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### **Terminal Server**



# User and Administration Guide

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# **Normas Oficiales Mexicanas (NOM)**

### **Electrical Safety Statement**

# Instrucciones de Seguridad

- Todas las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser leídas antes de que el aparato eléctrico sea operado.
- 2. Las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser guardadas para referencia futura.
- 3. Todas las advertencias en el aparato eléctrico y en sus instrucciones de operación deben ser respetadas.
- 4. Todas las instrucciones de operación y uso deben ser seguidas.
- El aparato eléctrico no deberá ser usado cerca del agua—por ejemplo, cerca de la tina de baño, lavabo, sótano mojado o cerca de una alberca, etc.
- El aparato eléctrico debe ser usado únicamente con carritos o pedestales que sean recomendados por el fabricante.
- 7. El aparato eléctrico debe ser montado a la pared o al techo sólo como sea recomendado por el fabricante.
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- 9. El aparato eléctrico debe ser situado de tal manera que su posici—n no interfiera su uso. La colocación del aparato eléctrico sobre una cama, sofá, alfombra o superficie similar puede bloquea la ventilación, no se debe colocar en libreros o gabinetes que impidan el flujo de aire por los orificios de ventilación.
- El equipo eléctrico deber ser situado fuera del alcance de fuentes de calor como radiadores, registros de calor, estufas u otros aparatos (incluyendo amplificadores) que producen calor.

- 11. El aparato eléctrico deberá ser connectado a una fuente de poder sólo del tipo descrito en el instructivo de operación, o como se indique en el aparato.
- 12. Precaución debe ser tomada de tal manera que la tierra fisica y la polarización del equipo no sea eliminada.
- 13. Los cables de la fuente de poder deben ser guiados de tal manera que no sean pisados ni pellizcados por objetos colocados sobre o contra ellos, poniendo particular atención a los contactos y receptáculos donde salen del aparato.
- 14. El equipo eléctrico debe ser limpiado únicamente de acuerdo a las recomendaciones del fabricante.
- 15. En caso de existir, una antena externa deberá ser localizada lejos de las lineas de energia.
- El cable de corriente deberá ser desconectado del cuando el equipo no sea usado por un largo periodo de tiempo.
- Cuidado debe ser tomado de tal manera que objectos liquidos no sean derramados sobre la cubierta u orificios de ventilación.
- 18. Servicio por personal calificado deberá ser provisto cuando:
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- B: Objectos han caído o líquido ha sido derramado dentro del aparato; o
- C: El aparato ha sido expuesto a la lluvia; o
- D: El aparato parece no operar normalmente o muestra un cambio en su desempeño; o
- E: El aparato ha sido tirado o su cubierta ha sido dañada.

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### Introduction 1

Thank you for purchasing a BLACK BOX® Terminal Server. The Terminal Server is a unique Ethernet TCP/IP communications server allowing serial devices to be connected directly to LANs and WANS. The 2, 4, 8 or 16 serial ports enable the Terminal Server to connect to a wide range of devices including:

- Modems for remote access and Internet access
- ISDN adapters for branch remote access and Internet access
- Terminals for multi-user Unix systems
- PCs using terminal emulation or SLIP/PPP
- All types of serial printers
- Data acquisition equipment (manufacturing, laboratory, etc.)
- Retail point-of-sale equipment (bar coding, registers, etc.)

The performance and flexibility of the BLACK BOX® Terminal Server allows you to use a wide range of high speed devices in complex application environments. These operating systems include:

- Windows<sup>®</sup> 95/98
- Windows NT®
- Citrix Winframe
- SCO Unix & Gemini
- IBM AIX
- Sunsoft Solaris
- Hewlett Packard HP-UX
- Data General DG/UX
- All other variants of Unix (BSD, Linux, IRIX, etc.)

This configuration diagram shows many of the features available on the Terminal Servers:

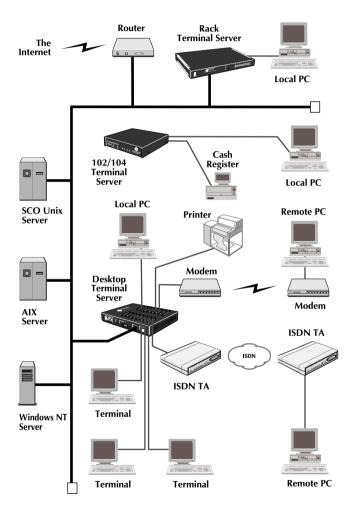


Figure 1: Terminal Server features and applications

# 1.1 About this Guide

This guide describes the features and applications of the Terminal Server from the level of novice user to more experienced system installer. It includes information about the table top units as well as the rack mount unit (form factor is the only difference between them).

As an experienced user, you may save yourself some set-up time by following the instructions in the **Terminal Server Quick Start Guide** included with your package. Consult other sections in this guide as required. Release notes are also available with this unit (enclosed, or available from our web sites).

**Note:** The BLACK BOX® Terminal Server supports Windows® systems including Windows NT®, Windows® 95/98 and Windows® 3.x. When compared to Unix, there are several key features not included with Windows® systems such as TFTP, dial-out socket connections, etc. However, we have provided a briefing on these in the applicable sections. In many cases, we will point you to our FTP sites for the latest tips and software for the Terminal Server and Windows® systems.

This guide is sectioned as follows:

Installing your Terminal Server

Terminals on Multi-user Systems

Setting up Dial-in Modem Ports

Modem Authentication & Logging

Setting up Dial-out Modem Ports

Printing

- Using ioland
- Using LPD
- Using RCP

Other Devices Setup

The Menu Interface

Command Line Interface (CLI)

Troubleshooting & Maintenance

Cabling Guide

**Technical Specification** 

### Notation Conventions Used

The following notations are used to describe commands:

Description	Meaning
<pre><parameter description=""> [parameter description]</parameter></pre>	mandatory parameter optional parameter
	option separator

Text in the following font:

set term ansi

indicates input to, or output from the Terminal Server.

Screens illustrated in this guide may differ from those actually viewed. However, information contained is valid for both Unix and Windows® systems, and Terminals.

# 1.2 On-line Documentation

This guide cannot cover all the information available to you about the latest developments and new features. However, there are a series of on-line documents available to help you to use the Terminal Server. You can check the support sections of our web sites for the latest information:

- www.blackbox.com
- www.blackbox.co.uk

# 1.3 Getting Support

If you encounter problems during setup or general maintenance, contact BLACK BOX® for support. Here is the standard support route for the quickest answers:

For technical support,

 Have your serial number and problem overview ready then...

Tel: 724 746 5500 and / or
 Fax: 724 746 0746 and / or
 Email: support@blackbox.com

# 1.4 Terminal Server

#### **Features**

The Terminal Server is a TCP/IP server with (depending on the version) 2, 4, 8 or 16, RS-232 or RS-422 ports for making serial network connections. It attaches to your TCP/IP network and allows serial devices such as modems, terminals and printers to access the network.

#### The Terminal Server hardware features:

- 2, 4, 8 or 16 serial lines, fully configurable with port speeds of up to 115.2 kbps.
- RJ45 on Rack and 102/104 Terminal Servers or DB25 RS-232 connectors on Desktop version.
- Full modem control using DTR, DSR, CTS, RTS and DCD.
- FLASH memory for downloading firmware releases.
- The 102/104 Terminal Server has 10BASE-T interface whilst the Rack and Desktop Terminal Servers have auto sensing 10BASE2, 10BASE-T and AUI Ethernet interfaces.
- Auto sensing power supply; 110-250V AC (48-60V DC option available on Rack version).
- LEDs for diagnostic testing.
- Self-test on power-up.
- Rack mount or tabletop design.

#### The Terminal Server software features include:

- Support for TCP/IP protocols including telnet and rlogin.
- Remote access support including PPP, SLIP and CSLIP.
- Printer support via lpd, rcp, and ioland utilities.
- Modem support via PPP and other utilities.
- Utilities provide 'fixed tty' support for Unix systems.
- A window oriented menu interface with pop-up menus and on screen help (command line also available).

- ARP or BOOTP for network based setup.
- Dynamic statistics displays and line status reporting for fast problem diagnosis.
- Multiscreens on terminals.
- Full support of SNMP MIBs, allowing remote configuration via SNMP as well as statistics gathering.
- Interoperability with IP routing through gateway tables.
- Domain Name Server support.
- WINS support for Windows® environments.
- Port configuration copy and save functions.

The Terminal Server security features include:

- Supervisory and port password.
- Port locking.
- Authentication with PAP support.
- Per user access level assignment.
- Service logging.
- Logging facility for audit and billing.
- Modem auto reset.

## Hardware Description

The following table and diagrams describe the units:

Terminal Server	Туре	No. Ports	Connector	Inte	face
102/104	Table Top	2, 4	RJ45	RS-232	
Desktop	Table Top	8, 16	DB25	RS-232	
Rack	Rack Mount	8, 16	RJ45	RS-232	RS-422

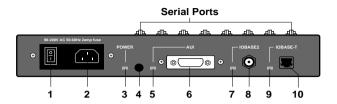


Figure 2: Hardware description - Desktop Terminal Server.

- 1 Main power switch
- 2 Power input socket
- 3 Power indicator
- 4 Reset switch cover
- 5 AUI indicator
- 6 AUI connector
- 7 10BASE2 indicator
- 8 10BASE2 connector (universal)
- 9 10BASE-T indicator
- 10 10BASE-T connector
- 11 Port activity indicators (Rack only)

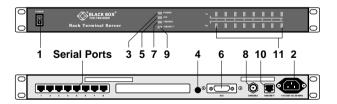


Figure 3: Hardware description - Rack Terminal Server.

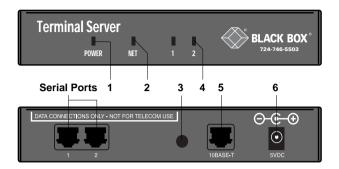


Figure 4: Hardware description - 102/104 Terminal Server

- Power Indicator
- 2 Network indicator
- 3 Reset switch cover
- 4 Port activity indicators
- 5 10BASE-T socket
- 6 Power input socket

### RS-232/RS422

Functionally, the difference between RS-232 and RS-422 versions is the absence of support for hardware flow control lines (RTS and CTS) and modem control lines (DSR, DTR and DCD) in the RS-422 version. The performance and support for 115.2k baud are unaffected by the different serial ports.

RS-422 uses differential signalling and is capable of handling longer distance due to superior noise immunity when installed with suitable cabling.

## Software description

The Terminal Server comes with the Software Support Disk. This disk contains the latest 'released' firmware and the redirector software for Unix systems called *ioland*. The firmware is a backup copy and generally not used. The *ioland* software is used for setting up printers and dial-out modems on Unix.

The Terminal Server uses TFTP for downloading new firmware. *tftpd* is included with Unix systems such as SCO, AIX and HP-UX but disabled by default.

Consult your Unix manual on this subject. On Windows®, *tftpd* is not provided at this time (see our *FTP* site for a shareware *tftpd* program).



**Note:** Beta copies of the 'next' firmware release are usually available on web sites (consult README files before downloading).

Regarding *ioland*, for printers/modems on Unix systems, the source code *ioland.c* is provided. There are also several binaries of *ioland* ready to run for various Unix systems (i.e. SCO, AIX, HP-UX, Solaris, etc.). The source code can be compiled on any Unix system (consult your Unix manual on this subject).



**Note:** The most recent versions of these binaries should be available on web sites.

### 1.5 Packing Lists

The following are check lists of the contents of your package:

### **Desktop Terminal Server**

- 1 Terminal Server
- 2 This handbook
- 3 Suppport Software Disk and Quick Start Guide
- 4 Electrical Safety Booklet
- 5 4 wall mount brackets
- 6 Power cable



Figure 5: Packing list - Desktop Terminal Server

### Rack Terminal Server

- 1 Terminal Server
- 2 Electrical Safety Booklet
- 3 This handbook
- 4 Suppport Software Disk and Quick Start Guide
- 5 2 rack mount brackets
- 6 Power cable

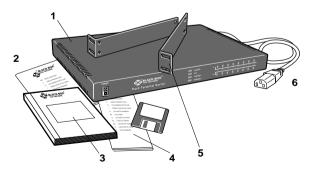


Figure 6: Packing list - Rack Terminal Server

# 102/104 Terminal Server

- 1 102/104 Terminal Server
- 2 This handbook
- 3 Support software disk and Quick Start Guide
- 4 Electrical Safety Booklet
- 5 Power supply unit
- 6 Power cable

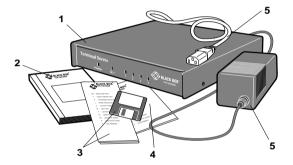


Figure 7: Packing list - 102/104 Terminal Server.

Below is a step-by-step guide on how to configure the Terminal Server. You can also reference the *Terminal Server Quick Start Guide*.

First connect the Terminal Server to a network then begin configuring the unit for your application. Additional information on configuring modems and printers follows.

# 2.1 Connecting to your Network

The Desktop and Rack Terminal Servers connect to your Ethernet network via one of the three auto sensing ports: 10BASE-T (twisted pair), 10BASE2 (thin) or AUI. The 102/104 Terminal Server has 10BASE-T only. The Desktop and Rack version default is 10BASE2.

# 10BASE-T (twisted pair)

Attach the RJ connector from a hub directly to the Terminal Server's twisted pair port.

### 10BASE2 (Thin Ethernet)

Attach a BNC T connector directly to the Terminal Server. If your Terminal Server is the termination point for the cable you need to add a terminator. Always ensure that each segment of the thin Ethernet cable is at least 0.5m in length. The maximum length for a thin Ethernet cable is 185 metres.

### **AUI port**

The AUI connector allows an external transceiver to be connected. This allows a number of different interfaces to connect including 10BASE5 (or thick) and fibre optic transceivers.

### 2.2 Switching on the Terminal Server

The Terminal Server power supply accepts input voltages in the range 110 to 240V AC, allowing it to be used world-wide. The 102/104 server has an external power supply unit.

After you connect your LAN interface, you can power up the unit. The green power indicator at the side (or front for Rack and 102/104 units) should be lit. If the unit fails to power up with the green power indicator lit, disconnect the unit and contact Black Box.



The green Ethernet indicators show the active connections. It remains lit and will blink when LAN traffic is active.

**Note:** To change your Ethernet media, you will need to reboot the unit to activate the connector.

You are now ready to begin communicating with your Terminal Server. You can connect to the Terminal Server in different ways: via a terminal or PC on port 1, or using ARP or BOOTP. Using ARP is the preferred method for both Windows® and Unix, however a terminal or PC attached to port 1 is often used. BOOTP setup is for Unix users only and is included in the *Tips* section (2.6). Choose the appropriate method for your application. Third party BOOTP packages are available for Windows®.

#### 2.3 Communicating via ARP

The Terminal Server supports the 'Address Resolution Protocol' (ARP). It allows you to temporarily connect to your Terminal Server to assign a permanent IP address. If you prefer to use a terminal or PC attached to the Terminal Server, skip to the next section.

From a local Unix host, type the following:

#### arp -s a.b.c.d aa:bb:cc:dd:ee:ff

(Where a.b.c.d is the IP address you want for the Terminal Server, and aa:bb:cc:dd:ee:ff is the Ethernet address of the Terminal Server, found on the bottom of the unit itself.)

On a Windows® system, the arp command is slightly different (using dashes instead of colons):

#### arp -s a.b.c.d aa-bb-cc-dd-ee-ff

Whether you use Unix or Windows® to run arp, you are now ready to telnet to the Terminal Server.

Here is the sequence to use:

```
arp -s 192.168.209.8 00:80:D4:00:33:4e telnet 192.168.209.8 password>
```

At the password prompt, just hit since this is not set yet. The IP address still needs to be configured on the unit (ARP has only allowed you to connect to the unit so far).



**Note:** If there are any errors, recheck both the IP and Ethernet addresses you keyed in (this is the most common error here). See *Troubleshooting & Maintenance* (*Appendix B*) for more information on problems.

You can now skip the next section and go straight to section 2.5, *The Menu System*.

# 2.4 Communicating via a Terminal or PC

You can connect to the Terminal Server using a terminal or PC (with a terminal emulation package such as Hyperterm).

Connect a terminal or your PC to port 1. The Terminal Server serial ports are DTE type RS-232 ports. When connecting a terminal/PC directly (without modems), the RS-232 signals need to be crossed over ('null modem' cable). See the *Cabling Guide* (Appendix C) for pinout information.

For a terminal/PC to communicate with a server, set it to the following: 9600 baud, eight data bits, one stop bit, software flow control, no parity.

After powering up the Terminal Server, you are prompted to enter a 'Local login:>'. You can just hit any character and at this point (the character is required).

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The next prompt displayed is **local>**, which is the Command Line Interface (CLI) prompt.

**Note:** If there are any problems, check the cable you are using (this is the most common error). Port 1 is configured to provide error messages should any problems occur. See *Troubleshooting & Maintenance* (Appendix B) for more information on problems.

You can now move to The Menu System.

# 2.5 The Menu System

You should now be at the Command Line Interface (CLI) of the Terminal Server as designated by the <code>local></code> prompt. If you would like to continue in CLI mode refer to *Appendix A*, but we recommend the menu system.

Set the terminal emulation type and begin using the menus. The following are the terminal options:

ansi, dumb, vt100, wyse50, wyse60, tvi925, ibm3151, vt320, falco50, hp700

The default setting is 'dumb'. To set the menu interface to your emulation simply type **set term** with your option. Example:

#### local> set term ansi

To switch from the command line interface to the menu interface, at the local> prompt enter:

#### set menu

The *Connections Menu* should now be displayed.

This menu displays the current state of the four possible connections. There are no active connections.

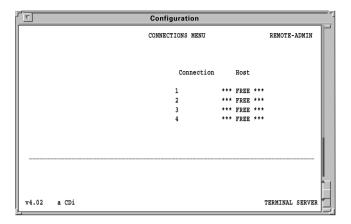


Figure 8: Connections Menu.

The firmware version of the Terminal Server is located on the lower left hand portion (in this example, version 4.02). The wording 'REMOTE-ADMIN' in the upper right signifies you are remotely telneted into the server (and will read 'Terminal: 1' if you are using a terminal/PC into port 1.)

The keys used to move about in the menus depend on the terminal emulation you are using. The arrow keys should all work. The TAB key is very important for moving between fields. Backspace and DEL should work, but depend on the emulation. ESC (the escape key) will move you back one menu.

