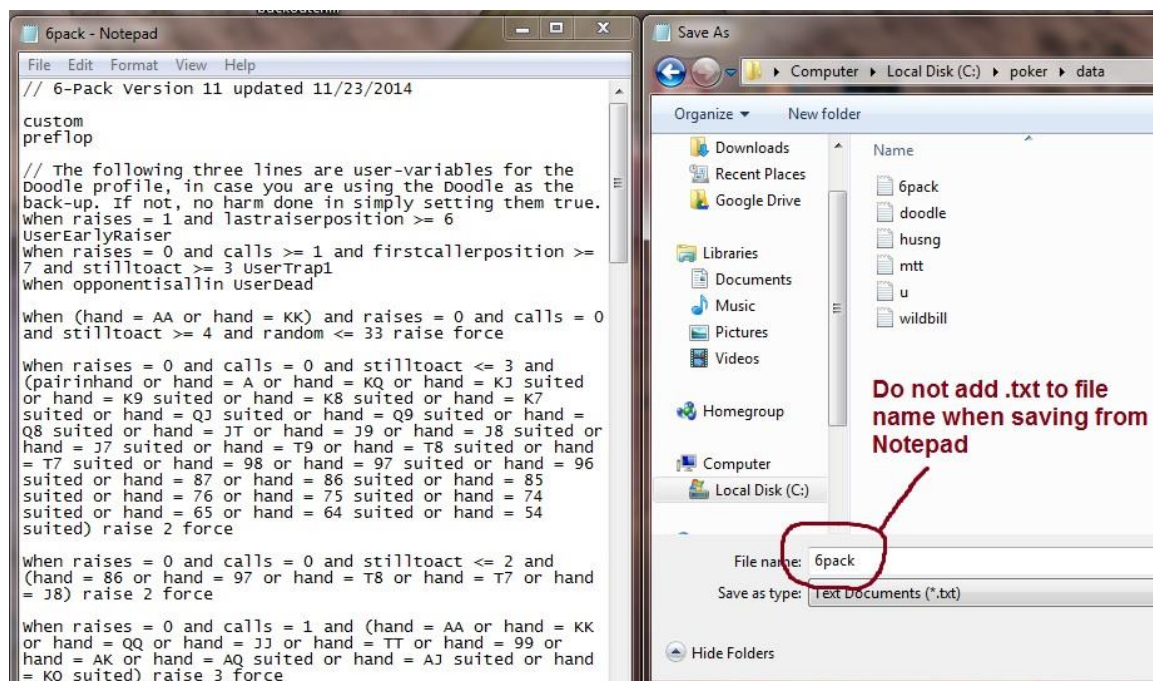
when raises = 0 and calls = 1 and stilltoact <= 3 and
(hand = 88 or hand = 77 or hand = 66 or hand = 55 or hand
= AQ or hand = AJ or hand = AT or hand = A suited or hand
= KQ or hand = K9 suited or hand = JT or hand = J9 suited
or hand = J8 suited or hand = T9 or hand = T8 suited or

6pack.txt - Notepad2
File Edit View Settings ?
1 // 6-Pack version 11 updated 11/23/2014
2
3 custom
4 preflop
5
6 // The following three lines are user-variables
for the Doodle profile, in case you are using the
Doodle as the back-up. If not, no harm done in
simply setting them true.
7 when raises = 1 and lastraiserposition >= 6
UserEarlyRaiser
8 when raises = 0 and calls >= 1 and
firstcallerposition >= 7 and stilltoact >= 3
UserTrap1
9 when opponentisallin UserDead
10
11 when (hand = AA or hand = KK) and raises = 0 and
calls = 0 and stilltoact >= 4 and random <= 33
raise force
12
13 when raises = 0 and calls = 0 and stilltoact <= 3
and (pairinhand or hand = A or hand = KQ or hand =
KJ suited or hand = K9 suited or hand = K8 suited
or hand = K7 suited or hand = QJ suited or hand =
Q9 suited or hand = Q8 suited or hand = JT or hand
= J9 or hand = J8 suited or hand = J7 suited or
hand = T9 or hand = T8 suited or hand = T7 suited
or hand = 98 or hand = 97 suited or hand = 96
suited or hand = 87 or hand = 86 suited or hand =
85 suited or hand = 76 or hand = 75 suited or hand
= 74 suited or hand = 65 or hand = 64 suited or
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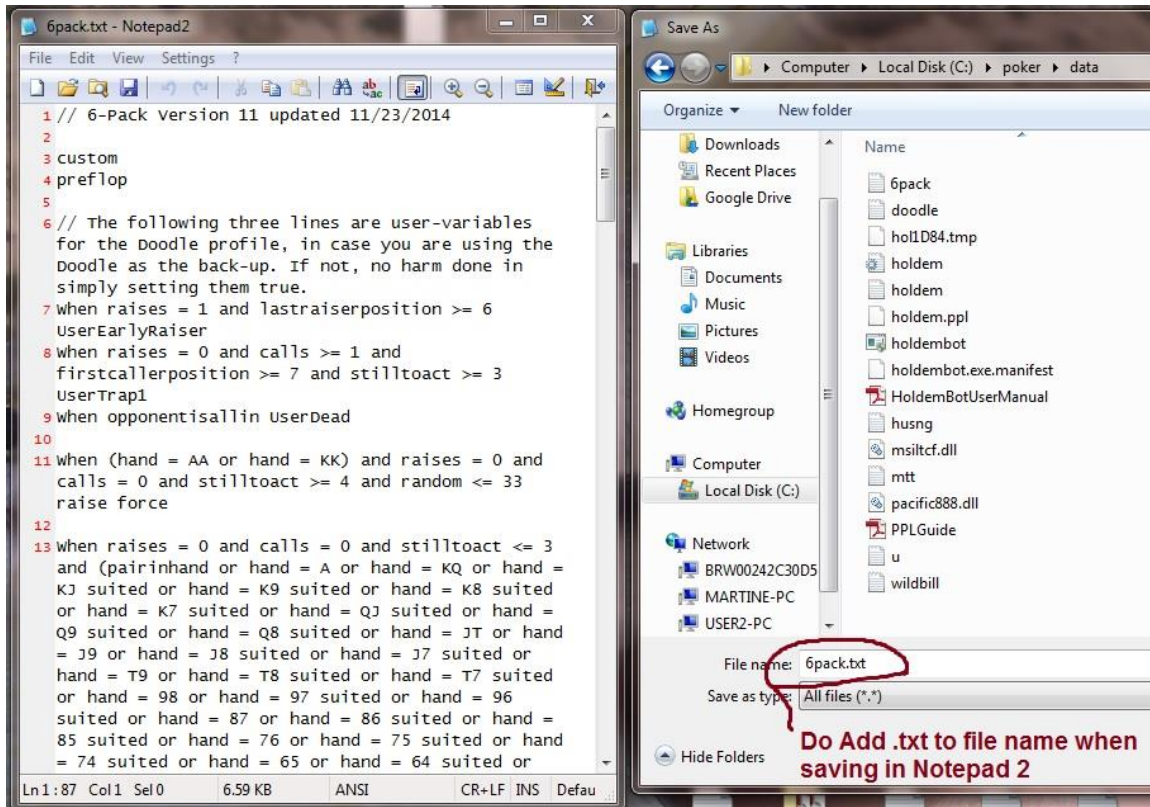
Notepad 2 is on the right above. It has many advanced features, and displays the codelines in red on the left side.

There is a **critical** difference between these two programs, which you need to be aware of, when it comes to **saving profiles**. Original Notepad will automatically assign an invisible .txt extension to the file type when saving a text profile. This means you **must not add a .txt extension** to the file name when saving it from Notepad! If you do, the bot will not find it when you try to load it because it will actually have two .txt extensions, though only one is visible. (If you've done this, you can fix it by right-clicking the file, choosing *Rename*, and then both .txt extensions will appear – simply remove one of them).

So when saving a profile from original Notepad, just name the file, without a .txt extension, like this:



Notepad 2, however, does not automatically add the .txt extension when saving the file. So if you are using Notepad 2, you need to include it when naming the file, like this:



Automatically Loading Profiles

If you have a text profile you want to automatically load into every bot window that opens, simply name it **AutoprofileHoldem.txt** (do not include the .txt if naming it in original Notepad). Place it in the bot directory and it will always auto-load.

Semi-Automatically Loading Profiles

When you go to manually load a profile, a default profile name will appear in the *Read Profile* window: **holdem_profile.txt**. If you are manually loading a profile, you need to type over this so it erases and is fully replaced. But you can name a profile **holdem_profile.txt** (do not include the .txt if naming it in original Notepad) so that the profile name is always pre-loaded in the *Read Profile* window, which will save you having to type the profile name in:



Manually Loading Profiles

To manually load a profile: On the bot menu first click on *Holdem* and then on *Read Profile*. The above pictured Read Profile window will appear. Erase or type over the default profile name, typing in your desired profile name instead. Remember to always include the .txt extension when loading the profile!



Whichever way you load your profile, remember it must first be located in the bot directory with the bot (which should be at C:Poker\data if you didn't move it).

Copying and Saving Profiles Using Notepad: Summary

1. Open the profile. Copy the code. Make sure you get all of it! A good way to do this is by first right-clicking on the profile and then clicking on *Select All* before clicking on *Copy*
2. Paste into a blank Notepad (*Start > All Programs > Accessories > Notepad*)
You can right-click the mouse now and choose *Paste*
3. Save As 'whatever' into your bot folder (inside C:Poker\data if you did not move the location)
4. Load in the bot by going to *Holdem > Read Profile* and typing in 'whatever.txt'

Alternatives to Step 4:

A) Save As 'AutoProfileHoldem' and it will load automatically as the default profile every time you open a bot window

B) Save As 'holdem_profile' and it will be the default name of the profile showing in the Read Profile window, saving any typing

Do **not** add a .txt extension to the profile name when saving it from original Notepad that comes in windows! **Do** add the .txt extension when typing in the profile name in the bot's *Read Profile* window!

Confirmation of Profile Loading

The bot will give you a message in the bot window confirming the profile was "read" if it was loaded successfully. If not, it will give you a message explaining why it was rejected (usually because the bot cannot find the profile, or there was a PPL typo in the profile). Please look for the confirmation or rejection message each time you load a profile, regardless of which method you use to load it.

If you get a message in the bot window that the profile was read then it stays loaded! This **doesn't** mean all the messages in the bot window will now come from the profile that is loaded, however. Please note the default .ppl profile and/or original root level programming are both still in the background, and will still give messages saying what they **would** do in many situations before the custom profile is even consulted for the situation. Pay attention to the actions taken in the bot messages. When you see **a user defined condition** being executed, referencing a codeline, that action is from the text profile that is loaded. Also, many profiles still do defer some actions to the default profile, and even to the root level programming (which is affected by option menu settings).

Auto-changing a profile mid-session

You can have the bot automatically switch to a different saved profile in the middle of a session. This can be triggered when the table gets short-handed, when a specified number of hands are played in the current session, when a specified number of minutes are played in the current session, or when your stack size falls below a certain level. To set this up go to:

Holdem: Auto Read Profile

...and enter the profile file name and choose which condition you want for changing to that profile.

2.4 Using Opponent Stats from Poker Tracker, etc.

Our bot has the ability to scrape opponent names at some of our supported poker rooms. There is a PPL variable which will allow you to alter actions based on specific player names being active in the current hand being played. Because this function works from the opponent's screen name, it doesn't matter which stat-gathering software you use; all you need is a list of player names whom you want to play a certain way against.

You can use as many of these player name lists as you see fit. So you can have a list of known tight players whom you raise liberally, another list of known loose players whom you play tight against, and a list of known maniacs whom you simply check and call down with strong hands, all in the same profile.

See the **PPL Guide** for more information (this variable is **opponent =** and is listed in the appendix under *Numeric Valued Variables*).

Detailed Instructions for Holdem Bot

Thank you for taking the time to look at our program! We hope you enjoy it, and that you decide to use it to increase your earnings from online poker.

3.1 Run as Administrator

Both the poker room and the bot need to be run as administrator. Otherwise the bot is able to read the cards from the casino window but not able to click any buttons. The bot will automatically start as administrator on Windows 7/8 machines. Always start the poker room by right clicking on its icon (which looks like a generic program icon) and choosing the "*Run as Administrator*" option. Note that you must do this even if you have administrator privileges since on the above operating systems '*Run as Administrator*' is not the same thing as having administrator privileges.

3.2 Seat Position

At our supported poker rooms which sit you in the bottom position automatically by default, you must remain in this seat position and not change even if the poker room allows you to change the display so that you appear in a different seat. But please also **refer to the individual poker room instructions** in the **Quick Start** section of this manual for proper seating configuration..

3.3 Free Trial Notes

Your free demo is good for 200 hands and is mandatory prior to license purchase. You don't have to exhaust the 200 hands but you do have to run it for a bit.

After you have run the bot it will establish a **Computer ID number**, which can be obtained by choosing the bot menu item *Holdem: Get Computer ID*. If you exhaust the 200 free hands, this number will also appear in the last playing session log file that the bot records. You **MUST** provide this Computer ID to us when purchasing your license.

After we email you your license code, the bot will only work on the computer that you provided the Computer ID for. You are only allowed to purchase one license per computer. So make sure that you download and run the trial version on the computer you plan on using it with! We are not responsible for anyone who mistakenly purchases a license for the wrong computer, and no refunds will be issued. No exceptions.

3.4 Where to Put the Program

There were five items extracted when you opened the file you downloaded: This instruction manual, the PPL user guide, a *.dll file*, the default profile (in *.ppl* format) and the bot program which is called **holdembot.exe**.

The installation program puts these files in a folder called C:\poker\data by default. You can change the folder name during installation. Whatever folder you specify is automatically created by the installer. Please do not move the bot from the folder with the other files. Specifically, it **must** be kept in the same folder as the **.dll** file that came with the download, or it will not function. If you want to move it to your desktop for easier access, either create a shortcut (by right-clicking on the icon and selecting the *create shortcut* option) or drag the entire *data* subfolder to your desktop. If you do this, we recommend renaming the folder to something like *vacation* (to rename a folder right click on its name and choose *rename* from the pop up menu.)

Stealth Tip: The folder in which you have installed the holdem bot can be kept on your desktop or anywhere else you like such as your C: drive or *My Documents*. For stealth purposes you might want to bury this folder several sub-folders deep from your C: drive and name them something that sounds like vacation photos or organizing software, and also keep your license in that folder. If you have already installed the bot in C:\Poker\Data you can copy the entire *Data* folder to a folder several folders deep.

The *.dll* file included in the download **must** be kept in the same folder or directory as the bot program (*holdembot.exe*) or the bot will not work.

3.5 Session Log

The bot records a log of every hand played. This is a text file that is created automatically and placed in the folder or directory where you keep the bot program files, the default location being c:\poker\data. It's simply named *holdem*, (or *holdem.txt* with the file type extension). Each time you open the bot the previous session is erased from the log and overwritten with the new session.

When you use the multi-table function, multiple session logs are created, one for each table or tournament being played. These are named *holdem2* and *holdem3*. They are overwritten just like the 1-table log the next time you have two or three tables going.

3.6 Which Games to Play

The bot supports all game types including heads up tables, single table SNG's, and all forms of multi-table tournaments (MTT's). In MTT's the bot will follow the table changes for you as long as you don't have an unhooked table open at the time of the table change, or experience interference issues from other programs or web browsers open. It is not recommended to multi-table while using the bot in an MTT due to the higher chance of not following a table change if you do.

High stakes cash games and SNG's are difficult to beat with or without a bot. Most poker-botters stick to lower stakes cash games and SNG's. If you want to bot higher stakes, MTT's are the way to do it - as the strategy is not very different in a high stakes MTT than at a low stakes one. We have a great free tournament profile available you can use posted at www.bonusbots.com/mtt.txt.

3.7 Hiding the Bot

The second to last item across on the main bot menu is *Hide*. This causes all open bot windows to vanish from your computer screen completely, but they will keep playing for you while invisible. While in hide mode the bot not visible to screen scraping programs and will not show as an application running on your system either.

