Absolute Raid Management 0.2.2: README

The raid leader's addon for World of Warcraft: loot by rolls and soft reserves, optional sealed DKP bidding, attendance with presence checks, raid notes and a raid tools bar. Made for WoW Forever's raids, and it runs on Retail too.

DKP and the Discord bot are optional. The addon runs a raid on its own. Guilds that keep DKP on their own site can upload it before the raid, and guilds that don't use DKP at all can switch it off on the **DKP & BOT** tab (section 7).

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1. Who installs what

You are	Install	What it does for you
Raid leader (or an assistant who runs loot)	**Absolute Raid Management** (this addon)	Runs the raid: loot, bids, reserves, DKP, attendance, notes, groups, the raid tools bar
Raider	**Absolute Raid Companion**	Shows your DKP live, lets you reserve loot and bid privately from your own window
Guild officers (optional)	**Absolute Raid Bot** on Discord	Keeps the guild's DKP book between raids: registrations, an audit log that can't be erased, PDF reports. Not needed if you keep DKP on your own site, or don't use DKP.

Raiders without Raid Companion can still take part: they bid from this addon's pop-up (if they run it) or by whispering the raid leader a number.

2. Install

1. Download **AbsoluteRaidManagement-0.2.2.zip** from CurseForge or absolutegaming.store.
2. Unzip it into the **Interface\AddOns** folder of the game you play (Retail or WoW Forever), so you have `Interface\AddOns\AbsoluteRaidManagement`.
3. Start the game (or `/reload`) and make sure **Absolute Raid Management** is ticked on the AddOns list at character select.

The one download works on both games: it has a table of contents file for Retail (interface 120105) and for WoW Forever (16001).

3. A raid night, start to finish

1. **Before the raid (DKP guilds only):** with Absolute Raid Bot, an officer runs `/dkpadmin snapshot` in Discord and gives you the file; form your raid, and the addon asks for tonight's snapshot (`/arm import`). With your own DKP site instead, paste your list into `/arm upload`. Either way, everyone's DKP is tonight's DKP. Without DKP, skip this step.
2. **Invite and sort:** `/arm invite` invites the guild; `/arm sort <layout>` puts everyone in their saved groups.
3. **Check the raid:** the **RAID** tab shows group, role, item level, food and flask for everyone. `/arm ready`, `/arm roles`, `/arm pull 10`.
4. **Loot:** drops appear on the **LOOT** tab. Right-click one to roll it among its reservers, open a roll to everyone, award it directly, or disenchant it. With DKP on, you can also start bidding (or reservers-only bidding).
5. **Attendance:** every boss attempt is recorded (kill or wipe, time, who was there). Each kill and DKP tick also asks every Raid Companion "are you here?" and records who answered.
6. **After the raid:** with the bot, `/arm export bot`, copy the text, and give it to an officer, who uploads it with `/dkpadmin import`. With your own site, `/arm export points` gives the standings as CSV. `/arm export` gives attendance and loot for everyone.

4. The window

`/arm` opens and closes it. `/arm <tab>` opens a tab straight away.

Tab	What's on it
RAID	The raid check: group, role, item level, food and flask. Ready check, role check, pull and break.
LOOT	Drops and auctions. Sealed bidding, reservers-only bidding, rolls, direct awards, disenchant.
RESERVES	Soft reserves from the raid's loot table, filtered by class. You set the limit and lock them.
POINTS	DKP or gold pools per raid team: standings, history, raid-wide awards, on-time bonus, undo, **Upload DKP...** from your own site. Hidden while the DKP system is off.
ATTENDANCE	Boss attempts, raid nights, the attendance sheet, and who answered presence checks.
NOTE	A raid note for every boss, with lines only one role, player or class sees.
GROUPS	Saved group layouts; sort the raid into one in a click.
TOOLS	Settings: pull and break timers, the raid tools bar, DKP and bidding (presence ticks), invites (by guild rank or whispered keyword, default `inv`), general, and RAID COMPANION (sealed bids, presence DKP).
DKP & BOT	Two clear switches: the **DKP system** and **Absolute Raid Bot**. Turn them off for raid management only. Also Upload DKP and Export standings for guilds with their own DKP site.
ABOUT	Version and credits.

5. Sealed loot bidding

- Bids go **privately** to the raid leader. Only you see the amounts.
- A raider's new bid replaces their last one; passing takes it back.
- The highest bid wins, the earliest bid on a tie, and **only the winner hears the price**.
- Reservers-only auctions, a late bid that adds time, DKP or gold.
- Sealed bids are on by default. Untick **Sealed bids** on TOOLS for open bidding.

6. Absolute Raid Companion and presence checks

- Raiders running Raid Companion see their **DKP live**, updated after every award and charge, **reserve loot** and **join the bidding table** from their own window.
- Drops, auctions and results reach them over a **hidden addon channel**, never in chat. The message format is in Absolute-Raid-Management-Companion-Protocols.pdf in the Docs folder.
- `/arm companion` lists who in your group runs it (and asks again if nobody has answered yet).
- **Presence checks:** each boss kill and DKP tick asks every Raid Companion "are you here?" The ATTENDANCE tab shows who answered.
- **Presence DKP needs Raid Companion** (TOOLS) pays presence DKP only to raiders whose companion answered. **Presence ticks** pay DKP every few minutes while you raid.