**Note:** If there is a problem with your emulation, you can try a different emulation mode. See *Troubleshooting* & *Maintenance* (Appendix B) for more information.

An accelerator key can be used to jump to an option within a menu and is the first letter of the option.

Connections Menu

Select connection '1' on the *Connections Menu* and press the key. The *Commands* pop-up menu is displayed. There are a number of options available from this menu.



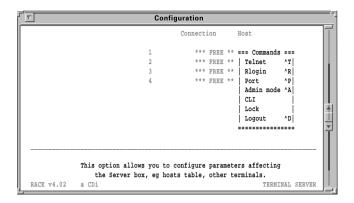


Figure 9: Commands pop-up menu.

Before communication across the network can be established the Terminal Server must be assigned a network IP address. This is accessed through the *Administration Menu*.

Select the *Admin mode* field and press the key.

**Note:** If you are telneted into the server, the *telnet*, *rlogin* and *port* options do not appear on the *Commands* pop-up menu.

The top level *Administration Menu* appears as follows:



### Administration Menu

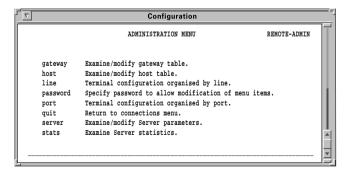


Figure 10: Administration Menu (view level).



Select the *Password* field and press the key. Use the factory default password here: this is *iolan* (no caps).

**Note:** This password level will time-out in four minutes if there is no activity. This is for security reasons and will take you back to *Administration Menu* (view level).

The *Administration Menu* is redisplayed, however it now has some extra fields (access, change, kill, reboot, trap).

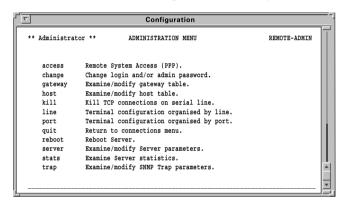


Figure 11: Administration Menu (password level).

Select the *server* entry and press the key. This takes you into the *Server Configuration Menu*.

Server Configuration Menu

There are a number of fields in the *Server Configuration menu* which are explained in Section 9, *The Menu Interface*. At this point, you just need to give the Terminal Server an *IP address* and a *name*.

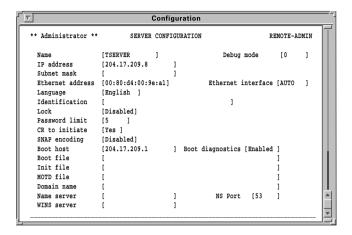


Figure 12: Server Configuration menu.

The important fields that you need to fill in are as follows:

Name:

In the example above the terminal server name has been set to **TSERVER** It is a good idea for the Terminal Server name entered here to match the name entered in the host machine's domain name server.

**Note:** For more information about domain name servers, consult your operating system manuals.

IP Address:

This address must be set to a value that is consistent with the network the server is on.

Having filled in the fields press the key. This brings the *Commands* pop-up menu as shown below.

**Note:** The Ethernet address is factory set. This address is uniquely assigned to the Terminal Server and **MUST NOT be changed**.





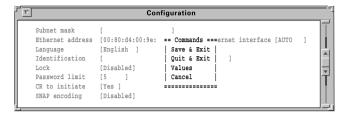


Figure 13: Commands pop-up menu (server confign).

Select the *Save & Exit* field and press the key. Other options are *Quit & Exit*, which does not save the changes before exiting this menu, *Values*, which will display the optional values for this field if available, and *Cancel*, which will take you back to this screen for more editing.

You have now set up the unit with a new IP address. This should be confirmed with the message:

#### IP CHANGED-PLEASE REBOOT

Reboot the Terminal Server to activate the new IP address using the *reboot* command. The IP address and/or subnet mask are the only parameters that when changed necessitate rebooting.

## Port Setup Menu and Beyond

Your terminal server is now ready to configure for terminals on multi-user systems or modems, printers and other devices. The next sections deal with each of these. If you've got a good feel for the menu system, you should proceed to the section appropriate for your application.

If you'd like a full review of the menu system refer to Section 9, *The Menu Interface* later in this guide. For more information about the Command Line mode, consult *Command Line Interface* (Appendix A).

All of the procedures are based around the *Port Setup Menu*. This is accessed through the *Administration Menu* (password level). Remember, that if you are not in the password level, you can only view the information, not change it.

Here is the Port Setup Menu:

* Administrator	**	PORT SETUP 1	MENU		REMOTE-ADMIN
Hardware		Flow ctrl		Keys	
Speed	[9600 ]	Flow ctrl	[XON/XOFF]	Hot [^]	] Intr [^C]
Parity	[None]	Input Flow	[Enabled ]	Quit [^@	] Kill [^U]
Bit	[8]	Output Flow	[Enabled ]	Del [^@	] Sess [^@]
Stop	[1 ]			Echo [^@	]
Break	[Disabled]	IP Addresses			
Monitor DSR	[No ]	Src [	]	Mask [	]
Monitor DCD	[No ]	Dst [	1		
User		Options		Access	
Name [	]	Keepalive	[No ]	Access	[Local ]
Terminal type	[ansi ]	Rlogin/Telne	et [Telnet]	Authentic	ation [None ]
TERM	[ ]	Debug option	ns [No ]	Mode	[Raw ]
Video pages	[0]	Map CR to CI	R LF [No ]	Connectio	n [None ]
CLI/Menu	[Menu]	Hex data	[No ]	Host [	]
Reset Term	[No ]	Secure	[No ]	Remote Po	rt [0 ]
		MOTD	[No ]	Local Por	t [10006]

Figure 14: Port Setup Menu screen.

This menu allows the user to set up all the parameters associated with a port. The administrator can alter the set-up of any port on the terminal server while a user can only alter the set-up for their own port.

This menu is divided into the following sections:

**Hardware:** Defines port type and is used for setting up the

hardware configuration of the modem, terminal, printer or PC session. This section is always used.

**User:** Defines various user parameters such as name and

terminal type. Most fields are used in this section.

Flow Control: Defines the various flow control options used by

the Terminal Server. This section is always used.

**IP Addresses:** Deals with remote access via PPP/SLIP sessions.

**Options:** Deals mainly with the telnet options. This

section is the least used.

**Keys:** Defines the various accelerator keys that the

server responds to and can be used for

convenience.

**Access:** Controls the type of the connection made from

this port. This is the most important section in

defining a port.

If you're ready to install terminals, printers and modems, proceed to the appropriate section. For a good review, go to Section 9, *The Menu System*.

### **2.6 Tips**

### **Copy Command**

The Terminal Server has a copy command that allows you to copy the setup of one port to another. You will need to get to the CLI (from the *Connection* menu) and use the following syntax.



**Note:** To get back to the menu system once in the CLI, type **set menu** at the command line.

tserver> su password>

ADMIN:local> copy 1 2 3 4 5

ADMIN:local> set menu

The command above would copy the configuration of port number 1 to ports 2, 3, 4 and 5 (and return you to the menu system).

**Connecting via BOOTP** (for Unix systems only)

The Terminal Server supports BOOTP which allows the server to dynamically configure itself on startup. Upon startup the Terminal Server sends four BOOTP broadcast requests if it has no IP address. This broadcast request packet contains the Ethernet address of your unit.

The request is received by all hosts on the network and is checked against a file to find a match. This data base file will normally be /etc/bootptab and will be of the following format:

```
# bootptab description
:ht=ethernet:ha=0080d400024e:\
:hd=tftp:\
:bf=tserver.DL:\
:ip=192.168.209.8:
```

#### Where:

ht is the type of network

ha is the Ethernet address on back of the Terminal Server hd is the home directory for specifying the server firmware (optional) **bf** is the name of the Terminal Server firmware (optional) ip is the IP address you want to use

**Note:** This BOOTP implementation is a subset and not a full implementation of the RFC.

**Note:** The most common error is bad information in the /etc/bootptab file (recheck it). See Troubleshooting & Maintenance (Appendix B) for more information.

You can now move back to *The Menu System* in this chapter.

### Saving and **Downloading Configurations**

It is possible to save the configuration of your Terminal Server. This is convenient for loading multiple terminal servers with the same setup. It is also advisable as a backup method.

If the boot file name has the extension '.cfg '(eg tserver.cfg), it will be loaded as a configuration file rather than a boot file. This allows the administrator to configure one Terminal Server unit, save its configuration and automatically configure subsequent units via bootp.

Should the configuration of your Terminal Server ever be corrupted because of user error or damage, keep a copy of the configuration stored somewhere for easy re-installation.



This can be achieved by uploading the configuration of the unit to a host on the network. To do this, enter the *Communications Server Menu* from the *Administration Menu*. Select the *Init file* entry of this menu.

Set this to the full pathname of the file in which you wish to store the configuration. Set *Boot host* to the host machine you wish the file to reside within and save these entries.

Boot host: rockvegas (or ip address)
Init file: /tftp/term\_serv.cfg

Log onto the host machine in the normal manner and create the file you have specified in the Terminal Server menu, this could be as shown below:

#### touch term serv.cfg

**Note:** This file must exist with the correct read/write permissions **before** you write to it.

This can be accomplished by hitting and selecting the *CLI* option in the pop up menu at the local> prompt. Use the *CLI* as the administrator, by typing:

#### su

Enter the password and type:

#### save config

This uploads the terminal server port configurations to the host in a format that can be downloaded at a later date.

**Note:** This does not save any of the settings configured in the *Communications Server Menu*, including the IP address, language, name, subnet mask, etc.

The Terminal Server will now automatically download this configuration on reboot. Remember that whenever you change a setting on the unit, it will be overwritten the next time the unit is rebooted unless the new configuration is saved.





#### **Domain Name** Server (DNS)

The Terminal Server can be configured to take advantage of your network's Domain Name Server (DNS). This is done from the Administration Menu by keying in the IP address of your DNS in the *name server* field. Fill in the *domain name* field as well

#### Reassigning the Server to a New Network

If you need to attach the Terminal Server to a different network with a new IP address, it is possible to reset it to factory default condition using the following procedure:

- Power on the unit
- Wait 30 seconds
- Hold down the RESET button for 15 seconds 3
- Release the button

After this is done, the unit will start sending BOOTP request packets.

This procedure is useful for factory defaulting units which cannot be reached via TCP/IP. This includes reassigning a programmed unit to a network to which the previously assigned IP address does not belong.

### **Updating** Terminal Server **Firmware**

Firmware can be downloaded across the network using tftp protocol if the host machine and file name are set in the boot host and boot file entries of the server menu. These entries are checked at start up and if they have been configured, the relevant file will be downloaded.



**Note:** tftp must be enabled on the releveant host as it is disabled by default.

The Terminal Server is used extensively for connecting terminals, printers and modems on multi-user Unix systems, especially in retail applications. These Unix systems include SCO Unix, IBM AIX, HP-UX, Data General's DG/UX, etc. This section deals with terminals and/or PCs using emulation packages (such as Hyperterm). For information on adding printers, modems or other devices, please refer to the respective sections.

The *Installation* section covered how to attach a terminal with access to the menu system. This is convenient for most users. But in many applications, the users need to be 'direct connected' to a specific Unix host so that they see the *login* prompt automatically. This is helpful in securing your system, or in environments where the users need to be in one application only.

This section will show how to setup a terminal, and other tips such as the concept of 'fixed ttys', multiscreens, the copy command, TERM features, etc. Consult Appendix C, *Cabling Guide*, for information on wiring your terminal.

Remember to use the TAB key to bounce between fields, and if you get the *Commands* exit menu by mistake by hitting , use *Cancel* to return to editing this menu.

# 3.1 Terminal Port Configuration

This is the setup for making a terminal connect to a designated Unix host *login* prompt automatically.

The Port Setup Menu screen is shown overleaf.

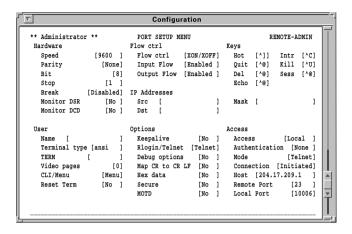


Figure 15: Port Setup Menu screen.

The following fields are important:

**Access:** Set this field to *Local*. This tells the Terminal

Server port to listen for data on the RS-232 side.

**Mode:** With this field set to *telnet*, the port will operate

in telnet mode (or raw for rlogin). Most systems

will use telnet.

**Connection:** Set this field to *Initiated* and the port will establish

a TCP/IP connection to a specified host only after receiving a <CR> on the RS-232 port. If you set this field to *none*, then the user of this port will see the menu system when the terminal is powered on.

**Host:** Use this field to define which host computer you

want the port to automatically connect to when using *Initiated* connections. Use the host's IP address or if you setup the *Host Address Menu*,

you can use a name (see next section).

**Remote Port:** This corresponds to Telnet service on the remote

host and must be set to the standard 23 (or 513)

for rlogin).

**Monitor DSR:** You can set this field to *Yes* if you wire the terminal's DTR signal pin 20 (DB25) to the Terminal Server's DSR signal pin 3 on the RJ45 conector (see Cabling Guide for DB25 pin assignments). When you turn the terminal off, it will reset the server port, which tells the Unix host to kill the user's processes.

#### **Host Table** 3.2 Setup

In order for the Terminal Server to connect easily to machines on the network it must know the IP addresses of the other computers. The Terminal Server can have its own internal table of IP addresses set up in the host table. This is a 'local' naming system only. The Terminal Server can also use the name server utility of your Unix system (consult your Unix system manual and section 2-6, Tips).

The Host Address Menu is accessed from the Administration *Menu* by selecting the *host* entry. The host table can contain up to 10 addresses. Each entry consists of a host name and its corresponding IP address.

			Configurat	ion	
** Ad	ministrator	**	HOST ADDRESS ME	NU	REMOTE-ADMIN
Entr	y Host name		IP Address		
1	[fred	]	[204.17.209.70	1	
2	[astro	]	[204.17.209.6	1	
3	[router	]	[204.17.209.254	1	
4	[blackbox	]	[204.17.209.1	]	
and	so on				

Figure 16: Host Address Menu Screen.

You can fill in an entry (both the name and the IP Address) for your host machines and then save the values by pressing the 🗐 key.

# 3.3 Making a Connection

If you are using initiated connections, you will not see the Terminal Server menus. Instead, you see the login prompt of the host you assigned in the *host* field of the *Port Setup Menu*. However, if your *connection* field is set to *None*, the *Connections Menu* appears. You are now ready to make connections.

From the *Connections Menu* press the key on a \*\*\* FREE \*\*\* session to display the *Commands* menu. Select the *Telnet* field and press the key.

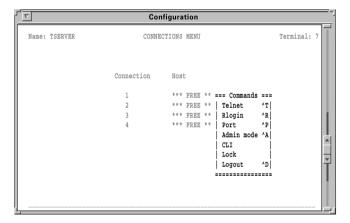


Figure 17: Connections Menu - Commands pop-up menu.

This produces a pop-up menu allowing the choice of the host machines that are configured in the host table. To select a host, move the cursor down to the required name then press the well-key. At this point the unit attempts to make a connection across the network to the indicated host using the telnet protocol.

If it succeeds, the host machine's login prompt is displayed. There may be an error in the configuration if the connection cannot be established.



**Note:** At this point, check the host table again for correct entries, then check the network connection and host machine you're connecting to.

While in session to the host machine, you can return to the terminal server by using a hot key. This is user-defined, but defaults to ^]. Press this key and the *Connections Menu* is displayed. To resume your connection select the host session you were on (notice that the name of the host is now displayed where \*\*\* FREE \*\*\* was). Press the key to bring up the *Connection* pop-up menu, then select the *Resume Connection* option.



**Note:** If the ^] did not work, you might have a conflict with that character sequence and should check the *Keys* section of this port.

When logging out of your session the connection is automatically closed.

### **3.4 Tips**

# Connecting via 'fixed ttys'

The Terminal Server has the ability to create a 'fixed tty' under Unix. This is helpful for older or secure Unix applications that require a fixed location for each terminal. Consult section 8, *Other Devices Setup*.

# Multisessions on terminals/PCs

The Terminal Server is capable of supporting multiple sessions. This allows the user to connect to all four \*\*\* FREE \*\*\* sessions with different hosts and move between them using the ^] hot key. You can also key through the screens by setting the session key (e.g. If set to ^A you would bounce through the screens with a ^A1, ^A2, ^A3, ^A4.). If you are using a terminal that supports video pages such as the Wyse 60, the screens will be refreshed if you set the *video pages* field on the *Port Menu* to the number of pages supported by your terminal (for Wyse 60 = 3).

#### The TERM field

The *TERM* field in the *Port Setup Menu* can be used to pass the terminal type information to the host. The *terminal type* field is local to the Terminal Server but will be passed to the host. The *TERM* field can override the information being sent to the host about the type of terminal. This allows you to customise information being passed to the host. For example, a user could encode the physical location into this field (i.e. tty16) and then extract that at the host end to determine which port the user has logged in on (i.e. port 16).

### **Gateway Tables**

When the host and Terminal Server are connected via a gateway router, a connection is not possible until the gateway table has been updated with the IP address of the local gateway machine. See section 9.7, the *Gateway Menu* section of *The Menu Interface*.

# Setting up Dial-in Modem Ports 4

This section will review the configuration necessary to create dial-in connections. It will start with the most simple connection such as a dial-in Unix connection. The section then moves into setting up PPP ports which is how Windows® systems dial-in (as well as Unix). This is very important if you are an Internet Service Provider (ISP) or a corporate site providing remote access or Internet/Intranet access.

The Terminal Server can make a very good dial-in solution for ISPs and corporate users alike by using its remote access facilities. This section goes hand-in-hand with the next section, *Modem Authentication and Logging*.

**Note:** In many of the modem examples, we are using PPP. You can use SLIP and CSLIP in those applications requiring these legacy modes.



# 4.1 Dial-in Port Configuration

The following is the port configuration for a dial-in connection, including PPP.