Before the bot hides itself, it will check your system for the availability of the last six F-command keys on your keyboard to use for calling it back. For most users it will start at F10, but if you have another program which uses F10 it will move on to F11 and if that is also unavailable it will finally try using F12. The order after that is F7, F8 and F9. Before the bot windows vanish a small popup window will appear telling you which key command to use in calling them back, and you must acknowledge this by clicking OK - then the bot will hide.

To call it back you must hold down the ALT key on your keyboard while pressing the F10, F11, F12, F7, F8, or F9 key (whichever one the program told you to use before vanishing).

When multi-tabling it is probably easiest to minimize the connected bot windows. After all the tables you want to play are connected, use the Hide function to hide them all.

Stealth Tip: It is recommended to hide the bot most of the time when it is running, and always when you are away from your computer. You also may want to rename the bot to something other than holdembot.exe, preferably another common computer application. Right-click on the bot program icon in order to do this. See the Strategy section below for some specific ideas.

Please note that if you forget to call the bot back from hiding after a session, the hidden window will come back up when you try to start the bot again.

3.8 Game Type Menu

The last selection on the main program window menu is for the game type, meaning the Limit type of the game you are playing. The bot is unable to auto-detect the game type at Bodog so assumes you are playing NL. For Pot Limit or Fixed Limit games on Bodog it is recommended that you set this manually. For other poker rooms you can just let it be on *Auto Detect*.

3.9 Options Menu

The bot includes many playing options that you, the user, can set. (Most of them are only for No Limit and Pot Limit games.) These can be found on the main bot menu by clicking on *Options*. You will notice the choices are organized into logical sub-menus. Be sure to read **Section 2** of this manual however, so you understand what level of the bot instructions they affect. These are the most important options:

MAX SESSION BY HANDS, TIME, & STACK SIZE (Sitout Options)

The first few options allow you to tell the bot to quit playing after a certain amount of time, certain number of hands, or when your stack size grows to a certain level.

BATHROOM BREAKS (Sitout Options)

You must set the bot to take breaks. This is under *Bathroom Breaks* on the Options menu. The purpose is to mimic being human. You can set the interval and the time of the break. The shortest allowed break time is 2 minutes. It is not recommended to take breaks longer than 4 minutes as you are likely to get removed from the table. A good setting for cash games is 3 minutes every 40-120 minutes.

If you do not want the bot to take a bathroom break, such as when you are playing in a tournament, simply set the interval to 900 minutes.

STACK SIZE RECOGNITION

Our Holdem Bot bot reads its stack size and incorporates that into several of the option settings. This is useful for playing a more aggressive game with a short stack (especially in tournaments) and calling raises after your bet pot-commits you.

Stack size is set by the number of big blinds on the option menu. You will notice that it is read from the screen in dollar amounts however, and recorded that way in its session log. Don't be concerned about this - the bot makes the appropriate conversion in its calculations.

TOTAL INVESTMENT

The bot keeps track of how much it has invested in any given hand. There is at least one option where you can adjust a setting by the bot's total investment. This is useful for making sure the bot never folds when you are pot-committed.

BETSIZE ADJUSTMENTS (Aggressive Play Settings)

On the *Aggressive Play Settings* you will find two different option settings for adjusting the standard bet and raise sizes that the bot will make when acting from its default programming.

The **preflop setting** allows you to tell it when you want to make pot-sized raises preflop, based on a variety of factors including some random elements. The default programming of the bot will make pot-sized preflop raises sometimes and min-raises sometimes. You can adjust that here.

The **post-flop setting** allows you to enter a % number (which corresponds to % of existing potsize) for changing the bot's standard bet and raise size on the Flop, Turn, and River. For example you might tell it to bet 100% on the flop (that is a pot-sized bet), 75% of the pot on the Turn, and 60% of the pot on the River.

When a custom bet size other than 100% is chosen the bot will actually type in the betsize and click Bet. When 100% is chosen it will use the pot button to bet or raise the pot.

When 0 is chosen the bot will use its lowest level of default programming, which is to bet the pot on the flop and if a half-pot button is available use that on the Turn and River, otherwise bet the pot and the Turn and River as well. The default settings for this option are 100 on the flop and 0 on the Turn and River so you should adjust them to your liking if you don't want pot-sized post-flop bets.

FOLD OR GO ALL IN OPTIONS (Aggressive Play Settings)

On the option menu you will find two Fold or Go All-In settings, for NL and PL type games. These can be set to ALWAYS, invoked by number of opponents, or by number of hands played in the session. When either of these settings are triggered the bot will still check and fold as normal, but when it's action is to call or raise it will attempt to go all-in. (This includes all programmed blind-stealing and bluffing situations.)

Please make sure both of these options are set on default in game environments where you do not want the bot to push all-in. Setting them on default turns them off so the bot will play as normal.

Also, please see the *Aggressive Tournament Setting* further below which also allows you to set conditions for pushing all-in, both preflop and post-flop, based on certain conditions. The two *Fold or All In* settings are best for when you are at the end of a tournament or have a short stack in a tournament.

You can use either of these settings in conjunction with the *Super Tight* option as well. That would have the bot waiting for premium hands and pushing all-in whenever it has one.

The difference in the two settings is how they are triggered.

FOLD OR GO ALL IN WHEN OPPONENTS (AFTER FOLDS) LESS THAN...

This setting is triggered by the remaining opponents in any particular hand. That could happen any time regardless of how many players are sitting at the table, as long as the set number of hands have elapsed in the session. It's a good choice if you want to play the "Kill Phil" style of poker in a tournament. Note that the bot might push all-in on the first hand dealt using this option if you don't apply it after a set number of hands.

You can also choose to have this setting invoked only when your stack size falls below a certain level. However please note that the active number of players in the hand must still be below your chosen number for this setting to trigger, even when your stack is small.

FOLD OR GO ALL IN WHEN OPPONENTS AT TABLE LESS THAN...

This setting is only triggered by the original number of opponents sitting at the table. So if you have it set to less than 4, as soon as the number of opponents

are 3 or less the bot will always push all-in when it plays. This is a good choice for finishing SitnGo's and Tournaments.

You can also choose to have this setting invoked only when your stack size falls below a certain level. However please note that the number of players sitting at the table must still be below your chosen number for this setting to trigger, even when your stack is small.

****PLEASE NEVER SET BOTH OF THE FOLD OR GO ALL IN OPTIONS TO TRIGGER. CHOOSE ONE OF THEM IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE THIS FEATURE, OR BETTER YET USE THE AGGRESSIVE TOURNAMENT SETTING INSTEAD****

ALWAYS CALL WHEN OPPONENTS RAISE IS BELOW (Aggressive Settings)

This is another setting on the user option menu that applies only to NL and PL games. Its purpose is to keep the bot from folding to small raises by your opponent when it would be foolish from a pot odds standpoint to do so. On the river there is a hand value qualifier of best kicker or better for this setting to be invoked; however on all other streets there is no hand strength qualifier.

There are two parts to it: One for measuring the opponent's raise against your bet size, and one for measuring the bot's total investment in the hand.

There are three positions available for measuring the **opponent's raise size: 20%, 30%, and 40%**. Most players prefer the 40% option in most game environments. So that means whenever you bet and somebody raises but the raise is less than 40% of the amount you bet the bot will automatically call. (If you are playing high-stakes cash games you might prefer a lower setting for the bet size portion.)

These settings also apply to an opponent attempting to sandbag you by calling your bet when they only have a few chips left and then betting their last few chips out on the next round. The bot will remember that it was the last bettor or raiser on the previous betting round in this case and apply the same settings you have chosen.

The second part is a setting for always calling when your current stack size is below a certain percentage of **your total investment in the hand**. The default setting is quite low and we recommend setting it much higher - probably at least 75% - especially for tournaments. Otherwise the bot might fold for a raise with one pair hands when you want to call.

The two settings in this window protect you against folding when you have invested so much in the hand that folding would be undesirable. So if you bet say

\$1200 in chips in a tournament and somebody with only \$1400 chips raises all-in the bot will call. Or if somebody raises large and you only have \$200 left in chips after making that same \$1200 bet the bot will call. Or if you bet \$1200 and get a call from a player who only has \$200 in chips left after he calls and he acts first on the next betting round and bets his last \$200 out the bot will also call, regardless of what card hit the board.

SUPER TIGHT PLAY OPTION (Tighter Play Settings)

When this is checked the bot will fold all hands preflop except: **AA, KK, QQ, JJ, 10-10, 9-9, AKs, AK, AQs, AQ, AJs, and KQs**. These it will play as normal. This setting affects Limit play as well as NL/PL. Note that if you also have the Fold or All In setting invoked, it will just go all-in whenever it gets one of these hands and fold the rest of the time.

Using this setting robs you of the sophisticated programming that has gone into this poker bot. However some people like to play SNG's this way, and also if you just want the bot to play super tight for the first couple hours of a tournament this would be the way to go. (There are other creative uses for it as well.)

SEMI-SUPER TIGHT PLAY OPTION (Tighter Play Settings)

The same setting as Super-tight above but also includes all pocket pairs. In NL games the bot will call preflop raises up to 3 big blinds in size with 66 and below and up to 5 big blinds in size with 77 and 88.

To call larger size preflop raises with these same small pocket pairs you can use the *Set Mining* option (below) in conjunction with this setting.

MINIMUM BET OVERRIDE (Aggressive Play Settings)

This affects post-flop play in No Limit and Pot Limit games only. This option lets you decide how you want to deal with knuckleheads who make a minimum bet of only 1 big blind. Please note that the selected action will only take place if the pot size is at least 5 big blinds and your hand value is best high-card or better.

NO LIMP (Aggressive Play Settings)

This option will stop the bot from just calling preflop (unless it has already raised). It affects all positions except the Big Blind, and works in Limit games as well as NL/PL. You can choose how you want to handle the relatively few hands that the bot would normally limp in with: Raise instead, Fold instead, or Raise sometimes

and fold the rest of the time based on various factors. Some players prefer to play this way in cash games, especially at the 6-max tables.

AGGRESSIVE TOURNAMENT SETTING (Aggressive Play Settings)

Near the bottom of the option menu you will find the *Aggressive Tournament* option. It is highly recommended that this option be used for all types of tournaments. These particular option choices define conditions for having the bot use the Bet Max button - in other words, shoving all-in.

There are two sections, one for preflop play and one for post-flop play. One choice must be made for each section. The default position for both is off, so you will need to make a choice for turning them on in tournaments.

The preflop section gives you specific hand lists to choose from. Note that the first choice consists of only the top hands and also requires that there be a preflop raise before the bot will go all-in. The rest of the choices loosen the hand selection up progressively and do not require a preflop raise before raising all-in.

The post-flop conditions are not defined for the user. We have programmed what we believe are the best post-flop conditions for shoving in tournaments. These include top pair or better on non-scary boards and reasonably strong hands on scarier boards. But you still must choose whether you want this option on, off, or only on if there was a preflop raise (which is the first choice on the menu).

You can also choose to have either or both sections only invoked when your stack size falls below a certain level. This is a great way to play tournaments, pushing all-in with any reasonable hand when your stack is short.

We highly recommend starting MTT's with the post-flop aggressive tournament option triggered when there was a preflop raise only, and the first preflop option checked which contains only the top hands and also requires a preflop raise. As the tournament progresses it is often wise to loosen both of these up.

The *aggressive tournament setting* options can also be quite effective in the lowest-stakes cash games, especially the post-flop setting.

MINING FOR SETS (Aggressive Play Settings)

A highly recommended setting for cash games and the early stages of tournaments. This option will make sure the bot always calls preflop with pocket pairs 99 and under, and allows you to set the maximum size raise you will call for. A good general setting is under 5 big blinds.

POST-FLOP IN BLINDS OVERRIDE (Tighter Play Settings)

When you are in either blind position preflop you can tell the bot to only play good hands post-flop, starting with Top-pair third best kicker or higher. It is a tight setting that rocks love. The setting is only invoked if there was no preflop raise, in other words you got a free look at the flop and have nothing invested. This works for both Limit games and NL/PL.

PREFLOP RERAISE OVERRIDE (Tighter Play Settings)

You can check this setting on or off. It only applies to situations where an opponent has raised preflop. When checked, the bot will only reraise with AA or KK and just call with all the other hands it might normally reraise with. This works for both Limit games and NL/PL.

DISABLE SPEED FOLDING (Other Options)

By default the bot will speed-fold the weaker starting hands automatically in speed poker games, which means it will not attempt to steal blinds with them in late position, being as it does not evaluate position until it is the bot's turn to act. Speed-folding can be disabled on the bot's option menu under Options > Other Options > Disable Speed Folding if you wish to steal blinds instead. It will slow the pace of the game some, but not too much since most of the speed comes from not seeing the flop and having to wait for opponents to play out a hand.

3.10 Saving Profiles

You are probably going to want to use different option menu settings for cash games, 1-table SNG's, MTT's with a decent stack, and MTT's with a short stack. Once you go through and choose all the options you want for a certain game environment, you can save them as a profile. That way you can get them all back quickly without having to set them all again.

To save a profile, click on the first item on the main menu *Holdem* and then on *Write Profile...*

A window will appear with the default name "holdem_profile.txt"

If you only want to save one profile you may as well call it that, as this is the default profile name for both saving and loading profiles. However most players will want to save at least several profiles, in which case you need to rename them.

For example, **c** for cash games (save as 'c' load as 'c.txt'), or **s** for 1-table SNG's, **m1** for the beginning of tournaments, and **m2** for when you notice you are short-stacked in a tournament.

To load a saved profile, go to **Holdem: Read Profile...**

...then just type in the name of the saved profile that you want to load, such as "m1.txt" etc.

Please note that profiles are saved by default in the same folder/directory where the bot program is kept. This makes loading them easy as the bot looks for them in that location. Alternatively, you could save them somewhere else by specifying the path - but of course you will need to specify the path to load it as well. For example: C:\cash6max.txt.

3.11 Switching Profiles Mid-Session

You can have the bot automatically switch to a different saved profile when the table gets short-handed, when a specified number of hands are played in the current session, when a specified number of minutes are played in the current session, or when your stack size falls below a certain level. To set this up go to:

Holdem: Auto Read Profile

...and enter the profile file name and choose which condition you want for changing to that profile.

3.12 Custom Coding Profiles With PPL

Our poker bots support user custom profile programming, in addition to the settings on the option menu. This feature is not really necessary as our poker bots come out of the box programmed to play poker well, and also have the ability to create many different playing styles by adjusting the decision making process right from the option menu.

But for those wanting even more control this feature will allow you to completely program all of the bot's decisions yourself. The process is easy to learn and it has resulted in the creation of a marketplace where users of our poker bots trade their custom profiles with each other. If you are interested in this please read the **PPL User Guide**, a pdf file that you should have received with the bot download.

3.13 Setting Your Own Default Profile

There is an additional feature that will allow you to have a certain profile be the default profile that every bot window will use without having to load a profile at all. All you need to do is save whichever profile you want for the default profile as:

AutoProfileHoldem.txt

...in the same folder as the bot. When a text file titled **AutoProfileHoldem** is detected in the same folder as the bot, it will load automatically into every bot window you open. You would then need to load a different profile only for the tables that you want to use a different profile at.

3.14 Multi-Tabling

You can currently play up to six tables at a time on all our supported poker rooms (any exceptions are mentioned in the settings adjustments for the poker rooms sections). Even with small monitors and tables overlapping you shouldn't have any trouble multi-tabling.

Table Positioning Tip: If you have a big screen you should try and position the tables so that there is minimum overlap between them. On smaller screens you should at least position the tables such that the button areas do not overlap. Position the 2nd table window such that it is a little (about two inches) to the right of and a little (about 2 inches) below the 1st table and so on. However even if the tables fully overlap, the bot windows will stay connected and still play them all.

How many tables you can play before getting errors depends on the poker room, your monitor size, and the configuration of your PC system. Most people can play at least two or three tables, but many can play all six. When multi-tabling you should arrange the tables on your screen so that they are staggered enough that the buttons do not overlap each other, but also so no part of the table is pushed off screen.

