Connecting to a Host through a Remote Access Server

This chapter describes how to make terminal-to-host connections using a remote access server. Specifically, this chapter describes the following topics:

- LAT Connections
- Telnet and UNIX rlogin Connections
- TN3270 Connections
- SLIP Connections
- PPP Connections
- XRemote Connections
- Protocol Translation Connections

These connection types are described in the following sections.

LAT Connections

Digital Equipment Corporation's (Digital's) Local Area Transport (LAT) protocol is most often used to connect remote access servers to Digital hosts. LAT is a Digital-proprietary protocol and your remote access server uses LAT technology licensed from Digital. You can perform the following LAT connection tasks from your remote access server:

- Make a LAT Connection
- Define a Group List for Outgoing LAT Connections
- Switch between Sessions
- Use Digital Commands on the Remote Access Server
- Exit a LAT Session

These tasks are described in the following sections.

Make a LAT Connection

To connect to a LAT host, enter the **lat** EXEC command at the system prompt. The **lat** command has the following syntax:

lat *name* [**node** *nodename* | **port** *portname* | /**debug**]

Syntax Description	on
name	Your LAT learned service name.
node nodename	(Optional) Specifies a connection to a particular LAT node that offers a service. If you do not include the node option, the node with the highest rating offering the service is used. Use the EXEC command show lat nodes to display information about all known LAT nodes.
port portname	(Optional) Specifies a destination LAT port name. This keyword is ignored in most timesharing systems, but is used by remote access servers offering <i>reverse LAT</i> services. Reverse LAT involves connecting to one remote access server from another. In this case, the target remote access server runs the host portion of the protocol. Enter the port name in the format of the remote system in place of the <i>portname</i> argument.
/debug	(Optional) A switch that, when enabled, prints parameter changes and other special messages on the screen.

The LAT protocol must be explicitly specified when your preferred transport is set to **none** or to another protocol. (If your preferred transport is set to **lat**, you can use the **connect** command.) You can quit the connection by entering **Ctrl-C**, or complete the connection by entering the password for a given service.

Examples

The following example establishes a LAT connection from the remote access server named cs to host eng2:

```
cs> lat eng2
Trying ENG2...Open
    ENG2 - VAX/VMS V5.2
Username: JSmith
Password:
    Welcome to VAX/VMS version V5.2 on node ENG2
    Last interactive login on Friday, 1-APR-1994 19:46
```

The system informs you of its progress by displaying the messages "Trying <system>..." and then "Open." If the connection attempt is not successful, you receive a failure message.

The following example establishes a LAT connection from the remote access server named cs to ourmodems and specifies port 24, which is a special modem:

cs> lat our-modems port 24

The following example establishes a LAT connection from the remote access server named cs to ourmodems and specifies a node named eng:

cs> lat our-modems node eng

The following example uses the LAT session debugging capability:

```
cs> lat Eng2 /debug
Trying ENG2...Open
    ENG2 - VAX/VMS V5.2
Username: JSmith
Password:
    Welcome to VAX/VMS version V5.2 on node ENG2
    Last interactive login on Tuesday, 5-APR-1994 19:02
[Set Flow out off, Flow in on, Format 8:none, Speed 9600/9600]
[Set Flow out off, Flow in on, Format 8:none, Speed 9600/9600]
$ set ter/speed=2400
[Set Flow out off, Flow in on, Format 8:none, Speed 2400/2400]
```

A variety of LAT events are reported, including all requests by the remote system to set local line parameters. The messages within brackets ([]) above are the messages produced by the remote system setting line characteristics to operating system defaults.

Define a Group List for Outgoing LAT Connections

You can temporarily define the list of services to which you or another user can connect. You do this by defining the group code lists used for connections from specific lines.

You limit the connection choices for an individual line by defining the group code lists for an outgoing connection. When a user initiates a connection with a LAT host, the user's line must share a common group number with the remote LAT host before a connection can be made.

The group code range entered *must be* a subset of the line's configured group code range. Use the following command:

terminal lat out-group {*groupname* | *number* | *range*}

Syntax Description

groupname	Name of the group that has access to the system through the specified line.
number	Number of the group that has access to the system through the specified line.
range	The range of group numbers. Separate the beginning and end of the range with a hyphen.

The group code range entered in this command must fall within the group code range already configured for the line.

Example

cs> terminal lat out-group 4, 6-189

Switch between Sessions

You can have several concurrent LAT sessions open and switch back and forth between them.

To open a subsequent session, first enter the escape sequence $(Ctrl-^X)$ to quit out of the current session. Then open a new session.

To list the available LAT services, issue the following command:

show lat services

For sample output to this command, and for information about switching between LAT sessions, refer to the chapter "Monitoring and Managing Connections" later in this publication.

Use Digital Commands on the Remote Access Server

Your remote access server supports a subset of Digital commands, including the following:

Task	Command
List EXEC commands.	help
Close the active session.	logout

Exit a LAT Session

You can issue any of the following commands to terminate an active LAT session:

exit quit logout

Telnet and UNIX rlogin Connections

Two Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocols (TCP/IP), Telnet and rlogin, are available for making connections to a host.