* Administrator *	*	PORT SETUP	MENU		R	EMOTE-A	DMIN
Hardware		Flow ctrl		Keys			
Speed	[57600]	Flow ctrl	[Hardware]	Hot	[^@]	Intr	[^@]
Parity	[None]	Input Flow	[Enabled ]	Quit	[^@]	Kill	[^@]
Bit	[8]	Output Flow	[Enabled]	Del	[^@]	Sess	[^@]
Stop	[1 ]			Echo	[^@]		
Break [I	isabled]	IP Addresses					
Monitor DSR	[No ]	Src [	1	Mask	[255.	255.255	.0 ]
Monitor DCD	[Yes]	Dst [204.	17.209.101 ]				
User		Options		Access			
Name [	]	Keepalive	[No ]	Acces	s	[Loc	al ]
Terminal type [	ansi ]	Rlogin/Teln	et [Telnet]	Authe	nticat	ion [H	ost ]
TERM [	1	Debug optio	ns [No ]	Mode		[Ra	w ]
Video pages	[0]	Map CR to C	R LF [No ]	Conne	ction	[Dedic	ated]
CLI/Menu	[CLI ]	Hex data	[No ]	Host	[204.	17.209.	1 ]
Reset Term	[No ]	Secure	[Yes ]	Remot	e Port	[5	13 ]
		MOTD	[No ]	Local	Port	[1	.0006]

Figure 18: Port Setup Menu for PPP connections.

The following fields are important:

**Monitor DCD:** With this flag set to *Yes*, the Terminal Server will

monitor Data Carrier Detect (DCD) - pin 8 - from the modem. As soon as your modem answers a call and establishes a carrier signal, the modem raises DCD. The terminal server will then establish a telnet/rlogin connection to a specified host. When the modem hangs up, DCD goes low and the terminal server port resets. This will also

drop the connection to the host.

**TERM:** This field is the TERM environment variable.

Whatever you type in here will be passed to the host as the TERM variable when a telnet

connection is established and the user logs in.

Flow Ctrl: The modem and terminal server port should be

configured to use Hardware (RTS/CTS) flow control. This will be especially important if you

are using SLIP.

**Dst:** This field contains the IP address the dial-in user

will borrow for the PPP session. If you are using a straight forward dial-in connection for Unix,

this is not required.

**Mask:** If using PPP, SLIP or CSLIP, this is the subnet

mask that controls the range of IP addresses accessible from the port and must correspond with your network. (If used for terminals, this is

not needed.)

**Secure:** This field is set to Yes to force the call-in user to

use the Dst IP address. (su is not available in this mode.) If the Secure flag is set, the dial-in user will not be able to obtain administrative priveleges. This also applies to local terminals.

**Access:** Set this field to *Dynamic*. This sets the port of

the terminal server to listen for data on both the RS-232 side and the network side. If only used for dial-in, set to *Local* and it will only listen on

the RS-232 side.

**Connection:** With the connection set to *Dedicated*, the port will

automatically connect to a specified host when not doing PPP (DCD goes high on the modem).

**Host:** When not doing PPP, this field defines which host

computer you want the port to automatically connect to. Use the host's IP address. You can also define the host in the terminal server's Host

Table and just use the name.

**Remote port:** This corresponds to the Login (i.e. rlogin)

service on the remote host and must be 513 (or

23 for Telnet).

**Local port:** The *inetd* process running on the terminal server

for this port is listening for TCP/IP connections

on TCP port 10006.

#### 4.2 The Host

Make sure you have setup a valid user account for authentication on the designated authentication host. See *Modem Authentication & Logging* (section 5).

### 4.3 The Modem

You will need to initialise the modem using a configuration string. To do this, go to the *Remote Site Devices* screen (via the *Access* section of the *Administrative Menu*). Select the UNUSED ENTRY that corresponds to the port with the modem attached (i.e. third one down is port 3, etc.). You can set the type (i.e. name) and the *Modem Config* to the required configeration string (e.g. ate0s0=1&w). All other fields are default.

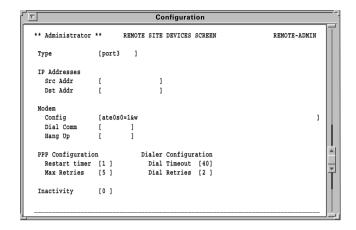


Figure 19: Remote Site Devices Screen.

You will now need to *kill* this port (from the *Administration Menu* or CLI) to activate the changes and configure the modem. The configuration string will be sent to the modem after each call, keeping the modem in sync with the server.

## 4.4 Client Login

When the caller connects, you may want to send out a welcome message of some sort (see MOTD tip below). After the user gets this message, you want him/her to enter a login and password then connect to the Host for a shell account. Or, if it is a PPP user, they will simply start sending PPP packets at the login prompt (e.g. Windows®95/98) and use PAP for authentication. Optionally, the dial-in user can place a P, S or C (all caps) in front of the user name at the Login prompt (this starts the corresponding protocol after successful authentication).

Welcome to the Internet site login: Cflint password: Host authentication succeeded. My IP Address is : 192.168.209.7 Your IP Address is : 192.168.209.210 The Subnet Mask is : 255.255.255.0

With this example, the Terminal Service is now in CSLIP mode, so put your PC into CSLIP mode as well. Your dialer script will have to parse out the My/Your addresses from the above message. 'Your IP Address' will be the address of the PC that is calling in, and 'My IP Address' can be the PC's default gateway. The above procedure works for SLIP and PPP as well. However, PPP will not display the 'My IP...' message because the IP addresses are negotiated automatically in the IPCP layer.

With the *Connection* field on the *Port Setup Menu* set to *Dedicated*, if you do not specify a P, S or C in front of the user name, you will be authenticated and then connected to the host. This will leave you at a shell prompt on the Authentication host. A caller will never see the Terminal Server. If *Connection* is set to *None*, you will be left at the CLI prompt (i.e. local>).

### **4.5** Tips

### Domain Name Server (DNS)

The Terminal Server can be configured to take advantage of your network's Domain Name Server (DNS). This is important for ISPs. From the *Administration Menu* select *server* and key in the IP address of your DNS in the *Name server* field. You could fill in the *Domain name* field as well.

#### **WINS Server**

If you have a local NT server running WINS and you want dial-in clients to take advantage of that, put the IP address of the NT server in the *WINS server* field of the *Server Configuration* screen.



**Note:** The Windows® 95/98 client obtains the WINS address by setting 'Use DHCP for WINS resolution'.

MOTD A Message of the Day (MOTD) can be displayed before

login. This is setup from the Server Configuration menu

using MOTD and Boot host fields.

**Gateway notes** If you have a router on your local network, make sure you

enter this into the Terminal Server Gateway Menu.

# Modem Authentication & Logging 5

The Terminal Server provides authentication support to validate users connecting to the serial port, and can update a host log file on connection states. Authentication and logging is achieved by using a designated authentication host to validate users and keep connection information. This unique facility takes the burden away from the unit and more importantly allows the administrator to configure one host, rather than configuring multiple terminal servers.

**Authentication**: When the Terminal Server port has authentication set to host or both, the user is required to enter a user name followed by a password when dialed in. The user ID and password are forwarded to the authentication host for validation. By setting the authentication hosts network port to 23 or 513, this allows the user ID to be checked against the standard Unix login system (see section 5.4 Tips for Windows® systems). This feature also allows proprietary user validation code to be written on any TCP/IP platform by choosing another network port number.

Logging:

During the Terminal server start up, a telnet session is established to the authentication host, with the pre-defined Log Username and Logger password. Serial events like users logging in and out are recorded in the defined Log File.

**Note:** RADIUS is often associated, but not required, for dial-in services. RADIUS offers three major functions: authentication, logging and user services. The Terminal Server can be configured to offer all of these features but without using RADIUS. This section explains how.

The Host Authentication And Logging menu may be accessed via the administrator from the access option in the Administration Menu.

# 5.1 User Authentication/ Logging

To improve access security, the Terminal Server has a mechanism for authenticating users before allowing them access. This is accomplished by prompting the user for a Login ID and a password. The Terminal Server will then attempt to login to a specified host using that ID and password. If successful, the user is authenticated and allowed access. Otherwise, the call is dropped. The Terminal Server will also log events such as logins, logouts, connections and disconnections, and power ups. This feature is enabled when you set the *Authentication* field to *host* in the *Port Setup Menu*.

The following is the host authentication setup (via the *Access* section of the *Administration Menu*):

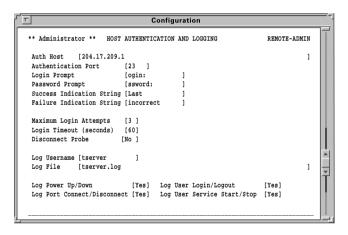


Figure 20: Host Authentication and Logging screen.

The following fields are important:

**Auth Host:** 

The IP Address/Name of the host that the Terminal Server attempts to login to for authenticating users.

**Authentication Port:** The TCP service to be used for

authenticating users. Normally this is set

to 23 for Telnet.

**Login Prompt:** The string used by the Terminal Server to

know when to send the login ID. Set this field to *ogin*:. Leave out the first letter as some systems use a 'L' and others use a

'I' as the first letter.

**Password Prompt:** The string used by the Terminal Server to

know when to send the users password.

Use 'ssword' as depicted above.

**Success Indication** 

String:

The string used by the Terminal Server to determine if the login ID and Password were valid and the login process was successful. Normally you will see the string 'Last' after successfully logging in.

Failure Indication

String:

The string the server will look for to determine that the Login ID or Password were invalid. You will normally see the

word 'invalid' or 'incorrect' as part of the

failure message from the host.

Maximum

Login Attempts:

The number of login attempts the Terminal Server will allow the user to make before dropping the call.

**Login Timeout:** This defines the amount of time in

seconds the Terminal Server will wait for the user to provide a login ID and password before dropping the line.

**Disconnect Probe:** This option determines whether

authentication probe logins will be

terminated on completion of

authentication.

**Log Username:** The User ID the Terminal Server will use

to log in to the authentication host and log messages. This user needs to be at a shell prompt to 'cat' messages to the log file. The password for the log user is set

up under the Terminal Server

Administration Menu - Change option. Then choose the Logger option and enter the log user's password as defined on the

host. You will have to enter this password twice (See *5.4 Tips*).

**Log File:** The filename the log user will send its

messages to. Normally this will go to the

log user's home directory.

Log Power The Terminal Server will log when it is

**Up/Down:** powered up and rebooted.

**Log User** The Terminal Server will log when a user **Login/Logout:** logs in and out of a port on the server.

Log Port Connect / Disconnect:

The Terminal Server will log when someone connects to and disconnects from a port on the Terminal Server.

Log User Service Start/Stop:

The Terminal Server will log a PPP, SLIP or CSLIP service when started on the port.

### 5.2 The Host

# Basic authentication

The Terminal Server will need to login to the authentication host with the log user name defined on the *Host Authentication And Logging* screen. Therefore, you need to create an account to be used by the Terminal Server (avoid csh shell). Make sure the user can log in successfully. Also, make sure the user is not prompted for any input and ends up at a shell prompt.

# User services authentication

This is used to provide services based upon the dial-in user's name.

For example, user Mark always telnets to a specific IP address or user Alan needs to dial-in and establish a PPP connection using a static IP address. This is accomplished by using a PERL script which parses a RADIUS database. The PERL script (*RADparse*) is on the Software Support Disk supplied.

RADIUS is the TCP/IP protocol used for authenticating remote dial-in users. Although the Terminal Server does not use RADIUS, a Perl based utility capable of using standard RADIUS databases is available.

Otherwise, you can execute our PERL script during the user's login. Under Unix, this script is started from the *etc/profile*. For Windows NT® see the relevant section of the Black Box support FTP site for the latest information.

You then need to create a user database file. This is a sample file (for a full file description see the Black Box support FTP site).

# Example of a PPP user with static address
alan Password
Framed-Protocol = PPP
Framed-Address = 192.168.209.1
# Example of a user with access to the
Terminal Server CLI/Menu
techman Password
User-Service-Type = Shell-Use

# Example of a telnet user
mark Password
User-Service-Type = Login-User
Login-Host = 208.24.183.1
Login-Service = Telnet

# Everybody else gets PPP with a dynamic address
DEFAULT Password
Framed-Protocol = PPP

**Note:** When using advanced authentication, make sure the *Success Indication String* in the *Host Authentication And Logging* menu is set to *userdefined*.

A log file can be updated on the authentication host to record when a Terminal Server is powered up, rebooted, and users and ports are connected and disconnected. This information is of particular importance to administrators who need to record users logging in and out. In addition, when the logger is enabled the Terminal Server completes a time stamp every 5 minutes to record that a Terminal Server is still active. This allows an administrator to gain an accurate record of events.

See Figure 20 for the *Host Authentication And Logging* menu (via the *Access* section of the *Administration Menu*).

When the Terminal Server is powered up a Telnet connection is established to the authentication host with the Logger user name. The Terminal Server records users logging in and out of the log file *access.log*. The logger only connects at the Terminal Server start-up time and the connection stays open until the unit is reset. The Terminal Server checks the log TCP connection every 60 seconds. The logger may be restarted via the *kill* command by adding two to the number of ports on your server (i.e. use four for a Terminal Server 2, six for a Terminal Server 4, ten for a Terminal Server 8, eighteen for a Terminal Server 16).



# 5.3 Logging

If the host authentication succeeds, but logger fails to log events, then the port connection is dropped.

```
Tue Jan 17 12:03:22 GMT 1997: server earth logger started
Tue Jan 17 12:03:22 GMT 1997: server earth is alive
Tue Jan 17 12:08:22 GMT 1997: server earth is alive
Tue Jan 17 12:09:28 GMT 1997: server earth is alive
Tue Jan 17 12:12:22 GMT 1997: server earth user usl logged into port 1
Tue Jan 17 12:12:22 GMT 1997: server earth user usl logged out port 1
Tue Jan 17 12:12:23:20 GMT 1997: server earth user usl logged into port 1
Tue Jan 17 12:13:20 GMT 1997: server earth user usl logged out port 1
Tue Jan 17 12:28:33 GMT 1997: server earth user usl logged out port 1
```

Figure 21: Example log file.

#### **5.4** Tips

#### Windows® notes

Authentication of Windows NT® requires a telnet daemon. Check the Windows® section of our FTP site for the latest Windows® telnetd software. You will need to set up your users on Windows NT® through this software.

Logging on Windows NT® also requires a utility called log\_it.exe, also found on our FTP site. If the Windows NT® login user id is 'logger', enter it into the Terminal Server as Nlogger so that the Terminal Server will know to use the log\_it.exe utility.

Also, on the *Host Authentication And Logging* menu, change the the Terminal Server *Success Indication String* to read, Microsoft instead of Last.)

#### Unix notes

For LINUX users, edit the file /etc/motd and put the word 'Last' in it. This will agree with the standard setup of the Host Authentication And Logging menu's Success Indication String.

# Setting up Dial-Out Modem Ports 6

Dial-out ports can be just a simple Unix outbound *cu* call or the Terminal Server can act as a dial-out router to facilitate Internet PPP requests.

As a dial-out router the Terminal Server automatically establishes a SLIP/CSLIP/PPP link to that site. Then drops the call after a preset period of inactivity. This dial-on-demand feature is automatic. The server will place the call when local TCP/IP traffic needs to be routed to a configured remote site.

If not using dial-out routing, you will need a COMPORT redirector such as *ioland*. The Chase CD has the ioland utility if you are using Unix. Please load the appropriate binary onto your system. If you can not find the correct binary, please compile the *ioland.c* source code for your system (see your Unix manual).

## 6.1 Configuration

The *Port Setup Menu* should be set up as follows for both simple dial-in connections and PPP/SLIP connections.

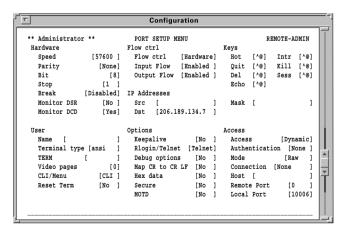


Figure 22: Port Setup Menu screen.

The following fields are important:

**Access:** Set the *Access* field to *Dynamic* (dial-in or out)

or Remote (dial-out only).

**Monitor DCD:** With this flag set to *Yes*, the terminal server will

monitor the modem signal Data Carrier Detect (DCD) - pin 8. When the modem hangs up, pin

DCD from the modem goes low and the

terminal server port will reset.

Flow Ctrl: The modem and terminal server port should be

configured to use Hardware (RTS/CTS) flow control. This will be especially important if you

are transferring binary files.

**Mode:** Set this field to raw.

### 6.2 The Host

For dial-out connections on Unix

If you have not already loaded *ioland* onto your system, do so now (see the supplied support disk). For more information on *ioland* see *Connecting Other Devices* (section 8). In it's simplest form, at the superuser prompt you would run the following command in Unix:

#### ioland -h <server-name> 10006 <device-name>

This will start the ioland process and allow you to specify a device-name in /dev that is linked to a pseudo tty. This pseudo tty works just like a regular tty with the following exception: you cannot set physical attributes such as baud rate, parity and flow control as these are handled by the terminal server. If you plan to use communication software on the Unix host such as *cu* or *uucp* you should refer to your Unix manual for additional help.

### For dial-out connections on Windows® systems

Check our FTP sites for the latest information on dial-out connections (under the Windows® support directory).

## 6.3 Routing

For dial-out routing, you must have the proper routing entry on all hosts in your local network that will communicate with the remote site. In the case of a Unix system, you must make an entry similar to the following (please check your Unix manual for the proper syntax of the route command):

For a single host at the remote site:

route add <remote-ip-addr> <TSERVER-ip-addr> 2

For multiple hosts at the remote site:

route add net <remote-net-addr> <TSERVER-ip-addr> 2

The Terminal Server will dial into another piece of hardware, log into that hardware and start a PPP session. Then the local terminal server will act as a router and forward all IP traffic destined outside its local network. In other words, the Terminal Server will 'auto-dial' the Internet and act as the router. In this example, the local network is: 206.131.227.0, the ISP's network is: 206.189.134.0, the ISP's equipment that you are dialing into is another Terminal Server (206.189.134.7) and the local Terminal Server is: 206.131.227.5. The Terminal Server gateway entries look like this:

<u>_</u>		Configuratio	n		
** Admi	nistrator **	GATEWAY MENU		REMOTE-ADMIN	
Entry	Destination	Gateway	Netmask		
1	[206.189.134.0	] [206.189.134.7	] [default	1	Ţ
2	[default	] [206.189.134.7	] [default	1	ш
3	[	] [	1 [	1	Н
4		] [	] [	1	

Figure 23: Gateway Menu screen.

### 6.4 Remote Access Systems

This screen is used to define a remote system (up to 16 entries per Terminal Server), a phone number, login script, etc. There are a lot of similarities between this screen and the UUCP systems file under Unix.

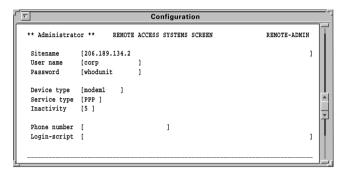


Figure 24: Remote Access Systems Screen menu.