Multi-tabling is accomplished by opening multiple bot windows and hooking them to each table, one table at a time. Here is the procedure:

Get into the first table as normal and start the bot, but don't hide it yet. Instead, get into a second table and separate it as much as possible from the first table on your screen (without moving any part of it beyond the edge of your monitor). Then, on the bot's main menu go to:

Holdem > New Window

This opens an additional bot window which operates independently. You can now minimize the first bot window if you like. When you press start on the second bot window it should connect to the new table; however on occasion it may ask you for the table (or tournament) name. This is case sensitive. It will then connect and you can repeat this process for additional tables if you like. After connecting to as many tables as you like, click Hide on any of the bot windows and they will all hide.

Each window operates independently so you can play different games, different game environments, and load different profiles in each window. However you cannot multi-table between poker rooms. All your tables need to be at the same room.

Please note that the bot handles table changes in MTT's automatically at all the poker rooms and does not need you to be there to enter the new table number as you do when opening a new bot window for multi-tabling. However we do not recommend multi-tabling MTT's with the bot unless you are going to be able to semi-monitor the computer. This is because if you have a table change at more than one event at the same time, both bot windows may stay disconnected as you will then have multiple unconnected tables open.

3.15 Waiting for a Table

The bot has a function to wait for a table to appear before starting to play. This option will appear if you click start on the bot and it cannot find a poker table window to hook itself to. It is useful for registering for tournaments and SNG's before they start, so you can set the bot to play once they do and just walk away.

Please note that the tournament must be a type where you are seated automatically and the table appears with you in your seat when it is ready to go. At some tournaments at some of our supported rooms you must wait and click on a popup window to take your seat and this feature will not work at those. How well this feature works depends on which poker room you are playing at, which type of tournament you are playing, and your individual PC setup. So please experiment with it before trusting it to start playing for you.

Please Note: You cannot wait for multiple tables and therefore should use this feature only to play one table at a time. Please do not attempt to play multiple tournaments using this feature.

4. Running the Program

Winning Poker Network

(America's Cardroom, Black Chip Poker, True Poker, 5 Dimes Shark Tank)

Note: Our bot only works with **Windows 7** at this network, so if you have Windows 8 you should use a VM. Also, it can currently play a **maximum of 2-3 tables** at these rooms (three on most desktops, two on most laptops). While you can hook additional bot windows to tables, you will get “unable to read cards” messages on one of the tables if you attempt to play 4+ tables.

Also Note: Your **screen name** cannot contain any symbols in it. This poker network allows symbols in screen names such as \$ and ?, but our bot will not work properly if your screen name contains characters other than letters and numbers (upper or lower case letters is fine). **In addition**, your screen name cannot contain the word ‘holdem’ in it.

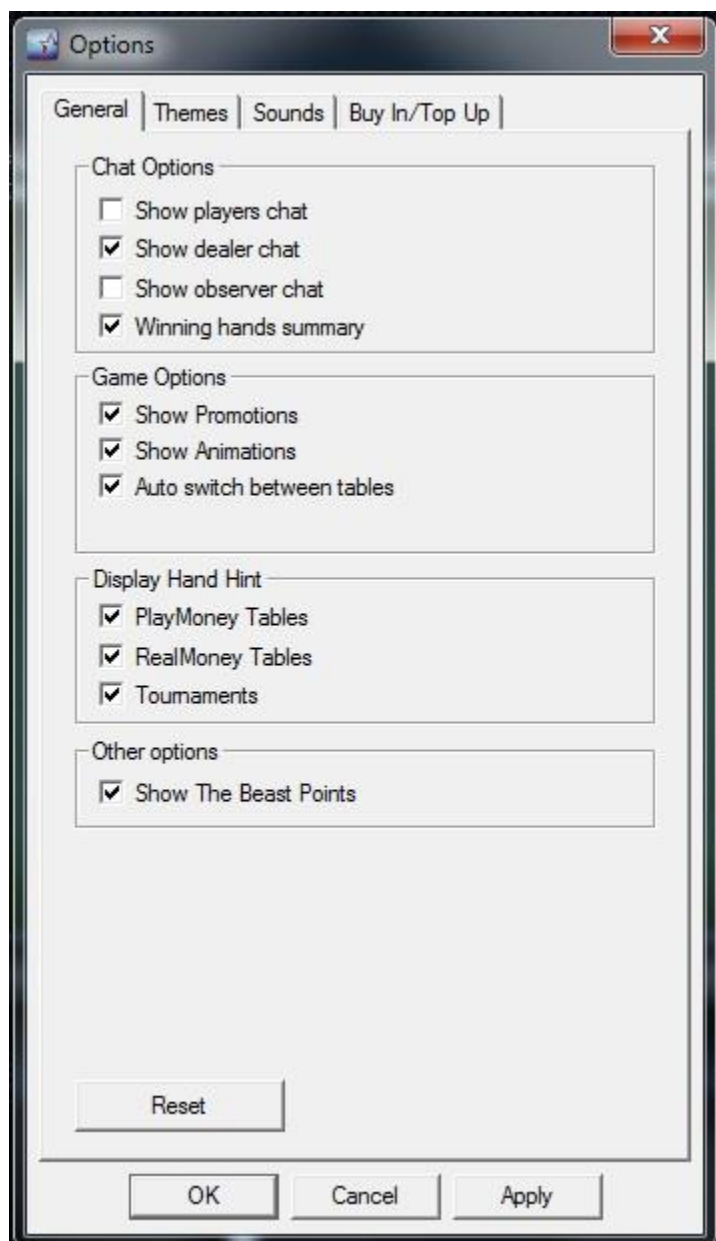
The bot will resize the table to how it needs it as soon as it is attached. This is to make multi-tabling easier, as the default table size fills the entire screen. We find it easiest to resize the table to the minimum manually, before starting the bot, especially when multi-tabling. This way, you can move the table location first.

There are three crucial option settings for the poker table that must be set in order for the bot to read everything.

4. The poker table **chat** must be set to display on the table in the lower left window, not ‘info’ or ‘stats’. It cannot be detached to the side-dock either. Also, never click on the poker chat scroll bar on the side of the chat. The table should look like this, with the chat bubble highlighted in blue:



- From any poker table, bring up the options window by clicking on the gear icon on the top left. In this window, on the **General Tab**, under Chat Options, make sure **Show dealer chat** is checked:



6. Then, from the **Themes tab**, make sure the **2-color deck** is checked:



No other settings matter. Don't forget to always start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions see: <http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

Rakeback: Some of the poker rooms on this network offer a **27% rakeback deal** which you can get by following this link: <http://tinyurl.com/l6x9cph>

Chico Poker Network (BetOnline, Sportsbetting.ag)

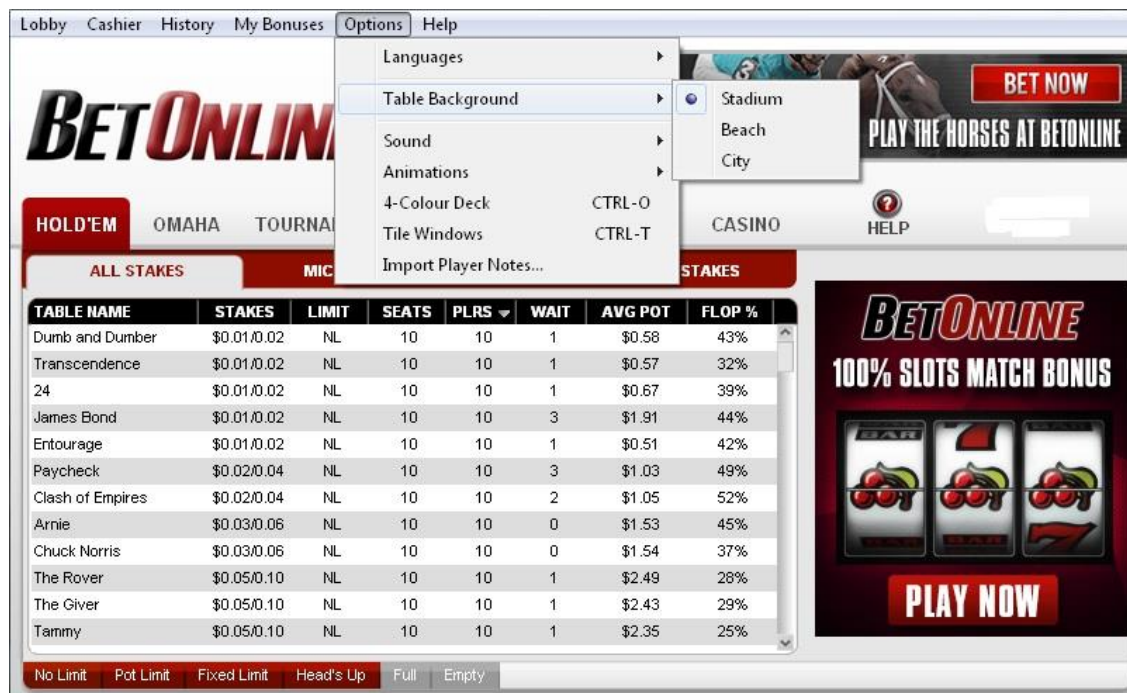
Note: BetOnline cash tables have an annoying blackjack table attached on the right-hand side and there doesn't appear to be any way to get rid of it. No big deal, as it doesn't bother our bot.

The bot will resize the unhooked table to where it needs it as soon as it is started. This is to make multi-tabling easier, as the default table size fills the entire screen on most monitors. Don't worry -- the bot can still see everything even if you can't. When multi-tabling the tables can overlap if necessary, but it's probably wise to stagger them a little so the betting buttons don't overlap.

From the poker room lobby, click on **Options** and set as follows:

Options

- Language > English
- Table Background > Stadium
- Animations > On
- 4-color deck – **Do not check!**
- Tile Windows – **Do not check!**



The screenshot shows the BetOnline poker lobby interface. The 'Options' menu is open, showing the following settings:

- Languages
- Table Background: Stadium (selected)
- Sound
- Animations
- 4-Colour Deck: CTRL-O
- Tile Windows: CTRL-T
- Import Player Notes...

The main lobby area displays a table list with the following columns: TABLE NAME, STAKES, LIMIT, SEATS, PLRS, WAIT, AVG POT, and FLOP %. The table list includes the following entries:

TABLE NAME	STAKES	LIMIT	SEATS	PLRS	WAIT	AVG POT	FLOP %
Dumb and Dumber	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.58	43%
Transcendence	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.57	32%
24	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.67	39%
James Bond	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	3	\$1.91	44%
Entourage	\$0.01/0.02	NL	10	10	1	\$0.51	42%
Paycheck	\$0.02/0.04	NL	10	10	3	\$1.03	49%
Clash of Empires	\$0.02/0.04	NL	10	10	2	\$1.05	52%
Arnie	\$0.03/0.06	NL	10	10	0	\$1.53	45%
Chuck Norris	\$0.03/0.06	NL	10	10	0	\$1.54	37%
The Rover	\$0.05/0.10	NL	10	10	1	\$2.49	28%
The Giver	\$0.05/0.10	NL	10	10	1	\$2.43	29%
Tammy	\$0.05/0.10	NL	10	10	1	\$2.35	25%

At the bottom of the table list, there are buttons for 'No Limit', 'Pot Limit', 'Fixed Limit', 'Head's Up', 'Full', and 'Empty'. The interface also features a 'BET NOW' button and a 'PLAY THE HORSES AT BETONLINE' banner at the top right, and a '100% SLOTS MATCH BONUS' banner at the bottom right.

No other settings matter. Don't forget to always start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions see: <http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

Full Flush Poker (Equity Network)

Note: Full Flush uses the same poker room software platform as the Chico network above (Betonline & Sportsbetting.ag) but operates on a different network so has different games and players.

The bot will resize the unhooked table to where it needs it as soon as it is started. This is to make multi-tabling easier, as the default table size fills the entire screen on most monitors. Don't worry -- the bot can still see everything even if you can't. When multi-tabling the tables can overlap if necessary, but it's probably wise to stagger them a little so the betting buttons don't overlap.

From the poker room lobby, click on **Options** and set as follows:

Options

Language > English

Animations > On

4-color deck – **Do not check!**

Tile Windows – **Do not check!**

The screenshot shows the Full Flush Poker lobby interface. The 'Options' menu is open, displaying the following settings:

- Languages
- Change Table Background...
- Sound
- Animations: On
- 4-Colour Deck: CTRL-O
- Tile Windows: CTRL-T
- Import Player Notes...

The background interface includes a navigation bar with 'Lobby', 'Cashier', 'My Bonuses', 'Options', and 'Help'. Below this is a 'FULL FLUSH POKER' logo and a table of tournaments. The table has columns for DATE, NAME, and other details. A 'MONTHLY POP ACCUMULATOR' shows 20.00. A 'Tournament Lobby' button is visible at the bottom right.

DATE	NAME				
Oct 27 18:02	\$300 BIG NIGHTLY				
in 51 minutes	\$2,000 GTD BACK2BACK	50	Reg	\$5.50+\$0.55	-
Oct 27 19:02	\$25 FREEROLL ON DEMAND	20	Reg	1 POP	-
Oct 31 11:02	\$1,000 Dep/Reload FREEROLL	20	Reg	-	Deposit Freeroll Tick
Oct 27 18:22	\$5000 HIGHROLLER SPECIAL	9	Reg	\$50+\$5	Gold
Oct 27 18:22	\$2,000 LATE NIGHT	8	Reg	\$5.50+\$0.55	-
Oct 27 19:02	\$500 GTD \$2 Special	4	Reg	\$2+\$0.20	-
Oct 31 14:02	\$5K HALLOWEEN BOUNTY TREA	1	Reg	\$15+\$1.50	Rubies
Oct 27 20:02	\$1500 GTD AFTER HOURS Turbo	0	Annc	\$4.50+\$0.45	-
Oct 27 21:02	\$200 GTD Turbo Rebuy/Add	0	Annc	\$1.60+\$0.16	-
Oct 27 21:02	\$25 FREEROLL ON DEMAND	0	Annc	1 POP	-
Oct 27 23:02	\$25 FREEROLL ON DEMAND	0	Annc	1 POP	-

No other settings matter. Don't forget to always start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions see: <http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

Bodog / Bovada Poker (Including Chinese Bodog room)

Note: Our bot uses “OCR technology” to play at Bodog and Bovada, which is different than the technology used for supporting our other poker rooms. This means that the bot is dependent upon reading information from the screen and therefore will be more sensitive to monitor and display settings. Tables can still overlap when multi-tabling, because the bot brings the active table to the front and takes a screenshot when it is your turn to act.

However, when playing more than three tables you might see timing issues when you have to act at more than one table at the same time, as the multiple tables waiting for your action fight each other for the front view. In these cases the bot may take longer than the normal 2 seconds to act, and in rare instances may even time out without acting. This looks quite natural however, as human players often have the same issue under these circumstances. Also, this issue will be dependent somewhat on your system resources. Most people can play at least three tables without noticeable timing issues.

Lobby settings: You must set the **Game Play Settings** tab exactly as shown below, at both Bodog and Bovada, under the Preferences options in the lobby.

Preferences
(Press ESC key to close)

Table Settings Game Play Settings Default Buy-in About This Software

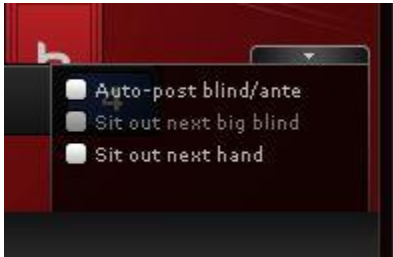
Game Play Settings

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Pot Total Display the Pot Total for each hand above the main pot.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Folded Hand Display Show your folded pocket cards until the end of each hand. Opponents will not see them.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Bet Value View your opponents numeric Bet Values along with their chips for each round of betting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Four Colored Deck Use a 4 colored deck. Clubs will be shown as green and diamonds will be blue.
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Hand Strength Display your best 5-card hand to the right of your pocket cards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Disable Enter to Bet Prevents the keyboard Enter key from placing a bet.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Table Spotlight Turn on the Spotlight to follow the action at the Poker table.	<input type="checkbox"/> Disable Pop to Front Prevents the table from popping in front of other windows when it is your turn.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Game Play Animation Turn on Game Play animation such as chip and card movements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auto Muck Hands Always muck losing/uncalled hands.
<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit Card Displays the next card that would have been dealt after the hand has ended.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enable Fold and Show Enable the ability to fold and show your hand at the showdown.