Telnet, a virtual terminal protocol that is part of the TCP/IP protocol suite, allows for connections to hosts. Telnet is the more widely used protocol.

The rlogin protocol is a remote login service developed for the BSD UNIX system. It provides better control and output suppression than Telnet, but can only be used when the host (typically, a UNIX system) supports rlogin. Our implementation of rlogin does not subscribe to the trusted host model. That is, a user cannot automatically log on to a UNIX system from the remote access server, but must provide a user ID and a password for each connection.

This implementation of Telnet and rlogin provides these connection capabilities:

- Make Telnet Connections
- Execute Special Telnet Escape Sequences
- Make rlogin Connections
- Switch between Telnet and rlogin Sessions
- Exit Telnet and rlogin Sessions

These tasks are described in the following sections.

Make Telnet Connections

To log on to a host that supports Telnet, enter one of the following commands:

connect host [port] [keyword]

telnet host [port] [keyword]

Syntax Description

host	A host name or an Internet address.
port	(Optional) A decimal TCP port number; the default is the Telnet server port (decimal 23) on the host.

keyword	(Optional)	One of the	options	listed in	n Table 3	3-1.

Table 3-1	Telnet Cor	nnection Optic	ons
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Option	Description
/route path	Specifies loose source routing. The <i>path</i> argument is a list of host names or Internet addresses that specify network nodes, ending with the final destination.
/line	Enables Telnet line mode. In this mode, the remote access server sends no data to the host until you press Return. You can edit the line using the standard remote access server command editing characters. The /line keyword is a local switch; the remote server is not notified of the mode change.
/debug	Enables Telnet debugging mode.
/stream	Turns on <i>stream</i> processing, which enables a raw TCP stream with no Telnet control sequences. A stream connection does not process Telnet options, and may be appropriate for connections to ports running UUCP and other non-Telnet protocols.

With the Cisco implementation of TCP/IP, you are not required to enter the **connect** or **telnet** commands to establish a Telnet connection. You can just enter the learned host name—as long as the host name is different from a command word for the remote access server.

To display a list of the available hosts, enter the following command:

show hosts

To display the status of all TCP connections, enter the following command:

show tcp

The remote access server assigns a logical name to each connection and several commands use these names to identify connections. The logical name is the same as the host name, unless that name is already in use, or you change the connection name with the EXEC command **name-connection**. If the name is already in use, the remote access server assigns a null name to the connection.

Examples

The following example routes packets from the source system to kl.sri.com, then to 10.1.0.11, and finally to mathom:

 ${\tt cs}{\tt >}$ connect mathom /route:kl.sri.com 10.1.0.11 mathom

The following example connects to a host with logical name mathom:

cs> mathom

Execute Special Telnet Escape Sequences

The Telnet software supports special Telnet commands in the form of Telnet sequences that map generic terminal control functions to operating system-specific functions.

To issue a special Telnet command, enter the escape sequence and then a command character. The default escape sequence is Ctrl-^ (press and hold the *Control* and *Shift* keys while pressing the 6 key). You can enter the command character as you hold down Ctrl or with Ctrl released; you can type either uppercase or lowercase letters.

Table 3-2 lists the special Telnet commands.

Task	Escape Sequence	
Break	Ctrl-^ B	
Interrupt Process (IP)	Ctrl-^ C	
Erase Character (EC)	Ctrl-^ H	
Abort Output (AO)	Ctrl-^ O	
Are You There? (AYT)	Ctrl-^ T	
Erase Line (EL)	Ctrl-^ U	

Table 3-2 Special Telnet Commands

At any time during an active Telnet session, you can list the Telnet commands by entering the escape sequence followed by a question mark at the system prompt:

Ctrl-^?

An online table of the special Telnet commands is displayed.

A sample of this list follows.

```
cs> ^^?
[Special telnet escape help]
^^B sends telnet BREAK
^^C sends telnet IP
^^H sends telnet EC
^^O sends telnet AO
^^T sends telnet AYT
^^U sends telnet EL
```

Make rlogin Connections

You can have several concurrent rlogin connections open and switch back and forth between them.

To open a new connection, exit out of the current connection by typing the escape sequence $(Ctrl-^X)$, to return to the system command prompt, then open a new connection.

To log on to a UNIX host using rlogin, enter the following command:

rlogin host [debug]

Syntax Description

host Specifies the host name or Internet address.

debug (Optional) Enables debugging output from the rlogin protocol.

Example

The following example makes an rlogin connection to a host at address 108.33.21.2 and enables the message mode for debugging:

cs> rlogin 108.33.21.2 debug

Switch between Telnet and rlogin Sessions

You can have several concurrent sessions open and switch back and forth between them. The number of sessions that can be open is defined by the **session-limit** command, which is described in the publications *Communication Server Configuration Guide* and *Communication Server Command Reference*.

