

ET-6600

Encrypted Ethernet Tunnel

User's Guide

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- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference.
- (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the EtherSeries Encrypted Ethernet Tunnel's features and capabilities.

Congratulations on the purchase of your new EtherSeries Encrypted Ethernet Bridge. This is a simple, easily configured tunneling device containing (depending upon individual model) up to one 10/100BaseT Ethernet interface, one 10BaseT Ethernet interface, and two asynchronous RS-232 serial interfaces. Some models contain other interfaces or firmware options.

Two or more bridges connect using standard TCP/IP using ethernet or serial PPP via any asynchronous WAN media such as digital radios, DSUs, satellite, modems or any insecure IP connection path. They tunnel all Ethernet packets from the secure interface of each device to the other devices.

The bridge transports all valid Ethernet protocols. It provides a virtual private network by bridging the two LANs with an IP tunnel that is encrypted using the AES algorithm.

When used in its simplest mode, two bridges might “extend” a secure LAN segment to another physical location via an insecure path. They may be used behind firewalls and NAT routers.

EtherSeries ET-6600 Applications

The ET-6600 connects multiple LAN segments by using standard IP protocols between the bridges. It is commonly used to connect a remote LAN to a central LAN when using an asynchronous PPP link between the two segments. In this application, the bridges connect via PPP, negotiate an encrypted link, and then bridge all traffic between the two LANs. Or, is used to connect two LAN locations via a broadband or IP WAN link.

The encrypted ethernet bridge is also used to connect a single location to multiple remote sites. In this application, remote sites may be “daisy-chained” to allow multiple locations to communicate via insecure links.

In Dial-out mode, it may be configured for always-up connections, dial-upon demand, or dial-upon command modes. It may also be configured to auto-answer an incoming PPP call.

In an installation using a serial port connection, the bridge may be configured to auto-dial upon demand. In this mode, it will dial a remote bridge through a connected modem whenever it senses that a packet needs to be sent off the local LAN segment. It may be configured to dial upon power-up, and disconnect upon inactivity timers.

An auto-answer modem may be used to allow dial-in on a remote LAN segment. Dial-in and Dial-on-demand may be used on the same bridge port.

When using the broadband (Ethernet) connection, the unit may be configured to obtain an external IP address via DHCP. If configured in this manner, it may be used in a “plug-and-play” mode for mobile applications. Simply plug it into an ethernet port at any location offering a dynamic DHCP IP address, and it will self-configure and connect to the bridge at the home location... providing a virtual private network between the two locations.

Other Features

Multi-port Version

The ET-6600 is available with two asynchronous ports and two LAN ports. One LAN port (the “secure” LAN) is auto sensing for 10BaseT or 100BaseT, the second port (for broadband connections) is 10BaseT only.

Serial Ports

Serial port speeds may be any asynchronous speed between 300 bps and 230.4 Kbps.

Protocols

The bridge uses the IP protocol to connect to its remote peer. It does pass IP, IPX, AppleTalk, and other non-routable protocols through the encrypted IP tunnel.

DHCP Protocol

The bridge supports the DHCP protocol as a client.

Upgradeable Firmware

Firmware upgrades may be installed using any web browser.

Security and Firewall Features

The bridge supports a number of security features. On the “insecure” side, all traffic is encrypted, including the ET-6600 to ET-6600 negotiation. The encryption methodology is industry-standard 128 bit AES. Only workstations on the “secure” side of the unit may be used to configure or control it.

On-board Tools

The bridge contains diagnostic tools such as extensive logging, traceroute, ping, and a simple packet sniffer to aid in network troubleshooting.

Optional Internal Modem

The ET6690 bridge contains an internal V.92 modem in the place of the second serial port.

Physical Details

Front Panel

The ET-6600 front panel is shown below.

Some units do not contain all ports shown, some units contain an internal modem in the place of Serial B.

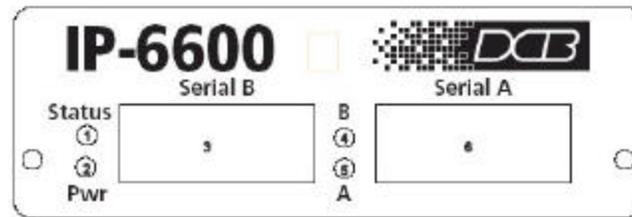


Figure 1a: ET-6600 Bridge Front Panel

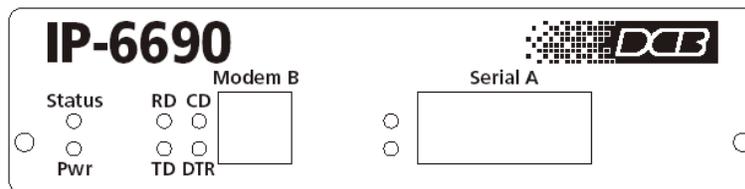


Figure 1b: IP-6690 Bridge Front Panel

| | | |
|---|---------|------------------|
| 1 | Red LED | Status Indicator |
| 2 | Red LED | Power Indicator |
| 3 | DE-9P | Serial Port B |
| 4 | Red LED | Port B Activity |
| 5 | Red LED | Port A Activity |
| 6 | DE-9P | Serial Port A |

Rear Panel

The ET-6600 rear panel is shown below.

Some units do not contain all ports shown.

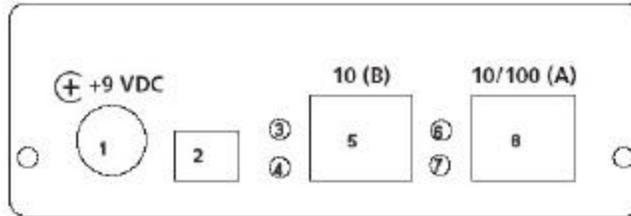


Figure 1: EtherSeries Bridge Rear Panel

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Power port | Connect the power adapter here. |
| 2 | Switch Bank | Configuration Switches |
| 3 | Red LED | LAN B Activity Indicator |
| 4 | Red LED | LAN B Link Indicator. |
| 5 | Ethernet Port B | 10BaseT Ethernet Port |
| 6 | Red LED | LAN A Activity Indicator |
| 7 | Red LED | LAN A Link Indicator. |
| 8 | Ethernet Port A | 10/100BaseT Ethernet Port |

Configuration Switches

The rear panel contains four small switches, numbered 1 through four (left to right). These are used for configuration.

The normal position for all switches is DOWN.

Switch 1

This switch immediately resets the unit . When placed in the UP position, it resets the bridge just as if it had been power cycled.

Switch 2

This switch places the bridge in basic configuration mode. It is used to provide a terminal interface for initial configuration. Powering up the bridge with this switch UP, provides a terminal attached to the Serial-A port with a login prompt and the ability to manage the bridge with a command line. This method is used to install an initial IP address in the bridge.

Switch 3

Factory use only.

Switch 4

Factory use only.

LED Indicators

There are two red LED indicators on the rear panel adjacent to each LAN connector and four red LED indicators on the front panel near each 9-pin serial connector.

Rear Panel LED Indicators

- The lower red LED is the Ethernet Status indicator. It is lit when there is a valid Ethernet connection
- The upper red LED is a LAN activity indicator. This LED flashes with activity on the Ethernet (even if the activity isn't directly to this unit).

Front Panel LED Indicators

- Lower Left LED is a power indicator.
- Upper Left LED is a status indicator. It should be on.
- Upper right LED flickers with activity on Serial Port B.
- Lower right LED flickers with activity on Serial Port A.

Package Contents

You should find the following items packaged with your EtherSeries Bridge:

- The Bridge Unit
- Power Adapter
- This User's Guide CDROM
- Short cable with RJ-45 connectors
- 9-pin PC-direct adapter
- 9-pin Remote-PC adapter
- 25-pin modem adapter

If any of the above are missing, contact your dealer immediately.

Software Requirements

The bridge supports IP and associated protocols such as UDP, ICMP, serial PPP, DHCP, multi-cast, and any protocol built upon IP or TCP/IP. It also bridges any valid Ethernet protocol. The initial IP address may be entered using any terminal or terminal emulation software on a PC.

Any standard web browser may be used for configuration once the bridge is configured with a valid IP address.

The ET-6600 will link only with other ET-6600 bridges, however it will connect to the other bridge through any valid link, such as standard serial PPP, or Ethernet IP.

Chapter 2

Installation

This Chapter details the installation process for the EtherSeries Bridge.

Overview

The bridge is configured using a web browser directed to its address. If the default address of 192.168.0.1 is appropriate for your network, then plug it in and simply direct your web browser to the bridge and continue with configuration. If this address is not appropriate for your network, the bridge's IP address must be configured using the initial terminal method below.

The ET-6600 may be pre-configured and centrally managed for remote plug and play operation.

Quick Start

Quick start instructions are on the next page. Installation is an easy process, but you must have a thorough understanding of IP networking, subnetting, and routing. You should have a network diagram illustrating IP addresses, subnetting, and all IP routing that you intend to use prior to installing the bridge.

