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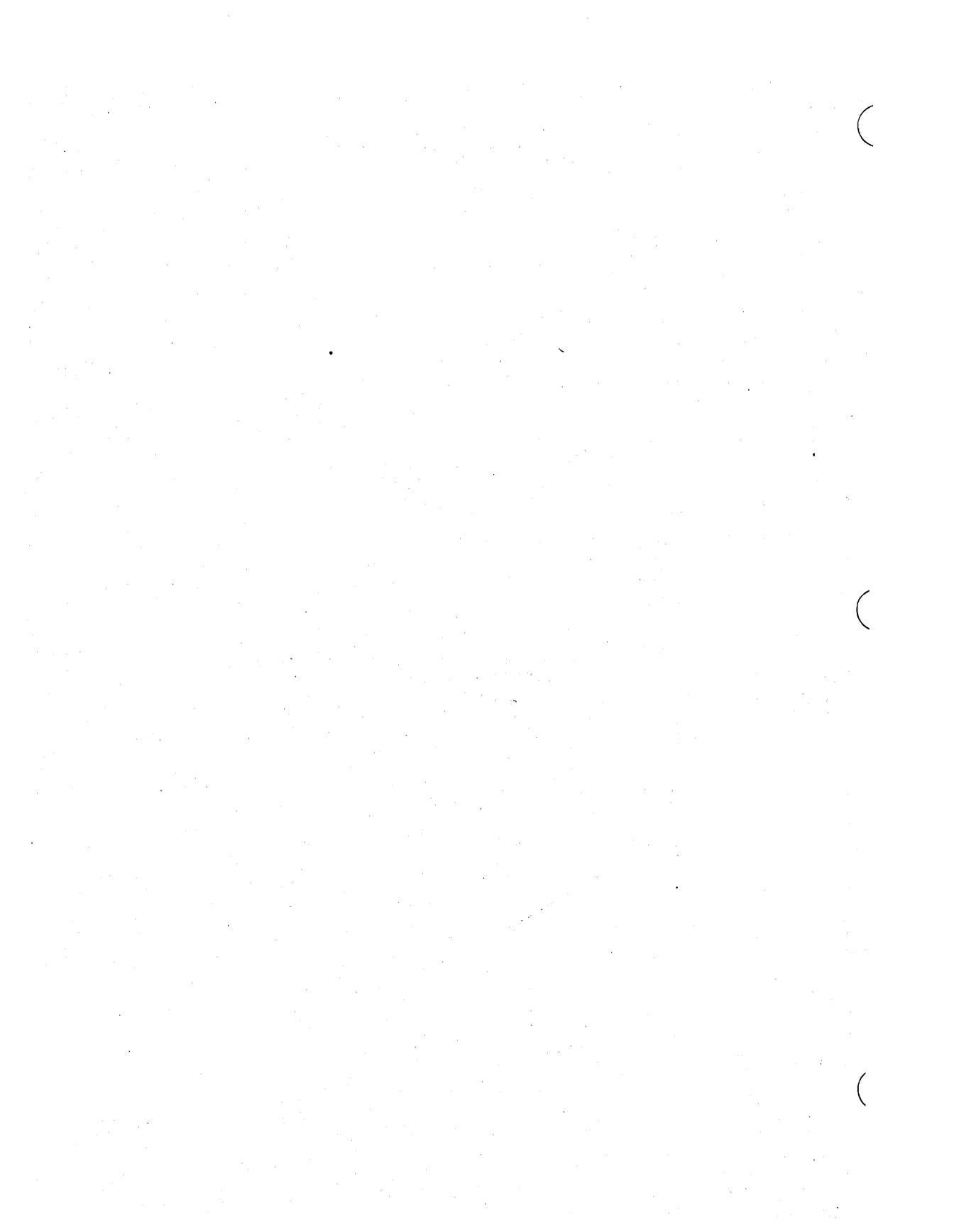


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INTRODUCTION

This guide describes the features and operations of the B-NET Communications system. It begins with an overview of the system's components, then explains how to set up the hardware and install the software, configure a network, and communicate with other systems on the network.

OVERVIEW OF THE CONTENTS

This guide contains nine sections, four appendices, and an index.

Section 1, B-NET Overview, introduces the capabilities and components of the B-NET system.

Section 2, Cable Connections and Modems, describes the modems that B-NET supports, and explains how to build the cables for connecting a modem to your workstation, and how to set up the modem. It also describes the cable required for direct connections between two B 25 workstations.

Section 3, Loading the B-NET Software from the Distribution Diskette, explains how to load the B-NET software onto your system. It includes procedures both for systems with hard disk storage and dual floppy disk systems.

Section 4, B-NET System Installation, explains how to activate the B-NET system after loading the software.

Section 5, Network Control Center (NCC), describes the B-NET system's administrative interface.

Section 6, Node and Network Configuration, explains how to configure your system for communicating with others in a B-NET communications network. It discusses the function of the Network Administrator in installing and maintaining a network, and gives procedures for saving a network configuration and deinstalling a network.

Section 7, Network Automatic Configuration (NAC) Facility explains how to automatically reenter a previously configured network.

Section 8, Monitoring Node and Network Status and Activity, explains the utilities the B-NET system provides for keeping track of network usage.

Section 9, Using the B-NET System, gives procedures for communicating over a B-NET network.

Appendix A, Status Codes and Status Messages, lists information the system provides to help you install and operate a network.

Appendix B, Creating B-NET Requests, provides technical information for system developers and programmers.

Appendix C lists the B-NET system's memory requirements, and Appendix D is a glossary of terms.

RELATED MATERIAL

This guide makes reference to the following literature:

- For additional information on the Executive, refer to the *B 20 Systems Standard Software Operations Guide*.
- For additional information about the B 20 Operating System (BTOS), refer to the *B 20 Operating System (BTOS), Reference Manual, Vols. 1 and 2*.

SECTION 1

B-NET OVERVIEW

GENERAL

B-NET is a communications software program that allows users of B 20 systems to access the files and other resources of systems in remote locations. B-NET provides administration, data transfer, and link control procedures for communications between systems connected in a B-NET network.

B-NET operates as an extension of the BTOS message-based operating system. B-NET supports a distributed BTOS environment, in which operating system messages pass from one workstation to another much like messages pass from one process to another within a workstation.

As a result, using B-NET is similar to using BTOS; you use the Executive to activate the system and to specify the files you want to access at remote locations. Because B-NET services users' requests automatically, its operation is transparent to personnel at the remote location.

B-NET includes interactive utilities for installing and configuring the network, and for monitoring network activities and status. It also includes a facility for storing and automatically reentering a previously configured network.

NETWORKS AND NODES

A network consists of two or more nodes that can communicate with each other over one or more communications line media.

A node is a workstation (standalone, master, or cluster with a local file system) in which the B-NET software has been installed, and which has been configured to communicate with one or more other nodes in the network.

Your node is the local node; remote nodes are nodes in other locations.

A cluster workstation that is not a node itself (that is, does not have the B-NET software installed) can access B-NET services through the master workstation if the master is a node.

However, a master workstation that is not a node can not access B-NET services through a cluster workstation that is a node.

B-NET is a point-to-point system; that is, a line connection must exist between your node and a remote node you want to communicate with. For example, if your node does not have a line connection with node A, you can not access node A's files via node B, even though node B is connected with both your node and node A.

Because B-NET is media-independent, it supports several types of networks and a variety of communications line media, including the following:

- Intra-building connections:
 - RS-232-C
- Interbuilding connections:
 - circuit-switched networks (DDD and DDS)
- Intercity connections:
 - public data networks (X.25 packet switching)
 - circuit-switched networks (DDD and DDS)
- International connections:
 - public data networks (X.25 packet switching)
 - circuit-switched networks (DDD and DDS)

B-NET SUBSYSTEMS

The B-NET system includes three subsystems: the Net Transport Service, the Net Agent, and the Net Server. The Transport Service controls the routing, flow, and sequencing of communications between nodes. The Net Agent controls the sending of users' requests for service, while the Net Server controls the answering of requests.

Net Transport Service

The Net Transport Service is a BTOS system service that connects individual nodes into a B-NET communications network.

It includes utilities for installing and deinstalling a network, and for monitoring network status and activity. Each node's Transport Service communicates directly with the Transport Service of remote nodes in the network.

The Transport Service is the communications vehicle for distributed BTOS. The two other B-NET subsystems, the Net Agent and the Net Server, interface with the Transport Service to provide the distributed BTOS's request/response type of interprocess communication.

The Transport Service performs four types of network services:

- managing communications between workstations on the network
- providing end-to-end data transfer among workstations on the network
- managing local buffer allocation and flow control
- providing communications administration services (establishing, terminating, and synchronizing communications)

The Transport Service includes the following features and capabilities:

- supports leased-line operations between two adjacent systems at speeds between 2400 bps and 4800 bps (full duplex)
- supports auto-dial, auto-answer dial line operations between two nodes with Bell 212-compatible Racal-Vadic VA212 and BizComp 1012-CT modems
- supports direct cable connections between B 25 workstations located up to 50 feet apart at 9600 bps
- provides X.25 media support, with both permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) and switched virtual circuits (SVCs)
- supports two active lines (leased, dial, X.25) per node
- allows network configurations of up to 64 nodes
- based on International Standards Organization (ISO) Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Draft Standard Transport Protocol (Class 4)

Net Transport Service Utilities

The Net Transport Service incorporates two utilities:

- the Network Control Center (NCC)
- the Network Automatic Configuration (NAC) facility

You use the NCC to configure the network and to monitor the network's status and activity. In addition, the NCC allows you to store network configuration entries in the Network Configuration file.

The NAC facility allows you to automatically reenter a previously configured network using the entries stored in a Network Configuration file.

Network Control Center (NCC)

The Network Control Center (NCC) is a full-screen, menu- and function key-driven utility you use to perform the following operations:

- configuring your node and the line media connecting your node to remote nodes
- monitoring your node's status and activity within the network (including the number of nodes in the network, the number of network users, the status of open sessions between nodes, etc.)
- storing the current network configuration in a Network Configuration file for automatic reentry after the network has been deinstalled
- in conjunction with the NAC facility, automatically reentering a network stored in a Network Configuration file.

Network Automatic Configuration (NAC) Facility

The Network Automatic Configuration (NAC) facility allows you to automatically reconfigure your node after the network has been deinstalled. You use the NAC facility to reenter the network from the Network Configuration file into the Transport Service's Media and Node Tables.

When you use the NAC facility in conjunction with Submit files, you can reconfigure a network in one step. Submit files are covered in the *B 20 Systems Standard Software Operations Guide*.

Net Agent and Net Server

The Net Agent is the B-NET subsystem that forwards users' requests for service to Net Servers installed on remote nodes. The Net Server subsystem responds to user's requests received from remote Net Agents. Requests and responses pass via the Transport Service between the Net Agents and Net Servers installed on a network's nodes.

The Net Agent and the Net Server are separate programs. You usually load both on the same workstation; however, in some cases, your workstation may require only one or the other.

- Workstations that originate but do not respond to requests for service need the Net Agent only.
- Workstations that respond to but do not originate requests for service need the Net Server only.

Net Agent

The Net Agent is an installed system service that allows you to use the Executive to enter requests for service.

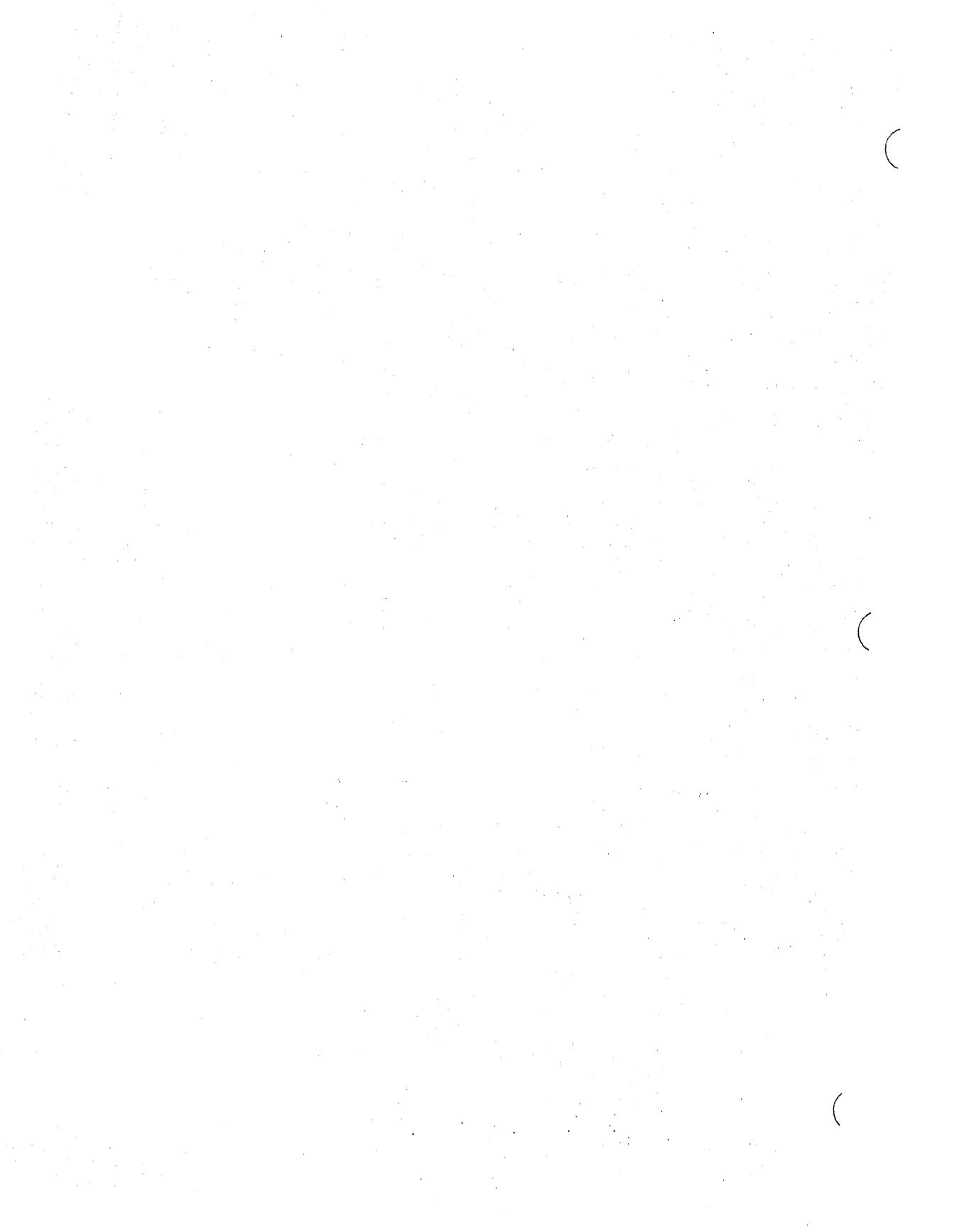
When you enter an Executive command requesting service from a remote node, BTOS transmits the request to your node's Net Agent, which forwards it via the Transport Service to the Net Server on the remote node.