You can switch between sessions by escaping out of one session and resuming a previously opened session, as follows:

- Step 1 Escape out the current session by pressing Ctrl-^ X and return to the EXEC prompt.
- Step 2 List the open sessions using the where command. All open sessions associated with the current terminal line are displayed.
- Step 3 Type the resume command and the session number to make the connection.

You can also resume the previous session by pressing the Return key.

The **where** command has no additional syntax. The **resume** command has the following syntax when used on the remote access server:

resume [connection] [keyword]

Syntax Description

connection	(Optional) The name or number of the connection; the default is the most recent connection.
keyword	(Optional) One of the options listed in Table 3-3.

Option	Description	
/debug	Prints parameter changes and messages. On a remote access server, this option displays informational messages whenever the remote host changes an X.3 parameter or sends an X.29 control packet.	
/echo	Performs local echo.	
/line	Enables line-mode editing.	
/nodebug	Cancels printing of parameter changes and messages.	
/noecho	Disables local echo.	
/noline	Disables line mode and enables character-at-a-time mode, which is the default.	
/nostream	Disables stream processing.	
/set parameter:value	Sets X.3 connection options. Refer to the section "X.3 PAD Connections" later in this chapter for a list of these connection options.	
/stream	Enables stream processing.	

Table 3-3 Telnet and rlogin Resume Options

The Ctrl-^-X, where, and resume commands are available with all supported connection protocols.

Examples

The following example shows how to resume connection 2:

cs> resume 2

You can omit the command name and simply type the connection number to resume that connection. The following example illustrates how to resume connection 3:

cs> 3

Exit Telnet and rlogin Sessions

You can issue any of the following commands to terminate an active Telnet or rlogin session:

exit quit logout

TN3270 Connections

You connect to an IBM host using TN3270 terminal emulation. Your system administrator must configure a default terminal emulation file that permits the terminal to communicate correctly with the host. Refer to the publications *Communication Server Configuration Guide* and *Communication Server Command Reference* to specify alternate terminal emulations. Your administrator can also specify custom terminal emulations.

Unlike Telnet and LAT connections, you *must* enter the command **tn3270** to make a connection to an IBM 3278 host. To begin a TN3270 session, enter the following command:

tn3270 hostname

Syntax Description

hostname Name of a specific host on a network that is reachable by the remote access server. The default terminal emulation mode allows access using a VT100 emulation.

Example

The following example establishes a terminal session with an IBM host named finance:

cs> tn3270 finance

To terminate an active TN3270 session, you can issue any of the following commands:

exit quit logout

SLIP Connections

You can make a serial connection to a remote host using the Serial Line Internet Protocol (SLIP). Your system administrator can configure SLIP to expect a specific address or to provide one for you. It is also possible to set up SLIP in a mode that compresses packets for more efficient use of the line.

To make a SLIP connection, enter the following command at the EXEC prompt:

slip {/default | remote-ip-address | remote-name } [@tacacs-server] } [/routing] [/compressed]

Syntax Description

/default	(Optional) Makes a SLIP connection when a default address has been configured.
remote-ip-address	IP address of the client workstation or PC.
remote-name	Name of the client workstation or PC.
@tacacs-server	(Optional) The IP address or IP host name of the TACACS server to which your TACACS authentication request is sent.
/routing	(Optional) Indicates that the remote system is a router. Line must be configured for asynchronous routing using SLIP encapsulation.
/compressed	(Optional) Indicates that IP header compression should be negotiated. Your system administrator must have configured the system with the ip tcp header-compression passive command for this command to be valid in EXEC mode. The command ip tcp header-compression forces header compression on or off. The default is to not compress the packets. The configuration file must have header compression on and the slip /compressed EXEC command must be entered for header compression to occur.

If you specify an address for the TACACS server using **default** or *tacacs-server*, the address must be the first parameter in the command after you type **slip**. If you do not specify an address or enter **default**, you will be prompted for an IP address or host name. You can enter **default** at this point.

If you do not use the *tacacs-server* argument to specify a TACACS server for SLIP address authentication, the TACACS server specified at login (if any) is used for the SLIP address query.

To allow optimal use of bandwidth on a line, SLIP allows compressing of the SLIP packets using Van Jacobson TCP header compression as defined in RFC 1144.

You can issue any of the following commands to terminate an active SLIP session:

exit quit logout

Examples

The following example illustrates how to make a connection when a default IP address has been assigned. Once a correct password is entered, you are placed in SLIP mode, and the IP address is displayed.

```
cs> slip
Password:
Entering SLIP mode.
Your IP address is 192.31.7.28, MTU is 1524 bytes
```

The following example illustrates the prompts displayed and the response required when dynamic addressing is used to assign the SLIP address:

```
cs> slip
IP address or hostname? 192.31.6.15
Password:
Entering SLIP mode
Your IP address is 192.31.6.15, MTU is 1524 bytes
```

In the following example, the address 192.31.6.15 has been assigned as the default. Password verification is still required before SLIP mode can be enabled.

```
cs> slip default
Password:
Entering SLIP mode
Your IP address is 192.31.6.15, MTU is 1524 bytes
```

The following example illustrates the implementation of header compression on the interface with the IP address 128.66.2.1:

```
cs> slip 128.66.2.1 /compressed
Password:
Entering SLIP mode.
Interface IP address is 128.66.2.1, MTU is 1500 bytes.
Header compression will match your system.
```

In this example, the interface is configured for **ip tcp header-compression passive**, which permitted the user to enter the **/compressed** keyword at the EXEC mode prompt. The message "Header compression will match your system" indicates that the user specified compression. If the line was configured for **ip tcp header-compression on**, this line would read "Header compression is On."