Language
English

In addition, on the **Table Settings** tab the **background must be set to red**. These Preferences settings from the lobby are not optional and must be set properly in order for the bot to function at Bodog/Bovada.

Make certain that you do not collapse the box on the table screen which shows the options for auto-posting blinds and sitting out! If you do, the bot will not be able to use the sit-out functions such as the bathroom break settings. That box looks like this:



See that little arrow above those check boxes on the right? Stay away from that! If you click it, that entire box collapses and hides the sit-out options. If they are not visible on the screen, the bot cannot check them and follow sit-out commands.

Do not enable “preferred seating” on the Table Settings tab! It doesn’t matter which seat the bot is in, but the preferred seating function may hinder the bot’s reading ability in some situations.

Troubleshooting: If you have correctly followed the above setup instructions and the bot cannot read the cards (and therefore will not act), then it is highly likely that a windows variable has been installed on your PC registry from another downloaded software program, which is interfering with the bot’s ability to work properly at Bodog/Bovada. In this case, the bot should return a warning message about the presence of this file, which is unnecessary and safe to remove. You can find instructions for removing it, plus a link to a free app which will remove it for you, here:

<http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php?topic=5318.0>

Non-standard systems may have trouble trying to run the bot at Bodog/Bovada, due to the nuances of using OCR technology (for example, a laptop + external monitor or a Netbook PC). You might play around with the resolution and display settings in these cases.

English language must be used.

888 Poker & WSOP Poker

(Includes Spain 888.es room, Chinese version, 888 New Jersey, WSOP Nevada, WSOP New Jersey, WSOP U.K.)

Important: The older **version 24** of the poker room software is required for our bot to work on the 888 rooms. Most of you should be able to downgrade to that version via this link:

setupspoker.images4us.com/setups/888poker/EN/p-1-en-4-6.17-0/24/SetupFiles/GIB/FULL/888pokersetup.exe

Please Note: For the **first hand dealt** in any game at this poker room, the bot's stack size, position, and opponent count will be unknown and/or incorrect for the **first hand only**, but should correct from the 2nd hand onwards.

You **must** set the following display options on the poker client from the 888 poker lobby **including the preferred seat positions**. These are all critical and are not optional in order for the bot to function properly.

Set the **Game Settings** tab as follows:



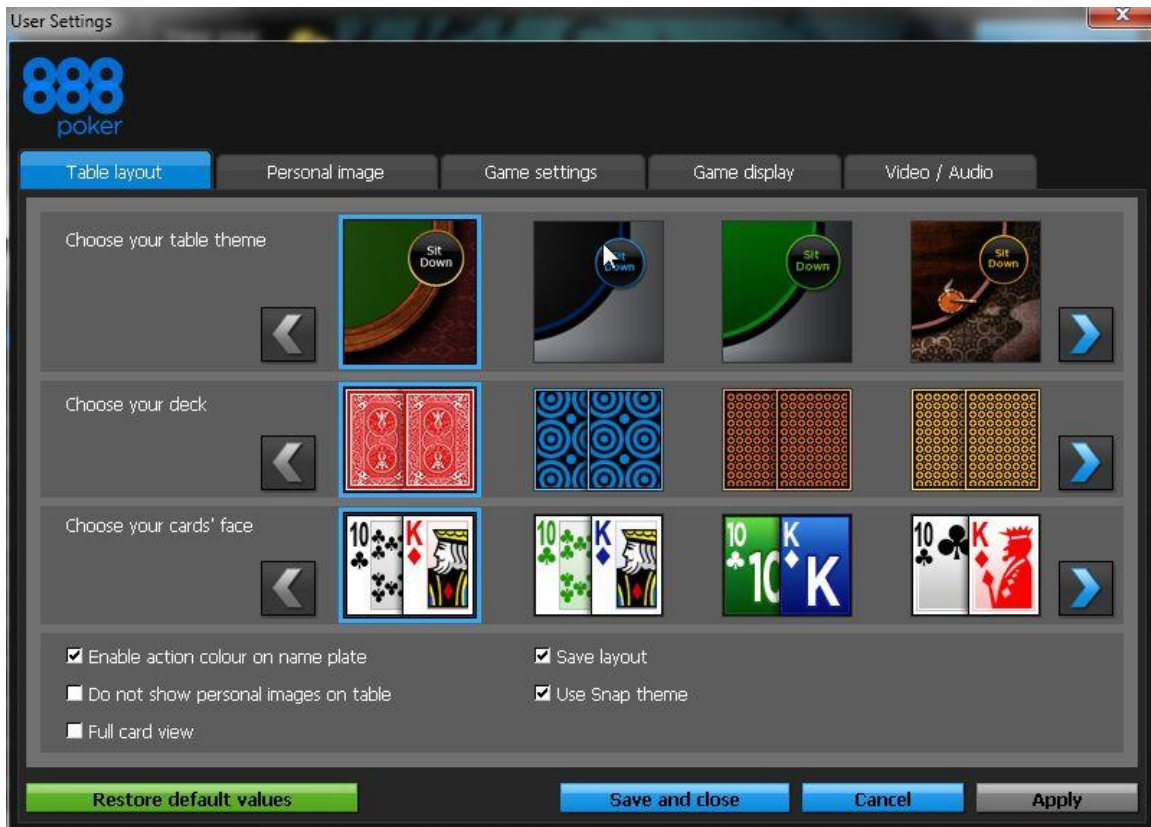
Set the **Game Display** tab as follows:



You must have the **English language** selected on the Game Settings tab for the bot to work here (this includes the Spanish and Chinese rooms), and you must have your windows language set to English/US.

You **must** select the preferred seat for **each table type** on the drop-down list as shown above! For all table types except 6 and 8 player tables, it is the bottom center seat. For 6 and 8 player tables, it is the right-bottom seat. In other words, **if a bottom center seat exists you must be seated in it!** If not, you **must** be seated in the bottom right seat!

Finally, set the **Table Layout tab** as follows:



Make sure that on the **Video/Audio tab** you did **not** check the box that says *Show final table in special background*, or the bot will not be able to play the final table in MTT's!

Please remember that 888 Poker **must be run as administrator** on all operating systems except XP. You can set any program to always run as administrator when opened; for instructions go here:

<http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic.6734.0.html>

iPoker Network

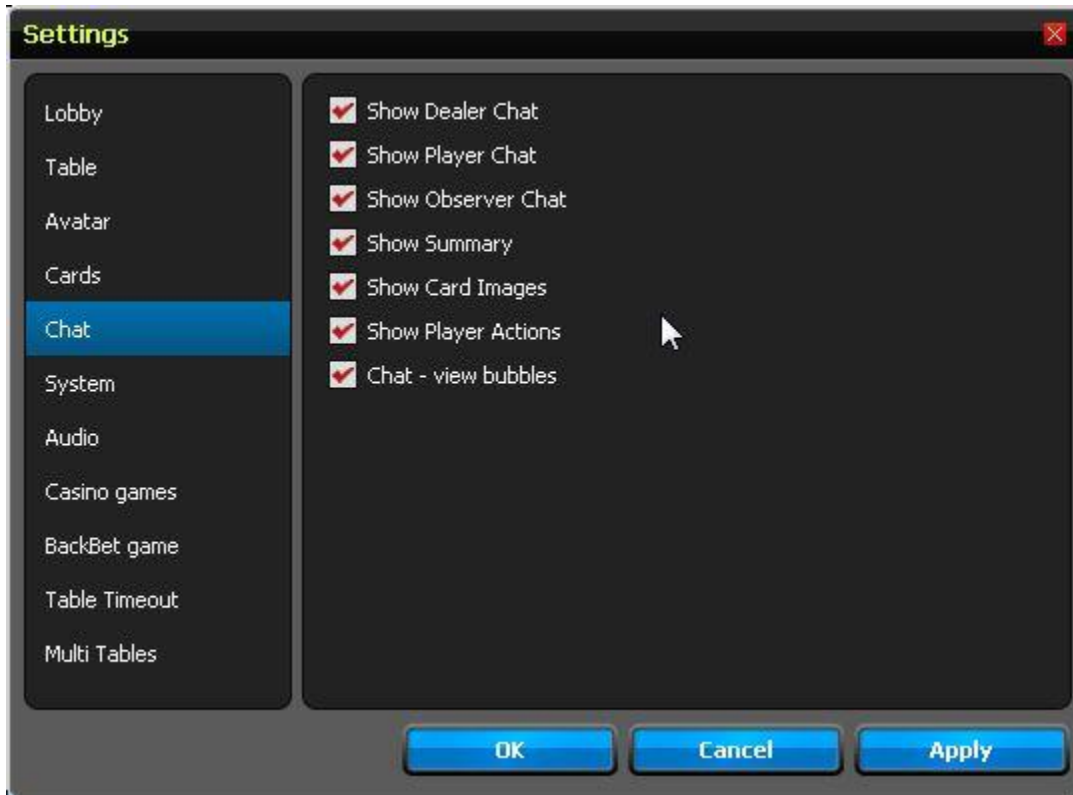
(William Hill / Ladbrokes / Betfair / Titan / TitanBet / NetBet / Bet365 / Boyle / Winner / Paddy Power / Everest / Sisal.it / Titanbet.it / Turbopoker.fr / Everest.fr)

This setup is for all supported **iPoker network** rooms, including the French and Italian only rooms. These settings adjustments are all critical and **must** be followed in order for the bot to function properly.

Please note that **France** residents need to use the English version of the poker clients at all three supported France rooms (including EverestPoker.fr). However, **Italy** residents must use the Italian version of the poker clients at both supported Italy rooms.

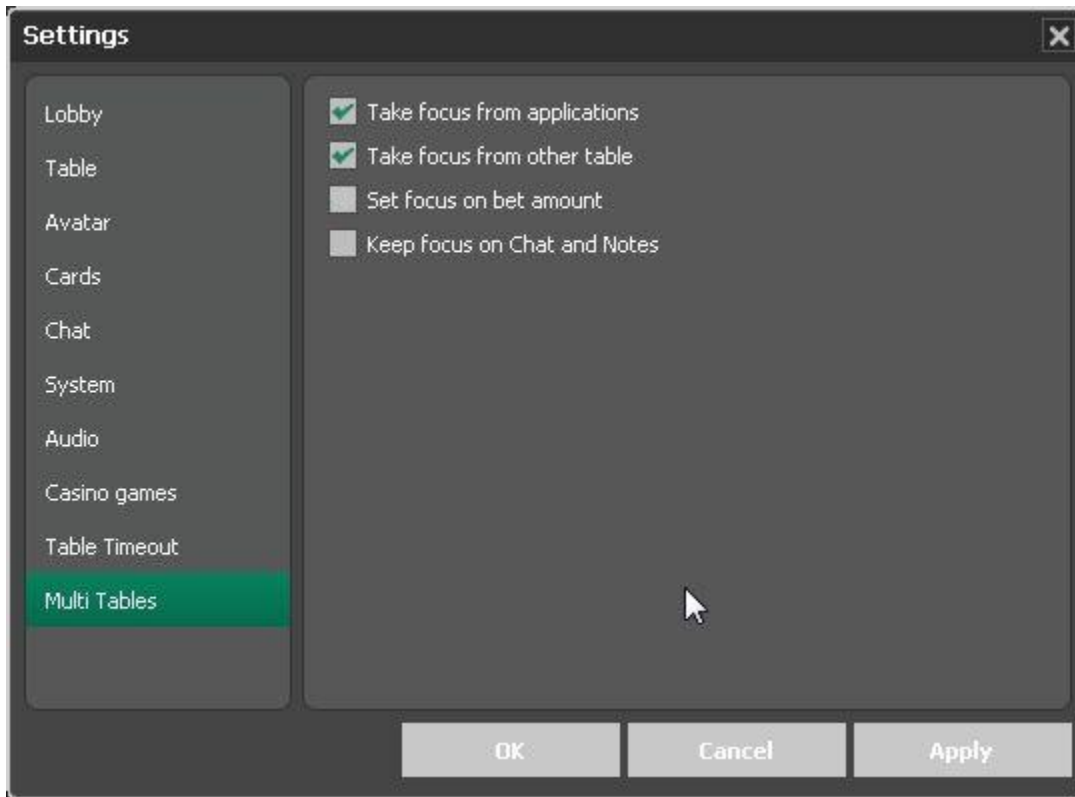
Poker Client Setup

Go to *Options > Settings* and on the **Chat** tab check all the options, as follows:

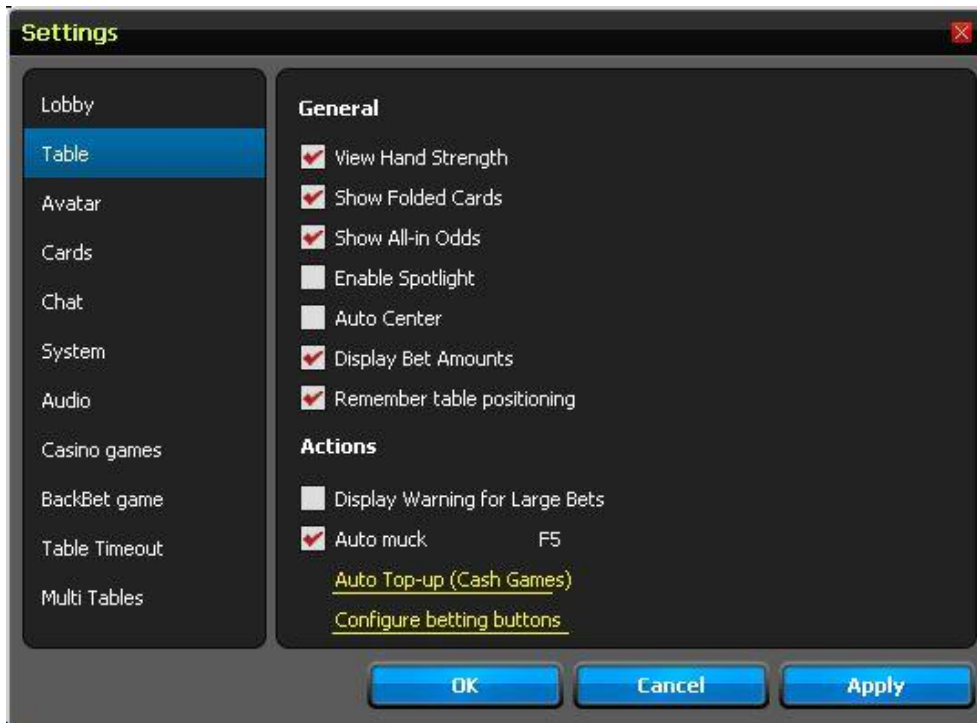


(Note: The player chat and observer chat can be unchecked if desired, and may improve bot performance, especially when multi-tabling.)