NOTE

The Net Agent can be loaded on any workstation with local file storage in a cluster; however, it is usually located in the master workstation.

Net Server

The Net Server is an installed system service that responds to requests for service from Net Agents installed on remote nodes in the network. When the Net Server receives a request from a remote node's Net Agent, it carries out the request and returns a response via the Transport Service.



SECTION 2

CABLE CONNECTIONS AND MODEMS

GENERAL

B-NET supports three types of line media for connecting nodes:

- public telephone lines
- leased lines
- direct cable connections (between B 25 workstations located up to 50 feet apart)

Public telephone lines require a modem. Leased lines require a modem or a modem eliminator. (A modem eliminator is an electronic device that emulates a pair of modems transmitting and receiving; it originates clock signals that coordinate communications between workstations.) Direct cable connections require a special cable.

MODEMS

B-NET supports two types of modems: the Racal-Vadic VA212 and the BizComp 1012-CT. Both operate in synchronous mode once the system establishes a telephone connection.

Both the Racal-Vadic and the BizComp have three operating modes:

- **Auto dial/auto answer:** You can originate requests for service, and the node automatically answers requests from other nodes.
- **Originate only:** You can originate requests for service, but the node does not answer requests from other nodes.
- **Answer only:** The node will answer requests for service; however, if you try to originate a request, the system displays the status code 8944 with the message **This modem is answer only.**

You specify your modem's operating mode in the Network Control Center's Media Table (refer to Media Table Entries, in section 6).

Modifying the Standard Bizcomp 1012 Modem

The standard BizComp 1012 does not permit transmission of a string of nulls longer than 1.6 seconds. Because B-NET operates in synchronous mode, however, some files transmitted may have strings of nulls longer than 1.6 seconds, causing the standard modem to disconnect.

The BizComp 1012-CT Modem is a special model equipped with a hard-wired, factory-installed internal option needed to support B-NET. If possible, you should use this special model.

If you already have a standard model, you can return it to the manufacturer for modification, or have a qualified technician modify it to support a transparent data mode for B-NET synchronous operation.

Modem Cables

To ensure proper operation, you should use the modem cable specified in the user's manual accompanying your modem. If you have a generic RS-232-C modem cable, you must check it pin-for-pin against the cable the modem manufacturer specifies.

Often it is preferable to have a qualified technician make a special cable instead of attempting to modify a generic cable. If you can not avoid using a generic cable, be sure you do the following:

- remove all pins that the modem does not use
- insure that the mating connector pins match according to the modem's signal requirements

Connecting the Racal-Vadic VA212 Modem

The Racal-Vadic VA212 Modem requires a straight-through RS-232-C modem cable. See the user's manual accompanying your modem for information concerning the pinouts of the Data Communications Equipment (DCE) end of the cable.

On B 22 workstations, you must set the TxD and RxD clocks to external clock on the channel that the line uses.

When you initially install the modem, you must set the user options to the settings specified in table 2-1. Refer to the appropriate section of the user's manual accompanying your modem for detailed procedures.

NOTE

Options not included in table 2-1 retain their default values. Before setting the options, you should initialize all settings to their default values by setting option 1 to code 3.

Connecting the Bizcomp 1012-CT Modem

When you initially install the BizComp 1012-CT Modem, you must set the switches to the following positions:

- switches 1 through 6 and 8: up
- switches 7 and 9: down

On B 22 workstations, you must set the TxD and RxD clocks to external clock on the channel that the line uses.

The BizComp 1012-CT requires a modified or special cable with pinouts as specified in table 2-2. All wiring is straight-through.

If you modify a standard cable, you must remove all connector pins the modem does not use. Refer to the user's manual accompanying your modem for further information.

LEASED LINE CONNECTIONS

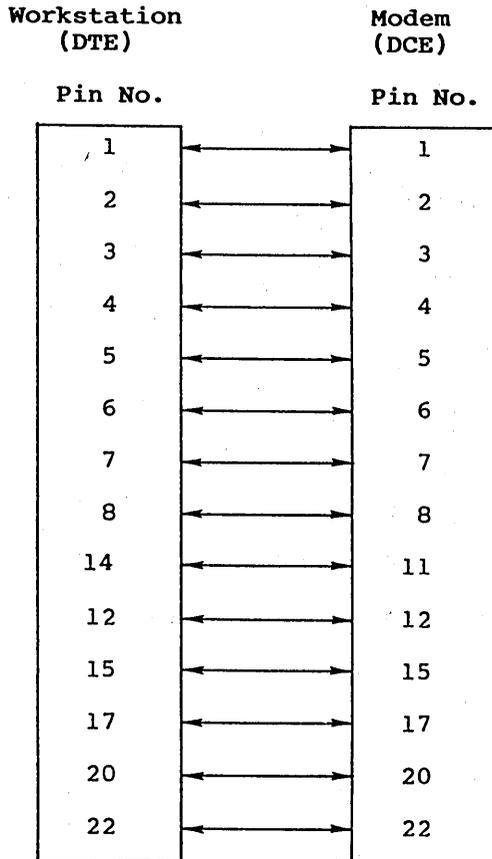
On a leased line, the system continuously maintains an open connection between nodes, allowing traffic in both directions. Leased lines function similarly to auto dial/auto answer modem connections; however, you do not have to wait for the system to establish a connection before beginning operations.

Leased lines require a modem or modem eliminator to provide the workstation with Transmit Data (TxD) and Receive Data (RxD) clocks. The modem eliminator should be set so that the Request To Send (RTS) signal of the remote end toggles the carrier detect.

Table 2-1. Racal-Vadic VA212 User Options

Option No.	Name	Setting	Code
01	Standard Options	Disabled	01*2
02	Data Format	Synchronous	02*2
07	Slave Clock	Enabled	07*1
13	Abort Timer Disconnect	Disabled	13*2
14	Respond to Remote Test	Disabled	14*2
16	CXR Control	Normal CXR	16*2
21	Local Copy	Disabled	21*2
24	Call Progress Detect	Disabled	24*2

Table 2-2. BizComp 1012-CT Modem Cable Pinouts



On B 22 workstations, you must set the TxD and RxD clocks to external clock on the channel the leased line uses.

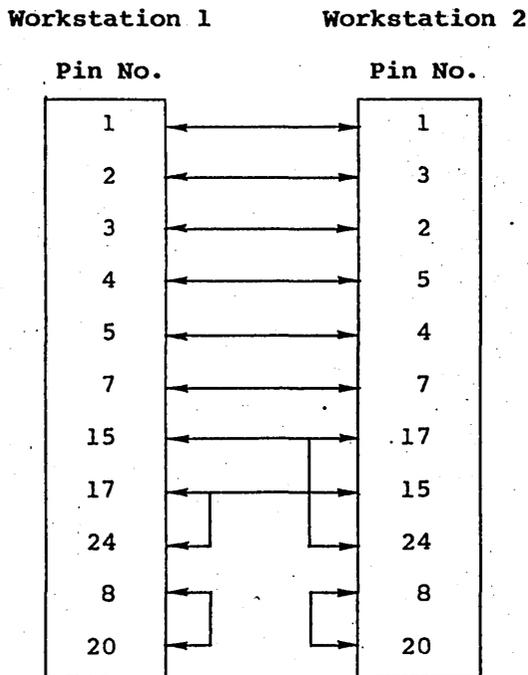
B-NET currently supports a maximum line speed of 4800 bps on leased lines.

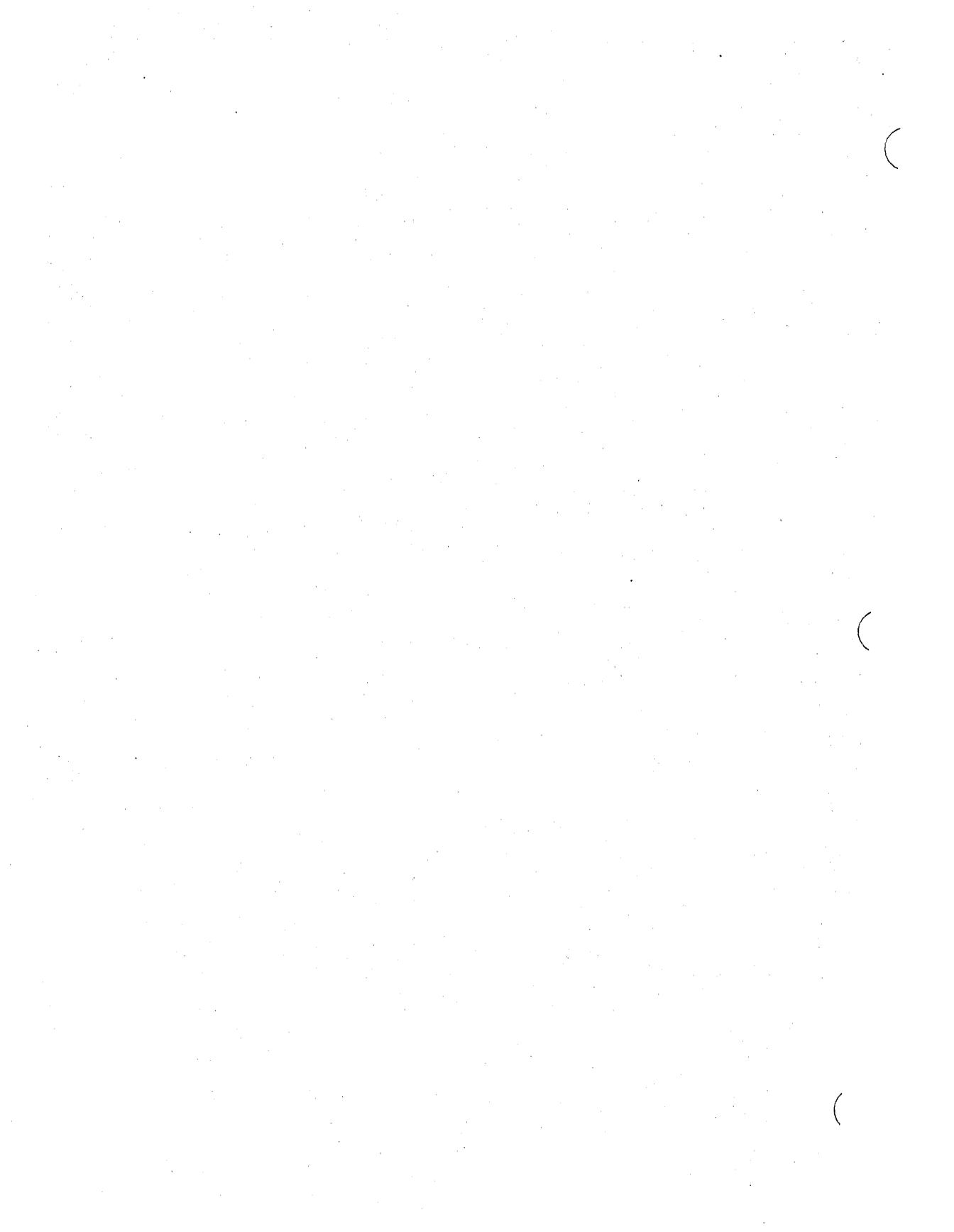
DIRECT CABLE CONNECTIONS

B-NET supports direct cable connections for synchronous operation at 9600 bps between two B 25 workstations. The workstations can be located up to 50 feet apart. This connection does not require a modem; however, it requires a special cable with pinouts as indicated in table 2-3.

When you configure your system, you treat this cable connection as a leased line (refer to Media Table Entries, in section 6).

Table 2-3. B 25 Direct Connection Cable Pinouts





SECTION 3

LOADING THE B-NET SOFTWARE FROM THE DISTRIBUTION DISKETTE

GENERAL

The distribution diskette accompanying this manual is your master copy of the B-NET program. It has been shipped to you write-protected; it should NOT be write-enabled. You should not use your distribution diskette as a working copy. Make a copy of it for that purpose, and store the original in a safe place.

CONTENTS OF THE DISTRIBUTION DISKETTE

The B-NET distribution diskette contains the directory <Burroughs> with the following files:

- NetCtrForm.Lib
- Net.run
- NetServer.run
- NetAgent.run
- StopNet.run
- Ncc.run
- Nac.run
- Request.4.sys

It also contains the directory <Sys> with the following files:

- Install.sub
- DFInstall.sub
- SpCleanup.sub

The system uses these files to load the program.

LOADING PROCEDURES

This section tells you how to load the B-NET software onto your B 20 system. It includes procedures for workstations with hard disks (both standalone systems and master workstations of cluster systems) and workstations with dual floppy disk drives.

NOTE

Your system must have BTOS release level 5.0 or higher.

Workstations with Hard Disk Drives

Use the following procedure to load the B-NET software onto standalone and master workstations equipped with a hard disk drive.

NOTE

B 22 workstations must be set up for synchronous communications.

Have a qualified service technician power it down, remove the memory I/O board, ensure that the communications channel to be used for network communications is configured for external clock, and replace the board in its slot.

When this is done, power up the workstation and complete the Signon form.

1. Insert your working copy of the distribution diskette in drive f0. DO NOT press the **RESET** button.
2. Enter the **Software Installation** command in the Executive command field; then press **GO**.

The system displays the following message:

B 20 B-NET Installation

If this is a cluster system and the cluster is not disabled, then power down all cluster workstations.

PRESS <GO> when ready

If you are loading B-NET onto the master workstation of a cluster, power down the cluster workstations.

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3. Press GO. The system copies the B-NET files from the distribution diskette and creates the B-NET commands; the following message then appears:

If you have a Single Partition system,
PRESS <GO>

If you have a Multipartition system,
PRESS <CANCEL> <GO>

- If your system is configured as a single partition system, press GO. The system automatically removes the commands not applicable to single partition systems.
 - If your system is configured as a multi-partition system, hold down the CANCEL key while you press GO. The system retains the commands applicable to multipartition systems.
5. When the system completes the operation, it displays the following message:

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***** INSTALLATION OF B 20 B-NET COMPLETE *****

The Executive command prompt reappears on the display.