Installation

1. Configure the Bridge's IP address

This requires several steps. **If the bridge's default address (192.168.0.1) is appropriate for your network, skip this step.**

1. Place configuration switch 2 in the UP position with all other switches DOWN.
2. Attach a terminal device to serial port A. The terminal should be configured for 9600 bps, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity. Parts required for this connection are provided with the bridge. Use the "REMOTE PC" adapter on one end of the provided cable and the "PC-DIRECT" adapter on the other end of that cable. Connect the cable between serial port A and your PC's COM: port. Either end may be used to connect to the PC.
3. Power up the bridge. After about 5 seconds, a login screen will appear on the terminal screen.

```
Welcome to the ET-6600 v1.00
To start the Serial Setup Program, login with
the name: setup
localhost login:
```

Login Screen

- The Bridge will boot up pausing at a login screen. For initial setup, enter the login name "setup" in lower case letters. No password is required.
- You will then be asked if you wish to set ALL parameters to factory defaults. If you have previously changed any values and want to return to the factory defaults, answer "Y", otherwise answer "N".

```
---- Welcome to the ET-6600 Serial Setup Program ----

This setup program is intended to get the ET-6600 into a
known state so that you can configure it via a Web Browser.
It will allow you to enable Ethernet-A and set the IP address
and subnet mask. It will also allow you to clear any critical
parameters that may be blocking access to the Web Server.

Set ALL parameters to default (y/[n])?
```

Default Screen

- You are then asked if you wish to use the bridge as a DHCP client. If you want the bridge to pick up a DHCP address from a local DHCP server connected to ethernet A, answer "y", otherwise answer "n".

```
Should Ethernet-A use DHCP to get an IP address (y/[n])?
```

DHCP Screen

- If you answered no to that question, you will be prompted to enter the unit's IP address and subnet mask. Enter the values for the Ethernet A interface.
- The bridge will now compress these values and save the configuration to flash memory. Do not cycle power during this time or the unit may be rendered inoperable.
- Return switch 2 to the down position. The Final Screen shows the URL to use when configuring the bridge.

```
Saving Configuration. Do not cycle power...
Erasing flash sector 0x10fc0000
Storing file [config.tar.gz], size 1541 bytes
Store complete
Setup complete.
After rebooting the system, you will be able to configure
the unit from a Web Browser. Use the URL
http://205.166.54.239
Return Switch 2 to the off (down) position
press <enter> to reboot system...
```

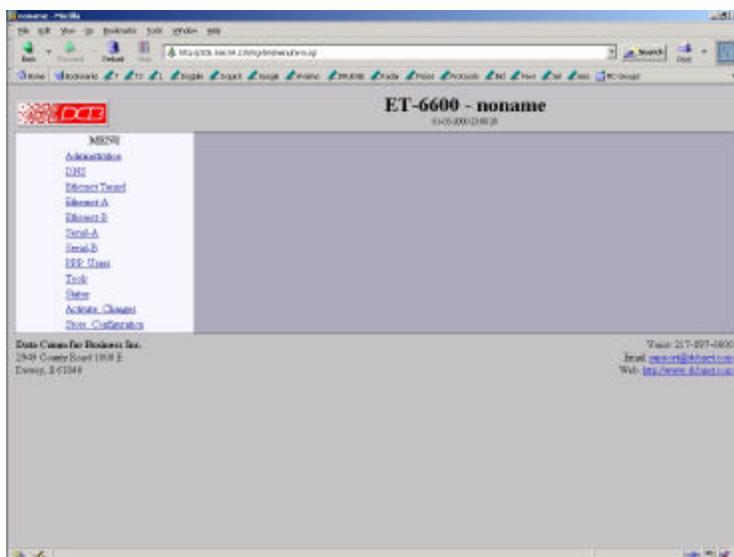
10. The bridge will now reboot.

2. Connect the Ethernet Cable

Connect a 10BaseT or 100Base T LAN cable to Ethernet Port A. Reboot the bridge with a power cycle or the reset switch. The bridge will now be available to any web browser on the same LAN segment. If your web browser does not see the bridge, verify that you do not have a proxy server configured in the browser. If so, properly configure the browser to bypass the proxy server for this URL.

3. Verify the IP Address Configuration

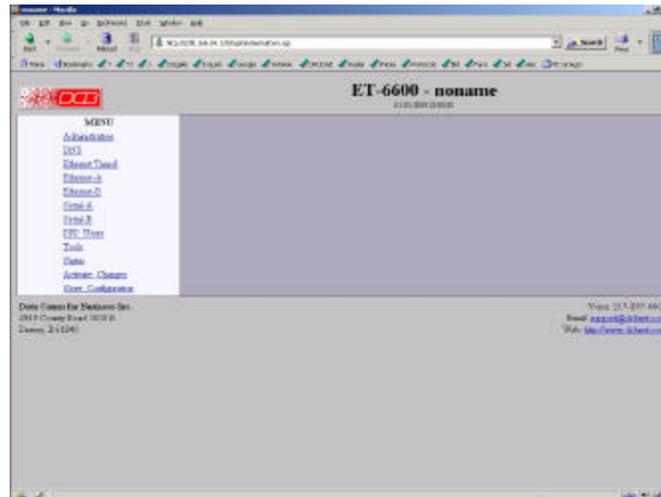
Enter the URL from step 1.8 (or <http://192.168.0.1>) into your web browser. The login screen below should be displayed.



Login Screen

Log in using the user name “admin” and no password (blank field). If this screen doesn’t display, check the Troubleshooting Section in Chapter 6.

4. Enter Your Configuration



Initial Main Menu

From this index screen, you can select a section on the left and will be taken to configuration screens for each bridge subsystem.

5. Minimum Configuration

The minimum configuration items required for basic LAN-to-LAN bridging via a serial link are:

1. Secure side ethernet configuration. Configure ethernet port A. Default is to use DHCP (IP address, etc. if not using DHCP)
2. Insecure side Serial port or ethernet port configuration. The insecure side may use either Ethernet port B or either serial port. Default is to use DHCP on Ethernet port B, and disable the serial ports.
3. IP Tunnel Configuration. Defaults are acceptable for bench-testing, but not for actual use. Please change all items from default values. Default values for pass phrases and user names should NEVER be used.

Configure these items and the bridge is ready for use. Of course, you need to perform a similar installation for the companion bridge on the other LAN so it can do useful work.

Help Screens and Field Edits

The field names on all configuration screens are hyperlinks to context sensitive help screens. Simply click on the field name to bring up a second window with the help information. Close that window to return to your entry screen.

Entries are always tested for valid values. However, there are many “valid” values that are not appropriate for any given configuration. So, “appropriateness” isn’t tested. For example, an IP address of 300.400.500.256 will not be accepted, but the field will accept an IP address that is not appropriate for *your* installation.

Chapter 3

The Configuration Process

This Chapter describes configuration management process on the ET-6600 bridge using a Web Browser.

Overview

The ET-6600 bridge contains a quite flexible configuration management system. By using this system correctly, one can remotely configure the bridge, save copies of that configuration to a PC, change configuration changes for later activation, and remote transfer firmware upgrades to the bridge.

There may be up to three configuration “images” in use at any time.

1. The **active** configuration. Normally, this is the configuration that was loaded from memory when the bridge was last booted. However it may have been changed since boot time as described below. This is the configuration that is currently running the bridge.
2. The **pending** configuration: This is the current configuration that was loaded from memory when the bridge was last booted WITH any changes made by using the configuration screens. This configuration is NOT the configuration running the bridge at present.
3. The **stored** configuration. This is the configuration that was last written to the bridge’s non-volatile RAM. The next time the bridge boots, it will start running this configuration.

Note that any configuration transfer (with the Administration Configuration Transfer screen) is the *working* configuration. You can load a configuration file from the PC, then either activate it to test it. Or, save it without activation if you don’t want to change the currently running.

Using the Configuration Flexibility

When the bridge starts from a power-off condition, it loads an active configuration from its non-volatile memory. This active configuration is also copied to the working configuration.

Whenever the configuration screens are used to change values, **only** the *pending* configuration is changed... not the *active* configuration.

Using the configuration screens will change the pending configuration. You may change the active configuration by copying the pending configuration over it. This change is performed using the “Activate Configuration” screen. Going to this screen activates the pending configuration by copying the pending configuration over the top of the active configuration. This does not store the configuration in non-volatile memory. When the bridge is next reset or powered up, it will begin using the old stored configuration from before the changes and activate command. Unless...

Using the store configuration screen will copy the pending configuration into Non-volatile memory. It will not cause this configuration to begin running the bridge. However, upon the next reset or power cycle, the bridge will begin using the stored configuration.

It is possible to activate the pending configuration using the Activate Configuration screen and then store the configuration using the Store Configuration screen. This two step process will cause all three configurations to be identical.

Configuration Process Examples

Make configuration changes, test them with Activate, then save them with Save.

This is the most commonly used method for changing the bridge configuration. It allows you to test the configuration prior to saving it. If, during the testing, you notice an abnormality; you can reset the bridge to return to the last good configuration.

Make configuration changes, save them, reset the bridge to activate the changes.

This method allows one to configure the bridge via a bridge link that will not work using the new configuration. Make the changes to the pending configuration and save them. Your current session will not be affected, but when the bridge is reset, it will begin using the new configuration. This method is useful when you are configuring a bridge to use a new LAN address range while it is on the old LAN. It's also used when a dial-up PPP connection is the management path, and the new configuration will not allow that PPP connection.

Transfer a saved configuration to the bridge, save it, reset the bridge to activate the changes.

It is useful to transfer an existing bridge configuration to a PC text file for future use. Then if the bridge must be replaced, simply transfer that stored configuration to the new bridge.

If the PC is in the default IP address range of the new bridge (192.168.0.x subnet), then a new, out-of-the-box bridge is easily configured using this method. Start the bridge, transfer a stored configuration file, and store it. When the bridge is restarted, it will have the proper configuration.

Note regarding saved configurations

The saved configuration file is a simply formatted raw text file. Advanced users may wish to edit this file using an appropriate text editor, then transfer the changed configuration to a bridge.

Use care when performing configuration with this technique as the text configuration file must be in the proper format.

This method is ideal for automating the configuration of many bridges in a large corporate environment.

Chapter 4

Configuration

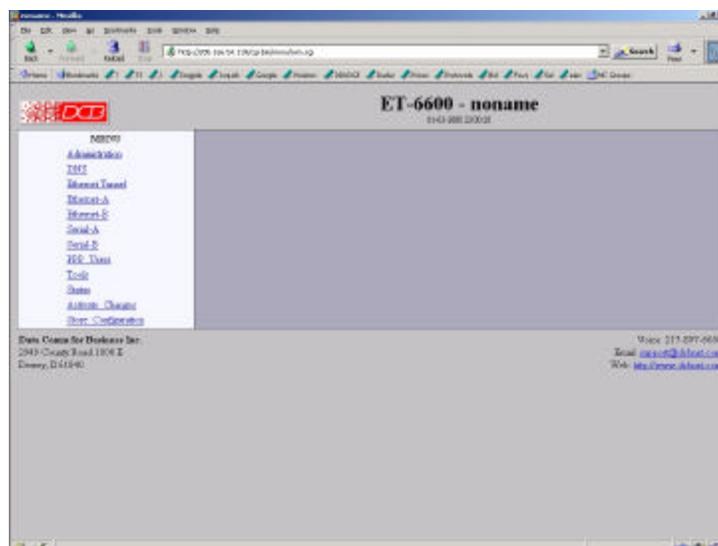
This Chapter describes configuration screens and some configuration hints for the EtherSeries ET-6600 Bridge

Overview

The EtherSeries bridge is configured using forms displayed on a web browser. In this chapter, we illustrate all entry forms, and describe their use. This is not a tutorial on IP, PPP, or routing. Familiarity with IP and related information is required before you can configure any ethernet product.

