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Typographical Conventions



This manual uses the following typographical conventions:



- This symbol indicates additional or background information for the particular section. For example, the symbol is used in Chapter 2 to refer to the specific commands that were set by your system administrator.
- This symbol indicates a *Launcher* Menu selection. Depending on how your account is set up, the *Launcher* may already be on your screen. If that is the case, simply use the mouse to select an option. If the *Launcher* is not present, press the Setup key or key sequence for your keyboard.

Table 1 Setup Key and Key Sequences.

Keyboard Type	Press
101/102 with Setup	Setup key
101/102 with Pause	SHIFT-Pause
Sun keyboard	ALT-GRAPH-HELP or ALT-GRAPH-SETUP
Windows 95	SHIFT-PAUSE
3270 keyboard	Right ALT-ExSel (The left ALT key does not work)
LK401	F3 key
UNIX keyboard	Alt-Graph-HELP

Figure 2 on the next page illustrates the typographical conventions used in this manual.

The following terminology is used to describe mouse operations.

Pointing: Using the mouse to position the pointer on an object on the display.

Moving: Using the mouse to change the location of the pointer on the display.

Clicking: Pressing and releasing a mouse button without moving the pointer.

Dragging: Pressing and holding down a mouse button while moving the pointer.

Releasing: Releasing the mouse button to complete a *dragging* action.



Enabling BOOTP

Bootstrap protocol, `bootp` is the recommended way to establish communication to the Network Computer in an IP environment. `bootp` obtains the following information from the Network Computer:

1. Verify that the `bootpd` and `bootptab` files are in the `/etc` directory.
2. If they are not there:
3. Edit the `/etc/hosts` file to add the Network Computer internet address.

Entering Serial Parameters with Setup

The parameters on the host computer must match the parameters on the remote computer in order for serial communications to work. Your system administrator can provide the parameters in the remote configuration file, or tell you what parameters need to be entered in `Setup`.

To verify or change your serial parameters:

1. Press Setup.
2. Select Setup.
3. Drag on the Configuration Summaries menu and release on the Configuration Summaries menu.
4. Determine if your cable is connected to Serial Port 0 or 1.
5. Select the Return to Main Menu button.

Use This Command:

Use This Command:	To:
Authorize <code>authorization-key</code>	Enable or disable authorization.
BMethod <code>ROM</code> or <code>MOP</code> or <code>TFTP</code> or <code>NFS</code> <code>[Read size]</code>	Specify the boot method and read size.

Figure 2 Typographical Conventions.

Network Computer Package

This manual assumes you have installed your network computer according to the included pictorial instructions. Your network computer has the following components:

- The *monitor* is the screen where text and graphical information is displayed for viewing. You can position the monitor to a comfortable viewing angle by tilting and turning the monitor on its base. You can adjust the brightness and contrast controls according to your preference. The controls are typically located on the front or side of the monitor.
- The *logic board* is the controller inside your network computer that handles all input and output communications and local processing. Depending on the model of your network computer, the logic board is either located in a separate *logic module* (connected to your monitor with a special cable) or integrated into the base of your network computer monitor.
- The *keyboard* is used as the primary method for entering alphanumeric data. You can open the folding legs on the back of the keyboard to adjust the keyboard angle. There are several different keyboards available, in many different languages.
- The *mouse* is a device used to position a pointer appearing on the display in order to access or select information. It is used as the primary method to move about in a window manager or X window application, access menus, and select options. Information on using the mouse and the mouse buttons is in the next section of this chapter. Trackballs, touchscreens, and tablets can also be used as pointing devices. Contact your system administrator for more information on these devices.
- The *communication port* is a connector on the back of the cabinet housing your network computer logic board. You connect your existing network cable to this connector. A network cable must be set up for you by your system administrator. This cable must be attached to your network computer in order to run.
- The *network computer software* is the network computer operating system and support files that your system administrator must load and configure on a host computer so your network computer can start up. If your network computer is an optional ROM-based unit, the software may not be necessary.

The software is shipped on one or more CD-ROMs or magnetic tapes. The disks or tapes, a *Network Computer Installation* manual and the documentation CD-ROM with various manuals, including the *Network Computer Reference* manual, are shipped with the software in a separate package from the network computer.



Related Documentation

The following manuals are included in the *Documentation CD-ROM*:

- *Network Computer Reference*
Provides detailed reference information about network computers.
- *3270/3179G User*
Provides operating information for the 3270/3179G terminal emulators.
- *3270E/5250 User*
Provides operating information for the 3270E/5250 terminal emulators.

The following manuals are available in paper:

- *Network Computer Installation for UNIX* — 9300845
- *Network Computer Installation for VMS* — 9300846
- *Network Computer Installation for Windows NT* — 9300847
Explains how to install a network computer in the specified environment.
- *Serial Xpress User* — 9300834
Provides information about Serial Xpress for using serial connections.

The following documentation is available from Prentice Hall:

- *OSF/Motif User's Guide* ISBN 0-13-640509-6
Presents Motif fundamentals.

A New Piece of Hardware

A box labeled *network computer* has been delivered to your desk. Maybe it is a replacement for your current personal computer, text-only (ASCII) terminal, or workstation. Or, maybe it is to be used with a new system or application. Either way, what is a network computer, and how is this new piece of hardware going to make your job easier than the piece of hardware you already have?

What is a Business Network Computer?

The broad definition of a network computer is an internet-capable device that supports the following features and formats:

- Minimum screen resolution of 640x480
- Pointing device (such as a mouse)
- Text input, audio output
- TCP/IP, FTP, NFS, UDP, Telnet
- SMTP, IMAP4, POP3 (e-mail protocols)
- JPEG, GIF, WAV, AU (multimedia file formats)
- Bootp
- HTML, HTTP (web protocols)
- Java application access

This definition includes everything from internet appliances, such as set-top boxes that provide Internet access to your television, to powerful PC servers that meet these requirements. Obviously, not every device that meets these minimum requirements will be useful in a business environment.



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A network computer is a device-independent, network-transparent, multi-tasking device connected to a host computer in a distributed computing environment. If that makes sense, skip to Chapter 2, *Operating the Network Computer*. Otherwise, please read this chapter to better understand what a network computer is and how it works when you consider the components used in the definition.

- *Distributed computing* allows you, from a single network computer, to take advantage of all the resources available on multiple host computers. For example, from your network computer you can access multiple hosts at the same time, perhaps to run a spreadsheet from one computer, create a document on a second, and receive mail from a third. A distributed-computing environment is composed of host computers joined together by a network. Figure 1-1 shows a typical distributed-computing environment.

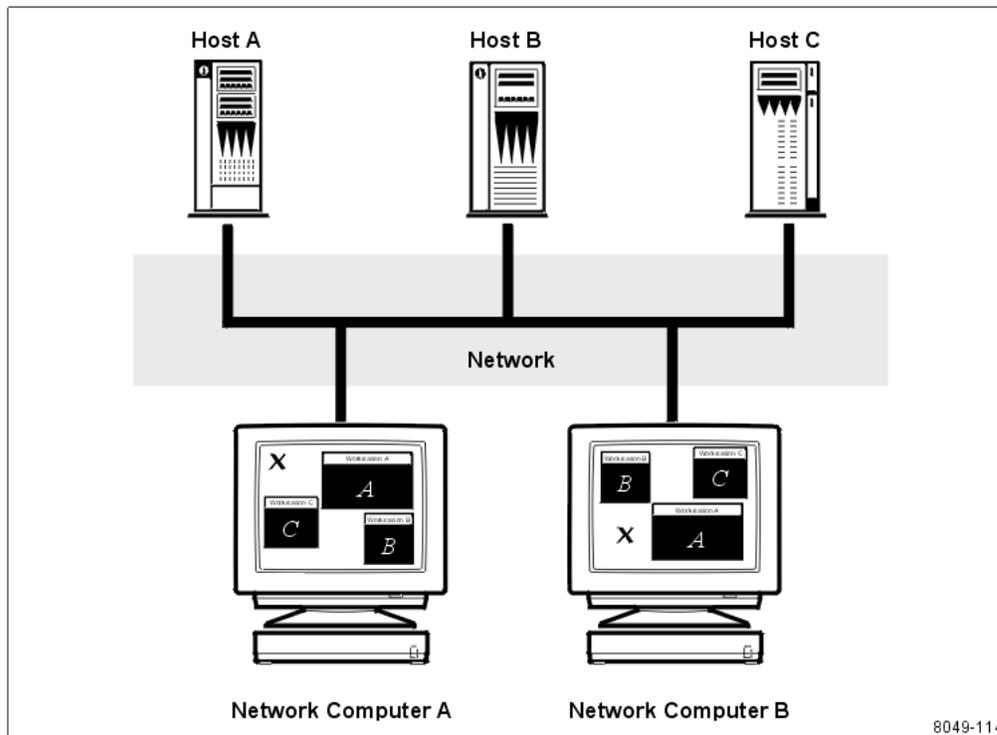


Figure 1-1 Typical Distributed-Computing Environment

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- *Device-independent* means that your network computer can open a session on any host computer accessible to you, regardless of the computer's operating system. With your network computer, you can even have simultaneous sessions running on totally different operating systems.
 - *Network-transparent* means that your network computer can log in and run applications (called *clients*) on one or more host computers over the network just as if it were running locally on the computer itself. This requires a single network connection cable, not one direct cable for each host you need to access.
 - *Multi-tasking* means that a client you start up in one window continues to run (in its window) even while you are using a different window. Also, a window can receive output even if it is completely hidden from view. Each window essentially functions like an individual terminal or personal computer. For you, the advantage is that you can have many different windows all on your network computer display.

Why Use a Network Computer

To better understand your network computer's capabilities and advantages, consider something possibly more familiar, such as a personal computer (PC).

- The display, keyboard, and mouse serve the same function on your network computer as they do on a PC.
- Both devices require software in order to boot up and run applications. Here are some differences:
 - PC software is loaded onto a (local) disk right in the PC cabinet.
 - Network computer software is loaded onto a (remote) disk on a central computer.



The network computer advantage is that there is probably far more disk space available to the central computer than to a PC. Also, there is typically a support staff to load software and perform back ups on a central system.

- PC software is typically licensed for a single user on a single PC.
- X applications run on a network and are licensed for multiple users.



Sharing software across the network is usually more cost effective than buying and maintaining separate copies for each user.



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- Both devices require logic boards and storage devices (disks) to handle information.
 - For a PC, the boards and disk drives are within the cabinet. You can only add a limited number of peripheral devices such as extra disks, printers, or modems.
 - For your network computer, some of the boards are inside the logic module, but your network computer takes advantage of the main computing boards, disk drives, and peripherals located on one or more remote computers.



This is one of the key advantages of a distributed-computing environment. Computing power, storage, and access to peripheral devices like printers can be shared to maximize their use, and provide users with more flexibility. It is also far easier to share information with other users.

How Do You Use a Network Computer

1. Unpack your network computer according to the pictorial instructions on the network computer shipping box.
2. Connect the keyboard, mouse, cords, and cables as shown in the pictorial physical installation guide included in the network computer box.
3. Verify with your system administrator that the software to support your network computer has been installed on a computer. Ask your administrator if you need specific booting information.
4. Power on your network computer and log in. Chapter 2, *Operating the Network Computer* details these topics.
5. Run your applications. Chapter 3, *Using the Network Computer* describes what to do to get started.

Terminology

Like most new things, there are words and procedures that may need clarification. Before you continue, you may want to familiarize yourself with the terminology used throughout this manual. A more complete list of terms is listed in the Glossary of this book.

Button (on the display) A small display box within the borders of a window, or inside a dialog box. Generally, clicking on a button activates a function or performs some action.

Button (on the mouse) The three buttons on the top of the mouse. Table 1-1 shows the factory configuration of the buttons.

Table 1-1 Mouse Button Configuration.

Button Name In Manual	3-button Mouse Selection
Select	Left button
Menu	Middle button
Custom	Right button

Clicking Quickly pressing and releasing the Select mouse button without moving the pointer.

Dialog Box A box where you choose options and enter information. Use the mouse to move from field to field, click on buttons and position the text cursor. Enter information with the keyboard.

Dragging Pressing and holding the Select mouse button while moving the pointer.

Moving Changing the location of the pointer on the screen by moving the mouse.

Pointer An arrow on the screen indicating the current cursor position for selecting or clicking.

Pointing Positioning the pointer (such as the "x" or "↑" symbol appearing on the screen) on an object on the display by moving the mouse.

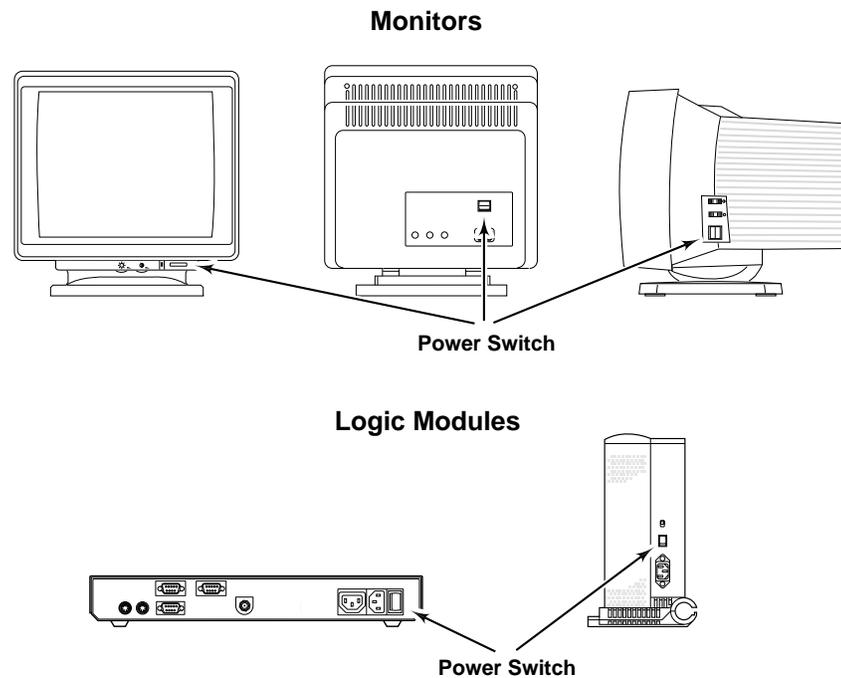


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Operating the Network Computer

Powering on the Network Computer

The first step is to power on your network computer. For network computer models with a separate logic module, power on both the display and the logic module. Figure 2-1 illustrates the location of the power switches on various models.



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Figure 2-1 Power Switch Locations for Different Components

If the network computer does not power on, refer to Chapter 5, *Solving Power Problems* for troubleshooting information.



Your network computer is attempting to boot from the network or from an optional Flash memory or ROM board (read only memory). You can tell how your network computer is trying to boot by looking at the `Boot Method (BMETHOD=)` status line on the boot screen. Possible values are ROM, TFTP, NFS, or MOP.

Logging in to the Network Computer

The next step depends on the way your system administrator sets up the network computer software on the host computer. Each login method is illustrated and described in the following sections to help you identify your login method.

After your network computer completes the boot process, one of these should appear on your monitor:

- Gray pattern (called the *root weave*) with an **X** cursor (page 2-4)
- *Client Launcher* (page 2-5)
- *TekHostMenu* (page 2-6)
- Login window prompt (page 2-9)
- Telnet window (page 2-11)
- Cterm window (page 2-13)
- *WinDD* (page 2-15)
- Serial Port Window (page 2-19)
- LAT Window (page 2-22)

If you cannot log in, refer to Chapter 5, *Solving Power Problems* for troubleshooting information.



The login method is determined by the `Host Connect Method` command. This command is set by the system administrator in the remote configuration file or through `Setup` on the network computer.



Logging in from the Root Weave

The root weave is a gray, patterned screen available on all network computers. When the network computer is ready for input, an X-shaped cursor appears on the screen. A network computer with the root weave and cursor is illustrated in Figure 2-3.

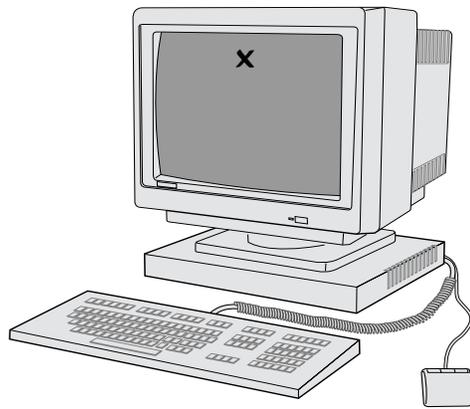


Figure 2-3 Root Weave with X Cursor

To log in from the root weave, you need to manually start the Client Launcher.



Press Setup to bring up *Client Launcher*. Refer to *Logging in with Client Launcher* on page 2-5.

Logging in with Client Launcher

Client Launcher starts the local client you select from a menu. An arrow to the right of an entry indicates a submenu. In Figure 2-4, selecting Host Connections displays a sub-menu listing available host connections, such as *Telnet* or *Cterm*.

Your system administrator configures the *Client Launcher* to include the local clients you use most often. The *Client Launcher* on your network computer may list different clients and submenus than those that appear in Figure 2-4.



Figure 2-4 Client Launcher menu

Use one of these methods to start a client from the *Client Launcher*:

- Position the pointer on the client name and click the *Select* mouse button.
- Position the pointer on the option to display the sub-menu. Position the pointer on the client name and click the *Select* mouse button.

If using *Client Launcher* to open a host connection, see the applicable section:

- *Logging in with TekHostMenu* on page 2-6
- *Logging in with Telnet* on page 2-11
- *Logging in with Cterm* on page 2-13
- *Logging in with WinDD ICA Client* on page 2-15
- *Logging in with LAT* on page 2-22



The *Client Launcher* appears automatically if it is specified in the remote configuration file. The applicable command is `start` (set to LAUNCHER).



Logging in with TekHostMenu

TekHostMenu is a window showing a list of host computer names and network addresses. A sample *TekHostMenu* is illustrated in Figure 2-5.

Notice the list buttons across the top (for example, XDMCP and VMS TDEnet). These buttons determine which type of log in list is displayed. The button pressed in indicates which list is currently displayed.

If there are more host names than can fit on one screen, use the mouse to scroll through the host names. If your host does not appear on the list, try clicking on the **Update** button or click on one of the list choice buttons to display a different list. If it still does not appear, contact your system administrator.

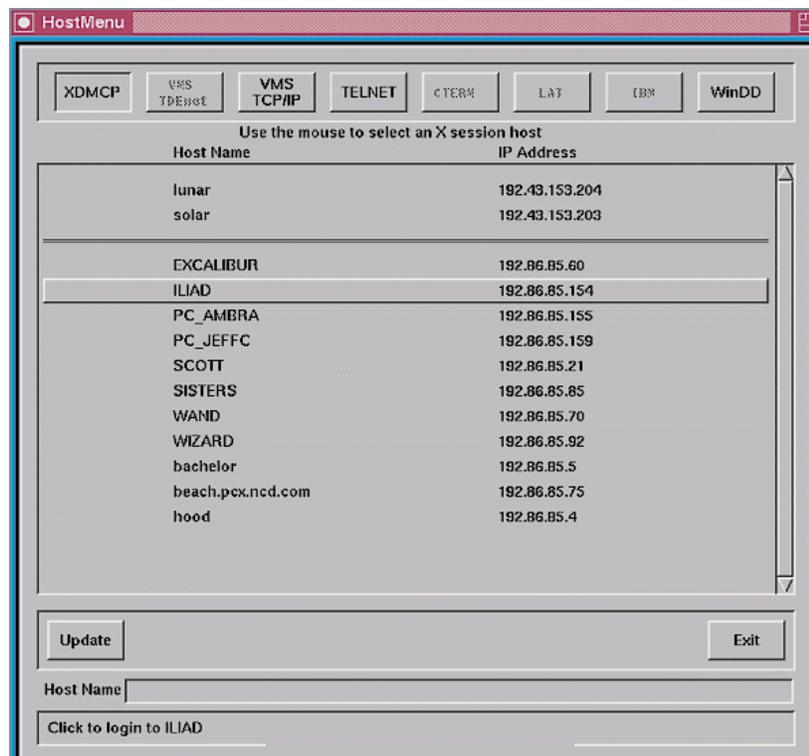


Figure 2-5 Example TekHostMenu

To log in with *TekHostMenu* using either the mouse or the keyboard:

- Using the mouse, position the pointer on a host computer where you have a login account. If your host is not displayed, try the **Update** button or look for your host on one of the other lists (change lists by clicking one of the list buttons across the top).
- Click the *Select* button (left mouse button) to connect to the host
- Using the keyboard, enter the host's name or address in the Host text box and press Enter. If connecting to a LAT host, enter the Node's name or address in the Node Name text box, and the Service name in the Service Name text box. Use the keys listed in Table 3-1 to edit and move around the TekHostMenu.

Table 2-1 Keyboard interface for TekHostMenu

To:	Press:
Clear the contents of a text box	Control-u keys
Move among the text boxes	Tab key
Move to the first host in the list of hosts	Home key
Move to the last host in the list of hosts	End key
Move to a specific host in the list of hosts	The first few letters of the hostname, or if using LAT, the first few letters of the service name
Page up and down through the list of hosts	PgUp and PgDn keys

After selecting a log in host, some type of screen with a `Login:` prompt is displayed. If you selected the wrong host, press `Ctrl-c` to close the login box without logging in to the specified host.

- At the `Login:` prompt, type your user name and press Enter
- At the `Password:` prompt, type your user password and press Enter



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For more information, see the applicable section:

- *Logging in at a Login Prompt* on page 2-9
- *Logging in with Telnet* on page 2-11
- *Logging in with Cterm* on page 2-13
- *Logging in with WinDD ICA Client* on page 2-15
- *Logging in with Serial Port 0 or 1* on page 2-19
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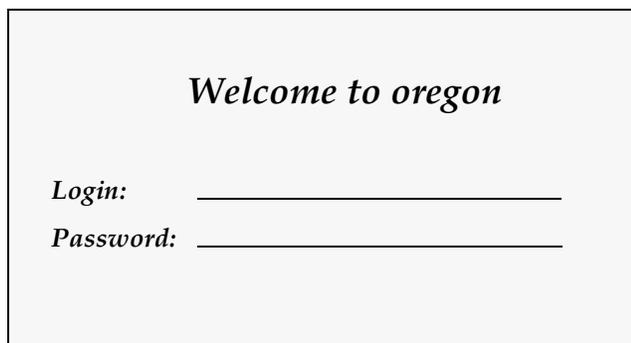
Continue with Chapter 3, *Using the Network Computer*.



TekHostMenu appears automatically if it is set up as the connection method through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable commands are: *Host Connect Method* (set to *TekHostMenu*) and *Default Host List* which determines the list that is initially displayed.

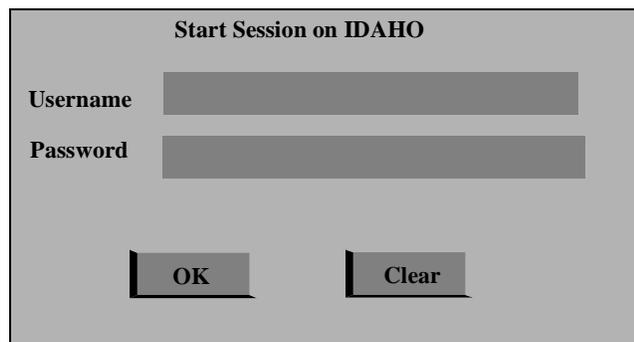
Logging in at a Login Prompt

If your system administrator has set up your network computer to directly log in to a specific host, some type of welcome screen with a login prompt is displayed. A welcome screen is also displayed for programs like *TekHostMenu* after a connection is made. Sample login screens for the UNIX host *oregon* and the VMS host *IDAHO* are illustrated in Figure 2-6 and Figure 2-7.



A screenshot of a UNIX login screen. At the top, the text "Welcome to oregon" is displayed in a serif font. Below this, there are two lines of text: "Login:" followed by a horizontal line, and "Password:" followed by another horizontal line.

Figure 2-6 Example UNIX Login Screen



A screenshot of a VMS login screen. At the top, the text "Start Session on IDAHO" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, there are two labels: "Username" and "Password", each followed by a rectangular input field. At the bottom of the screen, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Clear".

Figure 2-7 Example VMS Login Screen



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To log in:

- At the `Login :` or `Username :` prompt, type your user name and press Enter
- At the `Password :` prompt, type your user password and press Enter

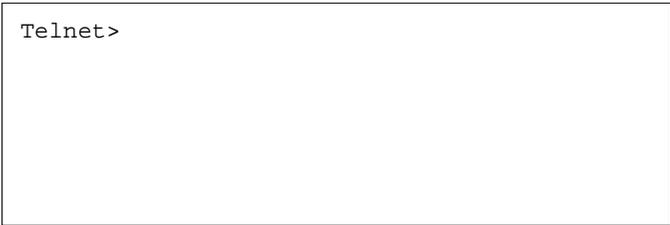
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Direct connections are specified by your system administrator through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable commands for UNIX systems are: *Host Connect Method* (XDMCP Direct), and *XDMCP Server* (set to your host). The applicable commands for VMS systems are: *Host Connect Method* (set to VMS), *VMS Autologin Transport* (set to TDEnet), and *VMS Autologin Tdenet Host* (set to your host).

Logging in with Telnet

There are two ways to log in through Telnet, depending on whether your system administrator specified a default Telnet host for your network computer. If your network computer displays a `Telnet>` prompt like Figure 2-8, a default host has not been specified. In this case, you must open a connection before you can log in to the host.



```
Telnet>
```

Figure 2-8 Telnet Window Waiting for an Open Command

To open a connection to your host computer:

- Use the mouse to position the pointer in the Telnet window. You can type **h** and press Enter to see a list of Telnet commands.

- Type:

```
Telnet> open hostname
```

where *hostname* is the name or network address of the host.



```
Telnet> open oregon
```

Figure 2-9 Telnet Open Command



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Once a connection is made (Figure 2-10), either automatically or with the open command, you can log in:

- Type your user name at the `login:` prompt and press Enter
- Type your password at the `password:` prompt and press Enter

```
Trying...
Connected to 128.07.60.01.
Escape character is '^]'

login:
```

Figure 2-10 Telnet Window With a Host Connection

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Telnet connection and default Telnet host are specified by the system administrator through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable commands are: *Host Connect Method* (set to Telnet), and *Default Telnet Host* (set to your host name or address).

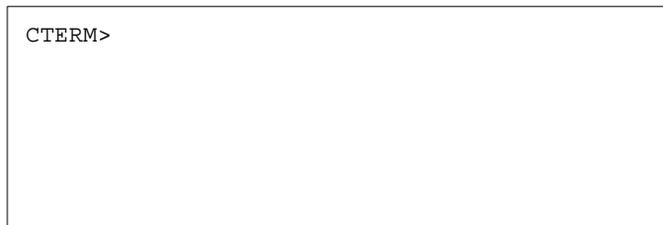
Closing a Telnet Window

Press `Ctrl-d` at the `login:` prompt to return to the `Telnet>` prompt without logging in to the computer.

To close the Telnet window from the `Telnet>` prompt, type **quit** and press Enter.

Logging in with Cterm

There are two ways to log in through Cterm, depending on whether your system administrator specified a default Cterm host for your network computer. If your network computer displays an `NSH>` or `CTERM>` prompt like Figure 2-11, a default host has not been specified. In this case, you must specify a connection before you can log in to the host.



```
CTERM>
```

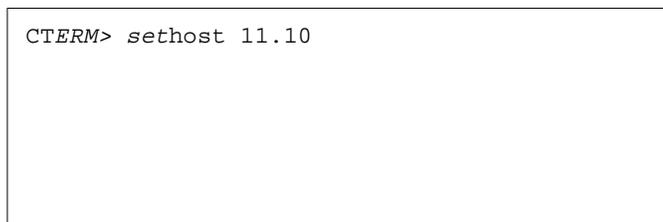
Figure 2-11 Cterm Window Waiting for an Set Host Command

To open a connection to your computer:

- Use the mouse to position the pointer in the Cterm window. You can type **help** and press Enter to see a list of Cterm commands.
- Type:

```
CTERM> sethost hostname
```

where *hostname* is the node address of the host.



```
CTERM> sethost 11.10
```

Figure 2-12 Cterm Set Host Command



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Once a connection is made (Figure 2-13), either automatically or with the `sethost` command, you can log in:

- Type your user name at the `Username :` prompt and press Enter
- Type your password at the `Password :` prompt and press Enter

```
connected to host 11.10
Welcome to VAX/VMS V5.5

Username :
```

Figure 2-13 Cterm Window With a Host Connection

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Cterm connection and default Cterm host are specified by your system administrator through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable commands are: *Host Connect Method* (set to Cterm), and *Default Cterm Host* (set to your host address).

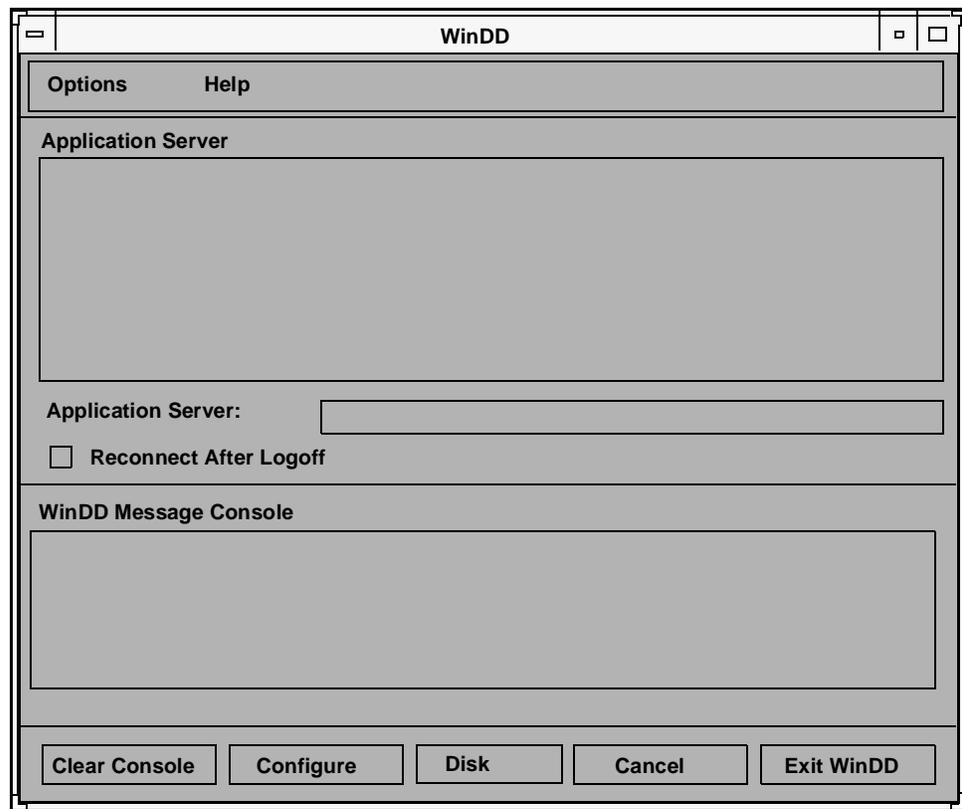
Closing a Cterm Window

If you are at the `Username :` prompt and do not want to log in to the host, wait until the network connection times out and closes. A message appears on the screen when the connection closes. Typically it takes 60 seconds to time out.

To close the Cterm window from the `NSH>` or `CTERM>` prompt, type **quit** or **exit** and press Enter.

Logging in with WinDD ICA Client

Two different WinDD screens can appear, depending on whether your system administrator specified an automatic connection to a default server. If your network computer displays the client screen illustrated in Figure 2-14, you must connect to a server before you can log in. The log in screen is illustrated in Figure 2-16.



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Figure 2-14 WinDD ICA Client Screen

Note: Additional WinDD information can be found in the section titled WinDD ICA Client on page 4-61 in Chapter 4, Using Advanced Features.



Selecting an Application Server

The WinDD ICA client screen (Figure 2-14) displays a list of application servers your system administration defined for you. Use the mouse to select one of the servers from the list. If the application server you want to access is not on the list, enter the name or address in the *Application Server:* field and press Enter.



WinDD connection, default WinDD host, and Server entries are specified by your system administrator through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable commands are: *Host Connect Method* (set to WinDD), *Default Windows NT Server Host* (set to your default server address), *WinDD Menu Entry* (lists Windows NT servers for TekHostMenu), and *WinDD Host Entry* (lists additional Windows NT servers for the WinDD client screen).

Setting the WinDD Window Size

From the WinDD ICA client screen, you can easily change your session attributes before you connect to a server.

The **Configure** button brings up the WinDD Resolution dialog box illustrated in Figure 2-15. The resolution determines the size and number of colors of the WinDD window. The resolution must be selected prior to making a connection to the application server and cannot be interactively changed until the connection has been closed. The **Configure** button performs the same function as the Options ⇒ Configure pulldown menu choice.

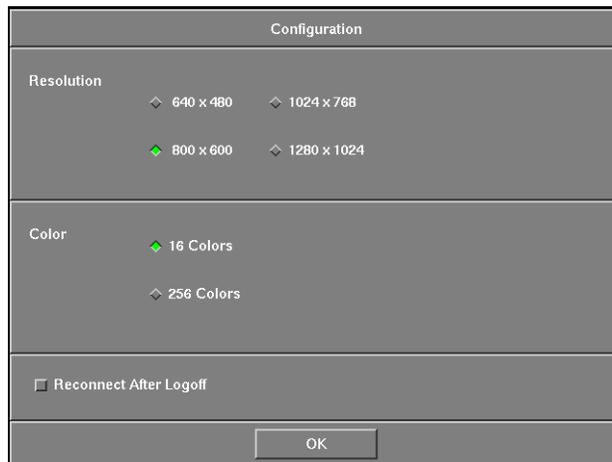


Figure 2-15 WinDD Resolution Dialog Box

Logging in

Once you have made a connection, you are prompted to press Ctrl–Alt–Del to bring up the log in screen. The log in screen is illustrated in Figure 2-16. If you want to specify a different server or return to the Client screen for any reason, select *Options* ⇒ **Log On**. The *Options* ⇒ **Log On** function switches between the Client screen and the Log in screen after a server connection is made.

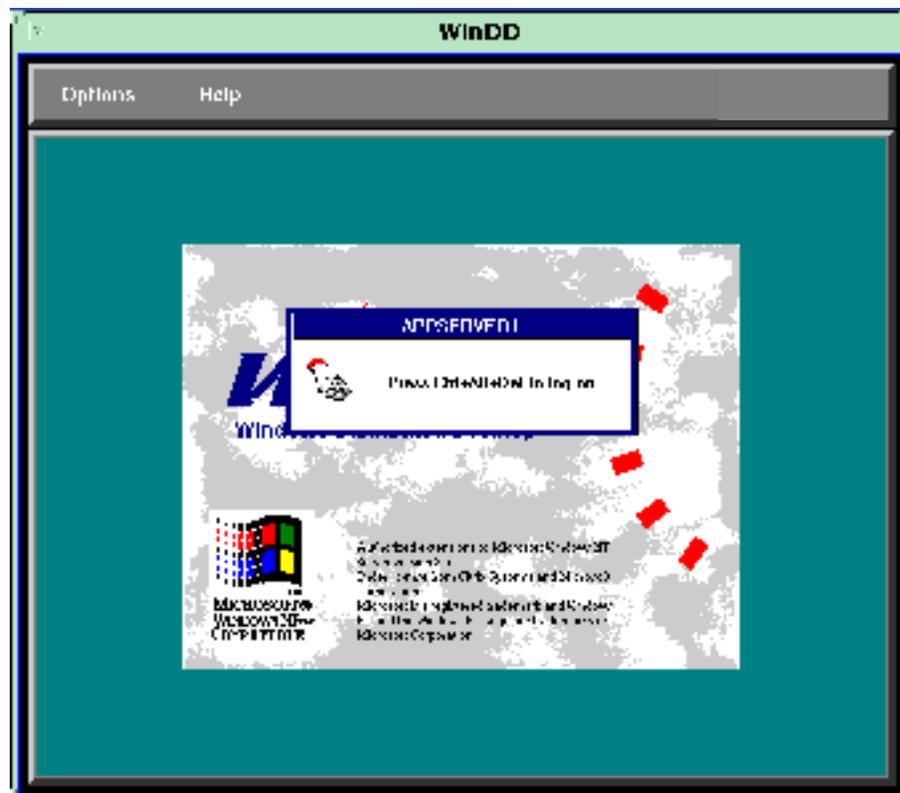


Figure 2-16 WinDD ICA Log In Screen

1. Enter your user name.
2. Use the mouse or Tab key to advance to the Password line.
3. Enter your password.
4. Press Enter or click on OK.



Closing a WinDD Session

Close your Windows NT session as usual, by closing each of your applications, then selecting *File* ⇒ **Logoff** from the Program Manager.