6. Remove your working copy of the distribution diskette from drive f0, and resume normal operations.

If you have a cluster system, you can now resume cluster operations.

Workstations with Dual Floppy Disk Drives

To load the B-NET software onto a workstation with dual floppy disk drives, use the following procedure:

1. Using a working copy of the Dual Floppy OS Boot diskette B26SF#-1 (# represents the release level), bootstrap your system and log onto the Executive.
 2. Insert a working copy of the diskette labeled B26SF#-2 (# represents the release level) into drive f0. Make sure that it is not write-protected.
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3. Insert a working copy of the B-NET distribution diskette into drive f1.
4. Enter the command **Submit** in the Executive command field, then press **RETURN**.

The system displays the following command form:

```
Submit
  File list
  [Parameters]
  [Force expansion?]
  [Show expansion?]
```

5. Enter [f1]<Sys>DFInstall.sub in the highlighted File list field; then press GO. The system displays the following message:

B 20 B-NET Installation

PRESS <GO> when ready

6. When the system prompts you, remove the B-NET distribution diskette from drive f1 and insert a working copy of Dual Floppy OS Boot diskette B26SF#-1 (# represents the release level) into drive f1; then press GO.
7. When the operation is complete, the system displays the following message:

******* INSTALLATION OF B 20 NET COMPLETE *******

The Executive command prompt reappears on the display.

8. Remove the disk from drive f1 and resume normal operations.

NOTE

To enter the B-NET commands and use the B-NET utilities described later in this manual, you must insert the copy of diskette B26SF#-1 (# represents the release level) modified in step 6 of this procedure into drive f0, and a working copy of the B-NET distribution diskette in drive f1.

This is not required to communicate with remote nodes in the network.

SECTION 4

B-NET SYSTEM INSTALLATION

GENERAL

After loading the B-NET software, you can install the B-NET system services (the Transport Service, Net Server, and Net Agent). First, however, you must determine your node's name and address within the network, as well as the names and addresses of the nodes with which you want to communicate. Refer to Coordinating Network Configuration, in section 6.

INSTALLING THE B-NET SUBSYSTEMS

You install each of the B-NET subsystems by entering the appropriate Executive command and providing the information requested in the command form. When you press **GO**, the system brings the corresponding subsystem from disk into memory.

NOTE

You must install the Net Transport Service first; the Net Agent and Net Server can follow in either order.

If you use X.25 as a communications medium, you must install it before you install any of the B-NET subsystems.

Installing the Net Transport Service

To install the Net Transport Service, use the following procedure (use the **NEXT**, **RETURN**, or **Down Arrow** keys to move the highlight through the command form):

1. Enter the command **Install Net Transport Service** in the Executive command field; then press **RETURN**.

The system displays the following command form:

```
Install Net Transport Service
Node Name
Node Address
[Max # Media (default=2)]
[Max # Nodes (default=2)]
[Max # Users (default=2)]
[Max # Connections (default=# of ws)]
```

The Node Name field is highlighted.

2. Enter your node's name (up to 12 alphanumeric characters). The name could denote your node's location (for example, Chicago) or function (for example, Accounting).
3. Move the highlight to the Node Address field.
4. Enter your node's address. The address is a number you assign to a node when you add it to the network (refer to Node and Network Configuration, in section 6).

Addresses begin with 1 and progress in numerical order up to the number you specify in the Max Nodes field (see step 5 below). The maximum is 64.

NOTE

The node name and the node address identify a node and distinguish it from other nodes in the network. Therefore, each node on the network MUST have a different name and address.

The remaining parameters are optional. To accept the default values and complete installation of the Transport Service, press GO.

To change any of the parameters, use the following procedure:

1. Move the highlight to the Max # Media field.
2. Enter the maximum number of line media your node has going out or coming in.

The default value is 2; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

3. Move the highlight to the Max # Nodes field.
4. Enter the maximum number of nodes to be included in the network. The current limit is 64.

The default value is 2; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

5. Move the highlight to the Max # Users field.
6. Enter the maximum number of direct users of the Transport Service. This is normally 2 - the Net Agent and the Net Server. Some nodes may have only 1 - either the Net Agent or the Net Server alone (refer to Net Agent and Net Server, in section 1).

The default value is 2; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

7. Move the highlight to the Max # Connections field.
8. Enter the maximum number of cluster users (or applications) that can communicate simultaneously with remote nodes in the network. The current maximum is 16.

The default value is the number of workstations (master and clusters) on the node; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

9. Press GO to complete installation of the Transport Service.

Installing the Net Agent and the Net Server

After installing the Transport Service, you install the Net Agent and/or the Net Server, in either order. Like the Transport Service, you install the Net Agent and the Net Server from the Executive.

Installing the Net Agent

To install the Net Agent, you enter the **Install Net Agent** command in the Executive command field, then press **RETURN**.

The system displays the following command form:

```
Install Net Agent
  [Max # sessions open (default=4)]
  [Max # remote resources open (default=16)]
  [Max # client requests queued (default=8)]
  [Max # transport requests queued (default=4)]
  [Session timeout in sec. (default=60)]
```

The Max # sessions open field is highlighted.

All parameters are optional. To accept the default values and complete installation of the Net Agent, press GO.

To change any of the parameters, use the following procedure (use the **NEXT**, **RETURN**, or **Down Arrow** keys to move the highlight through the command form):

1. Specify the maximum number of sessions that can be open at the same time.

A session is an open connection between two nodes; any number of users on a node can share a session.

The default value is 4; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

2. Move the highlight to the Max # remote resources open field.
3. Specify the maximum number of remote resources that can be open at the same time. Any request that returns a file handle from a remote node (for example, `OpenFile` or `EstablishMailConnection`) requires a remote resource.

The default value is 16; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

4. Move the highlight to the Max # of client requests queued field.
5. Specify the maximum number of client requests that can be in the Net Agent's queue at the same time.

Client requests are requests to remote nodes. A client request remains in the queue until the remote node responds.

The default value is 8; to accept the default value, leave this field blank.

6. Move the highlight to the Max # of transport requests queued field.
7. Specify the maximum number of requests the Net Agent can have in the Transport Service's queue at the same time. The Net Agent uses transport requests to send or receive blocks of data; the Transport Service accepts a maximum of 4.

The default value is 4; to accept the default, leave this field blank.
8. Move the highlight to the Session timeout in sec. field.
9. Specify the length of time in seconds after which you want the Net Agent to close a session if there is no activity.

The default value is 60; to accept the default, leave this field blank.
10. Press GO to complete installation of the Net Agent.

Installing the Net Server

To install the Net Server, you enter the **Install Net Server** command in the Executive command field, then press **RETURN**. The system displays the following command form:

```
Install Net Server
      [Max sessions open (default=4)]
      [Max # remote resources open (default=16)]
      [Max # data buffers (default=4)]
```

The Max sessions open field is highlighted.

All parameters are optional. To accept the default values and complete installation of the Net server, press **GO**.

To change any of the parameters, use the following procedure (use the **NEXT**, **RETURN**, or **Down Arrow** keys to move the highlight through the command form):

1. Specify the maximum number of sessions that can be open at the same time.

A session is an open connection between two nodes; any number of users on a node can share a session.

The default value is 4; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

2. Move the highlight to the Max # remote resources open field.
3. Specify the maximum number of remote resources that can be open at the same time. Any request that returns a file handle from a remote node (for example, OpenFile or EstablishMailConnection) requires a remote resource.

The default value is 16; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

4. Move the highlight to the Max # data buffers field.
5. Specify the maximum number of data buffers you need. The Net Server requires one data buffer for each of the client requests it can service at the same time.

The default value is 4; to accept the default, leave this field blank.

6. Press GO to complete installation of the Net Server.

SECTION 5

NETWORK CONTROL CENTER (NCC)

GENERAL

To facilitate network configuration and administration, the Transport Service includes the Network Control Center (NCC). The NCC is a full-screen, menu- and function key driven utility you use to perform the following tasks:

- configuring your node and the line media connecting your node to remote nodes
- monitoring your node's status and activity within the network (including the number of nodes in the network, the number of network users, the status of open sessions between nodes, etc.)
- storing the current network configuration in a Network Configuration file for automatic reentry after the network has been deinstalled
- automatically reentering a previously configured network

You can activate the NCC and access all of its functions from any workstation on your node.

ACTIVATING THE NCC

You activate the NCC from the Executive when you want to enter or modify a network, or monitor network activity.

Network Configuration Files

When you activate the NCC, the system opens a Network Configuration file to store the currently entered network (refer to Saving a Network, in section 6). You can accept the default file, [Sys]<Sys>NetCfg.sys, or specify another file.

The Network Automatic Configuration facility uses Network Configuration file entries to reconfigure a network that you have deinstalled (refer to section 7, Network Automatic Configuration Facility).

You can enter your node in only one network at a time. If you want your node to participate in more than one network, you can store each network configuration in a separate file; you specify a different Network Configuration file name when you activate the NCC to enter each configuration (refer to Specifying a Network Configuration File, later in this section).

If you accept the default file or specify an existing file, the system overwrites any existing entries with the current entries.

Accepting the Default Network Configuration File

To activate the NCC and accept the default Network Configuration file, you enter the command **Network Control Center** in the Executive command field, then you press **GO**. The NCC Screen appears (refer to figure 5-1); initially, it contains the Network Synopsis and the Home function key display (refer to NCC Screen, later in this section).

Specifying a Network Configuration File

To activate the NCC and specify a Network Configuration file, use the following procedure:

1. Enter the command **Network Control Center** in the Executive command field, then press **RETURN**. The system displays the following command form:

```
Network Control Center
  [Network Configuration File].
```

2. Enter a file name in the highlighted Network Configuration File field.
3. Press **GO**. The NCC Screen appears (refer to figure 5-1); initially, it contains the Network Synopsis and the Home function key display (refer to NCC Screen, later in this section).

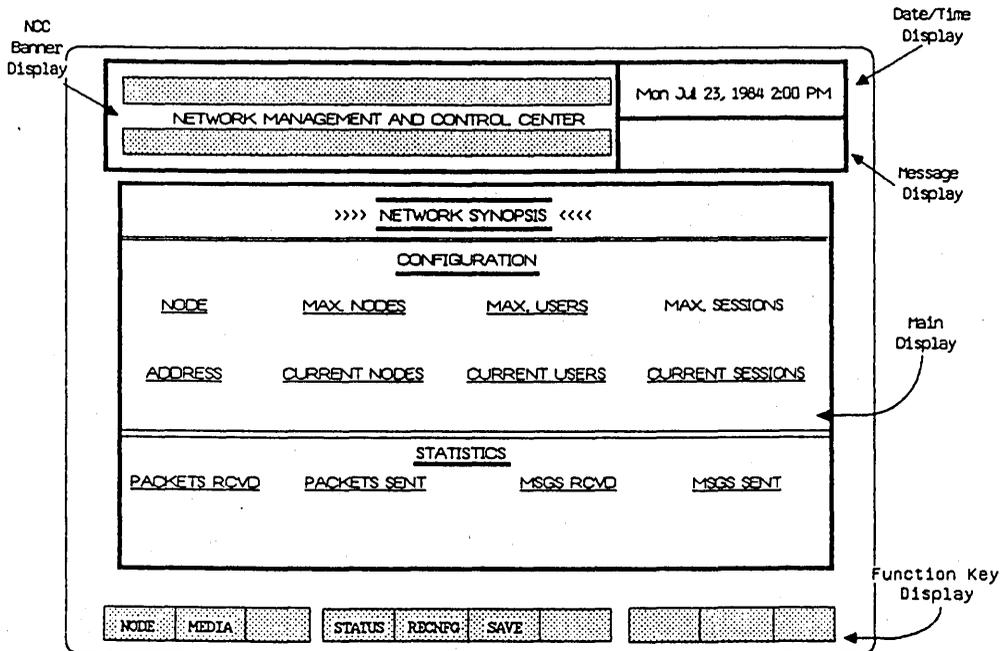


Figure 5-1. Network Control Center Screen with Network Synopsis and Home Function Key Display

NCC SCREEN

The NCC Screen is the B-NET system's administrative interface. It includes the following facilities:

- two tables, the Media and Node Tables, for node configuration
- three status displays, the Network Synopsis, Network Connection Summary, Network Connection Detailed Status Displays, for monitoring node and network activity
- four function key displays for entering commands

Display Areas

The NCC Screen is divided into 5 display areas (refer to figure 5-1):

- the NCC banner display
- the date/time display
- the message display
- the main display
- the function key display

NCC Banner Display

The NCC banner display (refer to figure 5-1) appears in the upper lefthand portion of the display. The banner, with the words **NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL CENTER**, remains on the display as long as the NCC is activated.

Date/Time Display

The date/time display area is located in the upper righthand portion of the display. The system automatically enters and updates the date and time in this area.

Message Display

The message display area is located under the date/time display area. The system uses this area to display status messages during certain operations and to prompt you to enter information the system needs (refer to appendix A, Status Codes and Messages).

Function Key Display

The function key display area (refer to figure 5-1) is located below the main display area.

The function key display is a highlighted strip divided into ten sections. Each section corresponds to one of the function keys (f1 - f10) on the keyboard. The section farthest to the left represents key f1, the next is f2, and so on up to f10. The labels indicate the commands you enter by pressing the corresponding key.

The NCC includes four different function key displays:

- Media function key display (refer to figure 5-2)
- Node function key display (refer to figure 5-3)
- Home function key display (refer to figure 5-4)
- Status function key display (refer to figure 5-5)

Each function key display is associated with one or more of the NCC main displays. Table 5-1 shows the function key display that appears with each of the main displays.