All configuration screens are accessed from the main index screen shown below. They are divided into sections with only one layer of screens below the top level.

Configuration screens should only be made available via the secure interface. This default operation may be changed during configuration, but it is highly recommended that configuration be locked to the secure interface.



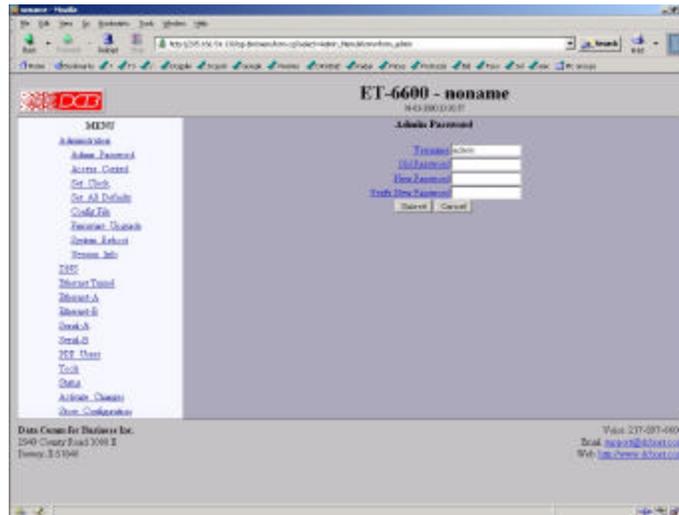
ET-6600 Splash Screen

From this index, click on a menu keyword to open the appropriate screen. In this manual, screens are discussed in the order shown on the index screen.

Administration

The Administration section contains eight screens used to configure system-wide settings and perform a few high level operations.

Admin Password



Admin Password Screen

The ET-6600 web server screens are available ONLY via the secure side of the bridge.

Access to the ET-6600's Web Server is protected by HTTP Basic Authentication. This is a simple methodology where the Web Server will require a Web Browser to provide a username and password for each page requested. The Web Browser will typically ask the user to enter the username and password once, then will remember it for the duration that the Web Browser is running.

The Administration screen allows you to change the user name and password for the bridge administrator. This is the only user allowed to configure the bridge. If you forget the administrator name or password, the bridge can only be configured by returning it to factory defaults as described in the quick start chapter.

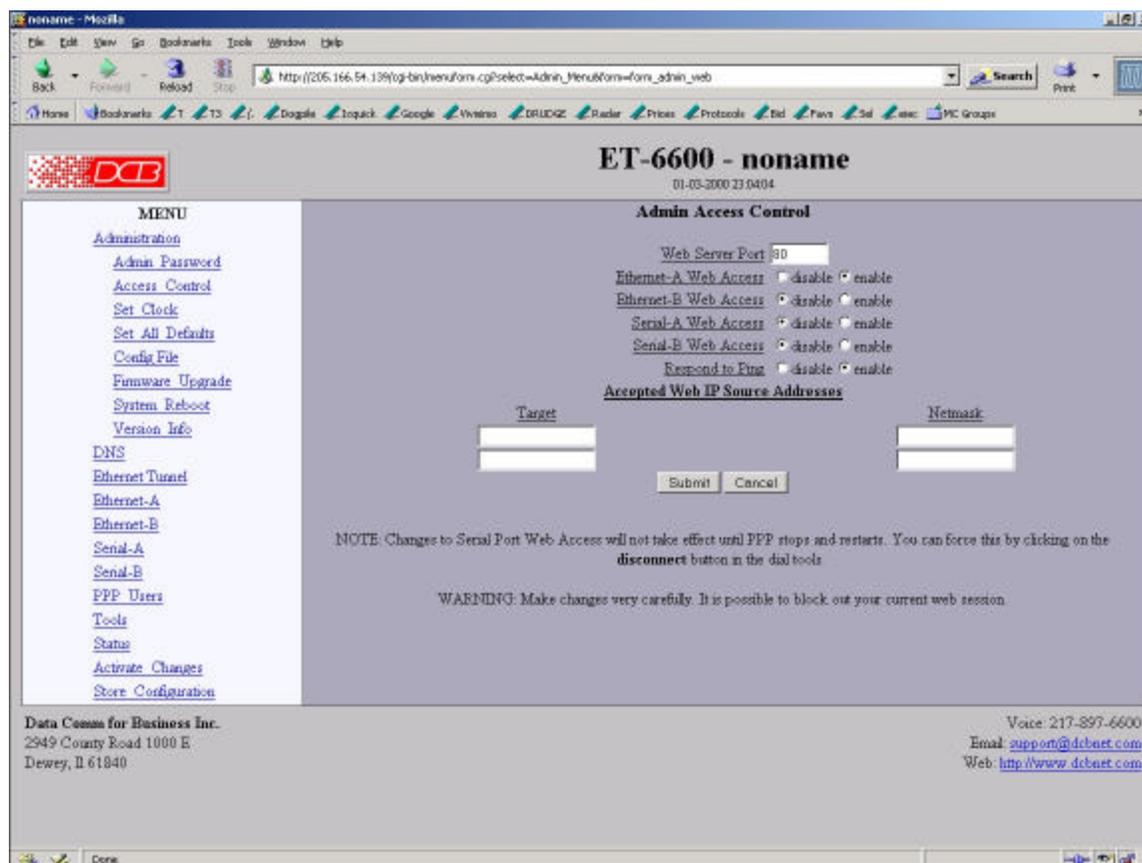
Fields

- **User Name**
This field may be a string of 0 to 15 printable characters. Do not use space or control characters. If you leave this field blank, you will need to enter a blank username during authentication.
- **Old Password**
In order to change the username and password, you must know the old password. When making a change, enter the current password in this field.
- **New Password**
When changing the username and password, this field provides the new password. It may be a string of 0 to 15 characters. If you leave this field blank, you will need to enter a blank password during authentication.
- **Verify New Password**
Retype the password to verify that it was correctly entered.

Notes

- If you forget your username or password, you can use the Serial Port Setup to erase the current settings and return the unit to factory defaults.
- Security Note: HTTP Basic Authentication may be easily hacked if the attacker has the ability to sniff network packets. The username is transmitted in the clear and the password is transmitted in an obfuscated but easily reversed format. For this reason, configuration should only be available via the secure ethernet interface on the bridge. This operation is configurable via the Admin Access Control screen.

Admin Access Control



Administrative Access Control Screen

Access Control allows you to place further restrictions on access to the ET-6600's internal web server.

Fields

- **Web Server Port**
This is the TCP Port to use for the ET-6600's internal Web Server. Typically it is set to port 80. However you may set it to any value between 1 and 65535.

There are several reasons that you may want to change the web server port. By changing it to a non-standard value, you reduce the chance that a random attacker will find the ET-6600's web interface and

attempt to break in. A different port may be needed to accommodate local firewalling.

If you change the web server port number to any value other than 80, remember that you will have to include the port number in your URL. For example, `http://192.168.0.1:7995`

- **Respond to Ping**
This item allows you to block ping requests to the ET-6600. Ping is a valuable tool for diagnosing network problems, but can also become a security problem. Disabling ping causes the ET-6600 to not respond to ping requests for one of its IP addresses. It has no effect on the ET-6600's passing of ping request and responses from other network nodes.
- **Web Access**
These options allow you to block web access through the specified interface. If you are using the tunnel to bridge across a public network, you are strongly advised to disable web access from the interface attached to the public network.
- **Accepted Web IP Source Address**
This table allows you to control what hosts or networks have access to the ET-6600's web server. If empty, any host may access the unit.

Entries are made by specifying a Target and Netmask. For example, if you want to allow only the host 192.168.10.16 access, you would enter:

Target: 192.168.10.16 Netmask:255.255.255.255.

If you wanted to allow access to all hosts in the range 192.168.10.1 to 192.168.10.255, you would enter:

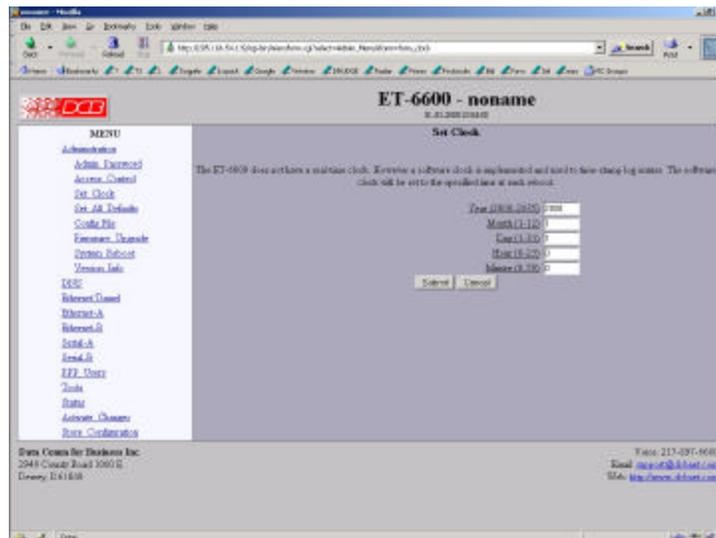
Target: 192.168.10.0 Netmask: 255.255.255.0

- **Target**
Host or Network address.
- **Netmask**
If blank or set to 255.255.255.255, target is assumed to be a host address. Otherwise, target is treated as a network address.

Notes

Remember to submit the change by clicking the "SUBMIT" button.

Set Clock



Set Clock Screen

This form allows you to set the ET-6600's software clock. The setting will take effect when you "Activate Changes".

Fields

- Year Year in the range 2000 to 2035.
- Month Numeric value of month in the range 1 to 12.
- Day Day of month in the range 1 to 31.
- Hour Hour of the day in the range 0 to 23.
- Minute Minutes in the range 0 to 59.

Notes

- If you save the time to non-volatile memory, the clock will be set to the specified time at each reboot.
- The ET-6600 does not contain a real-time clock, nor has the ability to remember the current time across reboots. The software clock is used for time stamping log entries.
- The default values shown on this screen are the "boot" values... not the current time.

