

Perle 833 Remote Access Server Guide

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Preface

About this Guide

This guide is intended for network administrators or supervisors who need to know how to install and manage a Perle 833 Remote Access Server on their network. This guide assumes that the network administrators or supervisors have a solid understanding of their own network environments, including medium type (Ethernet or Token Ring) and protocols (IP, IPX, or AppleTalk). This guide is also for the advanced network user.

In this guide you will read about:

- System Overview

Chapter 1 describes the Perle 833 Remote Access Server set of products, features and uses.
- Hardware Installation

Chapter 2 contains the description of the Perle 833 hardware unit and its installation instructions.
- Manager Installation

Chapter 3 introduces the Perle 833 Remote Access Manager program. Instructions on installation and making a connection to a Perle 833 Remote Access Server are provided.
- Configuration

Chapters 4, 5 and 6 describe the basic parameters that need to be configured on the Perle 833 Remote Access Server. These include naming the server, configuring serial port, LAN protocols and users.

Chapter 12 provides details on Advanced configuration items that can be used to enhance the operation of the Perle 833.
- Dial-In and Dial-Out

Chapters 7 and 8 provide details on enabling the Dial-In and Dial-Out services of the Perle 833. Information is also provided about third party dial-in clients.
- Network Administration

Chapter 9 describes features of the Perle 833 System that allow network administrators to monitor the status of the Perle 833 and its users. This includes SNMP statistics, Perle 833 statistics and a log file of activity on the server.

- Security

Chapter 10 describes the security features supported by the Perle 833 System and the procedures for configuring these features.

- Front Panel

The front panel of the Perle 833 can be used for limited configuration and viewing of statistics.

Chapter 11 describes the uses and operation of the front panel.

About the Document Set

This guide is part of a document set that includes the following publications:

- Perle Remote User's Guide
- Perle 833 Dial-Out User's Guide
- Perle 833 Remote Access Server Guide

Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter introduces the Perle 833 Remote Access Server set of products, features and functions.

Perle 833 Remote Access Server

The Perle 833 Remote Access Server is an interface device which allows access to Local Area Networks (LANs) from the telephone network. Users can dial-in to the LAN from a remote site or dial-out from the LAN to access a remote host.

Models are available for both Ethernet and Token-Ring LANs, in 2, 4, or 8 port configurations.

Supported Protocols

The LAN connections support the following network protocols

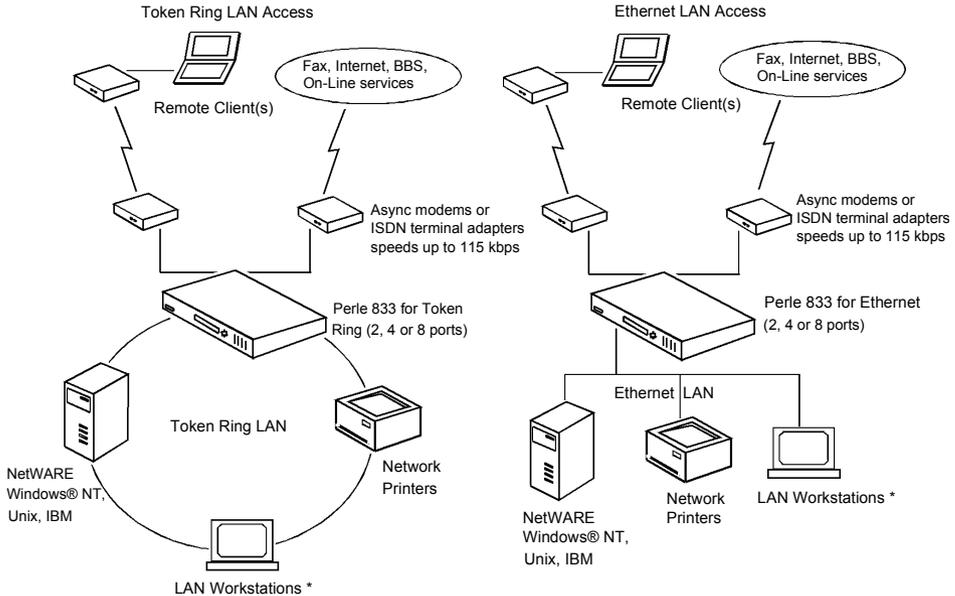
- Novell Internetwork Packet Exchange (IPX)
- Internet Protocol (IP)
- AppleTalk
- NetBios Extended User Interface (NetBEUI)
- Logical Link Control (LLC) and 802.2.

Dial-In

The Dial-In feature allows remote users, using client software, to access a LAN and perform tasks as if they were directly attached to it, using inexpensive voice-grade telephone circuits and asynchronous modems.

Remote users can connect to the Perle 833 with a modem using a wide variety of PPP clients or the Apple Remote Access Client. Among the PPP clients supported are the Perle Remote (for DOS and Windows 3.x), and the Windows 95 and Windows NT dial-up Networking clients. The Perle Remote software is provided with the Perle 833 Remote Access Server. See the *Perle Remote User's Guide (for DOS and Windows 3.x)* for more information on the dial-in function. For more information on other client software, see "Chapter 7: Dial-In" on page 81.

Perle 833 Network Topology



* Management software can be run from either a local or remote Windows® PC, Windows® 95 or Windows® NT

Dial-Out

The Dial-Out function allows users on a LAN workstation to connect to a destination that is external to their LAN. This is done by dialing out via a Perle 833 modem instead of a modem attached directly to the user's PC. The user can connect to a BBS, internet provider or any other service accessible by the telephone network

The benefit of sharing these modems across a network is that they can make efficient use of the hardware and phone lines that are already installed on the network.

The Dial-Out feature is accessed using the Perle 833 Dial-Out software. See the *Dial-Out User's Guide* for more details on the dial-out function.

Manager Program

The Perle 833 Manager software is included with the Perle 833 Remote Access Server. It is a Windows based program that allows network administrators to configure, monitor and manage the Perle 833 servers on the LAN.

Initial Configuration

In order to configure the unit for the first time, the PC on which the manager is running must establish communication with the target Perle 833 server. This can be done in one of three ways:

- Over the LAN (Inband)
By connecting both the PC and the server to the LAN, communications can be established between the two over the LAN using either IP or IPX protocols.
- Direct Connect
By using the direct connect cable provided with the unit, a PC can establish a serial link to the server via one of the server's serial connectors.
- Dial-in Connection
By connecting a modem to both the PC and the server, the PC can establish a link.

The following is an overview of the general steps required for each method.

Over the LAN

1. Server Hardware Setup.
Follow the hardware installation procedures as outlined in Chapter 2.
2. For IP networks, set the server's IP address.
If you intend to assign an IP address to your server via BOOTP or RARP, you do not need to do anything here since these are the defaults. Otherwise, you will need to enter an IP address and subnet mask from the front panel under the **Configuration LAN** Menu. See Chapter 11 for information on using the front panel.
3. Install the manager.
Install the manager on a LAN workstation. Ensure that the workstation is properly configured for IP or IPX. If the manager PC is setup for IP, be sure it has an IP address. See Chapter 3 for

further information.

4. Start up the manager.

The Perle 833 manager after startup will automatically find the server on the LAN using IP, IPX, or both.

5. Login to the server.

Select the server from the list. Then login as **superusr** with no password.

Direct Connect

Windows 3.1

1. Install the Perle Remote software. Refer to the *Perle Remote User's Guide (for DOS and Windows 3.x)* for details.

2. Configure the Perle Remote software for direct connect and 38400 baud rate.

3. Install the manager.

Refer to Chapter 3 for further information. Reboot your PC.

Note: If the manager PC is to use an IP connection, it must be configured with an IP address.

4. Connect the PC and the server.

Connect the PC to the server using the supplied direct connect cable.

5. Power up the Perle 833.

6. Establish the connection.

Using the Perle Remote Dialer (Windows or DOS), connect to the server. Login as **superusr** with no password.

Once this is completed, startup the manager. After selecting and connecting to the Perle 833, you will be asked to log in a second time. Use **superusr** again.

Windows 95

1. Install the Manager on your PC.
2. If your Windows 95 Modem List does not have a direct connect modem type, do the following steps:
 - a) From the modem section on the **Control Panel**, select **Add modem**.
 - b) Choose to select from a list instead of auto detect.
 - c) From the modem selection list, select **Have Disk**.
 - d) Specify the drive and installation directory of the Perle 833 Manager. (Default is C:\Perle833).
 - e) From the model list choose **Direct Connection**.
 - f) Select your COM port.
3. Set up a dial-up networking connection using the direct connection created above. Set the baud rate at 38400.
4. In your dial-up network connection, make sure that you have enabled either IP or IPX.
5. For IP connection, set your TCP/IP settings so that the client (your PC) is supplying its own IP address and enter the address you wish to use.
6. If you are using an IP connection, you will need to set up an IP address and subnet mask in the Perle 833 server. This can be done through the Front Panel under the **Configuration LAN** menu. See Chapter 11 for information on using the Front Panel.
7. Using the supplied cable, connect the PC to the Perle 833 server.
8. From Dialup networking, start the Dial-up Session. Login to the Perle 833 as **Superusr** with no password.
9. Start up the manager. After selecting and connecting to the Perle 833, you will be asked to log on a second time. Use **Superusr** again.

Dial-In Connection

If neither of the above two methods is possible, you can set up a dial-in connection.

1. Set up the Perle 833.

Using the Front Panel, configure the port parameters to best suit the modem you are using. Note that the modem selection at this stage is limited. You will need to use the Hayes selection. Cycle power in the Perle 833 to ensure parameters take effect.

2. Connect your modem.

3. Set up your client software.

For information on setting up the Perle Remote, refer to the Perle Remote User's Guide. For Windows 95 or Windows NT, refer to your Windows documentation and Chapter 7 of this guide.

4. Establish the connection, logging on as **Superusr** with no password.

Chapter 2: Perle 833 Hardware Installation

In this chapter you will learn how to install the Perle 833 Remote Access Server. You will read about:

- Hardware Overview—cabling requirements, modems, telephone lines, etc.
- LEDs
- Front Panel Operation
- Hardware Installation for Ethernet
- Hardware Installation for Token-Ring
- System Defaults

Hardware Overview

The following items were shipped to you with your Perle 833.

- Perle 833 Remote Access Server
- AC Power Cord
- Null Modem Cable
- Perle 833 Manager (CD-ROM)
- Perle Remote (CD-ROM)
- Perle 833 Dial-Out (CD-ROM)
- Documentation Set

You will also require the following items in order to complete the hardware installation.

Modems

Analog modems capable of at least 14.4 Kbps are recommended, or other asynchronous terminating device, such as ISDN terminal adapters for each serial port to be used.

Cables

Modem Connection: Cables required to connect the modems to the RS-232 DB9 connectors on the Perle 833.

Ethernet Connection: Cables required to attach the Ethernet LAN to either the RJ-45 connector for 10Base-T, the BNC connector for 10Base-2 (Thinnet) or the AUI connector for 10Base-5 thick Ethernet LAN's.

Token Ring Connection: Cables required to attach the Token Ring LAN to either the RJ45 connector for UTP connections or DB9 connection for STP connections.

Telephone System: Cable will be required to attach the modems or Terminal adapters to the telephone network.

Perle 833 Server Models

There are three different Perle 833 models. Each model has an Ethernet and a Token-Ring version.

- Perle 833/2e or /2t - Two remote ports
- Perle 833/4e or /4t - Four remote ports
- Perle 833/8e or /8t - Eight remote ports

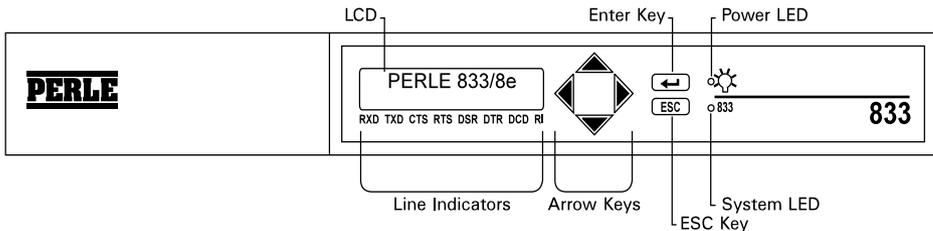
The 'e' or 't' at the end of the module number indicates an Ethernet or Token-Ring unit.

Front Panel

The Front Panel of the Perle 833 consists of a keypad and an LCD display. This front panel is common to all models of Perle 833 and can be used for obtaining system status and statistics as well as providing some limited configuration capabilities.

Use the ↵ (Enter) key to select a menu that is displayed on the LCD panel or to confirm a selection. Use the UP and DOWN arrow keys to view the options within that menu. Press the ESC key once to return to the previous menu, and press it several times to return to the Perle 833 main menu. For more information about navigation and editing fields in the front panel display, see "Chapter 11: Front Panel" on page 121.

When the unit is first powered up the LCD display will cycle through the list of languages that it supports. Wait until the appropriate language is displayed and then press ↵.



LEDs

The Perle 833 front and back panel LEDs are described below.

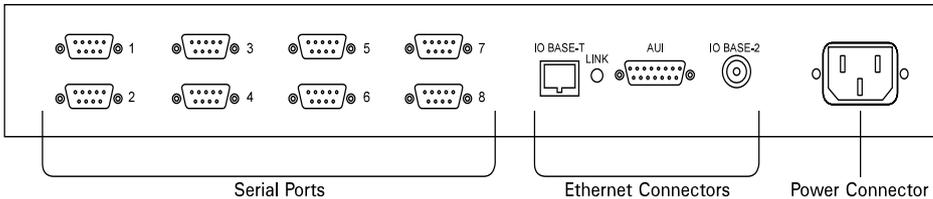
LED	Location	Function
Power (green)	Front	Indicates the Perle 833 is connected to AC power.
System (green)	Front	Blinks continuously when the Perle 833 is operational. Under normal conditions, this happens approximately 30 seconds after the unit is plugged in.
Link (yellow)	Back	Indicates a connection with a LAN.

Hardware Installation for Ethernet Perle 833 Server

The installation of the Ethernet server involves the following steps.

1. Connect the Ethernet cable to the proper Ethernet connector on the back panel of the Perle 833 (8 port model is shown).

Ethernet Back Panel



Note: Back panels for 2e, 4e, and 8e models differ only in the number of serial ports.

2. Plug the power cable into the back of the Perle 833 and into AC power.

Note: Always connect the power cable into the back of the Perle 833 before connecting it to the power source, and always disconnect the power cable from the power source before disconnecting it from the back of the Perle 833.

After a moment, the System (833) LED starts blinking and the LCD begins scrolling through the list of available languages for front panel display. When the language you wish to display appears, press \downarrow . Confirm your selection by pressing \downarrow again. The LCD then displays the main menu, which displays “Perle 833/ne” (where n represents the number of serial ports).

3. If you are using 10BASE-T or 10BASE-2 go to step 4. If you are using 10BASE-5 (AUI), use the front panel keypad to change the Ethernet connection type.

To change the Ethernet connection type:

- a) From the main menu, use the \downarrow key to select the **Configuration** menu.
- b) From the **Configuration** menu, use the \downarrow key, then the **DOWN** arrow key to access the **Configuration LAN** menu.
- c) From the **Configuration LAN** main menu, use the \downarrow key to access the **Connection** menu. The LCD displays the current connection type setting. Press the \downarrow key to modify the setting.

- d) Using the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow keys, select the 10BASE-5 (AUI) option, and press ↵ to confirm your selection.
- e) Reset the system by doing the following:
 - i) Press the **ESC** key until you return to the **Configuration** menu.
 - ii) From the **Configuration** main menu, use the ↵ key, then the **DOWN** arrow key to access the **Configuration System** menu.
 - iii) Select the **System Reset** option, and press ↵ twice to reset the system. The Perle 833 main menu is then displayed.
4. The Link LED should be blinking yellow and the front panel should be displaying the main menu in the selected language.
5. Go to “Setting the IP Address” on page 13.

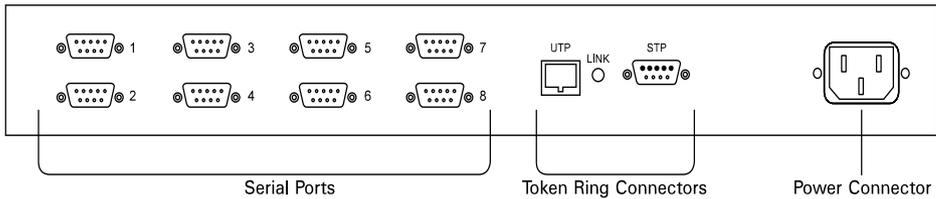
Hardware Installation for Token-Ring Perle 833 Server

The installation of the Token-Ring server involves the following steps.

1. Plug the power cable into the power connector on the back panel of the Perle 833 (8 port model is shown).

Note: Always connect the power cable into the back of the Perle 833 before connecting it to the power source, and always disconnect the power cable from the power source before disconnecting it from the back of the Perle 833.

Token-Ring Back panel



Note: Back panels for 2t, 4t, and 8t models differ only in the number of serial ports.

After a moment, the System (833) LED starts blinking and the LCD begins scrolling through the list of available languages for front panel display. When the language you wish to display appears, press \downarrow . Confirm your selection by pressing \downarrow again. The LCD then displays the main menu, which displays “Perle 833/nt” (where n is the number of serial ports).