Table 5-1. NCC Function Key Displays and Main Displays

NCC Main Display	Function Key Display
Network Synopsis	Home
Media Table	Media
Node Table	Node
Network Synopsis	Status
Network Connection Summary	Status
Network Connection Detailed Status	Status

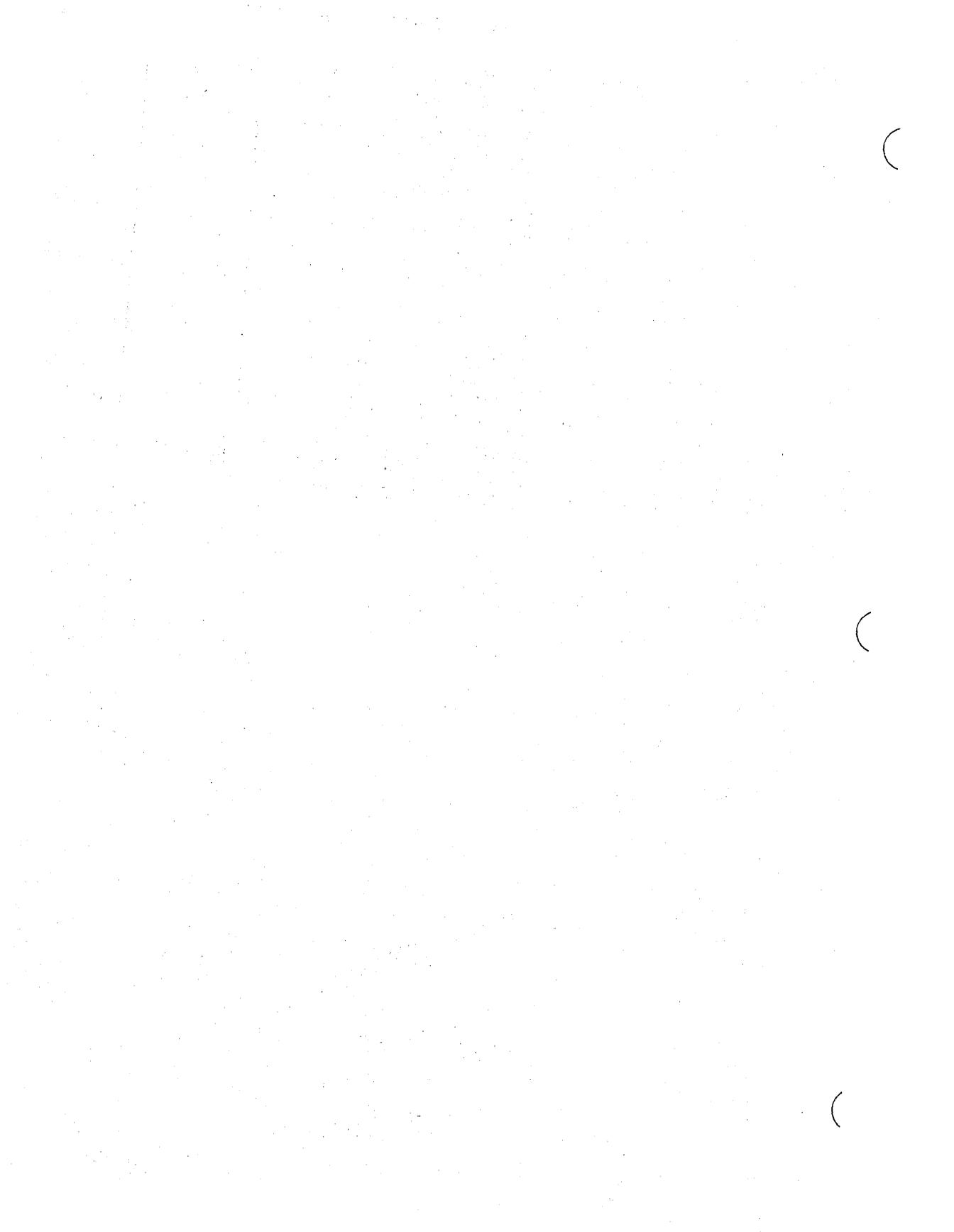
NCC FACILITIES

You use the function keys to access the NCC main displays and the function key displays associated with them, and to enter node configuration commands.

You configure your node and the line media connecting your node to remote nodes by making entries in the Media and Node Tables (refer to section 6, Node and Network Configuration).

The NCC stores network configuration entries in a Network Configuration file (refer to Network Configuration Files, earlier in this section). You can use the Network Automatic Configuration facility to automatically reenter stored networks (refer to section 7, Network Automatic Configuration Facility).

You can monitor your node's status and activity within the currently installed network by displaying the Network Synopsis, the Network Connection Summary, and the Network Connection Detailed Status (refer to section 8, Monitoring Node and Network Status and Activity).



SECTION 6

NODE AND NETWORK CONFIGURATION

GENERAL

After each node has the B-NET software loaded and the three subsystems installed, node and network configuration can begin.

Network configuration occurs on two levels:

- the network is configured by individually configuring the nodes that communicate with each other.
- the individual nodes are configured by making entries in the NCC's Media and Node Tables.

COORDINATING NETWORK CONFIGURATION

Media and Node Table entries include information not only about your local node, but also about each node you want to communicate with. To configure a network, each node must have information about the other nodes.

This does not present a problem if one person configures the entire network; however, in cases where a different person configures each node, planning and coordination are necessary before and during network configuration, and afterward whenever the network changes.

Formulating a Network Plan

There should be a Network Administrator at each node to plan and coordinate network configuration with Network Administrators at the other nodes on the network.

Initially, they should formulate a detailed plan of the network, including the name and address of each node, the line media between nodes, and other items specified in configuring a node. The Network Administrators should use this plan as a guide in configuring their local nodes.

Maintaining a Network Log

If a network is subject to growth or change, the Network Administrators should establish procedures for maintaining a log of node names and addresses, and for distributing this information throughout the network.

The network plan, kept up-to-date by entries in the network log, allows the Administrators to configure communications lines between previously unconnected nodes and add new nodes to the network with a minimum of confusion.

NCC MEDIA TABLE AND NODE TABLE

To configure your node for network communications, you activate the NCC, then make appropriate entries in the NCC's Media Table and Node Table.

Media Table entries specify the communication line media your node uses to communicate with other nodes in the network; Node Table entries specify the other nodes your node can communicate with.

NOTE

When you initially configure your node, you make the Media Table entries first, followed by the Node Table entries. If you modify the entries later, you can display the tables in either order.

Displaying the Media Table

To display the Media Table, use the following procedure:

1. Activate the Network Control Center (refer to Activating the NCC, in section 5). The NCC Screen appears with Network Synopsis and the Home function key display (refer to figure 6-1).
2. Press the **MEDIA** key (f2). The Media Table and the Media function key display appear in the NCC main display area (refer to figure 6-2). The Media Table columns show any current entries.

A highlight appears in the first line available for new entries.

NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL CENTER			Mon Jul 23, 1984 2:00 PM
>>> NETWORK SYNOPSIS <<<<			
<u>CONFIGURATION</u>			
<u>NODE</u>	<u>MAX. NODES</u>	<u>MAX. USERS</u>	<u>MAX. SESSIONS</u>
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CURRENT NODES</u>	<u>CURRENT USERS</u>	<u>CURRENT SESSIONS</u>
<u>STATISTICS</u>			
<u>PACKETS RCVD</u>	<u>PACKETS SENT</u>	<u>MSGS RCVD</u>	<u>MSGS SENT</u>
<u>NODE</u>	<u>MEDIA</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>RECNFG</u> <u>SAVE</u>

Figure 6-1. NCC Screen with Network Synopsis and Home Function Key Display (Sample)

Media Table Entries

The Media Table (refer to figure 6-2) includes three columns:

- Media column
- Type column
- Parameters column

You enter information into these columns for each of your node's line media.

Media Column

In the Media column, you assign a number for each line medium connecting your node with other nodes in the network. Numbering begins with 1 and progresses sequentially up to 255.

Leased Line

To configure a leased line or a direct cable connection between two B 25 workstations, you specify the channel (A or B) that line uses, followed by the baud rate.

- for a direct cable connection between B 25 workstations, specify 9600
- for a leased line, specify 0

For example, to specify a leased line using channel A, you would enter A,0 in the parameters column; to specify a direct cable connection using channel B, you enter B,9600.

Dial Line

To configure a dial line, you specify the following parameters:

- Channel (A or B)
- Modem type (R = Racal-Vadic; B = BizComp)
- Modem mode (B = Auto Answer/Dial; A = Answer only; O = Originate only)
- Local dialing support (T = Tone, P = Pulse)

X.25 PVC

To configure an X.25 PVC connection, you specify the following parameters:

- Local Channel Number (LCN); your X.25 vendor assigns an LCN when you subscribe to the service.
- Number of Retries - the number of retries the Transport Service makes to establish the X.25 PVC connection to the distant Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) node (65535 = unlimited retries).
- Buffer Size - the size of the X.25 packet. You must specify the same value in the Default packet size parameter in the X.25 Network Gateway installation command form.

X.25 SVC

To configure an X.25 SVC connection, you specify the following parameters:

- Call Type (I = incoming calls only; O = outgoing calls only; B = both incoming and outgoing calls).
- Number of Retries - the number of retries the Transport Service makes to establish the X.25 SVC connection to the distant Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) node (65535 = unlimited retries).
- Low Port - the low end of the device address range (00-99) within which the Transport Service accepts incoming calls with a port address in the destination address.
- High Port - the high end of the device address range (00-99) within which the Transport Service accepts incoming calls with a port address in the destination address.
- Buffer Size - the size of the X.25 packet. You must specify the same value in the Default packet size parameter in the X.25 Network Gateway installation command form.

Adding Media

To add media to your node's Media Table, use the following procedure:

1. Display the Media Table and the Media function key display (refer to Displaying the Media Table, earlier in this section).
2. Press the **ADD** key (f1). The cursor appears in the Media column.
3. Assign a number to the line medium you are configuring; media numbering begins with 1 and progresses sequentially up to 255.
4. Press **RETURN** to move the cursor to the Type column.
5. Enter the type of line medium (refer to Type Column, earlier in this section).

6. Press **RETURN** to move the cursor to the Parameters column.
7. Enter the parameters appropriate to the line medium you are configuring (refer to Parameters Column, earlier in this section). Separate the parameters with a comma.
8. Press **GO**. If your entry is correct, the system enters a period (.) at the end of the line, and the message **Response Received** appears in the message display area. This indicates that the Transport Service received and processed the entry.

If you make an incorrect entry, the message **Invalid media parameters** appears at the bottom of the main display area. Press **CANCEL** to delete the line entries, and repeat steps 2 through 5.

9. Repeat steps 2 through 5 for each line medium in your node's configuration.

To return to the Network Synopsis and Home function key display, you press the **HOME** key (f10).

Deleting Media

To delete media from your node's configuration, use the following procedure:

1. Display the Media Table and the Media function key display (refer to Displaying the Media Table, earlier in this section).
2. Use the **Up Arrow** and **Down Arrow** keys to move the highlight to the line medium you want to delete; then press the **DELETE** key (f2).
3. Press **GO**. The message **Response Received** appears in the message display area. This indicates that the Transport Service received and processed the entry.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each of the line media included in your node's configuration.

To return to the Network Synopsis and Home function key display, you press the **HOME** key (f10).

Displaying the Node Table

To display the Node Table, use the following procedure:

1. Activate the Network Control Center (refer to Activating the NCC, in section 5). The NCC Screen appears with Network Synopsis and the Home function key display (refer to figure 6-1).
2. Press the **NODE** key (f1). The Node Table and the Node function key display appear in the NCC main display area (refer to figure 6-3). The Node Table columns show any current entries.

A highlight appears in the first line available for new entries.

Node Table Entries

The Node Table (refer to figure 6-3) includes four columns:

- Name column
- Address column
- Media column
- SubAddress column

You enter information into these columns for each of the remote nodes you want your node to communicate with.

Name Column

In the Name column, you enter the name of each remote node you want to communicate with. A name can be up to 12 alphanumeric characters long.

Each node on the network must have a different name; the system does not accept duplicate node names. Therefore, the Network Administrators must coordinate the names of the network's nodes before configuring the network (refer to Coordinating Network Configuration, earlier in this section).

<input type="text"/> NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL CENTER <input type="text"/>			Mon Jul 23, 1984 2:00 PM
Name	Address	Media	SubAddress
<input type="button" value="ADD"/> <input type="button" value="DELETE"/> <input type="button" value="MODIFY"/>			<input type="button" value="HOME"/>

Figure 6-3. Node Table and Node Function Key Display

Address Column

In the Address column, you enter the address of each remote node you want to communicate with. An address can be any number from 1 to 64.

Each node on the network must have a different address; the system does not accept duplicate address numbers. Therefore, the Network Administrators must coordinate the address numbers of the network's nodes before setting up the network (refer to Coordinating Network Configuration, earlier in this section).

Media Column

In the Media column, you enter a number for each line medium connecting your node with other nodes in the network.

The numbers you enter here must correspond with the entries in the Media column of the Media Table (refer to Media Table Entries, earlier in this section).

SubAddress Column

In the SubAddress column, you enter the telephone number or the X.25 Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) address of the remote nodes with which you have a dial line or X.25 connection. SubAddresses can be up to 16 characters long.

A special code character is required to instruct the modem to pause for a second dial tone (for example, if you go through a PBX).

- If your node uses a Racal-Vadic modem, you insert the letter K at the place in the telephone number where the dial tone occurs (for example, 9K7135551212).
- If your node has a BizComp modem, you insert a colon (:) at the place in the telephone number where the dial tone occurs (for example, 9:7135551212).

Leased lines do not require SubAddress entries.

Adding Nodes

To add nodes to the Node Table, use the following procedure:

1. Display the Node Table and the Node function key display (refer to Displaying the Node Table, earlier in this section).
2. Press the **ADD** key (f1). The cursor appears in the Name column.

Enter the name of the remote node you want to communicate with. A name can be up to 12 characters long.

Each node on the network must have a different name.

3. Press **RETURN** to move the cursor to the Address column.

Enter the address of the remote node you want to communicate with. An address can be any number from 1 to 64

Each node on the network must have a different address.

4. Press **RETURN** to move the cursor to the Media column.

Enter the numerical designation of the line medium connecting your node with the remote node; this number must be the same as the number specified in the Media column of the Media Table (refer to Media Table Entries, earlier in this section).

5. Press **RETURN** to move to the SubAddress column.
6. If you specified a dial line or an X.25 connection in the Media column, enter the remote node's telephone number or X.25 Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) address in the SubAddress column.

If the line is a leased line, leave this column blank.

NOTE

A special code character is required to instruct the modem to pause for a second dial tone (for example, if you go through a PBX).

- If your node uses a Racal-Vadic modem, you insert the letter K at the point in the telephone number where the dial tone occurs (for example, 9K7135551212).
- If your node has a BizComp modem, you insert a colon (:) at the point in the telephone number where the dial tone occurs (for example, 9:7135551212).

7. Press **GO**. If your entry is correct, the message **Response Received** appears in the message display area. This indicates that the Transport Service received and processed the entry.