If auto reconnect is on, the system displays the WinDD log in screen. If auto reconnect is off, the WinDD client screen appears. Select one of these methods to close the WinDD session:

- Choose *Options* ⇒ **Exit**
- Click on the **Exit WinDD** button on the client screen.
- Hold Shift and Ctrl then click the middle mouse button. Select Exit WinDD from the menu.

Note: Additional WinDD information can be found in the section titled WinDD ICA Client on page 4-61 in Chapter 4, Using Advanced Features.

Logging in with Serial Port 0 or 1

There are several ways to connect to a host through the Serial Port window (Figure 2-17). Check with your system administrator to find out which options you can use on your particular network computer.

- Serial communications with no protocol
- Serial communications with *Serial Xpress* (SXP is an option, and is not supported on all network computer models.)

You use Serial Port 0 or 1 depending on which port your serial cable is plugged into on the back of your network computer logic module.

If you have problems establishing communications, contact your system administrator.

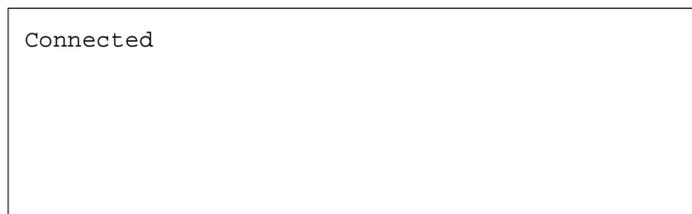


Figure 2-17 Serial Port Window Waiting for Command

Closing a Serial Port Window

To close a Serial Port window without logging in, press Enter and then type `~.` (tilde (~) followed by a period).



Entering Serial Parameters with Setup

The parameters on the host computer must match the parameters of your network computer's serial ports in order for serial communications to work. Your system administrator can set them up for you in the remote configuration file, or tell you what parameters need to be set so you can enter them in *Setup*.

To verify or change your serial parameters:



1. Select Setup from the *Client Launcher*. If you need a refresher on the terminology used in these procedures, refer back to Chapter 1, *Terminology*.
2. Drag on the Configuration Summaries menu and release on Peripheral Ports.
3. Determine if your cable is connected to Serial Port 0 or 1 by checking the back of the integrated network computer or the separate logic module.
4. Verify the parameters for the port are set to the values obtained from your system administrator. Change them if necessary.
5. Select the **Return to Main Menu** button.
6. Select the **Save Current Settings** button.
7. Select the **Exit Setup** button.

Serial Communications with No Protocol

From the Serial Port window pictured in Figure 2-17:

- Position the mouse pointer in the Serial Port window
- If you are using a modem, type your dialing command, which is similar to this: (Refer to your modem manual.)
`atdt phone_number`
- Press Enter to bring up a `Login:` prompt
- Type your user name and press Enter to bring up the `Password:` prompt
- Type your password and press Enter

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Serial Port connection is specified by the system administrator through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable command is: *Host Connect Method* (set to Serial Port 0 or 1).

Serial Communications with Serial Xpress (SXP)

A separate manual is available for Serial Xpress. Refer to the *Related Documentation* section in the *Preface* for more information.

From the Serial Port window pictured in Figure 2-17:

- Position the mouse pointer in the Serial Port window
- If you are using a modem, type your dialing command. Typically this is something like: **atdt** <phone_number> Refer to your modem manual.
- Press Enter to bring up a `Login:` prompt
- Type your user name and press Enter to bring up the `Password:` prompt
- Type your password and press Enter
- Start SXP on the host: type **sxprocess** and press Enter

```
Connected
Login: username
Password: xxxxx
> sxprocess
```

Figure 2-18 Starting SXP on the Host (no modem)

The Serial Port window closes and a Serial Session window is opened for you.

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Serial Port connection can be specified by the system administrator through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable command is: *Host Connect Method* (set to Serial Port 0 or 1).

Serial Communication via PPP

For communication using Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP), see the PPP support information in Chapter 4, page 91.



Logging in with LAT

If your network computer displays a LAT> prompt like Figure 2-19, you are set up to log in through a Local Area Transport supported in a DECnet environment. To login, you must connect to a LAT service.

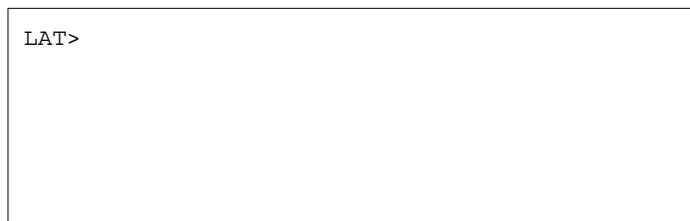


Figure 2-19 LAT Window Waiting for an Connect Command

To connect to a service:

- Use the mouse to position the pointer in the LAT window. You can type **help** and press Enter to see a list of LAT commands.
- Type:
LAT> `services`
to see a list of available services.
- Type:
LAT> `connect service`
where `service` is the name of a valid service.

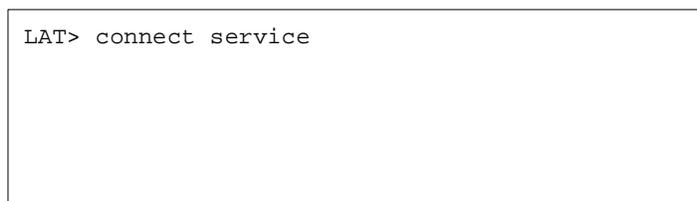


Figure 2-20 LAT Connect Command

If it is a password protected service, enter the password at the `Password :` prompt. You have up to three tries to enter the password before the connection attempt fails.

Once a connection is made (Figure 2-21) you can log in:

- Type your user name at the `Username :` prompt and press Enter
- Type your password at the `Password :` prompt and press Enter

```
Welcome to VAX/VMS 5.5

Username :
```

Figure 2-21 LAT Window With a Service Connection

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LAT connection can be specified by the system administrator through the remote configuration file or through *Setup*. The applicable command is: *Host Connect Method* (set to LAT).

Closing a LAT Window

If you are at the `Username :` prompt and do not want to log in to the host, wait until the network connection times out and closes. A message appears on the screen when the connection closes. Typically it takes 60 seconds to time out.

To close the LAT window from the `LAT>` prompt, type **quit** or **exit** and press Enter.



Local browser support

The NC Series network computer supports two different local versions of the Netscape NC Navigator browser:

Netscape NC Navigator 3.0 (also known as Navio)

Netscape NC Navigator 4.x

Both binary versions of the browser are shipped on the NCBridge media. However, each version must be authorized to run. A minimum of one version of the browser is authorized to run on each NC.

To identify which version of the browser may run on your NC, select from your local setup screen, Statistics, followed by Options. Scroll to see what options are available.

Version 3.0

Navio or Netscape NC Navigator 3.0 will run with a minimum of 24Mb of memory installed in your NC. Depending on the type of Web pages accessed, more memory may be required. A total of 40Mb of memory is recommended when Navio is used with an NC.

Version 4.0

There are two versions of Netscape NC Navigator 4 provided on the NCBridge media:

- `netscape`
- `netscape_lite`

The `netscape` binary includes all features of the version 4 binary. It requires a minimum of 40Mb of memory to run on the NC. A total of 50Mb is recommended for most Netscape Navigator 4 applications, especially when Java applets are executed.

The `netscape_lite` binary version of the browser includes all of the Netscape 4 features except email and news. Netscape_Lite is offered so customers with XP200 products, which hold a maximum memory of 36Mb, may run version 4 of the browser.

Local browser kiosk support

We have made several enhancements that relate directly to our browser, including:

- local browser kiosk support
- simpler methods of launching the browser
- browser support in VAX VMS boot host environments
- support for a 12MB flash memory option (NC200 and NC400 only)

Local browser kiosk support applies to all network computers that can run the browser, including:

- XP100, XP200, XP300V, XP350, NC200, and NC400.

The browser is not available for:

- XP10, XP10T, XP20, XP100D, or XP330.

Although this section applies primarily to NC200 and NC400 network computers with 12MB flash, you can still take advantage of most of these new features with older network computer models.

New browser-related features

In previous releases, the only way to launch the browser was to use the `xpsh` command from a host login account, using `xpsh`'s file access mechanism to read and write browser preference settings and history data into the user's home directory. While this might remain the preferred method for many users, there are some circumstances—for example, using a network computer as an information kiosk—where it is either impossible or undesirable to log in to launch a browser. To support using the browser in such an environment, we have added two new methods of launching the browser.

Due to `xpsh` limitations in VAX VMS environments, the browser would not run when the network computer booted from a VMS host. Now it is possible to boot a network computer from a VMS host using the MOP boot protocol and start the browser with the *Launcher* or the `xp.cnf` file. When operating this way, the browser will use DAP file access to read the configuration files from the `navio` directory for Navio and `.netscape` directory for Netscape or `Netscape_Lite` under the boot directory.



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The 12MB flash memory option allows you to store all the Navio or Netscape_Lite browser files in flash memory so that the network computer can operate as a stand-alone kiosk. With the browser in flash, the network computer doesn't need a boot host, and users don't need login accounts. The network computer can be configured to start the browser upon power-up and immediately connect to a web server home page.

Starting Navio NC Navigator

Prior to the NCBridge 3.1 release, the only way to start the local browser was with `xpsh`:

```
xpsh -access xpsh navio
```

With NCBridge 3.1 or 3.2, there are two new ways of starting the local browser, the simplest being through the *Launcher*, as shown in Figure 2-22. A default menu item for the Navio browser has been added at the top of *Launcher's* **Host Connections** pull-down menu.

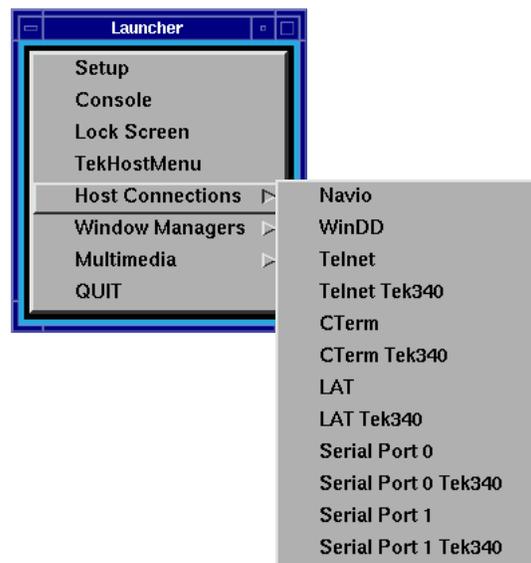


Figure 2-22 Starting the Navio browser with a *Launcher* pull-down menu

Another way to start the browser is to add a start command to your `xp.cnf` file. The following are three example start commands that may be used to start the three different binary versions of the browser:

```
start NAVIO YES
start NETSCAPE YES
start NETSCAPE_LITE YES
```

Note: *Only one version of the browser may be run at one time.*

It is also possible to pass command line parameters and environment variable settings with this command. The following examples start the browser with a default geometry and override the proxy auto configuration URL with a different one:

```
start NAVIO YES -args "-geometry 860x900+80+60" -envs
"AUTOCONF_URL=http://proxy.mydomain.com"
start NETSCAPE YES -args "-geometry 860x900+80+60" -envs
"AUTOCONF_URL=http://proxy.mydomain.com"
start NETSCAPE_LITE YES -args "-geometry 860x900+80+60"
-envs "AUTOCONF_URL=http://proxy.mydomain.com"
```

Note that all the parameters must be specified on the same line in the `xp.cnf` file.

Configuring the browser for kiosks

An easy way to configure the browser for kiosk operation is to invoke it in non-kiosk mode (with the `xpsh` command) and then make changes with the **Preferences** menu. Once the browser is configured, copy the essential configuration files from either the `.navio` directory for Navio or the `.netscape` for Netscape/Netscape_Lite created in your home directory to the `navio` directory for Navio and `netscape` directory for Netscape/Netscape_Lite under the boot directory. (Use the configuration files listed in Table 2-2, *Browser configuration files* as a guide.) If you choose this method to configure the browser, be aware that you may have to modify some of the entries in the files, to remove references to `.signature`, `.mailcap`, or other personal files. Sometimes you can make the necessary changes by editing the configuration files directly, although these database files are not generally editable.

Note: *Navio writes preferences to the file `preferences`. Netscape writes preferences to the file `preferences.js`, a Javascript file.*



Table 2-2 presents a list of the browser configuration files and their purposes.

Table 2-2 Navio Browser configuration files

File	Description
config/plugins.tbl	list of plug-ins to support
navio/bookmarks.html	defaults for the “Bookmarks” menu
navio/cert5.db	default SSL certificates database
navio/cookies	default cookie database
navio/history.db	default history menu database
navio/key.db	default encryption key database
navio/mailcap	default helper applications
navio/mime.type	default mime file extension/application bindings
navio/preferences	default browser configuration preferences
navio/proxycon	default proxy autoconfiguration script
navio/signature	default signature for e-mail messages
usascii/app-defaults/Navio	X resource defaults for Navio

Table 2-3 Netscape Browser configuration files

File	Description
config/plugins.tbl	list of plug-ins to support
.netscape/bookmarks.html	defaults for the “Bookmarks” menu
.netscape/cert7.db	default SSL certificates database
.netscape/cookies	default cookie database
.netscape/history.db	default history menu database
.netscape/key3.db	default encryption key database
.netscape/mailcap	default helper applications
.netscape/mime.types	default mime file extension/application bindings
.netscape/preferences.js	default browser configuration preferences
.netscape/signature	default signature for e-mail messages
usascii/app-defaults/Netscape	X resource defaults for Netscape

Because kiosk administrators don't want their carefully configured browser environments altered by casual users, browser configuration files in kiosk mode, by default, are not writable. So users can change browser settings in the **Preferences** menu, but the changes will not be saved. The same restriction applies to bookmarks and history data. While this behavior may be desirable when operating a kiosk, it means you'll have an extra step when setting up the browser for kiosk operation.

Environment variables used by the browser

The Navio browser uses certain environment variables for setting certain parameters (see Table 2-4). The `-envs` parameter of the `xp.cnf preload` and `start` commands can be used to alter the value of environment variables passed into the browser.

Navio and Netscape use the same type of environment variables but they are contained in different directories, `.navio` for Navio and `.netscape` for Netscape.

Table 2-4 Browser environment variables

Environment variable	Description
AUTOCONF_URL	Sets the URL for obtaining the proxy auto configuration file.
HOME	Locates the <code>.navio</code> or <code>.netscape</code> config directory if NULL kiosk mode settings are used.
NNTPSERVER	Sets the default news server.
WWW_HOME	Sets the default web page.



Preferences file entries

For Navio browsers, it is generally best to create a `navio/preferences` file by running the browser in non-kiosk mode and using the **Preferences** menu to make changes. The resulting `.navio/preferences` in your home directory can then be copied to the `navio` directory in the boot directory. Sometimes it is only necessary to make a minor change, in which case you might want to edit the preferences file directly. Table 2-5 explains a few commonly edited items in the preferences file.

Table 2-5 Navigator preferences

Preference name	Description
HOME_DOCUMENT	Sets the default document visited when the browser is started.
PROXY_MODE	Determines how proxy info is configured: 0: Proxies are not used. 1: Proxies are manually configured (HTTP_PROXY, FTP_PROXY, etc). 2: Proxy autoconfig script is loaded from an HTTP server.
PROXY_URL	URL used for PROXY_MODE 2.
SHOW_MENUBAR	Another item that can be used to limit what kiosk users can do. When set to <code>False</code> , kiosk users won't be able to exit the browser.
SHOW_TOOLBAR	When set to <code>False</code> , it turns off the icon buttons along the top of the browser. This is useful for restricting what users can do in a kiosk.

Netscape browsers keep configuration information in a Javascript file called `preferences.js`. This file is modified by the Netscape browser preference menu, accessed after launching Netscape.

Proxy host configuration

By default, the Navio NC Navigator browser is configured to use the boot host as an HTTP server that provides the proxy autoconfiguration file. (This is the same file format used to configure standard Netscape browsers.) If you receive an error pop-up when the browser is started in kiosk mode, it will be necessary to change the proxy autoconfiguration setting.

When running in kiosk mode, the browser reads configuration files from the `navio` or `.netscape` directory under the boot directory. By default the `navio` or `.netscape` directory contains a preferences file with entries configured to get proxy configuration information automatically from the boot host using this URL:

```
http://xp_boothost
```

With this configuration, the browser expects an HTTP server on the boot host to return a proxy autoconfiguration file with an `application/x-ns-proxy-autoconfig` MIME type, which is typically found on Netscape HTTP servers.

The proxy host configuration can be changed by setting the `AUTOCONF_URL` environment variable in the `preload` or `start` command `-envs` parameter, or by editing the preferences file. (See Example 2-5, *Navigator preferences*, on page 2-30 for descriptions of the appropriate parameters.) Again, you may want to generate the preferences file first by using the browser in non-kiosk mode, then edit it directly with a text editor.

Forcing kiosk mode operation

When started, the browser looks up the value of the `HOME` environment variable to determine the path to its `.navio` directory for Navio or `.netscape` directory for Netscape. If the `HOME` variable is not set, the browser assumes it has not been started with `xpsh` and immediately enters kiosk mode, using the kiosk mode configuration parameters to determine where to find a `navio` directory instead of a `.navio` directory or a `.netscape` directory.

It is sometimes desirable to operate the browser in kiosk mode even when it is started with `xpsh`. Add this line to your `xp.cnf` file to force the browser to operate in kiosk mode:

```
parameter browser_kiosk_enable YES
```

Replacing “YES” with “NO” does *not* force non-kiosk mode operation; rather, it tells the browser to check the `HOME` environment variable to determine kiosk mode operation.



Flashing the Navio browser into ROM

To support the amount of memory required by the browser binaries, a 12MB flash ROM option is now available (for the NC200 and NC400 series only) that allows the Navio or Netscape_Lite browser to be stored in a network computer's flash memory. We have also added two new `xp.cnf` commands to support flashing the browser (see information about the *Flash Control Console* in Chapter 4). Refer to the *Network Computer Reference Manual* for more information about `xp.cnf` flash commands.

To flash the Navio (Navigator 3.0) or Netscape executable files into a network computer's 12Mb flash memory, uncomment the `do_flash` command in your `xp.cnf` file along with this command:

```
flash_feature NAVIO (for Navio)
flash_feature NETSCAPE (for Netscape_Lite)
```

Note: *Due to flash memory capacity limitations, only Netscape_Lite is loaded when Netscape is specified. Netscape_Lite is the same as Netscape minus email and news reader functions.*

This will flash the browser executable flash files, listed in Table 2-6 (Navio) and Table 2-7 (Netscape), into the network computer's 12MB flash memory. For Navio, the total approximate size of these binaries is 10.9MB uncompressed, 5MB compressed. For Netscape, the file size is approximately 19.4MB uncompressed, 9.1MB compressed.

Table 2-6 Navio browser executable flash files

File	Description
java_301	Java class libraries
locale/compose.dir	Internationalization config files
locale/iso8859-1/Compose	
locale/iso8859-1/XLC_LOCALE	
locale/ja/XLC_LOCALE	
locale/locale.alias	
locale/locale.dir	
navio.300	Navio browser executable
plugins/advoguiplg.300	Spotlight video advertiser plug-in
plugins/bitmaps/begin.xbm	Bitmaps for video plug-ins
plugins/bitmaps/fast_left.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/fast_right.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/right.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/sound.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/stop.xbm	
plugins/videopl.300	Digital Video plug-in
plugins/winddplg.300	WinDD client plug-in
XKeysymDB	Key binding database file



Table 2-7 Netscape browser executable flash files

File	Description
locale/locale.alias	Internationalization config files
locale/compose.dir	
locale/locale.dir	
locale/iso8859-1/Compose	
locale/iso8859-1/XLC_LOCALE	
locale/ja/XLC_LOCALE	
netscape_lite	Netscape Lite browser executable
ifc11.jar	Java-class archive file
iiop10.jar	
jae40.jar	
java40.jar	
jio40.jar	
jsd10.jar	
ldap10.jar	
marimb10.jar	
XKeysymDB	
plugins/advtguiplg.300		Spotlight video advertiser plugin
plugins/videopl.300	
plugins/winddplg.300	
plugins/bitmaps/begin.xbm	Bitmaps for video plugins
plugins/bitmaps/fast_right.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/fast_left.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/sound.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/right.xbm	
plugins/bitmaps/stop.xbm	

The other new `xp.cnf` command allows the user to flash kiosk mode configuration files (normally found in the `boot/navio` directory for Navio or `boot/netscape` directory for Netscape) into the flash ROM option:

```
flash_feature NAVIO_CONFIG_FILES (Navio)
flash_feature NETSCAPE_CONFIG_FILES (Netscape_Lite)
```

This will flash the files listed in Example 2-2, *Navio Browser configuration files*, on page 2-28 for Navio and Example 2-3, *Netscape Browser configuration files*, on page 2-28 for Netscape, into the network computer's flash memory. Typically, you would only do this when there is no available host computer to boot from and you want the browser operate solely from flash memory. The total approximate size of the Navio configuration files is 400K, 160K compressed. The size of the Netscape configuration files is 458K uncompressed, 84K compressed.

Make sure the configuration files contain the appropriate settings before flashing because, once flashed, the configuration cannot be changed without re-flashing. Furthermore, when the network computer is configured for a language other than `usascii`, the appropriate change to the `app-defaults` path is also made, so it is important to set the language too before flashing.

Setting browser file access

In kiosk mode for Navio, the browser's default configuration location is a `navio` directory under the `boot` directory on the boot host using the boot file access method. For Netscape, the default location is a `.netscape` directory. If you want to set the location to something other than the boot directory or change the host or file path, the default kiosk mode file access parameters can be overridden with three commands in the `xp.cnf` file:

```
parameter browser_default_file_access <access_method>
parameter browser_default_file_host <hostname>
parameter browser_default_file_path /<file_path>
```

The first of these commands sets the file access method to be used for reading browser configuration files when in kiosk mode. Valid values for `<access_method>` are `NFS`, `ROM`, `DAP`, `TFTP`, and `NONE`. When the access method is set to `NONE`, the browser will use the default boot access method.



The second command sets the name or IP address of the host that will be providing configuration files when the browser runs in kiosk mode. If a name is used, it should be one that can be resolved using DNS (Domain Name Service) or which appears in the network computer's Internet Host table. The generic name `xp_boothost` can be used in cases where the specific name of the boot host is not known. If NFS or ROM file access is used, the host name does not have to be set, but an NFS mount must be set up in the NFS table, and a hostname is required there.

The third command sets the path to a directory in which the browser expects to find either a `navio` or `.netscape` subdirectory. This directory is expected to contain the browser configuration files that are typically found in a user's home `.navio` directory or the `boot/navio` directory for Navio or the `.netscape` or `boot/.netscape` directories for Netscape, supplied on the install media.

Browser kiosk examples

In this example, you will make some changes to your `xp.cnf` file and reboot the network computer to flash the new features into your 12MB flash memory board. Then you will make a few changes in the *Boot Monitor*. After that, you will reboot again to get the browser to launch automatically and run in stand-alone kiosk mode.

Note: *Skip step one if flashing Netscape. Netscape preferences are made via the preferences menu and stored in the preferences.js file.*

1. On the host where the `navio` directory is found (`tekxp/boot` by default), edit the preferences file:
 - a. Set the value of `PROXY_URL` to the local proxy server. For example:
`http://proxy.tek.com`
 - b. Set other values to configure Navigator, such as the home page, links, etc.
2. Use the `xp.cnf` code in Example 2-1, *Excerpted xp.cnf file for Navio browser kiosk operation*, on page 2-38 to configure your NCs for kiosk mode.
3. Reboot your network computer to initiate the flash process. (see the section, *Flash Control Console* in Chapter 4 for more information).
4. After flashing, edit your `xp.cnf` file and comment the `do_flash` command (place a # in front of `do_flash`).

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5. Reboot the network computer and press any key before the progress bar reaches 100% to interrupt the boot process and enter the *Boot Monitor*. In the *Boot Monitor*, perform these steps:
 - a. Reset the network computer with an **NVFactory**.
 - b. Set **IAddr** to the network computer's IP address.
 - c. Set **IHost** to Local Router, or something so it will not try BOOTP or DHCP.
 - d. Set **IMask**.
 - e. Set **IGate** to Local Router IP address.
 - f. Set **BMethod** to ROM.
 - g. **NVSave**.
 - h. **Boot**.
 6. When you reboot the network computer—this time from ROM—the Navio NC Navigator browser will start in kiosk mode.

See the next two examples for typical kiosk applications.



Example 2-1. Excerpted *xp.cnf* file for Navio browser kiosk operation

```
##***** Sample xp.cnf file
*****##
enable_name_service          YES
preload LAUNCHER             PERM
preload NAVIO PERM -args "-geometry 860x900+80+60"
preload MWM                   NO
preload OLWM                  NO
preload CDE                   NO
preload SETUP                 NO
preload AUDIO_SERVER         PERM
preload NETSCAPE              NO
preload NETSCAPE_LITE        NO
console_pages                15

start NAVIO                   YES
start NTP                     YES # [YES | NO]

parameter time_gmt_offset    -25200
parameter time_dst_mode      FOLLOW
parameter time_dst_offset    3600

do_flash
flash_feature NAVIO
flash_feature NAVIO_CONFIG_FILES
flash_feature SYSTEM
flash_feature XPWM
flash_feature TEKSETUP
flash_feature REMOTE_CNF
flash_feature LAUNCHER
flash_feature AUDIO_SERVER
flash_feature FONTS # as specified in fonts.tbl
flash_feature NTP
#need to include 75dpi font in fonts.tbl
```

Example 2-2. Excerpted *xp.cnf* file for Netscape Lite browser kiosk operation using 12MB flash card

```
##***** Sample xp.cnf file
*****##
enable_name_service          YES
preload LAUNCHER             PERM
preload NETSCAPE_LITE PERM -args "-geometry 860x900+80+60"
preload MWM                   NO
preload OLWM                   NO
preload CDE                     NO
preload SETUP                 NO
preload AUDIO_SERVER          PERM
preload NAVIO                  NO
preload NETSCAPE               NO
console_pages                 15

start NETSCAPE_LITE           YES
start NTP                      YES      # [YES | NO]

parameter time_gmt_offset     -25200
parameter time_dst_mode       FOLLOW
parameter time_dst_offset     3600

do_flash
flash_feature NETSCAPE #this will flash Netscape_Lite
#since full Netscape won't fit into 12MB flash RAM
flash_feature NETSCAPE_CONFIG_FILES
flash_feature SYSTEM
flash_feature XPWM
flash_feature TEKSETUP
flash_feature TELNET
flash_feature REMOTE_CNF
flash_feature LAUNCHER
flash_feature AUDIO_SERVER
flash_feature FONTS # as specified in fonts.tbl
flash_feature NTP
#need to include 75dpi font in fonts.tbl
```



Chapter 2 Operating the Network Computer

Using the Network Computer

What Next? might be a more appropriate title for this chapter. There really is no single answer to the *What next?* question. Your network computer is designed to be as flexible as possible so it can be tailored to fit your needs and your computing environment. This tailoring process is performed by your system administrator, with help from the installation and reference manuals that are included with the network computer software.

This chapter cannot tell you step-by-step how to get started, but it does provide general information to help you figure out *What next?* Typically, one of the following scenarios occurs:

- A window manager starts automatically
- A client starts automatically
- Both a window manager and client start automatically
- Nothing starts (leaving you to initiate an action)

The sections in this chapter contain information on identifying what is happening on your network computer, and what choices you can make. The following topics are discussed:

- X Window Software Components
- Getting Unstuck
- Window Managers
- Sessions
- Running Clients
- Locking the Display
- TekLogin
- PPP
- Screen Saver
- 16-Bit True Color



X Window Software Components

Before diving into the details of the possible scenarios, it is a good idea to understand some of the common software components and terminology.

The *X Window System* is a windowing system developed to enhance the usability of a host computer by utilizing an X server as a *device independent* interface between the host computer and your network computer. This means that you can run clients on computers made by different manufacturers, freeing you to focus on your applications without worrying about computer differences. Another advantage is that X is *multi-tasking*, so multiple applications can run simultaneously in different windows.

The *X server* is the interface that translates client requests from your network computer to the host computer. It also accepts input data from your mouse and keyboard and generates the appropriate actions.

Windows are bounded areas displayed on your network computer screen that organize the presenting of information on the screen. They can contain text (letters, numbers) or graphics (pictures, graphs, animated sequences) generated by your application programs, such as word processors, or transaction processing software. The X server controls what gets displayed inside each window. Information does not spill over from one window to the next.

A *Window Manager* is a special program that runs on top of the X server and provides an easy to use interface for you to run and work with your clients. These items include (among others):

- Window title bars
- Scroll bars
- Manipulating windows (sizing, moving, iconifying, closing)

Those are the visible results of using a window manager. The invisible portions may be even more important to you. These items include:

- Managing window communications to make sure the correct window receives the correct information
- Determining where your mouse pointer is positioned, so it knows where to read any input you generate

Session Windows are various types of communication protocols to establish communications between your NC and one or more host computers.

Clients are applications that run on an X server in a session window. *Client* means that the application is typically subordinate to the window. If the window is closed, the client also closes.

Getting Unstuck

Occasionally something may go wrong and your network computer or a client may get stuck or hang. *Hang* means the network computer or the client is not responding to any input coming from you or being transmitted from the host. Often times, this is due to a busy network. There are three recommended ways to try and restore communications: resetting the X Server, rebooting the network computer, or, if the keyboard is also locked up, turn off the power on the network computer.

Resetting the X Server

This is the first method to try.



1. Select Setup from the *Client Launcher*.
2. Click on the **Reset Server** button.
3. When prompted that this closes existing connections, click on the **OK** button.

The screen is blanked when the reset occurs. It may take a minute or two for the server to reset. Be patient and wait. When the root weave or your login method appears, log back in as usual. Refer to Chapter 2: *Operating the Network Computer* if you need information on logging in to the computer.

Rebooting the Network Computer

Sometimes rebooting is necessary, even though it adds to the network load. Try Resetting the X server before you reboot.

If *Setup* does not come up, or if resetting the server did not work, try rebooting the network computer. Press the key sequence: Ctrl-Alt-Delete to try and reboot the network computer. If the reboot is successful, the boot screen is displayed while your network computer boots. Refer to Chapter 2, *The Network Computer Boot Process* for more information on booting.

Powering off the Logic Module

Note: *Turning off the power is the last-resort method. Try the other methods first, or call your system administrator for assistance.*

If neither resetting the server nor rebooting the network computer works, turn the power off then on with the power switch on your network computer logic module.



Window Managers

There are many different window managers available, but the concepts are similar. Here is a list of the more popular window managers:

- Motif (also called MWM)
- OPEN LOOK Window Manager (OLWM) (Sun hosts)
- HP VUE (for Hewlett-Packard hosts)
- DECWindows (DEC hosts)
- XpressWare Window Manager
- Tom's Window Manager (twm)

Your system administrator sets up and configures your window manager.

Determining if a Window Manager is Running

You can tell if a window manager is running by looking at the borders on an open window. If you do not have an open window, select Setup from the Client Launcher to display the *Setup* window. If a window manager is running, there is a border around the window, along with a title bar and usually some command buttons. Figure 3-1 illustrates a Telnet window with and without a window manager running.

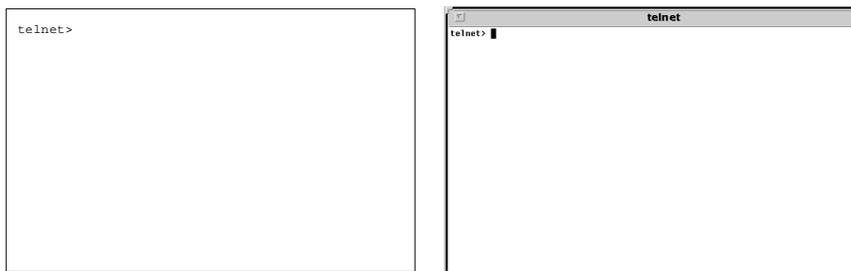


Figure 3-1 Determining if a Window Manager is Running

Starting a Window Manager

If your system administrator configured your environment to automatically start a window manager, skip to the next section, *Using a Window Manager*.

Your system administrator must configure the window manager on your host computer before it can be used. If your network computer has either the local MWM or OLWM options, you can start it from *Client Launcher*. If the option does not appear, your network computer does not have it. Contact your system administrator.

To start local MWM, OLWM, or XP window manager from the default *Client Launcher*:



1. Open the Window Managers submenu.
2. Select *MWM* or *OLWM* or *XPWM*.

Note: *If MWM, OLWM, or XPWM is not available, or if you use another window manager, call your system administrator. The command to start a window manager is specific to your host and configuration.*

Using a Window Manager

The examples in this section are based on Motif, a host independent window manager included with your network computer software. *Host independent* means that it runs on hosts from different operating systems, rather than a proprietary manager such as HPvue that is intended for only Hewlett-Packard systems. Your windows may look and operate differently from those described here. It may be because your system administrator customized your MWM settings, or you may be using a different window manager. Refer to your window manager documentation for more information.

Figure 3-2 shows a typical window and its standard elements. A window usually has command buttons for menu access, and to minimize and maximize the window. Try the various buttons displayed with your windows.

In addition to the window menu and buttons, there are typically pop-up menus that can be accessed outside of a window. These menus are controlled by various system files. To see if you have these pop-up menus:

1. Position the pointer outside of all windows.
2. Try pressing either the Select or Custom mouse buttons to see if a menu appears. Information on the menu choices would be included in your window manager or host documentation.

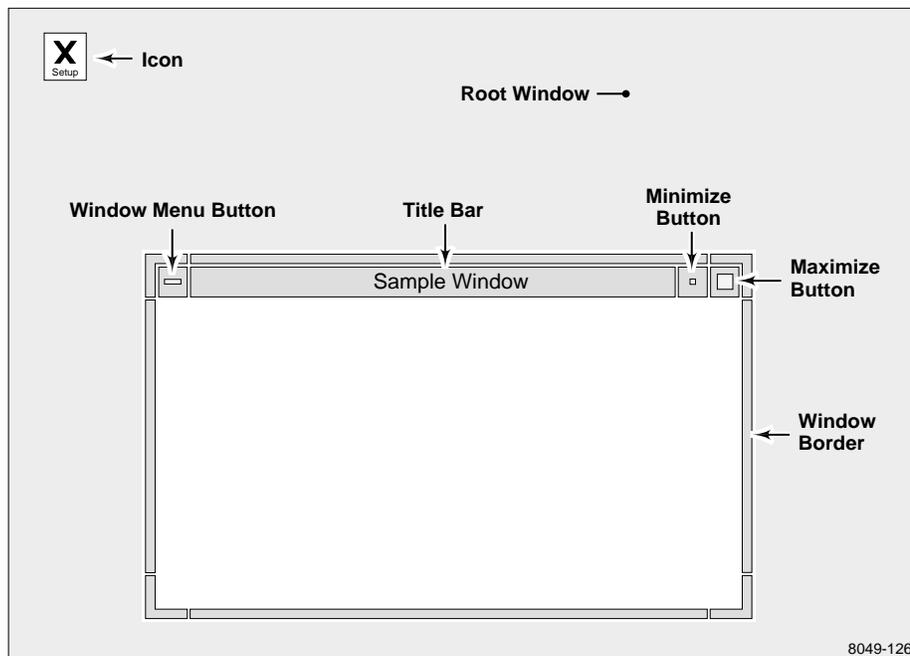


Figure 3-2 Elements of a Window

These window manipulations are described in this section:

- Moving a window
- Resizing a window
- Raising a window
- Lowering a window
- Maximizing a window
- Iconifying a window
- Restoring an icon
- Moving an icon

Moving a Window

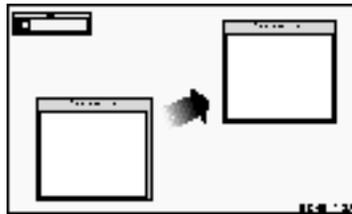


Figure 3-3 How to move a window

Windows can be moved from one location to another on the display.

1. Position the pointer within the title bar or border of the window.
2. Drag the pointer. When you begin moving the window, the pointer changes to a cross-arrow pointer and a window outline appears. As you move the pointer, the outline tracks the movement. A small rectangle appears in the center of the screen and displays the x and y coordinates of the window as the window moves.
3. Once the window is in the desired location, release the mouse button. The window appears in the new location and becomes the active window.

Alternate method: Drag on the Window Menu, release on *Move*, position the window outline (by moving the mouse), and click a mouse button.

Resizing a Window

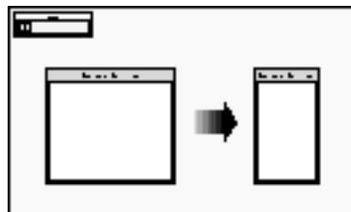


Figure 3-4 How to resize a window



Many windows can be resized. The corners of the window border let you resize the window in two directions, while the horizontal borders and vertical borders let you resize the window in a single direction.