The following fields are important:

**Sitename:** The IP name or IP address of the remote site the

Terminal Server will be calling.

**User name:** The user name required by the remote system

for logging in. You may use the \u in your login

script in lieu of the full name.

**Password:** The above user name's password as required by

the remote system. You may use the  $\p$  in your

login script in lieu of the full password.

**Device type:** The name of the modem device as defined in the

Remote Access Systems Screen. You may have several ports setup with the same device type, and

the dialer will use the first available.

If a device for dialing out is not available, the Terminal Server will return an ICMP 'host unreachable' message (ICMP type 3 code 1).

**Service type:** This specifies which protocol will be used when

the link is established to the remote site.
Choices are PPP\_SLIP and CSLIP

**Inactivity:** The period (in minutes) of inactivity on the SLIP/

PPP link before the port drops the call automatically. Setting this field to 0 turns the

timeout feature off.

timeout leature on

**Phone** The phone number of the remote system. Note number: that the '\' may be used as a delay. For example,

a phone system that requires a 9 followed by a four-second delay before getting an outside line would require an entry like 9\4-2145551234. The following characters are ignored '(', ')', '-', '.'

when included as part of the number.

**Login-script:** The chat script that will be used to login to the

remote system. It takes the form of the usual Send/Expect chat script you may already be familiar with. If no script is defined, this step is skipped (e.g. hardwired connections). There are a few special characters used by the Terminal

Server as described below:

expect nothing (i.e. the Terminal Server starts the chat script)

\r send a carriage return

\n send new-line

\u user name (sends the username from the *User name* field).

password (sends the password from the password field).

\1-\9 delay for number of seconds.

space (Substitute this instead of a <space> value).

- \t phone# (sends the telephone number field).
- \d send the modem's dial command
- $\$  escapes to  $'\$ '.
- **b** send a break.

### Dial-out PAP Authentication

If a dial-out script is not used but a username and password are defined, the Terminal Server will send a PAP packet after establishing a PPP link and use the username and password defined for the remote site.

# 6.5 Remote Site Devices

This screen is used to define/setup the modem device. There are a lot of similarities between this screen and the UUCP devices file under Unix. It is possible to assign several ports the same device name, and the dialer daemon will automatically use the first available port. It is also possible to have these ports do 'double-duty' and serve as regular dial-in ports for dumb terminal access, SLIP or PPP in addition to the dial-out capability.

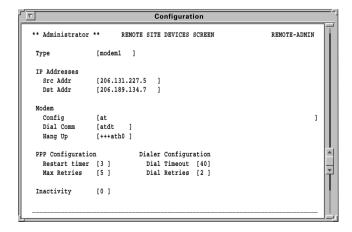


Figure 25: Remote Site Devices Screen.

#### The following fields are important:

**Type:** The name of the modem assigned to a specific

port. It is referenced from the *Remote Access Systems Screen* in the *Device type* field.

**Dst Address:** The address of the remote system the Terminal

Server is calling into.

**Config:** The modem's initialisation string. There are a

few examples at the end of this document.

**Note:** Leave this field blank for directly

connected devices.

**Restart timer:** Amount of time in seconds before the Terminal

Server retransmits PPP options.

Max Retries: Number of option retries before dropping

the line.

Dial Timeout: Number of seconds to wait for the modem to

establish link and respond.

**Dial Retries:** Number of times to attempt a connection to the

remote site before giving up.

### **6.6 Tips**

#### **Hunt groups**

You can setup several modems and use the same name for each under *Remote Site Devices*. the Terminal Server will use the first available modem defined in *Remote Site Devices* and if busy, grab the next available.

# Printing 7

There are three methods of printing from your Terminal Server: ioland, LPD, or RCP. LPD is the recommended method, however it depends on your application and operating system.

- ioland provides a pseudo TTY interface to Unix print spoolers (not available for Windows®). This software and the binaries associated with it are available from the Support Disk provided with the unit.
- LPD is the 'line printer daemon' protocol supported by most operating systems including Windows® and Unix (i.e. SCO, AIX, DG/UX, HP-UX, Linux, Solaris, etc.) Check our US FTP site for an LPD spooler for Windows® 95/98.
- 3. RCP is 'remote copy printing' and available on Unix systems. It requires a special interface script also found on the Support Disk provided with the unit.

## 7.1 Using ioland

We suggest you use the *ioland* utility on the Support Disk provided. The *ioland* utility can be used for Unix printing only. *ioland* is a Unix tty port redirector. For non-Unix applications use LPD, see section 7.2.

### Configuration

$\nabla$		Configu	ration			
** Administrato	r **	PORT SETUP M	ENU		REMOTE-ADMIN	
Hardware		Flow ctrl		Keys		
Speed	[9600 ]	Flow ctrl	[Hardware]	Hot [^]]	Intr [^C	ı
Parity	[None]	Input Flow	[Enabled ]	Quit [^@]	Kill [^U	1
Bit	[8]	Output Flow	[Enabled ]	Del [^@]	Sess [^@	1
Stop	[1 ]			Echo [^@]		
Break	[Disabled]	IP Addresses				
Monitor DSR	[No ]	Src [	1	Mask [		ı
Monitor DCD	[No ]	Dst [	1			
User		Options		Access		
Name [LPD_	printer ]	Keepalive	[No ]	Access	[Remote	1
Terminal type	e [ ]	Rlogin/Telne	t [Telnet]	Authentica	tion [None	ı
TERM	[ ]	Debug option	s [No]	Mode	[Raw	ı
Video pages	[0]	Map CR to CR	LF [No ]	Connection	[None	1
CLI/Menu	[Menu]	Hex data	[No ]	Host [		1
Reset Term	[No ]	Secure	[No ]	Remote Por	t [0	1
		MOTD	[No ]	Local Port	[10006	1

Figure 26: Ioland printing - Port Setup Menu screen.

The following fields are important:

Flow ctrl: Set your Terminal Server port flow control to

Hardware. Then set your printer to use 'DTR Pacing' or 'Hardware' or 'Ready/Busy' flow control. Use the RS-232 printer cable pinout shown in the *Cabling Guide* (Appendix C).

**Access:** Set this field to *Remote*. This sets the port of the

terminal server to listen for connections coming from the network. There will be an INETD process running on the terminal server that does

the listening.

You can check on the status of this process by looking at the *Netstat* screen of the terminal server's *Statistics* menu (or *show net* from the

CLI prompt).

**Mode:** Set this field to *Telnet*. This puts the port of the

terminal server in Telnet mode, which will ensure that EOF is properly negotiated before closing down the TCP/IP connection, otherwise the tail

end of a print job could be lost.

**Local port:** The INETD process running on the terminal

server for this port is listening for TCP/IP

connections on TCP port 10006.

The Host

If you are already familiar with *ioland*, all you have to do for the above configuration is:

#### ioland -T <server name> 10006 <device name>

This will start *ioland* process and create a device in /dev. If you are not familiar with the *ioland* program, read section 8, *Other Devices Setup*.

### **Tips**

**Hunt groups:** The Terminal Server supports humt groups for

printing. To use this, use the same number in the *Port Setup local port* field (i.e. 1006).

### 7.2 Using LPD

The Terminal Server can be setup for receiving print jobs via LPD and this is a very simple method. It works for both Windows® and Unix systems.

### **Configuration**

* Administrato	r **	PORT SETUP M	ENU		REMOTE-ADMIN
Hardware		Flow ctrl		Keys	
Speed	[9600 ]	Flow ctrl	[Hardware]	Hot [^]]	Intr [^C]
Parity	[None]	Input Flow	[Enabled ]	Quit [^@]	Kill [^U]
Bit	[8]	Output Flow	[Enabled ]	Del [^@]	Sess [^@]
Stop	[1 ]			Echo [^@]	i
Break	[Disabled]	IP Addresses			
Monitor DSR	[No ]	Src [	]	Mask [	]
Monitor DCD	[No ]	Dst [	1		
User		Options		Access	
Name [	]	Keepalive	[No ]	Access	[Remote ]
Terminal typ	e [ansi ]	Rlogin/Telne	t [Telnet]	Authentica	tion [None ]
TERM	[ ]	Debug option	s [No ]	Mode	[Telnet]
Video pages	[0]	Map CR to CR	LF [No ]	Connection	[None ]
CLI/Menu	[Menu]	Hex data	[No ]	Host [	]
Reset Term	[No ]	Secure	[No ]	Remote Por	t [0 ]

Figure 27: LPD printing - Port Setup Menu screen.

The following fields are important:

Flow control:

Set your Terminal Server port flow control to *Hardware*. Then set your printer to use 'DTR Pacing' or 'Hardware' or 'Ready/Busy' flow control. Use the RS-232 printer cable pinout shown in the *Cabling Guide* (Appendix C), as this will save a print job if thr printer is turned off or the cable becomes detached.

**Name:** The LPD client, as a reference to the printer, will

use what you assign here. This is the printer

queue name on the Terminal Server.

**Access:** Set this field to *Remote*. This sets the port of the

terminal server to listen for connections coming from the network. There will be an INETD process running on the terminal server that does

the listening.

You can check on the status of this process by looking at the NETSTAT screen of the terminal

server's STATS menu (or show net).

**Mode:** The port of the terminal server will operate in a

raw TCP/IP mode.

**Local port:** The INETD process running on the terminal

server for this port is listening for TCP/IP connections on TCP port 515 (this is the LPD

service number).

# Accessing the Printer

The client is the machine that contains the file to be printed and may be running one of a range of operating systems and applications. The client must support LPD, Unix systems normally include a version of LPD and there are a number of TCP/IP applications for DOS/Windows® that also support LPD.

When printing via LPD the client refers to the printer by IP address (or the name associated with this address from the host table) and printer name or queue name. This may take one of three forms:

 The name of the terminal server and no queue name or port number. This will cause the print job to be printed on the first available LPD port on the terminal server of this name. The Name field in the Port Setup Menu does not need to be set.

- 2. The name of the terminal server followed by a port number. For example if the queue name is server\_name9 (or server\_name09) then serial port 9 will receive the print job. Please note that in this example, the Name field in the Port Setup Menu need not be set.
- 3. The printer name as set in the *Name* field of the *Port Setup Menu*. More than one serial port may have the same name allowing the server to create a hunt group of printers. The first available port to match that queue name will receive the print job.

A special feature of LPD with terminal servers is the ability to do carriage-return and line feed mapping at the server. This is accomplished by having a + appended to the client queue name and is valid for all of the above methods of access. Alternatively, you may enable the CR to CR LF mapping option for the port

**Note:** There is a maximum limit of 30 LPD connections per server, which may be distributed to all of the available LPD ports as required. If the maximum is exceeded then the request is rejected and the connection is closed.

# LPD printing from DOS/Windows®

At present it is possible to print from Windows® or DOS although this will normally be accomplished via a separate application program like PC/TCP or Netmanage Chameleon. The new versions of Windows® type operating systems either have or intended to have TCP/IP built into the operating system. Windows NT® has a built-in LPD utility, and there are shareware packages on the Internet for Windows® 95/98 (check our FTP site).

The documentation for each application or operating system should allow users to configure and use it with the Terminal Server. The obvious advantage of using LPD to print is that the server can be used to connect a printer that will be shared between both DOS/Windows® and Unix machines.

Under Windows® the printer will be available from within other applications via the *File* option of the Windows® menu bar.

The actual printer will be referenced by the Name of the terminal server serial port or, by the terminal server and port number in the same way that Unix uses the Name.

The server IP address should be included in the Host table before trying to setup the actual printer port.

# LPD Printing from BSD Unix

This section should give you some idea of how to set-up printing via LPD on a Unix host. However, this will not be universally true as different versions of Unix have different configuration requirements. You may also wish to consult your Operating System documentation before attempting to add LPD.

The Unix host should have a printer database, for BSD and Linux type systems this will be the file /etc/printcap and there should be an entry within this file for the server's LPD port that looks something like the following:

```
#term_serv LPD Printer on serial port 16
Laser1|TSERVER LPD printer 16:\
    :rp=LPD_printer:rm=term_serv:lp=:sf:\
    :sd=/usr/spool/LPD/LPD_printer:\
    :lf=/usr/spool/LPD/term_serv16/log:
```

Printing could then be accomplished using the following command:

```
lpr -PLaser1 <file>
```

A limitation of printing with LPD on the terminal server is that no formatting of text (apart from the + operation) can be carried out by the terminal server firmware. This is due to the lack of a spooler utility in the terminal server and the data being forwarded directly to the serial port.

To overcome this the local host must perform all of the necessary changes and then send these to the terminal server. Defining a printer queue as in the previous examples can do this

If filtering or formatting is required then a local linking print queue needs to be created. This would be something like the following:

```
# Lcl q to link to term_serv LPD Printer on port 16
link-Laser1| TSERVER LPD Printer 16:\
:lp=/dev/null:sf:sd=/usr/spool/LPD/Laser1:\
:lf=/usr/spool/LPD/LPD_printer/log\
:of=/etc/TSERVER/link-Laser1:
```

The shell script output file link-Laser1 has the contents:

```
#!/bin/sh
lpr -PLaser1
```

This would be sufficient to print a header page and perform form feeds. If a specialised filter program is required for something like a plotter then the script may look something like the following:

```
#!/bin/sh
/usr/local/filter \$@' | lpr -PLaser1
```

# LPD Printing from SYS V Unix

Here is an example for setting up the System V spooling system (i.e. Linux, Solaris, etc.) to print to the LPD daemon. This assumes that you will print to a port configured like the example above on a Terminal Server called term\_serv.

```
lpsystem -t bsd term_serv
lpadmin -p Laser1 -s term_serv
```

If the terminal server is not defined in the /etc/hosts file you may not get an error message from either the *lpsystem* or *lpadmin* commands, but the printer will not print.

If the *Ipsystem* command is not performed, the *Ipadmin* command will return an error indicating that the system named in the -s parameter does not exist even though the system is listed in the */etc/hosts* file.



**Note:** Although it is possible to create a printer spool on the Terminal Server, UNIX lpd queues only print one job at a time. The host will wait for one job to complete before spooling the second so all jobs will go to the same queue and print from the same Terminal Server port.

# LPD printing from AIX

Use SMIT to configure remote printer.

# LPD printing from HP/UX

Use SAM to configure remote printer.

#### **Tips**

**Hunt groups:** The Terminal Server supports hunt groups for

printing. To use this, use the same queue name in the Terminal Server Port Setup *name* field.

## 7.3 Using RCP

RCP is used as an alternative option (where LPD and ioland are not available). It is a Unix only command set. A script is provided on the Support Disk for RCP.

### Configuration

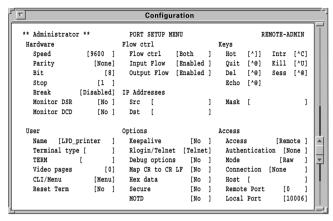


Figure 28: RCP printing - Port Setup Menu screen.

The following fields are important:

Flow ctrl:

Set your Terminal Server port flow control to *Both*. This will invoke both Hardware (RTS/CTS) and XON/XOFF flow control on the Terminal Server. Then set your printer to use XON/XOFF. Use the RS-232 cable pinout described in Appendix C, *Cabling Guide*, as this will stop a print job if the printer is turned off or the cable becomes detached.

Access:

Set this field to *Remote*. This sets the port of the terminal server to listen for connections coming from the network. There will be an INETD process running on the terminal server that does the listening. You can check on the status of this process by looking at the NETSTAT screen of the terminal server's *Statistics Menu* (or **show net** from CLI).

Mode:

The port of the terminal server will operate in a raw TCP/IP mode.

#### Local port:

The INETD process running on the terminal server for this port is listening for TCP/IP connections on TCP port 514 (this is the RCP service number).

#### The Host

On systems where LPD or a binary for *ioland* is not available, or is found to be unreliable due to limitations in the OS, RCP provides a useful, if limited, alternative method for printing. The port/group of ports must be configured to listen to the RCP port, which is port 514. Users can then copy files to the server using the following command syntax:

#### rcp <file> <server>:tty [port #]

It is worth noting that the RCP will fail if the port (or all the ports in the hunt group) is in use when the RCP command is attempted. If you wish to use RCP as part of a System V print spooler script, it is essential that the script checks the return status of the RCP command.

# Using RCP with Unix System V line printer spoolers.

 a. Log in as root and create a print queue for the printer with /dev/null as the device port. For example, create an HP LaserJet printer queue via the command:

/usr/lib/lpadmin -hpjet -v/dev/null -mHPLaserJet
Do not accept or enable the printer at this stage.

b. Go into the directory containing the interface scripts for all printers. This is normally found in:

 $/{\tt usr/spool/lp/admins/lp/interfaces} \ (Rel\ 3\ {\tt Unix}).$ 

/etc/lp/interfaces (Rel 3 Unix).

/usr/spool/lp/interfaces (XENIX).

c. Find the interface shell script for this printer and copy it to a file with the suffix '.orig'. using the example:

#### cp hpjet hpjet.orig

d. Copy the Server RCP shell script from the TSSD support disk to the interface script, e.g:

#### cp /etc/bbox/src/bbox.rcp hpjet

Having created the hpjet file set the permissions to allow execution of the script, e.g.:

#### chmod a+x hpjet

e. Edit the interface script and insert the desired server name and port number. For example, if the name is 'iceland' and the printer is attached to port 8 (numbering from 1 to 16). Then the line:

rcp \$TMP <server name>:tty<port number>
becomes:

#### rcp \$TMP iceland:tty8

Some Unix systems may require the full pathname of the 'RCP' command. For example:

/usr/ucb/rcp \$TMP iceland:tty8

f. Activate the printer for use, e.g:

/usr/lib/accept hpjet enable hpjet

g. Set up the Terminal Server port for RCP printing by changing the *Loca Port* field in the *Access* section of the *Port Setup Menu* to 514.

# RCP printing on a spooler system based on BSD Unix.

Currently, the RCP printing utility will not work if the *of* filter is used in conjunction with any other filter.

 a. Log in as root and create a print queue for the printer with /dev/null as the device port. For example, create a printer queue by placing this record in /etc/printcap:

```
rcp Printer to TSERVER port 8
TSERVER8|TSERVER rcp Printer:\
:lp=/dev/null:\
:sf:\
:sd=/usr/spool/LPD/TSERVER8:\
:lf=/usr/spool/LPD/TSERVER8/log:\
:if=/etc/bbox/hpif:
```

- b. Go into the directory containing the desired text filter program intended for the *if* field. If there is no filter required for this queue then create a dummy filter program which calls the *cat* command with no arguments.
- c. Link the generic filter program to a file with the suffix '.orig'. This generic filter program may be in use by other printer queues and so is left untouched. Using the example:

```
ln -s <filter-name> /etc/bbox/hpif.orig
```

d. Copy the Bbox RCP shell script to the Bbox directory /etc/bbox. That is:

```
cp bbox.rcp /etc/bbox/hpif
```

e. Edit the interface script and insert the desired Terminal Server name and port number. For example, if the Terminal Server name is 'iceland' and the printer is attached to port 8 (numbering from 1 to 16).