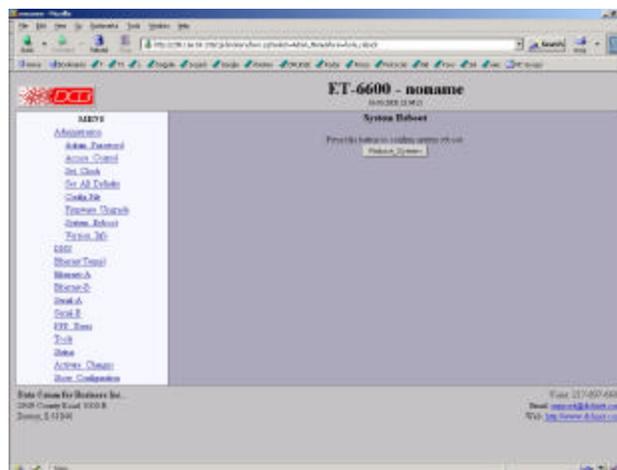
Fields

- File Name
This is the name of the firmware image file to be transferred to the bridge.
- Upgrade Firmware (action)
Pressing this button transfers the firmware image to the bridge and upgrades it.

Notes

You should only use a firmware image obtained directly from DCB.

System Reboot



System Reboot Screen

This form will allow you to reboot the ET-6600. If you have configuration changes that have not been saved to non-volatile memory, they will be lost.

This is a way to revert back to your previously stored configuration.

Fields

- Reboot System (action)
This causes the bridge to reboot and use its stored configuration.

Notes

- The current configuration is not retained unless it has been previously stored.

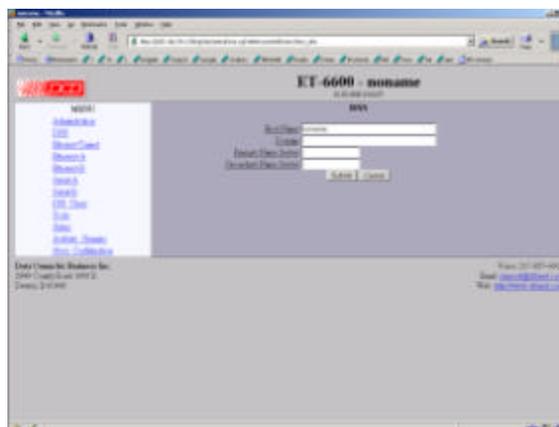
Version Information Screen



Version Information Screen

This screen displays current firmware and hardware version information as well as some copyright notices.

DNS



DNS Screen

The Domain Name System, DNS, is a distributed database used by applications to map between IP addresses and hostnames. The ET-6600 has support for the client side of DNS. It does not act as a DNS server. The DNS settings are passed to remote PPP users and DHCP clients. Use of DNS is optional.

Fields

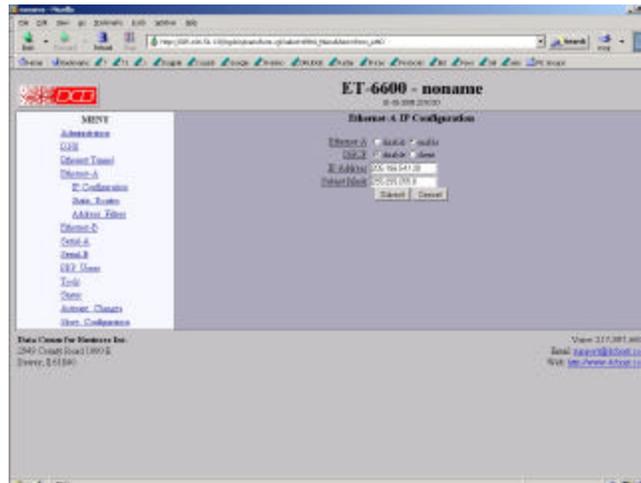
- **HostName**
The name given to the ET-6600. If you enter a name, it will also be displayed on the title of the web pages.

- **Domain**
The name of the local domain. For example: widgets.com
- **Primary DNS Server**
The IP address of the primary DNS server. This value will be provided to remote PPP users during option negotiation.
- **Secondary DNS Server**
The IP address of the secondary DNS server. This value will be provided to remote PPP users during negotiation.

Notes

- The bridge does not act as a DNS server.
- The DNS settings are passed to remote PPP users
- Use of DNS is optional.

Ethernet A/B Configuration



Ethernet Configuration Screen

The ET-6600 may contain two Ethernet interfaces. Ethernet-A is a 10/100 controller configured for auto-sense. Ethernet-B is 10BaseT only. Ethernet port A is the local, secure side of the tunnel. The public network interface may be either Ethernet port B, or one of the two serial ports. If used, ethernet B is always the insecure side, and is usually used with a broadband WAN connection. This screen is used to configure both IP parameters and DHCP server parameters (if the DHCP server function is used)

Fields

- **Enable/Disable**
Each interface may be individually enabled or disabled. If you do not plan to use an interface, it is a good idea to disable it. Doing so will free up system resources.
- **DHCP Fields**
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, DHCP, is a client/server protocol automating the configuration of systems using TCP/IP. Client systems will broadcast a request asking for configuration. Server systems will respond, assigning the client system an IP address and providing other related configuration information such as subnet mask, DNS, and gateway addresses.

If you enable DHCP Client, the tunnel will request for configuration from a DHCP server. It is common to enable DHCP client on a broadband interface to an Internet Service Provider. In the case of the tunnel, that would be Ethernet-B.

When DHCP Client is enabled, the IP Address and Netmask fields are ignored.

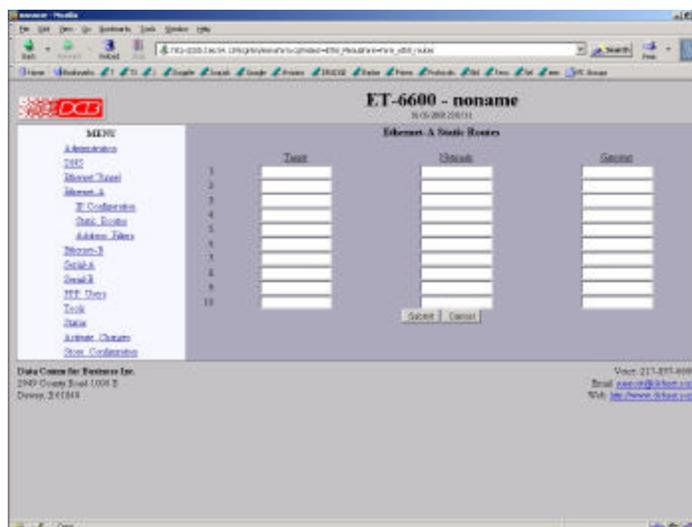
- **IP Address**
an IP address is a numeric identifier given to an interface. It consists of four 8-bit numbers and is represented in a dotted notation. An example of an IP address is "192.168.0.10". An Ethernet IP address must be unique within your network. If you are directly connected to the Internet, it must globally unique.
This field is not used if DHCP Client has been enabled. The DHCP server will assign the IP address.
- **Subnet Mask**
A subnet mask is a bit mask applied against the IP address. It specifies which portion of the IP address is the subnet identifier and which portion is the host identifier. For example, many subnets have a mask of 255.255.255.0. This means the first 24 bits of the address is the subnet identifier and the last 8 bits is the host identifier.

This field is not used if DHCP Client has been enabled. The subnet mask will be assigned by the DHCP server.

Notes

- If DHCP client mode is used, the IP address fields are ignored.
- For maximum throughput, always disable unused interfaces.

Static Routes Screen



Static Routes Screen

The tunnel maintains four tables of Static Routes. There is one for each possible interface, namely Ethernet-A, Ethernet-B, Serial-A, and Serial-B. The routes defined in the associated table are applied when an interface comes up and are removed when an interface goes down. It is important that routes be placed in the correct table. The rule-of-thumb is to apply a route to the interface that the routed packet should go out. For example, if you want your default route to go out the PPP link on Serial-A, you would add the default

routing entry to Serial-A's static routing table. If you want packets to address 192.168.10.54 to go out Ethernet-A, you would add a routing entry to Ethernet-A's table.

The tunnel will automatically create a route for each interface. For Ethernet, this will be a network entry based on the IP address and netmask of the interface. For PPP links, this will be a host entry for the IP address of the remote PPP device.

You can view that Active Routing Table from the Status Menu/Routing Table.

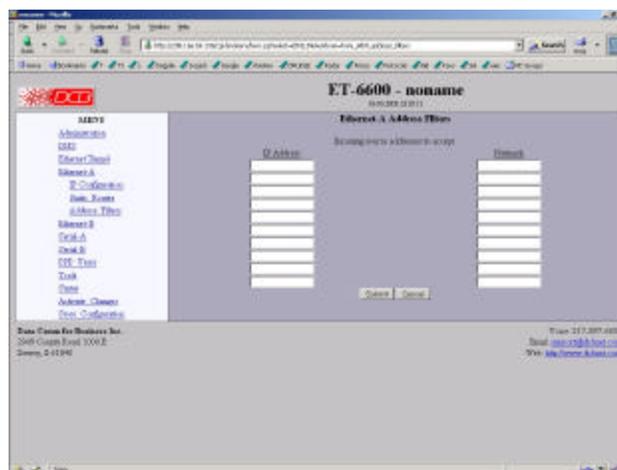
Fields

- **Target**
Destination Host or Network address. Use a target address of 0.0.0.0 to specify a default route.
- **Netmask**
If left blank or set to 255.255.255.255, the target is assumed to be a host address. Otherwise, the target is assumed to be a network address and the netmask specifies which address bits are significant.
- **Gateway**
The IP address of where to forward packets to. The Gateway field is only available for Ethernet interfaces. If you leave it blank, the ET-6600 will assume the target is on the local network segment.

Notes

- Use a netmask of 0.0.0.0 to specify a default route.
- PPP links do not need a gateway address as the remote PPP device is the only possible gateway

Address Filters Screen



Address Filters Screen

The tunnel can be configured to drop all packets except those with an approved source address. This is configured separately for each interface and occurs as packets are received on the interface.

This feature allows one to limit tunnel client connections from the public side of the bridge.

If all entries in the table are blank, all addresses are accepted.