If you make an incorrect entry, the message **Invalid media parameters** appears at the bottom of the main display area. Press **CANCEL** to delete the line entries, and repeat steps 2 through 7.

8. Repeat steps 2 through 7 for each line medium in your node's configuration.

To return to the Network Synopsis and Home function key display, press the HOME key (f10).

Deleting Nodes

To delete nodes from the Node Table, use the following procedure:

1. Display the Node Table and the Node function key display (refer to Displaying the Node Table, earlier in this section).
2. Use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow keys to move the highlight to the node you want to delete; then press the DELETE key (f2).
3. Press GO. The message Response Received appears in the message display area. This indicates that the Transport Service received and processed the entry.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each medium you want to delete.

To return to the Network Synopsis and Home function key display, press the HOME key (f10).

Modifying Node Entries

You can modify entries in the Node Table's Media and SubAddress columns. However, you can not modify entries in the Name and Address columns; you must delete and reenter them. Use the following procedure:

1. Display the Node Table and the Node function key display (refer to Displaying the Node Table, earlier in this section).
2. Use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow keys to move the highlight to the node you want to modify; then press the MODIFY key (f3).
3. Press the RETURN key to move the cursor to the column you want to modify, then enter your changes.
4. Press GO. The message Response Received appears in the message display area. This indicates that the Transport Service received and processed the entry.

5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each node you want to modify.

To return to the Network Synopsis and Home function key display to the screen, press the HOME key (f10).

Saving a Network Configuration

You save the currently entered network configuration by storing it in a Network Configuration File (refer to Network Configuration File, in section 5). Subsequently, you can use the Network Automatic Configuration facility to reenter it automatically in the Media and Node Tables.

You usually store the network configuration immediately after completing or modifying the Media or Node Table entries, before you exit the NCC. Use the following procedure:

1. After making your last entry in the Media or Node Table, press the HOME key (f10). The Network Synopsis and Home function key display return to the screen (refer to figure 6-1).
2. Press the SAVE key (f6). The system stores the network in the Network Configuration File you specified when you activated the NCC (or the default file).

If the file currently contains network configuration entries, the system overwrites them.

You can also save the currently entered network configuration when you exit the NCC (refer to Exiting the NCC, later in this section).

Exiting the NCC

To return to the Executive and save the network in the Network Configuration File you specified when you activated the NCC, you press FINISH, then you press GO.

If the file currently contains network configuration entries, the system overwrites them.

To return to the Executive without updating the Network Configuration file, press the ACTION and FINISH keys simultaneously.

Deinstalling the B-NET System

You deinstall the B-NET System by individually deinstalling its three subsystems (the Net Transport Service, the Net Agent, and the Net Server).

Deinstalling the B-NET System removes your node from the network. It also removes the entries from the Media and Node Tables.

You deinstall the network by deinstalling each of the B-NET system's subsystems; use the following procedure:

1. Enter the Executive command **Stop Net Transport Service**, then press **GO**.
2. Enter the Executive command **Stop Net Agent**, then press **GO**.
3. Enter the Executive command **Stop Net Server**, then press **GO**.

On multipartition BTOS systems, this procedure frees all memory and system resources from B-NET system use, and vacates the partition.

4. On single-partition systems, press the **RESET** button.

SECTION 7

NETWORK AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION (NAC) FACILITY

GENERAL

The Network Automatic Configuration (NAC) facility allows you to automatically reenter a previously configured and stored network. The NAC facility reenters the network from the Network Configuration file where it is stored (either the default file or a file you specify) into the Transport Service's Media and Node tables.

When you use the NAC facility in conjunction with Submit files, you can install the B-NET subsystems and reenter the network in one step. Submit files are discussed in the *B-20 Systems Standard Software Operations Guide*.

In addition, the NAC facility allows you to edit Network Configuration files using the Editor or Word Processor.

REENTERING A NETWORK

The NAC provides two methods for reentering a network:

- from the Executive
- from the NCC

You can reenter a network configuration only if the Media and Node Tables currently have no entries in them.

Clearing the Media and Node Tables

If a network is currently entered, you clear the Media and Node Tables by deinstalling the B-NET system (refer to *Deinstalling the B-NET System*, in section 6); then you reinstall the B-NET subprograms (refer to section 4, *B-NET System Installation*).

Reentering a Network Configuration from the Executive

When you reenter a network from the Executive, you can accept the default file, **[Sys]<Sys>NetCfg.sys**, or specify another Network Configuration file.

Accepting the Default Network Configuration File

To accept the default Network Configuration file, you enter the command **Network Automatic Configuration** in the Executive command field, then you press **GO**. The system automatically places the entries currently stored in the default file **[Sys]<Sys>NetCfg.sys** into the NCC's Media and Node Tables.

Specifying a Network Configuration File

To specify a Network Configuration file, use the following procedure:

1. Enter the command **Network Automatic Configuration** in the Executive command field; then press **RETURN**. The system displays the following command form:

Network Automatic Configuration
[Network Configuration File]
2. Enter a file name in the highlighted Network Configuration File field.
3. Press **GO**. The system places the entries from that file into the Transport Service's Media and Node Tables.

Reentering a Network Configuration from the NCC

To reenter a network configuration from the NCC, use the following procedure:

1. Activate the Network Control Center (refer to Activating the NCC, in section 5).
2. Specify the Network Configuration file containing the network you want to reenter (or accept the default file). The NCC main screen appears with the Network Synopsis and the Home function key display (refer to figure 7-1).

3. Press the RECENFG key (f5). The system automatically completes the Media and Node Tables, using the entries stored in the Network Configuration File specified in step 1 (or in the default file).

EDITING NETWORK CONFIGURATION FILES

You can modify the network configuration stored in a Network Configuration file using the Editor or the Word Processor (refer to the *B 20 Systems Editor Reference Manual* or your word processor's reference guide).

Network Configuration File Conventions

The following conventions permit the NAC facility to identify the entries and automatically place them in the NCC's Media and Node Tables when you reenter the network configuration:

- the table headings are enclosed by square brackets
- the parameters are enclosed by colons
- the final entry for each table is **:Finish:**

Figure 7-1 shows a typical Network Configuration file.

```
[Media]
:EntryNumber:1
:Type:Dial
:Param0:B           ;channel B
:Param1:BC          ; BizComp modem
:Param2:Both        ; originate and answer mode
:Param3:Tone
:Finish:

[Node]
:Name:LosAngeles
:Address:2
:Media:1
:SubAddress:'9:2135551212'
:Finish:
```

Figure 7-1. Network Configuration File (Sample)

The items listed under [Media] are the Media Table parameters for the network configuration; the items listed under [Node] are the Node Table parameters. Your file may not include some of the entries shown in the example in figure 7-1; it will have only those applicable to your network.

If you wish, you can include a note or comment after an entry by preceding it with a semicolon. The system ignores the comment when it reenters the network configuration.

Media Table Parameters

Table 7-1 summarizes the Media Table parameters and entries. You can make only one entry for each parameter. If your node has both a leased line and a dial line, the file will have two separate listings under the [Media] heading.

Node Table Parameters

Table 7-2 summarizes the Node Table parameters and entries. You can make only one entry for each parameter. If your node communicates with more than one other node, the file will have separate listings for each under the [Node] heading.

Table 7-1. Media Table Parameters

Parameter	Description	Entry
EntryNumber	The number you assign to the line medium	1 - 255 (in numerical sequence)
Type	The type of line medium	Dial Leased PVC SVC
Param0	The channel the line medium uses	A B
Param1	Modem type	BC (BizComp) RV (Racal-Vadic)
Param2	Modem mode	Both (Auto answer/dial) AnsOnly (Answer only) OrgOnly (Originate only)
Param3	Local dialing support	Tone Pulse

Table 7-2. Node Table Parameters

Parameter	Description	Entry
Name	The name of the remote node	An alphanumeric string up to 12 characters long
Address	The address of the remote node	A number between 1 and 64
MediaNumber	The number assigned to the line medium connecting your node with the remote node	A number between 1 and 255
SubAddress	The telephone number or X.25 DTE address of the remote node	An alphanumeric string up to 25 characters long

NOTE

If a string includes a left bracket, right bracket, colon, or semicolon, you must enclose the entire string in single quotation marks (for example, the SubAddress parameter in figure 7-1).

SECTION 8

MONITORING NODE AND NETWORK STATUS AND ACTIVITY

GENERAL

The NCC includes the following three status displays for monitoring node and network activity:

- the Network Synopsis
- the Network Connection Summary
- the Network Connection Detailed Status

ACCESSING THE NCC STATUS DISPLAYS

You access the NCC status displays from the NCC Screen and the Status function key display; use the following procedure:

1. Activate the Network Control Center (refer to Activating the NCC, in section 5). The NCC Screen appears with the Network Synopsis and the Home function key display (refer to figure 5-1).
2. Press the **STATUS** key (f4); the Status function key display appears at the bottom of the screen (refer to figure 8-1).

The Network Synopsis remains in the main display area.

To display the Network Connection Summary (refer to figure 8-2), press the **CONSUM** key (f2).

To display the Network Connection Detailed Status (refer to figure 8-3), press the **CONDET** key (f3).

To return to the Network Synopsis from one of the other displays, press the **NODSUM** key (f1).

To restore the Home function key display, press the **HOME** key (f10).

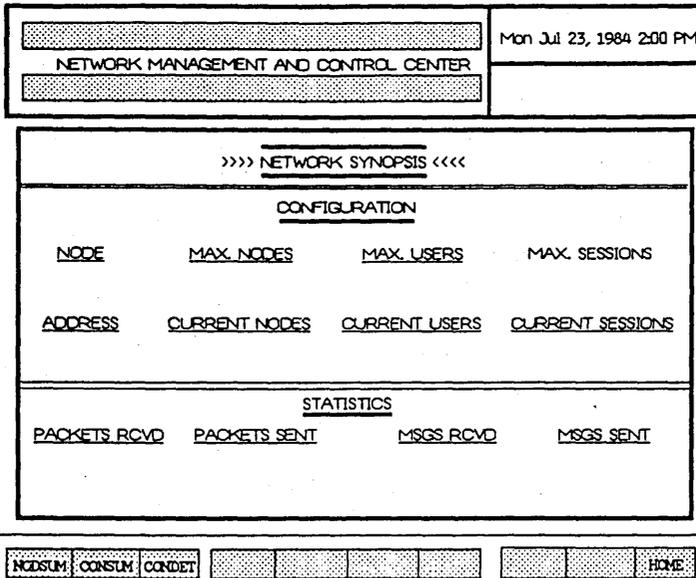


Figure 8-1. Network Synopsis and Status Function Key Display

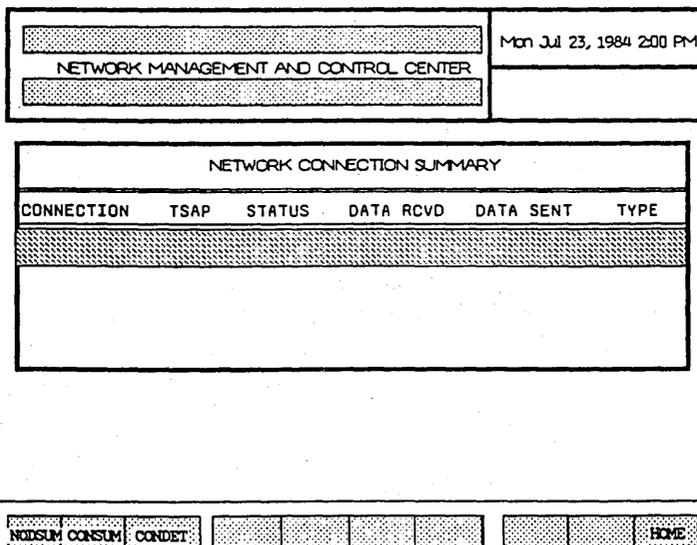


Figure 8-2. Network Connection Summary and Status Function Key Display

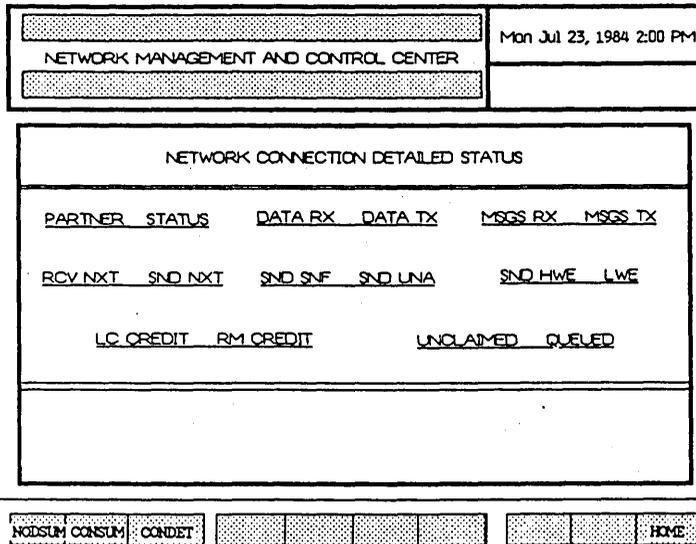


Figure 8-3. Network Connection Detailed Status and Status Function Key Display

Network Synopsis

The Network Synopsis (refer to figure 8-1) provides information about your node's configuration, its current status, and its activity in the network.

The Network Synopsis is divided into two sections:

- the Configuration section
- the Statistics section

Configuration Section

The Configuration section appears immediately below the Network Synopsis title line (refer to figure 8-1).

Several items in the Configuration section reflect entries you make when you install the system (refer to section 4, B-NET System Installation) and provide information about your node's configuration; these include:

NODE	Indicates your node's name. Specified in the Node Table (refer to Node Table Entries, in section 6).
MAX. NODES	Indicates the maximum number of nodes on the network. Specified when installing the Transport Service (refer to Installing the Transport Service, in section 4).
MAX. USERS	Indicates the maximum number of users of the Transport Service. Specified when installing the Transport Service (refer to Installing the Transport Service, in section 4).
MAX. SESSIONS	Indicates the maximum number of connections that can be open at the same time. Specified when installing the Net Agent and the Net Server (refer to Installing the Net Agent and the Net Server, in section 4).
ADDRESS	Indicates your node's address on the network as specified when installing the Transport Service (refer to Installing the Transport Service, in section 4).

The remaining items provide information about your node's current status:

CURRENT NODES	Indicates the number of nodes currently connected with your node.
CURRENT USERS	Indicates the actual number of users of the Transport Service.
CURRENT SESSIONS	Indicates the number of connections currently open with other nodes.