The following example specifies a TACACS server named parlance for address authentication:

```
cs> slip 1.0.0.1@parlance
Password:
Entering SLIP mode.
Interface IP address is 1.0.0.1, MTU is 1500 bytes
Header compression will match your system.
```

PPP Connections

You can make asynchronous connections using the Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP). To start a PPP connection, enter the following command at the EXEC prompt:

ppp {/**default** | {*remote-ip-address* | *remote-name*} [@*tacacs-server*]} [/**routing**]

Syntax Description

/default	(Optional) Makes a PPP connection when a default address has been configured.
remote-ip-address	IP address of the client workstation or PC. This parameter can only be specified if the line is set for dynamic addresses using the line configuration command async address dynamic .
remote-name	Name of the client workstation or PC. This parameter can only be specified if the line is set for dynamic addresses using the line configuration command async address dynamic .
@tacacs-server	(Optional) Specifies an IP address or IP host name of the TACACS server to which the user's TACACS authentication request is sent.
/routing	(Optional) Indicates that the remote system is a router and that routing messages should be exchanged over the link. The line must be configured for asynchronous routing using PPP encapsulation.

If you specify an address for the TACACS server, either **default** or *tacacs-server*, the address must be the first parameter in the command after you type **ppp**. If you do not specify an address or enter **default**, you will be prompted for an IP address or host name. You can enter **default** at this point.

Any of the following commands will terminate a PPP session:

exit quit logout

Example

The following example shows a line that is in asynchronous mode using PPP encapsulation (see Figure 3-1). The PC's name is ntpc (assuming that the name ntpc is in the DNS so that it can be resolved to a real IP address). The PC must be running a terminal emulator program.

cs> ppp ntpc@server1



Figure 3-1 Using the PPP EXEC Command

XRemote Connections

The XRemote protocol lets you connect to remote hosts via TCP/IP and LAT using an X display station and modem. You make connections in one of the following ways:

- Automatically, using the X Display Manager Control Protocol (XDMCP) for TCP/IP networks
- Automatically, using DECwindows login for LAT networks
- Manually, using a step-by-step access process

The following sections outline the steps for starting up XRemote in several typical environments. When possible, use the automated processes. Be sure your system administrator has already configured a path for loading fonts.

Automatic Session Startup—XDMCP Server

If your host computer supports a server for XDMCP (such as the *xdm* program included in X11R4 or later), you can use automatic session startup to make an XRemote session connection. To do so, enter the following command:

xremote xdm [hostname]

Syntax Description

hostname (Optional) Host computer name.

This command causes an XDMCP session startup request to be made to the host computer. If you do not specify a host name, a broadcast message is sent to all hosts. The first host to respond by starting up a session is used.

The remote access server and X terminal stay in XRemote mode until either the display manager terminates the session or a reset request is received from the X terminal.

Example

The following example starts a session with a remote host named star.

cs> **xremote xdm an**

Automatic Session Startup—DECwindows Login via LAT

If your host computer supports DECwindows login sessions, you can use automatic session startup to make an XRemote session connection. Once the system administrator at the remote host has configured support for DECwindows over LAT, you can use the EXEC command **xremote lat** to initiate the connection. The command has the following syntax:

xremote lat service

Syntax Description

service Name of the desired LAT service.

After you issue this command, expect the following to occur:

- The remote access server down-line loads several initial fonts for the DECwindows login display.
- The terminal displays the DIGITAL logo and DECwindows login box.

Log on to the system. Upon completion of login, more fonts are loaded, and the remote session begins.

Note Due to heavy font usage, DECwindows applications might take longer than expected to start when using XRemote. Once the application starts, performance and access times should be as expected.

Example

The following example begins connection with a LAT service named WHIRL:

```
cs> xremote lat WHIRL
```

Manual XRemote Session Startup

If you are not using a host computer that supports XDMCP or LAT, you must use manual session startup. Manual session startup involves several steps:

- Step 1 Enable XRemote manually on the remote access server port.
- Step 2 Connect to the host computer.
- **Step 3** Set the location of the X display.
- Step 4 Start up client applications.
- **Step 5** Return to the EXEC prompt.
- Step 6 Enable XRemote manually again on the remote access server port.

The following sections describe these tasks.