Then the line:

rcp \$TMP <server name>:tty<port number>

becomes:

rcp \$TMP iceland:tty8

Some Unix systems may require the full pathname of the 'RCP' command. For example, SunOS Unix and may require the line to become:

/usr/ucb/rcp \$TMP iceland:tty8

f. Activate the printer for use. That is:

lpc start TSERVER8
lpc enable TSERVER8

g. Set up the Terminal Server port for RCP printing. See the relevant section in the guide or call Technical Support for an example fax.

# Setting up RCP printing on AIX

See the FTP sites for latest information.

**Tips** Hunt groups: There is no hunt group method using RCP.

# Other Devices Setup 8

The Terminal Server is a very versatile product and can handle a lot of creative applications. This section deals with setting up printers and data acquisition type equipment, including retail point-of-sale equipment. Many types of RS-232 equipment can be attached including:

- Retail point-of-sale (POS) equipment
- Maintenance ports on network equipment (for monitoring)
- Making terminals with 'fixed ttys'
- Manufacturing equipment

The Terminal Server accomplishes this by using a *reverse telnet* connection. On Unix you utilise the *ioland* software supplied on the Support Disk. For Windows®, consult the support section of the web sites for the latest support software for dial-out applications.

## 8.1 Reverse Telnet Port Configuration

This setup is used when you need to access a serial port from the network. For example you might want to collect data from a serial device such as a barcode scanner, POS terminal, etc. Or you can tie a login to a specific Unix tty device (using *ioland*). For Unix you use the utility *ioland*. For Windows® system consult the Chase FTP site.

7		Configu	ration				
** Administrator	**	PORT SETUP M	ENU		R	EMOTE-A	DMIN
Hardware		Flow ctrl		Keys			
Speed	[9600 ]	Flow ctrl	[Hardware]	Hot	[^@]	Intr	[^@]
Parity	[None]	Input Flow	[Enabled ]	Quit	[^@]	Kill	[^@]
Bit	[8]	Output Flow	[Enabled ]	Del	[^@]	Sess	[^@]
Stop	[1 ]			Echo	[ ^@]		
Break	[Disabled]	IP Addresses					
Monitor DSR	[No ]	Src [	]	Mask	[		]
Monitor DCD	[No ]	Dst [	1				
User		Options		Access			
Name [	]	Keepalive	[No ]	Acces	s	[Rem	ote ]
Terminal type	[ansi ]	Rlogin/Telne	t [Telnet]	Authe	nticat	ion [N	one ]
TERM	[ ]	Debug option	s [No ]	Mode		[Ra	w ]
Video pages	[0]	Map CR to CR	LF [No ]	Conne	ction	[None	]
CLI/Menu	[Menu]	Hex data	[No ]	Host	[		]
Reset Term	[No ]	Secure	[No ]	Remot	e Port	[0	]
		MOTD	[No ]	Local	Port	[1	0006]

Figure 29: Reverse Telnet - Port Setup Menu screen.

The following fields are important:

**Keys:** Set all your Keys to ^@.

**Access:** Set this field to *Remote*. This sets the port of the

terminal server to listen for connections coming from the network. There will be an INETD process running on the terminal server that does the listening. You can check on the status of this process by looking at the Netstat screen of

the terminal server's Stats menu.

**Mode:** Set this field to *Raw*.

**Local Port:** The INETD process running on the terminal

server for this port is listening for TCP/IP connections on TCP port 10006 (for port 6).

The Host

If you are already familiar with *ioland*, all you have to do for the above configuration on Unix is:

ioland -p <server name> 10006 <device name>

This will start the *ioland* process in permanent mode and create a device in /dev. If you are not familiar with the *ioland* program, read the following section.

If you are using Windows® check the web page for the latest information on dial-out connectivity.

# 8.2 Chase ioland Utility

A peripheral daemon provides a client process with a full-duplex and transparent interface to a server port of its choice, via a pseudo-tty device. This presents a tty-like interface to the application in much the same way as a serial port.

The daemon is primarily intended as an interface between the client process and a printer, modem or some data acquisition device. In the case of printers, it is recommended that the LPD protocol is first assessed as a suitable printing solution before the daemon.

By default, the daemon will fork into two processes during the start of a data transfer. The parent process will transfer data from the client to the server while the child process will transfer data from the server to the client. The parent also handles all the control aspects of the client-server link. The child process is normally terminated when the client process closes the slave pseudo-tty unless the *-p* option is used. In this case, the child is created at startup time and remains.

If the daemon is started without any arguments it will try and open the configuration file /etc/ioland.cf which contains instructions on which daemons to start, for which peripherals, plus any optional arguments.

Alternatively, a single daemon can be started from the shell with various arguments specified.

There are three mandatory arguments the daemon requires to mediate between the client and server port:

**Server:** The host name of the Terminal Server that has

the attached printer or terminal.

**Port:** The TCP port on which the server port is

listening for connection requests.

**Link:** A mnemonic filename in /dev which shall be

linked to the slave pseudo-tty selected by the daemon. This should be used as the interface device for client processes since the pseudo-tty may change during the daemon lifetime.

The other optional arguments modify the behaviour of the daemon in the way it controls connections, and processes data to and from the peripheral. They are defined as follows:

- ensure that the last data block of a print job has reached the Terminal Server before closing the TCP connection. If the end of print jobs are still being lost despite using this option then it is advised to set the stty option 'noflsh' on the slave pseudo-tty if it is supported. This may require the -m or -a options. Alternatively, most line printer spoolers employ a delay before closing the printer port to ensure no pending output is accidentally flushed. It may be possible to increase this delay if the above solutions are not enough. Make sure the port is set to telnet mode in the *Port Setup Menu*.
- -p The daemon maintains a continuous TCP connection to the Terminal Server port. This is useful for applications that require exclusive and uninterrupted access to a device. Note that no other daemon will be able to access such a port if any daemon is running to that port with this option.

- -h Hangs up the pseudo-tty if the TCP connection is lost. This mimics the situation in which a real serial port loses a signal such as DCD. In the same manner as the serial port, a SIGHUP signal will be sent to all processes that have the slave pseudo-tty as their controlling tty. See the -w option.
- -n Converts all carriage-returns read from the client process to carriage-return and line-feed. This is useful if using ioland for printing and the print job is off the right margin (i.e. 'stair stepping').
- Push the STREAMS tty modules onto the slave pseudo-tty. This is useful for applications that expect to modify tty parameters as if a hardware device was attached. The modules pushed are the line discipline (normally called *ldterm*) and the hardware emulation (if supported). This option requires that the pseudo-tty architecture is based on the STREAMS I/O mechanism. The recommended Unix variants for using this option are those based on System V Release 3. Variants based on System V Release 4 should first try the -a option.
- -a Use the *autopush* facility to push STREAMS modules onto the slave pseudo-tty. This facility is supported on Unix System V Release 4 variants.
- Discard all data received from the peripheral. This is useful in cases where the peripheral is sending unwanted data to the host, which is not being read by the client and therefore may cause blockage problems on the pseudo-tty.
- -w Used with the -h and -p options. By default, on a hang-up, the daemon will open a new pseudo-tty before it has reconnected to the Terminal Server port. This option does the opposite and tries to re-establish the TCP connection first.

- -o Used with the -p option. This option prevents the slave pseudo-tty from closing so as to prevent any flushing of data that may occur. With this option set, the daemon will not close the TCP connection so its use is not advised for modems, as line hang-ups may not be initiated. It is useful for slow printers that may lose data on pseudo-tty close.
- -f<file> Specify a different configuration file. If the pathname is relative, the current working directory will be used.
- -F This option causes *ioland* to use the same *pseudotty* each and every time ( *fixed tty*). The syntax for using this option is:

ioland -F <other options> <server> <master
device><slave device>

e.g: ioland -F bronto ptyp3 ttyp3

- **-k<n>** This option checks if the TCP connection is still alive every *n* seconds. If the test fails, the child daemon process dies and signals the parent daemon that the connection is lost.
- This invokes 'silent keepalives'. Normal keepalives set by the -k flag send ASCII text messages which can go through *tserver* and *ioland* and become visible to users and applications. The -K flag prevents this.

#### -s<desired character transfer rate>

This option causes *ioland* to 'meter' characters sent to the terminal server.

-x<n> Set the daemon debug/diagnostic level to n. On startup, a log file called /etc/ioland.lg is created (if not already there). All daemons on the host will write their debug and diagnostic messages to this file with a timestamp, daemon process id and arguments attached to the actual diagnostic. The debug and diagnostics levels are:

- 0 Lets the world know we're alive but nothing else.
- 1 Reports startup options.
- 2 Reports connection and disconnection events.
- 4 Reports numbers of characters being sent/received.
- 8 Displays data written to the client process.
- Displays data written to the Terminal Server.
- 32 Reports telnet negotiations.
- Displays data read from the Terminal Server.
- Displays data read from the client process.

Adding the desired level numbers together can combine these levels. Care should be taken when a high debug level is set because the log file could grow too large.

- -settring Used to transmit breaks to modems. If the daemon reads in the specified string from the client it will send a Telnet 'Do Break' command to the Terminal Server. The maximum length of the string is 15 characters though, for the sake of efficiency, a minimal length should be used so long as the string is not accidentally duplicated by the real data. This option requires you to also use the -*T* option.
- -c<n> Network connection timeout option. The daemon will try for *n* seconds to establish a TCP connection after which time it will abort and discard any pending data. The default is to try forever.

An example of a daemon configuration file is:

```
-x3 -T TSERVER1 10011 TSERVER1.11
-x35 -T -a -h -s xxx -c60 TSERVER1 10013 TSERVER1.13
-x39 -p -T -h -a -k60 TSERVER2 10009 TSERVER2.9
```

Each line represents a daemon to be started with the arguments on that line.

The first is a simple printer configuration, the second is a complex modem configuration while the third is a configuration more suited to a daemon with a terminal attached and a *getty* running as the client process. Normally, the debug level is set to a minimal level such as three.

### **8.3** Tips

#### **Unix Notes**

On Unix variants based on System V Release 3, clients that are interactive shell processes may not be able to handle the interrupt, quit and break keys properly. This is a deficiency in the pseudo-tty drivers and not the daemon.

On some System V Release 4 variants, if the daemon writes to a non-existent client, the pseudo-tty may irretrievably hang up. In general, make sure there is always a client process running if there is the possibility of data being received for it.

On some systems such as SunOS, XENIX and AIX a break received from the peripheral is not passed to the client properly. If the client wishes to make the break act like an interrupt key (i.e. when the stty options *-ignbrk* and *brkintr* are set) then this can be achieved by setting the *Break* field on the Terminal Server *Port Setup Menu* to 'Brkintr'.

On SunOS, if a *getty* is the client process running to a terminal then the login prompt may be corrupted on the screen but this goes when the user name is typed in. The UUCP command *uucico* may not work with ioland on Solaris 2.1 (Intel).

Some systems may not properly propagate the SIGHUP signal associated with the -h option.

This section describes the menu system and the fields within them. Bounce around the menu system to get your bearings. All of the menus are covered and referenced in this section.

#### Menu 9.1 **Commands**

You move around the menus with the arrow keys or by using the first letter of the associated command. When you are in an editable menu, the → key is used to move around the various fields. Pressing  $\square$  will usually bring up the following exit menu.



Figure 30: Commands - Exit pop-up menu.

The following describes these options:

Command
<b>Descriptions</b>

**Save and Exit** All changes to the menu screen are saved and the user is returned to the next higher level screen. Quit and Exit The user is returned to the higher level screen and any changes are ignored (i.e. nothing is saved). Certain data fields take only a fixed range of values Values (e.g. bps rates, number of stop bits, etc.). When this command is selected, it displays those values. Cancels the Command Options window and Cancel

returns to current menu for additional editing.

Pressing Esc cancels the Command Options window (works the same as *Cancel*). Other than mastering the difference between the  $\rightarrow$  key and  $\rightarrow$ , there are several other special fields and keys.

### **Toggle fields**

Some data fields have a set of acceptable values. An example of this is the bps rate setting. To alter the value displayed in these fields press the space bar. The *Values* option on the commands pop-up menu can also be used.

### **Fast keys**

A fast key allows the user to jump from one menu to another avoiding the normal path. Most of the commonly used options available from the *Connections Menu* can be accessed via fast keys. These are listed in the following:

CTRL T	Telnet	Make a Telnet connection
CTRL R	Rlogin	Make an Rlogin connection
CTRL P	Port	Enter the Port Setup Menu
CTRL A	Admin	Enter the Administration menus
CTRL D	Logout	Log out of the Server
CTRL X CTRL T	Stats	Enters the statistics screens

# 9.2 Connections Menu

This is the top level menu, normally the first thing a user sees when they power up their terminal. The main focus of this screen is the list of connection states, showing which host each of the four sessions is connected to (or if it is FREE).

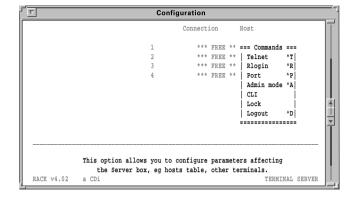


Figure 31: Connections Menu - Commands pop-up menu.

Pressing at any of the four *FREE* fields presents the *Commands* pop-up menu. If it was not free, the *Telnet* and *Rlogin* fields would have been replaced by *Close connection* and *Resume connection* signifying there is a session present. The \*\*\* FREE \*\*\* message would be replaced by the name or IP address of the connected host.

The following describes the options that can appear in the above menu:

Telnet

This option allows you to make a connection to a specified host on the network using *telnet*. When this command is selected, another pop-up menu appears, giving you the host table list. In addition, there is a *specify host/IP address* option you can use for other IP addresses and host names.

Rlogin

This performs the same function as the *Telnet* open command, but uses the *Rlogin* protocol. While *Telnet* is the most commonly used protocol, *Rlogin* can also be used (especially over WAN connections because *Rlogin* packets are smaller).

Connection

Resume	This option only appears if there is a current

Connection connection open. It allows you to carry on

working on a host.

Close This option also appears only if the current

connection is open and will close the session on a host machine. It is recommended to logout

before closing the connection.

**Port** This allows users to change the characteristics

of their serial port. See Port Setup Menu section

of this chapter.

Admin mode This takes the user into the Administration

*Menu*(s) (also covered in this chapter).

CLI Selecting this function changes the port back

into command line or CLI mode. To get back to the menus use *set menu* from the CLI prompt. More information on CLI is in *Command Line* 

Interface (Appendix A).

**Lock** This function allows the user to lock the port

they are on for security purposes. When this function is selected the user is prompted for a password then asked to verify it again. Once locked a port can only be unlocked by the

successful entry of the password.

**Note:** If a user accidentally locks their port the Administrator can use the *kill* command on the

Administration Menu to free the port.

Logout This function logs the user completely out of

the Terminal Server. From the *Connections*Menu pressing CTRL D also logs the user out of

the system.

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### 9.3 Port Setup Menu

This menu allows the user to set up all of the parameters associated with a port. The administrator can alter the set-up of any port on the Terminal Server while a user can only alter the set-up for their own port.

* Administrator	**	PORT SETUP M	ENU		R	EMOTE-A	DMIN
Hardware		Flow ctrl		Keys			
Speed	[9600 ]	Flow ctrl	[Hardware]	Hot	[^]]	Intr	[^C]
Parity	[None]	Input Flow	[Enabled ]	Quit	[^@]	Kill	[ ^ []
Bit	[8]	Output Flow	[Enabled ]	Del	[^@]	Sess	[^@]
Stop	[1]			Echo	[^@]		
Break	[Disabled]	IP Addresses					
Monitor DSR	[No ]	Src [	]	Mask	[		]
Monitor DCD	[No ]	Dst [	1				
User		Options		Access			
Name [	]	Keepalive	[No ]	Acces	s	[Ren	note ]
Terminal type	e [ansi ]	Rlogin/Telne	t [Telnet]	Authe	nticat	ion [N	None ]
TERM	[ ]	Debug option	s [No ]	Mode		[ Te	elnet]
Video pages	[0]	Map CR to CR	LF [No ]	Conne	ction	[None	]
CLI/Menu	[Menu]	Hex data	[No ]	Host	[		]
Reset Term	[No ]	Secure	[No ]	Remot	e Port	[0	) ]

Figure 32: Port Setup Menu.

This menu is divided into several separate sections, each of which can be accessed independently by the administrator. To simplify the sequence, these are described separately.

#### Hardware

The hardware section defines port type and is used for setting up the hardware configuration of the modem, terminal, printer or PC session. This section is always used. The parameters are as follows:

Speed

This field sets the baud rate of the port and can be set to the following values: 50, 75, 110, 150, 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200. The default setting is 9600.

Parity	This field sets the parity of the port to even, od	ld
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or none. The default parity is None.

This sets the number of data bits that are used by

the port from 5-8. The default is 8.

Stop This defines how many stop bits the port uses to

either 1, 1.5, 2. The default is 1.

Break This field determines how the Terminal Server

reacts to the break key being pressed on the terminal. There are four possible settings:

**Disabled** The Terminal Server ignores the break key

completely and it is not passed through to the

host. This is the default setting.

Local The Terminal Server deals with the break

locally. If the user is in a session the break key has the same effect as a hot key (i.e. it returns the user to the *Connections Menu.*)

**Remote** When a break key is pressed the Terminal

Server translates this into a telnet break signal

which it sends to the host machine.

Brkintr This mode operates in the same manner as

the remote setting except that instead of generating a break signal the Terminal Server generates an interrupt signal and sends it

to the host.

Monitor DSR This field specifies whether the RS-232 signal

DSR (data set ready) should be monitored. This

is used with modems. Default is No.

Monitor DCD This field specifies whether the RS-232 signal

DCD (data carrier detect) should be monitored.

This is used with modems. Default is No.