Statistics Section

The Statistics section appears immediately below the Configuration section of the Network Synopsis (refer to figure 8-1). It provides information about your node's communications activities from the time you first enter the network.

It includes the following:

PACKETS RCVD	Indicates the number of data packets your node has received.
PACKETS SENT	Indicates the number of data packets your node has sent.
MSGS RCVD	Indicates the number of complete messages your node has received.
MSGS SENT	Indicates the number of complete messages your node has sent.

Network Connection Summary

The Network Connection Summary (refer to figure 8-2) provides information about individual connections between your node and remote nodes.

You access the Network Connection Summary by pressing the **CONSUM** key (f2) (refer to Accessing the NCC Status Displays, earlier in this section).

The Network Connection summary displays five lines at a time. To display additional lines, you press the **SCROLL UP** key.

The Network Connection Summary provides the following information:

CONNECTION	Indicates the number for each connection
TSAP	Transport Service Access Point
	Identifies the user of the connection.
STATUS	0 = inactive 3 = active
DATA RCVD	Indicates the number of data packets received via this connection.

DATA SENT	Indicates the number of data packets sent via this connection.
TYPE	Indicates the ISO OSI Transport Protocol this connection is based on (currently, 4 is the only option).

Network Connection Detailed Status

The Network Connection Detailed Status (refer to figure 8-3) provides detailed information about the connections listed in the Network Connection Summary.

To access the Network Connection Detailed Status from the Network Connection Summary; use the following procedure:

1. Display the Network Connection Summary by pressing the **CONSUM** key (f2) (refer to Accessing the NCC Status Displays, earlier in this section).
2. Using the **RETURN** key, move the highlight to the line entry for the connection about which you want details.
3. Press the **CONDET** key (f3).

The Network Connection Detailed Status provides the following information about the connection you select in step 2:

PARTNER	Indicates the user at the remote end of the connection.
STATUS	0 = inactive 3 = active
DATA RX	Data Received Indicates the total number of data packets received via this connection.
DATA TX	Data Transmitted Indicates the total number of data packets transmitted via this connection.
MSGX RX	Messages Received Indicates the total number of messages received via this connection.

MSGX TX **Messages Transmitted**
 Indicates the total number of messages transmitted via this connection.

RCV NXT **Receive Next**
 Indicates the sequence number of the data packet you expect to receive next.

SND NXT **Send Next**
 Indicates the sequence number of the data packet you will transmit next.

SND SNF **Send Sequence Number Field**
 Indicates the next number available for assigning to a data packet.

SND UNA **Send Unacknowledged**
 Indicates the sequence number of the lowest-numbered unacknowledged data packet. This number is assigned from the acknowledgement number of an incoming data acknowledge packet.

SND HWE **Send High Window Edge**
 Indicates the highest sequence number within the window of a data packet transmitted via this connection.

LWE **Receive Low Window Edge**
 Indicates the lowest sequence number of a data packet that the Transport Service accepts.

LC CREDIT **Local Credit**
 Indicates the latest local credit of the local Transport Service. Credit is the number of packets that can occupy the available buffer space.

RM CREDIT **Remote Credit (refer. to LC Credit)**
 Indicates the latest remote credit of the local Transport Service.

UNCLAIMED

Indicates the total number of unclaimed received packets.

QUEUED

Indicates the total number of packets queued for transmission.

SECTION 9

USING THE B-NET SYSTEM

GENERAL

Once you or your Network Administrator installs the B-NET system and configures your node, you can communicate with other nodes on the network. Because the B-NET system functions like an extension of the B 20 Operating System (BTOS), accessing the files of another node on the network is similar to accessing the files of your own workstation or cluster.

ACCESSING REMOTE NODES

To access the files of another node on the network, you enter the Executive command for an operation in the usual way. When the command form appears, you specify the file name of the file you want to access; but you prefix the file name with the name of the node where the file is located, enclosing the node's name in braces ({ }).

For example, to copy a file from a remote node named LosAngeles, you would use the following procedure:

1. Enter the **Copy** command in the Executive command field; then press **RETURN**. The system displays the following command form:

```
Copy
  File from
  File to
  [Overwrite ok?]
  [Confirm each?]
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The File from field is highlighted.

2. Enter the file name of the file you want to access, prefixed with the remote node's name in braces. For example, {LosAngeles}[sys]<sys>OldFile.flc.

NOTE

If you enter a file specification that does not begin with a node name, the system uses local node as the default.

3. Press **RETURN**; the highlight moves to the File to field. Enter the name of the file into which you want to copy the file from Los Angeles.

In this example, you would enter a file name such as **NewFile.flc**. The remaining parameters are optional.

4. Complete the command form; then press **GO**. The system copies the file named **OldFile.flc** from the node in Los Angeles, and puts it into a file named **NewFile.flc** at your node.

You can use the **Path** command to specify a remote node as the currently logged on node. When you are logged onto a remote node, you specify your local node by specifying **{local}** as the node name; on cluster systems, you specify the master workstation of the local node by using the node name **master**).

DIAL LINE COMMUNICATIONS

When you originate a request for service over a dial line, most of the operation is transparent to you. You simply enter the appropriate Executive commands without concern for details such as taking the phone off-hook, dialing the number, etc.

Once you enter parameters such as auto-dial/auto-answer, telephone number of remote node, etc., in the Media and Node Tables, the B-NET System performs these tasks automatically.

After you enter an Executive command and complete the corresponding command form, you press **GO**. The B-NET System automatically dials the telephone number, establishes the connection, and begins the transaction.

If it cannot make the connection, the system displays the status code 8939 with the message **No dial connection**; this usually indicates that the remote node is not configured, or other communications problems. You should keep trying until the system makes the connection.

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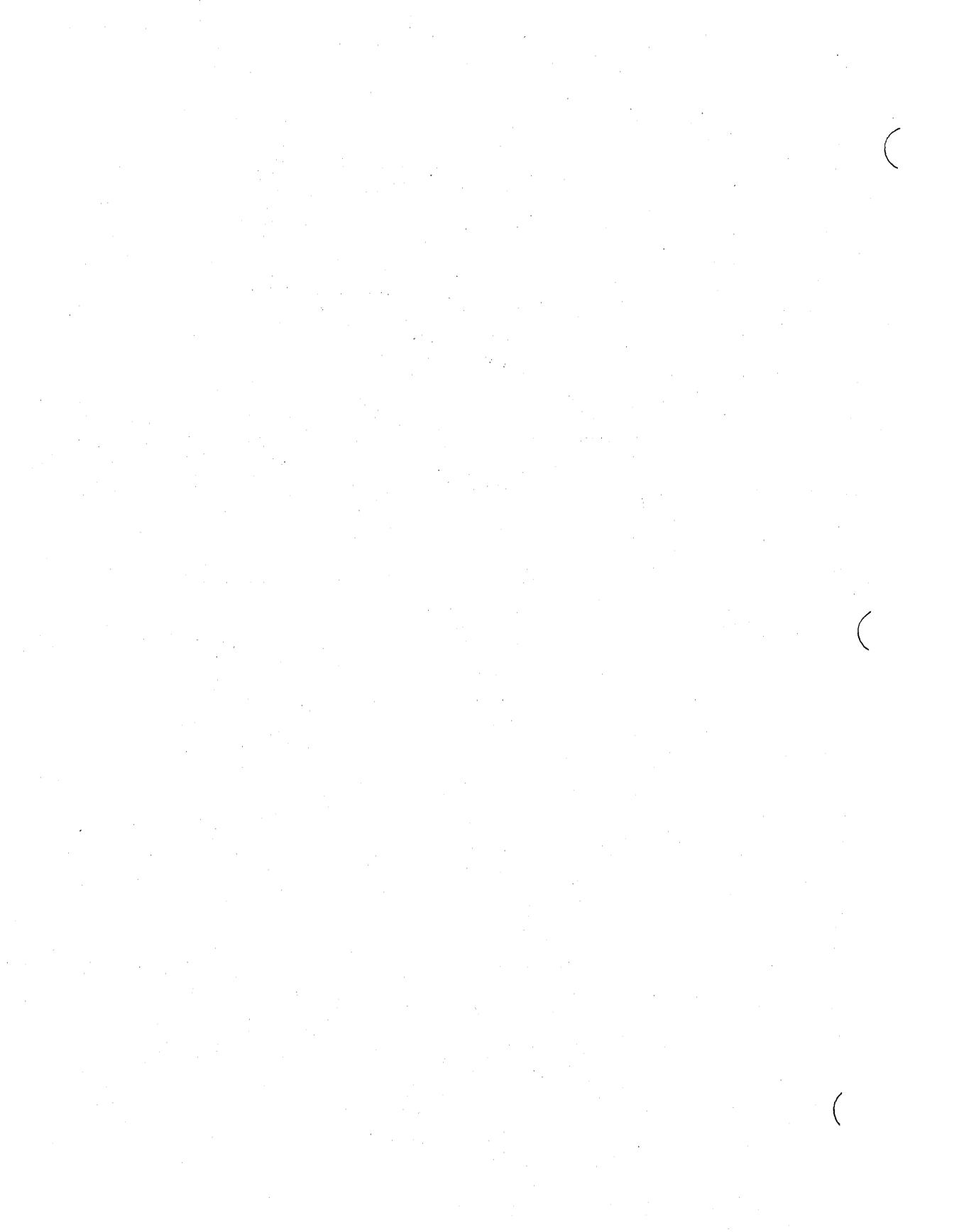
The operation is transparent to the node answering your request. The system performs all tasks in background, and it is not necessary for anyone at the answering node to be aware that a transaction is taking place.

Once a connection is open, users at both nodes can perform transactions. When all transactions are complete, the system automatically ends the session at the end of the time-out period specified when you install the Net Agent (refer to Installing the Net Agent, in section 4).

LEASED LINE AND DIRECT CABLE COMMUNICATIONS

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You use the same procedures with leased lines and direct cable connections between B 25 workstations as with dial lines. Since a leased line or a direct cable connection is always open, however, neither dialing nor opening and closing of connections is involved.



APPENDIX A

STATUS CODES AND STATUS MESSAGES

GENERAL

The B-NET software includes status codes and status messages to help you install and operate a network.

The system displays status codes at the Executive level to inform you of error conditions that occur during B-NET operations.

Status messages appear in the NCC Screen's message display area (refer to Message Display, in section 5) to alert you of error conditions during installation of the B-NET subsystems.

STATUS CODES

A status code is a four-digit number, followed by a short message, indicating a problem within the system.

The status codes pertaining to each of the B-NET subsystems fall within the following ranges:

- Net Server 5000 to 5099
- Net Agent 5100 to 7299
- Net Transport Service 8900 to 9000

The following tables list the status codes and accompanying messages, along with a brief explanation for each:

Table A-1. Net Server Status Codes

Table A-2. Net Agent Status Codes

Table A-3. Net Transport Service Status Codes

For further information, refer to the *B 20 Systems Operating System (BTOS) Reference Manual, Vols. 1 and 2.*

Table A-1. Net Server Status Codes

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5000,5001	Reserved
5002	<p>Request data too large.</p> <p>The request data in a client request is larger than the size of the buffer specified by sXbData in the command line.</p> <p>Possible cause: Net Server receiving data incorrectly from the Net Transport Service.</p>
5003	<p>No user number available.</p> <p>The Net Server does not have a user number to allocate for this request. The client should try again later or allocate more remote user numbers to the Net Server in the in the nNet Users parameter of the Sysgen Prefix File.</p>
5004	<p>Buffer not waiting for Read.</p> <p>The Net Server received a Read event for a buffer that is not wating for a Read.</p>
5005	<p>Invalid request.</p> <p>The Net Server received an unexpected request at an exchange allocated to the Net Server. It is not a response to a request that the Net Server originated.</p> <p>Possible cause: the system has sent a request to the wrong exchange.</p>

Table A-1. Net Server Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5006	<p>Buffer not waiting for response.</p> <p>The Net Server received a response to a request when its buffer was not waiting for a response.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5007	<p>Buffer not in Write state.</p> <p>The Net Server received a response to a Write when its buffer is not in StateWaitingForWrite.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5008	<p>Invalid disconnect response.</p> <p>The Net Server received an unexpected Disconnect request from the Net Transport Service.</p>
5009	<p>Invalid user number.</p> <p>The Net Server received a response to a client request when the user number in the request block is not assigned to remote users.</p>

Table A-1. Net Server Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5010	<p>Invalid event.</p> <p>The Net Server received an event of an unknown type from the Transport Service.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5011	<p>No abort requests.</p> <p>The Net Server expects the Request.asm to specify Abort requests.</p>
5012	<p>Invalid connection handle.</p> <p>The Net Server received a connection handle from the Transport Service that is not in the Net Server table.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5013	<p>Invalid request size.</p> <p>The size of the message received from the Net Server does not equal the total of the header, the request block, and the request data.</p> <p>Possible cause: data incorrectly received from the Transport Service.</p>

Table A-1. Net Server Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5014	<p>Invalid buffer on read.</p> <p>The pointer returned by the event request on a Read does not point to a buffer.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5015	<p>Session closed.</p> <p>The system has closed the session due to a timeout.</p>
5016	<p>File handle to close not found.</p> <p>The handle of a file closed by a remote user is not in the Net Server's table of remote file handles.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5017	<p>File handle for change longevity not found.</p> <p>The file handle specified by ChangeFhLongevity is not in the Net Server's table of remote file handles.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.

Table A-1. Net Server Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5018	<p>No remote file handle available.</p> <p>The Net Server has processed an Open request but does not have room in its table of remote file handles. Requires a larger number of remote files in the command line.</p>
5019	<p>User resource count zero.</p> <p>The system is closing a file when the user's resource count is already zero.</p> <p>Possible causes: program error; the system may have written data in memory at random.</p>
5020	<p>No net users.</p> <p>For the Net Server to run, BTOS must allocate at least one user number for net users. This is a Sysgen option specified by the nNetUsers parameter in the Prefix file.</p>
5021	<p>No Transport Service.</p> <p>The Transport Service must be initialized before the Net Server. The Transport Service is not serving the exchange for AttachBNet.</p>
5022	<p>Unexpected request.</p> <p>A user has stopped the Net Server with a request in its queue.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.

Table A-1. Net Server Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5023 to 5025	Reserved
5026	Net Server array too small. The static array in the InitAlloc module is not large enough to accomodate all dynamically allocated arrays the system initializes; requires reassembling InitAlloc. Enlarging the array enlarges the run file. The system returns unused memory at the completion of initialization.
5027 to 5099	Reserved

Table A-2. Net Agent Status Codes

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5100	Reserved
5101	The list of Request Control Blocks is inconsistent. Internal error.
5102	Net Agent no room. The command line allocates a fixed number of Request Control Blocks (RCB). The net Agent does not have a free RCB to handle the request.
5103	NetXbuf too small.
5104	Invalid message header. The first word of a message should point to the Request Control Block (RCB) that belongs to the message, and the first word is not a valid pointer. Possible cause: invalid data received from the Net Transport Service.
5105	Message wrong session. The ConnectionHandle accompanying the message does not agree with the ConnectionHandle of the Request Control Block (RCB) associated with the message.
5106	Invalid net request. The Net Agent received an unexpected request. Possible cause: request sent to wrong exchange.
5107	Invalid event. The Net Agent does not recognize an event received from the Net Transport Service.

Table A-2. Net Agent Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5108	Internal error.
5109	Read overflow. The Net Server returned more bytes for a read request than can fit in the client's buffer. Possible causes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5110	No session available. No session is currently available to handle the request. Try again later; or allocate a greater value to nSessions in the Net Agent command line.
5111	Internal error.
5112	Invalid system request. The Net Agent received a request with a zero routing code that is not a system request (a zero routing code indicates a system request). Possible causes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.

Table A-2. Net Agent Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5113	<p>Invalid Net Agent connection.</p> <p>The Net Transport Service returned a ConnectionHandle that is not in the Net Agent's table.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5114	<p>Invalid file handle.</p> <p>The client passed a file handle to the Net Agent that exceeds the number of remote file handles; or the file handle does not correspond to an open session.</p>
5115	<p>Transport failure.</p> <p>The Transport Service returned an event request with the notice of event transport failure.</p>
5116	<p>Remote file handle not found.</p> <p>A remote file handle does not exist in the Net Agent's table of remote resources.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5117	<p>Invalid user number.</p> <p>The user number in a request is greater than the last cluster user number. Request routed to the Net Agent incorrectly.</p>

Table A-2. Net Agent Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5118	<p>Invalid node name.</p> <p>The node name in a file specification is too long or not enclosed in braces.</p>
5119	<p>No remote file handles available.</p> <p>No more remote file handles are available. Possible correction: increasing nRemoteFhMax in the command line.</p>
5120	<p>File to close not found.</p> <p>The file handle for a Close request does not exist in the Net Agent's table of remote file handles.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• program error• the system may have written data in memory at random.
5121	<p>No Transport Service.</p> <p>The Transport Service must be initialized before the Net Agent. The Transport service is not serving the exchange for AttachBNet.</p>
5122	<p>Session closed.</p> <p>The system has closed the session (probably due to a timeout).</p>

Table A-2. Net Agent Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5123	<p>Session not waiting for open.</p> <p>The Net Agent received a response to an Open request when the session was not waiting for an Open.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5124	<p>Invalid timeout.</p> <p>The Net Agent received a request with zero request code (indicates a TimerRequestBlock) when the request pointer does not point to a SessionData record.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● program error● the system may have written data in memory at random.
5125	<p>Bad sequence number.</p> <p>The Net Server sent a request with a sequence number that does not correspond to the request the Net Agent received.</p> <p>Possible cause: invalid data received from the Transport Service.</p>

Table A-2. Net Agent Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
5126	<p>Net Agent array too small.</p> <p>The static array in the InitAlloc module is not large enough to accomodate all dynamically allocated arrays the system initializes. Enlarging the array enlarges the run file. The system returns unused memory at the completion of initialization.</p>
5127	<p>Net Agent stopped.</p> <p>The Net Agent received a request from a client after deactivation.</p> <p>Possible causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• program error• the system may have written data in memory at random.
5128 to 7299	Reserved.

Table A-3. Net Transport Service Status Codes

Status Code	Message/Explanation
8900	Link disconnected. The link between two nodes received an unexpected unrecoverable error. All operations currently in progress are terminated.
8901	Resources unavailable. An internal B-NET resource is currently expended. User should retry the operation later.
8902	Maximum TSAP attachments are exceeded. A TSAP (that is, a Net Agent or Net Server user) tried to access the Net Transport Service, exceeding the maximum number of users specified in the Max Users parameter when installing the Net Transport Service.
8903	TSAP in use. A Net Transport Service user tried to use a TSAP (that is, an address) currently allocated to another user.
8904	Data truncated. The user tried to receive or transmit data exceeding the specified limitations of the buffer size. The system returned as much of the excess as possible.
8905	Invalid TSAP. A Net Agent or Net Server user specified a TSAP out of the valid range.
8906	Timeout has occurred.
8907	An invalid node address has been given.
8908	Node has been reset.

Table A-3. Net Transport Service Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
8909	TSAP has been reset.
8910	Invalid connection index received.
8911	Invalid connection.
8912	TSAP has been deactivated.
8913	Invalid state.
8914	Request came from a user the Transport Service does not recognize.
8915	Write-type or read-type request received when a buffer does not exist for data transmission or receipt .
8916	No connections exist for this TSAP (user).
8917	Queue contains the maximum number of requests of this type.
8918	No more internal queuing structures exist in the Transport Service. User should retry later.
8919	TSAP Index mismatch.
8920	Purge request received - OS aborted.
8921	TSAP in session.
8922	Invalid TSAP range.
8923	Maximum connects at this node.
8924	Reserved
8925	Transport Service user detached.
	The Net Agent or the Net Server is detached from the Net Transport Service. All pending operations are terminated.

Table A-3. Net Transport Service Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
8926	Invalid address range.
8927	Invalid node range.
8928	Invalid connect range.
8929	Disconnect received from partner.
8930	Reserved
8931	Invalid channel specified.
8932	Not yes or no.
8933	Invalid dial ID.
8934	Invalid buffer size.
8935	Invalid maximum number of media specified.
8936	Invalid node name.
8937	Duplicate node.
8938	No such media.
8939	No dial connection.
8940	No such task type.
8941	Node in use - cannot delete.
8942	Media in use - cannot delete.
8943	Phone not on-hook.
8944	This modem is answer only.
8945	No more RS-232-C lines.
8946	Cannot delete media.

Table A-3. Net Transport Service Status Codes (Cont)

Status Code	Message/Explanation
8947	Maximum number of nodes exceeded. A user attempted to exceed the number of nodes specified when installing the Net Transport Service.
8948	Maximum number of media exceeded. A user attempted to exceed the number of media specified when installing the Net Transport Service.
8949	Invalid media range. The media number exceeds the maximum allowable number of media.
8950	Duplicate media.
8951	Transport Service stopped.
8952	Reserved
8953	X.25 Network connection failed.
8954	X.25 too few buffers or request blocks.
8955	No matching virtual circuit block.
8956	X.25 lost request block.
8957	Too many X.25 network request blocks.
8958	Too few X.25 buffers.
8959 to 9000	Reserved

STATUS MESSAGES

Table A-4 lists the status messages that appear in the NCC's message display area (refer to section 5, Network Control Center). Messages are in alphabetical order.

Table A-4. Status Messages

Bad number format.
Channel in use.
Configuration complete.
Configuration table is full.
Disconnect received.
duplicate media.
Duplicate node.
Duplicate node entry.
End of entry table reached.
Entry is not allowed.
Error during configuration.
Error out of range.
Invalid address range.
Invalid buffer size.
Invalid channel.
Invalid connection range.
Invalid dial ID.
Invalid dial type string.
Invalid entry parameter string.
Invalid maximum media.

Table A-4. Status Messages (Cont)

Invalid media channel string.

Invalid media parameters.

(Valid parameters are Leased, Dial, PVC, and SVC)

Invalid media range.

Invalid media type string.

Invalid modem mode string.

Invalid modem type string.

Invalid node name.

Invalid node range.

Invalid YES/NO entry.

Last entry in table.

Maximum media exceeded.

Maximum nodes exceeded.

Maximum nodes added.

Media cannot delete media.

Media in use.

Media table is full.

Missing quote.

Modem answer only.

No connection number selected.

No dial connection.

No entries in table.

No entries to save in configuration file.

No more RS-232-C lines.

Table A-4. Status Messages (Cont)

No such media.

No such media type.

Node in use.

Not YES/NO entry.

Number entered exceeds maximum value allowed.

Phone not on-hook.

Reconfigure operation not completed, error encountered.

Too many entries.

Too many parameter fields for entry.

Top of entry table reached.

TSAP detached.

Undefined media type.

Unrecognized entry parameter.

Unrecognized entry string.

APPENDIX B

CREATING B-NET REQUESTS

GENERAL

This appendix contains information you need to create new B-NET requests. It also explains how B-NET handles and routes requests. Because requests incorporate routing information, an understanding of routing is necessary to enable you to create new B-NET requests.

REQUESTS

B-NET is an extension of the B-20 message-based operating system. In this system, one process communicates with another by passing messages called requests through the distributed operating system, either within a workstation or between workstations. A request instructs BTOS to command a system service to perform an operation.

For detailed information about requests, refer to the *B 20 Systems Operating System (BTOS) Reference Manual, vols. 1 and 2*.

A B-NET request is addressed to a resource located at a remote node. The Net Agent receives B-NET service requests from BTOS, and forwards them to their destinations via the Transport Service.

You normally use the Executive to send requests over B-NET. In addition, you can build new requests, combine them in B-NET sessions, and direct them to remote nodes via the Net Agent.

Requests are packaged in highly structured, self-contained data elements called request blocks. You must construct request blocks carefully to include critical routing information that BTOS software elements use.

OVERVIEW OF B-NET OPERATIONS

In general, you can use B-NET to request any BTOS operation. Because BTOS runs on top of the B-NET layer, B-NET is transparent to BTOS.

At the local node, if the Net Agent is installed on the workstation originating a request, BTOS forwards B-NET the request directly to the Net Agent. If the Net Agent is installed on the master workstation in the cluster, BTOS sends the request to the local Cluster Workstation Agent, which forwards the request to the master workstation, which routes the request to the Net Agent.

At the remote node, the Net Server receives a request block from the originating node's Net Agent, executes the request, and returns the response to the originating node's Net Agent.

B-NET SESSION STRUCTURE

Whenever possible in a B-NET request/response session, the system routes requests directly to the Net Server, which functions as an exchange.

A session can last for only one request. In a network poll-type transaction, for example, no resource handle is returned, and receiving the response completes the session.

In a session opening an ISAM dataset, a typical session may allocate a resource (for example, opening a file), communicate one or more requests using the resource handle (the one for read/write records), and terminate the session by releasing the resource.

B-NET supports application systems using up to five-sector buffer lengths.

ROUTING B-NET REQUESTS

The B-NET system, operating together with BTOS, commonly uses the file specification to route a request to its destination. As an alternative, it may route requests by handle.

Routing by File Specification

A specification, such as a file specification, is a string of characters (that is, bytes) that a pb/cb pair in a request block points to.

The count byte (cb) and the pointer byte (pb) are a pair of bytes in the request block. The cb is the count of bytes in the string; the pb points to the logical memory address of the byte string. Both are required to define and locate a string of bytes.

Example of a Request Routed by Specification

The OpenFile request is an example of a request that is routed by file specification. A fully expanded file specification includes the node, volume, and directory names prefixed to the file name, as in the following example:

```
{LosAngeles}[HdQtrs]<BNET>NetRouting.doc
```

If the file specification begins with a node name enclosed in braces, the system routes the request to that node.

The OpenFile request returns a handle that the system can use to reference the file in subsequent operations (refer to Routing by Handle, later in this appendix).

Rules for Routing by Specification

You must observe certain rules with respect to node names, limiting the number of file specifications per request, and applying passwords.

Node Naming Conventions

Node names can be any combination of up to 12 alphanumeric characters. Each node on the network must have a different name; the system does not accept duplicate node names (refer to Node Table Entries, in section 6).

Two node names are reserved:

- **{local}** (tells the system not to route the request)
- **{master}** (tells the system to route the request to the master workstation)

Refer to How the System Routes Requests, later in this appendix.

Maximum Number of File Specifications

A request can include a maximum of two file specifications. The first must occur in the first request pb/cb pair; if there is a second specification, it must occur in the third pb/cb pair.

Passwords

If a file specification has a password associated with it, the pb/cb pair immediately following the pb/cb pair for the file specification must include the password. If the file specification occurs twice in a request, the password must occur each time also.

How the System Expands Specifications

The system must expand specifications when you originate a request from a cluster workstation, and when you direct a request to a remote queue.

Requests Originating from a Cluster Workstation

When you originate a request from a cluster workstation, the Cluster Workstation Agent must expand each specification before it sends the request to the master workstation. Because the master does not have the cluster workstation's User Control Block, it can not expand the specifications itself.

A pb/cb pair in a request may describe a specification that is not fully expanded. Expanding a specification adds default path information from the User Control Block to make the specification complete.

The information added from the User Control Block depends on the type of specification. The following examples illustrate the form of several types of specifications:

FileSpec:

{NodeName}[VolumeName]<DirectoryName>FileName

DirSpec:

{NodeName}[VolumeName]<DirectoryName>

DevSpec:

{NodeName}[VolumeName]

B-NET Routing Macros

B-NET routing macros tell the Cluster Workstation Agent how to expand specifications when it receives a request.

A request macro in the Request.asm file specifies each request BTOS recognizes. Request macro parameters specify the name of the request, the value of the request code, the number of the pb/cb pairs, etc. Each request macro can include B-NET routing macros.

B-NET routing macros answer three questions:

- o Is the request routed by specification or by handle?
- o For requests routed by specification, where is the specification in the request block?
- o For requests routed by specification, how is the specification expanded?

Table B-1 describes the routing macros used in expanding specifications.

Requests Directed to a Remote Queue

When you direct a request to a remote queue, the Queue Manager searches the Queue.index file for the corresponding entry, then adds the local node name to the file specification before resending the request over the network.

How the System Routes Requests

When the kernel receives a request routed by specification, it determines whether the specification begins with a node name (that is, a name enclosed in braces).

Table B-1. Routing Macros

Macro	Description
<code>%FileSpec</code>	Expands everything to the left of the file name: Default file name prefix Default directory Default volume Default node
<code>%DirSpec</code>	Expands everything to the left of the directory name: Default volume Default node
<code>%DevSpec</code>	Expands everything to the left of the volume name: Default node
<code>%FileSpec2</code>	Same as <code>%FileSpec</code> , except that the request contains two specifications
<code>%FileSpecP2S2</code>	Same as <code>%FileSpec</code> , except that the specification occurs in the third request pb/cb pair instead of the first pair

If the specification does not begin with a node name (enclosed in braces) or a device name (enclosed in brackets), the kernel determines whether the user's default path specifies a node name, then takes the appropriate action:

- If the node name is the reserved name `{local}`, the kernel does not route the request.
- If the node name is the reserved name `{master}`, the kernel routes the request to the master.

- If the specification begins with a node name, or if the user's default path specifies a node name, the kernel routes the request to the Net Agent.
- If the request originates from a workstation with the Net Agent installed, the kernel routes the request directly to the Net Agent.
- If the request originates from a cluster workstation without the net Agent installed, the kernel routes the request to the Cluster Workstation Agent.

The Cluster Workstation Agent sends the request to the master, which routes the request to the Net Agent.

- If no Net Agent is available to serve a request directed to a remote node, the system returns the request to the originator with the error message **Service not available (33)**.

Routing by Handle

A handle is a 16-bit value a system service assigns to a resource used to perform an operation; for example, a Read request is routed by handle. The system uses that handle to reference the resource.

The file system uses a file handle to reference files you open using the OpenFile request.

The Net Agent sets the high-order bit on a handle returned from a remote node to indicate a remote resource. When the system encounters a request that refers to a handle with the high-order bit set, it routes it to the Net Agent.

Rules for Routing by Handle

The following rules apply to requests routed by handle:

- The handle must be in the first word of the control information.
- A handle returned from a remote service must never be zero.
- If a request returns a handle to a resource (for example, an OpenFile request), the first response pb/cb pair must return the handle.

How the Net Agent Translates a Handle

Table B-2 explains how the Net Agent translates a handle before returning it to the originator of the request.

Routing by Request Codes and Routing Codes

A request code is a byte in the request block (byte 10) that uniquely identifies a system service. For example, the request code for the Write operation is 36.

A routing code is a byte in the request block that the kernel and agents use to route a request from a program anywhere in the network, even if BTOS at the local node does not recognize the request code.

Table B-2. How the Net Agent Translates a Handle

Bit	Translation
15	The Net Agent sets the high-order bit to indicate that the system routes any request using this handle to the Net Agent.
14 to 12	The Net Agent does not change these bits. The file system uses these bits as a verification code.
11 to 8	The Net Agent does not change these bits.
7 to 0	The Net Agent translates the low-order byte of the handle into a unique number ranging from 1 through 255. This permits the Net Agent to associate the handle with a session and a remote handle.

When the Net Agent receives a request routed by handle, it uses the low-order byte of the handle to find the session and the remote handle in its table.

Request Codes

The system uses request codes for two purposes:

- to route a request to the appropriate system service process
- to specify to that process which one of the several services it provides the system is currently requesting

If BTOS at the local node recognizes a request code, but the originating workstation does not serve the request, the system routes the request to a remote node if routing information points to a remote node.

Routing Codes

It is possible to route a request to a remote node if BTOS at the local node does not recognize the request code.

When the system assembles a request, it creates a one-byte routing code that it associates with that request. The kernel searches for the routing code in the `rtCode` field of the request block. Unless this field is zero, the system uses it to route the request to a remote node.

Tables B-3 and B-4 indicate the meaning of the routing code in the `rtCode` field of the request block. The tables give the equivalent macros of each bit in the routing code; macros begin with a percent sign (%).

How the Net Agent Handles Requests

The parameters you enter when you install the Net Agent determine how the Net Agent handles requests. These parameters are explained in *Installing the Net Agent*, in section 4.

Table B-3. Routing Codes

Bit	Macro	Description
0	%RW	This request is a Read or Write, and may have to be broken up into small requests.
1	%OpenFh	This request opens a resource. This request's first response pb/cb pair returns a handle for reference to this resource in subsequent operations.
2	Reserved	
3	%SpecPW	Each file specification pb/cb pair is followed by a password pb/cb pair. If %SpecPW is set and there is no file specification to expand (rSpec = 0, or rSpec > 5), the first pb/cb pair becomes a password to expand (for example, ChangeOpenMode).
4	%rFh	Route this request by handle. The system returned this handle in response to a request marked %OpenFh.
5, 6, 7	rSpec	This field indicates that a request is routed by a specification, or that this request closes a resource. Refer to Table B-4 for the value of rSpec.

Table B-4. The Values of rSpec

Value	Macro	Meaning
0		No specification routing
1	%DevSpec	Route by Device Specification
2	%DirSpec	Route by Directory Specification
3	%FileSpec	Route by File Specification
4	%FileSpec2	Route by File Specification (request includes two file specifications)
5	FileSpecP2S2	Route by File Specification in P2/S2
6	%CloseFh	Closes the resource that the request %OpenFh opened
7		Reserved

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APPENDIX C

MEMORY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL

This appendix defines the memory requirements of each of the B-NET subsystems.

NET TRANSPORT SERVICE

The NET Transport Service (less utilities) requires 54KB of memory.

Based on network configuration, additional memory may be required, up to a maximum of 115KB:

- each node or user requires approximately 100 bytes of control storage
- buffer areas range from 15KB to 60KB

The Network Control Center requires 70KB.

The Network Automatic Configuration facility requires 40KB.

NET AGENT

The Net Agent software requires 9.6KB, plus 11KB if the user accepts the default parameters. Additional memory may be required, as follows:

- 35 bytes for each additional session
- 6 bytes for each additional remote resource
- 38 bytes for each additional client
- 74 bytes for each additional transport request

NET SERVER

The Net Server software requires 13.5KB, plus 11KB if the user accepts the default parameters, and 85 bytes for each remote user.

Additional memory may be required, as follows:

- 35 bytes for each additional session
- 6 bytes for each additional remote resource
- 578 bytes for each additional memory buffer

APPENDIX D

GLOSSARY

Address

An Address is a number from 1 through 64 that identifies a node from the other nodes on the network. You enter your node's address in the NCC's Node Table, as well as the addresses of the nodes your node communicates with. Each node must have a different address.

Auto-answer

Auto-answer is a feature of a modem whereby the modem automatically answers incoming calls.

Auto-dial

Auto-dial is a feature of a modem whereby the modem automatically dials a prespecified number and establishes a connection.

Channel

A channel is an RS-232-C communications port on a workstation (master or cluster).

Client Request

A client request is a B-NET request in the Net Agent's queue.

Cluster Workstation Agent

The Cluster Workstation Agent Service Process converts interprocess requests to interstation messages for transmission to the master workstation. At system build it forms part of the system image for use on a cluster workstation. It is the equivalent of the Master Workstation Agent Service Process.

Credit (Local)

Local credit is the buffer space available at the local end of a connection, measured in the number of packets that can occupy the buffer space.

Credit (Remote)

Remote credit is the buffer space available at the remote end of a connection, measured in the number of packets that can occupy the buffer space.

CRX

CRX (Carrier Detect) is a modem signal.

Data Buffer

A data buffer is the buffer the Net Server uses to service each open request.

DCE

DCE is an abbreviation for Data Communications Equipment (for example, a modem).

DDD

DDD is an abbreviation for Direct Distance Dialing.

DDS

DDS is an abbreviation for Direct Distance Switching.

Deinstallation

Deinstalling a system service causes the system to vacate memory and, in a multipartition system, relinquish the partition and system resources.

Dial Line

A dial line is a telephone line that requires you to initiate each call separately by entering a telephone number.

DTE

DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) is any terminal or workstation that uses the network.

DTR

DTR (Data Terminal Ready) is a modem signal.

File Specification

A file specification is a syntactical string that identifies a file. In its expanded form, it includes a node name, volume name, directory name, possibly a file prefix, and a file name.

GND

GND is an abbreviation for ground.

Handle

A handle is a name a system service assigns to reference a resource the system uses to perform an operation.

IM

IM is an abbreviation for intelligent modem. An intelligent modem is a modem that has auto-answer auto-dial capability (see Auto-answer and Auto-dial, in this section).

IPC

IPC (Interprocess Communication) is the request/response model of the B 20 message-based operating system (BTOS).

ISO

The ISO (International Standards Organization) establishes standards for network architecture. The ISO standard divides network architecture into seven layers: physical, link, network, transport, session, presentation, and application.

Kernel

The kernel is the innermost layer of BTOS. It executes at a higher priority than any process. It schedules processes and provides interprocess communication primitives.

Layer

A layer is a network function or a set of related network functions that forms an autonomous functional block in the superset of network architectural functions. This partitioning of the necessary network functions allows each layer to interface transparently with adjoining layers, thereby providing a method of making network components more manageable.

LAN

An LAN (Local Area Network) is a network that does not require public communications facilities (for example, an intraoffice network).

LCN

The LCN (Logical Channel Number) is the number of the Logical Channel you subscribe to. A Logical Channel is one multiplexed data stream over a physical line supplied by the public carrier.

Leased Line

A leased line is a communications line a subscriber leased from a common carrier for exclusive use. The subscriber has private, full-time access to the line for the duration of the contract.

Media Table

The Media Table is a facility of the Network Control Center. It has columns in which you make entries to specify the communication line media your node uses to communicate with other nodes on the network.

Medium

A medium is a physical connection over which the system transmits and receives data (for example, a dial line or a leased line).

Message

A message is a complete block of data comprising one or more packets.

Modem Eliminator

A modem eliminator is an electronic device that emulates two modems transmitting and receiving data. It originates clock signals that coordinate communications between workstations.

Net Agent

The Net Agent is a B-NET subsystem that initiates a request on behalf of a user.

Net Server

The Net Server is a B-NET subsystem that executes requests from the Net Agent and returns responses to Net Agents that originate requests.

Net Transport Service

See Transport Service.

Network Automatic Configuration Facility (NAC)

The NAC is a B-NET facility that allows you to save a network configuration and automatically reconfigure it after you deinstall it.

Network Configuration File

A Network Configuration File is a file you specify to store Node Table and Media Table entries. The system stores a network configuration in a network configuration file for automatic reentry later.

Network Connection Summary

The Network Connection Summary is a facility of the Network Control Center. It displays information about individual connections between your node and remote nodes.

Network Control Center (NCC)

The NCC is a full-screen, menu- and function key driven utility that provides the administrative interface for configuring a node and monitoring node and network activity.

Network Management and Control Center

See Network Control Center (NCC).

Network Synopsis

The Network Synopsis is a facility of the NCC. It displays a summary of the current configuration's parameters and statistics concerning the activity of the currently active node.

Node Address

See Address.

Node Table

The Node Table is a facility of the Network Control Center. It has columns in which you make entries to specify the other nodes on the network your node can communicate with.

Off-Hook

Off-hook is the condition of a telephone line activated for communications. When you lift the handset of a telephone from the cradle, the telephone is off-hook. Intelligent modems emulate lifting and replacing the handset.

On-Hook

On-hook is the condition of a telephone line not activated for communications, as when the handset is on the cradle.

OSI

OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) is a standard of the ISO that attempts to provide for consistent hardware and software interfaces among network products.

Packet

A packet is the basic block of data sent in a packet-switched network. A packet consists of control information and a segment of data.

Packet-Switching

Packet-switching is a technique for transmitting data in small segments called packets. The line is used only during transmission of the packet, allowing more efficient use of the line.

pb/cb

The pointer byte (pc) and count byte (cb) are a pair of bytes in a request block that point to and define the extent of a string of bytes in logical memory.

PBX

A PBX (Private Branch Exchange) is an in-house telephone switching system.

PDN

A PDN (Public Data Network) is a Federally regulated provider of communications services (for example, Tymnet or Telenet).

Permanent Virtual Circuit

A Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC) is a connection that the system is not required to clear or establish with each use.

Pulse Dialing

Pulse dialing uses a telephone with a rotary dial. The dial generates pulses that encode the numbers. Also see Tone Dialing.

Remote Resource

A remote resource is a system resource located at a remote node that the system needs to complete a B-NET request. Any request that returns a handle from a remote node requires a remote resource.

Request

A request is the medium of exchange between processes in the B 20 message-based operating system (BTOS). A request is a message consisting of a standard request block that requests the system to perform a standard operation as specified by a resource.

Request Code

A request code (rqCode) is a 16-bit value (byte 10 in the request block) that uniquely identifies a system service. For example, the request code for the Write operation is 36.

The system uses request codes to route a request to the appropriate system service process, and to specify to that process which one of the several services it provides the system is currently requesting.

Resource

See Remote Resource.

Routing Code

A routing code is a 16-bit value (byte 1 in the rtCode field of the request block).

If BTOS at the local node does not recognize the request code, the kernel checks the routing code to determine how to route the request. the routing code is decoded by a table containing macros and some special routing instructions.

RxD

RxD (Receive Data) is the designation of a clock on a workstation's communications channel.

Session

A session is a connection the Net Agent initiates between two nodes; all users on both nodes can share a session.

Session Timeout

A session timeout is the time the Net Agent allows for a session to remain unused while no resources are open.

SNF

SNF (Sequence Number Field) is a field defining the sequential number the system assigns to the next packet to be sent.

Subaddress

A subaddress is a node's telephone number.

Switched Virtual Circuit

A Switched Virtual Circuit (SVC) relies on the network controller to establish a connection path and clear it when not in use.

Sysgen Prefix File

The System Prefix file is used during the Sysgen of an operating system.

System Configuration Block

The System Configuration Block is a part of BTOS that allows the application system to determine details about the System Image (for example, workstation configuration and system build parameters).

Tone Dialing

Tone dialing uses a telephone with a touch-tone dial. This system uses tones with different pitches to represent a number. See also Pulse Dialing.

Topology

The topology of a network describes the network in terms of the number of nodes it includes, the media connecting the nodes, and which nodes are connected.

The topology of a network architecture describes how the network is organized. B-NET uses a distributed, independent multimedia topology; that is, all nodes are peers (equal), and any node can connect to any other. An individual node may consist of a subnet implementing, for example, a ring or star topology connected with a different network technology.

Transport Request

A transport request is an outstanding Net Agent request to the Transport Service.

Transport Service

The Transport Service is a B-NET subsystem that performs the transmission control and interface layer of B-NET.

TSAP

TSAP is an abbreviation for Transport Service Access Point.

TxD

TxD (Transmit Data) is the designation of a clock on a workstation's communications channel.

Virtual Circuit

A virtual circuit is a network communications link in a store-and-forward packet-switched network.

X.25

X.25 is a packet-switched network protocol based on a standard promulgated by the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT).

Xmit

Xmit is an abbreviation for transmit.

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