2. Use the front panel to set the Token-Ring speed to match the speed of your Token-Ring LAN.
 - a) From the main menu, use the \downarrow key to select the **Configuration** menu.
 - b) From the **Configuration** menu, use the \downarrow key, then the **DOWN** arrow key to access the **Configuration LAN** menu.
 - c) From the **Configuration LAN** menu, use the \downarrow key to access the **Connection** menu. The LCD displays the current connection speed setting. Press the \downarrow key to modify the setting.
 - d) Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow keys to until the appropriate speed is displayed, then press the \downarrow key to select the connection speed.
 - e) Reset the system by doing the following:
 - i) Press **ESC** until you return to the **Configuration** menu.

- ii) From the **Configuration** menu, use the \downarrow key, then the **DOWN** arrow key to access the **Configuration System** menu.
 - iii) Select the **System Reset** option, and press \downarrow twice to reset the system. The Perle 833 main menu is then displayed.
3. The Link LED on the back panel should be blinking yellow and the front panel should be displaying the main menu in the selected language.
4. Connect the Token-Ring cable to the proper Token-Ring connector on the back panel of the Perle 833.
5. Proceed with "Setting the IP Address".

Setting the IP Address

The Perle 833 will need to have an IP address if it will be operating in an IP network. If you are not operating in an IP network or if the network supports a BOOTP or RARP server to supply an IP address to the Perle 833, skip the next step.

1. From the main menu, use the \downarrow key to select the **Configuration** menu.
2. From the **Configuration** menu, use the \downarrow key, then the **DOWN** arrow key to access the **Configuration LAN** menu.
3. From the **Configuration LAN** main menu, use the \downarrow key, then the **DOWN** arrow key to access the **IP Address** menu.
4. Press the \downarrow key to start editing the IP Address of the Perle 833. Use the Left and Right arrow keys to position the cursor. Then use the Up or Down arrow keys to change the value of a digit.
5. Reset the system by doing the following:
 - a) Press **ESC** until you return to the **Configuration** menu.
 - b) From the **Configuration** menu, use the \downarrow key, then the **DOWN** arrow key to access the **Configuration System** menu.
 - c) Select the **System Reset** option, and press \downarrow twice to reset the system. The Perle 833 main menu is then displayed.

Modem Installation

Install each modem that is required as follows:

1. Connect the modem cable from the serial port of the modem to the proper serial port of the server.
2. Follow the modem's installation instructions to power up the modem and connect it to the telephone network.

System Defaults

The Perle 833 defaults are listed below. The default settings can be changed from the front panel or the Manager program.

System

Front Panel Lock—no password

Language—not set

Ports

All ports enabled

Modem type - Direct

38,400 baud rate

Broadcast enabled

Multicast enabled

Dial-in enabled

Head and Address compression enabled

LAN

Connection - BNC/10Base-T auto-sensing (Ethernet Unit)

- LAN speed - 16 Mbs (Token-Ring unit)

IP address - none

No Subnet Mask

RARP enabled

BOOTP enabled

Chapter 3: Manager Software Installation and Setup

This chapter describes the Perle 833 Manager program, its installation procedure, and method of connecting to the Perle 833. In this chapter you will read about:

- Manager Overview
- System Requirements
- Installing Manager Software
- Connecting to the Server via In-band and Serial links
- Manager Main Screen

Manager Overview

The Perle 833 Manager software is a Microsoft Windows application used to configure, monitor and manage Perle 833 servers. The Perle 833 Manager can do the following:

- Create configuration files to be downloaded to Perle 833 hardware units—different configurations can be made, saved, and downloaded.
- Upload a Perle 833's configuration so it can be saved, modified, used in other Perle 833s, or compared to other configurations.
- Display statistics for a Perle 833.
- Display event logs for a Perle 833.
- Download new firmware to a Perle 833.

Connection

The Manager requires a connection to be established with a Perle 833 remote access server. This can be accomplished in any of the following ways:

- **In-band Connection:** Connect a PC to the same network that the Perle 833 server is connected to, and then use the Manager software to establish an in-band connection using IP or IPX. This will depend on the network software running on the Manager PC.
- **Direct Connection:** Use the null modem cable provided with the Perle 833 unit to connect the PC directly to a Perle 833 serial port, and then use Dial-in client software to establish the connection.

- **Modem Serial Connection:** Use modems and Dial-in client software to connect the Manager PC to the Perle 833 over the telephone network.

Client Software

The Manager software will run over the following clients when using a serial connection:

- Perle Remote (for Dos and Windows 3.x)
(See the *Perle Remote User's Guide* for details on installation and setup).
- Windows 95 Dial-Up Networking Client
- Windows NT 3.5 or 4.0 Dial-Up Client

System Requirements

The minimum requirements to use the Perle 833 Manager software are:

- PC-compatible 80386 or faster computer with the following:
 - Hard drive with at least 2 MB free storage space
 - Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher with MS-DOS version 5.0 or higher
or
Windows 95
or
Windows NT 4.0
 - 4 MB RAM
 - Windows-compatible mouse

For an in-band connection - IP

- A working IP connection to the LAN. For Windows 3.1 users, a TCP/IP stack is provided on the Manager disks.

For an in-band connection - IPX

- A working IPX connection to the LAN.

For a Direct connection

- An unused serial (COM) port on the Manager PC. A buffered serial port (for example, one that uses 16550 UARTs) is strongly recommended. Serial ports on older devices are usually not

buffered.

- Dial-In Client software.
- Null modem cable that was supplied with the Perle 833 Server. This is connected between the serial port of the PC running the manager and a serial port on the Perle 833. For more information on the Null modem cable see “Appendix B: Hardware Specifications” on page 141.

For a modem serial connection

- An unused serial (COM) port on the Manager PC. A buffered serial port (for example, one that uses 16550 UARTs) is strongly recommended. Serial ports on older devices are usually not buffered.
- Dial-In Client software.
- A modem cable for connection between the PC serial port and a modem.
- Analog modems capable of at least 14.4 Kbps are recommended, or other asynchronous terminating devices, such as ISDN terminal adapters.
- Voice grade telephone lines or high speed service like ISDN.

Installing Manager Software

To install the Perle 833 Manager software, follow these steps.

1. Start Microsoft Windows.
2. Place the Perle 833 Manager CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.

3. Windows 3.1

In Program Manager, choose **Run** from the **File** menu, type the CD-ROM drive letter (i.e., **D:\setup**) and press **Enter**.

Windows 95

Click the **Start** button , click **Run**, type the CD-ROM drive letter (i.e. ,**D:\setup**) and press **Enter**.

4. Perform the installation by following the prompts that appear on the screen.

Connecting to the Perle 833 Server

In-band Connection

IP

The Perle 833 needs an IP address before the Manager can make a connection. This address can be acquired in the following ways:

- The Perle 833 server will try to acquire an IP address from a BOOTP server or an RARP server on the LAN.
- If the above step fails, then the configured IP address is used. By default, the Perle 833 does **not** have a configured IP address.
- If an IP address has not been set in the Perle 833, then this must be done. An IP address can be set by using the Front Panel. See “Chapter 11: Front Panel” for instructions.

IPX

Nothing needs to be set up on the server to establish an IPX connection.

Direct Connection

Windows 3.1

1. Install the Perle Remote software. Refer to the *Perle Remote User's Guide (for DOS and Windows 3.x)* for details.
2. Configure the Perle Remote software for direct connect and 38400 baud rate.
3. Connect the PC and the server.

Connect the PC to the server using the supplied direct connect cable.

4. Power up the Perle 833.
5. Establish the connection.

Using the Dialer (Windows or DOS), connect to the server. Login as **superusr** with no password.

Once this is completed, start up the manager. After selecting and connecting to the Perle 833, you will be asked to log in a second time. Use **superusr** again.

6. When the connection is established, start Perle 833 Manager.

Windows 95

1. Install the Manager on your PC.
2. If your Windows 95 Modem List does not have a direct connect modem type, do the following steps:
 - a) From the modem section on the Control Panel, select **Add modem**.
 - b) Choose to select from a list instead of auto detect.
 - c) From the modem selection list, select **Have Disk**.
 - d) Specify the drive and installation directory of the Perle 833 Manager. (Default is C:\Perle833).
 - e) From the model list, choose **Direct Connection**.
 - f) Select your COM port.
3. Set up a dial-up networking connection using the direct connection created above. Set the baud rate at 38400.
4. In your dial-up network connection, make sure that you have enabled either IP or IPX.
5. For IP connection, set your TCP/IP settings so that the client (your PC) is supplying its own IP address and enter the address you wish to use.
6. If you are using an IP connection, you will need to set up an IP address and subnet mask in the Perle 833 server. This can be done through the Front Panel under the **Configuration LAN** menu. See chapter 11 for information on using the Front Panel.
7. Using the supplied cable, connect the PC to the Perle 833 server.
8. From Dialup networking, start the Dial-up Session. Login to the Perle 833 as **superusr** with no password.
9. Start up the manager. After selecting and connecting to the Perle 833, you will be asked to log on a second time. Use **superusr** again.

Dial-In Connection

If neither of the above two methods is possible, you can set up a dial-in connection.

1. Set up the Perle 833.

Using the Front Panel, configure the port parameters to best suit the modem you are using. Note that the modem selection at this stage is limited. You will need to use the Hayes selection. Cycle power in the Perle 833 to ensure parameters take effect.

2. Connect your modem.
3. Set up your client software.

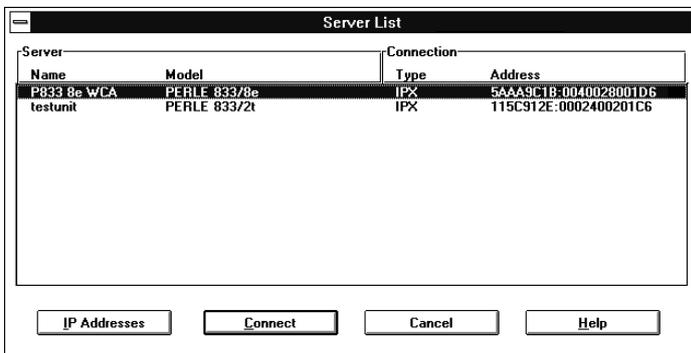
For information on setting up the Perle Remote, refer to the *Perle Remote User's Guide*. For Windows 95 or Windows NT, refer to your Windows documentation and Chapter 7 of this guide.

4. Establish the connection, logging on as **superusr** with no password.

Server List

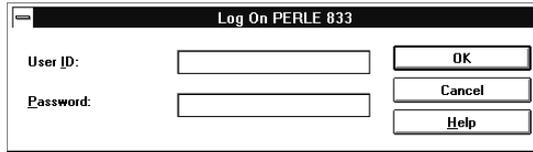
Once the Perle 833 Manager is running, it automatically locates all Perle 833 servers and displays them in the Server List window. This is accomplished by sending out a broadcast message using the following connection types or protocols: IP , and IPX.

To complete the connection to a server:



1. Highlight the server that you want to connect to and click **Connect**.

- The **Log On** dialog box will appear.

A screenshot of a dialog box titled "Log On PERLE 833". The dialog box has a dark header bar with the title in white. Below the header, there are two text input fields. The first is labeled "User ID:" and the second is labeled "Password:". To the right of the "User ID:" field is an "OK" button. To the right of the "Password:" field are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Help". The dialog box has a standard Windows-style border with a small icon in the top-left corner.

- Enter the **User ID** and **Password** for the selected server and click **OK**.

Note: The default name for an unconfigured Perle 833 server is: **superusr** - no password. You will be required to set a password when you first configure the server.

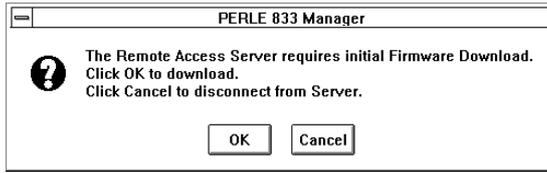
- If the **User ID** and **Password** are verified, then the Manager main screen is displayed.

Note: If the server you are connecting to is a new unit, you will be required to download firmware to it before you can begin configuring.

- A user can elect not to connect to a server by clicking on **Cancel** in the **Server List** window. The Manager main screen is displayed without the **Get Configuration** and **Statistics** buttons.
- If your network contains IP routers that do not route broadcast messages, then click the IP Addresses button to configure IP Addresses for Direct Polling. See "Addresses for Direct Polling" on page 53 for instructions.

Update Firmware

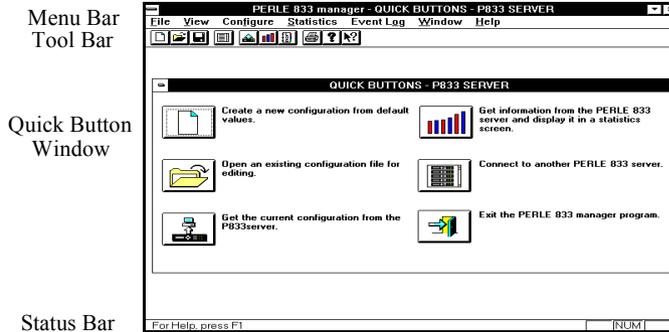
A new Perle 833 from the factory will have a base version of the operating code (firmware). This firmware version can not be configured by the Manager and must be updated to a working version. The base version is automatically detected when the Manager makes a connection to a new Perle 833 and **superusr** is used to log on. This process can take up to two minutes at 38400 baud. The following dialog box appears:



1. Click **OK** to start the download process.
2. After the firmware has been downloaded, the Perle 833 will reset itself. Wait five minutes before trying to connect to the server again for configuration.
3. If the **Cancel** button is clicked, the Manager will disconnect from the Perle 833 and display the Server list again.

Manager Main Screen

The Perle 833 Manager main screen contains menus and the following tools and windows.



Menu Bar
Tool Bar

Quick Button
Window

Status Bar

Menu bar

Contains menus that control the Manager and configure Perle 833s. The Menu bar contains the following menus—**File**; **View**; **Configure**; **Statistics**; **Event Log**; **Window**; and **Help**.

Tool bar

Makes it easier to perform some of the most-used menu functions.

Quick Buttons window

A quick way to use the main functions of Perle 833 Manager. Each function is represented by a button. The **Get Configuration** and **Statistics** buttons are not available when a Perle 833 is not connected.

Status bar

Gives information about menus and menu items when they are selected, and about the status of some keys on the keyboard.

Menu bar

The menu bar contains all of the menus available when running the Manager. Each menu contains a list of options that drop down from the Menu title. Some of the menu items are only active when a configuration file is open.

File Menu

The following options appear under the **File** menu:

New

Create a new configuration.

Open

Open an existing configuration.

Close

Close the selected configuration file.

Server List

Show all Perle 833 servers found.

Quick Buttons

Display the **Quick Buttons** window.

Save

Save the currently-selected configuration file.

Save As

Save the currently-selected configuration file as a new file.

Print

Print the currently-selected configuration file.

Print Preview

Show a preview of the currently-selected configuration file.

Print Setup

Select a different printer or change the printer setup.

Numbered file names

The most recent files that were opened are listed here. As a convenience, choose one to open that file.

Exit

Quit Perle 833 Manager. If unsaved changes have been made to any files, you will be prompted to save or cancel the changes.

View Menu

The following options appear under the **View** menu:

Tool Bar

This option toggles the tool bar (just below the menu bar) off and on. When the tool bar is displayed, there is a check mark next to this option.

Status Bar

This option toggles the status bar (at the bottom of the screen) off and on. When the status bar is displayed, there is a check mark next to this option.

Configure Menu

The **Configure** menu applies to the Perle 833 to which the Manager is connected, and not to any configuration file. If a Perle 833 is not connected, the options on this menu are not available. The following options appear under the **Configure** menu:

Get Configuration

Upload the configuration from the connected server and display it in the **Configuration File** window.

Download Configuration

Download a configuration file (or parts of it) to the Perle 833.

Reset the Perle 833

Reset the Perle 833 or selected serial ports. All user connections will be lost.

Set Date and Time

Set the system date and time on the Perle 833.

Lock Front Panel

Enabled only when connected to a server. Toggles between on and off and takes effect immediately.

Download Firmware

Download a new version of operating code (firmware) to the Perle 833.

Set to Factory Defaults

Set all parameters in the Perle 833 to factory default values. All existing configuration parameters will be lost.

Statistics

Only one option is available on the **Statistics** menu:

Get Statistics

Display the **System Statistics** window. It gives information about the Perle 833 to which the Manager is connected.

Event Log

The following options appear under the **Event Log** menu:

Get Event Log

View information on all activity on the server for the current session.

Clear Event Log

Clear all session information from the log.

Change Log Filter

Filters are available for:

- User account usage and security (log on activity, log out activity and failed log on activity)
- Configuration changes (through the manager and front panel)
- System Restarts; Errors (internal Perle 833 server errors)
- PPP details (changes and status information of each PPP session)
- IP details (changes and status information of each IP session).

Window Menu

The following standard operations appear under the **Window** menu:

Cascade

Resize and overlap all open windows so that their title bars are visible.

Tile

Resize and arrange all windows across the work space with no overlap.

Arrange Icons

Applies only when at least one configuration window has been minimized, making it into an icon. Choose this option to arrange all icons neatly, starting in the lower left corner.

Numbered file names

The name of each open configuration file is listed at the bottom of the **Window** menu with a number to its left. The **Quick Buttons** window is also listed if it's open. Choose one item to make it current.

Help Menu

The following options appear under the **Help** menu:

Index

Brings up the Perle 833 Manager Help index.

Using Help

Gives general information about using Windows Help.

About Perle 833 Manager

Display the version number of the Perle 833 Manager program and a copyright notice.