1. Position the pointer on the window border or resize corner controlling the window side(s) you want to resize. The pointer changes to either an arrow with a corner (for resizing two sides) or to an arrow with a perpendicular bar (for resizing in one direction).
2. Drag the corner or window border in the direction desired. As you resize the window, an image of the moving border(s) tracks the pointer movement.
3. Release the mouse button. The window appears in the new size.

Alternate method: Drag on the Window Menu, release on *Size*, position the window outline (by moving the mouse), and click a mouse button.

Raising a Window

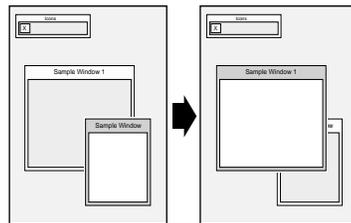


Figure 3-5 How to display a window in the foreground

When you want to raise a window; that is, display the window in front of other overlapping windows so you can see the entire window, follow these steps:

1. Position the pointer (cursor) anywhere in the window (except on a command button).
2. Click the Select mouse button. Raising a window automatically makes that window active. Windows cannot be raised from the Window Menu.

Note: *There is an X feature called **autorange**. If this feature is configured for your window manager, windows are automatically raised as soon as you position your mouse pointer in the window.*

Lowering a Window

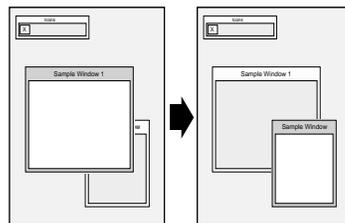


Figure 3-6 How to lower a window

To place a window behind overlapping windows:

1. Drag on the Window Menu in the window to lower.
2. Release on *Lower*.

Maximizing a Window

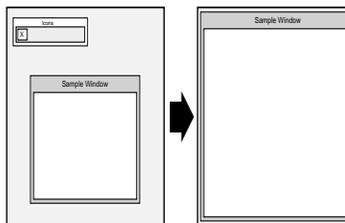


Figure 3-7 How to maximize a window

A window can be maximized to take up the entire size of the display. Some clients do not support maximized windows.

1. Click on the Maximize button in the window you want to maximize.
2. To return the window to its original size, click the Maximize button again.

Alternate method: Drag on the Window Menu and release on *Maximize*.



Iconifying a Window

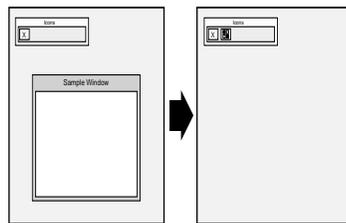


Figure 3-8 How to iconify a window

Iconifying a window means to collapse it down to an icon, a small graphic representation of the window. This helps you keep multiple windows organized and easy to access. To iconify a window:

Click on the Minimize button in the window you want to iconify.

Alternate method: Drag the Window Menu and release on *Minimize*.

MWM has a client called *Icons*. If this client is available, it provides a box to hold and sort all of your icons.

Restoring an Icon

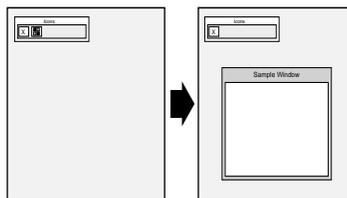


Figure 3-9 How to restore an icon

You can change an icon into a window whenever you want to view the window contents or work in the window. To restore an icon:

Double-click the Select button on the icon you want to restore.

Alternate method: Click the icon once to display a pull-down menu, and then click on *Restore*.

Moving an Icon

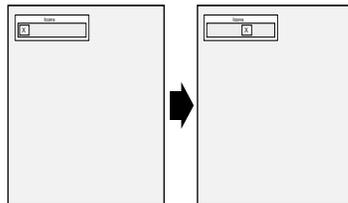


Figure 3-10 How to move an icon

To move an icon from one location on the display to another:

1. Drag the pointer on the icon you want to move. When you begin moving the icon, the pointer changes to a cross-arrow and an icon outline appears. As you move the pointer, the outline tracks the movement.
2. Once the icon is in the desired location, release the mouse button. The icon appears in the new location.

Alternate method: Click the icon once to display a pull-down menu, click on *Move*, position the icon outline (by moving the mouse), and click a mouse button.



Starting Sessions

As presented in *Logging in to the Network Computer* in Chapter 2, there are many different ways to establish communications with one or more host computers. With a network computer you can have multiple sessions open and running simultaneously. For example, you might open a word processor, cut some text out of file, and paste it into window where you are composing some electronic mail. Or, you might open a session into another host to check if a customer order has been shipped. All without having to exit your application.

Before you start a session, you typically need to know the name, or address of the remote host. You can find this out by calling your system administrator.



There are different types of addresses based on the network protocol used at your site. *Internet protocol* (IP) addresses (128.06.70.01 for example) are used for networks running a protocol called *TCP/IP*. This is the most common network for hosts running a UNIX operating system. *Node* numbers (11.10:: for example) are used for networks running a protocol called *DECnet*. This is the most common network for hosts running a VMS operating system.

There are two easy ways to start a new session from *Client Launcher*. If you need a refresher on the terminology used in these procedures, refer back to Chapter 1, *Terminology*. Use one of these methods:

1. Select *TekHostMenu*. When the *TekHostMenu* client appears, use the mouse to select your host. Refer to *Logging in to the Network Computer* on page 2-3 for details.

Note: *If you logged in with XDMCP, the XDMCP list is not available on TekHostMenu. Only one XDMCP session can be running.*

2. Select a session from the Host Connections submenu:

Telnet (refer to *Logging in with Telnet* on page 2-11)
Console (refer to *The Console Window* on page 5-4)
Cterm (refer to *Logging in with Cterm* on page 2-13)
WinDD (refer to *Logging in with WinDD ICA Client* on page 2-15)
Serial Port 0 or 1 (refer to *Logging in with Serial Port 0 or 1* on page 2-19)
LAT (refer to *Logging in with LAT* on page 2-22)

Note: *Grayed text indicates an option that is not enabled for your particular network computer. If an option is not listed, it is not available for your network computer model.*

Running Clients

Clients refer to applications that your network computer accesses across the network, such as a desktop publishing system, a computer-aided design program, or an on-line transaction processing system. Your network computer can access multiple clients simultaneously.

Your system administrator can set up your login files to automatically start one or more clients each time you login. The other alternative is for you to start the clients you need.

Typically you start clients either of two ways:

- From a session window, type the command to start your particular client and press Enter. Instructions for starting clients are included with your application documentation.
- If your host computer or window manager has command menus available, there may be menu choices available to automatically start your applications:
 - Position the pointer outside of a window.
 - For MWM, you would press the *Select* mouse button and click on your client. For other window managers, follow the instructions for menu and item selection and select the client you want to run.

Refer to the documentation that came with your application for application-specific operation and information.



Locking the Display

You can lock your display and all open windows so that while away from your desk, an unauthorized user cannot access the information on your display. The *xlock* local client locks the keyboard only, or the keyboard and the display.

1. *xlock* can be started from the *Client Launcher* (select Lock Screen) or with **xpsh** from the command prompt:

xpsh -display nc_address:0 xlock -mode n

To determine the network computer address, select Setup from the *Client Launcher*. Drag on Configuration Summaries and release on TCP/IP (for a UNIX host) or TDEnet (for a VMS host). The address displays as the network computer IP Address or the TDEnet Address.

The **-mode n** setting is optional. If set to **-mode 1**, *xlock* locks the keyboard only. If set to **-mode 0**, *xlock* locks the keyboard and the screen. If a **-mode** setting is not given, *xlock* locks the keyboard and the screen by default. If you receive a `Command not found` message, have your system administrator add **xpsh** to your path environment variable and try the **xpsh** command again.

When *xlock* is started, the *xlock* window appears, asking for a password and confirmation. Upon entering the password, a blank screen with a floating lock will appear. Pressing a key will prompt for a password. The correct password will re-activate the screen and an incorrect one will not.

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2. At the *Password* prompt, enter a password and press Enter.
 3. At the *Retype* prompt, enter the password again and press Enter. This verifies you have entered the password correctly. *Xlock* remains in effect until you re-enter the password. The password is valid until you reboot the network computer or reset the server.
 4. To unlock the display or keyboard, press any key for the *xlock* window. At the *Password* prompt, enter the password.

Note: *If you forget your password, you must reboot the network computer or reset the server to unlock the display or keyboard.*



Chapter 3 Using the Network Computer

Using Advanced Features

This chapter provides information about these advanced NCBridge software features:

- *Audio Player* for recording and playing audio files on the network computer
- *Audio Mixer* for controlling the audio volume for the line in and microphone on the network computer
- *Digital Video Player* for playing NTSC or PAL video sources on the network computer
- *Analog Video Player* for playing analog video sources on the network computer
- *XIE Viewer* for viewing image files on the network computer
- *WinDD* to run Windows NT applications on a PC server
- *PSXpress* for using the Display PostScript NX and Acrobat software
- *Font Caching* for storing fonts in your network computer's memory
- *Printing Color Hardcopies* from your network computer
- *Flash Control Console* for flashing multiple network computers from a single location.
- *TekLogin Local Client* to simplify login and application access
- *PPP Support* for network connections via serial lines (phone lines)
- *Screen Saver Support* that enables you to display *.gif* images
- *16-Bitplane True Color Support* for better visual effects



Audio Player

The Audio Player plays and records digital audio files. When started, the Audio Player displays as shown in Figure 4-1.

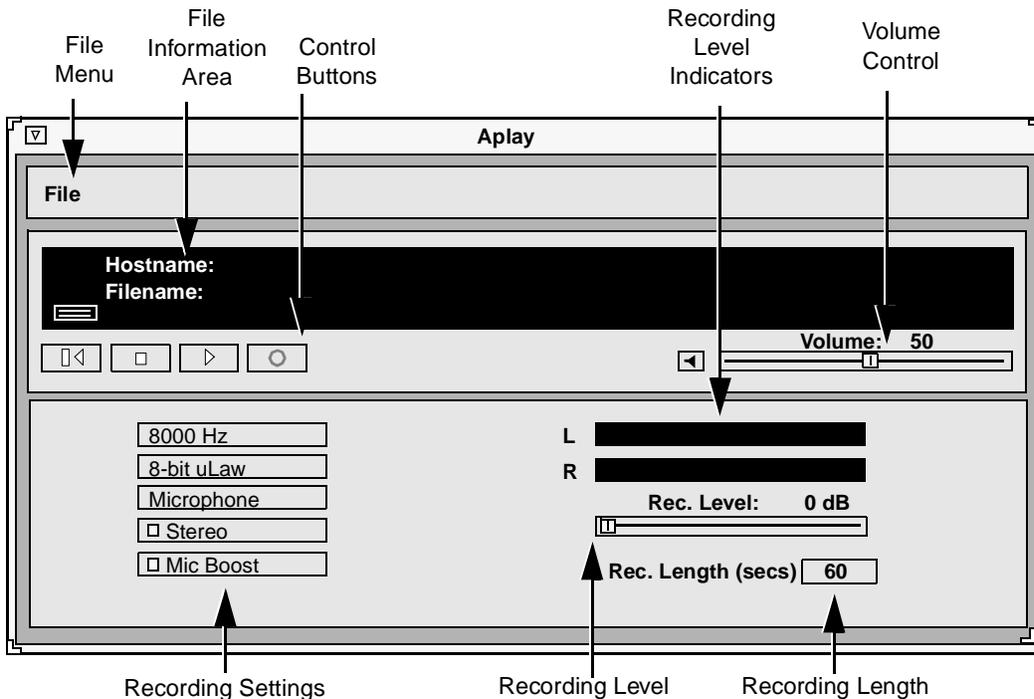


Figure 4-1 Audio Player

The player can play files that have these extensions:

- .au — Sun file type
- .wav — Microsoft file type
- .voc — Sound Blaster file type (play only)
- .aiff — Macintosh file type
- .snd — Macintosh file type
- .raw — no file header

If a file does not have an extension, the player attempts to read its header information. If there is no header information, the player plays it as a headerless file (.raw).

The Audio Player supports the file formats 8-bit linear, 8-bit uLaw, 8-bit aLaw, and 16-bit linear (LSB & MSB).

The following topics present information about using the Audio Player:

- *Starting the Audio Player* on page 4-3 provides information about the various ways to start the Audio Player
- *Opening or Creating an Audio File* on page 4-8 provides information about opening and creating audio files
- *Connecting External Audio Devices* on page 4-17 provides information about the types of external devices that can be used with recording audio files
- *Recording an Audio File* on page 4-19 provides the steps for recording an audio file
- *Playing an Audio File* on page 4-21 provides the steps for playing an existing audio file
- *Audio File Information* on page 4-22 provides information about obtaining original audio file recording information

Starting the Audio Player

The Audio Player can be started from the Client Launcher, from the remote configuration file, or with **xpsh**.

>>> **CAUTION** *Before connecting any audio device to the network computer (such as microphones or headsets), close all clients, remote connections, and power down the network computer. Connecting devices to the network computer's audio connectors with power applied could result in a loss of data. After the devices are connected, start the Audio Player.*

Starting the Audio Player from the Client Launcher

From the Multimedia submenu, select Audio Player. Figure 4-1 shows the Audio Player.



Starting the Audio Player from the Remote Configuration File

The `start AUDIO_PLAYER` command in the remote configuration file (*xp.cnf*) automatically downloads and starts the Audio Player when the network computer boots. Refer to the `start` command in Chapter 2 of the *Network Computer Reference* manual for details.

Starting the Audio Player with `xpsh`

`xpsh` can start the Audio Player client, shown in Figure 4-1, or can simply play an audio file without opening the Audio Player. To start the Audio Player with `xpsh`, enter:

```
xpsh -display nc_name:0 aplay
```

The following options can be set on the `xpsh` command line:

- h** *host* — specifies the host name or address on which the audio file resides. The host must be entered in the network computer’s Internet Host Table in *Setup*. This host displays in the Audio Player’s File Information area.
- f** *filename and path* — specifies the audio file name and its entire path. This file displays in the Audio Player’s File Information area.
- a** *access method* — specifies the access method used to access the audio file. Available access methods are **tftp**, **nfs**, and **dap**.
- v** *volume level* — specifies the volume level to use when playing the audio file. Specify a number between 0 and 100, with 0 indicating no volume, and 100 indicating the loudest volume setting.
- p** when used with the **-h**, **-f**, **-a**, and **-v** options, the specified file plays without opening the Audio Player. The entire file plays and cannot be interrupted.
- propcmd** — enables the “property command” interface, which allows other clients to send command strings to control the *aplay* client remotely. (See *Examples* on page 4-5.)
- title** “*string*” — assigns a title for the *aplay* window.

Examples

This example starts the Audio Player on the network computer named *sierra*:

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 aplay
```

This example starts the Audio Player with the host *portland* and the audio file */usr/adam/story.au* preloaded in the Audio Player's File Information Area:

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 aplay -h portland -f /usr/adam/story.au
```

This example plays the audio file */usr/adam/story.au* (located on the host *portland*) on the network computer without opening the Audio Player:

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 aplay -h portland -f /usr/adam/story.au -a tftp -p
```

Example 1-1. Aplay examples

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 aplay
```

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 aplay -h eugene -f /usr/adam/  
story.au
```

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 aplay -h eugene -f /usr/adam/  
story.au -a tftp -p
```

The first **xpsh** example above starts the *aplay* client on a network computer named *sierra*; the second starts the Audio Player with the host *eugene* and the audio file */usr/adam/story.au* preloaded in the Audio Player's File Information Area; and the third example plays the audio file */usr/adam/story.au* (located on the host *eugene*) on the network computer without opening the Audio Player.



Property command interface

The property command interface lets other clients remotely control the command line version of the *aplay* client by allowing these other clients access to four “properties” created by the *aplay* client on the X server. (See Table 4-1, *Audio Player Properties*.) If the *aplay* client is executed with the **-propcmd** option, atoms (which uniquely identify each property) are created and become associated with these character strings. The client *aplay*’s shell window ID is then assigned to the `_TEK_APLAY_WID` property.

Table 4-1 Audio Player Properties

Property name	Description
<code>_TEK_APLAY_WID</code>	gets the ID of the <i>aplay</i> shell window
<code>_TEK_APLAY_CMD</code>	passes commands to the <i>aplay</i> client
<code>_TEK_APLAY_REPLY</code>	sends replies to the client issuing the commands
<code>_TEK_APLAY_STATUS</code>	returns the status of the <i>aplay</i> client

To use these properties to control the *aplay* client, get the value of `_TEK_APLAY_WID`. You will need to know the client’s window ID when setting the value of `_TEK_APLAY_CMD`, getting the value of `_TEK_APLAY_REPLY`, and finding the status of `_TEK_APLAY_STATUS`.

Commands that can be sent to the *aplay* client via the `_TEK_APLAY_CMD` are of two types: *value-free* and *valued*.

Value-free commands. A value-free command is simply a request for an action to be performed. Value-free commands include: PLAY, STOP, PAUSE, REWIND, and MUTE.

Valued commands. A valued command sends a command and a value to be used in the performance of that command. Valued commands include: FILE, VOLUME, ACCESS, and HOST. Valued commands can be used to set a value, or to query the client for a value.

The format for setting a value is:

```
<command>: <value>
```

There is no white space separating the command, colon, or value. The value is different depending on the command. The FILE command requires a full absolute path to a file.

```
FILE:/usr/audio/speech.au
```

Valued commands can also be used to query a particular value. This is done by sending the command and getting the string associated with the `_TEK_APLAY_REPLY` property. If the command string FILE is loaded into the `_TEK_APLAY_CMD` property, the current filename is stored in the `_TEK_APLAY_REPLY` property. If the command string VOLUME is loaded into the `_TEK_APLAY_CMD` property, the current volume level is stored into the reply property.

- user puts FILE in `_TEK_APLAY_CMD`
- aplay puts /usr/audio/speech.au into `_TEK_APLAY_REPLY`

Once the *aplay* client gets notification that the `_TEK_APLAY_CMD` property has changed, it gets the command string associated with it and deletes the property value. This is an acknowledgment that the *aplay* client has handled the property command.

To find the status of the aplay client, simply check the string associated with the `_TEK_APLAY_STATUS` property. The value of status is either STARTED, PAUSED, or EOF.



Opening or Creating an Audio File

The *Open* command on the File menu creates a new file to record, or opens an existing file.

1. Select the *Open* command from the File menu. The File Selection window appears as shown in Figure 4-2.
2. To select the access method to use, position the mouse pointer on the NFS button and click. A drop down menu displays the available methods: TFTP, NFS, or DAP. The File Selection window changes to reflect the chosen access method.

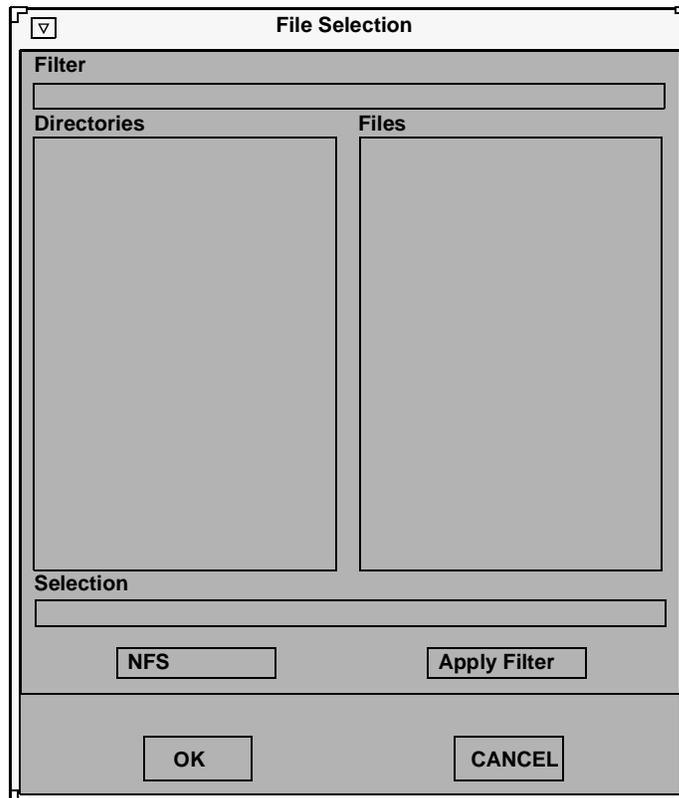


Figure 4-2 File Selection

Using TFTP Access

The TFTP File Selection window shown in Figure 4-3 displays when tftp is the access method:

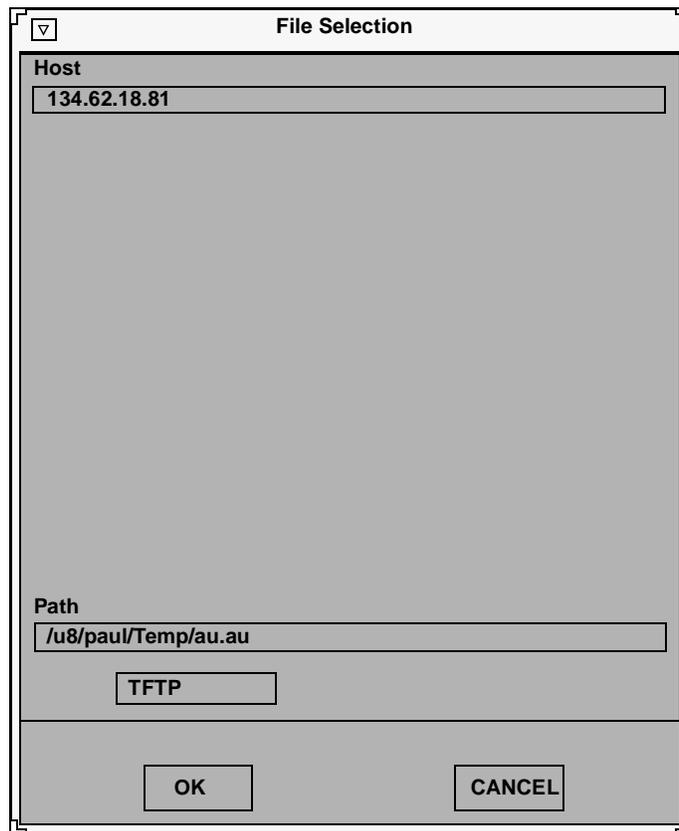


Figure 4-3 TFTP File Selection Window

Note: Use tftp as the access method only if NFS is not available. NFS provides better and more accurate data transfer rates required to maintain continuous audio stream.

If using tftp as the access method, the Audio Player cannot play a file that is greater than 16MB. If you attempt to play a file larger than 16MB, the player will ignore the file.



Creating a New Audio File Using TFTP Access

When creating a new audio file using tftp as the file access, the file must exist and have world write permissions before the audio data can be written to it. In addition, only the .au, and .raw file extensions can be used with tftp.

1. Create the new audio file and give it world read and write permissions.
2. Enter the Host name or address on which the file will be stored in the Host field.
3. Enter the filename, path, and extension in the Path field. Use only the .au (Sun file type) or .raw (no header) file extensions.
4. Click on OK to open the file. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.

Opening an Existing Audio File Using TFTP Access

1. Enter the name or address of the host on which the file is located in the Host field.
2. Enter the file's path, filename, and extension in the Path field. Files with the following extensions can be played on the Audio Player:

- .au — Sun file type
- .wav — Microsoft file type
- .voc — Sound Blaster file type
- .aiff — Macintosh file type
- .snd — Macintosh file type
- .raw — no file header

If no extension is given, the player attempts to read the file's header information. If the file does not have a header, the player plays it as a headerless file (.raw).

3. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.

When opening an existing file, you can choose the *Info* command to see the file's original recording information. Refer to the Info command later in this chapter for more information.

Using NFS Access

Figure 4-4 displays the NFS File Selection Window when NFS is the access method.

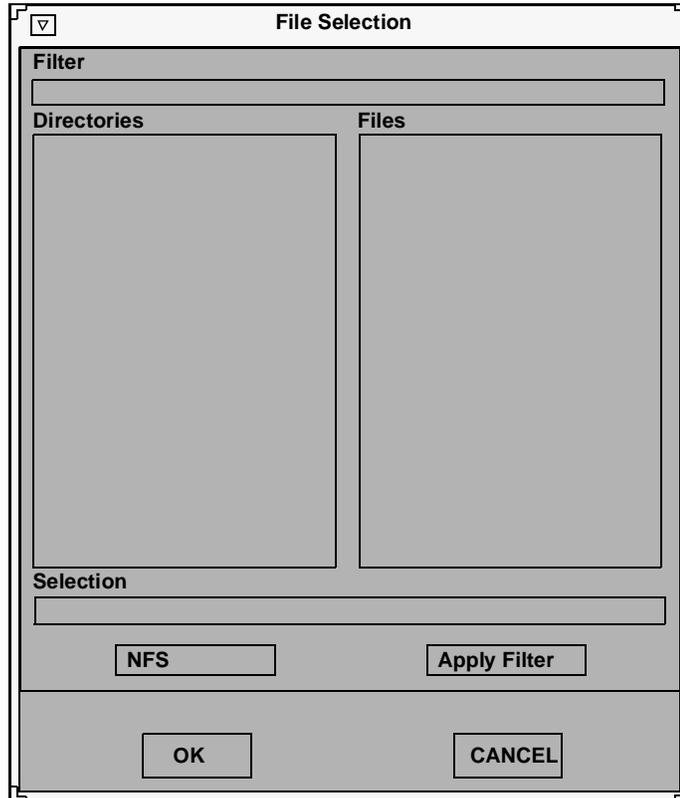


Figure 4-4 NFS File Selection Window



Creating a New Audio File Using NFS Access

When using NFS as the file access, an NFS mount must be established to the host on which the file resides and must have world read and write access.

1. Enter the local NFS mount point to the network computer in the Filter field.
2. Enter the full path, filename, and extension in the Selection field. The following file extensions are available:
 - .au — Sun file type
 - .wav — Microsoft file type
 - .aiff — Macintosh file type
 - .snd — Macintosh file type
 - .raw — no file headerIf no extension is given, the file is recorded as a headerless file (.raw).
3. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.

Opening an Existing Audio File Using NFS Access

1. Enter the NFS mount point in the Filter field.
2. Click on the Apply Filter button. All subdirectories and files are listed in the Directories and Files areas.
3. To view files in a different directory, click on the directory name in the Directories area, and then click on the Apply Filter button. The files in that directory are listed in the Files area.
4. Select the file you want in the Files area. The full path and filename prefills in the Selection field. Enter one of the following file extensions:

- .au — Sun file type
- .wav — Microsoft file type
- .voc — Sound Blaster file type
- .aiff — Macintosh file type
- .snd — Macintosh file type
- .raw — no file header

If no extension is given, the player attempts to read the file's header information. If the file does not have a header, the player plays it as a headerless file (.raw).

5. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.

When opening an existing file, you can choose the *Info* command to see the file's original recording information. Refer to the Info command later in this chapter for more information.



Using DAP Access

The following File Selection window displays when DAP is the access method.

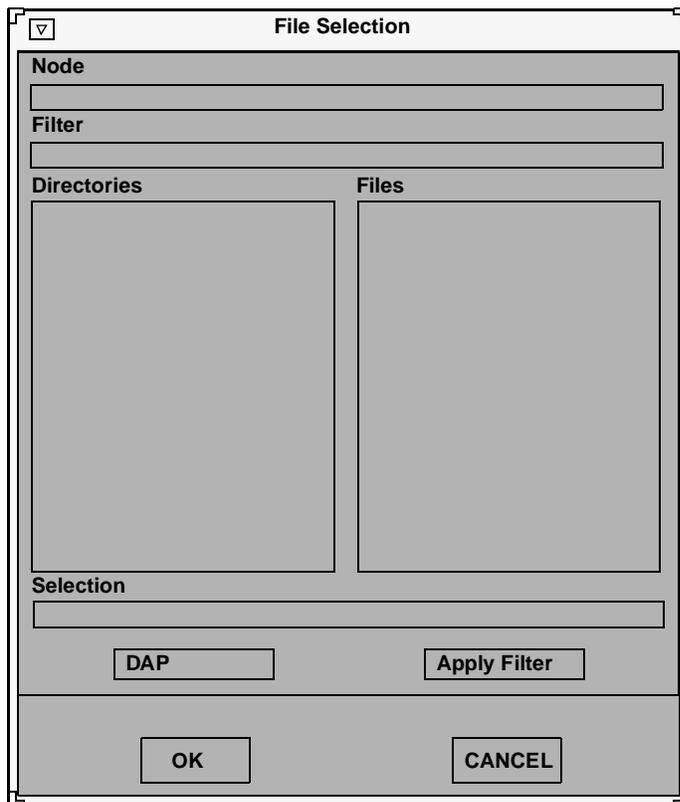


Figure 4-5 DAP File Selection Window

Creating a New Audio File Using DAP Access

1. Enter the node name or address in the Node field. This is the node on which the file will be stored.
2. Enter the full path, filename, and extension in the Selection field. The following file extensions are available:
 - .au — Sun file type
 - .wav — Microsoft file type
 - .aiff — Macintosh file type
 - .snd — Macintosh file type
 - .raw — no file headerIf no extension is given, the file is recorded as a headerless file (.raw).
3. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.



Opening an Existing Audio File Using DAP Access

1. Enter the node name or address in the Node field. This is the node on which the file is located.
2. Enter the file's path and directory in the Filter field.
3. Click on the Apply Filter button. All subdirectories and files are listed in the Directories and Files areas.
4. To view files in a different directory, click on the directory name in the Directories area, and then click on the Apply Filter button. The files in that directory are listed in the Files area.
5. Select the file you want in the Files area. The full path and filename prefills in the Selection field. Enter one of the following file extensions:

- .au — Sun file type
- .wav — Microsoft file type
- .voc — Sound Blaster file type
- .aiff — Macintosh file type
- .snd — Macintosh file type
- .raw — no file header

If no extension is given, the player attempts to read the file's header information. If the file does not have a header, the player plays it as a headerless file (.raw).

6. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.

When opening an existing file, you can choose the *Info* command to see the file's original recording information. Refer to the Info command later in this chapter for more information.

Connecting External Audio Devices

Figure 4-6 shows the audio input and output connectors on the rear of the logic module. All of the jacks accept a 3.5 mm stereo phone plug.

>>> **CAUTION** *Before connecting any audio device to the network computer, close all clients, remote connections, and power down the network computer. Connecting devices to the network computer's audio connectors with power applied could result in a loss of data.*

- If you are using a microphone for audio input, plug it into the Mic input jack.
- A line level signal from a stereo audio source such as an audio mixer, pre-amplifier, compact disc player, or tape player, plugs into the line-in jack, which is marked with the $\left(\left(\rightarrow\right)\right)$ symbol.
- The line-out jack is marked with the $\left(\left(\rightarrow\right)\right)$ symbol and provides a line-level stereo signal for use by a mixer, pre-amplifier, tape player, or other equipment that can accept a line level input. This output provides the highest quality audio.
- The headphone jack is for use with stereo headphones, 8Ω stereo speakers (unpowered), and powered speaker sets that connect to personal listening players (e.g. Discman[®]). Plugging in to this jack disables the internal monitor speaker.

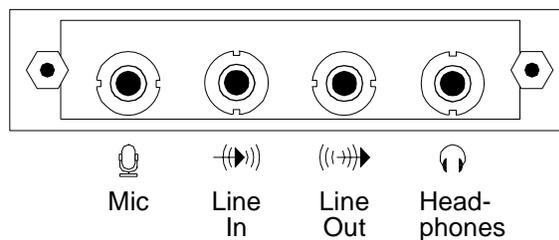


Figure 4-6 Input and Output Jacks



Audio Accessory Specifications

The following specifications can assist you when choosing accessories to use with the Audio board.

Microphone Specifications

Microphone Type	Dynamic Electret (or condenser) with integrated battery
Impedance	Medium to High (600 to 1000 Ω at 1 kHz)
Sensitivity	-55 to -70 db (at 1 kHz)
Frequency Range	50 Hz to 16 kHz
Cord Length	6 feet or longer
Plug	3.5 mm monaural phone plug

Line Input Specifications

Signal Level	0.775 Vrms nominal
Input Impedance	High (greater than 20 K Ω)
Plug	3.5 mm stereo phone plug

Line Output Specifications

Signal Level	0.775 Vrms into a 600 Ω load
Plug	3.5 mm stereo phone plug

Speaker/Headphone Specifications

Impedance	8 Ω (min)
Plug	3.5 mm stereo phone plug

Recording an Audio File

The Audio Player works much like a home stereo. It has a record button, a stop button, and a play button. It also has a number of recording settings you can adjust so that the audio file is recorded for the type of device on which it will be played. Audio files can be played on almost any computer that has audio capabilities, including network computers, Personal Computers, and workstations.

When a new file is created, the default file settings reflect the device on which it will be recorded, in this case, the network computer.

If an existing file is opened, the settings displayed in the Audio Player reflect the settings at which the file was recorded if the network computer can support the settings. If not, the Audio Player adjusts the settings to best match the network computer's capabilities. To see the exact settings at which the audio file was recorded, select the *Info* command from the File menu.

Before recording, attach any external audio devices. Refer to the *Connecting External Audio Devices* topic on page 4-17.

Before recording, set the recording options as shown here:

Frequency	Select a sampling frequency. The higher the frequency, the clearer the recording. The available frequency settings are limited to the network computer hardware. You cannot record at a frequency higher than the network computer supports. If you try to record at an unsupported frequency, a warning displays.
File Format	Select a file format. The File Format determines how the audio file is stored.
Input Source	Select the input source of the audio data: microphone, stereo line, video line, or a mix of multiple sources. Refer to the Audio Mixer for information about mixing input sources. Refer to the <i>Audio Mixer</i> section later in this chapter for details about the Audio Mixer.
Stereo	This option toggles the stereo option. Select this option to record in Stereo, or de-select it to record in mono.
Mic Boost	This option toggles the Microphone boost option. Select this option to increase the sensitivity of the microphone.



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Recording Levels Sets and shows the recording level. Slide the recording level indicator to the right to increase the levels. The Left and Right feedback area shows the decibel levels during recording. If the levels reach the "red area", indicated by red bars, the recording may be at too high a level. Slide the recording indicator to the left to reduce the recording level.

Recording Length Sets a maximum recording time limit (up to 999999 seconds). Use this option if you want to control the length of the recording. When the recording reaches the time limit, the player automatically stops recording.

After setting the recording options, you are ready to record:

1. Use the *Open* command to open an existing file, or to create a new file.



2. Click on the Record button. The recorder starts and continues to record until you click on the Stop button.



3. To stop recording, click on the Stop button.



4. To rewind to the audio file, click on the Rewind button. The file rewinds to the beginning.



5. To play the audio file, click on the Play button.



6. To adjust the volume, slide the volume controller to the right to increase the volume, or to the left to decrease the volume. Be sure the Sound button is on, or pushed in. The Sound button acts as a mute toggle; when it is pushed in, you can hear the sound, when it is off, the sound is muted.

To make recording adjustments, change any of the recording options and go back to Step 2. Repeat this procedure as needed.

Note: *When you use TFTP to access files, some versions of TFTP overwrite the file's contents after the file is recorded when the file's header information is added. If this occurs, use NFS as the file access method.*

Playing an Audio File

The Audio Player can play files that have these extensions:

- .au — Sun file type
- .wav — Microsoft file type
- .voc — Sound Blaster file type
- .aiff — Macintosh file type
- .snd — Macintosh file type
- .raw — no file header

Files that do not have an extension are played as raw files.

To play an audio file:

1. Use the *Open* command on the File menu to open the audio file. When the file is opened, use the *Info* command on the File menu to view the recording settings. These settings may differ from the settings displayed on the Audio Player. The Audio Player settings reflect the current hardware capabilities. The original recording settings may not be available on the hardware, so the Audio Player automatically adjusts the settings to best match those that are available with the hardware.



2. Click on the Play button.



3. To adjust the volume, slide the volume controller to the right to increase the volume, or to the left to decrease the volume. Be sure the Sound button is on, or pushed in. The Sound button acts as a mute toggle; when it is pushed in, you can hear the sound, when it is off, the sound is muted.



4. To stop playing the file, click on the Stop button. To restart the file from where it stopped, click on the Play button.



5. To rewind the audio file to the beginning, click on the Rewind button.



Audio File Information

After opening a file that already exists, use the *Info* command on the File menu to display a window with the file's original recording information. Figure 4-7 shows how the filename, frequency, format, channel, and duration information are displayed.

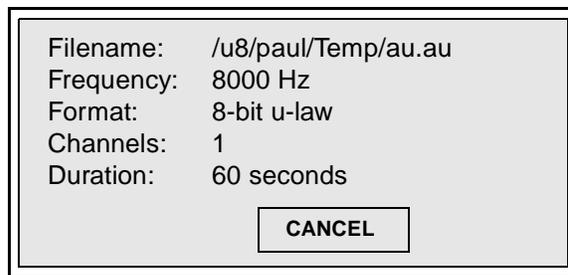


Figure 4-7 File Information Window

When opening an existing file, the options displayed on the Audio Player reflect the current hardware capabilities. The original recording settings may not be available on the hardware, so the Audio Player automatically adjusts the settings to best match those that are available with the hardware.