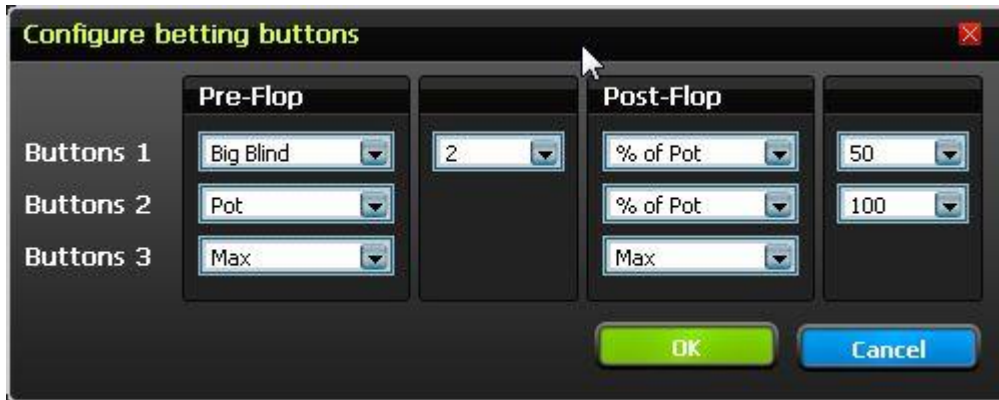
Next, go to the **Multi Tables** tab and set the options as follows:



Next, go to the **Table** tab and set the options as follows:

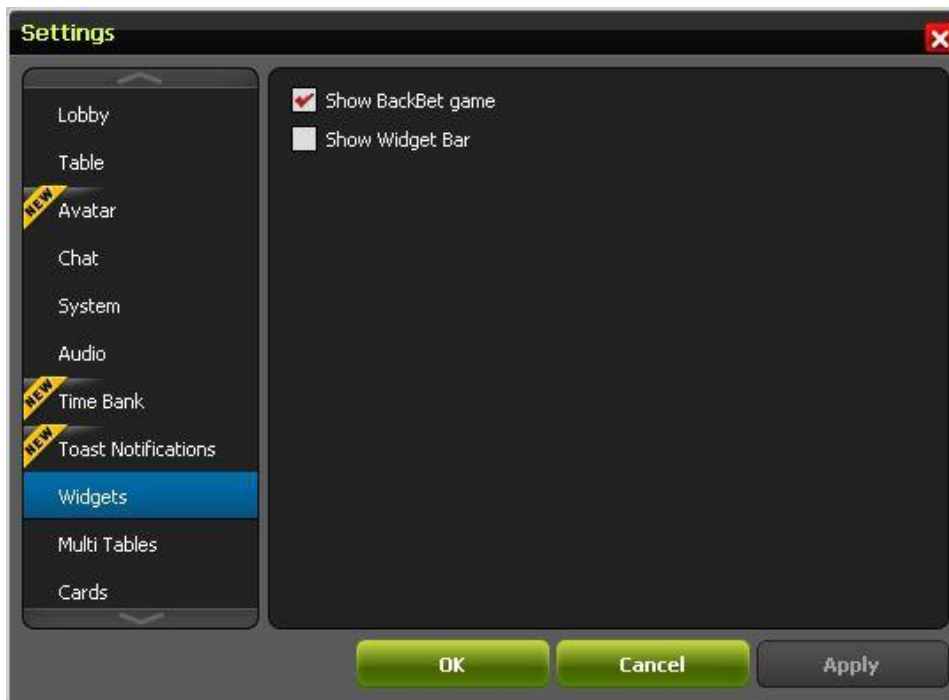


Important: If a **Configure betting buttons** link is available near the bottom of the Table tab, as above (some iPoker rooms have it, some don't), you **must** click that and then configure your betting buttons as follows:



If you do not configure **Buttons 2** and **Buttons 3** as shown above (for the iPoker rooms which have user-configurable betting buttons), there will be no *Bet Pot* or *Bet Max* buttons available on your screen, resulting in the bot's inability to follow these commands.

Also Important: If a **Widgets tab** is available, the **Show Widget Bar** setting **must be un-checked** at every iPoker room (**except** for Titan):



At **Titan Poker** (including TitanBet.it) The Show Widget Bar setting above must be checked!

None of the other settings on any of the other tabs are important for the bot, so they can be set as you desire.

Windows Settings

Both the bot and poker client must be *run as administrator* for Vista and Windows Seven machines (see section 1.1). The bot automatically runs as administrator on Windows Seven systems, but the poker client still must be opened that way **every time**. On Vista systems, both the bot and the poker room software must always be opened to run as administrator, using the right-click mouse option.

Your Windows language/regional settings **must be set to English/U.S** for all poker rooms (see section 1.2) with the exception of the Italian and French-only iPoker sites that are supported.

Poker Table Chat Window: Important!

There are two sizes that the poker table chat window can be and the bot needs it on the larger of the two sizes in order to read the dealer messages (please note that it can still read them even if the tables overlap and the table is covered by another table, however). This is very subtle and easy to miss, so please do play around with the poker table chat size to the point where you understand how to expand and collapse it. This does not apply to Speed Poker tables, however, which use a different type of chat window that is not resizable – but **the poker client will collapse all poker chat windows after playing on a Speed table**, requiring you to expand them again the next time you play a non-speed table, including any tournament!

Speed Poker

The bot supports Speed Poker tables at all our supported iPoker rooms. They can be multi-tabled in the usual manner. However, please note that after playing on a Speed Poker table, the poker table chat window will then be collapsed at all non-speed tables (including tournaments) and will have to be **expanded again manually** before the bot will work at them again.

Also, the bot will speed-fold the weaker starting hands automatically, which means it will not attempt to steal blinds with them in late position, being as it does not evaluate position until it is the bot's turn to act. Speed-folding can be disabled on the bot's option menu under Options > Other Options > Disable Speed Folding if you wish to steal blinds instead. It will slow the pace of the game some,

but not too much since most of the speed comes from not seeing the flop and having to wait for opponents to play out a hand.

Tournaments

At the iPoker rooms, the bot will ask you for your screen name when you play a tournament. **Be careful of typos!** If the name you enter does not match your screen name at the table exactly, the bot will not be able to read your stack size!

Sisal.it and Titanbet.it

The bot also supports the Italian iPoker rooms **Sisal.it** and **Titanbet.it**, for Italy residents only. These are the only Italian iPoker room currently supported, and the bot works with the Italian language only here. The same other iPoker setup instructions apply.

TurboPoker.fr, EverestPoker.fr, and Unibet.fr

The bot also supports these three French poker rooms, for France residents only. You must use the English speaking poker clients, as the bot only reads English at these three sites. All other iPoker setup instructions apply.

Rakeback

Private (non-advertised) rakeback deals are available for certain iPoker rooms and they are juicy! Check our support forum for the latest offers.

iPoker Troubleshooting

Problems reported using the bot at any of the iPoker network rooms almost always end up being due to one of these five things:

1. Not having your Windows language set to **English / US** (English / UK is no good because the betting amounts need to have decimals, not commas).
2. Not using an English speaking version of the poker client.
3. Having **collapsed the poker table chat window**. This is the most common error. There are two sizes that the poker table chat window can be and the bot needs it on the larger of the two sizes in order to read the dealer messages in the poker table chat (please note that it can still read them even if the tables overlap and the table is covered by another table however). It is quite easy to accidentally

collapse the chat on the poker table. If you have done this, some arrows will show on the right side of the chat that you can click and expand it back again.

4. Not having **configured the betting buttons** in the poker client properly, resulting in no 'pot' or 'max' size betting buttons available on the screen for the bot to use. See above screenshot of how they should be configured (if you are playing at an iPoker room which has incorporated that feature in the software).

5. Failing to start the poker room software to **run as administrator**. This must be done every time it is started. You can set it so it always starts that way; for instructions go here:

<http://bonusbots.com/support/index.php/topic,6734.0.html>

6. Having the widgets setting enabled if you are not playing at Titan, or having it disabled if you are playing at Titan.

7. A typo in entering your screen name on the bot for tournaments, resulting in the bot being unable to read your stack size. The screen name you enter must match your name displayed at the table exactly.

8. Having checked the “set focus on bet amount” box on the **multi-tables tab**. Don't do that!

5. Miscellaneous

5.1 Other User Options on the Bot

There is a sit-out option which should normally be set to 1 so that it never sits out. In SNG's and MTT's this setting is ignored anyway. The exception would be if you want to experiment sitting out short-handed in cash games, especially higher stakes ones.

****Recommend setting Sitout Option to 1 (never sitting out)****

The other option menu choices have to do with decision programming, more specifically the **bet sizing** and the minimum strength hand you want the bot to play in different situations. The long-term profitability of the bot in NL and PL games WILL depend on which options you select for which game environments.

In general we recommend selecting looser options in lower stakes games and tighter options in higher stakes games. Please refer to the strategy section below for specific recommendations on how to set these options for different game environments. You might also want to hang around the forum and watch people posting success stories to see if they reveal what options they are using.

5.2 Additional Notes

If you have any problems with the bot, try setting the resolution of your screen to 1024 X 768. The bot has been tested only with this resolution and may or may not work correctly with other screen resolutions. You can check and change the screen resolution by right clicking on empty space on your desktop and choosing the property item from the pop up menu. Then choose the settings tab.

Don't check email or do other stuff while the bot is running. Have all your browser windows closed.

****Especially don't have a browser window open at any kind of poker site as the bot can get confused****

Stealth Tip: Please, please don't run the bot for more than 12 hours at a time. This could alert the poker room to the possibility of bot usage and cause problems for all of us. Bot responsibly!

Ignore the **Succint/Verbose** setting on the menu. All this does is change the amount of data recorded in the session log.

5.3 Rakeback

Rakeback is necessary to show a worthwhile long-term profit for most cash games. Please register for your poker accounts through a reputable rakeback provider. If you don't have a bonus or rakeback going for you, you should only play SNG's or Tournaments.

You can get rakeback through our favorite provider by following this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/b3jr4>

Get a Neteller Account: If you are not a USA citizen, it is highly recommended that you have a Neteller account to use for moving funds in and out of your poker room accounts. You can register for one using the following link and will receive occasional special offers for doing so:

<http://tinyurl.com/7cjjv5h>



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Introduction

July 2010 Note: *This strategy guide is now a couple of years old and may be starting to get a little outdated. However it is still a good idea to give it a read.*

Hopefully, the reason you have this guide is because you downloaded one of our poker bots. If not, please go do so at www.BonusBots.com. The download is free and will work for 200 hands before requiring a license purchase.

The purpose of this strategy section is to help you use our product profitably, in a manner that both suits you and makes the endeavor worth your while. We believe we are selling the best pokerbots on the internet, but if you don't use them correctly they might not do you any good (other than having a really cool toy).

We have been selling an Omaha/8 bot since late 2006 when we started selling online gaming bots. In early 2007 it became clear that the real demand was for a Hold'em bot, as that's where all the action is in online poker. So we started building one. This project proved to be much bigger than we ever could have anticipated.

One year later, we finally released it. And it's not like we dilly-dallied on this thing either. It took a year of constant development, testing, and revising before we had something we thought was good enough to sell. Our Hold'em bot is the cumulative result of an incredible effort like you can't even imagine. That was in the spring of 2008.

Fast-forward another year to spring of 2009. The original released product, while very good, has been constantly improved. To the point even of a special programming language being added to it which allows the user to control 100% of it's actions if they so desire. Custom profiles are being cranked out by our users and posted in our support forum on a daily basis.

This bot takes previous round betting action into some of it's playing decisions. It knows how many players are still in the hand, and what it's current position is. It makes wise continuation bets and check-raises in good spots.

It also randomizes many of it's decisions by using card colors. For example, the bot may raise or fold in some places depending on whether it's first hole card is black or red. You simply won't find these kinds of features programmed into other commercially-available poker bots. (Of course they didn't take a year to create, either.)

As the product improves, the license fee rises. Consequently we see it as a very good investment, whenever you happen to purchase it.

Types of Poker Bots

There are three basic types of poker bots on the market.

Win Hold'em (or Open Hold'em)

These are products that click the correct buttons but don't know what to do. It's for programmers, to give them a jump start and allow them to program the playing instructions. You need to know programming code to complete the product, C/C++ I believe. Poker rooms know about these and are actively scraping for them, so you need to combine the use of two PC's in order to run them (one holds the Win Hold'em program, the other holds the poker room software). It's rather complicated and involves a lot of effort to pursue.

Please note that our poker bots can now also be custom coded by the user, for those so inclined. So we are essentially offering the same thing now, except that our products come with winning programming already installed (in addition to a large option menu which lets you quickly adjust the play for many situations). Profiles are easily saved and little bits of custom code can be added to change the behavior here and there if you wish.

So a complete user-designed profile for our poker bots can now be created by anyone who has a mind to in a matter of hours, as opposed to a matter of months like it takes with Win Hold'em or Open Hold'em. Our language is very easy to learn even for people with no programming background. This is not necessary but is a nice extra feature. More about this below.

Third Party Brains

This category includes the **OPI bots** (OPI stands for *Online Poker Inspector*, or more specifically *Online Hold'em inspector*). The bot software uses a third party brain to make decisions, usually some type of poker odds software that gives playing advice based on the situation. The problem with these is that there are not enough variables in the poker advice programs to make a good bot.

Low limit games at certain poker rooms are full of these OPI bots. Our Hold'em bot will destroy them over time.

Self-contained Bots

That's what our bots are. I have purchased a couple others that fit this category over the years, but they always turned out to be junk. I am unaware of any other product currently being sold in this category. They are, after all, quite difficult to create.

To run our bot you just open the program, choose your playing options, open the poker room, get in a game, click start and minimize the bot program. (Our bots are disguised as common computer applications and thus any poker room scraping for them will only see that you have Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Outlook, the Microsoft generic program icon, a DOS window, or something like that open on your computer while you are playing.)

Staying in Stealth Mode

Because it's entirely possible that the poker rooms might start looking for our bot, it's wise to always have it hidden while playing. It also might be prudent to have the poker room software open and maybe even the table you want to play at open for a couple minutes before joining.

Better yet, get into a game and play for a few minutes before opening the bot software and then quickly start and hide it. Have any settings from the option menu that you are using selected ahead of time. We really don't anticipate any problems in this area but it's wise to be careful.

When the program is in *Hide* mode it doesn't show as an application running and is not visible anywhere on your computer screen. Use the Alt+F10 command to bring it back (or whichever F-key command the bot tells you to use before it hides). The software also incorporates several other stealth features to avoid being profiled as a bot, including:

- Random Pixel Clicking
- Random Delay Time Before Acting
- Using Preflop *Fold in Turn* Buttons sometimes (only at certain poker rooms)
- Very, very occasionally typing "nh" in the chat window when it loses on the river
- Scheduled Bathroom Breaks

Because of these features, it is extremely difficult to detect.

Sit-out Options

On the option menu of our pokerbot programs you can choose to have them sit out when the players at your table fall beneath a certain number. When the player count goes back to your selected number the bot will attempt to sit itself back in. This usually works, but not always. And it is very possible to get removed from the table by the poker room while sitting out.

For these reasons, plus the fact that our bots have been programmed to play well short-handed, we don't recommend using this option for anything other than high-stakes cash games. Please make sure the sitout option is **set to <1** before using it the first time.

The sit-out option is automatically ignored in tournaments of all types.

Max Session Time

On the option menu of our pokerbots you can choose to have them quit after a certain number of hands or after a certain time has elapsed. This comes in handy when you are leaving for work or going to bed and want to control the playing session time, which is always a good idea (to keep from being profiled as a possible bot user).

Playing Sessions

Now, you **could** let the bot run for days or even weeks on end. But that would be foolish wouldn't it? Not only would you possibly flag your account and cause troubles for yourself, but it could even result in causing problems for the rest of us. Please bot responsibly. Playing 10-12 hour days with 8-12 hour breaks in between is reasonable. Take a day off now and then as well.

There are several ways to set the max session, including by when your stack size reaches a certain level so you can **book a win and walk away**. See the instructions text file for more detailed information.

Bathroom Breaks

The Hold'em Bot comes with a bathroom break scheduler and it is recommended to use this feature in cash games. The bot will sit out for two or three minutes then sit back in. This can be scheduled as often as you like. However we recommend three minutes every 90 to 120 minutes. Be sure to turn it off in

tournaments (this is done by making the interval time higher than your max session time).

Avoiding Being Profiled

Because our bots are programmed to take different actions in the some of the same scenarios based on random elements, and because there are quite a few user option settings which can be changed for No Limit play, they are difficult to profile. They also play well short-handed so it's hard to get pegged as a bot and be exploited for it. Still, it's a good idea to play without the bot once in a while just to keep players who are taking notes on you off kilter. (At the lower limits this isn't something you should even be concerned about.)

Poker Room Upgrades

From time to time a supported poker room will upgrade their software in a manner that temporarily breaks the bot. This is no time to panic! Rest assured that we probably already know about it and are working on the fix. Watch our forum announcements and/or subscribe to our RSS feed for the announcement of when you can download the upgrade.

Our Forum URL: www.bonusbots.com/forum

Our RSS Feed for Updates: www.bonusbots.com/updates/feed

The Rake: Your Worst Enemy

Most poker players completely underestimate their most formidable opponent, the rake. The rake always ends up with the most money over any reasonable time period. It's like an opponent who is guaranteed to book a big win every single time you sit down at a poker table. And that makes things very tough!