Enable XRemote Manually

To prepare the remote access server for manually starting an XRemote session, enter the **xremote** EXEC command at the system prompt.

xremote

This command begins the instructions that prompt you through the connection.

Example

The following example illustrates how a successful manual XRemote session begins:

```
dialup> xremote
XRemote enabled; your display is dialup:2006
Start your clients and type XRemote again
```

The system replies with a message informing you of your X display location This information will be used to inform the host of the location of your X display server.

If no clients are found, you see the following message:

No X clients waiting - check that your display is darkstar:2006

Check your hosts to determine if an error was made when starting the session. The most likely cause is an improperly specified display location. Another possible cause is the host computer not recognizing the name of your remote access server.

Connect to the Host Computer

You can connect to a host using one of the following connection commands, and log on as usual:

telnet lat rlogin

Set the Location of the X Display

At this point, you are logged in to the remote host.

Note If you are using a version of Telnet on the remote host that supports the "X Display Location" option (RFC 1096), skip this step and go on to the section "Start Up Client Applications."

Inform the host computer of your X display location, which was provided to you by the remote access server when you enabled XRemote manually.

For most versions of the UNIX operating system, the X display location is set by using the **setenv** command to set the environment variable DISPLAY. Refer to your UNIX system's online X(1) manual page for more information.

On VAX/VMS systems, use the **SET DISPLAY** command to set the X display location. For more information, refer to the VMS DCL Dictionary.

Note You must install either the TCP/IP transport from Digital or a third-party TCP/IP transport. Contact your VAX/VMS system administrator for the appropriate TCP/IP transport name.

Start Up Client Applications

Now you start your client applications for your host operating system.

The remote access server accepts the X connection attempt from the client application and places the client in a dormant state.

Return to the EXEC Prompt

If it is possible to log off the host computer and keep your X clients running in the background, you can do so now. This conserves resources on both the host and the remote access server that would otherwise be inaccessible until you exited from XRemote state.

If you cannot log off the host computer and keep your clients running, escape back to the remote access server prompt using the escape sequence (Ctrl-^ X by default).

Re-enable XRemote Manually

Begin a manual remote session again (refer to the section "Enable XRemote Manually" earlier in this chapter). If the X clients connected successfully, the session is put into XRemote mode, and the clients complete their startup.

If no clients are found, you will see the following message:

No X clients waiting - check that your display is darkstar:2018

Check your hosts to determine if an error was made when starting the session. The most likely cause is an improperly specified display location. Another possible cause is the host computer not recognizing the name of your remote access server.

What to Do if a Session Terminates

In manual operation, the remote access server and X terminal remain in XRemote mode until all clients disconnect or a reset request is received from the X terminal.

A session might terminate during startup because you invoked transient X clients that set some parameters and then disconnected (such as **xset** or **xmodmap**). There must always be one session open or the connection will be reset.

Establish XRemote Sessions Between Remote Access Servers

A remote access server allows a user of an X display server that does not support XRemote to run the XRemote protocols. An X display server (such as a PCX, MACX or UNIX workstation) connected to an Ethernet network can dial out through a remote access server on a conventional modem to access an X client program on a host residing on another network. The remote access server provides the server-side helper process.

To run XRemote, connect to one of the XRemote ports.

Note The NCD helper process does not support X display devices that use a maximum request and response size larger than 64 kilobytes.

Find out from your administrator whether the connection from your X display terminal is configured as an individual line or a rotary connection.

- To connect to an individual line, telnet from the X display terminal to port 9000 plus the decimal value of the line number.
- To make a rotary connection, telnet from the X display server to port 10000 plus the decimal value of the line number.

For information about how to configure individual lines and rotary connections, refer to the *Communication Server Configuration Guide* and the *Communication Server Command Reference*.

Figure 3-2 illustrates a configuration in which a display server is not running XRemote. In this configuration, the server-side XRemote helper is running on Communication Server 1, and the client-side XRemote helper is running on Communication Server 2.



Figure 3-2 XRemote Session between Communication Servers

Exit XRemote Sessions

You can issue any of the following commands to terminate a terminal session:

exit quit logout

XRemote Examples

Use the examples in this section to understand how to make XRemote connections.

Connecting an X Display Terminal

The following example shows a connection from an X display terminal through a remote access server to a host running client programs.

1 Enter the **xremote** command at the EXEC prompt:

dialup> **xremote**

2 Read and follow the instruction from the host:

XRemote enabled; your display is dialup:2006 Start your clients and type XRemote again

3 Connect to the client:

dialup> telnet eureka Trying EUREKA.NOWHERE.COM (252.122.1.55)... Open

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4 Log on at the prompt:

login: **deal** Password:

Last login: Fri Apr 1 17:17:46 from dialup.nowhere.com SunOS Release (SERVER+FDDI+DBE.patched) #14: Fri Apr 8 10:37:29 PDT 1994

5 At the client prompt, enter the display name from step 2 and the **xterm** command:

```
eureka% setenv DISPLAY dialup:2006
eureka% xterm &
[1] 15439
```

6 Disconnect from the client:

eureka% logout

[Connection to EUREKA closed by foreign host]

7 Begin the XRemote session:

dialup> **xremote** Entering XRemote

The remote access server and X terminal stay in XRemote mode until either the display manager terminates the session or a reset request is received from the X terminal:

```
Connection closed by foreign host.
eureka%
```

Making XRemote Connections between Remote Access Servers

This section provides two examples of XRemote connections between remote access servers.