To close the File Information window, click the CANCEL button.

Closing the Audio Player

To close the Audio Player, select the *Quit* command from the File menu. Any open file information is saved and the player exits.

The Audio Mixer

The Audio Mixer allows you to control the hardware volume for line in, microphone, and prerecorded (digital) sources. You are not required to use the Audio Mixer when recording or playing audio or video files. When started, the Audio Mixer displays as shown below:

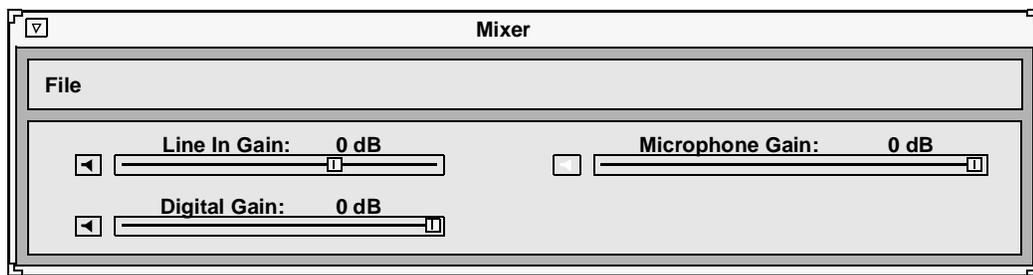


Figure 4-8 Audio Mixer

The Audio Mixer is like a master volume control, much like the volume control on a home stereo receiver. The volume control on the stereo receiver controls the output volume for all the stereo components, such as the tape player and the CD player. Likewise, the mixer controls the input and output gain for the Line In, Digital, and Microphone sources.

Each volume control has a toggle Sound button. When clicked on, the sound is heard. When off, the sound is muted until it is selected again. This allows you to quickly mute the sound and then to resume.

Starting the Audio Mixer

The Audio Mixer can be started from the *Client Launcher*, from the remote configuration file, or with **xpsh**.

Starting the Audio Mixer from the Client Launcher

From the Multimedia submenu, select Audio Mixer. The software displays the Audio Mixer as shown in Figure 4-8.



Starting the Audio Mixer from the Remote Configuration File

The `start AUDIO_MIXER` command in the remote configuration file (`xp.cnf`) can be used to automatically download and start the Audio Mixer when the network computer boots. Refer to the `start` command in Chapter 2 of the *NCD NC200/NC400 Network Computer Reference* manual for details.

Starting the Audio Mixer with `xpsh`

`xpsh` can open the Audio Mixer client, as shown in Figure 4-8. To open the Audio Mixer with `xpsh`, enter this command:

```
xpsh -display nc_name:0 mixer
```

Using the Audio Mixer

To use the Audio Mixer to monitor input, adjust the volume levels of the Line In Gain, Digital Gain, and the Microphone Gain, depending on what you are using as the input source(s).

- When playing an audio file, the Audio Mixer sets the output levels for each of the input sources relative to each other.
- When recording an audio file, the Audio Mixer sets the recording levels of the input sources relative to all of the input sources. The combined input sources are then recorded as a single source (mixed).

Examples of Using the Audio Mixer

Below are some common examples of using the Audio Mixer.

- You can play a compact disc through the network computer's speaker (Line In) and use the Audio Mixer to control the volume.
- When recording an audio file using the Audio Player, you can open the Audio Mixer client and adjust the Line In Gain volume so that you can monitor the file as it records. (You are not required to use the Audio Mixer when recording an audio file.)
- To selectively record specific segments of an audio source, adjust the Audio Player so that it is ready to record, open the Audio Mixer, and begin playing the audio source. When a segment plays that you want, start recording. When finished, stop the recording while still listening to the audio source. When another segment starts that you want to record, begin recording again. This allows you to selectively record only what you want without having to start and stop the audio source.

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- To record multiple inputs, set the input source on the Audio Player to Mixed. The Audio Mixer now controls the recording volume of each of the input sources. For example, to record a presentation with background music and your voice, set the Line In Gain to a lower level than the Microphone Gain. (The Line In Gain controls the music volume, and the Microphone Gain controls the recording volume of your voice through the microphone.) Set the recording settings on the Audio Player, start recording the music and begin speaking into the microphone. When finished, stop the recording and play back the audio file. Readjust the levels on the Audio Mixer and re-record until the relative gains are correctly set.

Keep in mind that after the relative gains for the input sources are set with the Audio Mixer, you can then use the Recording Level feature on the Audio Player to adjust the multiple sources as a single source at a higher or lower level.

Saving the Audio Mixer Level Settings

To save the level settings from one Audio Mixer session to another, note the dB values for the Line In Gain, Digital Gain, and Microphone Gain and add them to the *start AUDIO_SERVER* command in the remote configuration file (xp.cnf). The next time the Audio Mixer starts, the dB values are preset.

Closing the Audio Mixer

To close the Audio Mixer, select the *Quit* command from the File menu.



Digital Video Player

The Digital Video player allows you to play video files in a video window on your network computer. The video file must be in MPEG1 file format. When started, the Video Player displays as shown in Figure 4-9.

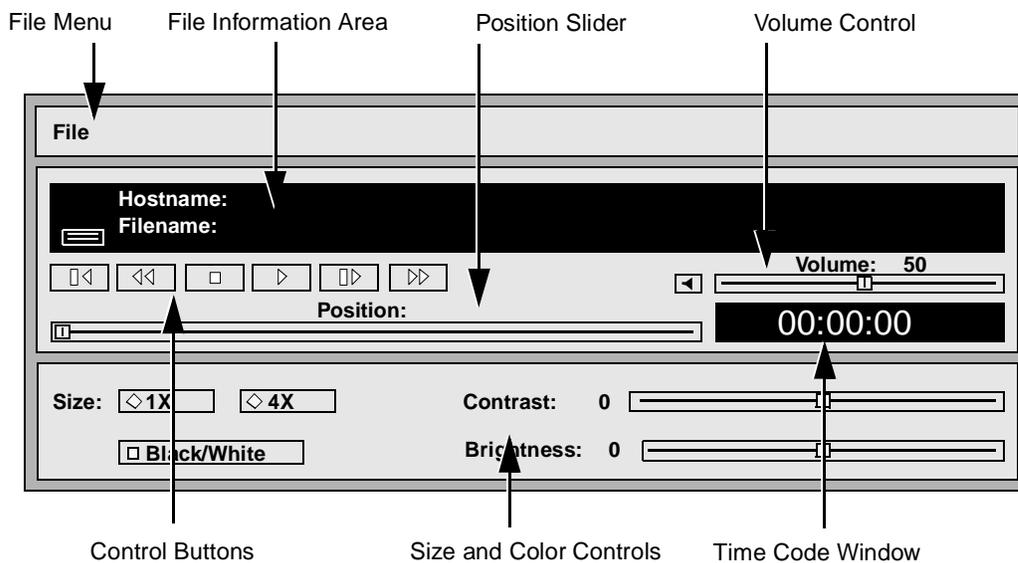


Figure 4-9 Video Player

The following information about the Video Player is available:

- *Starting the Video Player* provides information about the various ways of starting the Video Player
- *Opening a Video File* provides information about opening video files
- *Using the Video Player* provides the steps for playing video files
- *Multicast* provides information about sending packets from a single point to multiple receivers

Starting the Video Player

The video player can be started from the *Client Launcher*, from the remote configuration file, or with **xpsh**.

Starting the Video Player from the Client Launcher

From the Multimedia submenu, select Digital Video. The Video Player displays as shown in Figure 4-9.

Starting the Video Player from the Remote Configuration File

The *start DIGITAL_VIDEO* command in the remote configuration file (*xp.cnf*) can be used to automatically download and start the Video Player when the network computer boots. Refer to the **start** command in Chapter 2 of the *NC200/NC400 Network Computer Reference* manual for details.

Starting the Video Player with xpsh

xpsh can start the Video Player client, as shown in Figure 4-9. To open the Video Player with **xpsh**, enter this command:

```
xpsh -display nc_name:0 vplay
```

The following **vplay** options can be set on the **xpsh** command line:

- h** *host* — specifies the host name or address on which the video file resides. The host must be entered in the network computer's Internet Host Table in *Setup*. This host displays in the Video Player's File Information area.
- f** *filename and path* — specifies the video file name and its entire path. This file displays in the Video Player's File Information area.
- a** *access method* — specifies the access method used to access the video file. Available access methods are **tftp**, **nfs**, **dap** and **multicast**. NFS is the preferred file access method for faster and more accurate data transfer rates required by the player. In addition, there is a 16MB limit on files transferred with TFTP.
- v** *volume level* — specifies the volume level to use when playing the video file. Specify a number between 0 and 100, with 0 indicating no volume, and 100 indicating the loudest volume setting.
- m** (Mute) — specifies that the video file plays with no sound.
- c** (Color) — specifies that the video file displays in color (used only if the video was recorded in color).
- nc** (No Color) — specifies that the video file displays in greyscale images.



- b (Big)** — specifies that the video file displays in a frame four times the size of the original file.
- p** (Play only) — when used with the **-h**, **-f**, **-a**, and **-v** options, the specified file plays without showing the Video Player. The entire file plays and cannot be interrupted.
- all** (Play All; software player only) — plays all frames in a video file. Frame scheduling is ignored and the audio will not be in sync.
- title** “*string*” — assigns a title for the vplay windows.
- propcmd** — creates properties that allow other clients to send command strings to the Video Player. These properties can be used to control the Video Player from another client. For details about the properties, see the **vplay** man page.
- brightness *n*** — sets the brightness level of the video file. Specify a number between -50 and +50.
- contrast *n*** — sets the contrast level of the video file. Specify a number between -50 and +50.
- BUFSIZE *n*** — (hardware player only) specifies the size of the Video Player’s memory buffer (in kilobytes). The value defaults to 1024 and can not be set lower than 1kilobyte. If the value specified is greater than available memory when trying to play a file, the Video Player reduces its buffer to the available memory.
- CHKSIZE *n*** — (hardware player only) specifies that the Video Player’s memory buffer is divided into “chunks”, measured in kilobytes. The network fills the chunks, and the Video Player empties them as they are accessed. The default is 32, which divides the buffer into 32 kilobyte chunks. If the chunk size is set to a number larger than the buffer size, the chunk size will be truncated to one half the buffer size. The chunk size cannot be set less than 1 kilobyte.
- CHKDELAY *n*** — (hardware player only) specifies the time delay (in milliseconds) that the Video Player waits following each read request that fills a chunk.

Examples

This example opens the Video Player on the network computer named *sierra*:

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 vplay
```

This example opens the Video Player with the host *portland* and the video file */usr/adam/scene.mpg* preloaded in the Video Player's File Information Area:

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 vplay -h portland -f /usr/adam/scene.mpg -a  
tftp
```

This example plays the video file */usr/adam/scene.mpg* (located on the host *portland*) in color and with no sound on the network computer without showing the Video Player:

```
xpsh -display sierra:0 vplay -h portland -f /usr/adam/scene.mpg -a  
tftp \-c -m -p
```



Opening a Video File

The *Open* command on the File menu opens and displays an existing video file. Video files must be in MPEG file format only.

1. Select the *Open* command from the File menu. The File Selection window appears as shown in Figure 4-10

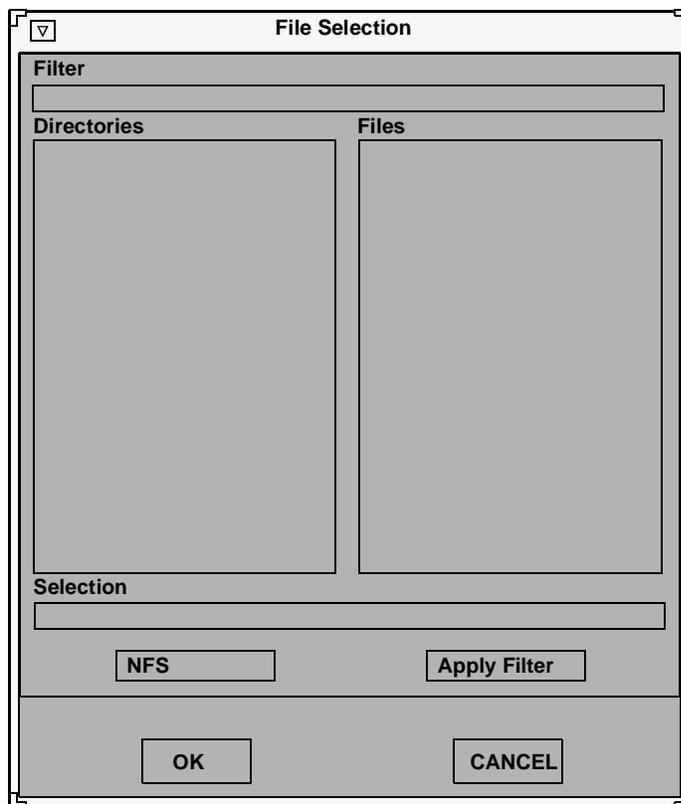


Figure 4-10 File Selection Window

2. To select the access method to use, position the mouse pointer on the NFS button and click. A drop down menu displays the available methods: TFTP, NFS, or DAP. The File Selection window changes to reflect the chosen access method.

Using TFTP Access

The File Selection window in Figure 4-11 displays when tftp is the access method.

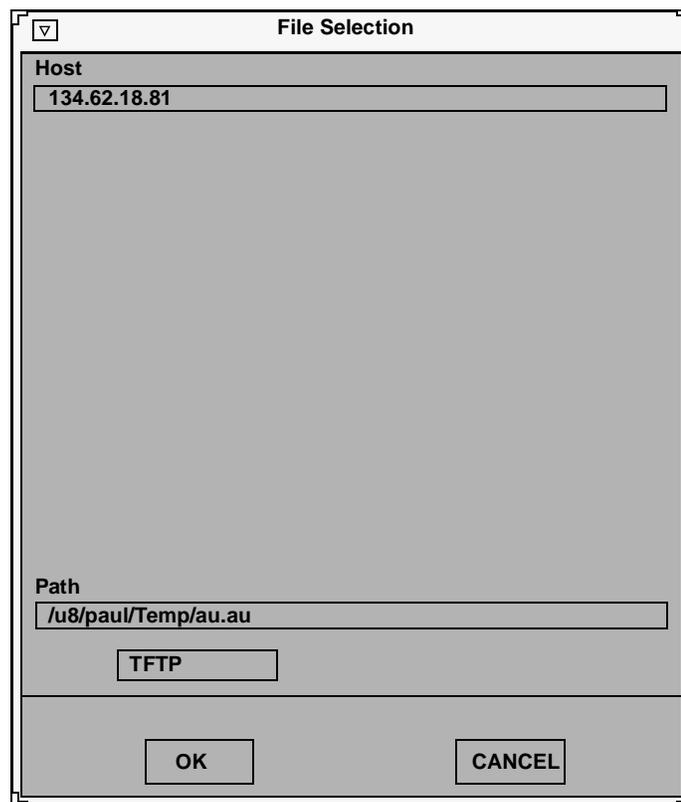


Figure 4-11 TFTP File Selection Window

Note: Use *tftp* as the access method only if NFS is not available. NFS provides better and more accurate data transfer rates required to maintain continuous audio and video stream.

If using tftp as the access method, and you attempt to play a file that is greater than 16MB of MPEG data, the Digital Video Player ignores the remaining data after 16MB has been reached.

In addition, inherent limitations in tftp prevent fast forward and fast rewind from being supported.



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1. Enter the name or address of the host on which the file is located in the Host field.
2. Enter the file's path, filename, and extension in the Path field. The file must be an MPEG file.
3. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.

Using NFS Access

The File Selection window displays when NFS is the access method.

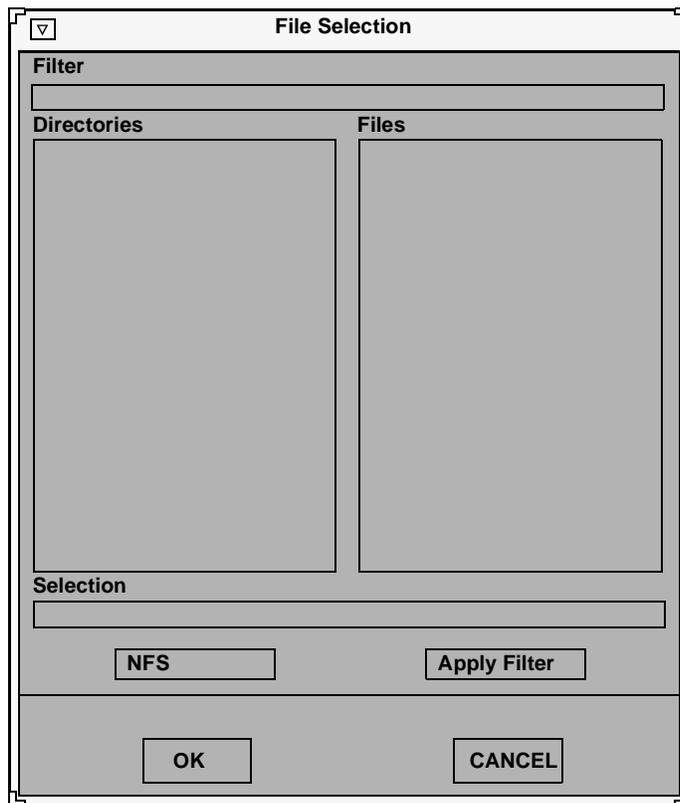


Figure 4-12 File Selection window when NFS is the access method

To use the File Selection window when NFS is the access method:

1. Enter the NFS mount point in the Filter field.
2. Click on the Apply Filter button. All subdirectories and files are listed in the Directories and Files areas.
3. To view files in a different directory, click on the directory name in the Directories area, and then click on the Apply Filter button. The files in that directory are listed in the Files area.
4. Select the file you want in the Files area. The full path and filename prefills in the Selection field. The file must be an MPEG file.
5. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.



Using DAP Access

The File Selection window shown here displays when DAP is the access method.

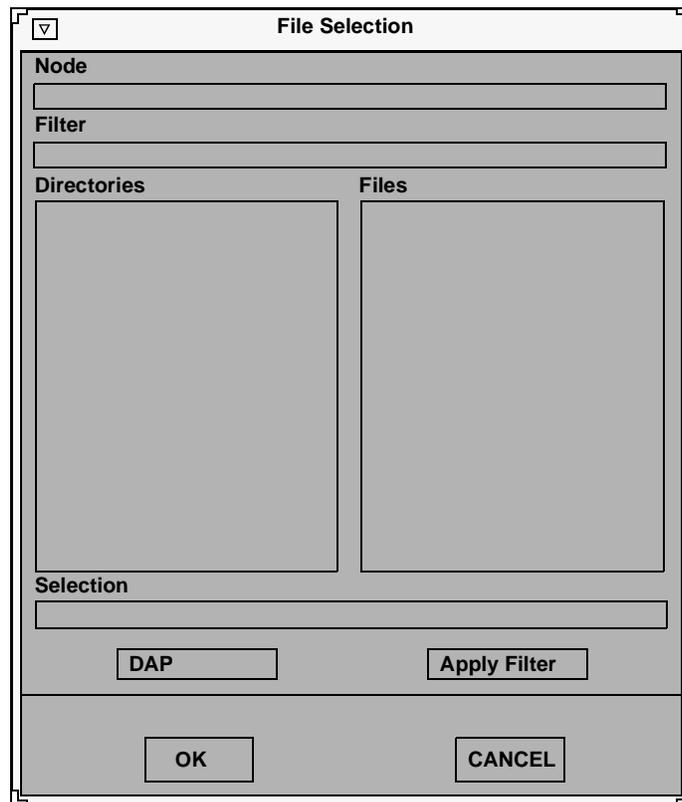


Figure 4-13 File Selection window when DAP is the access method

1. Enter the node name or address in the Node field. This is the node on which the file is located.
2. Enter the file's path and directory in the Filter field.
3. Click on the Apply Filter button. All subdirectories and files are listed in the Directories and Files areas.

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4. To view files in a different directory, click on the directory name in the Directories area, and then click on the Apply Filter button. The files in that directory are listed in the Files area.
 5. Select the file you want in the Files area. The full path and filename prefills in the Selection field. The file must be an MPEG file.
 6. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area.



Playing a Video File

After opening the video file using the *Open* command, use the Control Buttons to play the file:



1. Click on the Play button to start playing the specified file. The video player plays MPEG files only.

Note: *If the file does not play, check the Console for messages. If the file is not an MPEG file format, the console displays the following message: <FileName> is not an mpeg file!*

If the video file includes audio, the Audio Player must be set to a sample frequency rate of 8000Hz. Otherwise, the audio will not play.



2. To stop playing the file, click on the Stop button.



3. To rewind the video file to the beginning of the file, click on the Rewind button.



4. To advance one frame at a time, click on the Forward button. This button is not available if using TFTP as the file access method.



5. To fast forward through the file, click and hold the Fast Forward button. Release the button when you want to stop. Refer to the *Fast Forwarding and Rewinding* topic on page 4-37 for more information.



6. To fast rewind through the file, click and hold the Fast Rewind button. Release the button when you want to stop. Refer to the *Fast Forwarding and Rewinding* topic on page 4-37 for more information.



7. To adjust the volume, slide the volume controller to the right to increase the volume, or to the left to decrease the volume. Be sure the Sound button is on, or pushed in. The Sound button acts as a mute toggle; when it is pushed in, you can hear the sound, when it is off, the sound is muted.

While playing the video file, use the following controls to adjust the size and color of the video file.

Size	Plays the video in the size it was recorded (1X), or in a video window four times the size it was recorded (4X).
Black/White	Plays the video in color, or in greyscale. Turn this option on to play the file in black and white, or off to play the file in color.
Contrast	Sets the contrast level. Slide the level indicator to the left to decrease contrast levels, or to the right to increase the contrast levels.
Brightness	Sets brightness level. Slide the level indicator to the left to decrease brightness levels, or to the right to increase the brightness levels.

Fast Forwarding and Rewinding

The Fast Forward and Fast Rewind functions allow you directly access any part of a video file. By using the Video Player's Fast Forward and Fast Rewind buttons or position slider, you can start playback from any location in a file, or replay a portion of a file any number of times, without having to start at the beginning.

Note: *The Fast Forward, Fast Rewind, and Position Slider are not available if using TFTP as the file access method.*

The slider (NFS only) and time-code window let you see how much of a file has already played. The slider represents a time index corresponding to the time code embedded in the MPEG stream. If the stream begins at zero, the time code acts as a simple timer of how long the video is. Whether you use the buttons or slider, the time-code window displays the time code of the current frame location in hours, minutes, and seconds. Both the slider and window are updated dynamically during playback.

To fast forward or fast rewind using the position slider, do the following:

1. Using any mouse button, grab and drag the slider to the right to fast forward or to the left to rewind.
2. Release the button when you reach the desired location.



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To fast forward or rewind using the Video Player's buttons, do the following:

1. Using any mouse button, press and hold the fast forward or fast rewind button.
2. Release the button when you reach the desired location.

As you drag the slider or press the fast forward or fast rewind button, the video window is updated, displaying intermediate video portions. When you release the slider or button, the video player returns to its previous state. For example, if a video was playing when you repositioned the slider or pressed the button, the video restarts when you release it. If a video was on pause, it remains on pause.

As mentioned, you can use any mouse button to drag the slider. However, if you *click* on the first mouse button when the mouse is within the position slider track (but not on the slider button), the slider moves a tiny bit to that side of the slider button, no matter where in the track you place it. Essentially, the video is repositioned to the nearest MPEG Group of Pictures (GOP) boundary (generally about 1/2 second). If you *press* the second mouse button when it's in the slider track, the file is positioned at that location.

Multicast

Multicast is a way to send packets from a single point to multiple receivers. The receivers can determine when and if they receive the Multicast packets. Multicast video takes advantage of networks that support Multicasting to decrease network bandwidth and provide a means of easily accessing video information.

The Digital Video player allows you to play video files in a video window on your network computer using Multicast. The video file must be in MPEG file format.

Note: *Multicast is only available on XP400, NC200, and NC400 network computers.*

Channels

Channel changing is an interface that maps "channel" numbers to Multicast addresses. This mapping is made in the remote configuration file (*xp.cnf*) and remains fixed until the network computer is rebooted.

Selection of a channel causes the client to cease reception on any current channel and attempt to join a transmission in progress on the selected channel. The client begins reading data from the Multicast IP address. When it reads sufficient data to properly set up the window size, the view window resets its size. A default sized window is started before this happens.

Choosing Multicast Channels

1. Edit the `video_multicast_entry` command line in the remote configuration file (`xp.cnf`) to set your Multicast channel options. (Refer to the `video_multicast_entry` command in Chapter 2 of the *Reference Manual*.) These channels display on the Video Player's Multicast menu option. If you omit this step, the Video Player does not display the Multicast menu.
2. In the Video Player, click on the Multicast menu to display the available channels.
3. Select the channel from the Multicast menu. The Video Player starts as soon as something is received on that channel.

The example below has two parts. The first part sets up the channels "Blues Channel", "Rock Channel", and "News Channel" using the `video_multicast_entry` command in the `xp.cnf` file.

```
video_multicast_entry "224.200.50.10" "3000" "Blues Channel"  
video_multicast_entry "224.200.50.11" "3000" "Rock Channel"  
video_multicast_entry "224.200.50.11" "3001" "News Channel"
```

The second part of the example starts a Multicast session and plays the second Multicast channel in the Multicast channel array (in this example, "Rock Channel") set in the remote configuration file (`xp.cnf`).

```
xpsh -display twinkle:0 vplay -chan 2
```



Multicast Options

The following Multicast options can be added to the **xpsh** command line when starting the Digital Video Player:

Note: *Where indicated, the following vplay options apply to both broadcast and Multicast, though in different ways. Only information relevant to Multicasting is included below.*

- h** *host* — specifies the Multicast IP address. This address must be the same as the address being used by the Multicast server. See your system administrator for valid choices. The address displays in the Video Player's Addr/Port Information Area.
- f** *filename* — specifies the Multicast port number. This port number must be the same as the port number being used by the Multicast server. See your system administrator for valid choices. The port number displays in the Video Player's Addr/Port Information Area.
- chan** *n* — specifies an index into an array of available Multicast channels. (Refer to the *Channels* topic on page 4-38 and *video_multicast_entry* in Chapter 2 of the *Reference* manual.) Do not use with the **-h**, **-f**, **-a**, or **-text** options.
- text** "*string*" — specifies the channel string displayed by the Video Player. Do not use with the **-chan** option.
- a** *access method* — specifies the access method used to access the video file. Use Multicast when Multicasting.

Example

This example starts the Video Player and plays the video being Multicast on IP address 224.200.50.1, port 3000. The Video Player displays the text "The Blues Channel".

```
xpsh -display twinkle:0 vplay -h 224.200.50.1 -f 3000  
\-a MULTICAST -text "The Blues Channel"
```

The Video Player opens displaying the Multicast menu as shown in Figure 4-14.

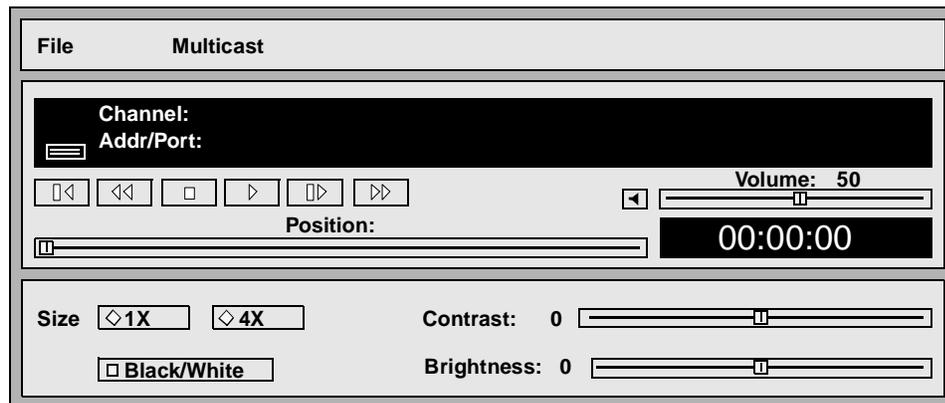


Figure 4-14 Video Player with Multicast Menu

When viewing a Multicast video, the Forward, Fast Forward, Rewind, and Fast Rewind buttons are not operational. However, the time index (displayed in the Time Code Window) shows the current time code within the current video segment of the Multicast video. You can note the video segment number and load it at a later time as a file, reposition to a specific location, and review a segment of the video previously seen during a Multicast session.

Closing the Video Player

To close the Video Player, select the *Quit* command from the File menu. Any open file information is saved and the player exits.



Analog Video Player

The Analog Video Player enables you to view NTSC (National Television System Committee) or PAL (Phase Alternation Line-rate) sources in a window on the network computer's display (XP300V). Common NTSC and PAL video sources are VCR's, video disc players, video cameras, and television tuners. When viewing a video on the network computer, you can control the volume, window size and placement, and color settings. When started the Analog Video Player displays as shown in Figure 4-17.

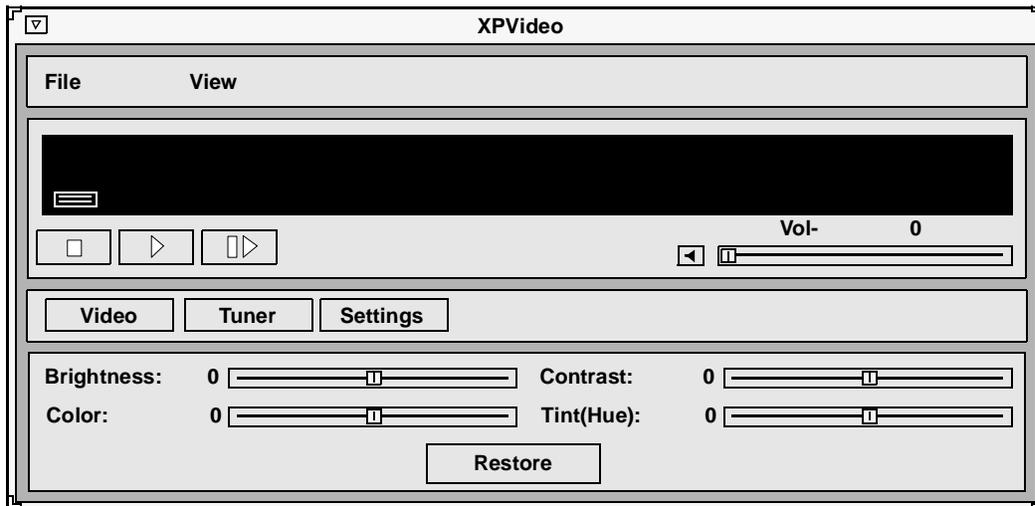


Figure 4-15 Analog Video Player

The Analog Video player requires the analog hardware. Not all network computer models have the analog hardware.

Before using the Analog Video Player, the xv server extension must be enabled. If the analog hardware is present, the xv server downloads automatically when the network computer boots. If for some reason the xv server extension is disabled, use the `enable_xv` command in the remote configuration file to enable it. Refer to *Chapter 2 Remote Configuration* in the *Network Computer Reference Manual* for details.

The following information about the Analog Video Player is available:

- The *Starting the Analog Video Player* topic on page 4-44 provides information about the various ways of starting the Analog Video Player.
- The *Connecting The Network Computer to an Analog Video Device* topic on page 4-45 provides information about the ports on the network computer and connecting the video device.
- The *Using the Analog Video Player* topic on page 4-46 provides the steps for viewing analog video sources.



Starting the Analog Video Player

The Analog Video Player can be started from the *Client Launcher*, from the remote configuration file, or with **xpsh**.

Starting the Analog Video Player from the Client Launcher

From the Multimedia submenu, select Analog Video. The Analog Video Player displays as shown in Figure 4-17.

Starting the Analog Video Player from the Remote Configuration File

The *start ANALOG_VIDEO* command in the remote configuration file (*xp.cnf*) can be used to automatically download and start the Analog Video Player when the network computer boots. Refer to the *start* command in Chapter 2 of the *Network Computer Reference* manual for details.

Starting the Analog Video Player with xpsh

xpsh can start the Analog Video Player client, as shown in Figure 4-17. To open the Video Player with **xpsh**, enter the following:

```
xpsh -display nc_name:0 xpvideo
```

The following options can be set on the **xpsh** command line:

- encode** specifies the encoding format. Specify either NTSC, which is commonly used in the United States; or PAL, commonly used in Europe.
- source** specifies the video source to which the video device is connected. Specify either COMPOSITE_1, COMPOSITE_2 or SVIDEO1.
- color** specifies the color intensity of the video being played. Specify a number from -1000 to 1000. 0 is the default.
- bright** specifies the color brightness intensity of the video being played. Specify a number from -1000 to 1000. 0 is the default.
- contrast** specifies the color contrast intensity of the video being played. Specify a number from -1000 to 1000. 0 is the default.
- tint** specifies the color tint of the video being player. Specify a number from -1000 to 1000. 0 is the default.

Connecting The Network Computer to an Analog Video Device

To use the Analog Video Player, first connect the video device to the network computer. The Analog Video Player plays NTSC and PAL video encoded sources.

Note: Refer to your video source user manual for cabling and encoding information.

There are several ports on the back panel of the network computer used for analog video. Connect composite sources to the Port 1 Composite, Port 2 Composite, or Port 1 SVideo ports. Refer to Figure 4-16 for the location of the video ports.

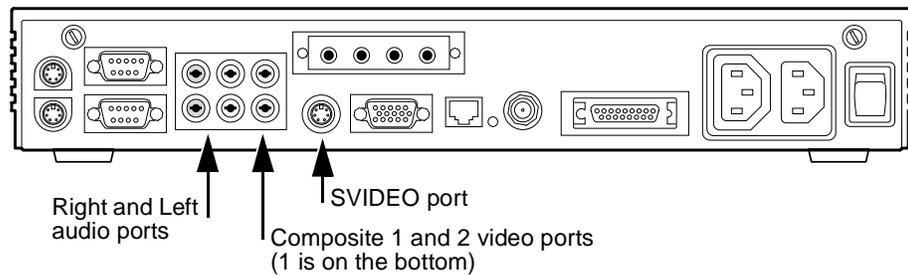


Figure 4-16 Back Panel Showing Audio and Video Ports

Note: You cannot have two video devices connected to Port 1 Composite and Port 1 SVideo at the same time.



Using the Analog Video Player

When the audio device is connected, you are ready to view the video on the network computer. When started, the Analog Video Player displays the video options as shown in Figure 4-17. (The Video button on the player is depressed.)

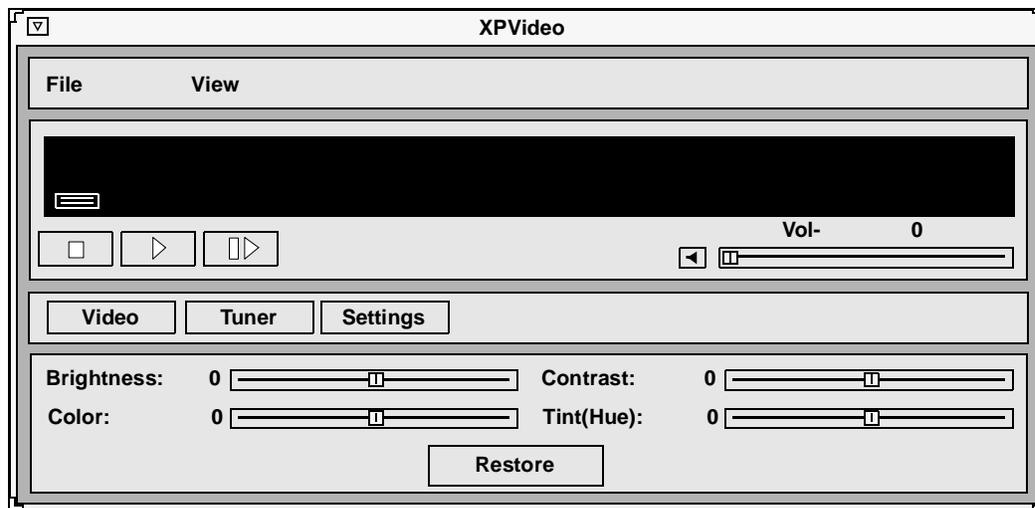


Figure 4-17 Analog Video Player Video Options

To play a video on the network computer:

1. Connect the video source to the network computer. Refer to the *Connecting The Network Computer to an Analog Video Device* topic on page 4-45 section.



2. Click on the Play button. A separate XPVIDEO window displays which is used to view the video. (This does not affect the video source. You must start the video source with its own play function.) The icon below the File menu changes to include a viewer window. If the viewer window is obstructed by other windows, clicking on this icon brings the viewer window to the top.



3. To adjust the volume, slide the volume controller to the right to increase the volume, or to the left to decrease the volume. Be sure the Sound button is on, or pushed in. The Sound button acts as a mute toggle; when it is pushed in, you can hear the sound, when it is off, the sound is muted.