Tool bar

The tool bar, located under the menu bar near the top of the screen, makes it easy to perform some often-used functions. Each function can be performed from a menu, however, using the tool bar is much faster.



New file

Start a new configuration file with default values.



Open file

Open an existing configuration file.



Save file

Save the currently selected configuration file.



Server List

Display the list of Perle 833 remote access servers. Select a server to make a connection.



Get Configuration

Get the current configuration from the connected Perle 833.



Get Statistics

Get the **Statistics** data from the Perle 833 and display it in the **System Statistics** window.



Get Event Log

Get the event log from the Perle 833.



Print

Print the current configuration information.



About

Display the version number of Perle 833 Manager and a copyright notice.



Directed Help

Change the cursor to a question mark. Move the question mark over any screen item and click to get help information on the item.

Chapter 4: Server Configurations

This chapter describes how to set up a Perle 833. In this chapter you will read about:

- Configuration Overview
- Opening Configuration File
- Server Options
- Port Options
- User List Options
- Downloading a Configuration

Configuration Overview

The following steps describe the basic procedure to configure the Perle 833. The topics are then discussed in more details in later sections.

1. Open a Configuration File.

This includes uploading a configuration from an attached Perle 833, opening an existing configuration file on the Manager PC, or creating a new configuration file.

2. Edit the Perle 833 general parameters.

This includes options such as defining modem pools and giving the server a name.

3. Configure the Network Protocols.

Parameters for the protocols, IP and IPX, running on your network may need to be configured. These parameters include IP addresses, MAC addresses, or IPX frame types.

4. Configure Security features.

Access to the network is controlled by the Perle 833 security features. A security method needs to be selected and configured.

5. Edit the Perle 833 ports.

Configuring the ports usually involves setting the modem type, baud rate, and access.

6. Add / Edit user records.

Users are the people who will dial into the LAN through a Perle 833. Some of the things that can be configured for each user are: name and department, password, call back options, filters and connect time duration.

7. Save the file.

Note: Steps 1 through 7 (except for uploading a configuration) can be done without having a Perle 833 connected to the PC.

8. Download the Configuration

This will copy the configuration file to the Perle 833 and set it in the server's memory.

Open Configuration File

The configuration file contains a detailed set of configuration data for the Perle 833 including the server's name, network protocol parameters, serial port parameters and user records. Once a file has been created, it can be used to set the configuration for one server or it can be saved and used as a base for any number of servers. A configuration file can be opened for editing by following one of the following procedures:

Create a New Configuration File

1. From the Manager **File** menu, select **New**.
2. The **New Configuration** dialog box appears. Select the appropriate Perle 833 server type. Click **OK**.
3. The **Configuration File** window will appear with the default settings for the selected server type.

Open an Existing Configuration File

1. From the Manager **File** menu, select **Open**.
2. Select the required configuration file from the file list and click **OK**.
3. The **Configuration File** window appears with the setting of the selected configuration file.

Get a Perle 833 Current Configuration File

1. From the Manager **File** menu, select **Device List**.
2. The **Server List** window appears. Select the Perle 833 from which you want to get the configuration file and click **Connect**.
3. The **Log On** dialog box appears. Enter a **User ID** and **password**. Click **OK**.
The **User ID** needs administrative privileges to make a connection with the Manager.
Note: The default administrative name for an unconfigured Perle 833 is:
superusr (with no password)
4. If the **User ID** and **Password** are verified, then the Manager Main screen with the **Quick Button** window is displayed. Click the **Get the current configuration from the server** button. The configuration file will be transferred from the selected server to the Manager PC.
5. The **Configuration File** window appears with the settings of the selected Perle 833.

Configuration File Window

The **Configuration File** window is divided into sections which are described below.

Server

Port

User

The screenshot shows a window titled "Config1 - PERLE 833" with the following sections:

- Server Name:** PERLE 833
- LAN Connection:** Auto (BNC)
- IP Address:** (empty field)
- MAC Address:** (empty field)
- Port:**

Port	Baud Rate	Modem Model
1:Enabled	38400	Direct
2:Enabled	38400	Direct
- User ID:** SuperUsr
- Department:** (empty field)
- Access:** Admin
- Call Back:** Allowed
- Modem Pool:** (empty field)
- User List Access:** Public Private

Buttons: Edit..., Add, Copy, Edit, Delete, Shared Lists, Save, Close, Help

1 Users:

Server section

Use this section to configure the server itself, including such things as a server name, front panel, filters, password, connection type, modem pools, IP, IPX and MAC addresses.

Port Section

Configure the serial ports of the Perle 833. This includes modem type, baud rate, dial-out parameters and many other options.

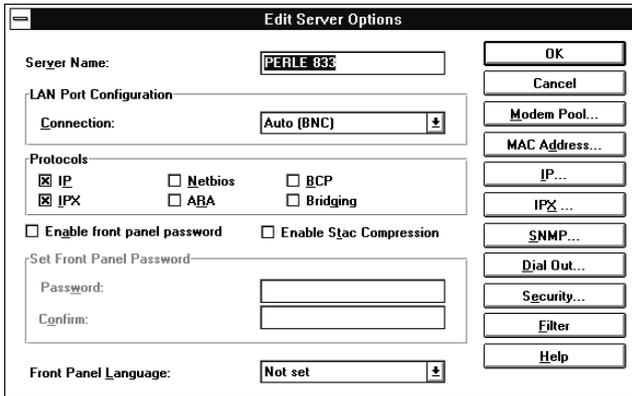
User List Section

Use this section to **Add** or **Edit** User records in the User List. This includes user names, passwords, filters, call back features, activity time-outs and privileges. Specify how the User List can be used or found.

Server Options

Follow these steps to configure the server parameters.

1. Open the required configuration file.
2. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click **Edit**. The **Edit Server Options** dialog box appears.



3. Give the server a name by typing it in the **Server Name** field.

The server name is used to identify the remote access server on the network. It is used by router information protocols (RIP) and service advertising protocols (SAP). Make sure to use a name that properly identifies the server you are naming.

4. From the **LAN Port Configuration** drop-down list, select a connection. The options depend on the Perle 833 model:

Ethernet:

Select the type of connector that will be used to connect the Perle 833 to the network. The choices are:

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| Auto (BNC) | This is the default. This will automatically detect whether the BNC or 10Base-T (RJ-45) connector is being used. |
| Auto (AUI) | This choice will automatically detect whether the AUI or 10Base-T (RJ-45) connector is being used. |
| 10Base-2 (BNC) | The BNC connector will be used. |
| 10Base-T | The 10Base-T (RJ-45) connector will be used. |
| 10Base-T (no test) | The 10Base-T (RJ-45) connector will be used. The server will not test to see if a connection has been made. |
| AUI | The AUI connector will be used. |

Token-Ring:

Select the correct token-ring speed for the network. The choices are 16 Mbps (default) or 4 Mbps.

5. Enable all protocols that the server needs to process. A protocol is enabled by clicking on its checkbox. By default, only the IP and IPX protocols are enabled. The **Bridging** protocol is a proprietary protocol used by the Perle 833 Dial-In Client (version 4.8 or earlier).

Please note the following:

- If the **IP** or **IPX** protocol is disabled, then any other configuration item that uses this protocol will not be assessable.
- If a security feature that uses the **IP** or **IPX** protocol has already been configured, you will not be allowed to disable the protocol.

6. If you want a password enabled for the front panel, click on the **Enable Front Panel Password** check box and type a password of up to 8 digits long, using the digits 0-9 (no alpha characters allowed).
7. If you wish to enable Stac (software) compression, click on the **Enable Stac Compression** check box. Note that this compression is only useful in an environment where most calls are digital. On analog calls this compression technique will actually create additional overhead since the modems are already providing hardware compression of the data. The default is no Stac compression.
8. The front panel language may be changed, if desired, by selecting another language from the **Front Panel Language** drop-down list.
9. Configure the network protocol parameters that are required for your network and for the dial-in clients being used for remote access. These parameters are accessed by clicking on the **MAC Address...**, **IP...**, or **IPX...** buttons. See “Chapter 5: Configuring Network Protocols” on page 47 for a full description of the network parameters and how to configure them.
10. To configure **Modem Pools** or **Dial-Out**, see “Chapter 8: Dial-Out” on page 85.
11. To configure **SNMP**, see “Chapter 9: Network Administration” on page 93.
12. To assign **Filters**, see “Server Filter Assignment” below for more details.
13. To configure **Security**, see “Chapter 10: Security” on page 103. You should select the highest level of security supported by your network.
14. Click **OK** to save your changes or **Cancel** to exit without saving.

Server Filter Assignment

Use this window to assign up to 10 IP and 10 IPX filters to the server. The server will process these filters from the top down, so the order may be important. See “Packet Filtering” for more details on how the filters are used.

To assign IP and/or IPX filters for the server, follow these steps:

1. Select a filter name from the Defined Filters pull-down list and click **Add** to add the filter to the Assigned Filters list.
 - You can change the order of the assigned filters by selecting a filter name from the Assigned Filters list and clicking the Move Up or Move Down buttons.

- You can delete a filter assignment by selecting a filter name from the Assigned Filters list and clicking the **Remove** button.
2. Set the **Default Action** to be taken if a packet does not match any assigned filter. The choices are to **Accept** or **Reject**.
 3. If you need to define more filters, then click the **Define** button in either the IP or the IPX section. The **IP Filter Definition** or **IPX Filter Definition** dialog box appears.
 4. Click **OK** to save your changes.

Setting the date and time

Setting the date and time on a Perle 833 is done separately from setting up the configuration file. The Perle 833 must be connected to the PC running Perle 833 Manager. To set the date and time, follow these steps:

1. From the **Configure** menu, select **Set Date and Time**.
2. In the dialog box that appears, set the appropriate date and time, and click **OK**.
The date and time are immediately changed in the attached Perle 833.

Serial Port Options

To configure the serial ports, follow these steps.

1. Select the port or ports you want to configure and click the **Edit** button.
Note: You can configure more than one port at a time by pressing Ctrl and clicking on more than one port. Fields that are the same among the ports are displayed; fields that are different among the selected ports are grayed out.

- The **Edit Port** dialog box appears.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Port 1' dialog box. It features a title bar with a minus sign on the left and the text 'Edit Port 1'. The main area contains the following elements:

- Port Disabled**
- Port Name:** 1
- Modem Model:** Direct
- Baud Rate:** 38400
- Filtering:**
 - Broadcast:** Filter
 - Multicast:** Filter
 - User Override Disabled**
- Port Access:**
 - Dial In**
 - Dial Out**
- IP Address:** (empty text field)

At the bottom of the dialog are four buttons: **Custom Modem...**, **Link Control Protocol...**, **Async Control Map...**, and **Dial Out Parameters...**. On the right side, there are three buttons: **OK**, **Cancel**, and **Help**.

- To disable the port, click on the **Port Disabled** check box.
- You should give the port a meaningful name. The name will be used in the Perle 833 Dial-Out software to identify ports that are available for dial-out. If the port name is left blank, the manager software automatically assigns a numeric name to this field.
- From the **Modem Model** drop-down list, select the make and name of your modem. If you can't find your modem in the list, select the one that most closely resembles your modem.
- Set the port baud rate from the drop-down list. This rate will be the fixed rate for Dial-In. This means that Dial-In callers will *always* run at this speed.
Note: Since modems negotiate to a mutually agreed speed, callers with slower modems will be able to connect. The parameters should be set to the highest speed at which the attached modem can run on its serial port.
- Enter a **Dial Prefix** string if required. This number will be added to the beginning of a phone number in the following conditions:
 - If the port is used for call back.
 - If the port is used for Dial Out. The port must belong to a **Modem pool** that is configured for Dial-Out and configured with an auto-dial phone number. If the dial out client application is dialing the number, then the prefix will not be used. The field would be used if a port was connected to a PBX line. The prefix can be up to 4 characters in length.

8. Optionally, enter an **IP address** for this port. The network portion of the address must be the same as network portion of the server's IP address. The IP address will be assigned to the client who dials into this port.
 9. The **Filtering** option can be used to either enable or disable the Perle 833's ability to filter out Broadcast and Multicast frames (both types or just one) from begin sent over the dial-in link to the Perle Remote. The settings of these filters depend on the protocol used. For example, for IPX, you would normally set **Broadcast** and **Multicast** to **Filter**. However, the NetBEUI protocol or LLC protocol needs to have the **Multicast** set to **Pass**. As well some software applications may require these message frames. See your network administrator for the correct settings. To configure the filter feature:
 - a) Select **Pass** from the drop down lists if required for the **Broadcast** and **Multicast** fields.
 - b) The Perle Remote has the option to override the options set here in the Perle 833. If the **User Override Disabled** field is checked, then the Perle Remote will not be able to use its override function.
 10. Set any other necessary parameters. These include:
 - **Dial-In/Dial-Out** port access. A check means enabled. If neither is checked, then the port can only be used for call back.
 - **Link Control Protocol** parameters (see "Chapter 12: Custom Server Configuration" on page 133).
Note: Most users will not need to change these parameters because this is an advanced feature that affects very few users.
 - **Async Control Character Map** (see "Chapter 12: Custom Server Configuration" on page 133).
Note: Most users will not need to change this parameter because this is an advanced feature that affects very few users.
 - **Dial-Out** parameters (see "Chapter 8: Dial-Out" on page 85).
 11. Click **OK**.
- Follow these same steps for any other ports that need to be configured.

User List Options

User Records

To add or edit the user records, see “Configuring a User Record” on page 71.

User List Access.

The Perle 833 can be configured to share its list of User records with other Perle 833 servers on the LAN. This feature allows the administrator to store all user records in up to two servers instead of storing a copy of the User List on every server on the LAN. To configure:

Select the access privilege for the User List configured on the Perle 833. The options are:

Public

The User List will be accessible to any remote Perle 833 on the LAN which has been configured for Search Remote.

Private

The User List will be accessible only to users that connect to the local Perle 833. However, the local Perle 833 can access the User Lists on other Perle 833 servers on the LAN if the local server is configured for **Search Remote**

Shared User Lists.

Click the **Shared Lists** button to configure the Perle 833 to access the User Lists on other servers. See “Shared User Lists” on page 74 for configuration instructions.

Save Configuration File

The configuration file should be stored on the Manager PC’s local drive for backup purposes. To save the configuration file, follow one of the procedures below:

Save a New Configuration File

1. From the Manager **File** menu, select **Save As**.
2. Enter a file name for the new configuration and click **OK**.
3. The Manager will save the configuration in a new file with the specified name.

Save an Existing Configuration File

1. From the Manager **File** menu, select **Save**.
2. The Manager will save the changes to the configuration in the existing file.

Download the Configuration

The configuration file needs to be downloaded to a Perle 833 for the parameters to take effect. The entire configuration can be downloaded or just certain sections such as user records or port configuration. If only sections of the configuration are downloaded, the Perle 833 does not have to be reset. The following steps describe how to download a configuration:

1. Make sure that the Manager PC is connected to the Perle 833 and that the appropriate configuration file has been opened.
2. From the **Configure** menu, select **Download Configuration**.
3. The **Download Configuration** dialog box appears. Click the radio button beside one of the following options:

Select Ports to Download.PERLE 833?

Download:

Entire Configuration (Reset is required.)

Selected Ports (Reset is required.)

1:Enabled	115200	Direct
2:Enabled	115200	US Robotics Sportster 28800 (V.FC and V.32bis)

User List (Reset is not necessary.)

Static Routers List (Reset is not necessary.)

Download **Cancel** **Help**

Entire Configuration

The entire configuration file is downloaded and the Perle 833 must be reset before the configuration changes take effect.

Selected Ports

Select one of the listed ports. Only the configuration for this port will be downloaded. The port must be reset before the changes take effect.

User List

There is no reset required for this option. The changes will take effect the next time a new or modified user tries to make a connection.

Static Router List

This will replace the existing list in the Perle 833 and will take effect immediately.

4. Click on the **Download** button. The Manager will download the selected portions of the configuration file. If the download selection requires a reset of the server or serial port, the Manager will ask for a confirmation of the reset.

Note: Any existing user sessions will be terminated when the Perle 833 is reset or a port is reset

Protocol Enable/Disable

The IP, IPX, Netbios, ARA, BCP and bridging protocols can be turned off and on. At the Server Level, the unit will prevent any connections with the disabled protocols and also will not use it for its own purposes (i.e. security access). This feature will also be available at the User Level.

Event Log

The Event logging function has been improved to provide consistent and pertinent information. The new or improved messages are:

Dial-in begin, Dial-in end

Call-back event (including the call back number)

Dial-out begin, Dial-out end

The Dial-out number will be logged where it is known. If the number is provided by the application (i.e. DUN), it will not be logged. The workstation address from where the dial-out initiated will be logged.

Dialing prefix/port

This feature is useful in a callback environment. The user will be able to configure a dialing prefix on a port basis. The prefix will be added to the beginning of the phone number for dialing. This is useful if you have some modems on PBX lines, and some that are not. This feature can also be used for dial-out purposes but will only function when the 833 is dialing the number. If the application (ex. DUN) is dialing the number, the prefix will not be applied.

Packet Filtering

The Packet Filtering feature allows the Perle 833 Server to accept or reject incoming data packets that match an entry on a list of defined filters. The filters are based on protocol, and packet addresses.

Up to 50 IP and 50 IPX filters can be defined with the following parameters:

- IP filters can specify Address, Mask, Sub-protocol, and port.
- IPX filters can specify Network, Node, Socket and Sub-protocol

After the filters have been defined, then up to 10 IP and 10 IPX filters can be assigned to the Perle 833 or to each user or to both.