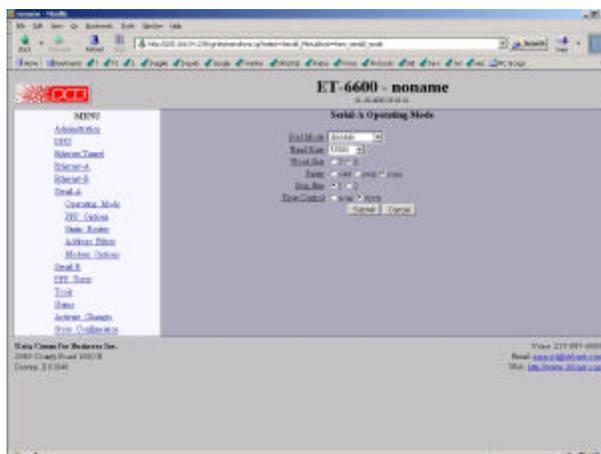
Fields

- IP Address
Host or Network source IP address to allow.
- Netmask
If the Netmask is blank or 255.255.255.255, the IP address is treated as a host address. Otherwise the IP address is treated as a network address and the netmask indicates the significant bits.

Notes

CAUTION: Keep in mind that you may prevent access to the ET-6600's internal web server through the associated interface filters.

Serial A/B Operating Mode Screen



Serial Port Operating Mode Screen

This form sets the operating mode and parameters for the serial ports..

Fields

Mode

Sets the operating mode of the port. Currently PPP is the only mode supported. The port should be disabled if it is not being used. This will free up system resources.

- **Baud Rate**
Serial port Baud rate.
- **Word Size**
Number of data bits in each character. For PPP, this field is ignored and the number of bits is set to 8.
- **Parity**
Enable parity generation and testing.
- **Stop Bits**
Select 1 or 2. The ET-6600 does not support 1.5 stop bits.
- **Flow Control**
Hardware flow control enable. The ET-6600 uses the RTS and CTS signals for hardware flow control. RTS is an output from the ET-6600. It will be asserted when the ET-6600 is ready to receive data and de-asserted when the ET-6600 is not ready to receive data. CTS is an input to the ET-6600. The ET-6600 will monitor CTS and will only transmit data when CTS is asserted.

Notes

- Serial ports should be disabled if not being used to free up system resources.
- If configuring PPP parameters while using the PPP link, the link will be dropped when the parameters are activated.

Serial A/B PPP Options Screen

The screenshot shows the 'Serial-A PPP Options' configuration screen for an ET-6600 device. The interface is divided into a left-hand menu and a main configuration area. The menu includes options like Administration, IPSE, Ethernet, and various PPP settings. The main area contains the following fields:

- Connection Type:** Radio buttons for Direct, Dial-In, and Dial-Out.
- Local IP:** A text input field.
- Remote IP:** A text input field.
- Local Name:** A text input field.
- Remote Name:** A text input field.
- Authentication:** Radio buttons for None, PAP, and CHAP.
- Local Username/Password:** Text input fields for local credentials.
- Remote Username/Password:** Text input fields for remote credentials.
- Logout:** Radio buttons for Yes and No.

At the bottom of the screen, there is contact information for Data Comm for Business, Inc., including a phone number (217.587.6600), email (sales@datacomm.com), and website (http://www.datacomm.com).

Serial Port PPP Options Screen

This form is used to configure the PPP options for the serial interface

Fields

- This option effectively enables and disables the modem dialing options. When set to direct, the ET-6600 assumes a hard-wired connection and directly attempts to establish a PPP connection. Modem related options are ignored.
- **Dial-IN**
When set to yes, the modem is configured to answer incoming calls. The PPP session will be established when the serial ports DCD (data carrier detect) signal goes active. This feature may be used in conjunction with dial-out on-demand. YES.
- **Dial-OUT**
When set to yes, the ET-6600 will immediately try to establish a PPP session by dialing the phone. When set to on-demand, the ET-6600 will create a pseudo PPP session and wait for outbound traffic. When traffic is detected, it will attempt to dial-out and establish a real PPP session.

Note: When on-demand is selected, you must set Local IP and Remote IP addresses. You also need to set at least one entry in Static Routes for the remote network. This is the information needed by the ET-6600 to determine outbound traffic.

- **Phone Number**
This is the phone number to use when making a dial-out call. This field is not only limited to phone numbers. If necessary, you may embed modem commands. This field is simply appended to the Modem Options - Dial field when making an outgoing call.
- **Local IP**
Each side of a PPP connection must have an IP address. This is the IP address to use for the local PPP device. You can leave this field blank, but the remote PPP device must be configured to assign an address.

With the ET-6600, it is possible to borrow the IP address of one of the Ethernet interfaces for the Local IP address. However, this bad practice as it might expose the web configuration screens to the public interface.

- When Dial-out on-demand is enabled, you must specify a Local IP. This may pose a problem when dialing an ISP that dynamically assigns the local address. To get around it, set the Local IP address to the address of one of the Ethernet interfaces. The ET-6600 will switch to the server assigned PPP address when the connection is established.
- Remote IP
Each side of a PPP connection must have an IP address. This is the IP address to assign to the remote PPP device. You can leave this field blank, but the remote PPP device must be configured with a Local IP address.

When Dial-out on-demand is enabled, you must specify a Remote IP. This may pose a problem when dialing an ISP where you don't know what the address of the remote device will be. In reality, you don't have to know the exact address. Something close will do. Choose the address of a device on the remote network such as a next-hop bridge, DNS server, or mail server. When the real PPP connection is established, the ET-6600 will switch to the server's real IP address.

- Force Remote IP
When this option is enabled, the peer will be forced to use the Remote IP address, overriding the peer's configuration. If it refuses, the connection will be terminated. When this option is disabled, the peer's IP address will be used, if it has been configured with one. You would typically enable this if the tunnel is being used as a dial-in server.
- UserName
This is the user-name to use when authenticating to a remote system. In other words, this is the user-name sent to the remote system. This field is optional. If the remote system does not require authentication, you may leave this field blank. The user-name may be a string of 1 to 15 printable characters. No space or control characters.
- Password
This is the password to use when authenticating to the remote system. In other words, this is the password sent to the remote system. This field is optional. If the remote system does not require authentication, you may leave this field blank. The password may be a string of 1 to 15 printable characters. No space or control characters.
- Authentication
When set to pap or chap the remote system must provide a user-name and password in order to connect to the local system. The list of valid user-names and passwords are entered in the PPP Users table. When pap is selected, the remote system must use the Password Authentication Protocol (PAP).

When chap is selected, the remote system must use the Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP). This includes MSCHAP V1 and V2

Note: CHAP is considered the better of the two authentication methods.

- DNS Addresses

When set to request, the local tunnel will request DNS addresses from the remote tunnel during PPP option negotiation. When set to provide, the local tunnel will provide DNS addresses to the remote tunnel during PPP option negotiation.

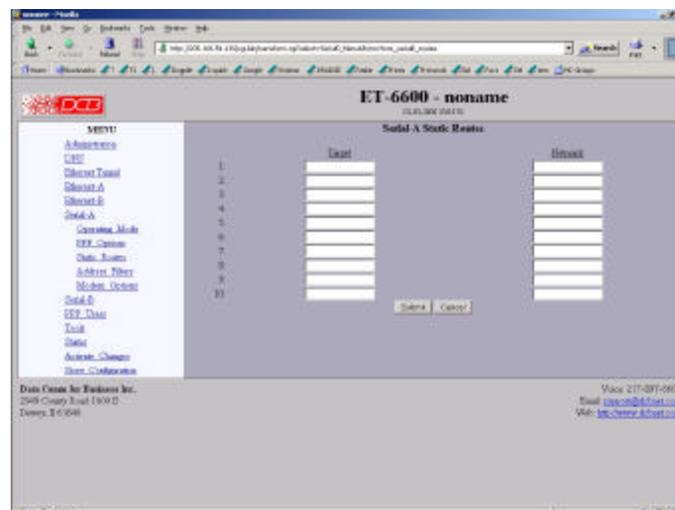
Note: Typically you would select request if you are dialing into an ISP. You would select provide if you are using the tunnel as a dial-in server.

- **Idle Disconnect Time**
If there is no IP traffic across the PPP link for this amount of time (in minutes), the link will be terminated.
- **Max Connect Time**
This is the maximum amount of time (in minutes) to allow a PPP connection to exist. The link will be taken down regardless of activity.
- **MTU**
This selects the maximum transmit unit and maximum receive unit for the interface. Outgoing network packets will be limited to the specified size. The peer will be asked to limit its MTU to this size. The peer may negotiate a smaller size. The value may be between 128 to 1500.
- **.Logging**
This selects the level of information placed in the serial log file. Options are BASIC and DETAILED.

Notes

- Serial ports should be disabled if not being used to free up system resources.
- If configuring PPP parameters while using the PPP link, the link will be dropped when the parameters are activated.

Serial A/B Static Routes Screen



Serial Port Operating Mode Screen

The tunnel maintains four tables of Static Routes. There is one for each possible interface, namely Ethernet-A, Ethernet-B, Serial-A, and Serial-B. The routes defined in the associated table are applied when an interface comes up and are removed when an interface goes down. It is important that routes be placed in the correct table. The rule-of-thumb is to apply a route to the interface that the routed packet should go out. For example, if you want your default route to go out the PPP link on Serial-A, you would add the default routing entry to Serial-A's static routing table. If you want packets to address 192.168.10.54 to go out Ethernet-A, you would add a routing entry to Ethernet-A's table.

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Fields

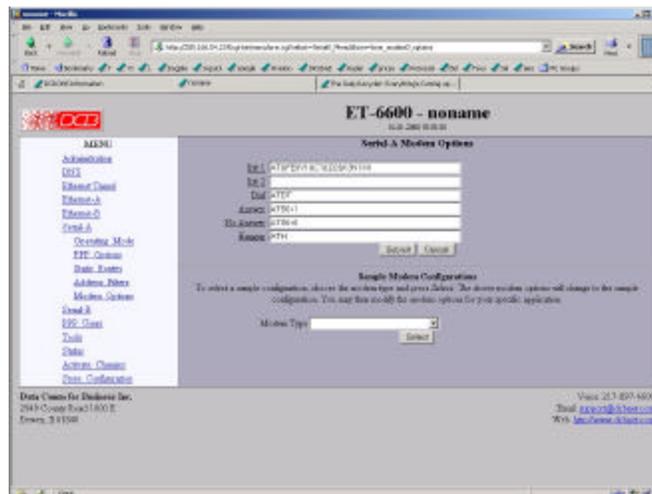
- **Target**
Destination Host or Network address. Use a target address of 0.0.0.0 to specify a default route.
- **Netmask**
If left blank or set to 255.255.255.255, the target is assumed to be a host address. Otherwise, the target is assumed to be a network address and the netmask specifies which address bits are significant. Use a netmask of 0.0.0.0 to specify a default route.