4. To freeze a frame, click on the Pause button. This displays the frame in the viewer window, however, has no effect on the video source and it continues to play. Click on the Play button to resume viewing the video source.



5. To stop viewing the video, click on the Stop button. This has no effect on the video source and it continues to play.

While viewing a video, you can control the following window attributes:

Brightness	Sets the brightness level. Slide the level indicator to the left to decrease brightness levels, or to the right to increase the brightness levels.
Color	Sets the color level, or intensity. Slide the level indicator to the left to decrease color intensity, or to the right to increase the color intensity.
Contrast	Sets the contrast level. Slide the level indicator to the left to decrease contrast levels, or to the right to increase the contrast levels.
Tint/Hue	Sets the tint, or hue, levels. Slide the level indicator to the left to decrease the tint/hue levels, or to the right to increase the tint/hue levels.
Restore	Restores the video player options to the default settings.
View Menu	The View Menu contains the ResetSize command. This command returns the viewer window to its default size.



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Clicking on the Settings button displays the Settings options as shown in Figure 4-18.

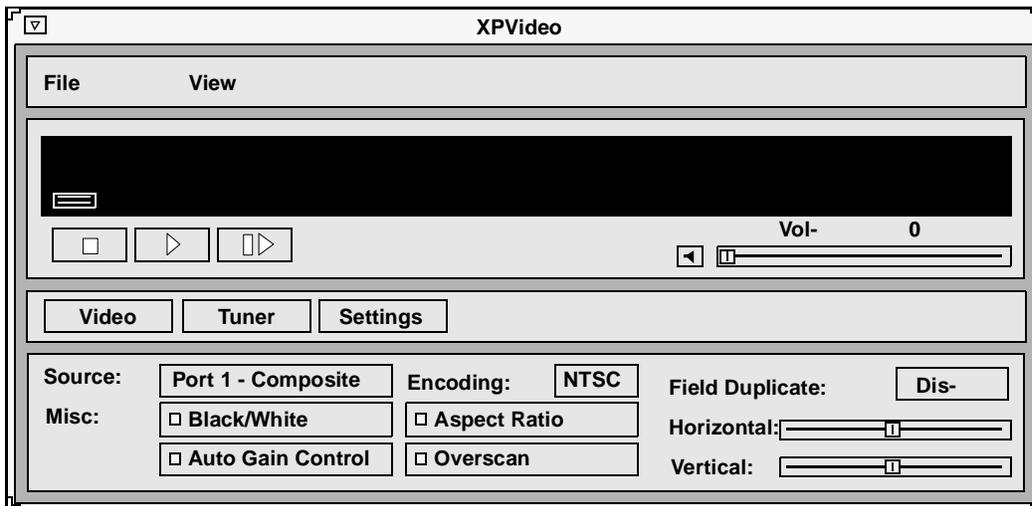


Figure 4-18 Analog Video Player Settings Options

You can change these settings:

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|-------------------|---|
| Source | Specifies the video source to use: Port 1 Composite, Port 2 Composite, or Port 1 SVideo. |
| Encoding | Specifies the encoding format. Specify either NTSC, which is commonly used in the United States; or PAL, commonly used in Europe. |
| Black/White | Specifies whether the image in the viewing window displays in color or in black and white. |
| Auto Gain Control | Specifies the Automatic Gain Control setting. When turned ON, the video signal is automatically amplified for best picture quality. |

Note: *The Tuner options are not available at this time.*

Aspect Ratio	Specifies the window sizing attributes. Aspect ratio is when the relative proportion of the video window's width and height is preserved when resizing the window. When ON, the window size is automatically adjusted to preserve the aspect ratio. If OFF, you can resize the window to any size and the aspect ratio will not be maintained.
Overscan	Specifies whether the image in the viewer window is in overscan mode. If ON, the full image displays. If OFF, the image is reduced by 10% to match the viewing area of typical consumer television screens.
Field Duplicate	Specifies whether the Analog Video Player uses field duplication. Field duplication is used primarily to eliminate blurred images when viewing fast motion videos or images generated by graphics systems such as video games. AUTO specifies that the player determines whether to use field duplication based on the video window size.
Horizontal	Positions the contents of the view window horizontally. Slide the indicator to the left or right to move the contents of the viewer window left and right.
Vertical	Positions the contents of the view window vertically. Slide the indicator to the left or right to move the contents of the viewer window up and down.
View Menu	The View Menu contains the ResetSize command. This command returns the viewer window to its default size.

Closing the Analog Video Player

To close the Analog Video Player, select the *Quit* command from the File menu.



The XIE Viewer

The XIE viewer displays an image file using the XIE protocol. The viewer allows you to manipulate a displayed image in the following ways:

- Select pages when a multiple page file is loaded
- Rotate the image window by 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees
- Zoom (enlarge) an area of an image

When started, the XIE Viewer displays as shown in Figure 4-19.

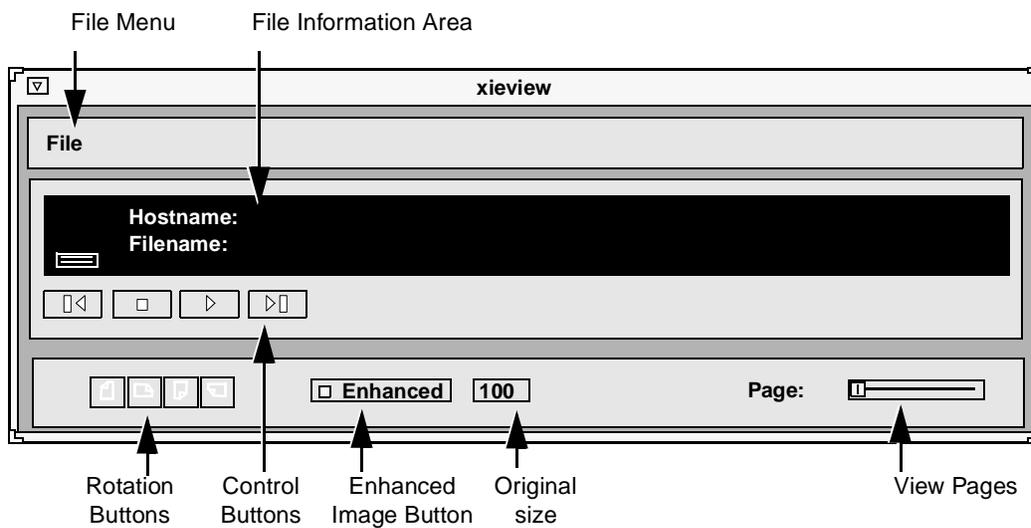


Figure 4-19 XIE Viewer

The XIE Viewer supports these formats:

tif — TIFF image file0	pgm — Portable Graymap format
tiff — TIFF image file	ppm — Portable Pixmap format
gif — GIF87a format	bpcm — bitonal pcm
jpg — MPEG file interchange format	bg31 — bitonal G31D compressed
jpeg — MPEG file interchange format	bg32 — bitonal G32D compressed
cjpg — MPEG file interchange format	bg42 — bitonal G42D compressed
jfif — MPEG file interchange format	gpcm — greyscale pcm
bmp — Bitmap format	cpcm — color (rgb) pcm
pbm — Portable Bitmap format	fax — raw G3 fax with no headers

Starting the XIE Viewer

The XIE Viewer can be started from the *Client Launcher*, from the remote configuration file, or with **xpsh**.

Note: *XIE requires an authorization key. XIE must also be enabled before using the XIE viewer.*

Starting the XIE Viewer from the Client Launcher

From the Multimedia submenu, select XIE Viewer. The XIE Viewer displays as shown in Figure 4-19.

Starting the XIE Viewer from the Remote Configuration File

The *start XIEVIEW* command in the remote configuration file (*xp.cnf*) can be used to automatically download and start the XIE Viewer when the network computer boots. Refer to the start command in Chapter 2 of the *NC200/NC400 Network Computer Reference* manual for details.



Starting the XIE Viewer with **xpsh**

xpsh can open the XIE Viewer client (shown in Figure 4-19). To open the XIE Viewer with **xpsh**, enter the following:

```
xpsh -display nc_name:0 xieview
```

The following options can be set on the **xpsh** command line:

-ifg colors specifies the color used as the foreground on bitonal images. The color specified must be in the network computer's *rgb.txt* file.

-ibg colors specifies the color used as the background on bitonal images. The color specified must be in the network computer's *rgb.txt* file.

-cc colors specifies the background color for the image window. The color specified must be in the network computer's *rgb.txt* file.

-f filename and path
specifies the XIE file name and its entire path. This file displays when the XIE Viewer is started. The file name and path is displayed in the File Information Area on the XIE Viewer client.

-fullpan True or False
If True, the image uses less memory when zoomed. If False, the image uses more memory when zoomed. When set to False, panning the image is faster. If there is not enough memory to view the entire zoomed image, only part of the image will be available when panning. The default is True.

Opening and Displaying an Image File

The *Open* command on the File menu opens and displays an existing XIE file in a separate viewing window.

1. Select the *Open* command from the File menu. The File Selection window in Figure 4-20 appears.

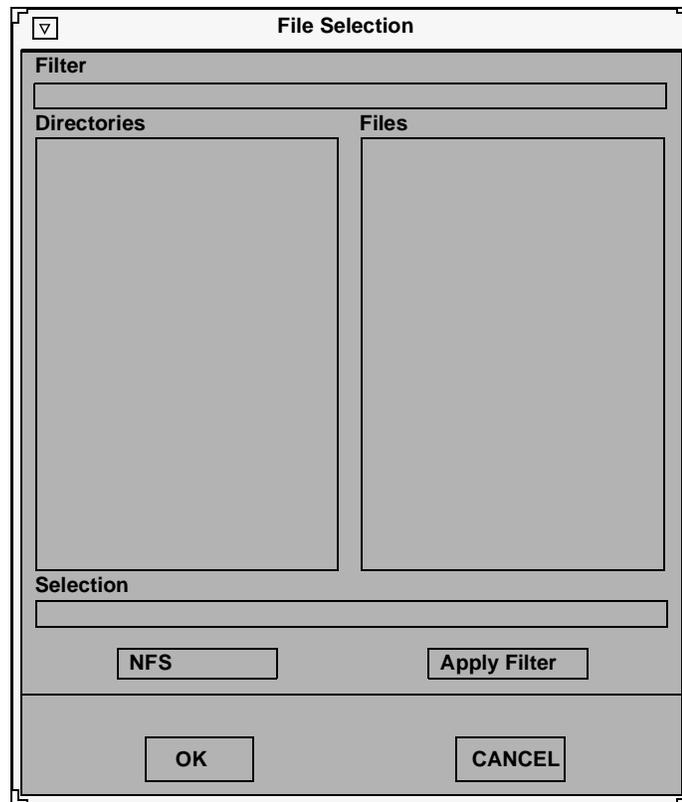


Figure 4-20 File Selection window

2. To select the access method to use, position the mouse pointer on the NFS button and click. A drop down menu displays the available methods: TFTP, NFS, or DAP. The File Selection window changes to reflect the chosen access method.



Using TFTP Access

The File Selection window in Figure 4-21 displays when tftp is the access method.

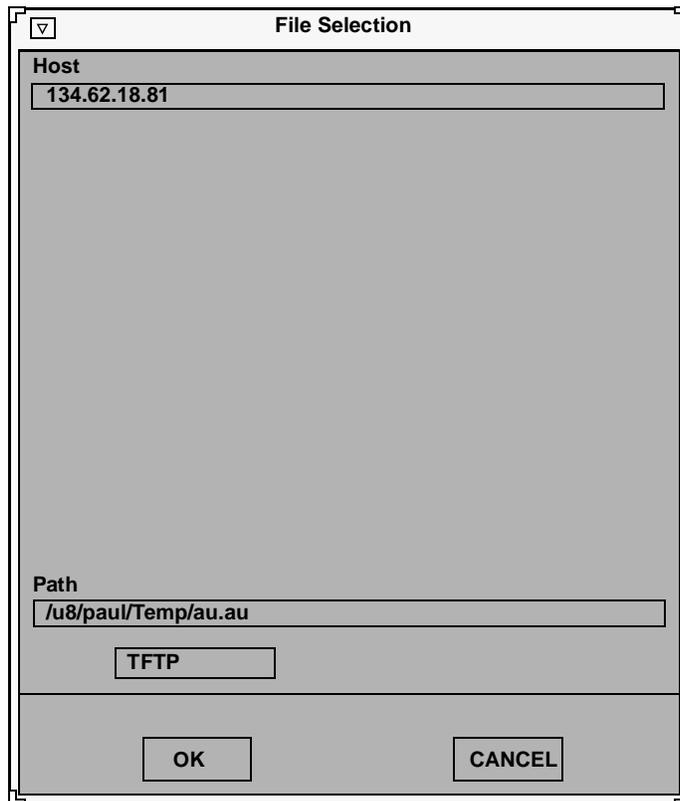


Figure 4-21 File Selection window for TFTP access

Note: *If using tftp as the access method to display an image file, the XIE Viewer cannot display a file that is greater than 16MB. If you attempt to view a file larger than 16MB, the viewer will ignore the file.*

Use tftp as the access method only if NFS is not available. NFS provides better and more accurate data transfer rates required to maintain continuous data stream.

1. Enter the name or address of the host on which the file is located in the Host field.

2. Enter the file's path, filename, and extension in the Path field. Files with the following extensions can be viewed on the XIE Viewer:

gif — GIF87a format	ppm — Portable Pixmap format
jpg — JPEG file interchange format	bpcm — bitonal pcm
gjpg — JPEG file interchange format	bg31 — bitonal G31D compressed
cjpg — JPEG file interchange format	bg32 — bitonal G32D compressed
jfif — JPEG file interchange format	bg42 — bitonal G42D compressed
bmp — Bitmap format	gpcm — greyscale pcm
pbm — Portable Bitmap format	cpcm — color (rgb) pcm
pgm — Portable Graymap format	fax — raw G3 fax with no headers

Note: *TIFF and TIF images require random access capability and tftp does not support random access. To view TIFF or TIF files, use NFS as the access method.*

3. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area, and the image displays in a separate view window. If the file does not appear, look in the Console for status messages.



Using NFS Access

The File Selection window shown in Figure 4-22 displays when NFS is the access method.

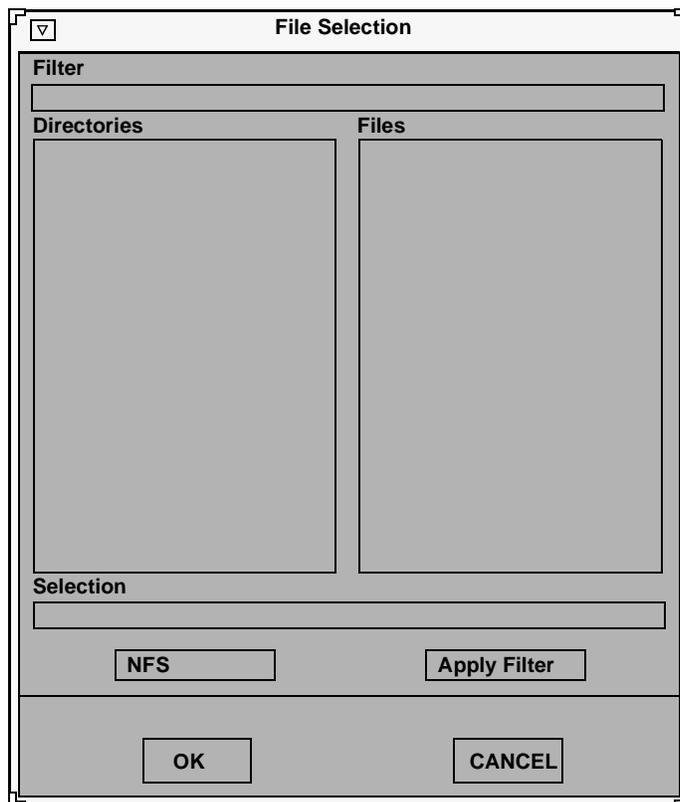


Figure 4-22 File Selection window for NFS access

1. Enter the NFS mount point in the Filter field.
2. Click on the Apply Filter button. All subdirectories and files are listed in the Directories and Files areas.
3. To view files in a different directory, click on the directory name in the Directories area, and then click on the Apply Filter button. The files in that directory are listed in the Files area.

-
4. Select the file you want in the Files area. The full path and filename prefills in the Selection field. You can view files with these extensions on the XIE Viewer:

tif — TIFF image file	pgm — Portable Graymap format
tiff — TIFF image file	ppm — Portable Pixmap format
gif — GIF87a format	bpcm — bitonal pcm
jpg — JPEG file interchange format	bg31 — bitonal G31D compressed
jpeg — JPEG file interchange format	bg32 — bitonal G32D compressed
cjpg — JPEG file interchange format	bg42 — bitonal G42D compressed
jfif — JPEG file interchange format	gpcm — greyscale pcm
bmp — Bitmap format	cpcm — color (rgb) pcm
pbm — Portable Bitmap format	fax — raw G3 fax with no headers

5. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area, and the image displays in a separate view window. If the file does not appear, look in the Console for status messages.



Using DAP Access

The File Selection window shown in Figure 4-23 displays when DAP is the access method.

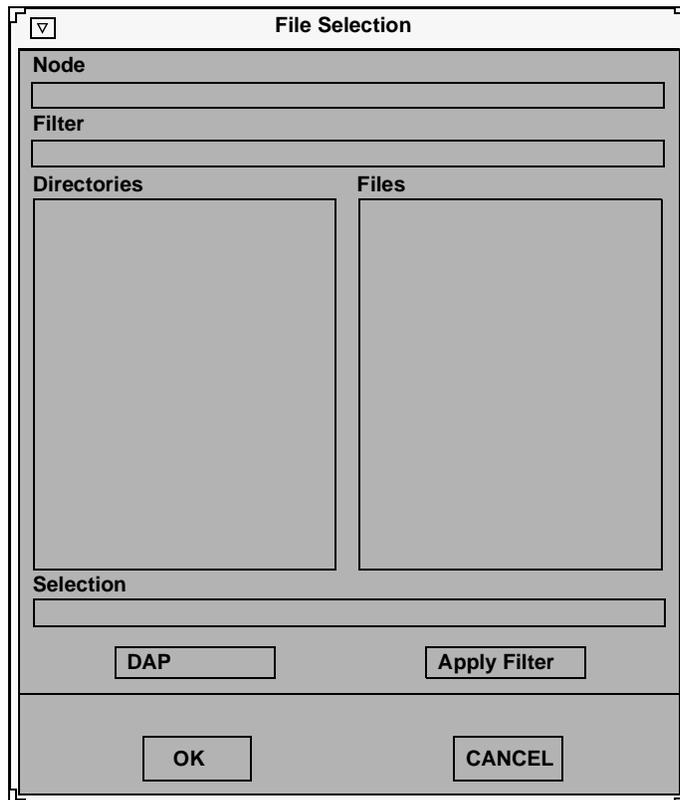


Figure 4-23 File Selection window for DAP access

1. Enter the node name or address in the Node field. This is the node on which the file is located.
2. Enter the file's path and directory in the Filter field.
3. Click on the Apply Filter button. All subdirectories and files are listed in the Directories and Files areas.

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4. To view files in a different directory, click on the directory name in the Directories area, and then click on the Apply Filter button. The files in that directory are listed in the Files area.
 5. Select the file you want in the Files area. The full path and filename appears in the Selection field. You can view files with these extensions on the XIE Viewer:

tif — TIFF image file	pgm — Portable Graymap format
tiff — TIFF image file	ppm — Portable Pixmap format
gif — GIF87a format	bpcm — bitonal pcm
jpg — JPEG file interchange format	bg31 — bitonal G31D compressed
gjpg — JPEG file interchange format	bg32 — bitonal G32D compressed
cjpg — JPEG file interchange format	bg42 — bitonal G42D compressed
jfif — JPEG file interchange format	gpcm — greyscale pcm
bmp — Bitmap format	cpcm — color (rgb) pcm
pbm — Portable Bitmap format	fax — raw G3 fax with no headers
 6. Click OK. The host and file names display in the File Information Area, and the image displays in a separate view window. If the file does not appear, look in the Console for status messages.



Viewing Options

The image from the file is displayed in a separate XIE Viewer window. Use the following XIE Viewer options when viewing an image:



1. To display the first page in a multi-image file, click on the First Page button.



2. To display the last page in a multi-image file, click on the Last Page button.



3. To display the next page in a multi-image file, click on the Next Page button.



4. To display the previous page in a multi-image file, click on the Previous Page button.



5. To rotate the image, click on the Rotation button, either 90, 180, 270, or 0. Rotation of the image will not resize the XIE Viewer window. When an image is rotated, zoomed images are returned to normal size.

Enhanced Enables anti-aliasing of the image. This may result in improved readability of the image.

100% This button removes the effect of zooming.

Page Displays other pages in a multi-image file. Move the slider to the right and left to view other pages in the file. The current page number displays in the Page field.

Zooming To zoom the image, position the mouse pointer at some point in the image, then click and drag over the desired area. A rectangle appears over the image to indicate the selected area. When you release the mouse button, the selected area is scaled up to fit the window. You can zoom an image any number of times. Scroll bars on both the right and bottom of image display window allow you to pan the enlarged image.

Closing the XIE Viewer

To close the XIE Viewer, select the *Quit* command from the File menu. Any open file information is saved and the player exits.

WinDD ICA Client

The WinDD ICA client provides access to PC servers running Microsoft's Windows NT Terminal Server Edition and Citrix Metaframe software. Once you are logged in to the PC server, you can run Windows NT and DOS based applications.

Note: DOS graphics applications are not supported (even if started from the DOS Command Prompt in the Main folder). DOS applications can only be run in character (text) mode. Refer to each application for startup options to invoke the application in this mode. If you try to run a DOS graphics application, an error is generated and the application terminates.

Starting Local WinDD ICA Client

The WinDD ICA client can be started using the *Client Launcher*, *TekHostMenu*, the remote configuration file or from the command line with **xpsh**.

Starting WinDD from the Client Launcher

From the Host Connections submenu, select WinDD. The WinDD local client is illustrated in Figure 2-14.

Starting WinDD from TekHostMenu

Click the WinDD button (if necessary) to access the WinDD list. Click on a server, or enter the server name or address in the *Application Server* box.

Starting WinDD with xp.cnf

The *start WINDD* command in the remote configuration file (*xp.cnf*) automatically downloads and starts WinDD when the network computer boots. Refer to the *start* command in Chapter 2 of the *Network Computer Reference* manual for details. Related WinDD remote configuration commands include:

host_connect_method	default_host_list
windd_menu_entry	windd_auto_connect
windd_auto_reconnect	windd_size
default_windd_host	windd_host_entry
windd_menubar	windd_entrybox
start	preload
flash_feature	windd_auto_numlock
windd_keysym_only	windd_exit_on_logout



Starting WinDD with `xpsh`

`xpsh` starts the local WinDD client as needed. Enter the following (where `nc_name` is the name or address of your network computer):

```
xpsh -display nc_name:0 windd [options]
```

The following *options* can be set on the `xpsh` command line. If an option is not specified, the default setting is used.

-display nc:0

Specifies the *network computer* (*nc*) name or address to display the WinDD local client.

-c Auto-connect to the first application server in the application server list. If there are no application servers in the list, this option is ignored and the client window is displayed.

-nc Do not auto-connect to an application server. (Default)

-d Displays the menu bar and the internal borders. (Default)

-nd Does not display the menu bar or the internal borders. For example, this allows a 1280x1024 WinDD window to fully display on a 1280x1024 monitor (minus windows manager decorations).

-e Enables the *Application Server* edit field window so that users can add application servers to the application server list. (Default)

-ne Disables the *Application Server* edit field window so that users are not allowed to add application servers to the application server list.

-floppy

Allows supported host versions of WinDD to use its local floppy drive as a network connected drive for the application server. Only the first host client to specify this option will be allowed to use the floppy device. NOTE: For host clients (with local floppy drive) only.

-no_floppy_cache

Disables use of local floppy write cache. This is a fail-safe option to ensure the entire file has been updated in the event a user suddenly ejects a disk mechanically (when disks are ejected via the GUI button, that process flushes the cache so no information is lost).

-geometry <geometry>

Standard X11 geometry option, <WidthxHeight+X+Y>.

-h <*application server*>

Adds the named application server(s) to the application server list. Multiple application servers can be added to the list by listing them separated by spaces.

-help

Displays a brief help list on the available WinDD command line options.

-initprog <*prog*> [**-initdir** <*dir*>]

Specifies the application to execute upon application server login. The login session is terminated when the application is terminated.

Prog specifies the application and can also specify its path (up to 259 characters) and parameters. The program path and name are written consecutively (and not separated by a space) when they are both specified in *prog*. A space separates the program name and its parameters. These parameters are program specific and can specify program settings or data files to invoke on execution.

Dir specifies the path of the executable program.

-keysym_only

Specifies that all NCD network computer keyboards are supported with keysym translations within WinDD.

-local_numlock

Specifies that WinDD manages the state of the Num_Lock independent of any Xserver support.

-no_auto_numlock

Specifies that WinDD does not control the Num_Lock setting.

-login <*username*> [**pass** <*passwd*>] [**-domain** <*domainname*>]

Specifies the application server user account login name, login password, and domain. These values will be used for user account verification.

When using a WinDD client and connecting to an application server, your username, password, domain, initial program, and initial directory are encrypted as they are sent across the network.

Username, *password*, *domainname*, *dir*, and *prog* are not viewable or changeable from the WinDD configuration window.



- r** Reconnect to the application server after log off.
- nr** Does not reconnect to the application server after log off. (Default)
- version**
Displays the WinDD version in use. (If the license is 8019, this option also prints *For evaluation purposes only.*)
- x** Exits the WinDD client upon logging out of, or disconnecting from, the application server.
- nx** Does not exit the WinDD client upon logging out of, or disconnecting from, the application server. (Default)

-force_xcursor
Specifies that monochrome pointers within the WinDD desktop are to be implemented using X cursors. Some monochrome pointers are xor'd with the underlying desktop. When this switch is specified, it is no longer xor'd, as X cursors do not support that mode.

Note: The force_xcursor feature is intended to compensate for workstations that do not have a particularly high performance X server. Consider using this option if the pointer flashes when move, or poor performance is observed entering text in dialog boxes. Using this switch improves user interactivity. The only side effect is the pointer is displayed in a single color.

- compress**
Enables compression of ICA network data to and from the WinDD client.
- no_compress**
Disables compression of ICA network data to and from the WinDD client.
- max_compress_disable**
Disables compression for *n* number of outgoing ICA commands from the WinDD client. The default is 0, which enables all compression. Count setting of 0 might “compress” client data larger than its original size during start of login session. Settings larger than 0 restrict expansion of the client data.

-a published_app

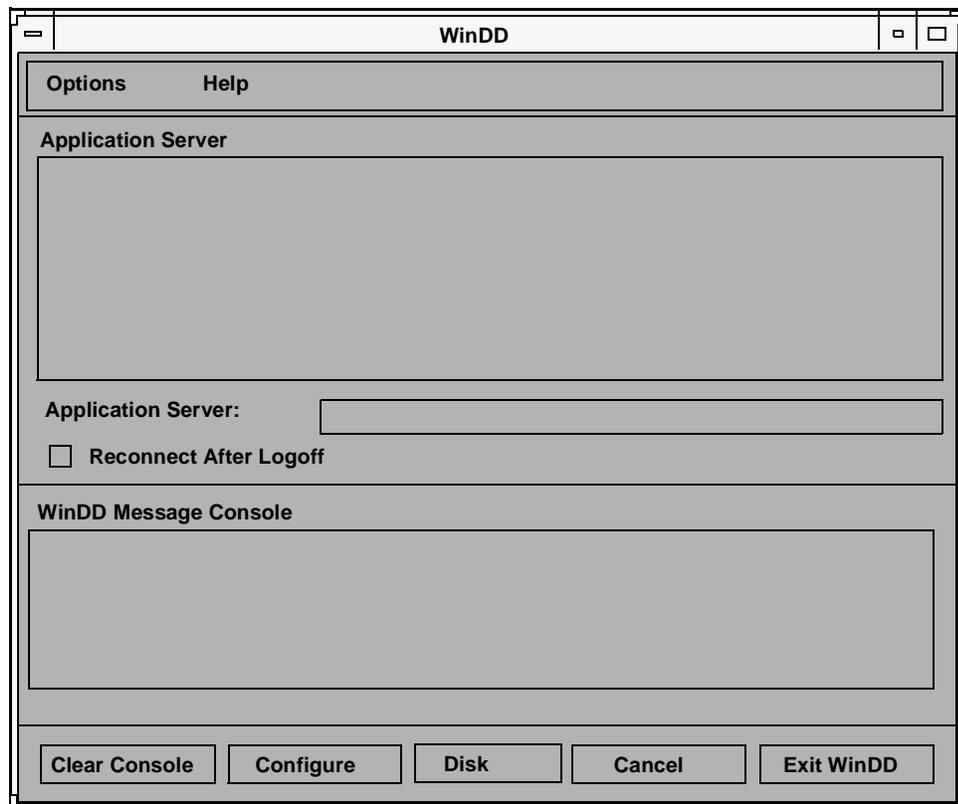
This allows an ICA session to connect to any published application on a WinFrame/MetaFrame-based server. The argument *published_app* is the name of the published application.

xp.cnf compression commands

```
windd_compress "" #ENABLED | DISABLED  
windd_max_compress_disable 0#[<ICA command count>]
```

Configuring your WinDD ICA Session from the Client Screen

From the WinDD ICA client screen (Figure 4-24), you can easily change your session attributes before you log in to a server.



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Figure 4-24 WinDD Client Screen

The **Configure** button brings up the WinDD Resolution dialog illustrated in Figure 4-25. The resolution determines the size of the WinDD window. The resolution must be selected prior to making a connection to the application server and cannot be interactively changed until the connection has been closed. The **Configure** button performs the same function as the *Options* ⇒ **Configure** pull down menu choice.



Figure 4-25 WinDD Configuration Dialog

The **Reconnect After Logoff** button enables automatic reconnection to the application server after you have logged off of a WinDD session. If this button is on, then the WinDD log in screen (Figure 2-16) appears when you select File ⇒ Logoff from a Windows NT session. If this button is off, the WinDD client screen is displayed when you log off a session.

WinDD messages about connection status, error conditions, or other necessary user feedback appear in the message console area. All message are also sent to the network computer system console so that the information is available even if WinDD has been terminated. Use the **Clear Console** button to clear messages.

When configuration is complete, select the application server for your session.

Selecting an Application Server

The WinDD ICA client screen displays a list of application servers your system administration defined for you. Use the mouse to select one of the servers from the list. If the application server you want to access is not on the list, enter the name or address in the *Application Server:* field and press Enter. WinDD log in information is in Chapter 2, *Operating the Network Computer*.

WinDD Local Client Options Menu

There are two ways to access the local client *Options* menu:

1. Select Options from the local client menu bar (Figure 4-26).

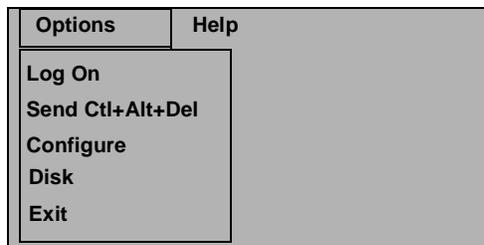


Figure 4-26 Local Client Options Pull Down Menu

2. Hold down Shift and Ctrl and click the middle mouse button (Figure 4-27). This method is only available after you have a server connection.

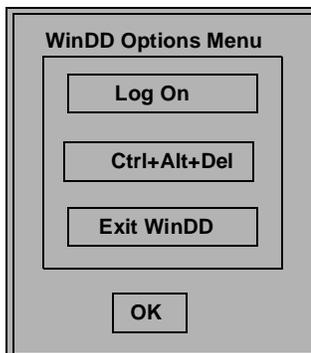


Figure 4-27 Local Client Options Menu



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Log On

- Toggles between the WinDD session window and the WinDD ICA client screen. This is only available after you have a server connection. The **Cancel** button on the client screen returns you to the session window.

Configure

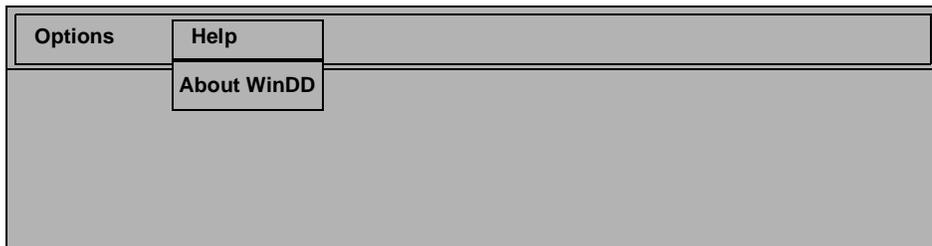
- Brings up the WinDD Resolution dialog (Figure 4-25). This is only available before you have a server connection.

Exit

- Closes the WinDD client.

WinDD Help Menu

The WinDD Help Menu presents WinDD copyright and version information.



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Figure 4-28 WinDD Help Menu

PSXpress

After installing the Adobe software, add the following configuration information to the users' environments (typically in their *.login* or *.cshrc* files). The contents of this section can also be found in the file *user.adobe*.

Note: *Users' execution path, X resources, and PostScript resources must be defined correctly for all of the Adobe software demos to work.*

Changing Execution Paths

Add the following directory to the execution paths or PATH variables: */tekxp/bin/<host>*, where *<host>* is *sun*, *solaris*, or *hp*.

For example, assuming that the installation location at your site is */export/tekxp*, the following commands change a user's execution path to run Adobe software on a SunOS 4.1.3 system:

```
# setenv PATH /export/tekxp/bin/sun4:"$PATH"
# rehash
```

Integrating Icons into an OpenWindows Desktop

To integrate Acrobat Reader icons into an OpenWindows desktop, run the *olwm.deskinstall* script. You can run this script as root, or from your login account.

If you are root, the binder rules are defined on a system-wide basis in */etc/cetables/cetables*. If you run the script as a normal user, the binder rules are installed in *\$HOME/.cetables/cetables*.

Follow these steps for system-wide installation:

1. In a UNIX shell window, as root, locate the *olwm.deskinstall* script:

```
# cd /tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/desktop
```

2. Run the *olwm.deskinstall* script:

```
# ./olwm.deskinstall
```

After the script has been installed, a message appears, indicating that you have successfully installed the software:

3. For the changes to take effect, log off of the OpenWindows window manager, and log back on.



Using Display PostScript NX with Sun AnswerBook

To run AnswerBook on Solaris systems, first verify that:

- The Sun Patch version 101654-02 or later is present on your Solaris system.
- The DpsNx group was installed from the XpressWare media.

To run AnswerBook:

1. Add the following to the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable:

```
<install_directory>/tekxp/dpsnx_2.1/common/lib
```

Add this line before the */usr/openwin/lib* entry.

2. Set the display variable, where *nc_name* is the network computer's name:

```
# setenv DISPLAY nc_name:0
```

3. Run the *execnx* command:

```
# execnx &
```

4. Run AnswerBook:

```
# answerbook
```

X Resources and Application Defaults

Add the following template to the value of the user's XFILESEARCHPATH variables:

```
/tekxp/dpsnx_2.1/common/app-defaults/%N.ad
```

PostScript Resources

Add the following directory to the user's PSRESOURCEPATH environment variables. The PSRESOURCEPATH definitions should end with two colons (:):

```
/tekxp/dpsnx_2.1/common/psres
```

For example, if you want to use the applications in the PSXpress option and PSRESOURCEPATH has not been set, use this command:

```
# setenv PSRESOURCEPATH /tekxp/dpsnx_2.1/common/psres::
```

It correctly sets the PSRESOURCEPATH variable.

Launching Applications

By default, Adobe Acrobat Reader and other applications are installed in `/tekxp/bin/{sun4|solaris|hp}`. Make sure this directory has been added to user's execution search paths.

Table 4-1 lists the commands used to launch Adobe applications.

Table 4-2 Commands to Launch Adobe Applications.

Application	Command	Description
Adobe ShowPS	showps	A viewer for PostScript documents and files.
Adobe Acrobat Reader	acroread	A viewer for Portable Document Format (PDF) files.
Display PostScript Executive	dpsexec	An interface that provides direct user interaction with the PostScript interpreter.
Motif Draw Demo	draw	A simple drawing editor with text, ellipses, and rectangles.
Motif Font Viewing Demo	fontview	A viewer for fonts available on the system.
Motif Graphical Text Demo	scratchpad	A graphical editor for manipulating text.
Display PostScript Text Game	texteroids	A game similar to <i>asteroids</i> , with rotating text.
Display PostScript Imaging Demo	wonderland	A demo that illustrates Display PostScript imaging capabilities.
EPSF Viewing Demo	xepsf	Viewer for Encapsulated PostScript Format files.