Filters will be used by the Perle 833 Server in the following way:

1. The user record for the dial-in user will be checked. If the record has been configured to Disable Server Filters, then only the user assigned filters will be checked. Proceed to point 4.
2. Incoming data packets are compared with the filters assigned to the server starting with the first filter in the Server Filter Assignment list. As soon as the packet matches one of the filters, then the packet is accepted or rejected and no further checking is done.
3. If the packet does not match any of the filters assigned to the server, then the user record will be checked. If there are no user assigned filters, then the server default action will be carried out to accept or reject the packet and no further checks are done.
4. The incoming data packet will be compared to the filters assigned to the user, starting with the first filter in the User Filter Assignment list. As soon as the packet matches one of the filters, then the packet will be accepted or rejected.
5. If the packet does not match any user assigned filters, then the user default action will be carried out to accept or reject the packet.

To configure IP Filters:

1. From the server section of the configuration file window, click the **Edit** button. The **Edit Server Options** dialog box that appears.
2. Click the **IP** button. The **Edit IP Profile** dialog box appears.
3. Click the **Define Filters** button. The **IP Filter Definition** dialog box appears.

To configure IPX Filters:

1. From the server section of the configuration file window, click the **Edit** button. The **Edit Server Options** dialog box that appears.
2. Click the **IPX** button. The **IPX Frames and Network Numbers** dialog box appears.
3. Click the **Define Filters** button. The **IPX Filter Definition** dialog box appears.

To assign filters to the Perle 833 server:

1. From the server section of the configuration file window, click the **Edit** button. The **Edit Server Options** dialog box that appears.
2. Click the **Filter** button. The **Server Filter Assignment** dialog box appears.

To assign filters to a user:

1. From the users section of the configuration file window, click **Add**. The **Add User** dialog box appears.
2. Click the **Filter** button. The **User Filter Assignment** dialog box appears.

Packet filtering works in conjunction with the **RADIUS** and **Shared User List** security systems.

Shared User List - Filters can be configured and assigned to a user record on the Remote Perle 833. These records will be sent to the Local Perle 833 when a user dials in and makes a connection.

RADIUS – To use packet filtering with the Radius security server:

1. Define the filters on the Perle 833 Server.
2. Configure the user record on the Radius server with the names of the filters to be assigned to the User.
3. When a user dials into the Perle 833, the name of the filters will be sent from the Radius server to the Perle 833.

Chapter 5: Configuring Network Protocols

This chapter will provide information and configuration instructions on the network protocols supported by the Perle 833.

In this chapter you will read about:

- IP parameters, configuration, filters and static routing
- IPX parameters, configuration, filters and static routing
- MAC Addressing
- AppleTalk protocol
- NetBEUI

IP Parameters

IP (Internet Protocol) Address

The IP address is a 4 byte number that uniquely identifies a host on the IP network. The IP address consists of a network number, which is the same for every host on the subnet, and a host number, which must be unique for each host on the subnet. The IP address is specified in dotted decimal notation.

Subnet Mask

A subnet is a logical subsection of an IP network. The Subnet Mask indicates the network portion of the IP address. Enter an IP network mask address in the Subnet Mask field if there is a specific mask that your network requires.

Default Gateway

The Default Gateway is used to forward IP packets to IP hosts which are not on the local network.

BOOTP

The Perle 833 can retrieve an IP address for itself from a Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP) server located on the LAN. When the Perle 833 is first started up, a BOOTP request is sent every 3 seconds (up to 5 times). If a valid IP address is received, the Perle 833 uses it.

RARP

The Perle 833 can retrieve an IP address from a Reverse Address Resolution Protocol (RARP) server. On start-up a RARP request is sent every 3 seconds (up to 5 times). If a valid response is received, then the IP address is used.

IP Requirements

This section discusses the requirements to run the Perle 833 on an IP network.

1. IP address for the Perle 833. This address will be obtained using the following ways. The Perle 833 will try each of these methods in the order they are described until a valid address is found.
 - a) Acquire an IP address from a BOOTP server.
 - b) Acquire an IP address from an RARP server.
 - c) Use the configured IP address.
2. Subnet Mask.
3. Default Gateway address.
4. IP address for any routing based dial-in clients. This address can be configured in the following ways. The Perle 833 will look at each of these methods in the order they are described until a valid address is found.
 - a) Client specifies an IP address at connect time.
 - b) The user record has been configured with an IP address.
 - c) The serial port to which the client is connecting has been configured with an IP address.
 - d) The Perle 833 has been configured with an IP address pool.
 - e) The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server supplies the IP address.

Note: The Perle Remote does not need an IP address. It uses only MAC addressing for directing data packets. However, since users may be running IP applications on a PC running the Perle Remote, they will still need an IP address. The address in this case will need to be configured on the PC.

Configuring IP Parameters

To configure IP parameters, follow these steps.

1. If you are to use a BOOTP or RARP server on your network for IP address acquisition, then install and set up this server.
2. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click **Edit**.
3. From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click on the **IP** button.
4. The **Edit IP Profile** dialog box appears

5. Locate your cursor in the **IP Address** field and edit the number. The subnet mask number is automatically generated following the standard network class rules. You should only change this if your network has special requirements.
6. Enter an **IP address** for a Default Gateway if your network is equipped with a Gateway.
7. The Perle 833 will search for an IP address in both a BOOTP and RARP server by default. If you do not have one of these servers on your network, then clear the check boxes beside the appropriate server field.
8. To define filters, click the **Define Filters** button. See “IP Filter Defintion” on page for more details.
9. To configure IP addresses for dial-in Client users, click the **Client IP Addresses** button and enter the required data. See “Client IP Addresses” on page 50.

10. Click **OK** in the **Client IP Address** dialog box, and click **OK** in each subsequent dialog box until the **Configuration File** window is visible again.
11. The Perle 833 allows you to set up a unique IP address for each user. The address is configured in the user records. If you want to specify an IP address for a user, see “Chapter 6: User Records” on page 71.
12. The Perle 833 allows you to set up a unique IP address for each port on the Perle 833. If you want to specify an IP address for a serial port, see “Serial Port Options” on page 37.

Client IP Addresses

An IP address is required for any user that dials into a IP network through the Perle 833 using a routing client such as Windows 95 and Windows NT.

To configure Client IP Addresses:

1. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, choose **Edit**. In the **Edit Server Options** dialog box that appears, click on the **IP** button. The **Edit IP Profile** dialog box appears.
2. Click on the **Client IP Address** button. The **Client IP Address** dialog box appears.

The screenshot shows the 'Client IP Addresses' dialog box with the following components:

- IP Address Assignment:** A list of checkboxes: Client, User List, Port, IP Address Pool, and DHCP.
- DHCP:**
 - Addressing Mode:** Radio buttons for Discover and Specify.
 - IP Address:** A text input field with an **Add** button to its right and a **Remove** button below it.
 - Lease Duration:** A text input field containing the number '3'.
 - Reconnect Enable:** A checkbox Reconnect Enable.
- IP Address Pool:**
 - Address:** A text input field.
 - Count:** A text input field.
 - Add** and **Remove** buttons.
- DNS/WINS Server IP Address:**
 - Primary DNS:** Text input field.
 - Secondary DNS:** Text input field.
 - Primary WINS:** Text input field.
 - Secondary WINS:** Text input field.
- Buttons:** **OK**, **Cancel**, and **Help** buttons at the bottom.

3. In the IP Address Assignment area, check one or more of the following checkboxes to specify how the dial-in client is assigned an IP address. The server will use all selected methods in the order they are listed below. The search will stop when a valid address is found.
 - a) **Client** - Dial-in client provides his own address. This address is entered when the dial-in client is configured.
 - b) **User List** - The Perle 833 server's user list can be configured to have an IP address for each user. If you want to specify an IP address for each user, see “Configuring a User Record” on page 71.
 - c) **Port** - Each of the dial-in ports can be configured to have an IP address. See “Serial Port Options” on page 37.
 - d) **IP Address Pool** - A pool of addresses can be defined on the server. An address is selected from that pool and relayed on to the client.
 - e) **DHCP** - Upon client connection the DHCP server is contacted and an IP address is obtained. Except for the Client option, the Perle 833 will pass the IP address to the Client software when a user dials in and makes a connection.
4. **IP Address Pool**

If the IP Address Pool option has been selected in the IP Address Assignment section, then the IP Address Pool configuration section is enabled. A pool of IP addresses can be created and the first available address will be assigned to a dial-in client when a connection is made. The number of addresses in the pool can be as high as the number of serial ports on the Perle 833 being configured.

Adding IP address(es) to the Pool

- a) Enter an **IP address** in the **Address** field.
- b) Optionally enter a value in the **Count** field.
- c) Click the **Add** button.
- d) The address or range of address will be displayed in the IP Address Pool list.

Removing an IP Address from the Pool

- a) Select the **IP address** from the IP Address Pool list.
- b) Click the **Remove** button.
- c) The address will be deleted from the IP Address Pool list.

5. DHCP

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) permits the management of IP addresses (and other IP related options) from a single location. DHCP Servers are used to assign addresses to Hosts (PC's) that do not require a fixed or static IP address. Upon connection the Perle 833 will obtain a IP address lease from the DHCP server and relay the address on to the client. The Perle 833 will maintain and renew the lease as necessary. The DHCP server will also return Primary and Secondary DNS (Domain Name Server) IP addresses as well as Primary and Secondary WINS (Windows Internet Name Server) IP Addresses. WINS is also sometimes referred to as NetBios Name Server. If the client is configured to accept these parameters from the Perle 833 these will be passed on to the client.

If the DHCP option has been selected in the IP Address Assignment section, then the DHCP configuration section is enabled. Select or enter the following data as required.

Address Mode

- 1) Select Discover to allow the Perle 833 to find any DHCP server on the local network with an available address.
- 2) Select Specify to configure the IP addresses of the DHCP servers. Up to four DHCP server addresses can be configured. If one is not responding or does not have any IP addresses available the next one will be tried.

Adding a DHCP IP address

- a) Enter an **IP address** in the **IP Address** field.
- b) Click the **Add** button.
- c) The address will be displayed in the IP Address list.

Removing a DHCP IP Address

- a) Select the **IP address** from the IP Address list.
- b) Click the **Remove** button.
- c) The address will be deleted from the IP Address list.

Lease Duration

This field specifies the length of time that the DHCP server will allow the Perle 833 to use the IP address on behalf of the client. The range is 1 to 99 hours. The default is 3 hours. Longer lease time will increase the chances that a client can reconnect to the Perle 833 and get the same IP address.

Reconnect Enable

Click on this check box to allow a dial-in user to disconnect and then reconnect at a later time and retain the same IP Address.

Note: If the lease on the IP address has expired, then another user may have been assigned that address.

Note: This feature requires that all dial-in users have a unique User ID.

6. DNS/WINS Server IP Address

For networks that do not have DHCP server, a Primary and Secondary DNS and WINS server IP address can be configured in the Perle 833 server. The address will be passed to the dial-in client when a connection is made.

Addresses for Direct Polling

When IP routers are configured not to route IP broadcast messages, the manager is unable to detect the presence of any Perle 833 servers that are not on the local LAN segment.

The Direct IP Address Polling feature enables the user to configure the IP addresses of the servers that are on remote LAN segments. The manager can poll these addresses directly so that the servers can be found.

To add Perle 833 IP addresses to the polling list:

1. Enter the Perle 833 server's name in the **Server Name** field. The name consists of up to 15 alphanumeric characters.
2. Enter the **IP Address** for the server in dotted decimal notation.

3. Click the **Add** button. The entry will be added to the list. The list is sorted alphabetically according to the **Server Names**.
4. Click **OK**. The list of addresses will be stored on the Manager PC's hard disk in a file called `remhosts.ini`.
5. The **Server List** dialog box will re-appear. The Manager program will now send messages directly to the addresses contained in the IP address list. If a response is received then the entries in the Server List will be enabled.
 - If no response is received, then the entry in the Server List will be disabled and the Model field will be filled with asterisks (*****).
6. See “Server List” on page 20 for instructions on how to make a connection to a server.

To remove IP addresses from the polling list:

1. Select the entries in the IP Address list that you want to remove. The **Ctrl** and **Shift** keys can be used to select multiple entries.
2. Click the **Remove** button. The entries will be removed from the list.
3. Click **OK** to save the new list to the `remhosts.ini` file.

remhosts.ini File

This file contains the list of IP addresses for Direct Polling. It is located in the installation directory for the Perle 833 Manager program (default is `C:\perle833`). It is read and written to be the IP Address for Direct Polling dialog box.

Each entry is kept on an individual line. The server name starts in the first column followed by the IP address. If the server name contains any spaces, then the entire server name will be enclosed in quotes. The server name and the IP address will be separated by at least one space or tab character.

IP Static Routing

The Perle 833 has room for 100 entries in its IP Routing Information Protocol (RIP) table. In some large networks, there are more than 100 servers. As a result, some of the RIP table entries will be overwritten and some of the routes will be unavailable.

Static routing lets the network administrator configure the Perle 833 with only the server address routes that are required. Dynamic routing is disabled and the routing table will not change.

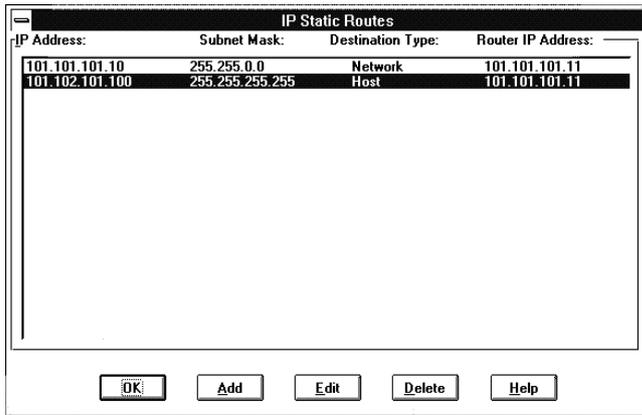
Note: The Perle 833 Manager when used with an in-band connection will broadcast a message to find all Perle 833s on the network. If Static Routing is enabled for a Perle 833, then a static route to the Manager's network will need to be configured. This is required for the Perle 833 to respond to the Manager's broadcast message.

Configuring IP Static Routing

1. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Edit** button.
2. From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click on the **IP** button.
3. In the **Edit IP Profile** dialog box, click the **Enable IP static routing** check box.

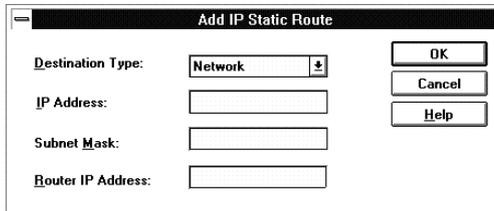
Note: Dynamic routing will be disabled. If new servers are added to the network, then the routing for these will need to be added to the static routing table.

- Click on **Static Route** button. The **IP Static Routes** dialog box appears.



A list of all IP static routes currently configured are displayed. You can **Add** a new entry, or **Edit** or **Delete** an existing highlighted entry.

- To configure a new static route, click the **Add** button.
- To edit an existing entry, select an entry from the table and click the **Edit** button.
- The **Add** or **Edit Static Route** dialog box appears. Enter the following parameters.



Destination Type

The IP destination type. If the destination type is Host, the Subnet Mask is not user-selectable.

IP Address

The IP address for the destination server.

Subnet Mask

The IP subnet mask for the destination. If the Destination Type is Host, this value is not user-selectable.

Router IP Address

The IP address of the router used to send packets to the destination.

8. Click **OK** to return to the **IP Static Route** dialog box.
9. Click **OK** in the **IP Static Route** dialog box to save the static route entries.

IP Filter Definition

Use this window to create and manage the list of up to 50 filters for the IP protocol. IP filters can specify the Address, Mask, Sub-Protocol and Port of the IP packet. The filters can accept or reject incoming packets based on source and destination addresses.

To add a filter definition:

1. Click the **Add** button.
2. The **Add IP Filter Definition** window will appear.

To edit a filter definition:

1. Select a filter from the list.
2. Click the **Edit** button.
3. The **Edit IP Filter Definition** window will appear.

To delete a filter definition:

1. Select a filter from the list.
2. Click the **Delete** button.
3. The filter definition will be deleted.

Add / Edit IP Filter Definition

To complete or modify the filter definition, enter the information in the following fields:

Name

The filter name can be up to 8 characters in length. You will use the name to assign filters to the server or user. The name can also be used when adding filters to a user record on a RADIUS security server.

Filter Action

Select whether to **Accept** or **Reject** incoming IP packets if the packet matches all parameters defined in this filter. The default setting is **Reject**.

Source Address

This field is the IP address of the station that is sending the IP packet. The address should be entered in dotted decimal notation.

Source Mask

This feature masks off both the filter source address and the packet source address by using the Boolean AND function. If the two results are equal, then the address matches.

Destination Address

This field is the IP address of the station to which the IP packet is being sent. The address should be entered in dotted decimal notation.

Destination Mask

This feature masks off the filter destination address and the packet destination address by using the Boolean AND function. If the two results are equal, then the address matches.

Protocol

The entries are TCP, UDP, ICMP, and Other.

- If you select TCP or UDP, the Port Number section appears. Enter the Source and Destination in the corresponding fields.
- If you select Other, make an entry in the **Protocol** field.

Once you have entered the correct information, click **OK** to save your changes.