Consider this: A game where the average stack is \$150 and the average rake is just \$.60 per hand, dealing 65 hands per hour. This is typical of many online games. In 23 hours the rake will have taken **every single chip on the table**. That's right, all of it. You can't imagine how profitable the larger online poker rooms are. And you had better understand that this is a near-impossible proposition to escape from, unless:

- A)** your opponents are playing terribly, and/or
- B)** you are getting a significant portion of that rake back through bonuses and/or rakeback.

Full 9 and 10-handed games are one way to help curb the sting of the rake. It's cost is significantly less at these tables, as more players share in the bill and the blind pressure is less. This means that you can play tighter and be rewarded for it. (That's why our Hold'em bot plays **extremely** tight in full ring games.) The drawback is, only good players seem to understand this and so the full 9/10 tables just don't have a lot of bad players in them any more. That's a real problem.

Another way to escape the rake is to play tournaments, especially multi-table tournaments (MTT's). There is so much **dead money** in these things that you don't need rakeback or bonuses to profit from them nicely. Dead money is a term that refers to people who have no chance of finishing high, and MTT's always have enough of them to more than cover your entry fees.

Even SitNGos (SNG's) can be a profitable way to avoid the rake at the lower buy-ins. For example, \$5 and \$10 SNG's have enough dead money – people just messing around who aren't really serious – to be quite profitable without needing any bonuses or rakeback. As you move up to the medium and higher buy-in games the dead money vanishes, however. But in those games all you have to do is play solid and keep your cool in order to have an edge which negates the entry fee, something that bots happen to excel at.

All in all tournaments are an **excellent** way to escape the rake.

Finally, for those with the means and the stomach, high-stakes cash games can be the route out of the rake's devastating grasp. Once the average pot size is significantly above the size where the max rake per pot is reached, it becomes much less of a factor. In these games the players are all pretty good and so small edges are obtained by those who don't go on tilt or make stupid mistakes. Again, this is something that our bot is a champion at.

However, high stakes games have other pitfalls, not the least of which is having a tendency to become short-handed where it's just you and a couple of the best players in the world. Obviously you want to avoid that and so the sit-out option on our bot should be used at these tables if you want to take a crack at them (we'd

also recommend sticking to limit). The other problem is that high stakes games can become high-profile, something botters should try to avoid. But our bot actually should do OK at high-stakes limit tables that stay full – just don't play too long.

Level of Competition

This is the final ingredient. Terrible players will pay your share of the rake as well as theirs, and leave you a little something to boot. If there are a couple of them in your game, rest assured that everybody will get paid. They are the life blood of good online poker players, and even the best poker bot needs them in order to be profitable. This is a critical concept.

In fact if there are not bad players frequently coming into your games, you are not going to make a profit - with or without a great pokerbot. Even the poker rooms with the best rakeback programs and bonuses are not giving it **all** back. There will be a small deficit to make up, and the bot will need poor players making frequent poor decisions in order to grind out an hourly profit. This is why a table full of poker bots is simply not going to work, no matter what the rakeback and/or bonus scheme is.

Without bad players, the best you'll be able to do is lose less than everybody else. This is very important to understand. Seek out soft games. It's worth your time. There are tools available to help you do this. Just having Poker Tracker can be a tremendous resource. You can check in on your bot every now and then, scan the tables for players with bad stats, change tables, turn your screen off, and come back in an hour or so to repeat the process. This exercise, if you have the ability to pull it off, will improve your results in cash games **dramatically**.

Bad stats are players with **high \$VPIP** and low **PFR%**. In other words, they play a lot of pots but don't raise before the flop much. These are the kind of players that will make the bot profitable, and it greatly behooves you to find them and sit at their table. (The other stat you might check for is a low won at showdown percentage, or perhaps just a high dollar loss for the number of hands you have recorded on them.)

Multi-Tabling

Both our poker bots can currently play up to six tables at any of our supported poker rooms (except Bodog where they allow a maximum of 4 tables per player). This function works best on large monitors where you can separate the tables farther, but even on small screens where the multiple tables obscure each other it will work as long as the buttons themselves do not overlap. The exception might be if you must *Use OCR* in order to play and also have a small monitor (more on that below).

The bots can also multi-table between game types, although we do not recommend multi-tabling while playing an MTT because the additional tables open can trip up the bot when you experience a table change. Please note that you cannot multi-table across poker rooms, either – all your tables that are open must be at the same room.

The only thing you need to watch when multi-tabling are **staggering** your tables. Separate your tables as much as possible without hanging them off the edge of your monitor.

Table Positioning Tip: If you have a big screen you should try and position the tables so that there is minimum overlap between them. On smaller screens you should at least position the tables such that the button areas do not overlap. Position the 2nd table window such that it is a little (about two inches) to the right of and a little (about 2 inches) below the 1st table and so on.

How to Multi-Table

A menu item named **New Window** can be found on the **Holdem** menu. Clicking on this causes a new bot window to be opened up. The new window will ask for the additional poker table name, which you should already be sitting at. You need to type that in exactly as it shows in the poker window, as this is case sensitive.

A max of 6 bot windows can be open simultaneously. Each bot window acts independently and can be used to connect to and play at a particular poker room as per the rules above. Profiles need to be loaded independently in each window. They can be hidden and brought up independently. They write in separate log files. The log for the first window is called holdem.log (or om.log for the Omaha/8bot) as usual. The log for the second is called holdem2.log and so on. Each window is independent, so one can play Limit and another No Limit etc. without getting confused.

Most people can hide all Bot windows on their machine when multi-tabling. This is a sure way to speed up clearing bonuses and/or earning rakeback.

Custom Profile Creation

Our poker bots have an option menu where you can choose certain settings for the type of game you plan on playing in (be it a tournament, short-handed cash game, etc.). So that you don't have to do this every time you change game types, you can save your settings as a profile. This allows you to quickly load different profiles and you can even load different profiles for different tables while multi-tabling. Details on how to do this are given a bit further in this manual, as well as in the instructions text file that came with our software.

The Hold'em bot now has over 30 individual settings on the option menu. If you need help with setting suggestions for different game types, we maintain a thread in our forum called ***Egor's Favorite Holdem Bot Settings*** and it is publicly viewable as a sticky post on the Discussion Board. Here is the link to it:

<http://bonusbots.com/forum/YaBB.pl?num=1212365053>

In addition to these option menu settings, our poker bots are now completely **user-programmable** as well. We created a simple language that most poker players can easily learn so you can completely program the bot's entire playing instructions to your liking, if you so desire. The language is known as **PPL** which stands for Poker Programming Language.

Please note that this isn't really necessary and many of our customers have reported great results from profiles created using the option menu. But if you are hardcore you might enjoy doing a bit of custom coding to your bot.

Also note that you don't have to code an entire profile either. You can create small snippets of PPL code just to handle one or two situations in a certain way and use the option menu for the rest of the profile.

User-created custom code simply needs to be inserted on the saved profile (which is a text file) underneath where you see the option menu choices displayed. Please read the ***PPL User Guide*** that also came with your software download to learn how to create custom code.

Stack Size Recognition

Our poker bots read their stack size from the poker table window when it is time to act. They take this information into making certain decisions based on options that you have selected. The stack size is read and recorded in dollar amounts. However some of the settings on the option menu that include stack size ask you to set it by number of big blinds. The bot does the conversion automatically. You

probably need to do a little calculating to figure out how to set the stack size by number of big blinds for these settings.

Please note that these settings have a very high initial value, which means they are always on for any stack size if you turn the above option on. To make the above option only happen when your stack gets short you need to enter a number that represents a short stack, for example 15 or 20 (15 or 20 big blinds is a reasonably short stack in many situations).

Total Investment

The bot keeps a running tab of its total investment in any given hand. At least one option menu setting allows you to set it by Total Investment. The purpose is to keep from folding in situations when you are pot-committed.

Hold'em Bot Strategy

Get ready for some real fun. Most of our supported poker rooms offer substantial deposit bonuses which can be worked off using the bot. Some of them also offer rakeback deals through various affiliates. See the beginning of this use manual for the list of currently-supported sites, and/or log in to our support forum to get the scoop on the latest rakeback deals.

Games the Bot will Play

Our Hold'em poker bot will play the following types of games:

- ✓ **Limit cash games 6-max**
- ✓ **Limit cash games 9-max or 10-max**
- ✓ **Limit SNG's**
- ✓ **Limit MTT's**
- ✓ **NL Cap cash games 6-max**
- ✓ **NL Cap cash games 9-max**
- ✓ **NL cash games 6-max**

- ✓ **NL cash games 9-max or 10-max**
- ✓ **NL SNG's**
- ✓ **NL MTT's**
- ✓ **PL cash games 6-max**
- ✓ **PL cash games 9-max or 10-max**
- ✓ **PL SNG's**
- ✓ **PL MTT's**

How's that selection for you? Basically the bot will play any form of Hold'em being spread in any structure. In order to accomplish this we had to give the bot a different set of instructions for different game types, and we also decided to include some user controlled options for certain types of games. Let me try and break that down for you.

NL, PL, and NL Cap Games – the bot plays all these types of games the same way, whether cash or tournament. The major differences between this type of game and Limit Hold'em lies in calling raises, both preflop and post-flop, and also in calling non-raised pots preflop. In this type of game the bot folds to raises that it will call in Limit. It will also call the blind with small pocket pairs in this type of game (trying to flop a set) whereas in limit it will almost never play those hands.

In NL and PL games there are some options that need to be set. Two of these also affect Limit game play. I will give you some general guides in the strategy section below, but for now let's go over what they are. You can find these on the Options menu of the bot program window.

Option 1: Set the Preflop Raise Size – You can set the preflop raise amount to always be the minimum, always be pot-sized (about 3.5 x the big blind), or sometimes bet the pot and sometimes bet the minimum based on either a random element or hand strength. In low-stakes cash games I prefer to always raise the minimum, in slightly higher stakes cash games I like to use one of the random elements, in low stakes tournaments I prefer to always use the pot-size raise, and in higher stakes tournaments I like to set it by hand strength.

Option 2: Set the Post-flop Bet Size – You can set the post-flop bet/raise size by a % of the existing pot-size for the Flop, Turn, and River. For example you can have the bot bet 75% of the pot on the Flop, 60% of the pot on the Turn, and 50% of the pot on the River.

Option 3: Fold to Preflop Raises for AQ, AJs, KQ – this is just what it sounds like. The default position is off, meaning that if you do not check this option the bot will call preflop raises when holding these three hands. In limit the bot always calls one preflop raise with these hands but you can make it fold these hands for a preflop raise in No Limit and Pot limit. Generally speaking I would recommend keeping the default setting in lower stakes games and checking it on for higher stakes games.

Option 4: Fold Post-Flop Below Top Pair to Any Bet or Raise – this is a post-flop setting that will give the bot an overriding instruction to always fold any hand below top-pair in strength to any bet or raise. You can leave this off and the bot will play by the default instructions and sometimes call large bets with certain drawing hands like a medium pair with a flush draw. Or you can check this option and always be safe from donking off your stack to a large all-in bet when holding anything under top pair.

Option 5: Fold to Postflop Raises with Unpaired Boards for – this is a post-flop setting that will give the bot an overriding instruction never to call a raise with a hand below the strength of your choosing. Note that this is only for non-paired boards with no possible made flush and no possible made straight. The default setting is top-pair best kicker, and that is the loosest possible setting (in limit the bot will often call raises with any top pair or combination pair/draw hands). My recommendation is to tighten this setting as you play higher stakes. I'd lean towards checking this option in tournaments and higher stakes cash games.

Option 6: Fold to Postflop Raises with Paired Boards for – when the board is paired what is the minimum strength hand you want to call a raise with? The default setting is trips with best possible kicker. You can loosen this or tighten this at your discretion. Again, in limit the bot will play a bit looser and I would tighten this setting in certain higher-stakes situations.

Option 7: Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – (note this setting also affects Limit games) here you can turn off the automatic continuation bluffs on the turn, which is a good idea in higher stakes cash games and late stages of tournaments, especially when you are close to the money. If you leave the default setting the bot will make pot-sized bluffs on the turn when against one opponent and the bot bet the flop and was only called and it's first card is a certain color. Setting this option to at least second best pair is probably a good idea for tournaments and all but the smallest stakes NL games.

Option 8: Never Bet Flop With Hand Below Middle Pair When – (note this setting also affects Limit games) you can turn off all flop continuation bets with this setting. However it is not recommended that you use this setting unless you really know what you are doing.

Note that one of the options is to turn it off when your stacks size falls below a certain level, and that is probably the best use for it (in a tournament situation). When your stack is getting small you don't want to waste chips on pot-sized bets stabbing at the flop and are really just looking for hands to push with pre-flop.

This setting is for experts only. You are usually making a big mistake by not automatically betting the flop when you were the last preflop raiser.

Option 9: Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – by default the bot will call one bet on certain paired boards with good two-pair hands, especially when the board pair is small and the two pair hand is of the highest other board card or better. With this setting you can tighten that up, which might be a good idea in higher-stakes cash games.

Option 10: Never Call Flush Possible Boards with Hand Below – by default the bot will call one bet with certain hands when a flush is possible, especially when two cards are needed for a flush and the bot has a decent hand against only one or two opponents. With this setting you can tighten that up, which might be a good idea in higher-stakes cash games.

Option 11: Fold to Preflop Raise with 55 or 66 when – set how the bot will handle these two hands preflop when there is a raise. If you leave it in the default position it will sometimes get all-in with them preflop, which is a good idea when you are short-stacked in tournaments – but not any other time really.

Option 12: Fold to Preflop Raise with 77 or 88 when – these hands are somewhat better than the above two, and this option will allow you to set how they handle preflop raises. In cash games it's probably a good idea to fold them for a raise. If you leave this setting in the default position the bot will always reraise and try to get all-in with them preflop (which is a good setting for tournaments).

Option 13: Fold to Preflop Raises with 99 or 10-10 when – these hands are significantly better than the above two, and this option will allow you to set how they handle preflop raises. In cash games it's probably a good idea to fold them for two raises. If you leave this setting in the default position the bot will always reraise and try to get all-in with them preflop (which is a good setting for tournaments).

Option 14: Fold to Preflop Raises with JJ or QQ when – these hands are significantly better than the above two, and this option will allow you to set how they handle preflop raises. In higher-stakes cash games it's probably a good idea to fold them for two raises. If you leave this setting in the default position the bot will play them very intelligently, usually trying to get all in but backing off for a lot of action when out of position.

Option 15: Fold to Preflop Raises with AK when – one of the strongest preflop holdings in a tournament, but somewhat vulnerable in a cash game. In higher-stakes cash games it's probably a good idea to fold for two raises. If you leave this setting in the default position the bot will play AK very intelligently, usually trying to get all in but backing off for a lot of action when out of position.

Option 16: Fold to Preflop Raises with AQs when – this hand has roughly the same value as AK (offsuit), but presents more challenges in playing correctly. In general you should be less willing to get all-in with it in tournaments preflop, and be wary of too much preflop action in cash games. Some players like to tighten up with this hand. We recommend folding for two raises with it in cash games and the early stages of tournaments.

Option 17: Fold to Preflop Raises with AKs – don't ask me why we are even giving you this option. We just threw it in there. Some experts might want to fold for two raises in certain game environments I suppose. Recommend leaving this in the default position.

Option 18: Fold to Preflop Raises with KQs – probably a good idea to fold for two raises in cash games but play by default when short-stacked in tournaments.

Option 19: Fold or Go All-In when Opponents (After Folds) Less than – This feature will have the bot simply click the max button and go all-in anytime it has a playable hand. That includes a calling hand or a raising hand, the only exception being when it is in the big blind with a folding hand and gets a free look at the flop. In that case the bot will then go All-In after the flop in any situation where it would call or raise. You can set this for always, or by the number of remaining opponents. If you choose a number of remaining opponents then you would still be playing normal against a higher number of opponents. Believe it or not, using this setting in the *Always* position can be an effective way to play tournaments.

You can also set this option to apply only after a specified number of hands in your session has expired, which can be very effective in multi-table tournaments. Figure on about 50-60 hands per hour being dealt when deciding when to have it kick in.