Launching Acrobat Reader

If you have configured OpenWindows as described in the *Integrating Icons into an OpenWindows Desktop* section, you will see the Acrobat Reader icon on your desktop. Click on the icon (or on a PDF document icon) to start Acrobat Reader.

To view one or more files while starting Acrobat Reader, give the file names as command line parameters. For example, to view */tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/sun/doc/Tour.pdf* and */tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/sun/doc/Samples/Backgrndr.pdf*, enter:

```
# acroread /tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/sun/doc/Tour.pdf \ /
tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/sun/doc/Samples/Backgrndr.pdf
```

The *acroread* launch script and the *acroread_frontend* program ensure that only one version of Reader runs on your desktop. If you issue the command *acroread filename.pdf* when Reader is already running, the currently running version of Reader loads and displays *filename.pdf*.

If you want a new version of Reader each time you issue the *acroread* command, */tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/custom/USEFRONTENDPROGRAM* or launch *acroread* as follows:

```
# acroread -e USEFRONTENDPROGRAM=0
```

Locating Acrobat Reader Preferences File

The preferences that are specified by the user through the Preferences Dialog are stored in a preferences file. Acrobat Reader reads this file at startup and writes this file every time the user clicks the OK button in the Preferences dialog.

The specific preferences file used by Acrobat Reader is determined by selecting the first non-directory file that can be located from a list of candidates. The candidate list is specified as a colon-separated list of path names. The path names may contain the special sequence *%N* to denote Acrobat Reader's class name, which is *Acroread*. For example,

```
/user/joe/app-defaults/%N:/user/joe/%N
```

specifies two candidate preferences files, namely */user/joe/app-defaults/Acroread* and */user/joe/Acroread*.

If this candidate list was used by Acrobat Reader to locate the preferences file, then if `/user/joe/app-defaults/Acroread` exists as a plain file, it will be used as the preferences file. Otherwise, if `/user/joe/Acroread` exists as a plain file, then it will be used.

If neither file exists, then the file `/user/joe/app-defaults/Acroread`, being the first candidate specified, will be created when Acrobat Reader writes the preferences file.

The content of the candidate list depends on two environment variables, `XAPPLRESDIR` and `XUSERFILESEARCHPATH`.

1. If neither `XAPPLRESDIR` nor `XUSERFILESEARCHPATH` is set in the user's environment, then the candidate list is `$HOME/%N`, where `$HOME` denotes the user's home directory.
2. Otherwise, if `XUSERFILESEARCHPATH` is set, then the value of `XUSERFILESEARCHPATH` is used as the candidate list. For example, the user could get the candidate list specified in the example above by entering the following C-shell command:

```
# setenv XUSERFILESEARCHPATH \ /user/joe/app-defaults /  
%N : /user/joe/%N
```
3. Otherwise the candidate list will be `$XAPPLRESDIR/%N:$HOME/%N`, where `$XAPPLRESDIR` denotes the value of the `XAPPLRESDIR` environment variable.

If users have a file named `Acroread` in their home directories, then they need not specify an `XAPPLRESDIR` or `XUSERFILESEARCHPATH` environment variable.

The following single entry in a user's `.cshrc` file will cause applications to look for the appropriate preferences files in the `app-defaults` subdirectory of the user's home directory:

```
# setenv XUSERFILESEARCHPATH $HOME/app-defaults/%N
```

The complete set of rules for determining the candidate list can be found in *The X Window System Toolkit*, published by Digital Press.



Printing Documents with Acrobat Reader

You can print PDF files from within Acrobat Reader by choosing Print from the File menu. You can also print PDF files using Acrobat Reader from the command line. For example, to print the file *sample.pdf* to the default printer from the command line, enter:

```
# acroread -print sample.pdf
```

To print the file *sample.pdf* to the printer named *laserprinter*, enter:

```
# acroread -print sample.pdf -Plaserprinter
```

You can pipe a PDF file into *acroread* for printing using the **-print** option:

```
# cat sample.pdf | acroread -print
```

Converting PDF Files to PostScript Files with Acrobat Reader

You can convert PDF files to PostScript documents from the command line with Acrobat Reader. The following command converts the PDF file *sample.pdf* to a PostScript file stored as *sample.ps*:

```
# acroread -toPostScript sample.pdf
```

You can convert one or more PDF files and put the PostScript results into a directory. For example, to convert *sample.1.pdf* and *sample.2.pdf* (in the current directory) into PostScript files stored in the subdirectory *samples_PS_dir*, enter the following command:

```
# acroread -toPostScript sample.1.pdf sample.2.pdf
  samples_PS_dir
```

To specify a series of PDF files to be converted and specify an individual name for each converted PostScript file, use the **-pairs** option:

```
# acroread -toPostScript -pairs file_1.pdf file_1.ps ...
```

Using Display PostScript NX with Other Applications

The applications bundled with XpressWare are capable of automatically launching a Display PostScript NX agent if one is not available. However, some third-party Display PostScript applications, such as Sun AnswerBook, do not have this capability. Users can start an agent manually for use by these third-party applications with the following command:

```
# execnx &
```

Users only need to run *execnx* once per login session; the agent that it starts will be shared by all Display PostScript programs and applications that use the X display. See *NCBridge Installation*, Appendix A for information about Display PostScript agents.

Users can use the *listnx* utility to see if there are any agents already servicing their X displays:

```
# listnx
```

For details, see the *execnx* and *listnx* man pages located in */tekxp/man/catn* by default.

Location of Documentation

PostScript language documents are installed in the */tekxp/doc* directory by default. The documents themselves come from the directory */tekxp/dpsnx_2.1/common/doc* and include:

```
ShowPSUserGuide.ps          ShowPSReferenceCard.ps
```

Adobe Acrobat Reader PDF documentation is located in */tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/Help* and include:

```
Help.pdf                    Tour.pdf
```

The man pages are installed in the */tekxp/man/catn* directory.

Sample documents and example applications are located in */tekxp/AcroRead_2.1/Help* and include:

```
AcrBroch.pdf               ShowPSUserGuide.pdf  
Backgrdr.pdf              ShowPSReferenceCard.pdf  
FeatBene.pdf               AeFables.pdf  
SFO.pdf                    Claim.pdf  
FoneAndMap.pdf            ncaa1.pdf
```



Font Caching

The font caching feature stores fonts in memory for later use. This eliminates the need to download a font each time the application using the font is executed. For example, if you open and close your word processor, then open it again, the fonts are still available if your network computer's memory. This is a more efficient use of resources, since fonts are cached once, instead of duplicated for each occurrence or downloaded over a busy network.

You can specify the amount of memory to allocate or you can flush cached fonts at any time. It is recommended that cache be flushed whenever new fonts (with a font path change) are added, to insure that the proper paths are cached. Flushing does not affect the current applications.

To set a Font Cache Limit:



1. Select Setup from the *Client Launcher*.
2. Check the amount of memory in your network computer by, dragging on Statistics and releasing on Memory.
3. Drag on Configuration Summaries and release on X Environment.
4. Set Font Cache Limit to the amount of memory in kilobytes to allow for font caching. Do not exceed the total memory for your network computer.

To empty the Font Cache and free up network computer memory:



1. Select Setup from the *Client Launcher*.
2. Drag on Configuration Summaries Menu and release on X Environment.
3. Click the **Empty Font Cache** button.

Printing Color Hardcopies

This section explains how to print a hardcopy by using the *MWM* pop-up menu item or by entering a command on the command line. Information in this section is specific to *MWM*. If you are using another window manager, refer to the documentation you received with that window manager for more information about printing a hardcopy.

Note: The host computer must have the appropriate software installed before you can use these hardcopy commands. If you cannot print a hardcopy, contact your system administrator.

Printing from MWM

You can use a pop-up menu to make a hardcopy of a window or a hardcopy of the entire screen.

Making a Hardcopy of a Window

1. Move the pointer outside of all windows and drag the Custom mouse button to display the pull-down menu.
2. Release on Hardcopy to display another pull-down menu.
3. Click the Custom mouse button on **Window** to change the pointer shape into a cross.
4. Move the pointer into the window you want to copy.
5. Click the Select mouse button. A single beep indicates the window is being copied. A double beep indicates the copying process is complete.

Making a Hardcopy of the Screen

1. Move the pointer outside of all windows and drag the custom mouse button to display the pull-down menu.
2. Release on Hardcopy to display another pull-down menu.
3. Click the custom mouse button on **Screen**. A single beep indicates the screen is being copied. A double beep indicates the copying process is complete.



Printing from the Command Line

Here is a general procedure for printing a hardcopy of a window:

1. Move the pointer into an X window and click the Select mouse button to activate the window.
2. Press the PrintScreen key. This key must be defined by your system administrator. Contact your administrator to find out which key to press and which printer your network computer is configured to use.

Flash Control Console

Note: The information in this section is written for system and network administrators responsible for installing and administering one or more network computers in a distributed-computing environment.

This section describes the *Flash Control Console (FCC)*, a graphical user interface that allows the flashing of multiple network computers from a single, central terminal. The FCC offers a convenient alternative to flashing by use of configuration commands in the `xp.cnf` file. For more information about configuring flash memory by use of configuration commands, refer to *Configuring Flash Memory* in the *Network Computer Reference Manual*.

Capabilities controlled by the *FCC* include:

- Handling a network of over 100 network computers.
- Interactively selecting terminals, network computer features, fonts and user files for flashing.
- Selecting fonts from multiple hosts.
- Supporting only TCP/IP.
- Displaying online status of a flash operation.
- Creating flash image of network computer features, fonts and user files selected for flashing.
- Flashing multiple network computers either on a file-by-file basis or from a created image.
- Simultaneous flashing of multiple network computers.
- Loading or saving settings from/to a user-specified file.
- Providing a log facility.



Before Using the FCC

- Make sure that the *flash.rel* file is in your *config* directory.
- Add **flash_auth_xp** to the *xp.cnf* file in the *config* directory for each terminal you want to flash.

Starting the FCC

To bring up the Main menu of the *Flash Control Console*, type:

```
>xpsh [-display displayname:0] fcc &
```

where *displayname* is the name of the display where the *FCC* will appear. If you do not enter *displayname*, the *\$DISPLAY* environment variable is used as the default.

Note: *You can also set displayname by changing the \$DISPLAY environment variable.*

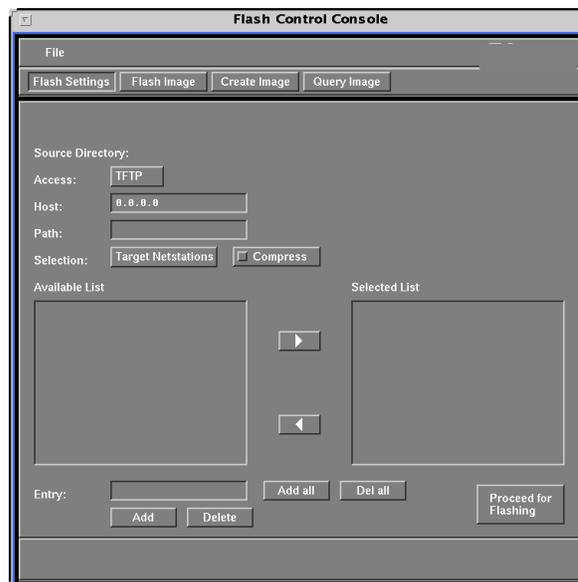


Figure 4-29 The Flash Control Console Main Menu

The Main menu of the *FCC* has four areas: The File Menu, the Menu Bar, the Menu Input Area and the Message Box. Let's look at each of those areas in detail.

The File Bar

The File Bar offers the following options on the File pull-down menu:

- *Load Settings* uses settings that have been *previously* saved (assumed not to be empty). Choosing this option brings up the Load New Configuration screen where you specify the access method, host and path of the configuration file you want to load.
- *Save Settings* uses the parameters selected on the *FCC* to *update* the settings file (see the following note). Using this option brings up the Save Current Configuration screen where you specify the access, host and path where you want to store the configuration file.

Note: *You must create the Save Settings file before using the Save Settings option. To do this, type the following at the shell of the specified host: > touch <savesettings filename>*

- *Log File* takes only the flash information that appears on the network computer console window and saves it in a file (see the following **NOTE**). Selecting *Log File* brings up the Set Logfile Attributes screen where you specify the access, host and path that is used to store the file.

Note: *You must create the Log File before using the Log File option. To do this, type the following at the shell of the specified host: > touch <log file filename>*

- *Exit* ends the program.



The Menu Bar

The Menu Bar is where you select the activity you want to perform using *FCC*.

Note: *These activities are not activated until after you click the Proceed for Flashing button (discussed shortly).*

- *Flash Settings* flashes all the settings you select on the *FCC*.
- *Flash Image* uses a source image file to flash selected network computers.
- *Create Image* creates an image file using the current settings. If you select this activity, the *Image Destination* heading appears on the Main menu with the following choices:

Access — TFTP, NFS or DAP (not currently supported).

Host — The host name or address where you want to store the image file.

Path — The name and full path of the image file. TFTP requires a publicly-writable file and NFS must have the file system mounted.

Image Type — The network computer family used for image creation. Choices include: XP10, XP10T, XP330, XP330PEX and XP350.

- **Query Image** queries an image file.

The Menu Input Area

The area of the *FCC* where you select the options you want to flash is called the Menu Input Area and contains the following:

Access

Specifies which file access method to use. The options are: TFTP, NFS or DAP (not currently supported).

Host

The field you use to specify the host name or address where files to be flashed are read. For example: 128.123.186.67.

Note: *The host name must be specified in the Internet Host Table of Setup.*

Path

The text field you use to specify the source directory of the files you want to flash. For example, */vol/Boot*.

Selection

Specifies the parameters available for flashing. The options are: Target network computers, Tek Features, User Files or User Fonts.

Compress

Selecting this option causes the files to be flashed in compressed format. It is recommended that you use Compress to save space; however, compression will affect system performance.

Note: This button does not appear if you select Flash Image or Query Image.

Available List

Lists the items that are currently available for flashing.

Selected List

Lists the items that have been selected for flashing.

Note: To move an individual item between the Available List and the Selected List, highlight the item you want to move and then click the appropriate “arrow” located between the lists.

Entry

A text field where you enter a parameter that can then be added to the Available List for flashing. This can include:

- A network computer address or name (if your network provides a name service).
- User file names.
- User fonts.



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Add

Adds information to the Available List that currently appears in the Entry field.

Note: Items appearing in the Selected List also appear in the Available List enclosed in brackets.

Delete

Deletes highlighted names and addresses from the Available List.

Note: When you use this feature, the brackets around the items in the Available List (see “Add,” above) disappear.

Add all

Copies all the items from the Available List to the Selected List.

Del all

Deletes all the items in the Selected List.

Proceed for Flashing

Takes you to the Flash screen (discussed shortly).

The Message Box

The area at the bottom of the screen where a brief message displays whenever the cursor passes over a field on an *FCC* menu.

The Flash Screen

After selecting the features you want to flash and clicking the **Proceed for Flashing** button on the Main menu, the Flash screen appears (Figure 4-30).

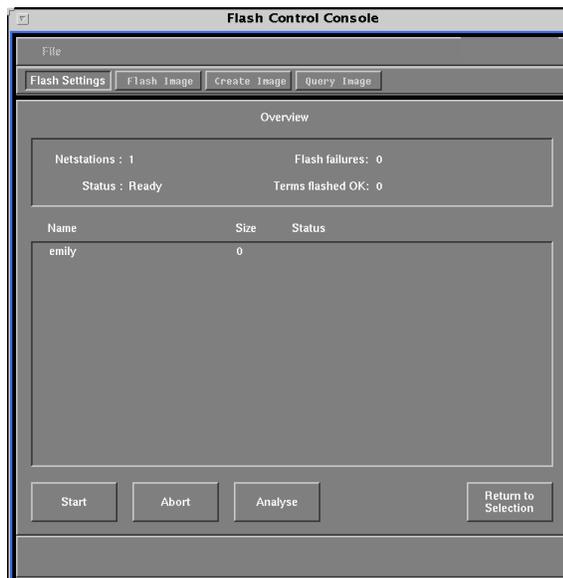


Figure 4-30 The Flash Screen

The central part of the Flash screen is called the Overview. It is here that a list of the individual features you want flashed are listed, as well as current information about the status of any analysis being performed.

There are four buttons at the bottom of this menu:

- **Start:** This button starts the actual flashing.
- **Abort:** Stops the flash process.
- **Analyse:** Determines the available memory of the target network computer and compares that with the amount of memory required by the options to be flashed.
- **Return to Selection:** This button returns you to the Main menu of the *Flash Control Console*.



*Note: If you do an analysis or flash and then click on the **Return to Selection** button, a warning box appears, letting you know that all flash information will be lost if you return to the Main menu.*

After Doing an Analysis

Once you have completed an analysis, the Status line in the Overview area shows **Analysis Complete**. Double-clicking on a network computer name at this point brings up the Network Computer Status box, which displays the network computer name, status of the analysis, flash memory available, and total memory size required by the network computer. You can view the statistics for any groups listed by double-clicking on their name to bring up the Group Status box. Click on the **Return to Network Computer** button and then the **Return to Overview** button to go back to the Flash Screen.

TekLogin Local Client

Many customers want to present their end-users a simplified environment with simple login methods and easy access to applications. The new *TekLogin* local client adds one more piece to that end, streamlining the login process and allowing system administrators to decide how much or how little control over to offer their end-users.

The TekLogin local client is commonly used with the PPP support feature (refer to the *PPP Support* topic on page 4-91) to provide remote users access to host servers.

Starting TekLogin

There are several ways to launch the *TekLogin* client. You can launch it with:

- the *Setup* client
- the *Launcher*
- the *xpsh* command
- the *xp.cnf* file

As noted in the previous section, you can choose *TekLogin* as your **Host Connect Method** in *Setup*'s **Configuration Summaries | X Environment** menu. After a successful boot, the network computer will display the *TekLogin* client, as seen in Figure 4-31 on page 4-88.

Another method is to set *Launcher* to display and launch the *TekLogin* client. You can manually edit your *system.launcher* file to do this or set this line in your *xp.cnf* file to "YES":

```
teklogin_show_sessions_in_launcher YES
```

This will automatically display all eight of your pre-configured sessions in a pull-down menu in the *Launcher*.

A third way to start TekLogin is with the *xpsh* command:

```
xpsh -display <displayname>:0 teklogin &
```

Finally, you can have TekLogin start automatically with the *xp.cnf* file by un-commenting and altering this line in your *xp.cnf*:

```
START TEKLOGIN NO # [YES|NO]
```



Change the value for this line to “YES”.

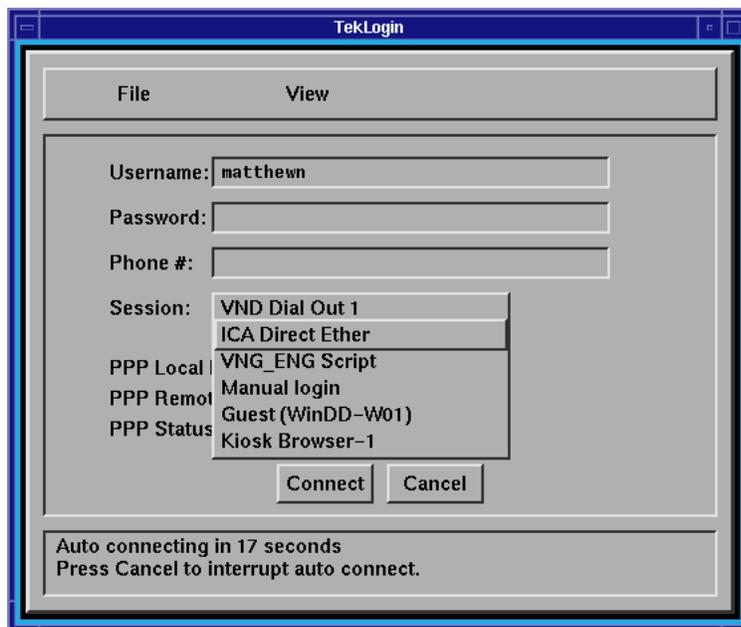


Figure 4-31 TekLogin client

***xp.cnf* commands for TekLogin**

You can add these commands to your *xp.cnf* file to affect the *TekLogin* client. Refer to your *Network Computer Reference Manual* for details about these commands.

```
teklogin_show_sessions_in_launcher [YES|NO]
teklogin_force_fullscreen_windd [YES|NO]
teklogin_timeout [SECONDS]
teklogin_require_login [YES|NO]
teklogin_save_passwords [YES|NO]
teklogin_default_session [1-8]
teklogin_close_on_connect [YES|NO]
```

The first two listed are notable in that they are not configurable with the *TekLogin* client itself, as most of the others are. The **teklogin_show_sessions_in_launcher** command will display the configured sessions in the *Launcher* client as pull-down selections. The **teklogin_force_fullscreen_windd** command forces the WinDD ICA client launched by *TekLogin* to take up the whole screen (rather than a 640x480 window, the default).

Configuring *TekLogin* settings

In the **File** pull-down menu, you can select *Save Settings*, *Restore Settings*, or *Exit*.

Save Settings This saves the current user name, password, phone number, and session settings such that the next time the *TekLogin* client is launched, these settings will display.

Restore Settings Restores the last saved settings.

In the **View** pull-down menu, you can select *Setup* or *Options*. Both of these selections will require a password if you set password restriction in the *Setup* main menu.

Setup This launches the *Setup* client. Sys-admins can disable this feature, however, if they do not wish end-users to have access to the *Setup* client. (See *Security between TekLogin and Setup* on page 4-90 for details.)

Options **Autologin Timeout.** The default timeout is 30 seconds, after which, if the user does not click the **Cancel** button, *TekLogin* will attempt to make the connection described by the session name. If the user cancels the autologin, he can then choose one of the other configured sessions in *TekLogin* by its session name. The autologin defaults to the last session connected to via *TekLogin*.

Interactive Login Required. This requires the user to enter his username and password after the PPP authentication has occurred.



Close on Connect. If *TekLogin* is not configured to close on connect (default), it will remain on the user's screen, allowing the user a simple method of disconnecting from one session and reconnecting to another. Some system administrators, however, may wish to disable this functionality, forcing the network computer to connect using only session configuration.

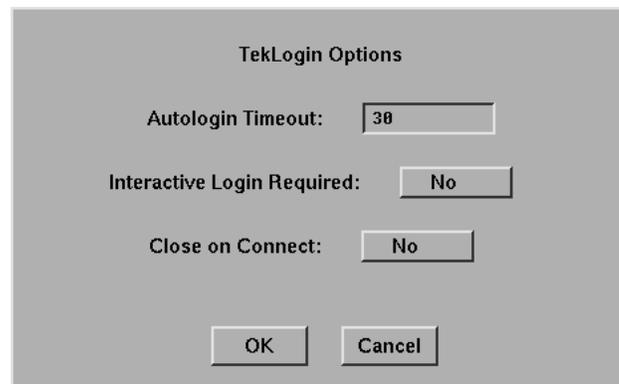


Figure 4-32 TekLogin options

Security between *TekLogin* and *Setup*

System administrators can set the security mechanism for a network computer in *Setup*'s main menu so that no user can tamper with the network computer's configuration without the password. The security is activated whenever a user enters something in *Setup* or presses some button. Some of the fields, however—such as username and password for both authentication and account login purposes—need to be alterable to end-users. With security activated on the *Setup* client, users will be able to enter their own user names and passwords, but will not be able to change the session names or other configuration parameters.

If security is enabled, the *TekLogin* client will not launch the *Setup* client, so system administrators can effectively "hide" *Setup* from novice users.

PPP Support

PPP is a reliable transparent Internet Protocol (IP) that allows network computers to make network connections via serial lines to remote devices. NCBridge's PPP passes TCP/IP information over the phone line in such a way that it appears as though your network computer has an Ethernet connection.

PPP support is available for these former Tektronix network computers:

- XP100, XP200, XP300V, XP350, NC200, and NC400.

It is not available for:

- XP10, XP10T, XP20, XP100D, or XP330.

Before you begin

To run PPP successfully, you will need both the local PPP client process that runs on the network computer and the PPP server that runs on the remote host computer. NCBridge version 3.1 or higher software provides the PPP client; you will need to get the appropriate PPP server software from your host vendor.

There are several different ways you can connect your network computer via PPP to a remote host, but before you begin, you must first configure:

- the network computer's serial port
- the network computer's PPP settings
- the *xp.cnf* file (if you want PPP to start automatically after boot)
- several other settings

Configuring the network computer's serial port

Before you can connect via PPP, you must configure one of your network computer's serial ports for your modem.

First, select a port on the rear panel of your network computer. Since many users may already have tablets or other peripheral devices connected to port 0, and since port 1 allows higher transmission rates (115.2K), we recommend you use **port 1** for your modem connection, especially if you are using ISDN lines.



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On the NCD network computers, port 1 is the upper port; port 0 is the lower. Connect your modem's 9-pin female cable to the desired port. (All examples in this section assume port 1 has been configured for PPP.)

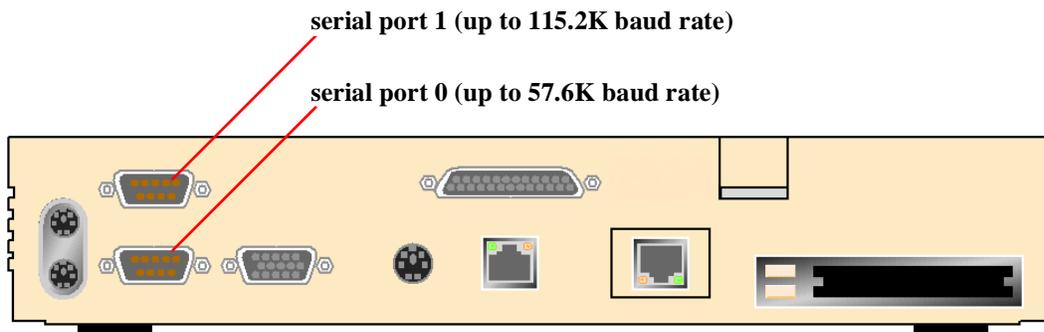


Figure 4-33 RS-232 serial ports on an NC200

After you have connected the modem cable to your serial port, you must configure the serial port for modem transmission. In *Setup*, go to **Configuration Summaries | Peripheral Ports**. (See Figure 4-34 on page 4-93.)

The fields in the lower half of this menu (from **Network-to-Port Process** down) do not affect your modem, so we will ignore them here. We are concerned with one of the two columns at the top, depending on the port you have chosen. For our example, this is Serial Port 1, on the right.

The “8”, “1”, and “None” default settings for the first three fields (**Data Bits**, **Stop Bits**, and **Parity**) will be correct for virtually all current production modems. (Check your modem user documentation to be sure.) The **Flow Control** and **Baud Rate** settings are really the only two you will need to configure.

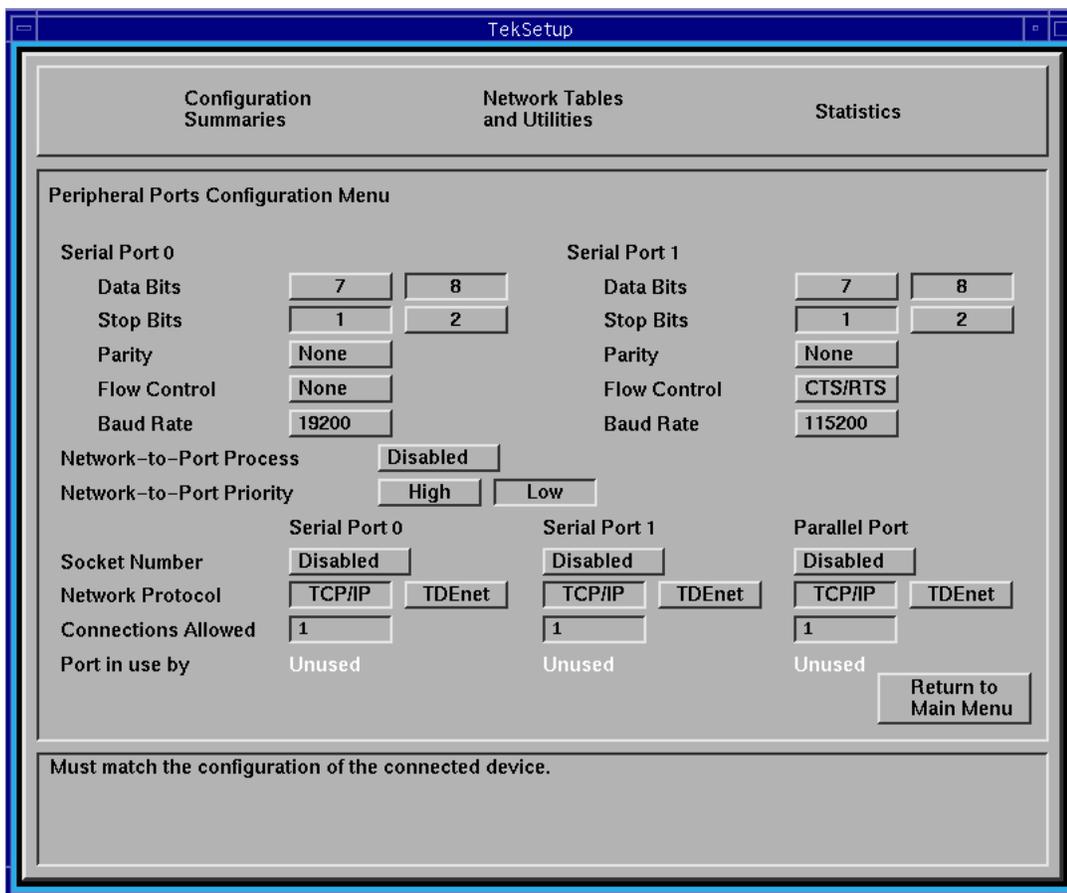


Figure 4-34 Peripheral Ports Configuration Menu



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Flow Control. This field determines what kind of PPP “handshake” passes between the network computer and the server: None, XON/XOFF, or CTS/RTS.

- “None” tells the network computer to pass data through the modem without acknowledging transmission or reception of the data packets;
- “XON/XOFF” is a software handshake; and
- “CTS/RTS” (recommended) is a hardware handshake. (Check your modem user documentation for the best handshake method.)

Baud Rate. This refers to your modem’s transmission speed. We recommend setting this field to at least 57,600 to avoid starving the modem of data. Port 0 supports a maximum of 57,600 baud rate; Port 1 supports up to 115,200.

Note: Due to the complexity of the baud rate programming, port 0 is totally unusable if port 1 is in use at 115,200 baud. If port 1 is in use at lower baud rates, port 0 is available for use with any appropriate device.

Configuring the network computer's session/PPP settings

Next, you will have to configure your network computer's session and/or PPP settings. In *Setup*, go to **Configuration Summaries | Session**. This menu allows you to configure the network computer for PPP sessions and for Ethernet sessions.

Configuration Summaries		Network Tables and Utilities		Statistics	
Session Manager Configuration Menu					
Session1		Session Name		VND Dial Out 1	
User Name	matthewn	Local IP			
Password					
Connection Method	DialOut				
Port	Serial Port 1	Connect String	ATDT		
Phone Number		Disconnect String	+++ATH0		
Connection Type	ICA Host	Host/Application	128.181.187.252	User Name	
		Password			
		Domain			
Connect		Local IP	Not Connected.		Return to Main Menu
Status	Connection down.		Remote IP	Not Connected.	
DIAL-OUT - Dial and connect to a RAS capable PPP server. SCRIPT - Dial and connect using a predefined script. MANUAL - Dial and present the user with a manual connection window. DIRECT - Connect to a port already running PPP.					

Figure 4-35 Session Manager Configuration Menu

As you can see in Figure 4-35, the **Session Manager Configuration Menu** is divided into four areas, known as identification, authentication, connection, and status.



Session identification

In this area, identify each of up to eight session configurations.

Session. You can specify one of eight sessions in this field. For each session, you will configure the settings in the other fields listed below. When you select one of the eight sessions with this button, the settings you configure in the other fields described below will appear.

Session Name. Give each of your eight sessions a distinguishing name that will help users identify the correct session for their needs.

Session authentication

The session authentication area is for authentication purposes. Each session requires some form of authentication to make the session connection.

User Name. You must provide a valid user name.

Password. You must provide a valid password. Your password will appear as asterisks as you type it in; the field itself will appear blank after you press Enter. These two authentication parameters (User Name and Password) are saved in NVRAM when you click the “Save Settings to NVRAM” button.

Connection Method. There are four choices: *Dial Out*, *Direct*, *Manual*, *Script*.

Dial Out The dial out method—probably the most common—can only be used to connect to RAS servers (or servers emulating the RAS interface). *Dial Out* assumes PPP is already running on the host.

Direct This refers to a true direct serial cable connection from one device (your network computer) to another (an NT server, for example), in which the baud rate on the two devices’ serial ports must be the same. We recommend you use this method only when you have a null-modem serial cable connecting your network computer *directly* to a server.

Manual This selection automatically brings up a TIP window and forces the user to enter his/her username and password. If the PPP daemon is not running on the host, the user will also have to start it manually.

<i>Script</i>	This allows you to specify a script to automate the authentication process.
Port	Select <i>Serial Port 0 (PPP)</i> , <i>Serial Port 1 (PPP)</i> , or <i>Ethernet</i> .
<i>Serial Port 0 (PPP)</i>	Select this if you have configured Serial Port 0 for PPP (up to a maximum of 57,600 baud rate).
<i>Serial Port 1 (PPP)</i>	Select this if you have configured Serial Port 1 for PPP (up to a maximum of 115,200 baud rate).
<i>Ethernet</i>	This selection disables all the PPP settings you may have configured in the Session Configuration Menu and connects directly through the network computer's Ethernet cable.

Local IP. By default, this field is disabled. Any attempt by the user to add an IP address or other string will be ignored. In the rare case when you wish to use this field, you will have to uncomment this line in your *xp.cnf* file and add an IP address value:

```
ppp_local_ip_addr      [ IP_ADDRESS ]
```

If you do this, be sure to enter a valid unassigned IP address on the same subnet as your server in the **Local IP** field; if you enter an invalid address, the host will not allow you to log in.

The remaining fields in the session authentication area may or may not appear, depending on the Connection Method you select. For example, if you choose *Direct*, you will not need to provide values for the next four fields.

- **Phone Number.** You must provide a valid phone number for the network computer to dial out to if you select *Dial Out*, *Script*, or *Manual*. This field will not appear if you select *Direct* as your connection method.
- **Script.** If you leave this field empty, it will remain blank but will default to one of the supplied scripts. You can also specify another script or one of your own. Enter the name of the script in this field. This field will not appear if you select *Direct*, *Dial Out*, or *Manual* as your connection method.



- **Connect String.** You must provide a connect string only if you select *Dial Out*. This field will not appear if you select *Direct*, *Script*, or *Manual* as your connection method. This string is modem vendor-dependent. The default value (shown in Figure 4-35 on page 4-95) will work with all Hayes-compatible modems. If you wish to alter the default string, or if it conflicts with your modem, consult your modem user manual for details.
- **Disconnect String.** (Same information as for the Connect String above.)

Session connection

The session connection area is for your login connection *after* you have successfully passed PPP authentication.

Connection Type. There are several connection types you can choose from.

<i>None</i>	(Default.) <i>None</i> means that after the network computer has made the connection and been authenticated, the user will have to start his own session, launch clients manually, etc.
<i>ICA Host</i>	This selection will connect you to a WinDD/Windows NT host over an ICA connection. If you select <i>ICA Host</i> , you must specify a WinDD/Windows NT host (name or IP address) in the Host/Application field. Unless you specify an alternate configuration in your <i>xp.cnf</i> file, the default WinDD window (640x480, 16 colors) will appear. (<i>Also, see note below.</i>)
<i>ICA Application</i>	This yields a result similar to the <i>ICA Host</i> connection type, except that the user, instead of getting an entire Windows NT session, will only get access to the specified application. If you select <i>ICA Application</i> , you must specify a (case-sensitive) application name in the Host/Application field. This application name is the name a master ICA browser broadcasts over the network to ICA clients. When you select <i>ICA Application</i> , the master ICA browser will connect you to the Windows NT host that can best serve you that application, based on the server's resources, number of users currently logged in, etc. (<i>Also, see note below.</i>)

<i>TekHostMenu</i>	This will launch the TekHostMenu client, allowing the user to choose amongst the various protocol/host combinations to make a post-authentication connection.
<i>XDM Direct</i>	This sends an XDMCP login from a specific host to the user's display immediately after PPP authentication.
<i>Telnet</i>	This will launch a Telnet session to the selected host.
<i>Navio</i>	This selection is not supported at this time.

Note: *ICA (WinDD) connections will not work in 16-bit TrueColor environments. If you choose ICA Host or ICA Application as a connection type, be sure that your Default Visual and Root Depth settings are set to "PseudoColor" and "8" respectively. (See the PPP Support topic on page 4-91 for more details.)*

Host/Application. This field is for one of two values: You can enter the IP address (or server name) of the ICA host to which the user will login; or the specific published application name. The published application name defaults to the local subnet, but you can optionally prepend the published name with a Windows NT server name or IP address, or with the subnet mask that points to a specific Application Master Browser location as shown, for example, in this entry:

192.168.15.255 notepad

This points to an Application Master Browser on the subnet **192.168.15.255**. In such a case, the Application Master Browser selects the Notepad application from among the hosts on the subnet based on server load.