IPX Parameters

Auto

The Auto setting will automatically determine the IPX framing type on the network. When the Perle 833 is powered up, it sends a message encoded in each frame type and waits for a response. It detects only the first framing type found. If your network has multiple frame types, you need to manually enable each type.

Specify Manually (802.2; 802.3; SNAP; Ethernet II)

Manual specification is useful for a multiple frame environment.

Dial-In Network

Dial-In Network is an IPX network to which all remote Dial-In IPX clients are connected. The Perle 833 appears as the IPX router with the LAN attached to one side and all of the Dial-In clients attached to the other side.

IPX Requirements

This section discusses the requirements to run the Perle 833 on an IPX network.

1. IPX network number and frame type for the server. This information is usually determined automatically by the Perle 833.
2. IPX number for dial-in clients. The Perle 833 can determine this automatically.

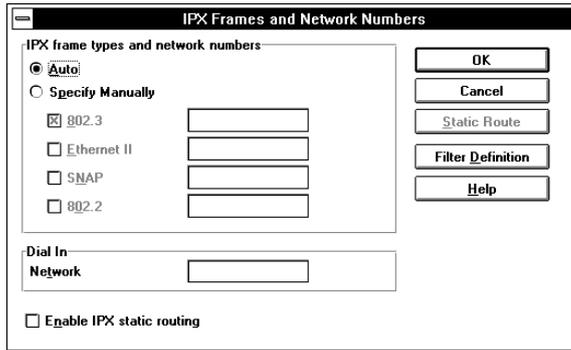
Note: The Perle Remote does not need an IPX network number if it is using the NetBUEI/LLC protocol. It uses MAC addressing for directing data packets.

Configuring IPX Parameters

To configure IPX parameters, follow these steps.

1. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Edit** button.
2. From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click the **IPX** button.

- The **IPX Frames and Network Numbers** dialog box appears.



- Click the **Auto** radio button to let the Perle 833 determine the frame type and network numbers it needs to route IPX frames.

or

Click on **Specify Manually** if you want to control the frame types to be enabled. Frame types that are unavailable appear grayed-out and cannot be selected.

- Click the check box next to each frame type you want to enable for this Perle 833. Leave the address field blank to have the server supply a network address.
 - If you type a *fixed* NetWare IPX network address, the Perle 833 will not update network numbers to resolve conflicts for that frame type. The address field contains up to 8 hexadecimal digits. Do not enter FFFFFFFF or 0, as these addresses are reserved.
- The Perle 833 will by default determine a suitable network number for the Dial-In connections. If your network application requires you to set a fixed value, then enter this value in the Dial-In Network field.

IPX Static Routes

The Perle 833 has room for 100 entries in its IPX Routing Information Protocol (RIP) table. In some large networks, there are more than 100 servers. As a result, some of the RIP table entries will be overwritten and some of the routes will be unavailable.

Static routing lets the network administrator configure the Perle 833 with only the server address routes that are required. Dynamic routing is disabled and the routing table will not be changed.

Note: The Perle 833 Manager when used with an in-band connection will broadcast a message to find all Perle 833s on the network. If Static Routing is enabled for a Perle 833, then a static route to the Manager's network will need to be configured. This is required for the Perle 833 to respond to the Manager's broadcast message.

IPX Network Services

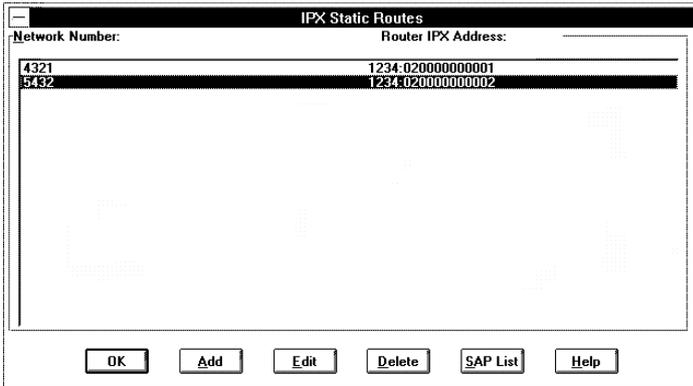
The Perle 833 also keeps a 100 entry Service Advertising Protocol (SAP) table. This table will contain a list of IPX network service programs and their locations within the IPX network. When IPX Static Routing is enabled, SAP entries need to be made for each network service available at each of the IPX static routings.

Configuring IPX Static Routing

1. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Edit** button.
2. From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click on the **IPX** button.
3. On the **IPX Frames and Network Numbers** dialog box, click the **Enable IPX Static Routing** check box. The option for IPX frame types and network numbers will change to **Specifying Manually**. Select at least one frame type, and enter a network number for each frame type you select. Static routing cannot automatically determine network numbers.

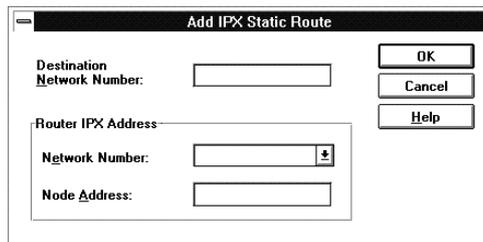
Note: Dynamic routing will be disabled. If new servers are added to the network, then the routing for these will need to be added to the static routing table.

- Click on the **Static Route** button. The **IPX Static Routes** dialog box appears.



A list of all the IPX static routes currently configured are displayed. You can Add a new entry or Edit or Delete an existing highlighted entry. For each IPX static route, a list of IPX services that are available at the IPX destination can be created.

- To configure a new static route, click the **Add** button.
- To edit an existing entry, select an entry from the table and click the **Edit** button.
- The **Add or Edit IPX Static Route dialog box** appears. Enter the following parameters.



Destination Network Number

The IPX network number for the destination. This can be up to 8 digit hexadecimal numbers.

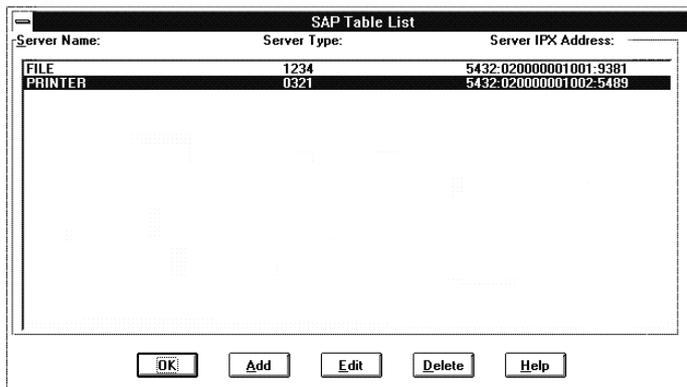
Network Number

The IPX network number for the router on the local LAN. Only those network numbers that you have already given to frame types are listed.

Node Address

The IPX node address of the router on the local LAN. This is a 12 digit hexadecimal number.

8. Click **OK** to save the entry and return to the **IPX Static Route** dialog box.
9. To configure SAP entries for an IPX static route, select an IPX static route entry and click the **SAP List** button. The **SAP Table List** dialog box appears.



A list of all the SAP table entries currently configured for the selected IPX static route are displayed. You can **Add** a new entry or **Edit** or **Delete** an existing highlighted entry.

10. To configure a new SAP entry, click the **Add** button.
11. To edit an existing entry, select an entry from the table and click the **Edit** button.

12. The **Add or Edit SAP Entry** dialog box appears. Enter the following parameters.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add SAP Entry". It contains the following fields and buttons:

- Server Name:** An empty text input field.
- Server Type:** An empty text input field.
- Server IPX Address:** A sub-section containing three fields:
 - Network Number:** A text input field containing the value "5432".
 - Node Address:** An empty text input field.
 - Socket Number:** An empty text input field.
- Buttons:** Three buttons are located on the right side: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

Server Name

The server name of the IPX static route destination. The name can be up to 48 characters long.

Server Type

The server type of the IPX static route destination. This is a 4 digit hexadecimal number.

Network Number

The IPX static route table network number for the destination that you have already entered. Not user-selectable in this dialog box.

Node Address

IPX node address for the destination. This is a 12 digit hexadecimal number.

Socket Number

IPX socket number for the destination. This is a 4 digit hexadecimal number.

13. Click **OK** to save the entry and return to the SAP table list.

MAC addresses

This section will be of concern to you if you use the Perle Remote with the NetBEUI/LLC protocol.

Media Access Code (MAC) addresses represent the physical address of a network. When the Perle Remote is used with the NetBEUI/LLC protocol, these address are used to send and receive messages to the LAN services.

Each Perle 833 model has several MAC addresses for communication on the LAN. One MAC address is assigned to the Perle 833 itself, and one MAC address is assigned to each serial port. A two-port server requires a minimum of three addresses, and an eight-port server requires a minimum of nine addresses. These address have default values when the server is shipped from the factory. These should not need to be changed.

If fixed MAC addresses are assigned to any users, then these default values have to be modified.

MAC addresses and Perle 833

A Perle 833's MAC addresses are set at the factory to unique values. If you need to change from the default MAC addresses, you can use address values that end in 00 in the range of 020000000000 to 02FFFFFFF00 (for Ethernet) and 400000000000 to 40FFFFFFF00 (for Token Ring).

Fixed MAC Addresses

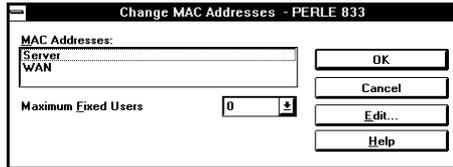
The Perle Remote software when running with the NetBEUI/LLC protocol needs to have a MAC address to communicate properly with the LAN services. Some applications need to know this address when the Perle Remote PC is powered up. As well some applications (i.e. AS/400 Client Access) required a dial-in user to have the same MAC Address each time they dial-in to the network. These conditions are satisfied by configuring a fixed MAC address for each user on the Perle 833 in the user profile. The user would then configure the Perle Remote with this same fixed address.

To configure fixed MAC address on the Perle 833, you must change the base modem port address to a user defined value. You must also indicate the maximum number of fixed MAC address users allowed in the network.

Note: The Perle 833 will respond to all addresses in the range selected (base address plus number of modem ports plus number of fixed MAC address users).The number of fixed MAC address users in no way limits the total number of users.

To configure fixed MAC addresses, follow these steps:

1. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Edit** button.
 - a) From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click on the **MAC Addresses** button.
 - b) A dialog box appears displaying the MAC address of the connected Perle 833, and the base asynchronous WAN (serial ports) MAC address.



2. Select the WAN MAC address and click the **Edit** button.
3. In the dialog box that appears, type in the new 12-digit hexadecimal MAC address, and click **OK**.

Make sure you comply with the numbering restrictions which were described above.

Note: When the WAN base address is modified, then the MAC address for a specific serial port is found by adding the port number to the base address and subtracting 1.

Base Address	Port 5 Address
020012345600	020012345604

4. Set the number of fixed address users to the closest value equal to or greater than the actual number of fixed address users required in the network.
5. Click **OK** in the **Change MAC Addresses** dialog box, and click **OK** in each subsequent dialog box until the **Configuration File** window is visible again.
6. To set the fixed MAC address for each user, see “Chapter 6: User Records” on page 71. The address will be automatically assigned to each user from the MAC address pool.

IPX Filter Definition

Use this window to create and manage the list of up to 50 filters for the IPX protocol. IPX filters can specify the Network, Node, Socket and Sub-Protocol. The filters can accept or reject incoming packets based on source and destination network and node addresses and socket numbers.

To add a filter definition:

1. Click the **Add** button.
2. The **Add IPX Filter Definition** window will appear.

To edit a filter definition:

1. Select a filter from the list.
2. Click the **Edit** button.
3. The **Edit IPX Filter Definition** window will appear.

To delete a filter definition:

1. Select a filter from the list.
2. Click the **Delete** button.
3. The filter definition will be deleted.

Add / Edit IPX Filter Definition

To complete or modify the filter definition, enter the information in the following fields:

Name

The filter name can be up to 8 characters in length. You will use the name to assign filters to the server or user. The name can be used when adding filters to a user record on a RADIUS security server.

Filter Action

Select whether to **Accept** or **Reject** incoming IPX packets if the packet matches all parameters

defined in this filter. The default setting is **Reject**.

Source Network Address

The address of the network that contains the station that is sending the IPX packet. It can be up to 8 characters long.

Source Node Address

Enter the node address of the station that is sending the IPX packet. It consists of 12 hexadecimal characters.

Source Socket Number

The socket number on the station that is sending the IPX packet. The socket number can be up to 4 hexadecimal characters.

Destination Network Address

The address of the IPX network that the IPX packet is being sent to.

Destination Node Address

The node address that the IPX packet is being sent to.

Destination Socket Number

The socket number that the IPX packet is being sent to.

Packet Type

The entries are RIP, SAP, SPX, NCP, and Other.

- If you select Other, make an entry in the **Type** field. The field can be up to 3 numeric characters.

Once you have entered the correct information, click **OK** to save your changes.

AppleTalk Protocol

The Perle 833 has built-in support for the AppleTalk Network protocol. This allows an Apple Remote Access (ARA) client running on a Macintosh to dial-in to the server and access the AppleTalk network.

The AppleTalk protocol is always available in the Perle 833 and no special configuration is required. For more information, see “Using Apple Remote Access” on page 84.

NetBEUI

The Perle 833 supports the NetBios Extended User Interface (NetBEUI) protocol. This permits third party clients (Windows 95 and Windows NT) to be used in a NetBios environment.

There is no configuration required to use this feature.

Note: The Perle 833 supports up to 10 sessions per connection using NetBios. The maximum sessions in the client NetBEUI configuration must be set to a value of 10 or lower.

Chapter 6: User Records

This chapter describes the uses and configuration steps for the Perle 833 user records. In this chapter you will read about:

- Overview of the User Records
- Adding or editing Users
- Shared User Lists
- Call Back Options

Overview

The Perle 833 can be configured with a set of user records (known as the User List) which contain profile information about users of the server. These records have the following purposes.

- The records are used for password authentication if the Perle 833 has been configured for **User List** security. See “Chapter 10: Security” on page 103 for more details.
- The records provide information on Call Back options and inactivity time outs for both **User List** and some third party security services.
- At least one user record with administrative privileges must be entered for each Perle 833. This allows access by the manager program for configuration or monitoring purposes.

The User List can be configured with 256 users. Each user can be configured with up to 5 call back numbers or a maximum of 512. (Average of 2 call back numbers per user).

Configuring a User Record

New user records can be added, existing records can be edited, copied or deleted. To perform any of these configuration functions, follow these steps:

1. Select or open the proper configuration file as described on page 32.
2. From the Users section of the **Configuration File** window, you can:
 - a) Click the **Add** button to add a new user.
 - b) Select an existing user record and click the **Edit** button to change the user’s information.

- c) Select an existing record and click the **Copy** button. This will create a new user record and copy most of the information from the existing record.
 - d) Select an existing record and click the **Delete** button to remove the user record from the configuration file. Click **OK** to confirm the deletion.
3. The **Add User** or **Edit User** dialog box will appear (except after deleting a record). Enter the following parameters as required.

The screenshot shows the 'Add User' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- User Disabled
- User ID:
- Department:
- Expires:
- Protocols:
 - IP
 - Netbios
 - BCP
 - IPX
 - ARA
 - Bridging
- Administration Privileges
- Set Password:
 - Password:
 - Confirm:
- Activity Time Out:
 - Disabled
 - If inactive minutes
- Addresses:
 - Fixed MAC Address:
 - IP Address:
- Connect Time:
 - Unlimited
 - Maximum minutes

Buttons on the right: OK, Cancel, Call Back Options..., Filter, Help.

User Disabled

A user record is enabled by default. If you want to prevent a user from using the Perle 833 but want to keep the record in the configuration file, then click on the check box.

User ID

Enter the name of the user. This field is up to 8 characters long. The name is used in combination with the password for log on authorization for **User List** security.

Department

The department name is for information purposes only. It is not used for granting privileges or access.

Expires

This option will disable user records on a specific date. Click the check box and enter the date on which the user record should become disabled.

Protocol Enable/Disable

Disable any **Protocols** that the user should not have access to by removing the check in the check box. All protocols are enabled by default. However, if the server has any protocols disabled, then that protocol will show as disabled for the User.

Administration Privileges

A user with administration privileges can use the Perle 833 Manager program to configure this Perle 833. Click on the check box to enable.

Note: At least one user record must be created with administration privileges for each Perle 833 to allow access by the Perle 833 Manager program.

Set Password

The password is used for access authentication purposes. Enter a 1 to 8 character password and then enter it again in the **Confirm** field.

Note: The **Set Password** fields will be disabled if a third party security service has been configured for the Perle 833 unless the user has been given administration privileges.

All users with administration privileges will be required to enter a valid password.

Fixed MAC Address

If the Perle 833 has been configured for Fixed MAC addressing (see “Fixed MAC Addresses” on page 65) then each user can be assigned a MAC address using this field. Click the check box and an address will be assigned by the Perle 833 from the fixed MAC address pool and displayed in the address field. If user records are deleted, their reserved addresses are released back into the pool. Fixed MAC addresses only work with a Perle Remote using the NetBEUI/LLC protocol.

IP Address

Enter an IP address if you want IP addresses assigned for dial-in users on a per user basis (see “IP Requirements” on page 48 for more information on assigning IP address). This address only affects third party routing based dial-in clients (i.e. Windows 95) when they connect to the server. The network portion of the address must be the same as the network portion of the server’s IP address.