The following steps show how an XRemote connection is established for a configuration like the one shown in Figure 3-2. These steps assume that the administrator has set the user's display environment variable to identify the user's X display terminal.

- 1 From the PCX, MACX, or UNIX machine in Figure 3-2, the user connects to port 9003 on Communication Server 1 (CS1). If your administrator has configured a rotary number 7, the user connects to port 10007. For more information about rotary groups, refer to the *Communication Server Configuration Guide* and the *Communication Server Command Reference*.
- 2 CS1 connects the user to a modem.
- 3 The modem calls Communication Server 2 (CS2).
- 4 The user enters **xremote** at the CS2 prompt.
- 5 The user connects to the remote host from CS2 using the telnet command.
- **6** The user starts the X client program that will run on the remote host and display on the X display server (PCX, MACX, or UNIX host).
- 7 The user escapes from the remote host back to the CS2, or logs out if clients were run in the background, and enters **xremote** again at the CS2 prompt.

The following example shows the steps to make an XRemote connection between remote access servers. The number 9016 in the first line of the display indicates a connection to individual line 16. If the administrator had configured a rotary connection, the user would enter 10000 plus the number of the rotary instead of 9016.

Step 1 Enter the **telnet** command to make the connection:

```
space% telnet golden-road 9016
Trying 192.31.7.84 ...
Connected to golden-road.cisco.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
```

Step 2 Supply the password for TACACS verification:

User Access Verification

Enter display number [0]:

Password: Password OK --- Outbound XRemote service ---Enter X server name or IP address: innerspace

Connecting to tty16... please start up XRemote on the remote system

Step 3 Dial in to the remote system using the modem, and then log on:

```
atdt 13125554141
DIALING
RING
CONNECT 14400
User Access Verification
Username: deal
Password:
Welcome to the cisco dial-up remote access server.
```

Step 4 Enter the **xremote** command at the EXEC prompt, then follow the instructions from the host:

```
dialup> xremote
XRemote enabled; your display is dialup:2006
Start your clients and type XRemote again
```

Step 5 Connect to the client:

dialup> telnet sparks Trying SPARKS.NOWHERE.COM (252.122.1.55)... Open

SunOS UNIX (sparks)

login: **deal** Password: Last login: Fri Apr 1 17:17:46 from dialup.nowhere.com SunOS Release (SERVER+FDDI+DBE.patched) #14: Fri Apr 8 10:37:29 PDT 1994

Step 6 At the client prompt, enter the display name from step 4 and the **xterm** command:

```
sparks% setenv DISPLAY dialup:2006
sparks% xterm &
[1] 15439
```

Step 7 Disconnect from the client:

sparks% logout

[Connection to SPARKS closed by foreign host]

Step 8 Begin the XRemote session:

dialup> **xremote** Entering XRemote

Once the connection is closed by the foreign host, the Xterm window appears on the local workstation screen:

```
Connection closed by foreign host. sparks%
```

Protocol Translation Connections

This section describes the methods you can use to connect from a host running one protocol (such as Telnet with TCP/IP) to a host running another protocol (such as LAT). This process is called protocol translation, and allows devices running dissimilar protocols—such as X.25 and TCP/IP—to communicate. Protocol translation does not permit translation between other services such as file transfer protocols.

You can make a protocol translation connection using any of the protocols listed in earlier in this chapter, as well as with X.3 PAD, which is described in the section "X.3 PAD Connections" later in this chapter. The commands you use to make these connections and exit from them are listed in earlier in this chapter. This section describes the additional tasks required to perform protocol translation from one host to another using a communication server, or a router with protocol translation. Specifically, it contains the following information:

- Protocol Translation Methods
- X.3 PAD Connections
- Protocol Translation Session Examples

Protocol Translation Methods

The router configured as a remote access server supports virtual terminal connections in both directions between the protocols in the following list. You can configure the remote access server to translate automatically between them. This is called the one-step translation method.

- X.25 and Local Area Transport (LAT)
- X.25 and Telnet sessions using the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
- LAT and TCP/Telnet

The remote access server supports limited connections in both directions between the following protocols. Connecting between these protocols requires that you tell the remote access server to translate each time you make a connection. This is called the two-step translation method.:

- XRemote to X.25 PAD environments (XRemote must use the two-step method)
- TN3270 to LAT, X.25, and TCP/Telnet (TN3270 must use the two-step method)

The following sections describe the two-step and the one-step translation methods.

The Two-Step Method

In general, you use the two-step process when you want to use protocol translation for one-time connections. Your network administrator must first have configured the remote access server for the transmission protocols you will be using.