#### User

The *User* section defines various user parameters such as name and terminal type. Most fields are used in this section. A full description is given below:

#### Name

This field defines the user name of this port on the server. Any string of up to 14 characters can be entered. This name is displayed on the top left hand corner of the menu screens. It is also listed in the statistics screens so that the administrator can see who is using each port. If this field is left blank then a user is prompted for their user name before being given access to the terminal server menus. This field is also passed to the host when using telnet or rlogin. Default is blank.

#### Terminal type

This field defines the type of terminal that is attached to this port. The possible values are undef (undefined), ansi, dumb, vt100, vt320, wyse50, wyse60, tvi925, ibm3151, vt320, falco, hp700. Press the space bar to toggle through these values. If none of these are applicable then the CLI mode can be used. When an rlogin connection is made, the unit passes this terminal type to the host machine. Default is blank.

#### TERM

This field can contain up to 8 characters. If this field is filled in, the server sends this string as the terminal type, instead of the field above. This allows the user to pass through the server an unsupported terminal type or addition identity information for security. Default is blank.

#### Video pages

This field defines how many video pages the terminal in question has. If this value is set greater than zero the server uses the video pages on the terminal to allow it to refresh screens between session switching. Not all terminals support video pages (mainly Wyse 60's). Default is 0.

CLI/Menu This field defines whether the server is using the

CLI or the menu interface. If the terminal is configured for menu interface but the terminal type is undefined or dumb, then the unit remains in the CLI. Default will be *Menu*.

Reset Term This field defines whether the terminal type

This field defines whether the terminal type should be reset when a user logs out. This is a very useful feature when the port is connected to a modem. When a user logs out of the server it resets the terminal type to dumb, so the next person starts off in CLI mode and is able to set the terminal type correctly. Default is *No*.

**Flow Control** 

This section defines the various flow control options used by the server. This section is always used. The parameters are:

Flow Ctrl This field defines which method of flow control

to be used by this port, either XON/XOFF, HARDWARE, BOTH, none or WANG. To use HARDWARE flow control the correct cable must be used (see Appendix C, *Cabling Guide*). WANG is a special option designed for WANG terminal flow control applications. The default

is to use XON/XOFF.

**Input Flow** This field allows you to define if the input flow

control is to be used. Default is *Enabled*.

Output Flow This field allows you to define if the output flow

control is to be used. Default is *Enabled*.

IP address

This section of the menu deals with remote access and modem sessions only. The parameters are as follows:

**Src** This is the source IP address of the port for PPP/

SLIP connections. If blank, the Terminal Server

IP address is used.

This is the destination IP address of the PPP/SLIP

connections. If blank, the remote host must supply the IP address. If filled in, you designate an assigned IP address to loan the remote host. If the *secure* field on the *Port Menu* is *No*, this can be overridden by the incoming host.

Mask This is the subnet mask which controls the

range of IP addresses accessible from the port

(when using remote access).

**Options** 

This section of the menu deals mainly with the telnet options and is the least used. Most of these options default to *No*.

**Keepalive** This option specifies whether the server should

send keepalive messages to the host machines it

is connected to. Default is No.

Rlogin/Telnet This field specifies which of the two options

should be listed first in the Commands menu.

Default is telnet.

CR LF

**Debug options** This field defines whether the telnet options

processing should be displayed and is used for

troubleshooting. Default is No.

Map CR to This field defines whether the the server will

add a line feed to every carriage return on data

going out to the serial port. Default is No.

**Hex data** When this field is set to Yes, the server displays

all of the data it receives on this port in hex format as well as in ASCII. This is used for

troubleshooting. Default is No.

**Secure** Specifies the level of security to be applied to

the port in question. There are four selectable

values. Default is No.

No	Access to the administration mode is enabled
	from this port. Port will accept IP addresses.

Yes Access to administration mode is disabled for

this port. Port will reject IP addresses.

LAN Access to administration mode is disabled

and dial-in access via PPP/SLIP is disabled. Local network access commands telnet,

rlogin and connect are enabled.

WAN Access to administration is disabled and local

network access commands, telnet, rlogin and connect are disabled. Dial-in access via PPP/

SLIP is enabled.

MOTD This yes/no option specifies whether a message

of the day is to be displayed to the user before logging on to the port. The actual text of the message is a file on the boot host (see *Server* 

Configuration Menu)

**Keys**This section defines the various accelerator keys that the Terminal Server responds to. This section is optionally used.

The parameters are as follows:

Hot This is the key used to escape from a host

connection back to the *Connection Menu*. For instance, if you are in a login shell on a host machine, pressing the hot-key takes you back to

the Terminal Server. The default is ^].

Intr This is a user-definable interrupt key. When

selected the Terminal Server generates a telnet 'interrupt process' signal to the remote host.

The default is **^C**.

Quit This field defines the character that generates a

telnet BREAK across the network. Default is ^@.

This field defines the character that generates a telnet erase character signal across the network. In addition, this key can be used to 'reprogram' the interpretation of the <left-arrow> key when operating in the menu mode. If the users terminal generates the same key sequence for <Left-Arrow> and <Backspace>, then setting this key to Ctrl-H (^H), causes the <Left-arrow> and <Backspace> keys to be treated as 'delete the last character typed in'. Default is ^@.

This field defines the character that generates a telnet erase line signal across the network.

Default is ^*U*.

Echo

This key allows users to switch directly from one session to another without going back through the server menus. This key should be followed immediately by the session number the user wishes to go to. For example, if this key is set to Ctrl-F and you want to switch to session 2, press Ctrl-F2. The default value is ^@.

If this key is given a value then any active telnet session on that port can toggle between local and remote character echoing done by the server or by the remote host. Default is ^@.

**Note:** Each of the keys can be set as a single character, or as a control character. To set the key as a control character the symbol '^' should be used followed by the relevant key. Alphabetic characters should be specified in upper case. To disable a particular key the user should enter ^@ in the field.



#### Access

This section controls the type of the connection made from this port. This is the most important section in defining a port. The parameters are as follows:

Access This field defines the type of service that is operating on this port. Default is *Local*.

Local This is the normal setting for terminals/PCs.

Remote This setting indicates that the server should

be listening on the ethernet for connections from a remote host. The TCP port for the terminal server to listen on, must be entered in the *Local Port* field. This setting should be used for printers, dial-out modems and

reverse telnet connections.

Dynamic This setting should be used for dial-in/dial-

out modems. This setting is a combination of the local and remote settings. The terminal server listens both on the serial port for incoming characters and on the network for incoming connections. When it gets either, it

behaves as the appropriate type of

connection until that session is terminated, whereupon it goes back to listening again.

This will set the port into SLIP mode.

This setting puts the port into a dedicated

PPP line.

This setting is similar to *Remote*, however,

DTR/RTS will only be raised once a network

connection is establish.

None Sets port to disabled.

CSLIP This setting puts the port into dedicated

CSLIP status.

Authentication This field defines how a user logs in. Default

is none.

None This sets authentication off.

Local This forces the incoming user to enter the

Terminal Server login authentication password (same password for all ports).

This is full authentication requiring a user ID

and password that will be checked against a

designated authentication host.

Both This provides two levels of security with

Local authentication first, then Host.

Mode This field defines whether the connection is raw

or *telnet*. A *raw* connection is a straight TCP connection. Setting the mode to *telnet* causes it to do the *telnet* negotiations with a network connection. This should be set to *raw* for RCP and LPD printing & modem connections, and be set to *telnet* for reverse telnet connections.

**Connection** This field defines whether the user has access to

multiple connections or only a single connection, and the level of control the user has

over these connections.

None The server does not try to initiate any

connections. The user has full control and access to all 4 sessions. This is the default.

#### Preferred

The server makes an immediate connection to the indicated host machine and port number. The *Host, Remote* and *Mode* fields must be filled in. Although the user is connected to a designated host, the user can hot key ^] back from this connection to the unit. This allows a user to configure the system so that they always log into one machine, but still have the option of connecting to others.

#### Dedicated

The server makes an immediate connection to the indicated host and port number. The user is limited to only a single connection to the indicated host, and can not hot key back to the server menus. The *Host, Remote* and *Mode* fields must be set properly.

#### Initiated

This setting is similar to the *Dedicated* connection, but requires the user to enter the return key before initiating a connection. It is widely used for terminal/PC connections.

#### Host

This field defines the remote host to be connected to. Either a host name or an IP address may be used. If a name is entered it must be in the host table. Default is blank.

#### Remote Port

This field defines the remote TCP port number for the server to connect to. Use port number 23 for *telnet* and 513 for *rlogin*. Default is *0*.

#### Local Port

This field defines the local TCP port for the Terminal Server to listen on. The port default to 10000 plus the number of the port.

# 9.4 Administration Menu

The *Administration Menu* allows the user access to the main configuration functions. All of the options can be accessed by a normal user (unless the *secure* field is set to *Yes*). None of the configuration details may be altered unless the user has entered the administrator's password.

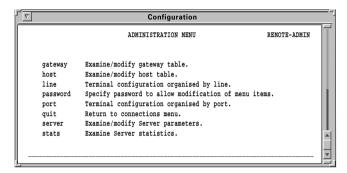


Figure 33: Administration Menu.

The parameters are as follows:

gateway	Selecting this field allows the user to view the <i>Gateway Menu</i> used for routing.
host	Selecting this field allows the user to view the <i>Host Address Menu</i> used for local naming.
line	Selecting this field takes the user to the <i>Lines</i> popup menu used for viewing port configurations.
password	Selecting this field allows the user to enter the administrator's level where changes can be made. Default password is <i>iolan</i> .
port	Selecting this field allows the user to view the <i>Port Setup Menu</i> as previously described. The user is prompted for the port number to be configured.
quit	Selecting this field takes the user back into the <i>Connections Menu</i> .

**server** Selecting this field allows the user to view the

Configuration Menu.

**stats** Selecting this field allows the user to view the

Statistics screens.

Once the user has entered administration mode the display changes slightly to indicate this.

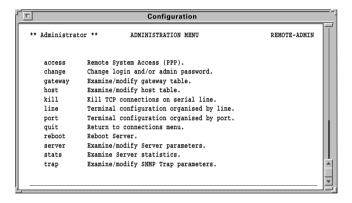


Figure 34: Administration Menu (password level).

This allows the user access to some extra features as follows:

access	Selecting this option takes the user into the remote access section of the Terminal Server bringing up a menu for designating remote sites, devices and authentication/logging parameters.
change	Selecting this field takes the user into the <i>Password</i> pop-up menu. The user has the option of altering the admin, login or logger passwords.
kill	Selecting this field allows the administrator to reset any serial port. The administrator is prompted to enter the port number and press
reboot	Selecting this field allows the user to reboot the Terminal Server.

trap

Selecting this field will take the user into the SNMP trap function menu.

### 9.5 Access Menu

The *Access* section deals with remote access sites, devices and the authentication and logging parameters. The initial pop-up window is as follows:

	Configuration	
* Administrator	** ADMINISTRATION MENU	REMOTE-ADMIN
line port quit	Remote System Access (PPP). Change login and/or admin passw Examine/modify gateway table. Examine/modify host table. Examine/modify host table. Kill TCP connections on serial Terminal configuration organise Terminal configuration organise Return to connections menu. Reboot Server. Examine/modify Server parameters Examine/modify Server statistics. Examine/modify SNMP Trap paramet	Remote access sites.   Remote site devices.   Authentication/Logging.

Figure 35: Access menu for Remote System Access.

### Remote Access Sites

This first brings up a pop up menu with 16 possible UNUSED ENTRYs. These will represent the available dial-out sites for the Terminal Server. Selecting any of these will bring up the following menu:

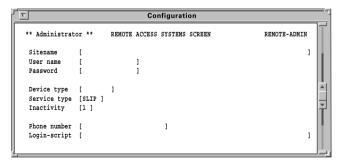


Figure 36: Remote Access Systems Screen.

The parameters are as follows:

Sitename This is the IP name or IP address of the remote

site the Terminal Server will be calling.

**User name** This is the user name required by the remote

system for logging in. You may use the  $\underbrack u$  in your login script in lieu of the full name.

**Password** This is the above user name's password as

required by the remote system. You may use the \( \bar{p} \) in your login script in lieu of the full password.

**Device type** This is the name of the modem device as

defined in the *Remote Site Devices* screen. You may have several ports setup with the same device type, and the dialer daemon will use the first available. If a device for dialing out is not available, the server will return an ICMP 'host unreachable' message (ICMP type 3 code 1).

**Service** type This specifies which protocol will be used when

the link is established to the remote site.

Choices are SLIP, CSLIP or PPP.

**Inactivity** This is the period of inactivity on the SLIP/PPP

link before the port will drop the call

automatically. Setting this field to 0 turns the

timeout feature off.

**Phone number** This is the phone number of the remote system.

The '\' may be used as a delay. For example, a phone system that requires a 9 followed by a four-second delay before getting an outside line would require an entry like 9\4-2145551234.

**Login-script** This is the chat script that will be used to login

to the remote system. It takes the form of the usual Send/Expect chat script you may already be familiar with. If no script is defined, this step

is skipped (e.g. hardwired connections).

# Remote Site Devices

This first brings up a pop-up menu with 16 possible UNUSED ENTRYs each corresponding to a port.

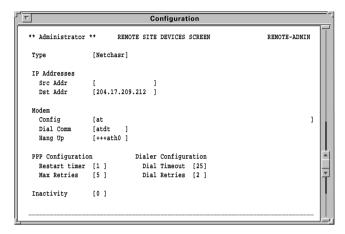


Figure 37: Remote Site Devices Screen.

The parameters are as follows:

Type	This is the name of the modem assigned to a specific port. It is referenced from the <i>Remote Access Systems Screen</i> in the <i>Device type</i> field.
Scr Addr	This is the source IP address of the port for remote access/modem configuration. If blank, the Terminal Server IP address is used.
Dst Addr	This is the destination IP address of the port for remote access/modem configuration. If blank, the remote host must supply the IP address. If filled in, you designate an assigned IP address to loan the remote host. If the <i>secure</i> field on the Port Menu is <i>No</i> , this can be overridden by the incoming host.

Config	This is the modem's setup string. There are a few examples at the end of this document.  Note: Leave this field blank for directly connected devices.
Dial Comm	This is the modem's dial command.
Hang Up	This is the modem's hang up command.
Restart timer	Amount of time in seconds before the Terminal Server retransmits PPP options.
Max Retries	Number of option retries before dropping the line.
Dial timeout	Number of seconds to wait for the modem to establish link and respond.
Dial retries	Number of times to attempt a connection to the remote site before giving up.
Inactivity	Number of minutes of inactivity before a PPP/ SLIP connection is broken.

### Authentication/ Logging

This section outlines the authentication and logging parameters of the Terminal Server.

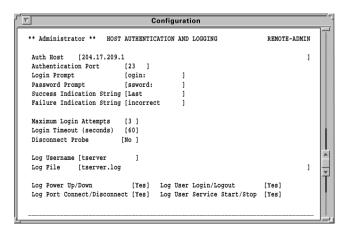


Figure 38: Host Authentication And Logging menu.

The parameters are as follows:

Auth Host The IP name or address of the authentication

host to validate incoming users.

Authentication The TCP port number of the authentication

Port host, usually 23 (telnet) or 513 (Rlogin). A

> proprietary network number may be chosen to provide a personal user validation scheme.

Default is 23 (telnet).

The user authentication prompt expected from Login Prompt

the host by the server. Default is ogin:

Password The password prompt expected from the host by

the server during the authentication connection.

Default is ssword:

Success The string returned by the authentication host

Indication on successfully logging in. Default is last

String

The string returned by the authentication host Failure Indication on a failed login attempt. Default is ogin

incorrect.

String

Prompt

Attempts

Probe

The maximum number of login attempts a user Maximum Login is allowed before the line is reset. For modem

users the control lines DTR is toggled, the port is

disabled for 3 seconds. Default is 3.

This time defines the maximum time in seconds Login Timeout

> for the user to enter authentication information, once login time-out is exceeded the line is reset.

Default is 60.

Disconnect An option to keep the per port authentication

connection up during the clients' session. Default

is Yes. This allows a user connect time to be measured by a simple 'do nothing' telnet session.

The logger's user name for gaining access to the Log Username

log file on the host.

Log File The pathname of the activity log file.

Logs a message to inform the host when the Log Power

Terminal Server is powered up and when rebooted from software. This logs an 'I am alive'

message every five minutes. Default is No.

Log Port Connect

Up/Down

Logs port connection status to the log file (for example, for Dial-in users). Default is No.

/Disconnect

Record users logging into authentication host on Log User Login/Logout

the log file. Also records failed login attempts.

Default is No.

Log User Service

Logs starts and stops of PPP or SLIP. Default

is No.

Start/Stop

#### 9.6 Change **Password Options**

This option allows the administrator to change the admin, login or logger passwords. It is recommended to change the password from the default. The following selections can be called from the Administration Menu, password option:

The user is required to enter the new Admin Password

administrator's password twice.

Login The user is required to enter the Terminal Server

login password twice. Password

Logger This field allows the user to change the log user

Password password.

# 9.7 Gateway Menu

The *Gateway Menu* allows the Terminal Server to make use of a gateway (I P router) on the network. This allows flexible internetworking.

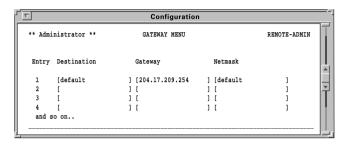


Figure 39: Administration - Gateway Menu.

The parameters are as follows:

Destination	This field specifies either the destination
	network or host address.

Gateway	This field defines the gateway (I P router) host
	address. The gateway host must be attached to

the same network as the Terminal Server.

Netmask This field allows the administrator to define a

mask that the Terminal Server will use to mask out packets from other networks using the same

Ethernet.

The valid Netmask fields are:

class a	Only <i>class a</i> addresses are allowed across the gateway.
class b	Only <i>class b</i> addresses are allowed across the gateway.
class c	Only <i>class c</i> addresses are allowed across

the gateway.

host	The <i>Destination</i> field is a host IP address and only packets for that host are allowed across the gateway.
default	Any IP address allowed across the gateway
<dot notation="" value=""></dot>	Only addresses fitting the numerical mask are allowed across the gateway.

### 9.8 Host Address Menu

The Terminal Server uses the information entered on the *Host Address Menu* to form an internal host table. The user can then use the host name in any of the server's functions or menus.

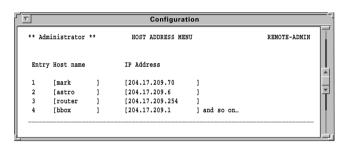


Figure 40: Administration - Host Address Menu.