Activity Time Out

This feature will disconnect a dial-in user after a time limit has passed where there is no user activity on the link. The default is to disable this feature and let the user stay connected until they disconnect. To configure an **Activity Time Out**, click the **If inactive** radio button and enter a time value in minutes.

Note: Certain protocols may generate data traffic even though the user may not be performing any functions. This may cause the connection to stay open even when the user is inactive.

Use caution when setting this option. Users who are connected to a network when this timer expires will be disconnected, which may adversely affect the operation of certain applications.

Connect Time

This feature will disconnect a dial-in user after a preset time limit, regardless of activity. The default is to allow the user Unlimited connection time. To configure a time limit, click the **Maximum** radio button and enter a value for the connect time in minutes.

4. Click on the **Call Back Options...** button if these options are required. See “Call Back Options” on page 75 for instructions on how to configure these options.
5. Click on the **Filter** button to assign filters for the user. See “User Filter Assignment” on page 67 for more details.
6. Click **OK** to save add this user record to the user list.
7. Repeat steps 2 through 6 for each user you want to add.

Shared User Lists

The Shared User List feature allows a Perle 833 to access the User Lists of specified remote Perle 833 servers on the LAN. Two Remote Servers can be defined for the local server. When a user connects to the Perle 833, a search for the user record will occur in the following order:

1. Local User List.
2. User List on Remote Server 1.
3. User List on Remote Server 2.

Note: This option will work only if the remote Perle 833 servers defined below have been configured for Public User List Access.

To configure Shared User Lists:

1. Select or open the proper configuration file as described on page 32.
2. From the Users section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Shared Lists** button. The **Shared User Lists** dialog box appears.

3. Set the check box of the **Search Remote** field to enable the Perle 833 to search on remote servers.
4. Specify the location of **Remote Server 1** and optionally **Remote Server 2** by:
 - a) Select the Protocol supported by the remote server. The options are **IP** and **IPX**.
 - b) If **IP** is selected, enter the **IP Address** of the remote server. The address should be in dotted decimal notation.
 - c) If **IPX** is selected, enter the **Name** of the remote server. The name can be up to 15 alphanumeric characters.
5. Click **OK**.

Call Back Options

Call back is a feature of the Perle 833 which can provide an additional level of security and at the same time allows for centralized billing for telephone charges. When a remote user calls in to a Perle 833 and Call Back has been set up, the Perle 833 will disconnect and then call the user back according to the Perle 833's configuration for the user.

Call Back Security

Call Back Security is controlled from the Perle 833 server. The settings can be either Disabled, Required, or Allowed. When Required is selected, the user must be called back by the server. If Call Back is not Requested on the dial-in client, then the Perle 833 server will disconnect the user and will not call back.

The Perle 833 can be requested to dial back on one of five phone numbers it stores. (Since the actual phone number is never transmitted on the serial line, an unauthorized user cannot attach to the Perle 833.)

Centralized Billing

Call Back can be used to centralize all phone charges for the Perle 833 server. The network administrator configures the Perle 833 for Required Call Back. All dial-in clients will have to request Call Back and as a result all telephone charges for the server will be billed to the telephone lines connected to the server

To set up the Call Back Options:

1. From the Users section of the **Configuration File** window, click on **Add** to add new users, or select an existing user and click **Edit**.
2. If necessary, configure a **User ID**, **Department** and **Password** for this user, and then press the **Call Back Options** button.

The **Call Back Options** dialog box appears.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Call Back Numbers". It contains the following elements:

- User Call Backs:**
 - Call Back: Disabled, Allowed, Required
 - Preferred Modem Pool: [Dropdown menu]
 - Use Exclusively
- Call Back Phone Numbers:**
 - User Specified Number Allowed
 - Home: [Text box]
 - Office: [Text box]
 - Other 1: [Text box]
 - Other 2: [Text box]
 - Other 3: [Text box]
- Buttons:** OK, Cancel, Help

3. Click the radio button for the **Call Back** option. The choices are:
 - **Disabled** - Call back will not be used.
 - **Allowed** - Call Back will be used if the dial-in user requests the feature.
 - **Required** - Call back must be used. If the dial-in user does not request call back, the Perle 833 will disconnect the user and not call back.
4. Enable the **User Specified Number Allowed** feature if required by clicking the check box. If call back is enabled, this feature allows a user to specify a call back number whenever the Perle 833 is called.
5. Up to five predefined telephone numbers can be entered for the call back option.
6. If you want to assign this user to a specific modem pool for Call Back, then make a selection in the **Preferred Modem Pool** drop down list.

Note: Dial-In Modem Pool must be configured before a selection can be made. See “Dial-In Modem Pools” below for configuration instructions.

If you click the **Use Exclusively** check box, the user will not be called back if a modem in the pool is not available.

If you do not check the **Use Exclusively** box, the user will be called back using another pool if no modems are available in the selected pool.
7. Click **OK** to save the Call Back Options.

User Filter Assignment

Use this window to assign up to 10 IP and 10 IPX filters to the user record. The server will process these filters from the top down, so the order may be important.

To assign IP and/or IPX filters for the user, follow these steps:

1. Select a filter name from the Defined Filters pull-down list and click **Add** to add the filter to the Assigned Filters list.
 - You can change the order of the assigned filters by selecting a filter name from the Assigned Filters list and clicking the Move Up or Move Down buttons.
 - You can delete a filter assignment by selecting a filter name from the Assigned Filters list and clicking the **Remove** button.

2. Set the **Default Action** to be taken if a packet does not match any assigned filter. The choices are to **Accept** or **Reject**.
3. If you want to server to override the server assigned filters and only use the user assigned filters, then click the check box on the **Disable Server Filters** field.
4. If you need to define more filters, then click the **Define** button in either the IP or the IPX section. The **IP Filter Definition** or **IPX Filter Definition** dialog box appears.
5. Click **OK** to save your changes.

Dial-In Modem Pools

A modem pool is a modem or group of modems on a particular Perle 833 which can be used for Call-Back, Dial-Out or both. This section describes the configuration and use of the Modem pools for Dial-In services (see “Dial-Out Modem Pools” on page 91 for more information).

The purpose of dial-in modem pools is to group together modems or ports that have been configured with similar parameters (i.e. same baud rate, or modem speed). As well, selected dial-in users can be assigned to the modem pools. This in effect limits the use of modem pool to the selected users. Up to 4 modem pools may be defined.

By default, no modem pools are defined. Call Back and Dial-Out are disabled.

Configuration Steps

Follow the steps below to define a modem pool on a Perle 833.

1. Open the desired configuration file.
2. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, choose **Edit**.

- From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click the **Modem Pool** button. The **Define Modem Pools** dialog box appears.

The screenshot shows the "Define Modem Pools" dialog box. It features a title bar with the text "Define Modem Pools". The main area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Modem Pools" and contains a "Name:" label followed by four radio buttons, each next to an empty text input field. The right column is titled "Port and Modem Model:" and contains a list of eight items: "1:Direct", "2:Direct", "3:Direct", "4:Direct", "5:Direct", "6:Direct", "7:Direct", and "8:Direct". Below these columns are two checkboxes: "Call Back" and "Dial Out". To the right of the "Dial Out" checkbox is a "Phone number:" label and an empty text input field. At the bottom of the dialog are four buttons: "OK", "Cancel", "Delete", and "Help".

- Click the radio button to the left of the top **Name** field, and place the text cursor in that field. Type a descriptive name for this modem pool.
- Choose the modem or modems that will be in this pool from the list of **Ports and Modem Models** at the right of the dialog box. To select more than one, press and hold the **Shift** key and click on the desired modems.
- Click the **Dial In** check box.
- Click **OK** to return to the **Edit Server Options** dialog box. Click **OK** to save the modem pool.

Chapter 7: Dial-In

This chapter provides the details for configuring the Perle 833 for Dial-In. It also describes some third party dial-in clients and any special considerations that are required for their use.

Overview

Dial-In allows remote users, using client software, to access a LAN and perform tasks as if they were directly attached to it, using inexpensive voice-grade telephone circuits and asynchronous modems.

Configuring Dial-In

To configure the Perle 833 for dial-in:

1. Each port that will be used for dial-in will need to have the **Dial-In** function enabled. See “Serial Port Options” on page 37.
2. A User record must be added to the User List for each dial-in user for security access. If the User List will be used, see “Chapter 6: User Records” on page 71. This is the default security method. If third party security options will be configured, see “Chapter 10: Security” on page 103.
3. A network protocol appropriate address (i.e. IP address, or MAC address) must be configured for each dial-in user. This will depend on the network protocol being used on the LAN and the dial-in client being used to access the LAN. See “Chapter 5: Configuring Network Protocols” on page 47 for details.
4. Provide users with the necessary information for them to access the Perle 833. This will include:
 - User Name
 - Password
 - MAC address for Perle Remote users if they are using Fixed MAC addressing.
 - Call Back options.
5. Download the Configuration File to the Perle 833. See “Download the Configuration” on page 41.
6. Users need to install and configure their dial-in client. Refer to the client installation manual for instructions. For the Perle Remote, see the *Perle Remote User's Guide*.

Using Windows 95 Dial-up Networking

Windows 95 contains all of the features necessary to connect with the Perle 833 server. With the instructions in this chapter, connecting to your LAN through the Perle 833 using a dial-up connection is a simple matter.

What You Need

The first step in connecting to a Perle 833 is to contact your network administrator to work out the details of your User ID and password, as well as the phone number and other settings you may need to know about. You may want to ask about IP addressing or Netware addressing features available to you. You also need to perform the following tasks before configuring a connection.

1. Install a modem. 14.4 Kbps or higher is recommended.
2. Obtain a Windows 95 set of install disks or CD ROM for files that may be required.

Configuring a New Connection

The following steps will create a new connection for dial-up networking.

1. Locate the Dial-Up Networking icon and open it. It may be under My Computer on the desktop, or under Accessories in the Program group.
2. Enter the name of your New Connection. For example, you may enter **Perle 833**. Also, select the modem type and line speed you will be using. Click on **Next**.
3. Enter the telephone number of the modem to which you wish to connect. Click on **Next**.
4. After this process, Windows 95 creates an icon with the name of your Network Connection in the Dial-Up Networking folder.

Note: Depending upon how your computer is configured, you may need to install networking software manually using the Network icon in the control panel. If you will be supplying an IP address from your PC, the network portion of your address must match the network portion of the Perle 833's IP address.

Making a Dial-Up Networking Connection

1. Open the icon with the name of the Network Connection you want to make.
2. Fill in the required User ID and password information, and click on **Connect**. If everything has been installed properly, the connection to the Perle 833 will pass you to your LAN.
3. When your LAN sign-on screen appears, perform a normal log in.

Call Back Options

The Perle 833 supports Call Back with the Window 95 dial-in client. To use this feature, the Perle 833 must be configured with the desired Call Back options. See “Call Back Options” on page 75 for configuration instructions. Following is a list of these options and how Windows 95 operates with them.

Disabled

- Call back not used

Required

- Call back must be used.
- If CANCEL is selected in the **Windows 95 Client Callback** dialog box, then the connection will not be established.

Allowed

- The client has the option of using call back.
- If CANCEL is selected in the **Windows 95 Client Callback** dialog box, then the connection will be established without call back.

Call Back Phone Numbers

- If any phone numbers have been configured in the Perle 833’s **Call Back Phone Numbers** list then the first configured number will be used (order is home, office, other1, other2, other3). The **User Specified Number Allowed** check box has no effect.
- If the phone number list is empty and the **User Specified Number Allowed** check box is enabled, then the Windows 95 Client user will be allowed to enter a phone number for call back.

Using Apple Remote Access

The Perle 833 has built-in support for Apple Remote Access (ARA). Using Apple remote Access Client software, your Macintosh can communicate with another Macintosh or an AppleTalk Network. The Perle 833 supports both ARA Version 1 and 2.

In some instances, the modem scripts that are supplied with the Apple Remote Access (ARA) client software may not work with the Perle 833. It is recommended that you use Version 2 ARA client software.

If you are using a Version 1 ARA client, you must change the modem initialization settings for the Perle 833. Version 1 ARA software requires that the modem does not negotiate compression or error correction. Other dial-in clients and protocols will still work in most cases, but performance for these clients could be degraded. See “Creating a Custom Modem Configuration” on page 133.

If you are using a Version 2 ARA client, the modem settings as shipped by Apple may not work. As with the Version 1 client, you may disable error correction in the server. However, you can retain your server settings by changing the modem configurations used with the ARA software. See your modem vendor for these files. Also, the Apple Remote Access Modem Toolkit Version 2.0 available from Apple will permit you to create custom modem configurations.

Configuration

To configure the Apple Remote Access Client, see your Apple Remote Access Client User’s Guide for details.

Because ARA is always available in the Perle 833, no special configuration is required to enable ARA. However, the client name and password must match the name and password of a user record configured in the Perle 833. The name and password are used to access the Perle 833 only, and do not correspond to names and passwords used to access other Macintoshes. See “Chapter 6: User Records” on page 71 for more details on configuring a user record.

The Perle 833 also supports Call Back. To enable this option, you must set Call Back to Required in the Perle 833 Manager and provide your home phone number. See “Call Back Options” on page 75 for more information. The client does not support other phone numbers or the **Call Back Allowed** option.

Chapter 8: Dial-Out

This chapter provides the details for configuring the Perle 833 for the Dial-Out.

Overview

The Dial-Out support by the Perle 833 allows users on a LAN workstation to connect to a destination that is external to their LAN. This is done by dialing out via a Perle 833 server modem instead of a modem attached directly to the users's PC. For dial-out users, the benefit of sharing these modems across a network is that they can make efficient use of the hardware and phone lines that are already installed on the network.

The user can connect to a BBS, internet provider or any other service accessible by the telephone network.

Configuring Dial-Out

A summary of the configuration steps for dial-out are provided in this section. Later sections in this chapter will provide more details.

1. Each port that will be used for dial-out will need to have the **Dial-Out** function enabled. See "Serial Port Options" on page 37.
2. Configure the Dial-Out parameters for each port.
3. Configure the dial-out parameters for the server.
4. Configure Modem Pools.
5. Provide users with the necessary information for them to access the Perle 833. This will include:
 - Modem Pool and /or Line Names.
6. Download the Configuration File to the Perle 833. See "Download the Configuration" on page 41.
7. Users need to install and configure the Perle 833 Dial-Out software on their PC. Refer to the *Perle 833 Dial-Out User's Guide*.

Port Dial-Out Parameters

The Dial-Out parameters options are used to set up default communication options and flow control. While the client has the option to override these settings, these are the default parameters the client will use if the “use server defaults” option is enabled in the client software.

Note: It is important to note that the Flow Control and other parameters match the modem they are being set up for. If the settings are different, a connection may not be possible.

Configuration Steps

Follow the procedure below to configure the Dial-Out parameters.

1. Open the configuration file for the appropriate Perle 833.
2. In the Port section of the **Configuration File** window, select the port or ports you want to configure and click the **Edit** button.
3. Click the **Dial-Out Parameters** button. The **Dial-Out Default Parameter for Port** dialog box appears:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Dial Out Default Parameters for Port 1". It is organized into three main sections:

- Communication parameters:**
 - Baud Rate: 38400
 - Parity: NONE
 - Data Bits: 8
 - Stop Bits: 1
- Flow Control:**
 - No flow control
 - Xon/Xoff flow control
 - Xon: 11H
 - Xoff: 13H
 - Hardware flow control
- Data Forwarding:**
 - Packet size: 140 bytes
 - Character timeout: 60 msec
 - Packet timeout: 720 msec
 - Trigger characters: (empty field)

At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: OK, Cancel, and Help.

4. Set the following parameters as required:

Communication Parameters

Baud Rate

The line speed used to transfer the data. Select the maximum speed supported by both the modem and the communications program. The default rate is “38400” baud.

Parity

Select the parity type that matches the setting at the calling destination (contact the destination site to verify this information) and in the dial-out client communications program. The default setting is “NONE”.

Data Bits and Stop Bits

Select the data bits and stop bits that match the settings used at the calling destination and in the dial-out client communications program. The default settings are “8” data bits and “1” stop bit.

Flow Control

Select whether or not you want to use flow control and, if so, the type of flow control. Flow Control regulates the flow of traffic between the server port and the modem. Match the selection to a comparable setting in the communications program.

Select one of the following options:

- No flow control.
- Xon/Xoff flow control (to use the software flow control). The Xon/Xoff fields display standard industry values. You should never need to change these values.
- Hardware flow control. This is the default setting and one that can be used throughout the system, including the server, client, application and modem for almost all situations.

Data Forwarding

Packet Size

Enter the size of the individual network transmissions. “Packets” are blocks of data transmitted on a network. Consider the following implications before you make any changes to the default setting. Setting the number lower results in more frequent network transmissions because packets are always sent when they are full. This change results in higher network traffic. Due to these implications, do not change the packet size unless you have a specific reason to do so. The default setting is “140” bytes. The minimum is 1 and the maximum settings is 512. If you do change the packet size, review the setting for packet timeout.

Character Timeout

Enter the duration of the character timeout in milliseconds. “Character Timeout” is the maximum amount of time that can elapse without a character being sent. The packet is transmitted after the time period has elapsed. Consider the following implications before you make any changes to the default setting. Setting the number lower can improve the responsiveness of the system if you are typing data, but may result in higher network traffic. To ensure this setting is valid, make sure the number is lower than the “Packet timeout” number. Network packets are always sent when they are filled, or if the packet timeout expires. The default installation setting is “60” milliseconds. The minimum is 0 and the maximum is 65535. A value of “0” disables the timer.