User Name. Optional. This user name differs from the user name required in the session authentication area of this menu. This user name refers to the actual account the user must have on the server on which he wishes to login; the former user name is for authentication only. If this field is left empty, the user will have to manually login to the server after the session has been authenticated and established.

Password. Optional. This too differs from the password required in the session authentication area. If this field is left empty, the user will have to manually enter his/her password to login.



Domain. Optional. This is only for Windows NT environments. If you have entered a user name and password in the two previous fields, you might also want to specify a Windows NT domain on the login host. Otherwise, the user will have to manually select a domain at the Windows NT login prompt.

Session status

The session status area is where you make and break session connections. It also displays information about your connection.

Connect/Disconnect. Use this button to make and break your session connections. (See the *PPP connections* topic on page 4-103.)

Status. This gives PPP connection status information (terminated, connecting, connected, etc.). If you have selected Ethernet as your Port, **Status** will display “Connection Down.”

Local IP. Local IP refers to the IP address the PPP server allocates to your network computer after the PPP connection has been established. If you have selected Ethernet as your Port, **Local IP** will display “Not Connected.”

Remote IP. Remote IP refers to the IP address of the PPP server you are connected to. If you have selected Ethernet as your Port, **Remote IP** will display “Not Connected.”

Configuring the *xp.cnf* file for PPP

Configuring the *xp.cnf* file will allow remote users to make PPP connections automatically, after they boot their network computers. You will need to complete the previous *Setup* configurations for each network computer you want to connect automatically. You will also need to uncomment and alter this line in your *xp.cnf*:

```
START PPP NO #[YES | NO]
```

Change the value for this line to “YES”.

Final network computer configuration considerations

There are three other menu items in *Setup* that you should check before you are ready to make a PPP connection.

First, verify that your network computer has an Internet host name. In *Setup*, go to **Configuration Summaries | TCP/IP**. If the first field on this menu is blank, enter a network computer name. If your network computer does not have a name, PPP will generate a unique name for you—based on your network computer's Ethernet address—so it is not critical that you enter one here; it is merely good practice.

Second, there are a few settings in **Configuration Summaries | X Environment** you should check. If you plan to use either the ICA Host or ICA Application connection type described in the previous section, make sure the **Default Visual** is set to "PseudoColor" and the **Root Depth** is set to "8". Also, with NCBridge 3.2, you now have an additional choice of methods (under **Host Connect Method**) by which to connect to a host computer (see Figure 4-36 on page 4-102).



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TekLogin, a new local client which allows a simple connection automatically or with a single button-click, is explained in more detail in the *TekLogin Local Client* topic on page 4-87. You may want to change this setting for your network computer(s).

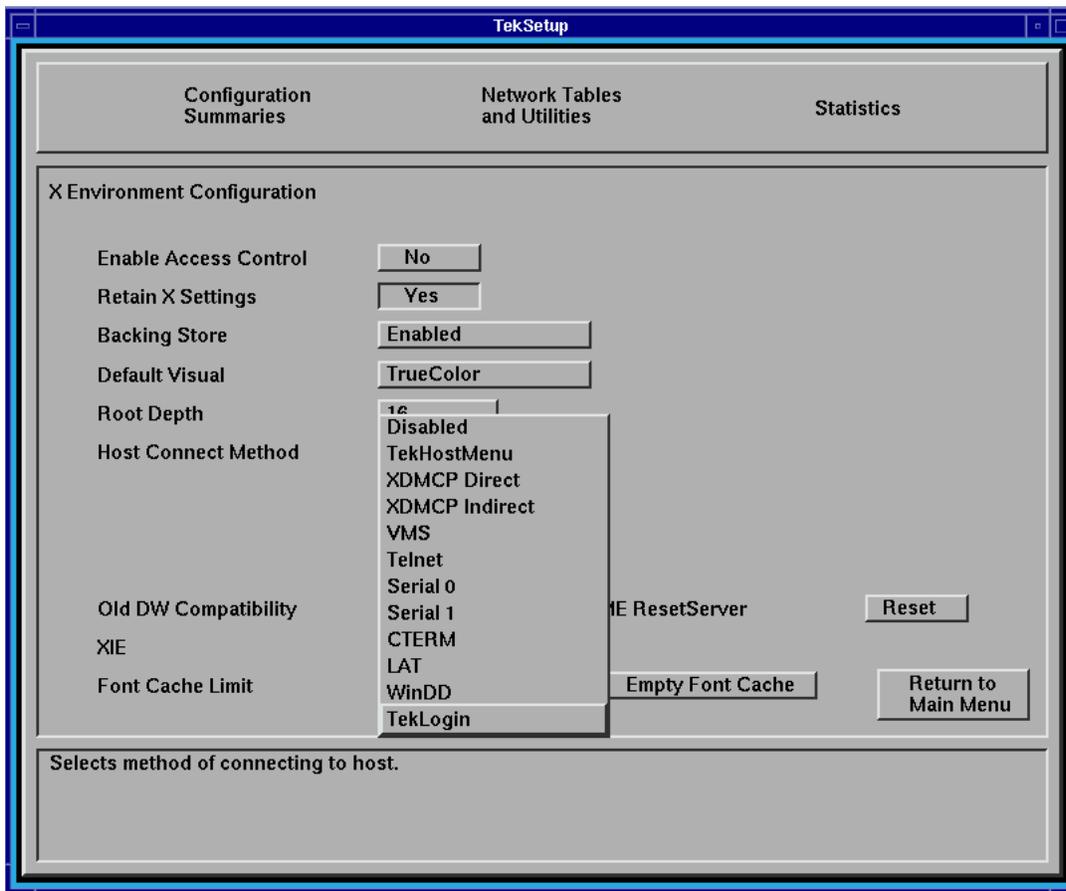


Figure 4-36 X Environment Configuration

Finally, you might want to save your settings so that you won't have to go through these procedures again the next time you reboot. To do this, click the "Return to Main Menu" button, then click the "Save Settings to NVRAM" button on the bottom left of the *Setup* main menu.

PPP connections

After you have configured your network computer's serial port, PPP, and other settings, and have attached a modem to one of your network computer's serial ports, you can connect to a remote host via PPP using one of these methods:

- by using the TekLogin client;
- by using the “Connect/Disconnect” button in *Setup*'s **Session Manager Configuration Menu**;
- by using *xpsh* on a command line; or
- by booting the network computer and automatically connecting via PPP with the remote configuration file, *xp.cnf*.

Connecting via *TekLogin*

TekLogin is a new local client that simplifies the connection process, not just for PPP connections, but for other host connections as well. This method is recommended, especially in environments where the system administrator wishes to simplify the login procedure for inexperienced users. See the *TekLogin Local Client* topic on page 4-87 for more information.

Connecting via *Setup*

Another way to start PPP is from *Setup* where the user can see the PPP status and, in case PPP exits, the reason for the connection failure. When PPP comes up, the user will see the IP address for the connection on the network computer (if the remote is assigning IP addresses) and the remote IP address.

For each of the following methods, in *Setup*, go to **Configuration Summaries | PPP** and click the “Connect/Disconnect” button to make your PPP authentication connection, then follow the rest of these procedures below.

Dial out and Direct

For a properly configured *Dial Out* or *Direct* session, no other steps are necessary to connect.



Manual

When you click the “Connect” button for a *Manual* session, one of the provided scripts (*start_man*) will start, launching a TIP window and dialing the number specified in the **Session Manager Configuration Menu**. The *start_man* script prompts you for your username and password. If the PPP daemon is not running on the host, you will have to start it manually. The TIP window will close automatically as soon as the script detects that PPP is running on the host. The TIP window will remain open for thirty minutes otherwise before closing.

```
tek220: Serial Port 1
File Settings
Connected
atdt95039000
CONNECT 28800/ARQ/V34/LAPM/V42BIS

t1999ba line 26

User Access Verification

Username: matthewn
Password:

IP Modem Pool>251.8.17.60
Trying 251.8.17.60 ... Open

SunOS 5.6

login: matthewn
Password:
Last login: Tue Jul 14 14:08:17 from t1999ba.ens.tek.
Sun Microsystems Inc. SunOS 5.6 Generic August 1997
You have mail.
matthewn>
```

Figure 4-37 Connecting manually via a TIP window

When your connection has been fully established, the remote device will assign you a remote IP address and display it in the **Remote IP** field in *Setup*'s **Session Manager Configuration Menu**.

Script

When you choose to connect via a script, the value you enter in the **Script** field names the parameter listed in *Setup*'s **Network Tables and Utilities | Script Parameters**. (See Figure 4-38 on page 4-105.) NCBridge 3.2 ships with three sample scripts (*start_ppp*, *start_man*, and *start_isp*) found in the `/tekxp/boot/config/script` directory. The first of these is the default script when you select **Script** as your connection method in the **Session Manager Configuration Menu**; the second starts when you select **Manual**; the third is included only as an example. You may use these scripts or create your own.

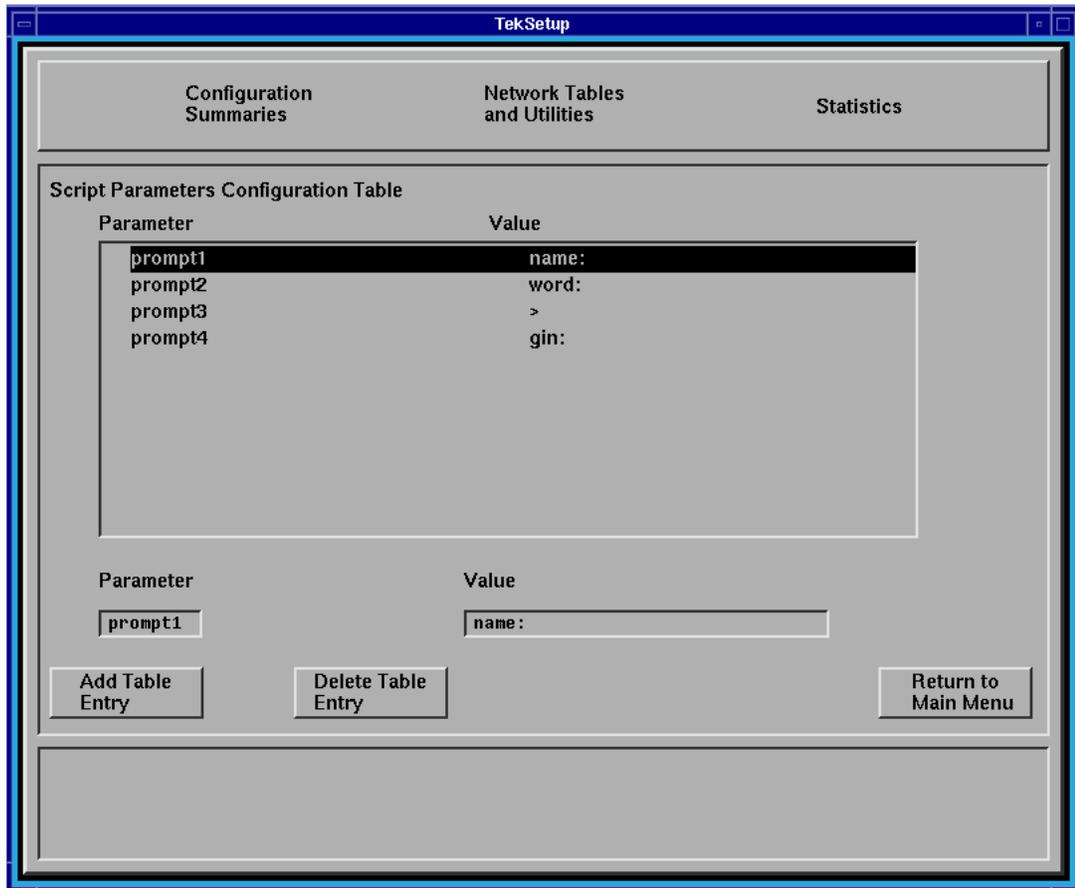


Figure 4-38 Script Parameters Configuration Table



Connecting via *xpsh*

While it might not make sense to connect via PPP through the *xpsh* command (which requires you to be connected to another server in the first place), it is still possible to do so with this command:

```
xpsh -display <display_name>:0 pppd <parameters>
```

Connecting via the *xp.cnf* file

If the sys-admin has set up the PPP parameters in the *xp.cnf* file for remote network computer users, the PPP session will start automatically after network computer boot.

Terminating PPP

With *TekLogin*, click the “Disconnect” button on the main menu. In *Setup*, go to **Configuration Summaries | PPP** and click the “Disconnect” button.

Note: When clicking the “Disconnect” button, PPP does not send the disconnect string to the serial port to reset the modem. If this occurs, turn off/on your modem to reset the modem.

Screen Saver Support

Kiosk administrators can use the screen saver support feature. NCBridge version 3.1 or later, provides a new local client *ssadv*t that allows a customer to display a series of gif images as a screen saver on the network computer. Rather than having the network computer screen simply blank after a specified period of inactivity, system administrators can now display advertisements, corporate-endorsed images, and other images of general interest on inactive network computers. In non-kiosk systems, system administrators can implement the screen saver over an entire network, so that all network computers display the same images.

Note: “Screen savers” do not prolong the life of a monitor. At best, a screen saver turns off the video information; this prevents images from being burned into the phosphor. Screen savers do not turn off the filaments that heat the cathode, which is what generally wears out in a monitor first. A better way to “save” your screen is to select “PowerSave” in the Screen Saver field in Setup’s main menu. This automatically saves the screen, the cathode, the CRT, and electrical energy.

You can use *xp.cnf* or *xpsh* to start the screen saver local client *ssadv*t. Once started for a network computer, you cannot kill or override the process without rebooting the network computer.

Starting the screen saver with the *xp.cnf* file

To start the *ssadv*t client using *xp.cnf*, add a line similar to this one to your *xp.cnf* file:

```
start SSADV T YES -args " -t 600 -c 60 -f /home/
ssadv.t.list" #[ON | OFF]>
```

...where *-t* indicates the *timeout* in seconds, *-c* indicates the *cycle* time in seconds, and *-f* indicates the NFS-mounted *file* with the list of gif images to be displayed.

In this example, when the network computer has been inactive for a period equal to ten minutes (600 seconds), the screen saver displays the first image in the file */home/ssadv.t.list*. After a minute, the next image in the file is displayed, and so on until the end of the file is reached, then it loops to the beginning and starts over. If a user “interrupts” the stream of screen saver images, for example by moving the mouse, the screen saver resumes with the next image in the list during a subsequent ten-minute period of inactivity.



Example 1-2. Screen saver list of GIFs (ssadv.t.list)

```
!Do not delete this line.  
/local/GIFS/dilbert11.gif  
/local/GIFS/subliminal3.gif  
/local/GIFS/csun.gif  
/local/GIFS/xena17.gif  
/local/GIFS/brainwash.gif  
/local/GIFS/pointy-hair.gif
```

The images in the *ssadv.t.list* file must be **gifs**; no other image format is supported. If you include a non-gif image in the file, that image does not display. The console should mention the status of opening the file *ssadv.t.list* and start displaying a different gif every minute.

Starting the screen saver with the *xpsh* command

To start the *ssadv.t* client using *xpsh*, enter this command:

```
xpsh -access <method> ssadv.t -t <timeout> -c <cycle> -f  
<filename>
```

The default *method* value is **nfs**, and since no other method is available at this time, the **-access** argument can be omitted entirely; the default *timeout* value is ten minutes (**-t 600**) with a minimum value of 20 seconds; the default *cycle* time is one minute (**-c 60**).

Note: *The local screen saver client works in a CDE or multiple-workspace window environment such as TED; however, the images on the screen do not cycle at the specified interval. The images cycle only at the default time interval of 10 minutes (600 seconds) and only if the CDE screen saver is on. Turning off the CDE screen saver also turns off ssadv.t.*

16-bit True Color Support (*NC400 and NC200*)

NC400 and NC200 network computers with option V2 (or field kit NCFV2) can now take advantage of NCBridge's 16-bitplane true color support.

When a network computer is configured to operate in 16-bitplane mode, its X server exports a 16-bitplane TrueColor or DirectColor visual, so you will see 65,536 colors instead of only 256 colors in 8-bitplane mode. That means you will see markedly better visual effects on applications that can take advantage of 16-bit color depth. Running your network computer in 16-bitplane mode will also eliminate irksome color flashes that occur when multiple color-intensive applications run simultaneously.

Configuration

You can configure your NC200 or NC400 to operate in this mode either through the *Setup* client or through the remote configuration file *xp.cnf*.

In the *Setup* client, go to the **Configuration Summaries | X Environment** menu and select "16" for the **Root Depth** field. Then go back to the main menu and reset the X server by clicking on the "Reset Server" button. Once the server is reset, it will operate in 16-bitplane mode. If you decide to go back to the 8-bitplane mode, reset the **Root Depth** field to "8" and click the "Reset Server" button again for 8-bitplane PseudoColor. If you want the network computer to retain the new root depth settings the next time it is booted, click the "Save Settings to NVRAM" button in *Setup*'s main menu.

To configure the X server to operate either in 8-bitplane or 16-bitplane mode remotely, add this line to your *xp.cnf* file:

```
root_depth    16    # [8 | 16]
```

Limitations

There are some limitations with 16-bitplane mode. For one, the WinDD ICA client requires 8-bit PseudoColor and cannot be used in 16-bitplane mode. If you try to launch a WinDD ICA client in 16-bitplane mode, the ICA client will write a message to the console stating that it "cannot find the PseudoColor visual" and will exit. (WinDD X Support works fine in 16-bitplane mode.)

Also the digital video player *vplay* cannot be used in 16-bit mode, due to the fact that current software reserves a color index from the PseudoColor table for the chromakey that makes *vplay* work.



Web-based Administrator

The Web-based Administrator allows a system administrator the ability to view an NC's setup parameters using a standard Internet browser, like Netscape Navigator. If an NC's parameter is set incorrectly, the administrator can identify the problem from his own desktop and change the NC parameter to the appropriate value without having to visit the user's desk.

Implementation

Using the start command in the `xp.cnf` file, start the NC local HTTP server. Here is an example:

```
start http
```

When a browser points to the NC's IP address, the NC provides its setup parameters.

Note: A password may be defined for security reasons in the `xp.cnf` file, so that other users may not view or change an NC's setup parameters.

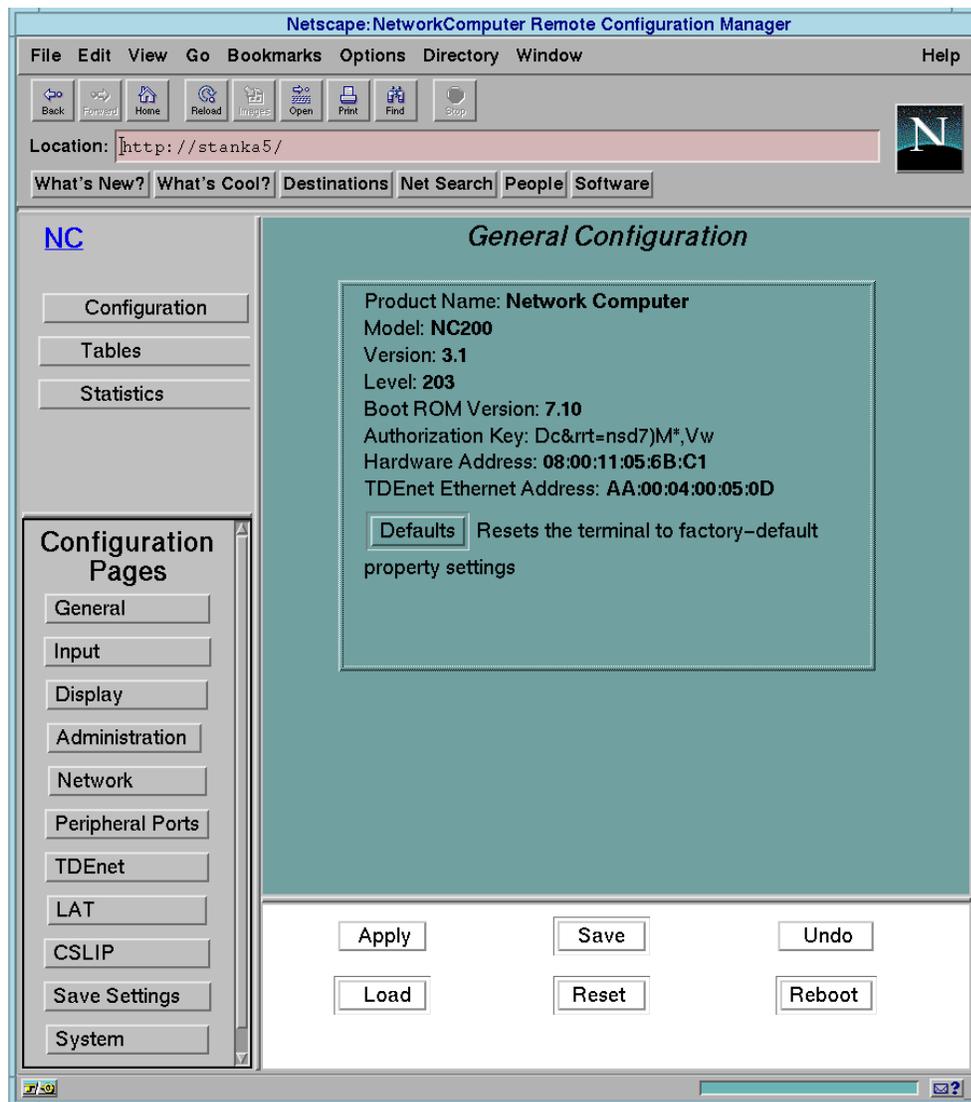


Figure 4-39 NC parameters viewed with Web-based Administrator



Chapter 4 Using Advanced Features

Troubleshooting

Solving Power Problems

If you press the power button(s) and nothing happens:

- Check the back of the network computer and separate logic module (if you have one) to verify the power cord is firmly attached.
- Check the electrical outlet to make sure the power cord is firmly plugged in.
- Try a different electrical outlet, or try plugging something else into the outlet to verify the outlet has power.

If keyboard lights flash or if a bell sounds but nothing is displayed on the screen:

- On the network computer, check that the video cable is connected to the video port.
- On the monitor, check that the video cable is connected to the correct video inputs (video in).

Solving Boot Problems

If the network computer powers up, but the boot fails, there are various options to try. After each option, try to boot the network computer from the *BOOT>* prompt by typing **b** or **boot** and then pressing Enter.

- Verify the network computer keyboard, mouse and network cables are all firmly attached.

For advanced users who have access to the *NCD NC200/NC400 Network Computer Reference* manual, refer to the Boot Monitor chapter:

- Verify the boot method. It typically is TFTP or NFS for UNIX computers, MOP for DEC computers, or ROM if you have an optional Flash or ROM option.
- Verify host and gateway communications from the boot monitor with **ping**. If **ping** does not find the host, verify the host and network computer subnet masks are correctly set.



- If an error message says the boot file is not found:
 - Verify the expected information was obtained from the network
 - Verify the boot path is correct. It should contain both the path and the boot file name.
 - Verify that all the files have world read permissions
- If the configuration files are not found:
 - Verify the messages to verify which host is being polled for the files
 - Verify the primary and secondary paths are correctly set
 - Verify the paths and the read permissions on the files

Solving Log in Problems

If your network computer boots, but you are unable to log in:

- If the mouse or keyboard do not respond, check the cables and then reboot.
- If an error message is generated saying that the log in failed:
 - Retry entering your username and password
 - Verify you are connected to a host where you have a login account
- If a message is displayed saying that a connection timed out, restart the connection as detailed in Chapter 2, *Logging in to the Network Computer*.
- Check the Console window for error messages. Refer to *The Console Window* on page 5-4.

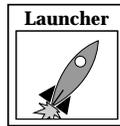
The Console Window

The *Console Window* is a useful tool to see what is happening with the network computer. Messages, such as a confirmation that a file was located or that a command generated an error, are sent to this window. You must explicitly open and close the Console window through the *Client Launcher*.

Opening the Console Window

The Console window is a valuable tool to see messages being generated by the network computer. You can display this window at any time.

To open the Console window:



1. Select Console from the *Client Launcher*. If you need a refresher on the terminology used in these procedures, refer back to Chapter 1, *Terminology*.

The Console Window shown in Figure 5-1 appears on your screen.

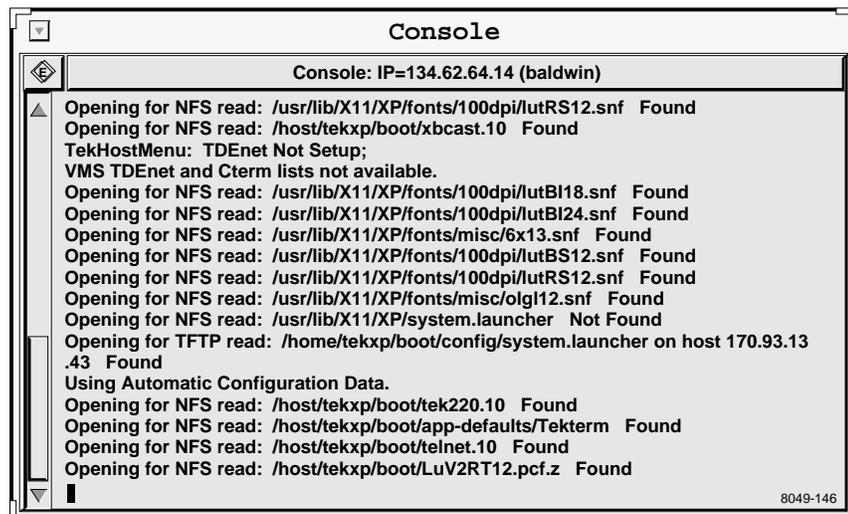


Figure 5-1 Console Window.

The network computer's address and name (if defined) appear on the title bar. You cannot add or delete information from the Console. This window is updated whenever a confirmation or error message is received by the network computer.

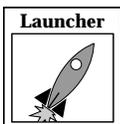


Using the Console Window

Often there is more information available than will fit in the Console window. Since the Console window cannot be resized, use the methods listed below to view additional information. You can also copy and paste information from the Console to a command window.

- To display the previous screen of messages:
Position the mouse pointer in the scroll bar anywhere above the slider box and click the Select (left) button.
- To display the next screen of messages:
Position the mouse pointer in the scroll bar anywhere below the slider box and click the Select (left) button.
- To scroll through the messages one line at a time:
Position the mouse pointer on the up or down arrow (on the scroll bar) and click the Select (left) button once for each line.
- To clear the contents of the Console window:
Click on the Erase icon. The Console scrolls to just below the last line of information. Drag the slider box up to view the Console information.
- To copy information from the Console window and place it in the Console buffer:
Position the mouse pointer on the first character to copy and click the Select (left) button. Drag the mouse to the last character to copy. The selected text is highlighted.
- To paste information from the Console buffer into a window:
Position the mouse pointer in the window where you want to paste the information and click the Menu (middle) button. Information can be pasted in Telnet, Cterm, Lat, and xterm windows.

Closing the Console Window



1. Select Console from the *Client Launcher*.
The Console Window disappears from your screen.

Special Keyboard Characters

This appendix describes how to work with special characters on different keyboards.

- *Entering North American Special Characters from International Keyboards* tells how to enable data processing keys so that you can use the North American character set on international keyboards.
- If you are using an LK401/VT200-style keyboard, refer to *Compose and Diacritical Sequences* for information on creating special characters and symbols by using compose characters.



Appendix A Special Keyboard Characters

Keyboard Charts

Figures A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, and A-9 show examples of the standard types of keyboards available with the network computers. Refer to Appendix B, *Keyboards* in the *Reference Manual* for information about the key codes (which are the numbers that appear below the keys in the following figures).

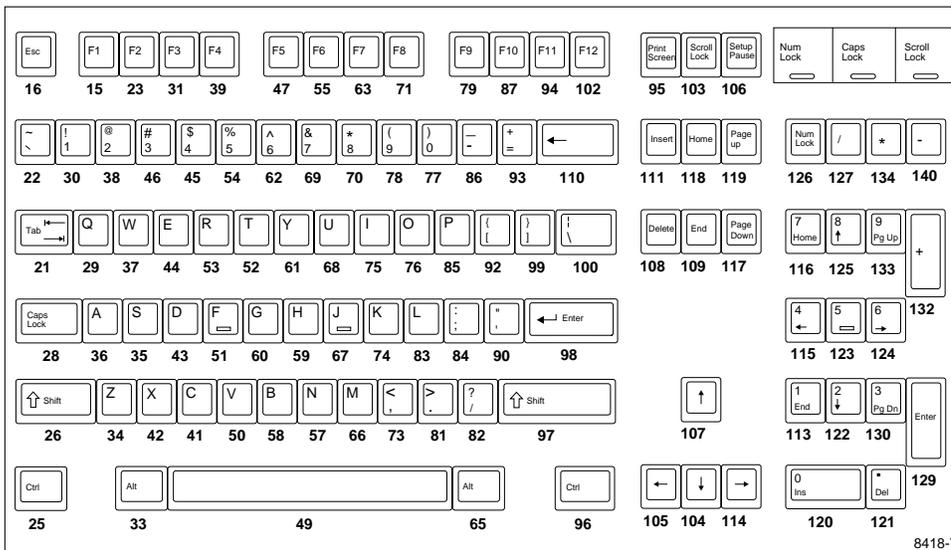


Figure A-1 101 with Pause North American Keyboard

Keyboard Charts

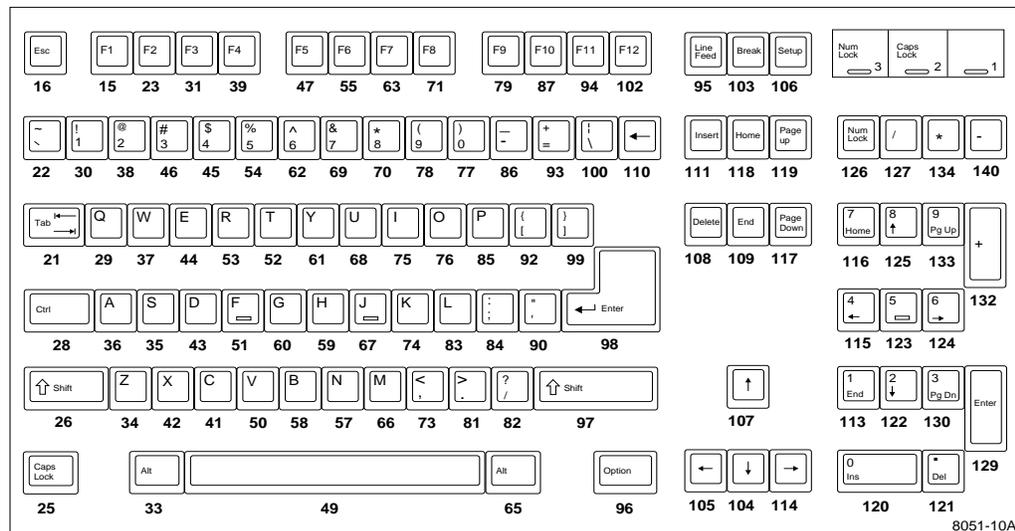


Figure A-2 101 with Setup North American Keyboard

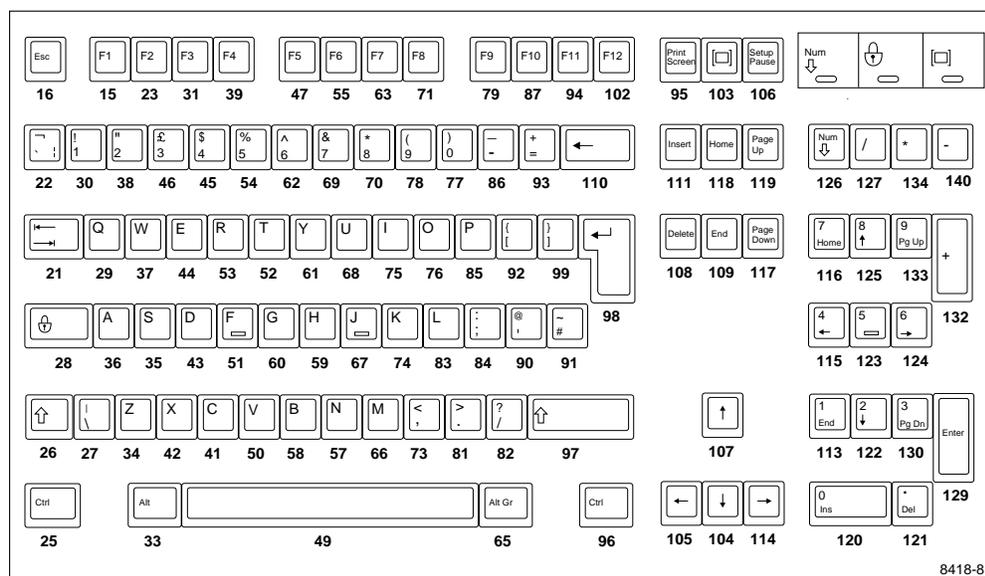


Figure A-3 102 with Pause United Kingdom Keyboard



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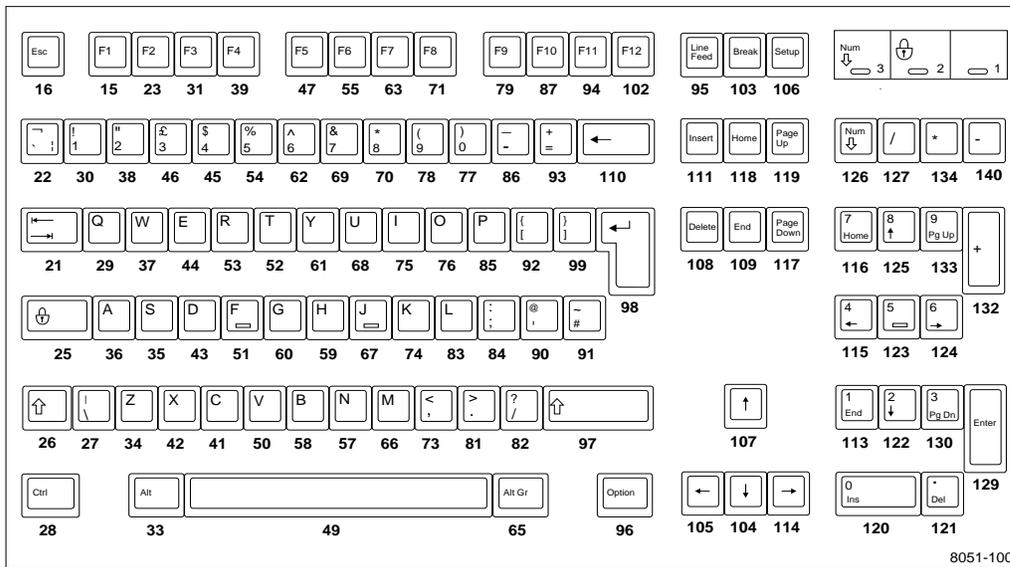


Figure A-4 102 with Setup United Kingdom Keyboard

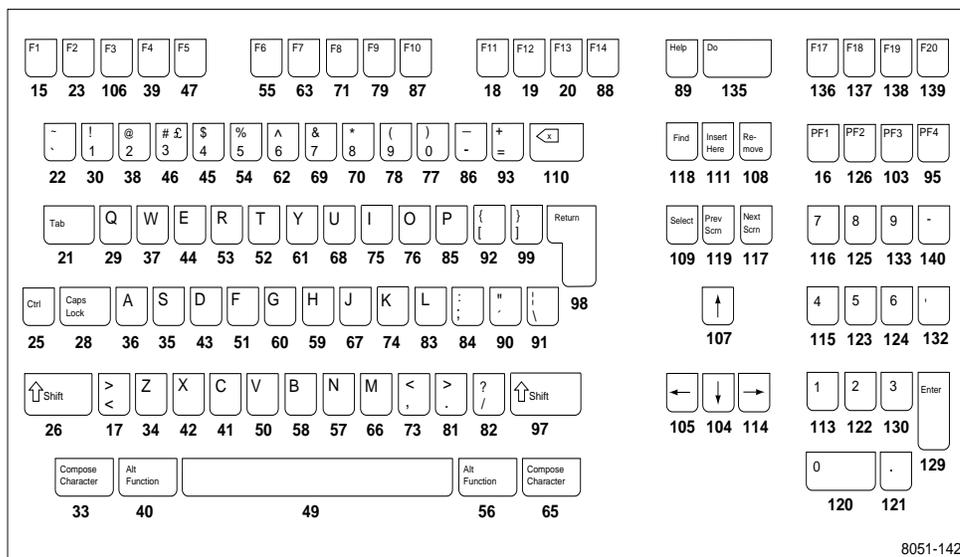


Figure A-5 VT200/LK401-Style North American Keyboard

Keyboard Charts

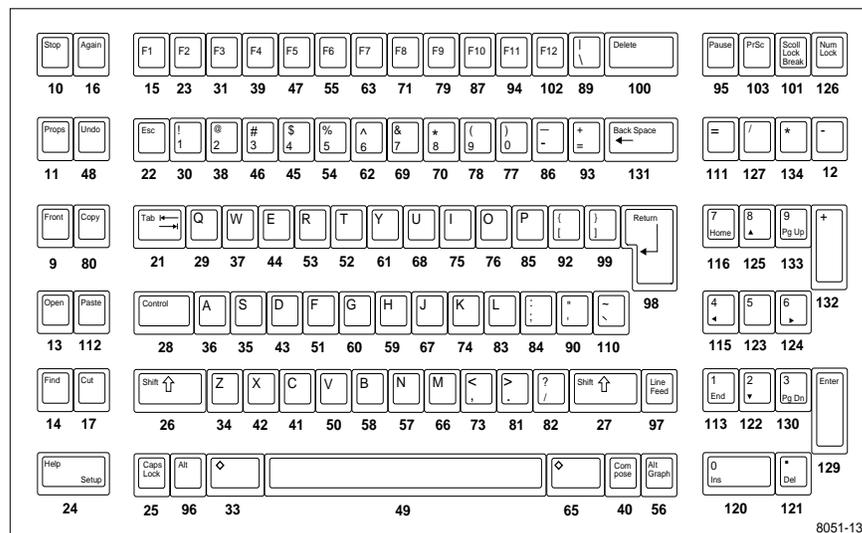


Figure A-6 UNIX Keyboard

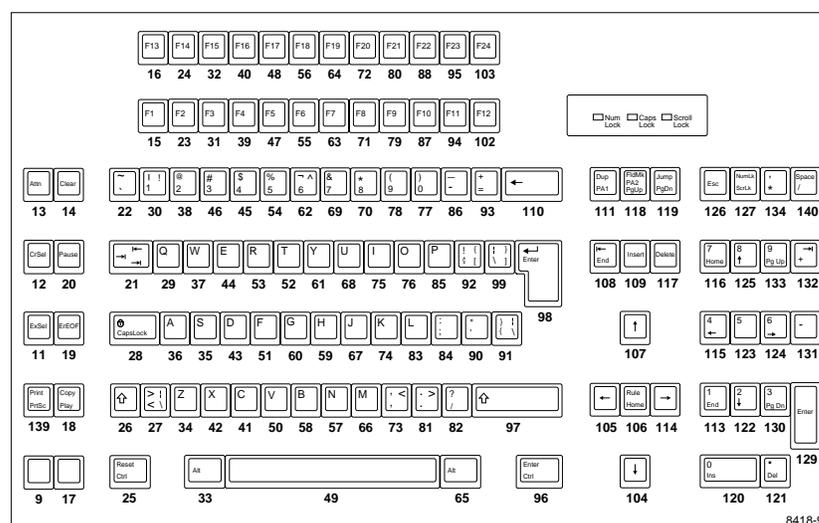


Figure A-7 3270 Keyboard

Note: For details about the 3270 keyboard, see the 3270/3179G User Manual.