Finally, you can also set this option to trigger only when your stack size is below a certain level.

Option 20: Fold or Go All-In when Opponents at Table Less than – This is the exact same feature as option 16 above, except that it is triggered by the starting number of opponents instead of the remaining number. In other words, the original number of opponents sitting at the table. If option 16 above is chosen, the bot may very well push all-in on the first hand of a tournament.

By contrast, if you want the bot to only start pushing all-in when down to the last few players of a SitnGo (or multi-table tournament) then this is the option you want. Frankly, we see that as a good idea for all types of NL Tourneys. (The bot will still fold and check it's non-playable hands).

You can also set this option to trigger only when your stack size is below a certain level.

Please note that both Fold or Go All In options should not be turned on at the same time. Choose one or the other, or use the Aggressive Tournament Setting instead.

Option 21: Always Call When Opponent's Raise is Less than – because you don't want to fold for very small raises after you make a large bet in NL or PL games, the bot won't let you. It will always call a raise from an opponent that is less than 40%, 30%, or 20% of the amount of the bot's last bet (or raise). Which percentage is up to you. For most tournaments you probably want to set this to 40%.

On the river, there is a minimum hand strength requirement that you have at least best kicker or better before calling the small raise. For all other betting rounds however the bot will call small raises with any hand that it had bet with.

This feature also extends to the next betting round. The bot remembers when it was the last bettor or raiser on the previous betting round and if somebody bets their last few chips out it will treat that as a raise on the previous betting round and apply these settings.

Included on the window for this setting is the most important incorporation of **Stack Size Recognition**, being able to compare it to **Total Investment**. The option reads:

Always Call when Stack Size is Below

...and lets you set the percentage. It's important to understand what the percentage setting means. You are setting your stack size as a percent of total investment in the hand. The initial value is set very low at 30%. That means if you have \$1,000 in chips invested in a hand but only have \$400 left in your stack the bot will still fold to many raises protecting your last \$400 because that is 40% of the amount you have invested in the hand. However if you had this set to 50% then the bot would always call any bet or raise if you only had \$400 left in this situation.

So what this setting does is override all folding action to calling once you have put a certain amount of your stack in a pot. Some people think they are pot-

committed whenever they get half of their stack or more into any given hand, especially in SNG's. In that case you would want this setting at 100%.

Remember the bot makes a comparison of your current stack size to the amount you have invested in the hand. So if you got 50% of your stack in on a given hand that would mean the total investment now equals 100% of your current stack size.

Option 22: Super Tight Play – (note this setting also affects Limit games) this setting will have the bot fold all hands preflop except: **AA, KK, QQ, JJ, 10-10, 9-9, AKs, AK, AQs, AQ, AJs, and KQs** which it will play normally. Some people like to have the bot play the first half of a tournament for them with this setting before taking over themselves.

Option 23: Semi-Super Tight Play – (note this setting also affects Limit games) the same thing as *Super Tight Play* above but includes all pocket pairs. Note that the bot will play them by default programming with this setting, which only includes calling minimum raises when holding the smaller pocket pairs. You can use the *Set Mining* option below in conjunction with *Super Tight* to call larger preflop raises with smaller pocket pairs if you so desire.

Option 24: Minimum Bet Override – this setting stops opponents from making a minimum bet into a large pot to get the bot to fold without incurring any risk on their part. It is invoked anytime that an opponent makes a post-flop minimum bet (exactly 1 big blind in size) in a No Limit or Pot Limit game environment where **the pot is at least 5 big blinds in size and your hand value is best high-card or better**. You can choose how you want to handle this: Call all post-flop minimum bets, raise minimum sometimes and fold sometimes, or raise minimum sometimes and call sometimes.

We recommend always calling in tournaments, and raising minimum sometimes and calling the rest of the time in cash games. Please note that this setting is in the default position when you downloaded your bot which will not recognize minimum bet sizes, so **you do need to change this** one to your preference.

Option 25: No Limp – (note this setting also affects Limit games) if you hate limping this setting is for you. We added it after some of our customers shared their Poker Tracker databases with us, making a strong argument against ever limping at all in cash games. While we aren't quite sold on that concept, we do think it's a good option for most 6-max cash tables. (There aren't very many hands the bot will limp with anyway, especially while playing short-handed.)

The setting affects every position except the Big Blind, and when activated will never just call the blind preflop. You can choose how you want to handle the few hands that it would normally limp in with. There is an interesting setting that will

raise if less than two callers otherwise fold. **Note that this setting only affects hands where bot is instructed to call – it will not start playing any hand that way!**

Also, the setting is only invoked the first time around the table. After you have raised the bot will then call reraises if it is supposed to (with hands like AK and QQ).

Option 26: Aggressive Tournament Setting – this is highly recommended for tournaments of all types and sizes. Playing cash games requires a different approach than playing tournaments (with the possible exception of really small stakes cash games). When this option is left in the default position the bot will fold many decent hands for a large bet size. That's the best way to play most cash games above the micro limits. However in tournaments you are going to want to shove all-in with many of those same hands that you want to fold in a cash game. That's what this setting does - it uses the Bet Max button in NL games when it holds a good hand. There are two sections to this setting and one selection must be made in each of them.

Preflop section. Here you can choose from among a half-dozen hand lists that the bot will simply shove all-in with preflop. The first one on the list consists of only the very top starting hands **and also requires at least one preflop raise** before it will shove. The rest of them get progressively looser and do not require a preflop raise. In general, the earlier in the tournament and/or the bigger stack you have the closer to the top you want this preflop section set - and vice-versa.

Postflop section. This side only has two choices (other than off). The setting refers to the post-flop **conditions** for which the bot will bet or raise all-in. These are not defined for the user. We programmed the bot to push with any decent post-flop hand when this setting is invoked. This includes **top pair or better** on non-scary boards and reasonably strong hands on scarier boards. Your only choice when you turn this on is whether you only want to shove all-in when the conditions are met **if there was a preflop raise**, or whether you want to shove all-in regardless of whether or not there was a preflop raise. In general, the earlier in the tournament and/or the bigger stack you have the more you would want to require a preflop raise before shoving with any decent hand post-flop.

Stack size recognition. For both preflop and post-flop sections there is an option to only invoke the setting when your chip stack falls below a certain level. When you turn this on (by reducing the number of big blinds to a level that reflects a short stack) the bot will only play by the *Aggressive Tournament Settings* you have chosen when the stack size requirement is met.

For example you might set the stack size requirements at 20, as anytime you have under 20 big blinds that is considered a short stack in a tournament. (You might want to set both sides at the bottom level and set the stack size to 20 so

that anytime you get short-stacked you just start pushing all-in with reasonable hands.)

Option 27: Mining for Sets – the default instructions for calling raises preflop is to fold for raises 4 big blinds or higher with 22 through 66 and to fold for raises of 6 big blinds or higher with 77 through 99. This setting allows you to override the default instructions and always have the bot call with 22 through 99 up to a raise amount that you choose. In deeper stack games it might be a good idea to set the number around 7 or 8.

Option 28: Post-Flop In Blinds Override – (note this setting also affects **Limit games**) in Texas Hold'em you often get a free look at the flop from the big blind position. Sometimes that means you flop top pair with a weak hand such as 10-3. By using this setting you can tell the bot you basically don't want to get involved in these pots without having a good hand, that is at least top pair with a decent kicker. There are two choices: Second best kicker or better, or third best kicker or better.

When you check this setting on it will simply give up on all other hands from either blind position as long as **there was no preflop raise**. These are situations when you have nothing invested. If there was a preflop raise the setting won't be invoked and the bot will play as normal, since you do have something invested in that case.

The drawback to this option is that the bot will also abandon continuation bets on the flop when it was the last preflop raiser as well. However this might be a good way to randomize backing off on your aggressiveness a little, since you are out of position on these hands.

Option 29: Preflop Reraise Override – (note this setting also affects **Limit games**) if you only want to reraise (that is 3-bet or 4-bet) with **aces or kings**, check this setting. It is one that simply turns on or off with a check mark. When on, the bot will only reraise preflop with AA or KK and just call with the other premium hands which it would normally reraise with.

Option 30: Auto Rebuy at UB and Bodog – when you go broke in a cash game at these two rooms a window pops up asking if you want to buy more chips. By checking this option on the bot will click the *Rebuy* button and then click *OK* on the box that pops up. Note that this will only rebuy for the amount suggested by the poker room software which may not be the maximum.

Saving Your Options As a Profile – For convenience, you can now save your option settings as a profile, which becomes a text file that is stored in the same folder your bot program is kept. That way you can quickly change option settings when you change game environments. Don't forget to have the bathroom break

setting on 900 minutes for tournament profiles and around 80-120 minutes for cash games profiles!

To save a profile, click on the first item on the main menu Holdem: Write Profile. A window will appear with the default name "holdem_profile.txt." You will want to rename this to something easy to remember when loading your profile. (Please note that the .txt extension must remain.) For example, **cash.txt** or **sng.txt**.

To load a saved profile, go to Holdem: Read Profile... then just type in the name of the saved profile that you want to load. You will get a confirmation message in the bot window that your profile loaded, along with all the options set for that profile.

Auto Switching Profiles – You can also set the bot to change the profile it is using based on a preset condition. The conditions you can use for loading a different profile are:

- Shorthanded table by number of players sitting at it
- Number of hands played in the current session
- Number of minutes expired in the current session
- Stack size has fallen below a certain level

This is a very useful feature, as you probably want to use a different profile in a short-handed game than at a full table, or switch to a push-or-fold type profile when your stack is short. Also, some players like to play the first two hours of a tournament very conservatively then become very aggressive (or vice versa).

To set up the the profile auto-switch, on the bot's main menu go to:

Holdem > Auto Read Profile

Then enter the saved profile file name (or path) and set the criteria for when you want it loaded.

Rakeback

It's important that you open up your accounts through our recommended rakeback provider below. If you already have accounts at all our poker rooms and thus cannot get the rakeback, I would recommend playing tournaments only. This bot does extremely well in the tourneys, making the money often. Every once in a while the poker room will throw you a bone in the way of a surprise deposit bonus. These surprise bonuses should be cleared in the cash games.

Signup at Rakeback Organizers, using this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2tnqad>

Strategy

Note: the recommended settings for the strategies below do not include all the wonderful new settings we have added since this manual was originally written. However you should still read through it to get a feel how the settings can be adjusted for the various game types that are available.

For a more updated list of recommended settings for different game environments please visit this forum thread:

<http://bonusbots.com/forum/YaBB.pl?num=1212365053>

There are a lot of ways to go at these poker rooms. I'm sure you can find something that works for you. However we strongly advise focusing on **No Limit and Pot Limit** rather than Limit games.

The edge that solid players have over poor players in No Limit is gigantic. In limit the fish live longer because they aren't usually taking that much the worst of it due to pot odds. But in No Limit they often get their whole stack in there as a 3-1 underdog or worse. **This more than makes up for the lack of bonuses.**

I am going to divide the specific strategies into two parts: **Semi-monitored** and **Non-monitored**. The semi-monitored section assumes that you can check in on the bot frequently, maybe once or twice an hour. This option is good for people who can put an extra PC on their desk at work (perhaps via a KVM switch so they can use the same monitor, keyboard, and mouse).

Going the semi-monitored route will improve your cash game results, no two ways about it. You will need extra software to get the most from it. The best bet is purchasing **Poker Tracker 3**, which you can use to data-mine many tables when you are not playing or using the bot. Then all you need to do is start keeping a list of currently active players who have:

- **High \$VPIP Numbers (above 45 is best)**
- **Low PFR% Numbers (below 7 is best)**

These players will be putting lots of money into pot but hardly ever raising. If you always make sure at least one of them is at your table you should do very well in your online poker career, with or without a bot.

If going to these lengths is not something you are able or want to do, don't worry. The bot will do just fine playing the PL and NL cash games and all manner of

tournaments in a completely un-monitored fashion. However, I would recommend avoiding the limit and cap games if you are not using extra software to do frequent table-hopping.

Semi-monitored Strategies

Here are my recommended games and corresponding strategies for using the semi-monitored botting approach.

NL Cap Cash 6-Max

While the 9-max tables are cheaper in rake, the 6-max tables are richer in maniacs - one of the easiest kind of fish to beat. NL Cap 6-max seems to be a really good game for letting the maniacs blow off their chips. In my personal testing it was an excellent fit with Poker Usher, and I saw some impressive upswings in the lowest limit game (.05/.10 blinds \$10 max buy in).

Strategy – Buy in for the max. If playing at UB you will have to check back frequently to buy-in manually when you lose your stack), check in once or twice per hour to move to the most profitable looking table. Take the time to run through all the tables a couple times per day and buddy-list players with high losses, \$VPIP over 45, and PFR% under 7. Use the games that your buddies are in as targets regardless of where the tables rank on Poker usher, and especially target games with 2 or more buddies.

Preflop Raise Size - recommend random pot-sized

Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend checking to on

Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend leaving off

Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend any two pair

Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips best kicker

Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend top pair

Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair– recommend play by default

Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend play by default

Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend play by default

55 and 66 – recommend fold for one raise

77 and 88 – recommend fold for one raise

99 and 10-10 – recommend fold for two raises

JJ and QQ – recommend play by default

AK and AQs – recommend play by default

AKs – recommend play by default

KQs – recommend fold for two raises

Limit Cash 9 or 10-Max

Limit actually works very well with table-targeting, and there are enough full 9/10 handed tables going to make this work. In these games you enjoy a much lower rake paid per hour along with decreased blind pressure. Our bot plays extremely tight at these tables and punishes opponents who get involved with our solid holdings.

Strategy – Buy in for about three times the suggested amount. Check in one or two times per hour to move the bot to the most profitable looking table. Just go with the tables at the top of the Poker Usher list, but do check them to make sure there are significant stats on the opponents. Anybody with a 45+ \$VPIP and a PFR% under 7 after 80 or so hands is a reliable target.

Singe-table SNG's

You don't need any extra software for this approach. You just need to keep checking in several times per hour to get the bot started in another SNG when the last one is over. Glamorous? Perhaps not. Profitable? You bet! This actually might be the single best use for the bot, as it's great at these things.

For NL and PL SitnGo's:

Preflop Raise Size - recommend pot-sized

Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend leaving off

Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend checking on

Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend top pair

Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips best kicker

Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend default settings

Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair– recommend play by default

Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

55 and 66 – recommend fold for one raise

77 and 88 – recommend fold for two raises

99 and 10-10 – recommend play by default

JJ and QQ – recommend play by default

AK and AQs – recommend play by default

AKs – recommend play by default

KQs – recommend play by default

Aggressive Tournament Settings – both sides on, preflop in an upper middle position and post-flop in the second position

Strategy – Play within your bankroll but don't be afraid of the higher limits if you can afford them. I would try to maintain an account size of at least 20 buy-ins to handle the swings. Experiment with the option settings at different buy-in levels.

Tournament Starter

You don't need any extra software for this approach. As an MTT player you are simply going to let the bot do your grunt work to get you to past the middle stages of a tournament and then take over.

For NL and PL tournaments:

Preflop Raise Size - recommend pot-sized by hand strength

Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend leaving off

Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend checking to on

Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend top pair best kicker

Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips best kicker

Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend 2nd top pair+ overcard

Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair– recommend play by default

Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

55 and 66 – recommend fold for one raise

77 and 88 – recommend fold for two raises

99 and 10-10 – recommend play by default

JJ and QQ – recommend play by default

AK and AQs – recommend play by default

AKs – recommend play by default

KQs – recommend fold for two raises

Aggressive Tournament Settings – both sides on, preflop in an upper position and post-flop in the first position

Strategy – Play any MTT you have a notion to play, be it NL, PL, or Limit. Put the bot in and check back in 1-3 hours, depending on how large the field was. Stay away from the turbo multi-table SNG's, as what you are trying to do is capitalize on your tournament skills and those are more of a crap shoot. When the bot gets to a point and chip position that you want to take over the reigns at, step in and finish the job. If the bot busted out enter another one and go back to the hot tub. I like to take over at the bubbles (near the money or near the final table). Also, when the bot is a huge chip leader early or middle I will sit it out for a while.