Packet Timeout

Enter the duration of the packet timeout in milliseconds. “Packet Timeout” is the maximum amount of time that a packet will wait for data before the packet is sent. Packet timeout begins countdown when the first character is placed in a packet. Consider the following implications before you make any changes to the default setting. If the typical data transmission is smaller than a packet, lower the number. This can improve the responsiveness of the system. The default installation setting is “720” milliseconds. The minimum is 0 and the maximum is 65535. A value of “0” disables the timer.

5. Trigger Characters

Set trigger characters only if you have very specific communications needs. They are not for general use. Click on the **Trigger Characters** button and the **Trigger Character for Port** dialog box appears

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Trigger Characters for Port 1". The main area contains the text "Trigger Characters" and "Enter up to 16 trigger characters in decimal or hexadecimal (value followed by the letter H)". Below this text is a grid of 16 numbered input boxes, arranged in four rows and four columns. The numbers 1 through 16 are placed to the left of each box. At the bottom of the dialog box are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

A trigger is a character that forces the transmission of a network packet. Data characters accumulate in packets when they are received from the phone line or sent from the modem. These packets are sent under one of the following circumstances:

- a packet is filled
- a character timeout occurs
- a packet timeout occurs
- a trigger character is encountered.

Enter up to 16 characters in decimal or hexadecimal (followed by the letter H). The default setting is none, that is, the 16 boxes are empty.

Case scenario:

If you are doing many file transfers and you know that each data transmission block ends with a consistent, unique end character, then you can define this character as a trigger. This will ensure that when a block of data has been received, it is forwarded immediately.

6. Click **OK** on the **Trigger Characters for Port** dialog box to accept the changes.
7. Click **OK** on the **Dial-Out Default Parameter for Port** to accept the dial-out parameter changes or click **Cancel** to exit without saving.

Server Dial-Out Parameters

The server dial-out parameters apply to all dial-out connections. Client Timeout is the only configurable parameter.

Configuration Steps

Follow the procedure below to configure the Dial-Out parameters.

1. Open the configuration file for the appropriate Perle 833.
2. In the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Edit** button.
3. From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click the **Dial-Out** button.
4. The **Dial-Out** dialog box appears. Enter a value for the Client Timeout period in minutes. The Perle 833 will periodically check to make sure the client is connected to the LAN. If the client has been disconnected for the Client Timeout period, then the modem can be released. The default is 1 minute.
5. Click **OK**.

Dial-Out Modem Pools

A modem pool is a modem or group of modems on a particular Perle 833 which can be used for Call-Back, Dial-Out or both. This section describes the configuration and use of the Modem pools for Dial-Out. See “Dial-In Modem Pools” on page 78 for more information.

The purpose of dial-out modem pools is to group together modems or ports that have been configured with similar parameter (i.e. same baud rate, or modem speed). Up to 4 modem pools may be defined.

By default, no modem pools are defined. **Call Back** and **Dial-Out** are disabled.

Configuration Steps

Follow the steps below to define a modem pool on a Perle 833.

1. Open the desired configuration file.
2. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, choose **Edit**.
3. From the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click the **Modem Pool** button. The **Define Modem Pools** dialog box appears.

The screenshot shows the 'Define Modem Pools' dialog box. It features a title bar with the text 'Define Modem Pools'. Below the title bar is a section labeled 'Modem Pools'. This section contains a 'Name:' label followed by four empty text input fields, each preceded by a radio button. To the right of these fields is a list box titled 'Port and Modem Model:' containing eight entries: '1:Direct', '2:Direct', '3:Direct', '4:Direct', '5:Direct', '6:Direct', '7:Direct', and '8:Direct'. Below the list box are two checkboxes: 'Call Back' and 'Dial Out'. To the right of the 'Dial Out' checkbox is a 'Phone number:' label followed by an empty text input field. At the bottom of the dialog are four buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Delete', and 'Help'.

4. Click the button to the left of the top **Name** field, and place the text cursor in that field. Type a descriptive name for this modem pool.
5. Choose the modem or modems that will be in this pool from the list of Ports and Modem Models at the right of the dialog box. To select more than one, press and hold the **Shift** key and click on the desired modems.

6. Click the **Dial Out** check box.
7. Normally, the dialing function is performed by the communication application on the dial-out client PC. However, if a phone number is entered in the **Dial Out Phone Number** field, the server will automatically do the dialing as soon as a connection request is received from the client. In this case the application would not do the dialing. Up to 24 phone number digits can be entered.
Note: The Perle 833 Dial-Out client software can be configured with a phone number instead of a pool or a port name. In this case, any available dial-out port will be assigned to the client and the dialing function will be performed by the server.
8. Click **OK** to return to the **Edit Server Options** dialog box. Click **OK** to save the modem pool.

Chapter 9: Network Administration

This chapter provides information that an administrator needs when managing a Perle 833 on a LAN. In this chapter you will read about:

- SNMP and how to use it
- Viewing Statistics
- Log File
- Software Upgrades

What is SNMP?

SNMP, or Simple Network Management Protocol, is a command/response protocol used for managing IP devices on a network. It facilitates communication between the SNMP Manager and SNMP Agents.

The SNMP Manager issues requests for status, performance and configuration information. The information acquired is usually displayed and used for network administration.

SNMP Agents run on network devices and respond to commands issued by the SNMP Manager. Depending on the source and access privileges of the request, SNMP Agents may or may not issue the requested information. Access levels range from:

- No Access—the SNMP Manager does not have access privileges.
- Read-Only—the SNMP Manager can read the information only but can not edit it.
- Read/Write—the SNMP Manager can read and edit the information.

The Perle 833 runs the SNMP Agent and supports the following RFCs:

- 1157 - A Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
- 1213 - Internet Standard MIB (MIB II)
- 1215 - SNMP traps
- 1471 - Point-to-Point (PPP)
- 1573 - Extensions to MIB II
- 1643 - IEEE 802.3 Ethernet
- 1659 - RS-232 hardware devices
- 1742 - AppleTalk
- 1743 - IEEE 802.5 Token Ring

SNMP Agents can also send out unsolicited messages, called traps.

Configuration Steps

1. Open the required configuration file.
2. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Edit** button.
3. On the **Edit Server Options** dialog box, click the **SNMP** button.
4. The **SNMP Configuration** dialog box appears.

Perle 833 SNMP Configuration

Name:

Contact:

Location:

Trap Host

Enabled

IP Address:

Community:

Community

Name	Access
public	Read

Add...
Edit...
Delete

OK Cancel Help

Administrative Information

The following is used by the network administration to manage the Perle 833.

1. In the **Name** field, enter an **SNMP name** for the server. This name is not related to the device name assigned in the Perle 833 configuration page.
2. Enter the name of the person responsible for managing the Perle 833 in the **Contact** field.

3. In the **Location** field, enter a description of the physical location of the Perle 833.

Note: You can enter a maximum of 255 characters in the **Contact**, **Name**, and **Location** fields.

Trap Hosts

A trap host is an IP workstation which is set up to receive SNMP trap messages. When the SNMP Agent detects a serious condition or activity, it will send a “trap” to a specified host, known as the trap host. The trap host must be a member of a community which is known to the SNMP Agent.

The Perle 833 sends trap messages when the unit restarts and when it detects an invalid logon attempt.

Configuration

1. To enable the trap host, click on the **Trap Host** check box.
2. In the **IP address** field, enter the **IP address** of the trap host.
3. In the **Community** field, select a community from the pull-down menu. The trap host is now set.

Communities and Community Tables

Not everyone on the network can access the information controlled by an SNMP Agent. Access on the Perle 833 is restricted through the use of communities and community tables.

A community is a group of users having a defined Name and a defined Access level.

The Perle 833 supports up to five SNMP communities. The default community is “public”.

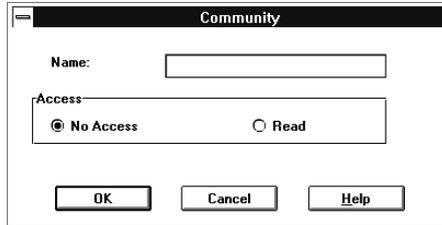
Community tables act like passwords by controlling access to the database. They list all SNMP communities and their corresponding access levels.

When the SNMP Agent receives a request for information, it will look for the name of the requestor in the community table. If the name cannot be found, then the request is denied and an error is returned to the user. If the name is found, the SNMP Agent then checks the community’s access level. If the access level of the community is equivalent or greater to the access level of the request, then the request is accepted.

Communities can be added, deleted or edited by users having proper access privileges.

Adding Communities

1. In the Community Table area of the SNMP Configuration screen, click on **Add**. The **Community dialog box** appears:



The image shows a dialog box titled "Community". It has a "Name:" label followed by a text input field. Below that is an "Access" section with two radio buttons: "No Access" (which is selected) and "Read". At the bottom of the dialog box are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

2. In the **Name** field, enter the SNMP community name.
3. Click on the appropriate access level check box.
4. Click **OK** to add the new SNMP community to the community table.

Editing Communities

1. Select the community name to be edited, and click on **Edit**.
2. In the **Community** dialog box, change the **Name** field and set the access level as necessary.
3. Click **OK**.

Deleting Communities

1. In the Community Table area of the SNMP Configuration screen, select the community you wish to delete.
2. Click on **Delete**.

Note: You cannot delete the “public” SNMP community. However, its access level can be changed.

Viewing Statistics

To view statistics on an attached Perle 833, choose **Get Statistics** from the **Statistics** menu. The manager will get the statistics data from the server and display it in the **System Statistics** window. The data is described below:

System Statistics

Server

Name:	NCG 8e	Firmware Version:	3.90
Time:	Thursday Apr 10 1997 13:35:06	Received:	9572890
Up Time:	6 days 02 hrs 57 mins	Transmitted:	2645415
		Overruns:	1335

Port Status:	Bytes		Frames/Sec:	CRC Errors:	Overruns:	Utilization:
	Received:	Transmitted:				
1:Idle	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2:Idle	8468	364318	0	0	0	0%
3:Idle	77675	74049	0	0	0	0%
4:Idle	0	0	0	0	0	0%
5:Idle	0	671850	0	0	0	0%
6:Idle	0	0	0	0	0	0%
7:Idle	0	0	0	0	0	0%
8:Idle	0	644928	0	0	0	0%

Port 1

User/Department:	Baud Rate: 38400	Enabled: Dial In
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Addresses : Port 1	Modem Type:
MAC:	Direct
IP:	

Server Name

The identifying name given to this server.

Time

The date and time that the statistics were recorded.

Up Time

The amount of time since this server's last reset.

Firmware Version

The firmware revision level of the attached Perle 833.

Received

The total number of frames bridged from LAN to the modem ports.

Transmitted

The total number of frames bridged from the modem ports to the LAN.

Overruns

The number of times that heavy traffic caused the buffers to be filled to the point of overflow on the LAN interface.

LAN Connection

The type of network connection. If the server has been configured to auto-detect the network type (the default), this field displays Auto (click on the **LAN** button for this information).

Server MAC Address

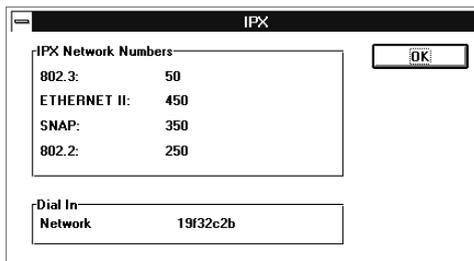
The main MAC address of the server itself. (Click on the **LAN** button for this information.)

IP Address

The main IP address of the server itself. (Click on the **IP** button for this information.)

IPX Network Numbers

The IPX network numbers for enabled frame types and the Dial-In network (click on the **IPX** button for this information). The following window appears.



IPX Network Numbers

The IPX network numbers assigned to the enabled frame types.

Dial In

The IPX network number assigned to the dial-in connections.

Information Presented for Ports**Status**

The operating status of the indicated port. One of the following will be displayed:

- Idle
- Dial-In
- Dial-Out

Bytes Received

The total number of bytes received on the selected port.

Bytes Transmitted

The total number of bytes transmitted on the selected port.

Frames/Sec.

The number of frames per second passing through this port.

CRC Errors

The number of PPP Cyclic Redundancy Check errors that were received on this port.

Overruns

The number of times the buffers on this port overflowed.

Utilization

The percentage of the bandwidth of this port that is currently being used.

User/Department

The User ID and department name (if any) of the user currently using this port. If the port is currently unused, this field is blank.

Baud Rate

The rate at which the user is communicating.

Enabled

Indicates what is currently enabled on the port. One of the following will be displayed:

- None
- Dial In
- Dial Out
- Dial-In/Dial-Out

Port MAC Address

The MAC address defined for this port. If a fixed address user is connected, the MAC address assigned to this user is displayed. This information appears at the bottom of the screen.

Port IP Address

The IP address of this port, if one has been assigned. If client-specified IP addresses have been enabled, the IP address of a Windows user choosing this option will be displayed. This information appears at the bottom of the screen.

Event Log

The Perle 833 records many of the events and activities that can be performed on the server by the manager during configuration as well as events from normal dial-in and dial-out use. This event log can be used to monitor the Perle 833 for proper usage and for tracking some kinds of problems.

The type of events captured by the server are:

- User account usage and security (log on, log out, and failed log on activities)
- Configuration changes (through the manager and front panel)
- System Restarts
- Errors (internal Perle 833 errors)

To access the Event Log, the Perle 833 Manager PC must connect to a Perle 833. The following operations are supported and are accessed through the Managers's Event Log menu.

Get Event Log

This will get the event log file from the connected Perle 833 and display the data in a scrollable Window. The columns in the table are date, time, event and user name if applicable.

Change Log Filter

The type of events recorded by the Perle 833 can be controlled. The Change Log Filter lets the user select any of the event types listed above. Only those events will be recorded.

Clear Event Log

This will clear all the data from the connected server's log file.

Software Upgrades

Firmware is the basic operating code of a Perle 833. When new versions of firmware become available, they can be conveniently downloaded to your Perle 833.

Note: Be sure all users are disconnected before performing a download. Any existing user sessions will be abruptly terminated when the Perle 833 is reset.

To download firmware, follow the steps below.

1. Make sure the Perle 833 is properly connected to the PC running Perle 833 Manager.
2. From the **Configure** menu, select **Download Firmware**.
3. Select the appropriate file to download from the file list and click **OK**.
4. A confirmation dialog box will appear stating the version of the firmware file you have selected. Click **OK** to begin downloading the file.
5. After the download has completed, the Perle 833 will reset and disconnect the Manager program.
6. Wait at least 5 minutes before attempting to connect to the server again.

Chapter 10: Security

This chapter explains the access security features supported by the Perle 833 and provides the configuration instructions.

In this chapter you will read about:

- Security Overview
- Supported Security Features
- Security Configuration
- Front Panel Lock

Overview

The Perle 833 has a multiple-level security system that controls access both to the server itself and to the network.

Server Access

The Perle 833 has two methods to control access to the server's internal configuration settings.

Administrative Privileges

The Perle 833 will only accept a connection from the Perle 833 Manager program if the user has been configured with administrative privileges. The user record for this administrator must be stored as part of the Perle 833 configuration file and have a valid password.

Regardless of the authentication method used, you will always require a record in your **User List** for the user with administrative privileges.

Front Panel Password

A password can be assigned to the Perle 833's Front Panel keypad and LCD display. This password would lock out unwanted users from the front panel so that they could not change the server's settings.

Network Access

Network Access is controlled by selecting a password authentication security service for the Perle 833. The Perle 833 supports password authentication plus some third party services. Only one of these services can be active at one time. The services are:

User List

Passwords will be authenticated by using the Perle 833's user record database called the **User List**. The name and password entered by a dial-in user are verified against the **User List** before access to the LAN is granted. see "Configuring a User Record" on page 71 for instructions on how to create the **User List**.

If a third party security service is selected, the **User List** can still be used to set up specific user privileges on the Perle 833 (i.e. Call back options, MAC address, Connection times etc.).

The passwords are authenticated using the Password Authentication Protocol (PAP) or the Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP).

You must select either PAP or CHAP, or both.

Netware

Netware Bindery contains a user profile database that is stored on a Netware server. The Perle 833 will ask the Netware server to authenticate the password against the database before allowing the user access to the LAN. The Perle 833 **User List** will not be used for password authentication. However, they can be used for setting user privileges.

The Netware authentication works by sending a request to a specific Netware server.

Note: 833 Bindery support can also be used with Novell Directory Service (NDS) to control password access to the 833. NDS supports Bindery requests if the Bindery option is enabled within the NDS configuration. Consult the appropriate Novell documentation for details. Please note that the 833 does not support native NDS messages.

RADIUS

Remote Authentication Dial In Users Services (RADIUS) is an open standard network security server. User records are created on the RADIUS Server. The Perle 833 will ask the RADIUS server for authorization before allowing a dial-in user access to the LAN. Call back phone number, activity time-out and connect time-out can also be stored in the RADIUS user record. The Perle 833 will obtain these values from the RADIUS server after password authentication and use them for processing the dial-in connection. The Perle 833 User List will not be used for password

authentication. However, they can be used for setting user privileges not supported in the RADIUS Server.

External Hardware

Passwords will be authenticated by an external security device that is physically connected between a Perle 833 serial port and its modem. These devices send login requests to the dial-in clients. The clients must support a TTY or terminal mode to complete the login process. The Perle 833 **User List** base will not be used for password authentication.