With the two-step connection process, you can modify the parameters of either network connection, even while a session is in process. This process is similar to connecting a group of terminal lines from a PAD to a group of terminal lines from a TCP remote access server. The difference is that you do not encounter the wiring complexity, unreliability, management problems, and performance bottlenecks that occur when two devices are connected via asynchronous serial lines.

Also, the two-step process allows another level of security over the one-step translation method when TACACS and password protection is enabled. These security features are described in the configuration guide for your server product.

To connect to the remote network host running a foreign protocol, follow this procedure:

Step 1 Make a network connection to a remote access server using the EXEC command for the protocol running at your local terminal.

These commands are listed earlier in this chapter. X.3 PAD connections are described later in this chapter.

Step 2 When the remote access server prompt appears, connect to the remote host using the EXEC command for the protocol running on the remote host.

Example

In the following example, the local terminal is an IBM 3278 host running TN3270 and the remote network host is running rlogin. The name of the remote access server is ganges, and the remote UNIX host is krishna.

ibm3278% tn3270 ganges

If the remote access server named sankara is accessible, it returns a login message and you enter your login name and password. After you enter your name and password, connect to the remote host.

pt> **rlogin krishna** krishna%

The One-Step Method

In general, you use the one-step method when network users repeatedly log on to the same remote network hosts through a remote access server. This connection is more efficient and allows the remote access server to act upon greater knowledge of the protocols in use because the remote access server acts as a network connection rather than as a terminal.

The one-step method provides transparent protocol conversion. When connecting to the remote network host, the user enters the connection command to the remote network host, but does not need to specify protocol translation. The network administrator creates a configuration that defines a connection and the protocols to be translated. The user performs one step to connect with the host.

When you make a one-step connection to the remote access server, the remote access server determines which host the connection is for and which protocol that host is using. It then establishes a new network connection using the protocol required by that host.

To support connections in each direction, the network administrator must include **translate** command statements in the configuration file. Refer to the *Protocol Translator Configuration Guide and Command Reference* for information about configuring a remote access server for one-step connections and for information about the **translate** command.

A disadvantage of the one-step method is that the initiating computer or user does not know that two networking protocols are being used. This means that parameters of the foreign network protocols cannot be changed after connections are established. The exception to this limitation is the set of parameters common to both networking protocols. Any parameter in this set can be changed from the first host to the final destination.

X.3 PAD Connections

This section describes the following tasks:

- Making a PAD connection during protocol translation sessions involving X.25
- Switching between sessions
- Exiting a PAD connection

A PAD is a packet assembler/disassembler, which is a device that receives a character stream from one or more terminals, assembles the character stream into packets, and sends the data packets out to a host. A PAD can also do the reverse. It can take data packets from a network host and translate them into a character stream that can be understood by the terminals. A PAD is defined by CCITT Recommendations X.3, X.28, and X.29.

Make a PAD Connection

You can have several concurrent PAD connections open and switch back and forth between them. You can also exit out of a connection and return to the user EXEC prompt at any point.

To open a new connection, first exit out of the current connection by typing the escape sequence to return to the system command prompt, then open the new connection.

To log on to a PAD, enter the following command:

pad {X.121-address | hostname} [/cud text] [/debug] [/reverse]

Syntax Description

X121-address	Specifies the X.121 address of the X.25 host.
hostname	Specifies the X.25 host name if the host-to-address mapping has been set with the X.25 host command. (The pad command supports one-word connections. You don't have to enter the pad command; just the address is enough to start connection.)
/cud text	(Optional) Includes the specified <i>text</i> in the Call User Data field of the outgoing Call Request Packet.
/debug	(Optional) Causes the informational level of logging messages to be printed whenever the remote host changes an X.3 parameter setting or sends any other X.29 control packet.
/reverse	(Optional) Causes reverse charge calls to be accepted on a per-call, rather than a per-interface, basis.

To display information about packet transmission and X.3 PAD parameter settings, enter the **show x25 pad** command. This command is described in the chapter "Monitoring and Managing Connections."

Switch between Connections

You can have several concurrent connections open and switch back and forth between them. The number of connections that can be open is defined by the **session-limit** command, which is described in the publication *Protocol Translator Configuration Guide and Command Reference*.

You can switch between connections by escaping out of one connection and resuming a previously opened connection, as follows:

- Step 1 Type Ctrl-^ X to escape out of the current connection and return to the EXEC prompt.
- **Step 2** Use the **where** command to list the open connections. The system displays information about all open connections associated with the current terminal line.
- Step 3 Type the resume command and the connection number.

You can also resume the previous connection by pressing the Return key.

The **where** command has no additional syntax. The **resume** command has the following syntax when used on the remote access server:

resume [connection] [keyword]

Syntax Description

connection	(Optional) The name or number of the connection; the default is the most recent connection.
keyword	(Optional) One of the options listed in Table 3-4.

Local X.3 parameters can also be changed when resuming a connection. Refer to "Set X.3 PAD Parameters" in the chapter "Monitoring and Managing Connections" later in this publication.