NL Cash Games

This is my last choice for semi-monitored strategies and my first choice for non-monitored strategies. The reason is this: I don't think the edge you get from wise table selection means as much in no limit cash games. Especially at the lower limits where the games are all pretty juicy anyway, and especially the 6-max tables. I might be wrong. Truth be told I haven't tested it much so my opinion might change. But the player base is so large at these that you might have a difficult time gathering usable stats.

Preflop Raise Size - recommend AK or better

Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend checking to on

Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend checking to on

Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend any overpair

Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips best kicker

Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend top pair

Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair– recommend play by default

Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

55 and 66 – recommend fold for one raise

77 and 88 – recommend fold for one raise

99 and 10-10 – recommend fold for two raises

JJ and QQ – recommend fold for two raises

AK and AQs – recommend play by default

AKs – recommend play by default

KQs – recommend fold for two raises

Strategy – Buy in for the max, set your auto rebuy option for the max. If playing at UB you will have to check back frequently to buy-in manually when you lose your stack), check in once or twice per hour to move to the most profitable looking table. Take the time to run through all the tables a couple times per day and buddy-list players with high losses, VPIP over 45, and PFR% under 7. Use the games that your buddies are in as targets regardless of where the tables rank on Poker usher, and especially target games with 2 or more buddies.

Non-monitored Strategies

Stick the bot in a game, turn it on, check back in 10-12 hours. This is real botting, and the reason many of you are interested in this product no doubt. I have a very different hierarchy of strategy preferences for this approach. Here they are.

NL Cash 6-Max Maximum Rebuy

The preferred method to play NL cash games on complete auto-pilot. The action players gravitate toward the 6-max tables, so even with the higher rake they are more profitable when the betting gets bigger. This is because your opponents are much more likely to donk off their stack than they are at the 9-max tables.

Preflop Raise Size - recommend AK or better

Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend checking to on

Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend checking to on

Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend best possible overpair

Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips best kicker

Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend top pair

Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair– recommend play by default

Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

55 and 66 – recommend fold for one raise

77 and 88 – recommend fold for one raise

99 and 10-10 – recommend fold for two raises

JJ and QQ – recommend fold for two raises

AK and AQs – recommend play by default

AKs – recommend play by default

KQs – recommend fold for two raises

Strategy – Buy in for the max and set your auto rebuy option for the max. If playing at UB you will have to check back frequently to buy-in manually when you lose your stack). The maximum allowed buy-in for your game should be no more than 5% of your account size, and even that might be pushing it.

NL Cash 6-Max Minimum Rebuy

The problem with an in-between rebuy strategy is extremely high variance. For example, in the \$10 max games if you rebuy for \$4 you will have many losing days and one huge winning day every now and then that makes it all back. This is because the bot will be constantly building a stack to \$8, \$12, \$16, even \$20 and then losing it all in one hand to another big stack in the game and starting over.

This actually wouldn't be a bad semi-monitored strategy, if you kept checking in and leaving the game every time you had accumulated a decent stack - say 3 times your rebuy amount. Then just change tables and start over. That way you keep bagging profits and lowering your risk.

A maximum buy-in amount approach doesn't suffer from this problem because it has so many opponents covered. It is starting with a much higher stack and therefore isn't trying to **win 4 or 5 coin-flips in a row** to stay in business. If you let the bot run with a middle buy-in amount you will probably get frustrated with your short-term results.

A minimum buy-in approach, on the other hand, is much better! This will reduce your short-term variance while still giving yourself a shot at huge profit days relative to your risk. So to recap, go with a minimum or maximum buy-in strategy, but not with any amount in between.

Preflop Raise Size - recommend 99 or better

Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend leaving off

Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend leaving off

Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend top pair

Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips

Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend top pair

Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair– recommend play by default

Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

55 and 66 – recommend fold for two raises

77 and 88 – recommend play by default

99 and 10-10 – recommend play by default

JJ and QQ – recommend play by default

AK and AQs – recommend play by default

AKs – recommend play by default

KQs – recommend play by default

Strategy – Buy in for the minimum and set your rebuy option for the minimum as well. The advantage to this approach is that you can play much higher for your account size, taking shots in larger games with relatively little risk. Definitely give this strategy a try sometime. Experiment with the option settings at the different stakes, always leaning towards playing tighter the higher you go.

Large Field MTT's

In my opinion, this is where the real money is in online poker. You don't need a rakeback deal and you don't need a bonus. I have neither going for me, and I let this bot steadily increase my account balance month after month. It rocks.

For example, as I was writing this manual tonight I had the bot play in a 90-player knockout turbo SNG with a \$2 buy-in. The bot finished 4th and it's total return with the knockout bounties was \$89. (Please note that this is not the recommended game for this strategy, just giving a real-life example.)

As already discussed, large-field MTT's have a significant number of players that **cannot** finish in the money. They provide the dead money that finances the pros. That's why there are websites offering staking deals to online tournament players who are any good at all. This bot can not only finish in the money, but it can take first to win the tournament.

Using our Hold'em bot to play MTT's, you can win satellites which you can then parlay into big-money scores. You can win awesome vacations for your family. You can end up on ESPN playing at a crazy final table somewhere. It's all possible from MTT's, and the bot you downloaded with this manual can get you there all by itself. Seriously. The biggest obstacle for most people realizing this dream is time. With our bot that problem is solved. Sooner or later you **will** make that big score using it. It's just a question of when.

For NL and PL tournaments:

Preflop Raise Size - recommend pot-sized by hand strength 99 or better
Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend checking to on
Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend checking to on
Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend top pair best kicker
Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips
Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend 2nd top pair+ overcard
Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair– recommend play by default
Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips
Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips
55 and 66 – recommend fold for one raise
77 and 88 – recommend fold for two raises
99 and 10-10 – recommend play by default
JJ and QQ – recommend play by default
AK and AQs – recommend play by default
AKs – recommend play by default
KQs – recommend fold for two raises
Aggressive Tournament Settings – both sides on, start high and adjust lower as the tournament progresses.

Strategy – get the daily and weekly schedule of the big tournaments and work up a plan of playing satellites for them. Learn when certain large-field daily tourneys start that have a good reward for the buy-in. Develop a routine for the ones you like. Try to stay away from multi-table SNG's and go for the big payouts instead. A large-field, scheduled tournament will last for 4-6 hours if you get deep into the money, so you don't need to check in all that often. Just know the schedule of the ones you want to play and check in at the appropriate time to join them.

NL Cash 9 or 10-Max Maximum Rebuy

This is a good way to go if you don't have the stomach for a lot of variance. You will be up against a tighter, more solid field of opponents than at the 6-max tables, but our bot plays even tighter. This means that it doesn't contribute much in rake so it actually gets rake credits from the loser players. After the flop it plays solid poker. All in all, the loser players will be paying your rake and your profits will come from the bonus or rakeback, albeit at a slower (but reliable) pace.

Preflop Raise Size - recommend AK or better

Folding to Preflop Raises – recommend checking to on

Folding to Postflop Below Top Pair – recommend checking to on

Calling Raises Post Flop – recommend best possible overpair (AA)

Calling Raises Paired Boards – recommend trips

Never Bet Turn or River with Hand Below – recommend top pair

Never Bet Flop with Hand Below Middle Pair – recommend play by default

Never Call Paired Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

Never Call Flush Boards with Hand Below – recommend trips

55 and 66 – recommend fold for one raise

77 and 88 – recommend fold for one raise

99 and 10-10 – recommend fold for two raises

JJ and QQ – recommend fold for two raises

AK and AQs – recommend fold for two raises

AKs – recommend play by default

KQs – recommend fold for two raises

Strategy – Buy in for the max and set your auto rebuy option for the max. If playing at UB you will have to check back frequently to buy-in manually when you lose your stack). The maximum allowed buy-in for your game should be no more than 5% of your account size, and even that might be pushing it.

Jackpot Targeting

Some poker rooms feature a bad beat jackpot. When a jackpot is hit every person playing that same type of table and limit as the table that hits the jackpot gets a share. In fact a full 25% is distributed this way. So if the jackpot is hit in the .25/.50 NL game (\$50 Max Buy-in and the most popular jackpot game by far), everybody playing .25/.50 NL Hold'em splits 25% of the jackpot. These jackpots get huge sometimes, and because the bot allows you to play for extended periods you have a pretty good shot at getting some of this money.

Strategy – Wait until the jackpot gets high, like over \$200,000 or so. Then play at the most populated jackpot game your bankroll can tolerate, using one of the strategies already listed above for cash games. Make sure you have a bonus to

clear or have rakeback going for you as well. If not, find out what the current bonus offer is and make a deposit to get it.

Hold'em Bot Closing Thoughts

There are many more possible botting strategies for these two poker rooms than what I have just written about. These are just a few that I have tried and like. I haven't even gotten around to the PL games yet. Who knows, maybe playing those with certain options settings will prove to be the most profitable of all.

I don't like the idea of using the minimum rebuy approach in a 9-max NL game. Remember the bot does need to win a little from the weaker players to stay above water, and it just seems like there won't be enough opportunities to do that in this type of slower-paced game structure when starting off with a tiny stack.

I believe that there won't be enough bad play to make up for only a 27% rakeback with no simultaneous bonus if you are not actively table-hopping to take advantage of the worst players.

It's a good idea to adjust the options settings for the NL/PL games mid-stream sometimes. Good poker players will often *change speeds*, and these option settings will allow you to do just that. I especially like to do this in tournaments. For example, in the beginning of a low stakes MTT I will often call preflop raises with AQ, AJs, and KQ – but then turn that off when I get to the middle stages.

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Appendix

Error Codes and How to Fix Them

Please note the bot will never display any of these error codes on most modern Windows 7/8 systems if you have followed the Quick Start setup instructions properly.

6.6 Error No 1: Version is not compatible

This error is given after Bodog upgrades their software. Such upgrades temporarily break the bot. We normally post a new updated version of the bot which fixes this problem within 48 hours of the upgrade. Bot upgrades can be downloaded for free from <http://www.bonusbots.com/hedownload.htm>. Download and install the new version of the holdem bot to fix this error.

6.7 Error No 2: You must run BOTH the bot and the poker room as administrator

This is a Vista/W7/W8 specific error. You should never see this error on a Windows XP Machine. For the holdem bot to work correctly, you must run both the poker room and the bot as administrator. If you see this error, it means that you are not running the bot as administrator. To fix this error, close the bot and then restart it by right clicking on its icon and choosing "Run As Administrator" from the pop up menu. You may also need to close the poker room and restart it by right clicking on its icon and choosing "Run As Administrator" in the pop up menu.

6.8 Error No 3: You must set style to Classic on a Vista or Windows 7 machine

6.8.1 Windows XP

You should normally not see this error on a Windows XP machine. If you do see this error, it is probably because you are running with a non-default "Active Window Border" Size. To fix this error, right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Properties* in the pop up menu. Click on the *Appearance*

tab in the *Properties* dialog and then on the *Advanced* button. The “*Item:*” list in the *Advanced* dialog will show “*Desktop*”. Click on the arrow next to “*Desktop*” and choose “*Active Window Border*” in the drop down list. Set the size to 1. Click on *Ok* in the *Advanced* dialog and then on *Ok* in the *Display Properties* dialog.

6.8.2 Vista, W7, W8

If you get this error along with one of the other errors below then fix the other error first and come back to this one, if you still get it after fixing the other errors. To fix this error, set the theme to **Windows Classic**. To do this right click on an empty area on your desktop, select *Personalize* in the pop up menu, then click on *Themes*, then click on *Modified Themes*, and set the theme to *Windows Classic*. Restart the bot.

If the bot still gives this error then you will need to change the “*Active Window Border*” size. Right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Personalize* in the pop up menu. In the dialog box that shows up, click on the *Window Color* link towards the bottom middle part of the dialog box. A dialog box titled “*Window Color and Appearance*” will pop up. The “*Item:*” list in this dialog will show “*Desktop*”. Click on the arrow next to “*Desktop*” and choose “*Active Window Border*” in the drop down list. Set the size to 1. Again click on the arrow and choose “*Border Padding*” from the drop down list. Set the size to 0. Click on *Ok* in the *Window Color and Appearance* dialog.

6.9 Error No 4: DPI Setting must be set to 96 dots per inch

6.9.1 Windows XP

To fix this error on a Windows XP machine, right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Properties* in the pop up menu. Click on the *Settings* tab in the *Properties* dialog. Then click on the *Advanced* button. Change the DPI setting to 96 Bit in the *General* tab. Click on *OK* in the *Advanced* dialog and on *Ok* again in the *Properties* dialog. **Note** that this change requires you to shut down and restart your windows machine in order for it to take effect so you **MUST** restart your machine after making this change.

6.9.2 Vista, W7, W8

To fix this error, right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Personalize* in the pop up menu. In the dialog box that shows up, click on the *Display* link at the bottom left corner. You will then see a screen titled “*Make it easier to read what’s on your screen*”. On this screen select the option titled “*Smaller – 100% (default)*”. Then click on the *Apply* button. A dialog box will

come up with the title “*You must log off your computer to apply these changes*”. Click on “*Log of Now*” button. A detailed step by step process to change your DPI setting on Windows7 machines along with screenshots is given at:

[http://www.recipester.org/Recipe:Change DPI Size in Windows 7 25979243](http://www.recipester.org/Recipe:Change_DPI_Size_in_Windows_7_25979243)

6.10 Error No 5: Invalid caption height

6.10.1 Windows XP

On Windows XP this error could be due to an invalid DPI setting, invalid font size setting or because you really have messed with the “*Active Title Bar*” size setting.

If the error is due to an invalid DPI setting then you will also get *Error No 4*. Fixing that error should fix this one as well. So fix that first.

If you still get this error then the problem is likely caused by an invalid font size. To fix the font size issue, right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Properties* in the pop up menu. Click on the *Appearance* tab in the *Properties* dialog. Set *Font Size* to *Normal* and click on *Ok*. Restart the bot.

If you still get this error then it is likely due to a non default “*Active Title Bar*” setting. To fix that, right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Properties* in the pop up menu. Click on the *Appearance* tab in the *Properties* dialog and then on the *Advanced* button. The “*Item:*” list in the *Advanced* dialog will show “*Desktop*”. Click on the arrow next to “*Desktop*” and choose “*Active Title Bar*” in the drop down list. Set the size to 18 if you are using Windows Classic theme and to 25 if you are using Windows XP. Click on *Ok* in the *Advanced* dialog and then on *Ok* in the *Display Properties* dialog.

6.10.2 Vista, W7, W8

This error could be due to Error No 3 (Style is not set to Classic) or because of Error No 4 (DPI is not set to 96 bits). If so, you will also get one of the above error messages. Fix those first according to the instructions for fixing those errors.

If on re-starting the bot after fixing the above errors, you still get this error message then you will need to change the “*Active Title Bar*” size setting. Right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Personalize* in the pop up menu. In the dialog box that shows up, click on the *Window Color* link towards the bottom middle part of the dialog box. A dialog box titled “*Window Color and Appearance*” will pop up. The “*Item:*” list in the *Window Color and Appearance* dialog will show “*Desktop*”. Click on the arrow next to “*Desktop*” and choose

"Active Title Bar" in the drop down list. Set the size to 18. Click on *Ok* in the *Window Color and Appearance* dialog.

6.11 Error No 6: Invalid color quality

Color quality must be set to *32 bit color*. The bot automatically sets this for you so you should never see this error. However if for some reason, the bot is unable to make the change for you, you will need to do it manually. On Windows XP this can be done as follows. Right click on an empty area on the desktop then choose *Properties* in the pop up menu. Click on the *Settings* tab in the *Properties* dialog and set Color Quality to Highest (32 bits) and click on *Ok*.

6.12 Display Settings Trouble-shooting.

If you are certain that all your poker room settings are adjusted correctly as per the instructions below and the bot is not giving you any error messages on startup but are still having trouble with the bot reading the buttons, getting invalid opponent count messages, or mis-click reports, try the following:

Additionally (this is a Vista path but Windows 7 is similar):

Click on START --> CONTROL PANEL --> Performance Information and Tools.

Under Tasks, click "Adjust Visual Effects".

Under the Visual Effects tab, make sure the option "Let Windows choose what's best for my computer" is set. Do NOT set this to "Adjust for best performance."