Notes

- The ET-6600 will automatically create a route for each interface. For Ethernet, this will be a network entry based on the IP address and netmask of the interface. For PPP links, this will be a host entry for the IP address of the remote PPP device.
- You can view that Active Routing Table from the Status Menu/Routing Table.
- There is no gateway field as all routes terminate at the other end of the serial link.

The Port Forwarding screen is identical to the Ethernet Port Forwarding screen. See that section for details.

Serial A/B Modem Options Screen



Serial Port Modem Options Screen

The Modem Options are used when the PPP Connect Type has been set to modem. They specify the various commands to send to the modem, depending on the selected PPP options.

When configuring your modem, there are several items you should consider in order for the tunnel to correctly inter-operate with it.

- * The tunnel monitors Data Carrier Detect (DCD) to bring up and take down PPP sessions. The modem should assert (DCD) when a connection is established and drop DCD when a connection is lost.

- * The tunnel will assert DTR when it is ready to establish a PPP session and will drop DTR when a PPP session is terminating. The modem should hang up the phone if DTR is inactive. Likewise it should not answer an incoming call if DTR is inactive.

- * Do not suppress the "OK" message. The tunnel looks for this message to determine when commands have been accepted.

- * Suppress echo.

- * The tunnel will look for the messages "BUSY", "NO CARRIER", "CARRIER", "NO DIALTONE", and "NO ANSWER" when dialing a connection. You should not suppress result messages

Fields

Init 1

The ET-6600 will send this command prior to starting each PPP connection. You should use it to put the modem into a known state. For DCB's D-Series modem, you should use the string:
"AT&FE0V1&C1&D2&K3N1X4"

Init 2

The ET-6600 will send this command after sending the first initialization command and receiving an "OK" response. This is to allow for additional configuration or to allow for modems that can not be reset and configured with a single command string.

Dial

This command will be used when the ET-6600 needs to dial-out. It will be concatenated with the phone

number specified in the PPP options. For most modems, the command is "ATDT" to do touch-tone dialing and "ATDP" to do pulse-code dialing.

Answer

This command will be used when the ET-6600 needs to enable auto-answer mode. For most modems, the command is "ATS0=1", where the 1 specifies how many rings to wait for before answering.

No Answer

This command will be used when the ET-6600 needs to disable auto-answer mode. For most modems, the command is "ATS0=0".

Hangup

This is the command used to hang-up the connection. For most modem, the command is "ATH". The ET-6600 will initially use the DTR signal to hang-up a connection. However, if the modem does not drop the DCD signal, the ET-6600 will issue "+++" wait for an "OK" response, then send this command.

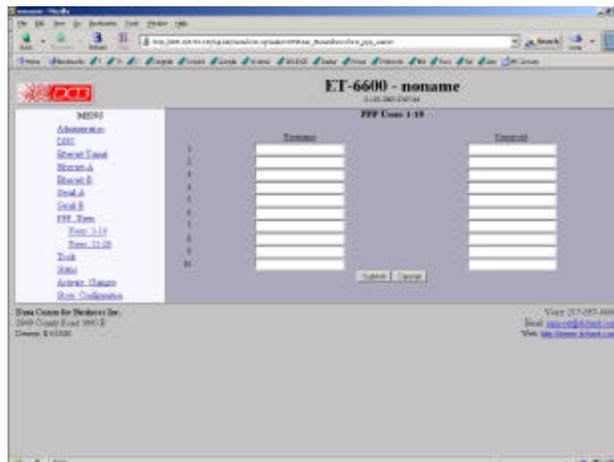
Sample Modem Configurations

There are several sample configurations for DCB and other brand modems. When one of these is selected, the default values above are set correctly for the modem type selected.

Notes

The ET-6600 will look for the messages "BUSY", "NO CARRIER", "CARRIER", "NO DIALTONE", and "NO ANSWER" when dialing a connection. You should not suppress result messages

PPP Users Screen



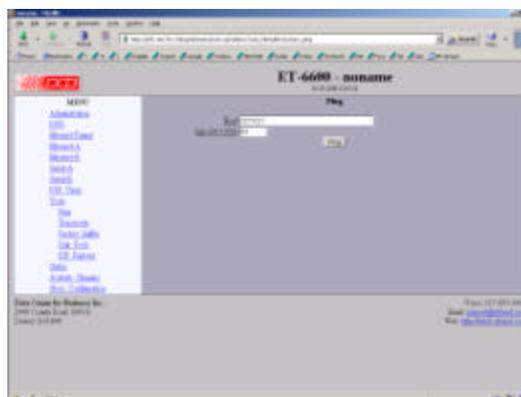
PPP Users Screen

This table specifies the usernames and password for remote PPP users. It will be used when either PAP or CHAP authentication is enabled.

Fields

- Username
A string of 0 to 15 printable characters. Do not use space or control characters. Ignored if blank..
- Password
A string of 0 to 15 printable characters. Do not use space or control characters. Ignored if blank.

Ping Screen



Ping Screen

Ping will send four ICMP echo requests to the specified host. It will wait approximately 16 seconds for a response.

Fields

- **Host**
IP address of the target host. If hostname DNS is enabled, you may use a hostname.
- **Size**
Number of data bytes to send.

Notes

- Ping and traceroute are useful tools to determine if routing is correct.
- Ping may also be used to "force" a dial-up connection to dial.

Dial Tools Screen



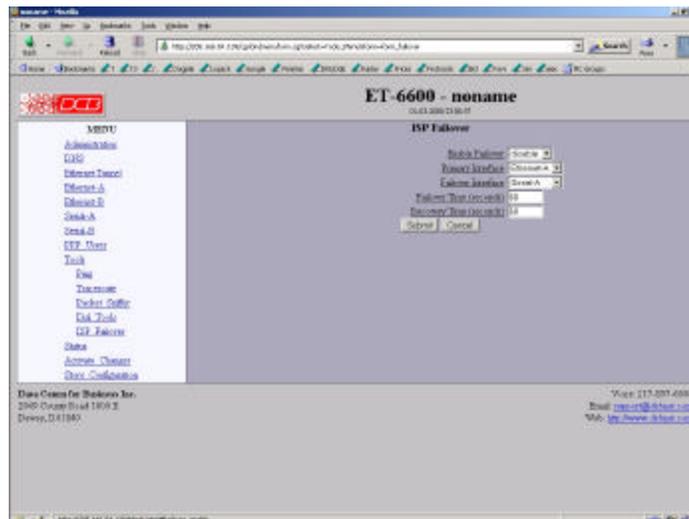
Dial Tools Screen

This screen is used to test and manage the serial lines. The action buttons allow a dial operation to be forced or a connection to be terminated on each interface.

Notes

- Check the port status screens to verify that the disconnect or dial operation was performed correctly.

ISP Fail-over Screen



ISP Fail-over Screen

ISP Failover is a tool that will detect routing failures through a primary interface to an Internet Service Provider (ISP). When a failure is detected default routing will switch to a secondary (or failover) interface. When recovery is detected, default routing will switch back to the primary interface.

ISP Failover works by periodically testing access to an ISP's DNS server. As long as the server is responding, the tunnel will consider the primary interface to be UP. In the event that the DNS server stops responding, the tunnel will consider the primary interface to be DOWN.

While in failover mode, the tunnel will continue to test access to the ISP's DNS server. When the server starts responding again, recovery is initiated.

In order for the ISP Failover tool to work, the ISP must be dynamically assigning the DNS server to the tunnel. Also, the DNS server for the primary interface and the failover interface must not be the same. Also, both the primary interface and the failover interface must be configured with a default route. The ISP Failover tool will selective apply the default route based on which interface is in use.

The best method for setting up failover is to first leave the ISP Failover tool disabled and set up the primary interface and the failover interface independently. With the failover interface disabled, configure the primary interface. Make sure it is correctly operating. Then disable the primary interface and enable the failover interface. Make sure it is operating correctly. Then enable both interfaces and the ISP Failover tool..

Fields

- Username
A string of 0 to 15 printable characters. Do not use space or control characters. Ignored if blank..
- Enable Enable/Disable failure detection.
- Primary Interface
This specifies which interface is to be used as the primary interface. When not in a failover condition, the default route will be applied to the primary interface and will not be applied to the failover interface.
- Failover Interface
This specifies which interface is to be used as the failover interface. When in a failover condition the default route will be applied to the failover interface and will not be applied to the primary interface.

- Failover Time

If the primary interface is down for this period of time the tunnel switches to failover mode. This time is set in seconds. The actual test interval will be 1/5 this time. 5 consecutive failures will trigger the failover.

Make sure you do not set this value too low for the primary interface. For example, if the primary interface is through a modem, make sure to allow for dial and connect time. This could be more than 30 seconds. If the primary interface is through an Ethernet port make sure to allow time for 10/100 negotiation and DHCP service.

- Recovery Time

If the primary interface is up for this period of time the tunnel will switch out of failover mode. This time is set in seconds. The actual test interval will be 1/5 this time. 5 consecutive responses will trigger recovery.