Option	Description
/debug	Prints parameter changes and messages. On a remote access server, this option displays informational messages whenever the remote host changes an X.3 parameter or sends an X.29 control packet.
/echo	Performs local echo.
/line	Enables line-mode editing.
/nodebug	Prevents parameter changes and messages from being printed.
/noecho	Disables local echo.
/noline	Disables line mode and enables character-at-a-time mode, which is the default.
/nostream	Disables stream processing.
/set	Sets X.3 connection options. Refer to "Set X.3 PAD Parameters" in the chapter "Monitoring and Managing Connections" for a list of connection options.
/stream	Enables stream processing.

Table 3-4 Resume Options

The Ctrl-^ X, where, and resume commands are available with all supported connection protocols.

Exit a PAD Session

You can issue any of the following commands to terminate a terminal session:

exit quit logout

Protocol Translation Session Examples

This section illustrates how to make connections for protocol translation using the two-step and onestep methods.

Using the Two-Step Method for TCP-to-PAD Connections

In the following example, the user connects directly from a terminal or workstation on a TCP/IP network to a remote access server, and then to a database called Information Place on an X.25 packet data network. The database has a service address of 71330.

Step 1 Make the following connection requests at a UNIX workstation as a first step to logging into the database Information Place:

unix% telnet orion

If the remote access server named orion is accessible, it returns a login message and you enter your login name and password.

Step 2 Connect from the remote access server to the database Information Place, which is on an X.25 host. You connect to an X.25 host using the pad EXEC command followed by the service address:

orion> pad 71330

Once the connection is established, the remote access server immediately sets the PAD to single character mode with local echoing, since this is the behavior the remote access server expects. The PAD responds with its login messages and a prompt for a password:

Trying 71330...Open Welcome to the Information Place Password:

Because the password should not echo on your terminal, the PAD requests remote echoing so that characters will be exchanged between the PAD and the remote access server, but not echoed locally or displayed. After the password is verified, the PAD again requests local echoing from the remote access server.

- Step 3 To complete this sample session, you log off, which returns you to the remote access server system EXEC prompt.
- **Step 4** Execute the EXEC **quit** command and the remote access server drops the network connection to the PAD.

Using the One-Step Method for TCP to X.25 Host Connections

The following is an example of one-step protocol translation. A UNIX workstation user makes a connection to a remote X.25 host named host1 over an X.25 PDN. The remote access server automatically converts the Telnet connection request to an X.25 connection request and transmits it as specified in the system configuration.

Step 1 Establish a connection by entering the **telnet** EXEC command at the UNIX workstation system prompt, as follows:

unix% telnet host1

Note This example assumes that the name host1 is known to the UNIX host (obtained using DNS, IEN116, or a static table) and is mapped to the IP address used in a **translate** command as defined in the *Protocol Translator Configuration Guide and Command Reference*.

The remote access server accepts the Telnet connection and immediately forms an outgoing connection with remote host1 as defined in a **translate** command in your remote access server's active configuration file.

The system host1 sets several X.3 parameters, including local echo. Because the Telnet connection is already set to local echo (at the UNIX host), no changes are made on the TCP connection.

Step 2 Enter a username, then a password when the host1 connection prompts for them. The remote access server converts this to a Telnet option request on the UNIX host, which then stops the local echo mode.

At this point you are connected to the PAD application that will set the X.3 PAD parameters (although they can always be overridden using the **resume** or **x3** commands).

Step 3 When you are finished with the connection, enter the escape character to exit back to the host connection, then enter the appropriate command to close the connection.

The host1 system immediately closes the X.25 connection. The remote access server then drops the TCP connection, leaving the user at the UNIX system prompt.

Changing Parameters and Settings Dynamically

The following example shows how to make a dynamic change during a session. This example presumes a need to edit information on a remote host and change the X.3 PAD parameters that define the editing characters from the default Delete key setting to the Ctrl-D sequence. (Refer to Appendix A for a list of ASCII characters.)

Step 1 Enter the escape sequence to return to the system EXEC prompt:

Ctrl-^ x

Step 2 Enter the resume command with the /set keyword and the desired X.3 parameters.

X.3 parameter 16 sets the Delete function. ASCII character 4 is the Ctrl-D sequence.

pt> resume /set 16:4

The session resumes with the new settings. If the information is not displayed correctly, you can set the **/debug** switch to check that your parameter setting has not been changed by the host PAD.

Step 3 Enter the escape sequence to return to the system EXEC prompt, then enter the resume command with the /debug switch.

pt> resume /debug

The /debug switch provides helpful information about the connection.

You can also set a packet dispatch character or sequence using the **terminal dispatch-character** command, as shown in the following example:

Step 1 Set the ESC key (ASCII character 27) to a dispatch character by entering the following command:

pt> terminal dispatch-character 27

Step 2 Return to the PAD connection by entering the following command:

pt> resume

The ESC key has been set to a dispatch character and the original PAD connection has been resumed.