The parameters are as follows:

Host name	This field specifies local name you want to give a particular host on the network.
IP Address	This field defines the IP address of the host designated above.

# 9.9 Kill Command

The kill command resets the port but keeps the previously defined configuration. This is used when you change certain parameters or for when ports get stuck.

### 9.10 Lines Menu

This option allows the administrator to configure all of the parameters for any of the ports. The parameters accessible are exactly the same as those in the *Port Setup Menu*, but from these menus you can configure a set of parameters for all of the ports. Selecting this option brings up the *Lines* pop-up menu as shown below.

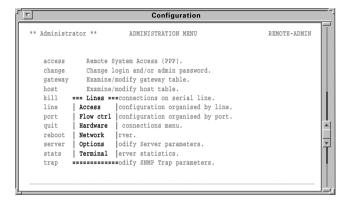


Figure 41: Administration Menu - LInes pop-up menu.

Each of the options displayed in the pop-up menu brings up another menu. These are detailed in the following sections.

#### Access

The *Access* section shows and allows changes to the name, access, authentication and mode fields. These fields are described in *The Port Menu - Access Section* above.

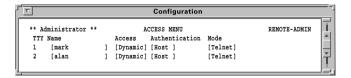


Figure 42: Lines - Access Menu.

### Flow Control

The Flow Control section shows and allows changes to the flow control fields as described in The Port Menu - Flow Control Section above.

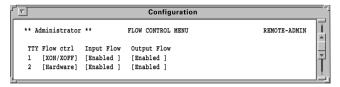


Figure 43: Lines - Flow Control Menu.

### Hardware

The *Hardware* section shows and allows changes to the hardware control fields as described in *The Port Menu - Hardware Section* above.

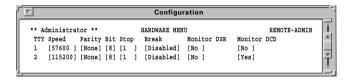


Figure 44: Lines - Hardware Menu.

### Network Connections

The *Network Connections* section shows and allows changes to some of the Access fields as described in *The Port Menu - Access Section* above.

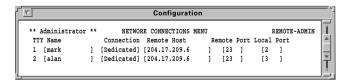


Figure 45: Lines - Network Connection Menu.

### **Options**

The *Options* section shows and allows changes to the Options fields as described in *The Port Menu - Options Section* above.



Figure 46: Lines - Options Menu.

### **Terminal**

The *Terminal* section shows and allows changes to some of the User fields as described in *The Port Menu - User Section* above.

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l	dministrator **		Termina		RMINAL TERM	MENU	Pages	CLI/Menu		EMOTE-ADMIN t Term	Ī
1	[	1	[ansi	]	]	1	[4]	[Menu]	[No	1	
2	[alan	]	[ansi	]	]	1	[0]	[CTI ]	[No	1	Ţ

Figure 47: Lines - Terminal Menu.

### 9.11 Port Menu

This section is covered under above *Port Menu* section of this chapter.

### 9.12 Quit Command

This command simply quits out of the password level up to the view-only administration level (the ESC key works as well.)

### 9.13 Reboot Command

This option initiates a reboot of the unit and should only be used for changing the IP address or netmask options. It also can be used for troubleshooting. The user will be given a last option to quit before rebooting.

# 9.14 Server Configuration Menu This menu allows the user Server system parameters.

This menu allows the user to define all of the main Terminal Server system parameters.

	Confi	iguratio	n			
** Administrator **	SERVER CONF	IGURATIO	N	R	EMOTE-A	DMIN
Name	[TSERVER ]		Debug mode	. [0	1	
IP address	[204.17.209.8	]				
Subnet mask	]	]				
Ethernet address	[00:80:d4:00:9e:a1]		Ethernet i	nterface	[AUTO	1
Language	[English ]					
Identification	[		]			
Lock	[Disabled]					
Password limit	[5]					
CR to initiate	[Yes ]					
SNAP encoding	[Disabled]					
Boot host	[204.17.209.1	] Boot	diagnostics	[Enabled	]	
Boot file	[				1	
Init file	]				]	
MOTD file	]				]	
Domain name	[blackbox.com		1			
Name server	[astro	]	NS Port	[53	1	
WINS server	[fred	]				

Figure 48: Server Configuration menu.

The menu as displayed can be divided into four logical sections: identification fields, general admin, downloading and domain naming.

Identification Fields	Name	This field determines the name of the Terminal Server and is displayed in the bottom right hand corner of the menus.
	IP address	This field holds the IP address of the Terminal Server. If the IP address of the Terminal Server is altered then the unit must be rebooted to permanently save changes.
	Subnet mask	This field allows the administrator to define a mask that the server uses to mask out packets from other networks using the same ethernet.

This field defines the globally unique ethernet address address of the Terminal Server. This address can not be altered and matches the address provided on the physical back of the unit. In

the unlikely event of this field being corrupted

please contact your supplier.

Ethernet This field defines which Ethernet media will be interface used. The LAN connectors are autosensing but

you can change this to a specific interface.

**Language** This field determines the language the server is

using such as English, French, German, etc.

**Identification** This field allows the administrator to put in an

identification string into the unit and is displayed at the bottom of the server's menus.

**Debug mode** This field is for Technical Support use only.

General Administration

**Lock** This field determines whether the Lock feature is

available to all users. If this field is set to disabled then nobody can use the Lock feature.

Password

This field defines the number of attempts a user is allowed to enter the correct password for a port. If the user exceeds this limit, the Terminal Server disables the port for 5 minutes. The Administrator can restart the port, bypassing the timeout, by

issuing a *kill* on that port.

CR to initiate This is the 'carriage return to initiate' field which

designates that when terminals are setup for initiated connections, the user must hit to establish a connection. Otherwise, any input will startup the connection (even noise on the cable).

SNAP

This is an alternate Ethernet encoding (SubNet

encoding Access Protocol).

Boot host

**Downloading** 

		firmware version. It contains the host name or IP address of the host machine that has the Terminal Server download image on it.
	Boot file	This field contains the full path and file name of the Terminal Server download image (including path name). Boot host required.
	Boot diagnostics	This port (if enabled) allows the TFTP download state to be displayed on port 1 and is used for troubleshooting. Boot host required.
	Init file	This field contains the file name of the Terminal Server configuration image. If this field is present, the unit reads its configuration from this file whenever it is rebooted. Boot host required.
	MOTD file	This field should be filled in with the pathname of a file on the boot host containing the message of the day text to be displayed on any selected ports. A filename or relative pathname entry assumes the top level directory is /tftpboot. Boot host required.
Domain Naming	Domain name	This field should contain the domain name for the name server.
	Name server	This field should contain the host name or the IP address of the host machine being used as a Domain Name Server.
	WINS server	This defines the Windows® name server on the network and allows dial-in users full access to the network.
	NS Port	This field contains the TCP port number of the Name Server service on the host machine. The default value is <i>53</i> .

This field should only be filled in if the

Administrator wishes to download a new

### 9.15 Statistics Screens

The statistics screens are used for troubleshooting only. This main screen shows the sub-menus that can be addressed. For more information on the statistics menu, see *Troubleshooting & Maintenance* (Appendix B).

** 2	Administrator	**	SERV	ER ST	TATISTICS	REMOTE-ADM	IN
		=== ETH	ERNET ===				
Tx:	Pkts:	395 E	rrors:	0	Collisions:	===== Statistics =====	
	Retries :	0 R	esets:	0	Busy:	ETH/TTY/GATEWAY	
Rx:	Pkts:	866 E	ufs: 170/	300	No Bufs:	IP/ICMP/UDP	
	Prot:	101 M	iss:	0	Busy:	TCP	
						Users	
		=== SER	IAL LINES	3 ===		Framed Link Status	
Tx:	chars:	6,561	psec:		2	Netstat	
Rx:	chars:	2,752	psec:		1	Gateway	
	Malformed:	0	Lost:		0 OverRuns:	Slip	
	Buffer fail	ures: 0				Clear counters	
						Restore counters	
		=== ROU	TING STAT	ISTI	CS ===	Port Status	
bad	redirects:		0 dynam	ic:	0 ne	Line Status	
unre	eachable:		0 wild	card	: 0	LPD Status	
						PPP Status	

Figure 49: Server Statistics pop-up menu.

### 9.16 Trap Function

This is the SNMP trap setup which allows SNMP trap messages to be sent to up to four hosts. Trap messages are sent at system startup and detection of security violations.

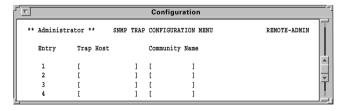


Figure 50: SNMP Trap Configuration Menu.

Trap Host This field is the IP address of the trap host.

Community This is the community (password) of trap host.

Name

### Command Line Interface A

This section outlines the use of the command line interface as opposed to the menu system. The Terminal Server supports the use of menus for a number of terminal types. It also supports a command line interface (CLI) for use on other terminal types and Telnet/Rlogin sessions.

If possible the menu interface should be used as it is far simpler to use. However, the CLI does offer the same level of functionality.

### A.1 Using the CLI

The Terminal Server command line consists of a prompt as shown below.

#### local>

The Terminal Server accepts commands in both lower and upper case, and shortened versions of commands can be used as long as they only have an unambiguous meaning. For example 'tel' could be used in place of 'telnet'.

The Terminal Server offers an extensive help facility. To enter the help function type,

#### local> help

The Terminal Server responds as follows,

Help is available for the following commands:

CONNECT	CLEAR	COPY	DISCONNECT
EXIT	GATEWAY	HELP	HOST
KILL	LOCK	LOGOUT	RESUME
REBOOT	RLOGIN	SAVE	SET
SHOW	SU	TELNET	TEST
ARP	PROV	DIAL	FACRESET

Topic?



### A.2 System Administration

The user may now type in any of the indicated topics and press the return key. This gives more information on the indicated subject in the form of syntax and synopsis. In some cases, a further choice for more information (stating 'additional help is available for' and another list).

**Note:** Complete descriptions of the commands are provided below and some of the on-line descriptions have changed.

To gain access to all of the configuration functions of the Terminal Server a user must log in as the administrator. To do this type:

local> su Password>

The user must enter the administration password. The default password is **iolan** (lower case), but it is suggested that this be changed to prevent unauthorised access.

If you are logged in as the administrator then the prompt is as follows:

#### ADMIN: local>

Once logged in the administrator can alter the parameters on another port, reboot the Terminal Server or change any of the system parameters.

### A.3 Basic Configuration

To setup your communications via the command use the following instructions:

1. Enter administrative mode, password level:

local> su Password> 2. Enter set server. This will lead you to:

ADMIN:local> set server

Type '?' at prompt to see list of valid options;

<Esc> to abort changes.

Name : ronald Debug mode : 0

IP address : 204.17.209.18
Subnet mask : 255.255.255.0

and so on...

Fnter reboot.

ADMIN:local> reboot

### A.3 Command Descriptions

There are a large number of commands available for the Terminal Server, these are detailed below:

ARP Syntax: arp [flush]

**Description:** This command by itself will show the Terminal

Server's arp table (IP address, Ethernet address, flags). In the admin mode, using *arp flush* will clear all the entries in the arp table. This is used to clear arp entries when you want to change

the Ethernet address of a device.

CLEAR Syntax: clear

**Description:** This command clears the screen.

CONNECT Syntax: connect [host] [port]

**Description:** This makes a telnet or rlogin connection to the

indicated host or IP address. If the user omits the host/IP address then the Terminal Server asks

for it as shown below.

The command will use telnet or rlogin

depending on what is set in the Options section

of the Port Menu.

Example: local> connect

Host/IP Address> microart

TCP Port> 23

**Note:** If the user presses the return at the port prompt,

the unit defaults to port 23 which is the standard telnet port (or 513, the standard rlogin port). This

option is not available when using remote

administration or if the port secure mode is WAN.

COPY Syntax: copy <source port> <destination> [destination]...

**Description:** This command copies one port setup to another

allowing easy setup if the ports are the same configuration. Administrative level is required to change. Note that multiple destination ports

can be specified separated by spaces.

DIAL Syntax: dial

**Description:** This command shows the status of the dial-out

interface and would be used for monitoring

dial-out connections.

DISCONNECT Syntax: disconnect <session-number>

**Description:** This command allows a user to disconnect (close)

one or all of their existing TCP connections.

EXIT Syntax: exit

**Description:** This function causes the user to exit the

Terminal Server, closing down any sessions and

resetting the port.

Some configuration parameters only come into effect after the user has exited and re-entered the Terminal Server (e.g. the *name* field).

FACRESET Syntax: facreset

**Description:** This function will reset all parameters back to

factory defaults. This option requires confirmation.

GATEWAY Syntax: gateway <[add dest gate net][delete dest]>

**Description:** This function allows the administrator to alter

the gateway routing table. New gateways can be defined by using the *add* function, and gateways removed using the *delete* function. When adding, admin level required to change.

HELP Syntax: help

**Description:** This function provides syntax descriptions and

partial descriptions of the available commands.

HOST Syntax: host <[add nameadress][delete name]>

**Description:** This function allows the administrator to add

and remove names from the host table. The *name* can be anything up to 18 characters long, and the *address* field is the IP address of that host. There can be a maximum of 10 entries in the host table. Admin level required to change.

KILL Syntax: kill <port number>

**Description:** This function allows the user to reset their own

port, or the administrator to kill any other ports. When *kill* is issued any existing sessions are terminated and the port set back its starting

state. Admin level required.

LOCK Syntax: lock

**Description:** This function allows the user to lock his terminal

using a specific password. The server prompts the user for a password and a confirmation. This function can not be used unless the Lock enable

flag is set (via set port command).

LOGOUT Syntax: logout

**Description:** This function causes the user to exit the

Terminal Server. The unit closes down any sessions and resets the port. Same as *exit*.

PROV Syntax: prov

**Description:** This function displays the network status of each

IP provider and is used for troubleshooting.

REBOOT Syntax: reboot

**Description:** This function reboots the terminal server.

Admin level is required.

RESUME Syntax: resume <session number>

**Description:** This allows user to resume an established

connection if there are multiple sessions going.

RLOGIN Syntax: rlogin [host] [port]

**Description:** This function allows the user to make an rlogin

connection to the specified host machine. If the port number is not specified then it defaults to 513.

SAVE Syntax: save config

**Description:** 

This function allows the user to save the Terminal Server configuration to a specified host machine and file. The configuration is saved to the specified Boot Host and put into the file name described in the Init File parameter (see Set server). The server uses the TFTP protocol to save and load the file. Because of a restriction in most TFTP implementations the file must exist before it can be written. Admin level is required.

**Example:** 

To create the file under Unix type:

- 1. touch filename
- chmod 666 filename

**SET** 

**Syntax:** 

set <parameter> [value], etc.

**Description:** 

The set command allows the administrator to configure any of the Terminal Server parameters. It also allows the user to alter their own set-ups and change terminal type. Admin level is required on most functions.

#### set admin

This function allows the user to become the administrator or admin level. The command *su* can also be used.

#### set menu

This function sets the user's port into menu mode, assuming that the *term* type has been set.

#### set modem

This function transmits a series of modem initialisation commands to the attached modems. A sequence of port numbers from 1 upward can be given or all to indicate all serial ports.

The modem commands are taken from the *Modem Config* field of the *Remote site devices* menu.

#### set term

This function allows a user to alter their terminal type. If the *term* field is left blank the Terminal Server displays a list of all the currently supported terminals (ansi, dumb, vt100, wyse50, wyse60, tvi925, ibm3151, vt320, falco, hp700).

#### set port

This function allows a user to set the parameters for their port, or the administrator to set the parameters for any port.

#### set port

This allows the user to set all of the port parameters for their own port. The user will be prompted for each parameter in this section (e.g. speed, parity, etc.).

#### set port [number]

This allows the administrator to set all of the port parameters for the indicated port. The user will be prompted for each parameter in this section.

### set port [number] [access, flow, hardware, options, tcp, user]

This allows the administrator to set all of the port parameters for the indicated port in the indicated section. E.g. set port 1 access would prompt through the access section of the port screen 1. If no number is given, it gives your current port parameters.

#### set server

This function allows the administrator to alter the Terminal Server set-up including initial IP address and name.

#### set slip [IP address]

This function causes the port to go into SLIP mode provided *secure* is not set to LAN. You can specify an IP address to used by the remote host.

#### set ppp [IP address]

This function causes the port to go into PPP mode provided *secure* is not set to LAN. You can specify an IP address to used by the remote host.

#### set password [admin] or [login]

This function allows you to change the *admin* or *login* passwords of the Terminal Server.

The remote access functions of the Terminal Server are not configurable from CLI (i.e. the Access section of the Administrative Menu).

Syntax: show <parameter>

**Description:** This function allows the user to see most of the Terminal Server configuration parameters, but not change them. The *set* command is used to configure the ports. The *show* command works with *gateway*, *hosts*, *netstat*, *server*, *sessions*,

slip, extra, users, version.

The *show ports* command requires the port number. Example: *show port 1* would show all

the port settings for port 1.

The *show lines* command requires which fields you wish to view on all ports (*access, flow, hardware, options, tcp, user*). Example: *show lines access* would show the access settings of the port menu.



SHOW

The *show statistics* command is used to display any of the server statistics for troubleshooting only (*tcp, ip, udp, icmp, tty, eth, gateway*). Example: **show statistics tcp** would show the TCP parameters screen. You can add a delay option which updates the screen every *n* seconds such as: **show stats tcp 3** (use ESC to quit).

SU Syntax: su

**Description:** This function allows the user to become the

administrator. When this command is entered the Terminal Server prompts the user for the admin password which is **iolan** by default

(please change for better security).

TELNET Syntax: telnet [host] [port]

**Description:** This function allows the user to make a telnet

connection to the specified host and port number. If the user does not specify the port the server defaults to port 23 which is the defined Unix telnet port. If the host name is not defined then the unit prompts the user for the host and port.

TEST Syntax: test [port port number] [count <n none>]

**Description:** This function causes the Terminal Server to run

a simple output test on the port. The Terminal Server outputs a continuous stream of data in a preset pattern. To stop the test press any key.

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### Troubleshooting & Maintenance B

If you encounter problems when installing or using your Terminal Server, try the suggestions given in this chapter. Hopefully, the problems can be solved quickly, otherwise contact Black Box support. Email or fax as described in section 1.3, *Getting Support*.

### B.1 Terminals/PC

If your terminal or PC connection is not working properly, symptoms are usually no output at all, 'garbage' on the screen, loss of characters or ports locking. Here is the common solution checklist to these problems:

### Cable error

Replace the cable with a known good one or test the cable ends. Check the wiring against Appendix C, Cabling Guide. This is the number one problem. It is helpful to have a null modem cable and a RS-232 mini-tester.