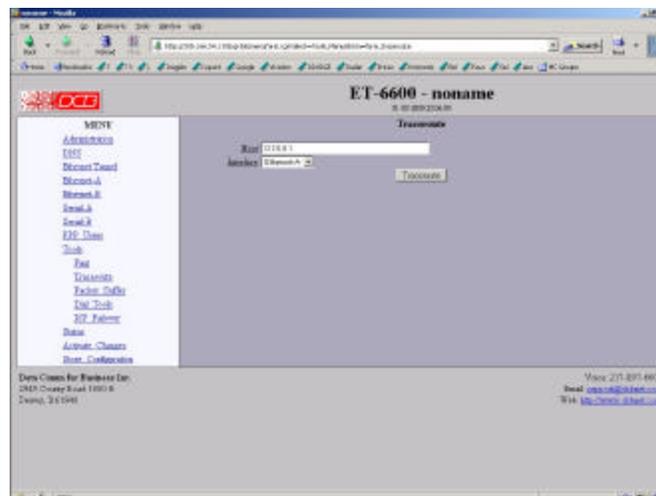
Notes

Make sure to add a static default route for both the primary and failover interface. The tunnel will selectively apply the default route depending whether or not there is a failover condition. For Ethernet interfaces, this is not necessary if DHCP client is enabled and the DHCP server supplies a default route.

Don't be to aggressive on your Failover Time setting. If the value is too low, the tunnel may get stuck in a situation where it never recovers.

Each time the tunnel switches interfaces, both primary and failover interfaces are taken down then brought back up. This is necessary to clear out any NAT associations and to clear out all old cached routes from the routing table. For dial-up connections, this means that the modem will be disconnect if currently connected.

Traceroute Screen



Traceroute Screen

Traceroute displays the route that a packet will take to reach another host. This is performed by sending UDP packets to port 33434 with progressively larger Time-to-Live values and listening for ICMP TIME-EXCEEDED responses from the bridges along the way.

Fields

Host

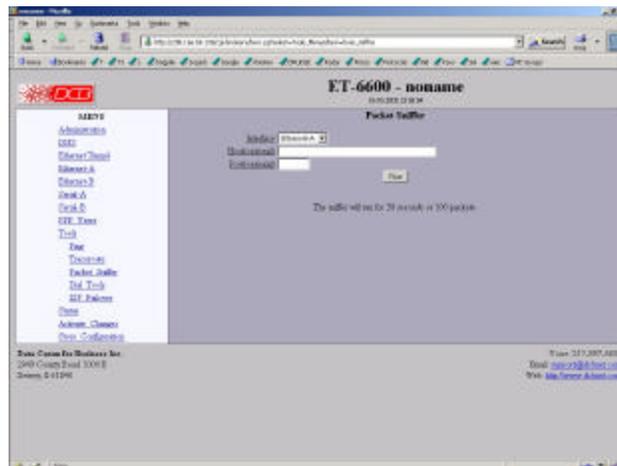
IP address of the target host. If hostname DNS is enabled, you may use a hostname.

Interface

Which interface to use. The routing table is bypassed.

Notes

Packet Sniffer Screen



Packet Sniffer Screen

The Packet Sniffer allows you to take a snapshot of the network traffic passing through an interface.

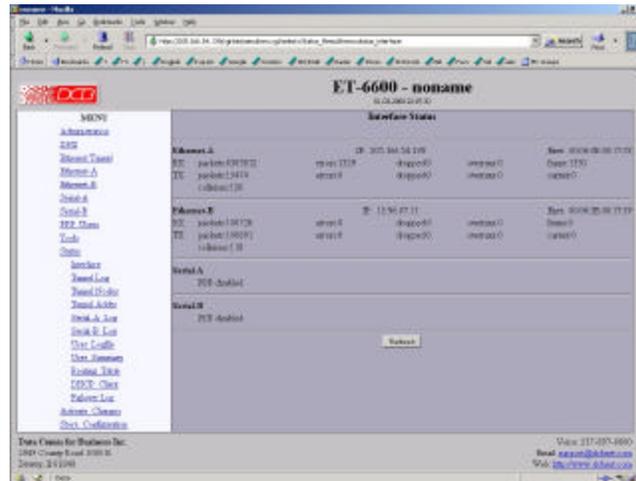
Fields

- **Interface**
Which interface to use. If the interface is a serial port, you will only see the traffic that is passing through the IP layer of PPP. You will not see low-level PPP traffic.
- **Host**
This applies a host filter. Only packets with a matching source or destination IP address will be included in the trace.
- **Port**
This applies a port number filter. Only TCP or UDP packets with a matching source or destination port number will be included in the trace..

Notes

- Only packet headers are shown with the. You will not be able to see the data contents of the packets.

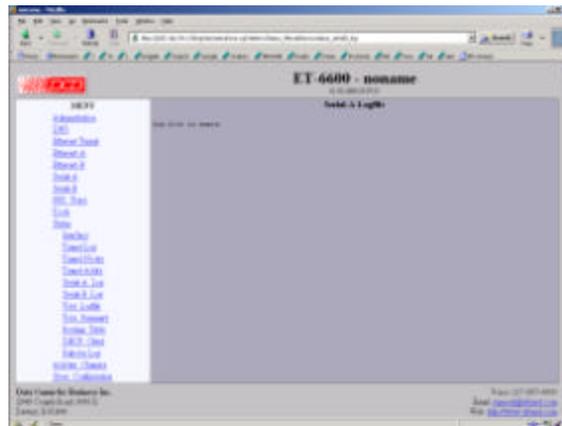
Interface Status Screen



Status Screen

The Interface Status screen shows port status and packet counters for each interface on the ET-6600

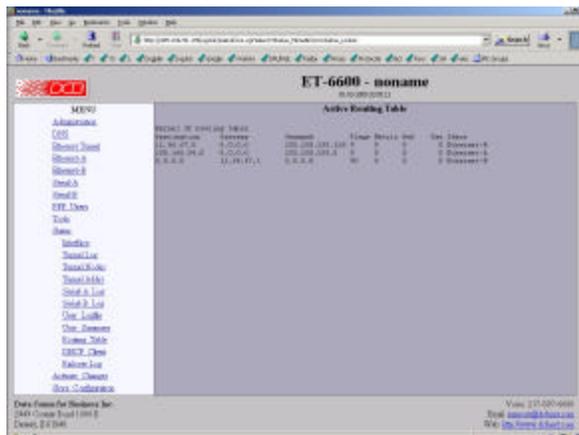
Serial A/B Log Screen



Interface Log Screen

The Interface Log screen shows important events logged for each interface on the ET-6600

Routing Table Screen



Routing Table Screen

The Routing Table screen shows all routes configured in the ET-6600

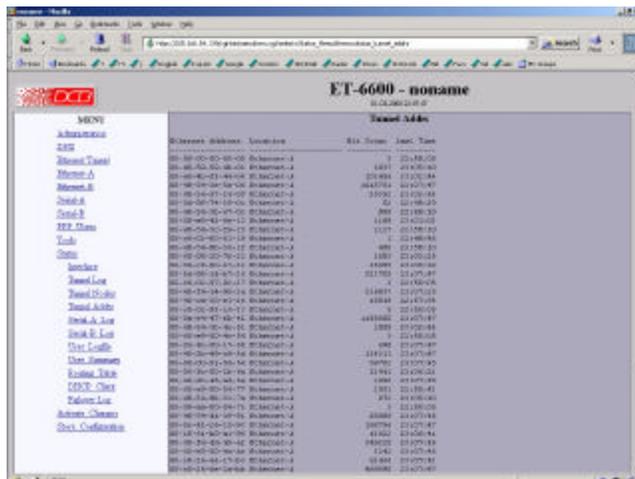
Store Configuration Screen



Store Configuration Screen

The Store configuration screen is used to store the current configuration to non-volatile memory. This does not activate configuration changes. Configuration changes are made to a temporary area. They may be “activated” using the Activate Changes screen, in which case they will become immediately active, overwriting the pre-existing configuration for the duration of this session; or, they may be “stored” using this screen, in which case they will be written to non-volatile memory and used at the next reset or power-up.

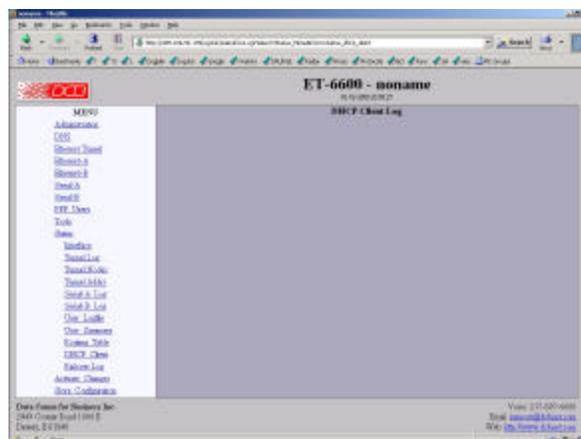
Tunnel Addresses Screen



Tunnel Addresses Screen

The Tunnel Addresses Screen displays the MAC address, interface location, number of packets passed, and time of the last packet received from tunneled nodes.

DHCP Client Log Screen



DHCP Client Log Screen

The DHCP Client Log Screen displays recent history of DHCP client activity.

Chapter 5

Operation

This Chapter explains how to use the ET-6600, once it is installed and configured.

Common Uses – Overview

Some of the most commonly used configurations are for:

- Remote LAN connected to local LAN via dial-in PPP
- Remote LAN connected to local LAN via broadband ISP Internet connection
- Remote LAN connected to local LAN via a dedicated communications link.
- LAN-to-LAN connection using dial on demand (DOD).

Any of these connection methods may have the data transverse the Internet, a private network, various firewalls, NAT servers, and other routes. Although any ethernet protocol may be bridged (including UDP, IP, Netbios, Appletalk, etc) the connection between two ET-6600 units is via TCP/IP, therefore a TCP connection is required between the two ET-6600 units. The ET-6600 serial ports support PPP.

These configurations are detailed in this chapter. Some sample configuration files may be downloaded from the DCB support web site and then transferred to your bridge.

The local or remote LAN may be a full-fledged network or a single PC using an ethernet cross-over cable. The ET-6600 link requires one unit to be configured as a server, and one or more units configured as clients. A single ET-6600 may function as both a server and a client.

Remote LAN to Local LAN via PPP

A server ET-6600 is connected to the host remote LAN and configured for dial-in PPP on one serial port. The remote ET-6600 client is configured as a PPP dial-in client, and a laptop is connected to its Ethernet A port via a cross-over cable.

Remote LAN to Local LAN via Broadband Internet

The server ET-6600 is connected to the host remote LAN and eventually connected to the Internet via some ISP. The remote client ET-6600 is connected to a broadband router via Ethernet B, and a local LAN is connected to Ethernet A. All PCs on the local LAN are bridged to the remote LAN.