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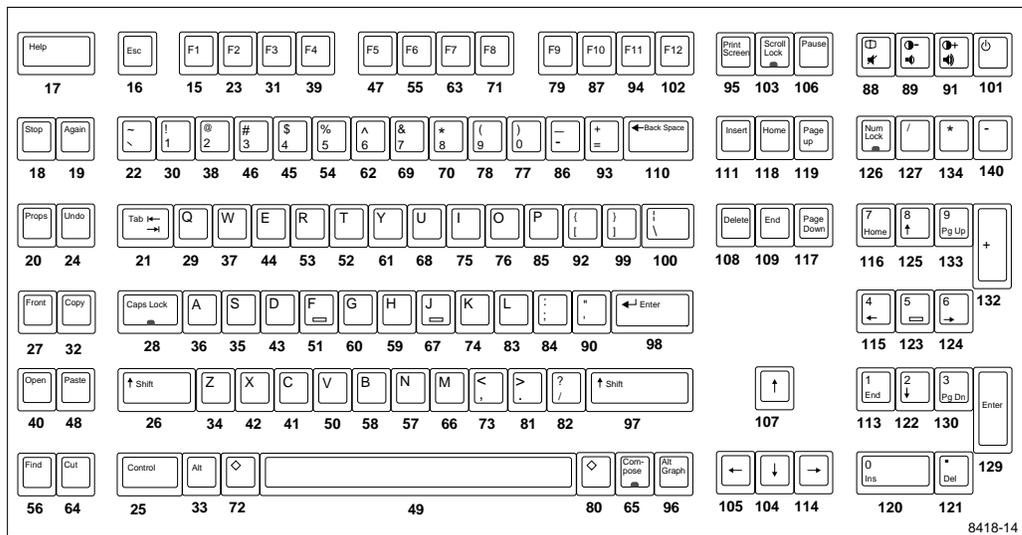


Figure A-8 Sun V Keyboard

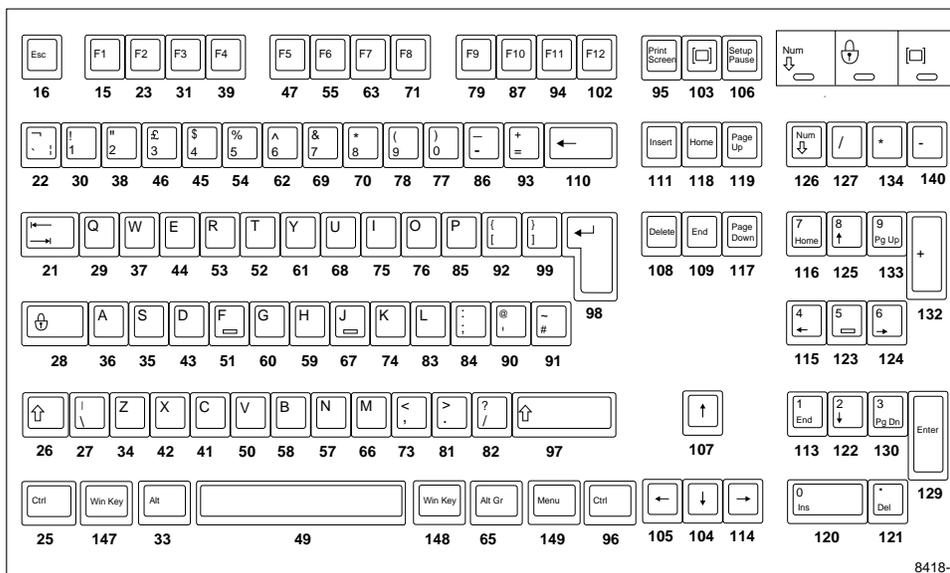


Figure A-9 104/105 Windows95 Keyboard



Entering North American Special Characters from International Keyboards

Some data processing programs require entry of characters from the North American keyboard that are not available on all international keyboards. The characters needed but not always available are: { } [] \ @ # * \$ |

To permit entry of the full North American character set from all keyboards, some international keyboards have one or more keys with dual legends on them. Legends on the left of LK401/VT200 keyboards are *typewriter* legends and legends on the right are *data processing* (DP) legends. (Legends on the right of 102-key keyboards are *alternate graphic* legends.)

You can enable DP legends for the LK401/VT200 keyboards from the Main Menu of *Setup*. The Main Menu displays a DP Mode item when you set Keyboard Type to VT200 and Language to one of the international languages. When you need these special symbols, enable the DP keys by clicking DP Mode to On. Click this item to Off when you need the usual national characters of the keyboard. If you want to run TekXpress compose, load the compose sequences. For details, refer to the *Compose and Diacritical Sequences* section later in the manual.

If TekXpress compose is enabled, you can also access DP legends from the keyboard (rather than through *Setup*) by using Compose sequences. To enter a DP legend, press the Compose key and then the desired key. So that you can enter all ASCII characters, several keyboards have compose sequences for DP keys that do not have DP legends on the keycaps. These compose sequences appear in the tables that follow. For more information about Compose sequences, refer to *Compose and Diacritical Sequences* later in this appendix.

When DP mode is off, the two-key sequences for accessing DP characters (Tables A-1 through A-9) supersede the three-key compose sequences involving the Compose-DP keys.

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Tables A-1 through A-9 summarize the DP characters that are sent for each LK401/VT200-style international keyboard. These tables show both the Typewriter Mode and Data Processing Keys mode. As noted, some compose sequences do not have DP legends. Keyboards not appearing in these tables do not offer DP keys.

Table A-1 VT200/LK401 Danish Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Keys					Compose-DP Keys		
		§ @ 3	Å []	Ø \ #			* ,	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	3	å	ø			|	{	}
	Shft	§	Å	Ø					
Data Processing Keys	Normal	3]	#					
	Shft	@	[\					
LK401	Key State	§ @ ~	£ # 3	Æ [{	Å] }	Ø \ 	* ,	(8) 9
Typewriter	Normal	~	3	æ	å	ø		{	}
	Shft	§	£	Æ	Å	Ø			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	~	3	{	}				
	Shft	@	#	[]	\			



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Table A-2 VT200/LK401 French Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Keys						Compose-DP Keys		
		6 § [	7 è]	% ù \				@ #	9 ç	0 à
Typewriter	Normal	§	è	ù				|	{	}
	Shft	6	7	%						
Data Processing Keys	Normal	[]	\						
	Shft	6	7	%						
LK401	Key State	6 § [	7 è]	% ù \	2 è |	9 ç {	0 à }	@ #	9 ç	0 à
Typewriter	Normal	§	è	ù	2	9	0		{	à
	Shft	6	7	%						
Data Processing Keys	Normal	[]	\	è	ç	à			
	Shft	6	7	%		{	}			

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Table A-3 VT200 German Keyboard.

Mode VT200	Key State	DP Keys		Compose–DP Keys		
		Ü \ @	Ä []	' #	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	ü	ä	|	{	}
	Shft	Û	Ä			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	@]			
	Shft	\	[

Table A-4 LK401 German Keyboard.

Key Cap	Typewriter		Data Processing Keys		Compose–DP Keys
	Normal	Shft	Normal	Shft	
, #					
(8					{
) 9					}
° ^ _	^	°	_	°	
! 1 1 1	1	!	1	i	
" 2 2 2	2	"	2	"	
§ 3 3 3	3	§	3	£	



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Table A-4 LK401 German Keyboard. (Continued)

Key Cap	Typewriter		Data Processing Keys		Compose–DP Keys
	Normal	Shft	Normal	Shft	
\$ □ 4 1/4			1/4	□	
% 5 1/2		%	1/2	%	
& 6 3/4	6	&	3/4	&	
/ { 7	7	/	{	/	
([8	8	([(
) ± 9]	9)]	±	
= ° } o	O	=	}	°	
? ÿ \ β	β	?	\	ÿ	
˘ ˙	˘	˘	˙	˘	
Q @	q	Q	@	Q	
R ® ¶	r	R	¶	®	
Z ¥	z	Z	z	¥	
O Ø	o	O	Ø	o	

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Table A-4 LK401 German Keyboard. (Continued)

Key Cap	Typewriter		Data Processing Keys		Compose-DP Keys
	Normal	Shft	Normal	Shft	
P ρ	p	P	p	ρ	
Ü °	ü	Ü	..	°	
* +	+	*	~	-	
A Æ	a	A	æ	Æ	
S § β	s	S	β	§	
D ð δ	d	D	δ	ð	
F ^a	f	F	f	^a	
; ,	,	;	,	X	
K &	k	K	k	&	
Ö ´	ö	Ö	´	Ö	
Ä ^	ä	Ä	^	Ä	
¿ #	#	´	˘	´	
> <	<	>			



Appendix A *Special Keyboard Characters*

Table A-4 LK401 German Keyboard. (Continued)

Key Cap	Typewriter		Data Processing Keys		Compose-DP Keys
	Normal	Shft	Normal	Shft	
Y < y <<	y	Y	<<	<	
X > x >>	x	X	>>	>	
C © ¢	c	C	¢	©	
M ° µ	m	M	µ	°	
: ÷ ·		:	·	÷	

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Table A-5 VT200/LK401 Italian Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Keys							Compose-DP Keys			
		1 £ @	2 é #	9 ç [	0 à]	§ \ *				% ù	= ,	§ \$
Typewriter	Normal	£	é	ç	à	*				|	{	}
	Shft	1	2	9	0	§						
Data Processing Keys	Normal	@	#	[]	*						
	Shft	1	2	9	0	\						
LK401	Key State	1 £ @	2 é #	9 ç [	0 à]	§ \ *	% ù {	= ; }	! ò |	% ù	= ,	§ \$
Typewriter	Normal	£	é	ç	à	*	ù	;	ò		{	}
	Shft	1	2	9	0	§	%	=	!			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	@	#	[]	*	{	}				
	Shft	1	2	9	0	\	%	=	!			



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Table A-6 VT200/LK401 Norwegian Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Keys			Compose-DP Keys		
		§ @ 3	Å []	Æ \ #	* ,	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	3	å	æ	|	{	}
	Shft	§	Å	Æ			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	3]	#			
	Shft	@	[\			
LK401	Key State	Å] }	Æ [{	Ø \ 	* ,	(8) 9
Typewriter	Normal	å	æ	ø		{	}
	Shft	Å	Æ	Ø			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	}	{				
	Shft]	[\			

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Table A-7 VT200/LK401 Spanish Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Keys				Compose-DP Keys		
		i \ ¿ @	ª [º]			~ ç	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	¿	º			|	{	}
	Shft	¡	ª					
Data Processing Keys	Normal	@]					
	Shft	\	[
LK401	Key State	i \ ¿ @	ª [º]	Ñ } {	~ ç	~ ç	(8) 9
Typewriter	Normal	¿	º	ñ	ç		{	}
	Shft	¡	ª	Ñ	~			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	@]	{				
	Shft	\	[}	ç			



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Table A-8 VT200/LK401 Swedish/Finnish Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Keys						Compose-DP Keys		
		§ @ 3	⌘ \$ 4	Å []	Ü \ #			Ä	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	3	4	å	ü				{	}
	Shft	§	⌘	Å	Ü			|		
Data Processing Keys	Normal	3	4]	#					
	Shft	@	\$	[\					
LK401	Key State	§ @ 3	⌘ \$ 4	Å []	Ü \ #	Ö { }	Ä |	Ä	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	3	4	å	ü	Ö	ä		{	}
	Shft	§	\$	Å	Ü	ö	Ä			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	3	4]	#	}	ä			
	Shft	@	\$	[\	{				

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Table A-9 VT200/LK401 Swiss/German Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Keys				Compose-DP Keys			
		ç @ 4	è \ ü	é [ö	à] ä	£ # \$	£ # \$	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	4	ü	ö	ä	\$	|	{	}
	Shift	ç	è	é	à	£			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	4	ü	ö	ä	\$			
	Shift	@	\	[]				
LK401	Key State	ç @ 4	è \ ü |	é [ö {	à] ä }	£ # \$	£ # \$	(8	) 9
Typewriter	Normal	4	ü	ö	ä	\$	|	{	}
	Shift	ç	è	é	à	£			
Data Processing Keys	Normal	4	|	{	}	\$			
	Shift	@	\	[]	#			

Table A-10 VT200/LK401 United Kingdom Keyboard.

Mode	Key State	DP Key
		£ # 3
Typewriter	Normal	3
	Shft	£
Data Processing Keys	Normal	3
	Shft	#



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Eurokey Support

NCBridge 3.2, or higher, supports the EuroSign keysym for the various keyboard types listed in Table A-11. The EuroSign keysym value is 0x20AC.

Table A-11 EuroSign Character Support

Keyboard	Country	Keystroke
102 Setup & 102 Pause, including support for Windows95 keyboards	Danish	AltGr+E
	French	AltGr+E
	Finnish	AltGr+E
	German	AltGr+E
	Italian	AltGr+E
	Norwegian	AltGr+E
	Spanish	AltGr+E
	Swedish	AltGr+E
	Swiss-German	AltGr+E
	United Kingdom	AltGr+4
3270	French	AltGr+E
	German	AltGr+E
	United Kingdom	AltGr+4
Sun V	French	AltGr+E
	German	AltGr+E
	United Kingdom	AltGr+4

Compose and Diacritical Sequences

On LK401/VT200-style keyboards you can use compose characters to type special characters and symbols that are not available as single keystrokes. These might be common characters, such as the cent sign (¢), or letter forms particular to a certain language, for example, a lowercase “e” with an acute accent.

Network computers directly support compose characters for all X11 clients with LK401/VT200 keyboards, other than North American. DEC VMS and ULTRIX X applications provide their own compose characters. Refer to your DECWindows documentation for information about DEC compose characters.

To use DEC compose characters:



2. Select Setup from the *Client Launcher*. Select either VT200/LK401 ULTRIX (ESC) or VT200/LK401 VMS (F11) as the Keyboard Type.
3. Set the Compose Sequences option to No.
4. Use a DEC VMS or ULTRIX X application.
5. Begin a compose sequence by pressing the Compose key.



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To use TekXpress compose characters:



1. Select Setup from the *Client Launcher*.
2. Select VT200/LK401 X (ESC-BS-LF) or VT200/LK401 X (F11-F13) as the Keyboard Type.
3. Set the Compose Sequences option to Yes.
4. Select a Keyboard Nationality. (To use North American, use xmodmap to clear the modifier by entering this command: **xmodmap -e "clear mod1"**)

You can compose TekXpress compose characters in two ways:

- Press a diacritical key (described under *Using the Diacritical Keys* later in this appendix), and then the character to be combined with it (valid combinations are shown in Table A-12 on page A-23).
- Press the Compose key (described under *Using the Compose Key* later in this appendix), and then type the two composing characters (valid combinations are shown in Table A-13 on page A-26).

Note: *To enter a special character, your application must support 8-bit characters and select fonts. If you cannot enter special characters, contact your system administrator.*

Using the Diacritical Keys

There are from one to five diacritical keys on all international VT200-style keyboards (except North American). These keys do not send characters when you press them; rather, they combine with the next character you type to form a special symbol.

For example, on keyboards for which tilde (~) is a diacritical mark, you compose the ñ Spanish character by pressing the “~” key and then pressing the “n” key.

To cancel a diacritical key sequence:

- Press the Delete key, or
- Press another diacritical key (if you want to start a new sequence).

If you type an invalid sequence: the entry is ignored, the bell on the network computer rings, and the diacritical sequence terminates.

The Compose light turns OFF when you complete the compose sequence.

The acute accent (´) character is a special case: on the keyboard, it shares its visual representation with the apostrophe ('). Depending on the keyboard nationality, the keyboard character on the network computer represents an acute accent (a diacritical mark) or an apostrophe (a character).

Table A-12 shows the diacritical keys available on various keyboards.

Table A-12 Diacritical Keys.

Keyboard	Diacritical Keys				
Danish/Norwegian ^a		˘	˙	ˆ	¨
French	˘	˘		ˆ	¨
German ^a	˘	˘	˙	ˆ	
Italian	˘	˘		ˆ	
North American	none				
Spanish ^b	˘	˘	˙	ˆ	¨
Swedish	˘	˘		ˆ	



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Table A-12 Diacritical Keys. (Continued)

Keyboard	Diacritical Keys				
Swiss–German	~	`		^	¨
United Kingdom		`			

a Two single-quote symbols appear on the keyboard. The one on the top row of keys is a diacritical mark and can be thought of as an acute accent (´). The other one is not a diacritical mark and can be thought of as an apostrophe (').

b Two single-quote symbols appear on the keyboard. The one on the top row of keys is not a diacritical mark and can be thought of as an apostrophe ('). The other one, next to the ñ key, is the diacritical mark.

Variations from DEC Compose Sequences

The following differences exist between the NCD network computer and the DEC VT200 compose sequences:

- The sequence that generates a double quote on the VT200 generates an umlaut on the NCD network computer.
- There is no difference on the VT200 between an apostrophe and an acute accent. Depending on keyboard nationality, you can treat the acute accent on the keyboard as a diacritical mark (an acute accent). You can access the apostrophe symbol on the keyboard through a compose sequence.
- The NCD network computer provides compose sequences for dollar sign, small and capital Icelandic eth, small and capital Icelandic thorn, small and capital y with an acute accent, three-fourths fraction, division sign, multiplication sign, acute accent, umlaut, overbar, cedilla, registered sign, broken vertical bar, not sign, no-break space, and soft hyphen.
- You access TekXpress and DEC three-key compose characters by pressing Compose, rather than holding the Compose key and pressing the spacebar as described for DEC workstations.
- DEC compose sequences do not have the "Compose-DP" sequence.



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Using the Compose Key

The Compose key starts a three-key compose sequence for all LK401/VT200-style international keyboards (except North American). For example, to compose a cent sign, press the Compose key followed by the “c” and “|” keys. When you press the Compose key, the Compose light turns ON to indicate that you are composing a special character.

To cancel a compose sequence:

- Press the Delete key, or
- Press the Compose key (if you want to start a new sequence).

If you type an invalid sequence: the entry is ignored, the bell on the network computer rings, and the compose sequence terminates.

The Compose light turns OFF when you complete the compose sequence.

Compose Sequences

Table A-13 lists all the compose characters and the two- or three-key sequences used to form the characters. You can enter the last two keys of three-key sequences in any order. The notes in the table refer to:

a To compose a character with a three-key sequence, press Compose Character followed by the two keys shown in this column.

b Two-key compose sequences are only available on national keyboards that support the requisite diacritical marks.

c You can use either two apostrophes (‘ ’ – available on all keyboards) or two acute accents (´ ́ – available only on the German, Danish/Norwegian, and Spanish keyboards) to compose an acute accent.

Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards.

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
[	Left bracket	((

Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
\	Backslash	//	
		/ <	
]	Right bracket))	
{	Left brace	(-	
|	Vertical bar	^ /	^ /
}	Right brace) -	
#	Pound sign	+ +	
^	Circumflex	^ S _p	^ S _p
		^ ^	^ ^
~	Tilde	~ S _p	~ S _p
		~ ~	~ ~
@	Commercial At sign	A A	
		a a	
\$	Dollar sign	S /	
		s /	
		S |	
		s |	
á	Apostrophe	' S _p	
		' S _p	' S _p
á	Small a with acute accent	' a	' a
Á	Capital A with acute accent	' A	' A



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Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
à	Small a with grave accent	` a	` a
À	Capital A with grave accent	` A	` A
â	Small a with circumflex	^ a	^ a
Â	Capital A with circumflex	^ A	^ A
ä	Small a with umlaut	a "	
		¨ a	¨ a
Ä	Capital A with umlaut	A "	
		¨ A	¨ A
ã	Small a with tilde	~ a	~ a
Ã	Capital A with tilde	~ A	~ A
å	Small a with ring	a *	
		× ° a	
Å	Capital A with ring	A *	
		× ° A	
æ	Small ae ligature	a e	
Æ	Capital AE ligature	A E	
ç	Small c with cedilla	c ,	
Ç	Capital C with cedilla	C ,	
Ð	Capital Icelandic Eth	D –	
	Small Icelandic eth	d –	
é	Small e with acute accent	´ e	´ e
É	Capital E with acute accent	´ E	´ E

Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
è	Small e with grave accent	` e	` e
È	Capital E with grave accent	` E	` E
ê	Small e with circumflex	^ e	^ e
Ê	Capital E with circumflex	^ E	^ E
í	Small i with acute accent	´ i	´ i
Í	Capital I with acute accent	´ I	´ I
ì	Small i with grave accent	` i	` i
Ì	Capital I with grave accent	` I	` I
î	Small i with circumflex	^ i	^ i
Î	Capital I with circumflex	^ I	^ I
ï	Small i with diaeresis	i "	
		¨ i	¨ i
Ï	Capital I with diaeresis	I "	
		¨ I	¨ I
ñ	Small n with tilde	~ n	~ n
Ñ	Capital N with tilde	~ N	~ N
ó	Small o with acute accent	´ o	´ o
Ó	Capital O with acute accent	´ O	´ O
ò	Small o with grave accent	` o	` o
Ò	Capital O with grave accent	` O	` O
ô	Small o with circumflex	^ o	^ o
Ô	Capital O with circumflex	^ O	^ O



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Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
ö	Small o with umlaut	o "	
		" o	" o
Ö	Capital O with umlaut	O "	
		" O	" O
ō	Small o with tilde	~ o	~ o
Õ	Capital O with tilde	~ O	~ O
ø	Small o with slash	o /	
Ø	Capital O with slash	O /	
ß	Small German sharp s	s s	
þ	Small Icelandic thorn	p p	
Þ	Capital Icelandic Thorn	P P	
ú	Small u with acute accent	´ u	´ u
Ú	Capital U with acute accent	´ U	´ U
ù	Small u with grave accent	` u	` u
Û	Capital U with grave accent	` U	` U
û	Small u with circumflex	^ u	^ u
Û	Capital U with circumflex	^ U	^ U
ü	Small u with umlaut	u "	
		" u	" u
Û	Capital U with umlaut	U "	
		" U	" U
´y	Small y with acute accent	´ y	´ y

Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
´Y	Capital Y with acute accent	´ Y	´ Y
ÿ	Small y with diaeresis	y "	
		¨ y	¨ y
	No-break space	S _P S _P	
¼	Fraction one-fourth	1 4	
½	Fraction one-half	1 2	
¾	Fraction three-fourths	3 4	
¹	Superscript 1	^ 1	^ 1
²	Superscript 2	^ 2	^ 2
³	Superscript 3	^ 3	^ 3
±	Plus-or-minus sign	+ -	
÷	Division sign	- :	
×	Multiplication sign	X X	
		x x	
¤	Currency sign	X 0	
		X O	
		x 0	
		x o	
£	Pounds currency sign	L -	
		L =	
		l -	
		l =	



Appendix A *Special Keyboard Characters*

Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
¢	Cent sign	C /	
		C |	
		c /	
		c |	
¥	Yen sign	Y -	
		Y =	
		y -	
		y =	
´	Acute accent ^c	´ ´	
		``	``
`	Grave accent	` Sp	` Sp
		``	``
¨	Diaeresis or umlaut	" Sp	
		" "	
		¨ Sp	¨ Sp
		¨ ¨	¨ ¨
—	Macron or overbar	--	
¸	Cedilla	¸¸	
-	Soft hyphen	--	
µ	Small mu or micro sign	/ U	
		/ u	

Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
°	Degree sign	^ 0	^ 0
		S _p *	
		S _p °	
°	Masculine ordinal indicator	O _	
		o _	
ª	Feminine ordinal indicator	A _	
		a _	
§	Section sign	S 0	
		s 0	
		S O	
		s o	
¶	Paragraph or pilcrow	P !	
		p !	
.	Centered dot	^ .	^ .
©	Copyright sign	C 0	
		c 0	
		C O	
		c o	
®	Registered sign	R 0	
		r 0	
		R O	
		r O	



Appendix A *Special Keyboard Characters*

Table A-13 Compose Sequences for VT200-Style Keyboards. (Continued)

Symbol	Description	Compose Sequence	
		Three-Key ^a	Two-Key ^b
¡	Inverted exclamation mark	!!	
¿	Inverted question mark	? ?	
«	Angle quotation mark left	<<	
»	Angle quotation mark right	>>	
|	Broken vertical bar	!=	
¬	Not sign	-!	

Glossary

Active Window

The window where the input (focus) is directed.

Application Program

Programs such as word processors, transaction processors, and computer-aided drafting, that you run on your network computer. Also known as client. *See* Client.

Button (on the display)

A small display box that has a raised appearance and contains text. Generally, clicking on a button activates a function or performs some action. *See* Clicking.

Button (on the mouse)

The three buttons on the top of the mouse. *See* Select, Menu, and Custom.

Clicking

Quickly pressing and releasing the Select mouse button without moving the pointer.

Client

An application program that connects to the server. A client program performs a variety of tasks, including window management.

Chroma

A term that describes the saturation or vividness of a color. A chroma of 0 describes a neutral, gray color. Chroma ranges to the most vivid color a screen or printer generates for a specific hue and value. *See* Hue *and* Value.

Colormap

Consists of a set of entries defining color values. A pixel value indexes into the colormap thereby producing intensities of red, green, and blue which are visible on a display.



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Command Line

The line that you type to invoke a program or initiate an action. A command line usually contains the name of an X client or application program, along with optional arguments known as command-line options.

Cterm

A user-level protocol which is part of the DECnet Protocol set. *Cterm* provides a Network Virtual Terminal, which allows you to log in to a remote host on the network as if you are using a terminal directly attached to the remote host.

Custom (mouse button)

The factory default defines this as the right mouse button.

Cursor

The visible shape of a pointer on the screen. Defining a cursor for a window controls the visible appearance when the pointer is in that window. *See* Pointer.

DAP

See Data Access Protocol.

Data Access Protocol (DAP)

A protocol that provides read and write support for font files, the color definition file, or remote configuration files.

Dialog Box

A box where you choose options and enter information. Use the mouse to move from field to field, click on buttons and position the text cursor. Enter information with the keyboard.

Display

A device that receives video output from the logic module and displays the video output on a screen.

Dragging

Pressing and holding down the Select mouse button while moving the pointer.

Ethernet

An IEEE standard protocol used within various networks, including TCP/IP.

Ethernet Address

The factory-defined hardware address of the network computer. Network hardware uses the Ethernet address when communicating to the network. This address is on the serial number label on the back of the logic module. You can also display the Ethernet address by viewing the TCP/IP Configuration Summary Menu in *Setup*.

Event

In the X Window System, information sent by the X server to an X client — for example, notification to the client that you pressed a mouse button.

Factory Default

The value assigned to a parameter as delivered from the factory.

Firmware

Software instructions that are permanently stored in the memory of a computer and are not lost when you turn the power off. Also called NVRAM.

Hardcopy

A physical copy (typically printed on paper) of a file.

Hardware

The physical parts of a computing device, such as a network computer.

Host Computer

A computer device that controls the exchange of data between itself and another network computer. Network computers typically boot from a host.

Hue

A term that describes a color family (for example, red or yellow). Hue is a polar coordinate — that is, it moves in a circular motion around the color spectrum — and ranges from 0° to 360°, with 0° being red. Hue is measured in degrees. *See Chroma and Value.*



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Index Area

A box on the screen that lets you enter a color index — an integer used to label a particular color — from the keyboard.

Input Device

A device that allows you to send information to a window. Typical input devices include keyboards, mice, tablets, and trackballs. *See Pointer and Pointing Device.*

Interface

A common connection that is used for sending or accepting information and control between programs and machines.

Internet Address (IP Address)

A system administrator-assigned address for the network computer. This address is used under TCP/IP when the network software of the network computer generates messages to another host. The IP address is in the form *nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn* where *nnn* is a decimal number in the range 0 to 255. You can display the IP address by viewing the Network Configuration Summary Menu in *Setup*.

Internet Protocol (IP)

The network layer protocol for the Internet Protocol Suite. Internet Protocol is responsible for addressing and routing packets between hosts.

Keyboard

An input device that allows you to communicate with your client program.

LAN

See Local Area Network.

LAT

See Local Area Transport

Local Area Network (LAN)

The linking together of terminals, network computers, and computers via cables and microwave links. This allows you to access more than one computer.

Local Area Transport (LAT)

A client which provides a connection to a host computer that supports LAT.

Local Clients

Programs running on the same host as the server.

Logic Module

A device that gets data from a host, a keyboard, or a peripheral, and processes it for viewing on the display. The logic module runs the X server and local clients. It can be a separate unit, or integrated into the base of the monitor.

Memory

A part of a network computer that stores data.

Menu

A list of commands or functions that you select with a pointer. A menu is normally displayed in a small window.

Menu (mouse button)

The factory default defines this as the middle mouse button.

Move

Change the location of the pointer on the screen by moving the mouse.

Mouse

An input device that, when moved across a flat surface, causes the pointer to move across a screen. The mouse usually has buttons that you press to send signals. These signals, in turn, accomplish certain functions. The representation of the *mouse* on the screen is called the pointer. *See* Pointer.

Network

The physical wires connecting two or more computers. These connections allow information to move electronically between computers.



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Network Computer

A computer that displays information which usually resides on another computer. A network computer consists of a display, a keyboard, a mouse or other pointing device, a logic module, an X server, and local clients. *See* Display, Logic Module, Mouse, Pointer, *and* X Server.

Parameter

A variable that is given a specific value. This value is passed to a program before execution.

Peripheral Device

A device used to input or output data for the network computer. The XPT/A graphics tablet is a supported peripheral device for network computers.

Pixel

The smallest part of a screen surface that can be addressed.

Pointer

The *pointer* allows you to make selections in menus, to size and position windows and icons, and to select the window where you want to send the input. The window manager determines the shape of the pointer. *See* Pointing Device.

Pointing Device

Typically a mouse, tablet, or some other device with effective dimensional motion. The core protocol defines only one visible cursor, which tracks whatever pointing device is attached as the pointer. *See* Pointer.

Port

A physical connection (such as a multi-pin connector or coaxial connector) and its associated firmware, that permits one computing device to communicate data and control information with another computing device or peripheral device.

Protocol

A set of rules that allows computers to transfer information across a network to other computers that speak different computer languages.

Read-Only Memory (ROM)

Special firmware in the network computer that allows it to boot without being connected to a host computer.

RGB

An additive method of combining percentages of red, green, and blue primary colors to form other colors.

ROM

See Read-Only Memory.

Root Weave

The window that fills the screen during an X session. All windows opened by clients appear on top of the root window. *See* Stipple Pattern.

RS-232-C

A standard communications interface defined by the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) to control data communications using standard voltages, signal lines, and device interactions.

Screen

The monitor. This is where text and graphical information is displayed for viewing. *See* Window.

Select (mouse button)

The factory default defines this as the left mouse button.

Setup Key

A special key on the keyboard, marked Setup. Pressing this key takes you to the *Setup* program.

Serial Port

One or more optional physical connectors on your network computer. Attach a serial cable (RS 232) to communicate with a peripheral device such as a modem or printer.



Glossary

Serial Port Session

A session started through one of the serial ports: either Serial Port 0 or Serial Port 1.

Serial Xpress (SXP)

A serial protocol used for fast serial communications between a host computer and a network computer. Can be used with or without a modem.

Server

The combination of graphics display, hardware, and server software that provides display services for clients. The server also handles keyboard and mouse input. *See Client and X Server.*

Setup

A local X client program used to configure the network computer.

Software

A set of instructions that tell the computer to perform a certain task in order to obtain a specific result. *See Client.*

Stipple Pattern

In the X Window System, the underlying pattern displayed (with the X cursor) when there are no other windows on the screen. If a window is created, the window appears on top of the stipple pattern. *See Root Window.*

SXP

See Serial Xpress.

TCP

See Transmission Control Protocol.

TCP/IP

See Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol.

Telnet

A user-level protocol which is part of the Internet Protocol set. *Telnet* provides a Network Virtual Terminal, which allows you to log in to a remote host on the network as if you are using a terminal directly attached to the remote host.

TekHostMenu

A window showing a list of host computer names and network addresses. Use the mouse to select a computer where you have a login account.

Terminal

An interactive input/output device used in computer systems or networks.

Text Cursor

The I-shaped pointer which appears in a text input area. Clicking the mouse in a text input area causes the text cursor to appear in that area. Whatever information you type on the keyboard appears in the text input area displaying the text cursor.

TFTP

See Trivial File Transfer Protocol.

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

The Internet transport layer protocol which provides a reliable, bi-directional byte stream connection between two cooperating user-level processes.

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)

Using the TCP and IP protocols to obtain a reliable, bi-directional byte stream connection between two cooperating user-level processes. Commonly this refers to the entire Internet Protocol suite, including TCP, IP, UDP, ICMP, and other protocols.

Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP)

A protocol used for downloading server images. It is also used for reading and writing font files, the color definition file, or remote configuration files.

UNIX

A host operating system.



Glossary

Value

A term describing the lightness or darkness of a color. Value ranges from 0 (black) to 100 (white). *See Chroma and Hue.*

WinDD

A local ICA client that allows you to access Windows NT applications using your network computer with Microsoft's Windows NT Terminal Server Edition and Citrix Metaframe server software.

Window

In the X Window System, typically a region on the screen of a display created by an X client for displaying data. (An X client can create more than one *window*.) For example, the xterm terminal emulator, xfd font displayer, and the bitmap graphics editor all create windows. You can use a window manager to manipulate windows on the screen. *See Window Manager.*

Window Manager

An X client that allows you to organize and rearrange windows. The window manager controls the size and placement of windows and can also control window attributes such as border size.

Xhost

A host X program that controls access to the server from the host program.

X Server

A program that runs locally on a network computer and lets you use the screen of the network computer. The X server processes a request (for example, a request to create a window), collects input data, and sends information (called an event) to clients. *See Event.*

Xterm

An X client that emulates an ANSI-style terminal for programs that do not use the capabilities of windows directly.

X Window System

A set of network protocols developed by MIT for workstations; also called X or X11.

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