### Port settings incorrect

Check the set-ups of the Terminal Server and the terminal ensuring that they are the same at both ends. Check parity, bps rate, flow control, data bits and stop bits.

### No flow control

Set flow control to be the same at both ends and ensure that the cable installed is capable of supporting it.

### Port flow controlled

It is possible that an *XOFF* character has been received by mistakenly typing **CTRL S** or other condition. Power the terminal off and on and type **CTRL Q**.

### Wrong flow control

If the *XON* and *XOFF* characters are configurable on the terminal check that they are set to <code>ctrrl\_Q</code> (0x11) and <code>ctrrl\_S</code> (0x13). If the application you are using is transferring binary data then software flow control cannot be used as some of the binary data may be interpreted as flow control characters.

### **Faulty terminal**

Try a known working terminal on the Terminal Server port.

### Wrong port on terminal

Many terminals have more than one port (i.e. AUX). Check that the cable has been connected to the correct port .

### **Faulty Server port**

Try a known working terminal on the suspect port. If possible, attach a serial line monitor. If the area you are working in is prone to electrical storms, it is possible that a high voltage surge has been induced in the cable and damaged the driver/receiver chips within the server.

### Cable too long

The RS-232 specification states a maximum length of cable proportional to the bps rate. A good rule of thumb is that a 19200 bps connection should not be used on cable lengths in excess of 15m (50 ft). Also a 9600 bps signal operates reliably up to a distance of approximately 30m (100 ft). Cables of greater lengths may seem to work correctly but the connection will be less reliable.

### **Electrical noise**

If your equipment (especially cables) is near any high voltage equipment it may be picking up electrical noise which is corrupting the data signals. Check the stats screen of the Terminal Server (check Line Stats for malformed characters). Ensure all cables are correctly screened and attempt to keep them away from high voltage equipment.

### Software application error

application erro Mh If there are problems whenever a certain application is used then the fault may lie with the software. Check the manuals to ensure the application is configured correctly.

**Note:** Many fax packages will not work properly with remote ports.

### B.2 Printer Problems

You can check some of the same problem notes in the terminal section because most are applicable to printers. The main problem is with cabling.

### **Testing the port**

If you experience printer problems, it's a good idea to temporarily connect a terminal in place of the printer so you can ensure some of the basic functions are working correctly. Simply telnet into the terminal server port:

telnet elroy 10006 (port 6 on Terminal Server elroy)

If the Telnet session will not connect, check the network and if you are using any of the RS-232 flow control signals, ensure they are connected correctly. If the telnet session still refuses to operate, re-configure the port for normal terminal operation and trouble-shoot again from this level.

Another method is the use the *test* command from the CLI. This sends a continuous test pattern out to the printer. Example for port 6 (press to halt):

local> test port 6 count 0

If there is no printout, check the cable or the printer.

### Flow control problems

If characters disappear from the printout it may be due to a flow control problem, therefore check that the flow control is set to be the same at both ends of the cable and re-try. Alternatively, the host software may be incorrectly configured. If you are using *ioland*, set the debug level to a high value so that the log file will contain as much information as possible.

### Configuration Wrong

The first method to test this is to check the Terminal Server *Statistics - Users Status* screen. This screen should show next to the port number, the printer name (if the administrator has added it) and then the diagnostic 'Waiting for incoming connection'. If the diagnostic is something else, such as 'Connections Menu' then the Terminal Server port is not correctly set up and needs rechecking. Be sure to *kill* the port after changing its configuration.

### **Spooler problems**

Test the printer without relying on your spooler by sending data direct to the port you created and named when you ran the *ioland* daemon. Do this by typing:

#### cat data file > /dev/laser1

If this command returns, then the Unix system believes it has sent the data and there is a good chance it has been printed successfully. This would indicate that your print spooler has not been configured properly.

### ioland daemon problems

Check to see if the daemon is running. On Unix this would be:

### ps -ef | grep ioland

This should show an **ioland** daemon in the table for each printer. If it isn't listed by this command, invoke it now. If it is not listed, it is probably incorrectly configured. Kill it using the Unix *kill* command, then run the *ioland* command again.

### B.3 Modem Problems

Check some of the same problem notes in the terminal section because most are applicable to modems. The main problem here is also cable problems and port setup.

### **Testing the port**

The first thing to ascertain is that you can talk to the modem. Check this by telneting to the port and attempting to obtain a response from the modem. The command sequence is:

telnet elroy 10006 (port 6 on Terminal Server elroy)

If the modem is Hayes compatible, type the AT command and press the return key. The modem should respond with *OK* if the echo settings are correct at the modem. If you are unable to telnet to the port ensure that the port is set up correctly and has been killed to save the changes in configuration. Pay particular attention to flow control, monitor DSR, monitor DCD, and access field.

### **Modem problems**

Once you have a response from the modem, dial-out to a known site and check that the correct responses are returned. Remember that modems can change their bps rate dynamically having made a connection but the Terminal Server is unable to do this. Make sure you've configured the AT string in the *Remote Site Devices - Modem Configuration* field. Then *kill* the port.

## B.4 Server Still Does Not Communicate

A situation may occur which causes the Terminal Server to completely not function. Here are possible problems:

### Kill the port

Try killing the port as it may be locked due to some situation that is no longer obvious. Also, killing the port ensures that any changes in the configuration will be acted upon.

### **Power cycling**

Power cycle the device connected (if this is possible) as it may be that it has locked, or the set-up within the device is in error. Also try power cycling the Terminal Server itself.

Network errors	Try 'pinging	the Terminal Server to esta	ablish connection.
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Network cable problems

Check the network cable again. Does it work on another node correctly. Is the BNC (or AUI) connector fitted correctly?

Configuration problems

Check the IP address again on the Server Menu.

**Power problems** 

Is the green LED power light on? Check the power itself with the plug, wall socket, fuses, etc. Is the green LED power

light dim? Call Black Box support.

Hardware problems

If all three network LEDs are flashing this may point to a hardware fault. There may also be a problem with the

Ethernet ports. Call Black Box support.

Note: The 102/104 version can only display RAM and IF.

Reset

It is possible that with various configurations or odd network traffic, the unit has locked. It may be freed by resetting the unit to factory defaults (see below)

B.5 Resetting Your Terminal Server

At times, a support problem may require you to reset or diagnose your Terminal Server. It is best to discuss this matter with Black Box technical support. A factory reset may be performed by using the reset switch.

The reset switch access cover (black cap) is located on the side of the unit near the Ethernet connectors for the desktop unit, and on the rear of the Rack and 102/104 versions.

In the unlikely event that you are not able to comunicate with your Terminal Server, it is still possible to reset it to factory default condition by the following procedure:

- 1 Power on the unit
- 2 Wait 30 seconds
- 3 Hold down the reset button for 15 seconds
- 4 Release the button

After this is done, the unit should start sending BOOTP request packets. This procedure is useful for factory defaulting units which cannot be reached by TCP/IP. This includes reassigning a programmed unit to a network to which the previously assigned IP address does not belong.

# B.6 Using the Terminal Server Statistics Screens

The Terminal Server maintains a large number of statistics and these are available on several statistics screens. The various screens and the meanings of the statistics are described in this section. These screens are used along with technical support in troubleshooting. Only the most significant entries will be reviewed in this section.

Initial entry to all statistics screens is achieved from the *ETH/TTY/Routing - Gateway - Statistics* screen, which is reached by selecting stats from the *Administration Menu* (the CLI mode can also be used with the *show* command).

Once this screen has been displayed the *Gateway - Statistics* pop-up menu is obtained by pressing .

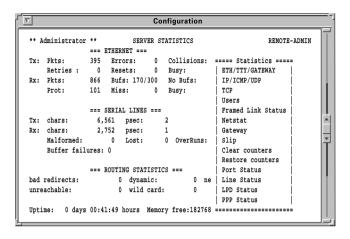


Figure 51: Server Statistics pop-up Menu.

All of the statistics screens are now accessible through this *Statistics* pop-up menu. Pressing in any of the Terminal Server's statistics screens displays the same pop-up menu.

A summary of each is provided and then the most important screens are briefly described:

### ETH/TTY/ GATEWAY

This is a general overview of Ethernet activity, serial activity and gateway stats. It shows characters passed and uptime.

### IP/ICMP/UDP

This is a comprehensive screen of networking protocol stats for IP, ICMP and UDP. You can identify bad IP packets coming in from your network.

**TCP** 

This is a comprehensive screen of TCP protocol stats. You can identify bad TCP packets coming in from your network.

Users

This is a good menu for showing port and control signal status. You can identify status on each ports control signals.

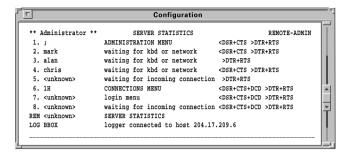


Figure 52: Server Statistics screen - users.

### Framed Link Status

This is a good menu for Internet Service Providers especially. It shows who is logged on, current port status, which hosts are connected, and how long the port has been in its current state and its idle time.

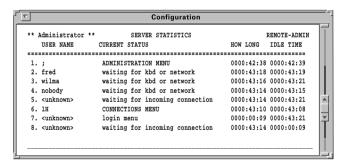


Figure 53: Server Statistics screen - framed link status.

#### Netstat

This is a good menu for determining TCP connection status and the port access status.

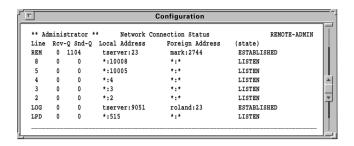


Figure 54: Network Connection Status screen.

### **Gateway**

This is an often used screen for determining routing problems.

	Cor	figuration			
** Administrator **	Gateway	Tables			REMOTE-ADMIN
Destination	Gateway	Flags	Refcnt	Use	Interface
localhost	localhost	UH	0	0	100
default	router	UG	0	0	lance
204.17.209	tserver	υ	2	419	lance

Figure 55: Gateway Tables screen.

**SLIP** This is a comprehensive SLIP stat and streams buffer screen.

**Clear counters** This function sets all of the displayed counters to zero.

**Restore counters** The counter totals are redisplayed.

**Port Status** This is a good screen for viewing individual port activity.

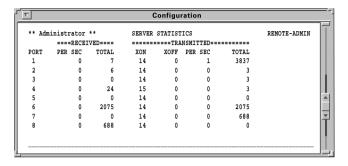


Figure 54: Server Statistics screen - port activity.

#### Line status

This is a good screen for spotting baud rate and parity errors (if malformed is going up quickly, something's wrong with the shape of the characters).

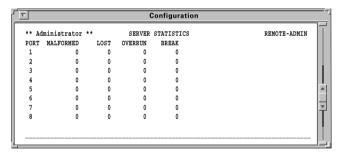


Figure 55: Server Statistics screen - Line status.

### **LPD Status**

This screen allows you to check the status of your LPD connections and print queues.

#### **PPP Status**

This shows the PPP negotiation progress status and established PPP connections.

### B.7 Using SNMP

SNMP stands for Simple Network Management Protocol. A full description of SNMP is beyond the scope of this manual. However, if you're familiar with SNMP, you can use this as a troubleshooting tool.

As the name suggests SNMP is a protocol designed to allow control of a whole network. The Terminal Server provides an SNMP agent, this means that it responds to SNMP requests. It does not have the facility to generate SNMP requests to monitor another system.

A host machine running the client SNMP package can request any of the defined variables. It can also set a limited number of the terminal server variables thus allowing configuration of the unit to be done remotely.

The SNMP trap function is set up using the Trap function screen. This is accessed from the *Administration Menu*.

### Cabling Guide C

The following guide describes pinouts and cables for the Desktop Terminal Server (DB25), Rack Terminal Server (RJ45) and 102/104 Terminal Server (RJ45) units. Versions equipped with RJ45 connectors are also available as RS-422 units.

Any cable you use should be shielded to comply with FCC requirements. Be careful not to run data cables near fluorescent lights, electric motors or other sources of electrical noise.

Maximum cable lengths for RS-232 are specified at 60m (200 feet) but are proportional to baud rates - the higher the baud, the smaller the cable should be. A good rule of thumb is that a 19200 bps connection should not be used on cable lengths in excess of 15m (50 feet). Also, a 9600 bps signal operates reliably up to a distance of approximately 30m (100 feet). Cables of greater lengths may seem to work correctly but the connection will be less reliable.

For reliable RS-422 operation, signal ground must be connected at both ends of the cable. Maximum cable length is 1.2 km but at 115.2 kbs it is reduced to 1 km.

### C.1 Pinouts (DTE)

**RS-232** 

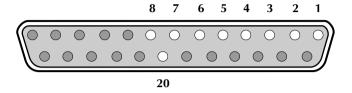


Figure 58: Desktop Terminal Server DB25 connector.

Pin	Description		Direction
1	Protective ground		Ref
2	Transmitted data	(103)	Output
3	Received data	(104)	Input
4	Request to send	(105)	Output
5	Clear to send	(106)	Input
6	Data set ready	(107)	Input
7	Signal ground	(102)	Ref
8	Data carrier detect	(109)	Input
20	Data terminal ready	(108)	Output

Figure 59: Desktop Terminal Server DB25 RS-232 Pinouts (DTE).

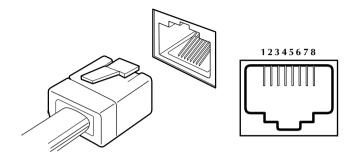


Figure 60: Terminal Server RJ45 Connector.

Pin	Description		Direction
1	Data carrier detect	(109)	Input
2	Request to send	(105)	Output
3	Data set ready	(107)	Input
4	Transmitted data	(103)	Output
5	Received data	(104)	Input
6	Signal Ground	(102)	Ref
7	Clear to send	(106)	Input
8	Data terminal ready	(108)	Output

Figure 61: Rack and 102/104 Terminal Servers RJ45 RS-232 Pinouts (DTE).

### **RS-422**

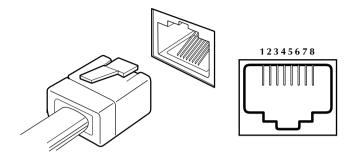


Figure 62: Terminal Server RJ45 Connector.

Description	Direction
No connection	
Signal Ground	
Received Data A	Input
Transmitted Data A	Output
Transmitted Data B	Output
Received Data B	Input
No connection	
Signal Ground	
	No connection Signal Ground Received Data A Transmitted Data A Transmitted Data B Received Data B No connection

Figure 63: Rack and 102/104 Terminal Servers RJ45 RS-422 Pinouts (DTE).

### C.2 Standard Modem Cables

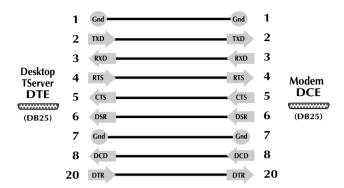


Figure 64: Desktop Terminal Server Standard modem cables.

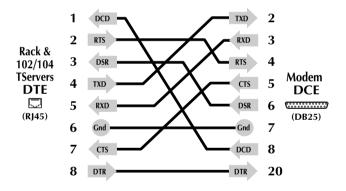


Figure 65: Rack and 102/104 Terminal Servers Standard modem cables.

### C.3 Standard Terminal/PC Cables



Figure 66: Desktop Terminal Server Standard Terminal/PC cables.

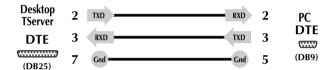


Figure 67: Desktop Terminal Server PC cables.

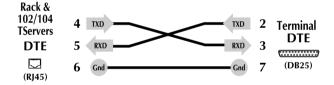


Figure 68: Rack and 102/104 Terminal Servers Standard Terminal/PC cables.

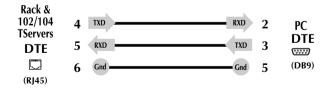


Figure 69: Rack and 102/104 Terminal Servers PC cables.

# C.4 Printer Cables with Hardware Flow Control

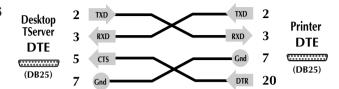


Figure 66: Desktop Terminal Server cables with Hardware Flow Control.

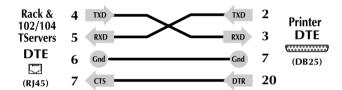


Figure 67: Rack and 102/104 Terminal Servers cables with Hardware Flow Control.

## **Technical Specification D**

**Power** Input tolerance: 110-230V AC ±10%

**Requirements** Frequency tolerance: 47-63Hz

**Power consumption:** Desktop and Rack versions - 30W max.

102/104 version - 10W max.

**Dimensions** Desktop: L-305 mm, W-250 mm,

H-50 mm Mass-1.66 kg

**Rack**: L-490 mm, W-300 mm,

H-44 mm Mass-1.85 kg

**102/104** L-230 mm, W-163 mm,

H-32 mm

Mass-1.2 kg (including PSU)

**Environment** 

**Operational** Temp: +5°C to +50°C

**Humidity:** 10% to 90% RH non-condensing

**Altitude:** -500 ft to 15000 ft

**Non-operational Temp:** -30°C to +80°C

**Humidity:** 5% to 95% RH non-condensing

**Approvals Electromagnetic:** EN55022 Class B (Rack)

EN55022 Class A (102/104)

FCC Part 15, Sub-part B, Class A (Desktop)

Safety: EN60950

CSA C22.2 No. 950 UL1950 (CSA NRTL/C) Ethernet:

#### **Interfaces**

**Serial:** 2, 4, 8 or 16 RS-232 ports (optional

RS-422 for Rack version) with surge suppression and full modem control. Max speed 115.2 kbps, DB-25

connectors for Desktop version, RJ-45 for Rack and 102/104 versions.

for Rack and 102, 101 versions.

Single port, 802.3 compliant port with 10BASE2, 10BASE5 and 10BASE-T connectors (10BASE-T only on 102/104 version). SNAP support.

#### Network Support

TCP/IP, UDP, ICMP, BOOTP discovery user services, TFTP download/upload services, PPP, SLIP & CSLIP, SNMP (MIBLII)

#### **Features**

- Menu or command line configuration
- User authentication through designated authentication host
- Activity logging
- Security at port and administration levels
- IP gateway operation allows internetworking
- DNS provides host name database
- Hunt group port selection
- Multisession capabilities (4 per port with 'hotkey')
- Configuration storage to FLASH or host
- User statistics: TCP, IP, ICMP, UDP, users, gateways, SLIP, PPP
- Printer / modem support via LPD, RCP and ioland daemon

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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