Remote LAN to Local LAN via Dedicated Serial Link

A server ET-6600 is connected to the host remote LAN and configured for direct-connect PPP on one serial port. The remote ET-6600 client is configured as a PPP direct connect client, and a laptop is connected to its Ethernet A port via a cross-over cable, or the remote LAN is connected to Ethernet A. A dedicated serial link connects the serial PPP ports on the two ET-6600 units.

Remote LAN to Local LAN via PPP with Dial on Demand

Similar to the PPP connection above, however the PPP is simply configured for Dial on Demand. Whenever the ET-6600 senses a packet to transfer to the other LAN, it dials up the remote site automatically.

Chapter 6

Troubleshooting

This chapter outlines some problems that may occur during installation or operation and some possible solutions to them.

If you follow the suggested troubleshooting steps and the EtherSeries bridge still does not function properly, please contact your dealer for further advice.

Hardware Problems

Before anything else, check that all cables are wired correctly and properly connected.

P: All the LEDs are off.

S: Check the power supply or power connection.

P: When using 10/100Base-T cabling, the unit does not work.

S: Check the Hub's link LED for the port to which the bridge is connected. If it is off, make sure the network cable between the bridge and hub is in good condition.

Can't Connect via the LAN

P: Can't connect with a Web Browser.

S: Check the following:

- Start troubleshooting from a known state. Power the bridge OFF and ON to reboot.
- Is a proper IP address configured in the bridge and PC?
- "Ping" the bridge to see if it responds. From the Windows command prompt or "Run" dialog box, use the command:

```
ping IP_Address
```

Where `IP_Address` is the IP Address of the bridge (e.g. `ping 192.168.0.1`). If it does not respond, then check all LAN connections. If the LAN connection are OK, the problem is in the LAN addresses or routing **The most common problem cause is incorrect IP address configurations. Make sure the workstation and bridge have compatible IP addresses.**

- It may be that your "ARP table" contains invalid entries. You can clear the "ARP table" by rebooting, or, on Windows95, by typing the following command at the command prompt or *Run* dialog box.: `ARP * -d`
- Check that you are using the proper Ethernet connection on the bridge. Only Ethernet Port A works at 100BaseT, and the port in use must be enabled. Ethernet Port A is the local, secure side.
- The bridge is meant to be connected to a hub or ethernet switch. If connected directly to a PC, an ethernet cross cable must be used.

- In some cases, “smart” hubs and switches must be power-cycled to clear their internal ARP cache. This is often a problem on test bench setups where IP addresses are moved between different equipment or a unit is moved between ethernet switch receptacles.

Other Problems

P: Can't run the initial configuration program using a serial cable connection.

S: Check that:

- The communication parameters are set properly.
- Disconnect and reconnect the power supply to the bridge with switch two UP.
- Power is available... an LED is on.
- The terminal program is operating properly. Try a loopback connector at the bridge end of the cable to verify program operation and the proper COM: port.
- The most common problems causing this symptom are incorrect RS-232 wiring or the Windows Hyperterm program not operating correctly.

Checking Bridge Operation

Once the bridge is installed on your Network, you verify proper operation by testing its functionality. Attempt to send packets through it, to verify its operation. The procedure is as follows.

From a PC on one side of the bridge, ping a PC on the other side of the bridge, or attempt a web connection to a web server on the other side of the bridge. If either method succeeds, then two-way operation is confirmed.

If any one PC on one side of the bridge can communicate with any single PC or server on the other side of the bridge, then the bridge configuration is likely correct and other problems should be investigated with a larger view of the network in mind.

Remember that this unit is a bridge, not a router. All IP addresses should be in the same IP subnet address range.

Appendix A

Specifications

EtherSeries ET-6600 Bridge Specifications

- Flash Memory: 4 Mbytes
- SRAM: 8 Mbytes
- LAN A Interface: 10/100BaseTx, Autosense
- LAN B Interface: 10BaseT
- RS-232: Two male DE-9 connectors (PC –9 Pin)
- RS-232 speed: Up to 230.4.2 Kbps
- CPU: Motorola Coldfire 5272 CPU 66 Mhz
- OS: uClinux
- Power: 9 to 12 VDC 600mA or Optional power supplies
- Switch: Configuration, Reset
- LED:8 (Status, Serial Activity, LAN Activity, Power)
- Default IP address: 192.168.0.1
- Browser Management port: 80
- Operational Temperature -40C to +85C subject to power supply limitations

RS-232 PIN Assignments

The EtherSeries RS-232 port wiring is identical to a standard PC 9 pin DE-9P COM: port. It operates as a DTE device. The chart below details signal directions and names.

| Serial Port Pin Assignments | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------|
| Pin | Signal Name | Type |
| 1 | Carrier Detect (DCD) | In |
| 2 | Receive (Rx) | In |
| 3 | Transmit (Tx) | Out |
| 4 | Data Terminal Ready | Out |
| 5 | Signal Ground (GND) | Power |
| 6 | Data Set Ready (DSR)(Not used) | In |
| 7 | Request to Send (RTS) | Out |
| 8 | Clear to Send (CTS) | In |
| 9 | Ring Indicator (RI) (Not used) | In |

Control Signal Operation

DCD

Input. The ET-6600 monitors Data Carrier Detect (DCD) to bring up and take down PPP sessions. The modem should assert (DCD) when a connection is established and drop DCD when a connection is lost.

Receive Data

Input, data into the bridge

Transmit Data

Output, Data from the bridge. The bridge only transmits when it has characters to send and it is not flowed-off with RTS/CTS flow control.

DTR

Output. The ET-6600 will assert DTR when it is ready to establish a PPP session and will drop DTR when a PPP session is terminating. The modem should hang up the phone if DTR is inactive. Likewise it should not answer an incoming call if DTR is inactive.

Signal Ground

Common ground

DSR

Input. Ignored

RTS

Output. Input flow control. When the internal buffer reaches the “Flow Off” buffer level, this signal is lowered. When the buffer level decreases to the “Flow ON” buffer level, this signal is raised. When pin 6 input is LOW, the serial interface turns OFF the pin 4 (DTR) and 7 (RTS) output signals.

CTS

Input. When Flow Control is set for CTS/RTS, lowering this signal will halt data flow from the bridge's RS-232 port.

Ring Indicator

Not used

CABLES

Commonly used cable connections:

To PC 9-pin COM: port

| IP6600 | | PC |
|--------|-----|-----|
| 1,6 | ——— | 4 |
| 2 | ——— | 3 |
| 3 | ——— | 2 |
| 4 | ——— | 1,6 |
| 5 | ——— | 5 |
| 7 | ——— | 8 |
| 8 | ——— | 7 |

This null-modem crossover cable is easily constructed by combining a “PC-Direct” adapter hood and a “Remote-PC” adapter hood along with a straight through 10BaseT cable. This cable is used for configuration and is provided with the bridge.

Bridge to Modem

Use any commercially available PC-to-modem cable. OR, use a “Remote-PC” adapter hood and an “Asynchronous Modem” adapter hood along with a straight through 10BaseT cable. This cable is provided with the bridge by replacing the above cable adapter hood with the “Asynchronous Modem” adapter hood.

Bridge to hub or ethernet switch

Use any commercially available 10/100BaseT cable. If using 100BaseT, an appropriately rated cable is required.

Bridge to PC crossover ethernet cable

A crossover cable may be constructed to allow the bridge ethernet port to directly connect to a PC without using a hub.

Use the following pinout:

| ET-6600 - | | PC |
|-----------|---|----|
| 1 | - | 3 |
| 2 | - | 6 |
| 3 | - | 1 |
| 6 | - | 2 |

Appendix B

Open Source Software Information

The ET-6600 bridge was designed in conjunction with Open Source Linux software..

Introduction

The ET-6600 bridge was designed and programmed with Open Source Linux software in mind. The core Linux operating system is uClinux, available from <http://www.uclinux.org>. DCB supports the Open Source software effort and is appreciative of the contribution many open source developers have made to the community.

Other open source software used in this product may be obtained from the original developers, and is made available in accordance with GNU licensing terms.

Obtaining the Source Code

For more information on obtaining the source modules for open source code used in this product, send a written request to the following address. Code is provided on CDROM. According to GNU licensing terms, a duplication fee may be charged.

Open Source Software Administrator
Data Comm for Business, Inc.
2949 CR 1000 E
Dewey, IL. 61840

Appendix C

ET-6690 Internal Modem Option

The ET-6600 family consists of various models with different internal hardware or firmware options. The ET-6690 includes an internal V.92 modem.

Introduction

The ET-6690 model bridge contains an internal V.92 modem instead of RS-232 Serial Port B. The configuration is similar to the ET-6600 model with the following changes.

Configuration Differences

The internal modem conforms to V.92 specifications. Serial B Operating Modes are either PPP or Disabled. Modem configuration string options may be changed to suit your environment, however the default value of "Internal Modem" is recommended.

ET-6690 Front Panel

The front panel contains modem indicator LEDs for RD, CD, TD, and DTR along with an RJ-11 telephone line jack. Any standard RJ-11 telephone cable may be used for the phone line connection.

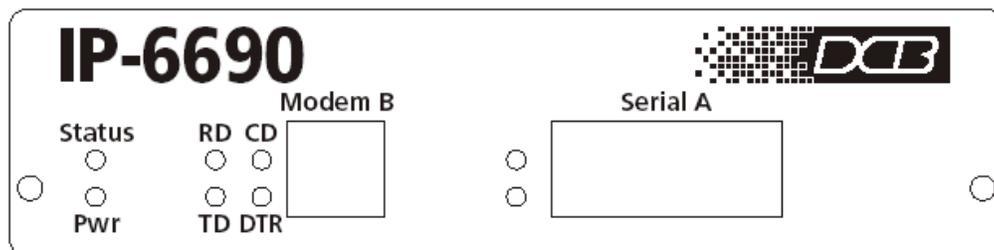


Figure C: EtherSeries Bridge Front Panel

| Label | Name | Operation |
|-------|---------------------|--|
| RD | Receive Data | Flickers along with data received from the telephone line |
| TD | Transmit Data | Flickers along with data transmitted to the telephone line |
| CD | Carrier Detect | Indicates carrier is received from another modem |
| DTR | Data Terminal Ready | Indicates the bridge has raised the internal DTR signal |

Figure C1 LED Indicators