7. Optional systems: the DKP & BOT tab

Raid management (raid check, loot rolls and awards, reserves, attendance, notes, groups, timers, invites) always runs. Two systems are optional, each with its own button on the **DKP & BOT** tab (`/arm systems`):

Switch	On	Off
DKP system	DKP or gold books, bidding, boss kill, on-time and presence points, the POINTS tab, raiders' DKP in Raid Companion	Loot goes by rolls, reserves and **Award to...**. No bidding, no points, no POINTS tab. Raid Companion raiders are told DKP is off tonight. Absolute Raid Bot goes off with it.
Absolute Raid Bot	Asks for tonight's snapshot as a raid forms; reminds you to export after	No snapshot requests, reminders or bot exports. DKP still works: upload it from your own site.

- Turning something off asks for a second click, so it can't happen by accident. Nothing is deleted: your books, history and settings are all there when you turn it back on.
- You can't turn DKP off while an auction or roll is running.

- `/arm dkp off`, `/arm dkp on`, `/arm bot off` and `/arm bot on` do the same from chat.

Running your own DKP site

1. Before the raid, **POINTS > Upload DKP...** (or `/arm upload`). Paste one raider per line: `Name,DKP`, `Name,Class,DKP`, `Name DKP`, or rows copied straight out of Google Sheets or Excel with a header row (Player, DKP; Class is optional). An Absolute Raid Bot snapshot works here too.
2. The window checks the list as you paste (how many raiders, total DKP, or the first line it can't read). **Upload DKP** replaces that pool's balances and history.
3. Raid Companion raiders get their balance straight away, so they know what they can spend.
4. After the raid, **Export standings** (or `/arm export points`) gives CSV for your site.

With the bot off and DKP on, the addon reminds you in chat to upload as you form a raid (once a night).

We can set it up or host it for you

Absolute Gaming installs Absolute Raid Bot and its Azure virtual machine for you (**$200 one time**), or hosts the bot on our own virtual machine and sets it up with you (**$45 a month, 12 month agreement**). Sign up on https://absolutegaming.store/raid-management.html#services

8. Absolute Raid Bot

When	In the game	On Discord
Before the raid	`/arm import` (the addon asks when you form a raid)	an officer runs `/dkpadmin snapshot`
After the raid	`/arm export bot`	an officer runs `/dkpadmin import` with the file

The snapshot carries an ID. The export sends only what changed tonight, tagged with that ID, so the bot never counts a night twice. Full details are in the Absolute Raid Bot Guide.

9. Raid tools bar

- Target icons, world markers, ready check, role check, pull and break.
- It shows **only while you lead a raid or group**, sits left of centre at the bottom of the screen, and drags anywhere with the left mouse button.
- The button on its left folds it down to the target icons (red **>**) and opens it again (orange **<**).
- `/arm bar` shows it; `/arm reset` puts it, and the windows, back where they started.

10. Commands

`/arm`, `/raidmgmt` and `/absraid` all work.

Command	What it does
`/arm`	Open or close the window
`/arm raid`, `loot`, `reserves`, `points`, `attendance`, `groups`, `tools`, `systems`, `about`	Open that tab (`sr`, `dkp`, `gold`, `log`, `settings`, `optional` and `bot` work too)
`/arm note` / `/arm note show` / `/arm note hide`	Toggle, show or hide the raid note
`/arm bar`	The raid tools bar
`/arm pull [seconds]`	Pull timer (0 cancels, up to 60)
`/arm break [minutes]`	Break timer (0 cancels, up to 60)
`/arm ready` / `/arm roles`	Ready check / role check (where the client has one)

Command	What it does
`/arm invite`	Invite the guild
`/arm attend`	Take an attendance snapshot now
`/arm sort <layout>`	Sort the raid into a saved layout
`/arm export`	Export everything; or `night`, `attendance`, `points`, `reserves`, `bot`
`/arm import`	Load a DKP snapshot from Absolute Raid Bot
`/arm upload`	Upload DKP from your own DKP site or spreadsheet
`/arm dkp on` / `/arm dkp off`	Turn the DKP system on or off (off turns the bot off too)
`/arm bot on` / `/arm bot off`	Turn Absolute Raid Bot on or off
`/arm companion`	Who in your group runs Absolute Raid Companion
`/arm demo`	Sample raid data in every window, for trying it out (again to turn off); `/arm demo auction` shows a sample bid
`/arm reset`	Put the windows and the raid tools bar back in their starting places
`/arm help`	List the commands in chat

The pull and break timers need you to be the raid leader or an assistant.

11. Exports

`/arm export` and the buttons on each tab give HTML, a Discord table, CSV or text. `/arm export bot` makes the file Absolute Raid Bot imports.

12. The Docs folder

These documents come with the addon, in `Interface\AddOns\AbsoluteRaidManagement\Docs`. Nothing in that folder loads in game.

File	What it is
Absolute-Raid-Management-README.pdf / .md	This README
Absolute-Raid-Management-Companion-Protocols.pdf / .md	The addon-message protocol between Absolute Raid Management and Absolute Raid Companion, both sides
GET-ABSOLUTE-RAID-BOT.txt	Where to get Absolute Raid Bot (optional) and its setup guides, and our setup and hosting services

Absolute Raid Bot (optional: guild DKP kept in Discord), its Azure setup and every admin and raider guide are on our website: https://absolutegaming.store/raid-management.html#guides

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