This option can also be used if you want to have no authentication. Use with caution.

Axent

Axent (formerly AssureNet) is a software-based security server that provides user authentication using their SecureNet Key cards. The Perle 833 will ask the Axent server to start the authentication process. The Axent server will then prompt the dial-in user for their name and a security token from the key card. The dial-in client software must support a TTY or terminal mode to display the Axent prompts.

SecurID

This feature enable customers with a SecurID ACE Security Server to make use of this server for dial-in user authentication. Once a client dials into the Perle 833 and a modem connection is established, the Perle 833 will ask the SecurID server to start the authentication process. The SecurID server will then prompt the dial-in user for their name and the Passcode according to the SecurID token instructions. The dial-in client software must support a TTY or terminal mode to display the SecurID prompts.

NT Domain

NT Domain enables the Perle 833 to use a Windows NT's domain user database for dial-in user authentication. The Perle 833 server will collect the userid and password from the dial-in client and will forward an authorization request to the Primary Domain Controller (PDC). This feature will work with the Perle Remote Client as well as other PPP clients such as Windows 95 and NT. The clients must support the Password Authentication Protocol (PAP).

PAP and CHAP

The Password Authentication Protocol (PAP) and the Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP) are the security features of the PPP protocol. These protocols provide the means to authenticate a user name and password. The **User List** service and some of the third party services require that the dial-in client software support PAP or CHAP.

CHAP provides a higher level of security and should be used when possible. PAP can be selected at the same time to accommodate Dial-in clients who do not support CHAP.

Call Back

The Call back feature of the Perle 833 can provide an additional level of security. When a remote user calls in to a Perle 833 and Call Back has been set up, the Perle 833 will disconnect and then call the user back according to the Perle 833's configuration for the user. The Perle 833 can be requested to dial back on one of five configured phone numbers it stores. Since the actual phone number is never transmitted on the serial line, an unauthorized user cannot attach to the Perle 833.

See "Call Back Options" on page 75 for configuration steps.

Generic User

The Generic User is a local user record that determines a user's privileges on the Perle 833 when the user's name is not found in the **User List**. It is used only if security has not been configured for **User List** password authentication. Dial-in clients must support PAP or CHAP to be able to use the Generic User record.

Security Services Configuration

The configuration steps to setup the security features of the Perle 833 are described in the following sections.

Administrative Privileges

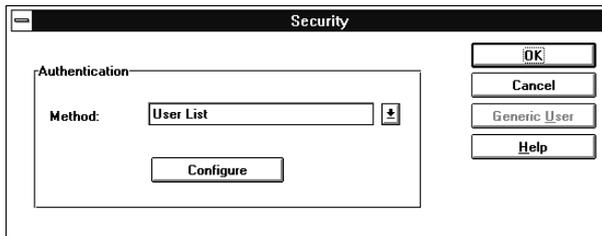
To create a user record with administrative privileges, See “Configuring a User Record” on page 71.

Note: A new Perle 833 has a default user record with the name: **superusr** - no password.
This user name has administrative privileges.

Network Access

To configure network access security, a password authentication service must be selected for the Perle 833, and then the parameters for the service are configured. If supported, a Generic User can also be configured. The steps are:

1. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click the **Edit** button.
2. On the **Edit Server Option** dialog box, click the **Security** button. The **Security** dialog box appears.

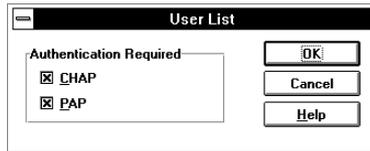


3. From the **Authentication Method** drop down list, select the required security service.
4. Click on the **Configure** button if the service has any parameters to set. See the sections below for instructions on the selected service.
5. Click the **Generic User** button (if enabled) to change any parameters. See “Generic User” on page 118 for instructions.
6. Click **OK** to save the security configuration.

User List

To configure the **User List** security service:

1. From the **Security** dialog box, select **User List** from the **Authentication Method** drop down list.
2. Click on the **Configure** button. The **User List** dialog box appears.



3. Click on the check boxes for the Authentication protocol supported by the dial-in clients. Select **PAP** or **CHAP** or both.

If both are checked, the server will first attempt to authenticate using CHAP. If this is not supported by the client, it will then use PAP.

4. Click **OK**.
5. Create user records for all dial-in users. See “Configuring a User Record” on page 71.

Netware

The Netware security service uses the PAP security protocol. The Dial-in client must support PAP. Authentication is always done using the Netware server configured below.

ARA clients are not supported in this mode.

If you want to use any of the following user-based features, you will need to define a user record in the User List for each user or define the generic user record which applies to all users who do not have their own specific record.

- Activity Timeout
- Connect Time
- Callback
- Preferred Modem Pool

To configure the Netware security service:

1. From the **Security** dialog box, select **Netware** from the **Authentication Method** drop down list.
2. Click on the **Configure** button. The **Netware** dialog box appears.

3. Enter the following parameters:

Server Name

The name of the Netware server the database resides on.

Netware Group Name

The name of the group on the Netware server that the authorized users belong to. This is an optional field.

The group name provides added access control. All network users will have a user record in the database. However, by specifying a group, only the users in the group will have dial-in access to the network.

4. Click **OK**.
5. Create user records for all dial-in users on the Netware server.

RADIUS

If you want to use any of the following user-based features, you will need to define a user record in the User List for each user or define the generic user record which applies to all users who do not have their own specific record.

- Activity Timeout
- Connect Time
- Callback
- Preferred Modem Pool

With RADIUS authentication you may also setup the following parameters in your RADIUS User Records.

- Callback number
- User IP address
- Activity timeout
- Connect time

Callback number

If a user has a record in the **User List**, the callback information will be taken from there. Otherwise, the callback enabling will be taken from the **Generic User Record** and the number will come from the RADIUS User Record.

User IP Address

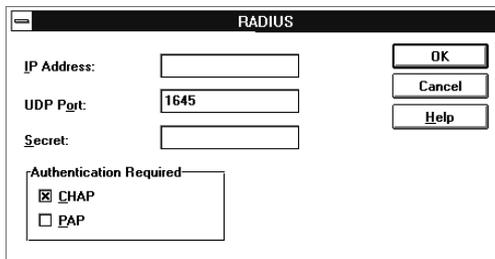
If an IP address is specified in the RADIUS User Record, this address will be passed to an IP client dialing in. If an IP address is not specified, the Perle 833 will resolve the IP address in the usual manner.

Connect Timeout / Activity Timeout

The Perle 833 will use these values if they are specified in the RADIUS file. Otherwise, it will use either the generic user record or the specific record, if it exists.

To configure the RADIUS security service:

1. From the **Security** dialog box, select **RADIUS** from the **Authentication Method** drop down list.
2. Click on **Configure**. The **RADIUS** dialog box appears.



The image shows a dialog box titled "RADIUS". It contains the following fields and controls:

- IP Address:** A text input field.
- UDP Port:** A text input field containing the value "1645".
- Secret:** A text input field.
- Authentication Required:** A section containing two checkboxes:
 - CHAP
 - PAP
- Buttons:** Three buttons are located on the right side: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

3. Enter the following parameters:

IP Address

The IP address of the RADIUS server.

UDP Port

The UDP port that the RADIUS server uses to communicate. The default is 1645.

Secret

The secret key that is shared between the Perle 833 and the RADIUS server to encrypt the data. This key must match the one configured on the RADIUS server.

Authentication

The passwords are authenticated using (PAP) or (CHAP). You must select either PAP or CHAP, or both. The dial-in clients for all users must support either PAP or CHAP. If both are checked the server will attempt to authenticate over CHAP first.

4. Click **OK**.
5. Create user records for all dial-in users on the RADIUS server.

Note: If call back is configured in the user records on the RADIUS server, the Generic User record on the Perle 833 must have the Call Back option set to Allowed or Required.

External Hardware

To configure the External Hardware security service:

1. From the **Security** dialog box, select **External Hardware** from the **Authentication Method** drop down list.
2. There are no configuration parameter for this service.
3. Click **OK**.
4. Set up the External security device.

Note: The external hardware option should be used with caution because it relies totally on the external hardware for security. There is no internal security in the Perle 833 with this option.

Axent

If you want to use any of the following user-based features, you will need to define a user record in the **User List** for each user or define the generic user record which applies to all users who do not have their own specific record.

- Activity Timeout
- Connect Time
- Callback
- Preferred Modem Pool

If you are connecting using an ARA connection, you may want to contact Axent to obtain a drop-in module that will allow ARA clients to connect in this environment.

To configure the Axent security service:

1. From the **Security** dialog box, select **Axent** from the **Authentication Method** drop down list.
2. Click on **Configure** button. The **Axent** dialog box appears.

3. Enter the following parameters:

Protocol

Select the network protocol which will be used to communicate with the Axent server. The choices are IPX/SXP and TCP/IP. The protocol chosen will change the Primary and Backup Server Address fields described below.

Agent Key

Enter the Agent Key for the Perle 833. This is a 1 to 16-digit hexadecimal number and must match the value that is configured on the Axent server. The Key is used to authenticate the Perle 833 as a valid Axent agent.

Confirm Agent Key

Re-enter the Agent Key value in this field for confirmation

Agent ID

Enter the Agent ID for the Perle 833. This field can be from 1 to 16 alphanumeric characters and must match the ID configured on the Axent server. This ID is used to authenticate the Perle 833 as a valid Axent agent.

Primary Server Address

Configure the address for the Primary Axent server by entering values for the following fields. Note that the fields shown depend on the network protocol chosen.

For the IPX/SXP protocol, the fields are:

Network

The Network number is an 8-digit hexadecimal number of the network to which the Axent Server is connected.

Node

The network node of the Axent Server. This is a 12-character hexadecimal number for the network node to which the device is connected.

Socket

The socket number for the Axent Security Service. This is a 4-character hexadecimal number. The default is 4545.

For the TCP/IP protocol the fields are:

IP Address

The IP address of the Axent server.

TCP Port

The TCP port number of the Axent Security Service. This is a 4-character decimal number. The default is 2626.

Backup Server Address

If you have a backup Axent server connected to your network then configure its address using these fields.

4. Click **OK**.
5. Create user records for all dial-in users on the Axent Defender security server.

SecurID

SecurID enables the Perle 833 to use the ACE/Server from Security Dynamics for user authentication. The ACE/Server is a software based security server that provides user authentication using a memorized personal identification number (PIN) and a code generated by the SecurID token. The Perle 833 will ask the ACE/Server to start the authentication process. The dial-in user will then be prompted to enter their name and the PASSCODE according to the SecurID token instructions. The dial-in client software must support a TTY or terminal mode to display the SecurID prompts.

If you want to use any of the following user-based features, you will need to define a user record in the **User List** for each user or define the generic user record which applies to all users who do not have their own specific record.

- Activity Timeout
- Connect Time
- Callback
- Preferred Modem Pool

To configure the SecurID Security feature:

1. From the **Security** dialog box, select **SecurID** from the **Authentication Method** drop down list.

- Click on **Configure** button. The **SecurID** dialog box appears.

- Enter values for the following parameters:

Master IP Address

The IP address of the Master SecurID server.

Slave IP Address

The IP address of the Slave SecurID server.

Master UDP Port

The UDP port number of the SecurID service on the Master server. This is a 4 character decimal number. The default is 5500

Slave UDP Port

The UDP port number of the SecurID service on the Slave server. This is a 4 character decimal number. The default is 5500

Encryption Type

Click the type of data encryption to be used when communicating with the SecurID server. The choices are **DES** or **SDI**.

Client/Server Protocol

Version 2.3 Enhancement

Check this box to enable the Perle 833 to use the security enhancements of the Client/Server communication protocol offered in version 2.3 of the ACE/Server software. This is the default setting.

If you are using an ACE/Server with version 2.2 software then remove the check from this box.

Reset Node Secret

The Node Secret is a pseudorandom string that is sent to the Perle 833 server by the SecurID server the first time the Perle 833 sends an authorization request. The Node Secret is used to encrypt the data that is sent between the Perle 833 and the SecurID server.

Do not check this box unless there is a mismatch between the node secret in the Perle 833 and the SecurID server and you must reset the Node Secret to blank. This would occur if a Perle 833 is moved to a different network with a new SecurID server.

Note: If the Node Secret is reset, or the Perle 833 server is reset to factory defaults, then the SecurID server must be configured to re-send the Node Secret to the Perle 833.

4. Click **OK**.

NT Domain

NT Domain enables the Perle 833 to use a Windows NT's domain user database for dial-in user authentication. The Perle 833 server will collect the userid and password from the dial-in client and will forward an authorization request to the Primary Domain Controller (PDC). This feature will work with the Perle Remote Client as well as other PPP clients such as Windows 95 and NT. The clients must support the Password Authentication Protocol (PAP).

The Perle 833 **User List** will not be used for password authentication.

Enter values for the following fields to configure the NT Domain security feature on the Perle 833 server:

Protocol

Select the network protocol which will be used to communicate with the PDC. The choices are IPX and IP.

Default Domain Name

Identify the NT domain by entering the Domain Name. The Domain name can be up to 16 characters long.

IP Address

If the network protocol used to communicate with the PDC is IP then enter the PDC's IP address. This value must be configured if the PDC is not on the same IP subnet as the Perle 833.

Allow User Specified NT Domain

Click the check box to allow a dial-in user to specify a domain to which they belong. The Perle 833 server will send the authorization request to this domain instead of the default domain. A user would enter their userid in the format "domain\userid".

Generic User

When using a security system such as Axent or SecurID, you may want to provide additional Perle 833 functionality even though the user has not been directly authenticated by the Perle 833. This can be done by setting up a generic user record which is used whenever a user connects.

To configure the Generic User parameters:

1. On the **Security** dialog box, click the **Generic User** button. This button is enabled only if the Authentication method currently selected supports the Generic User. The **Generic User** dialog box appears:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Generic User". It is divided into four main sections:

- Activity Time Out:** Contains two radio buttons. The first is "Disabled" and is selected. The second is "If inactive" followed by a text input field and the word "minutes".
- Roaming Call Back:** Contains three radio buttons. The first is "Disabled" and is selected. The other two are "Allowed" and "Required".
- Connect Time:** Contains two radio buttons. The first is "Unlimited" and is selected. The second is "Maximum" followed by a text input field and the word "minutes".
- Preferred Modem Pool:** Contains a dropdown menu and a checkbox labeled "Use Exclusively".

On the right side of the dialog, there are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

2. Enter the following parameters:

Call Back

This feature will cause the server to disconnect users when they dial in and then call the users back at the telephone numbers they specified when they dialed in. The choices are:

- **Disabled** - Call back will not be used.
- **Allowed** - Call Back will be used if the user dialing in requests the feature.
- **Required** - Call back must be used. If the user dialing in does not request call back, the Perle 833 will disconnect the user and not call back.

Activity Time Out

Closes the connection with a user after a configurable time period with no user activity on the link.

Connect Time

Shuts down the remote connection, regardless of activity, at the end of a configurable time period.

Preferred Modem Pool

If you want to assign generic users to a specific modem pool for Call Back, then make a selection in the **Preferred Modem Pool** drop down list.

Note: Dial-In Modem Pool must be configured before a selection can be made. See “Dial-In Modem Pools” on page 78 for configuration instructions.

If you click the **Use Exclusively** check box, the user will not be called back if a modem in the pool is not available.

If you do not check the **Use Exclusively** box, the user will be called back using another pool if no modems are available in the selected pool.

3. Click **OK**.

Front Panel Lock

If you want to prevent tampering through the front panel, you can password protect it. To assign a password to lock the front panel, follow these steps.

1. Open the required configuration file for a Perle 833.
2. From the Server section of the **Configuration File** window, click on the **Edit** button.
3. On the **Edit Server Option** dialog box, click the **Enable Front Panel Password** check box.
4. Enter a password. The password can be up to 8 characters long using digits 0-9.
5. Re-enter the password in the **Confirm** field.
6. Click **OK**.
7. Download the configuration file to the Perle 833.

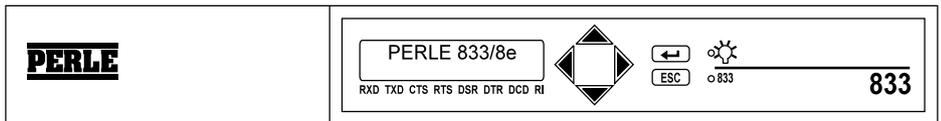
Chapter 11: Front Panel

This chapter contains the following information about the Perle 833 Front Panel:

- Front Panel Overview
- A list of navigational rules for movement through the front panel menus
- The front panel menu structure
- Each front panel screen

Overview

The Front Panel of the Perle 833 consists of a keypad and an LCD display. This front panel is common to all models of Perle 833 and can be used for initial set up of the Perle 833 and monitoring its status.



The front panel program has three main functions:

- Configuration (small subset of the Manager configuration features)
- Status (LAN connection, Port Connection, display of Manager configuration)
- Statistics (dynamic data such as traffic flow and utilization)

Front Panel Language

When the unit is first powered up the LCD display will cycle through the list of languages that it supports. Wait until the appropriate language is displayed and then press ↵

Navigational Rules

Use these keys to navigate through the front panel display.

1. Use the **↵** key to:
 - select a menu,
 - select a sub-menu, or
 - select an item for editing.
2. Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow keys to view selections within a menu.
3. Press the **ESC** key once to return to the previous screen.
Press the **ESC** key several times to return to the Perle 833 main screen.

Editing Fields

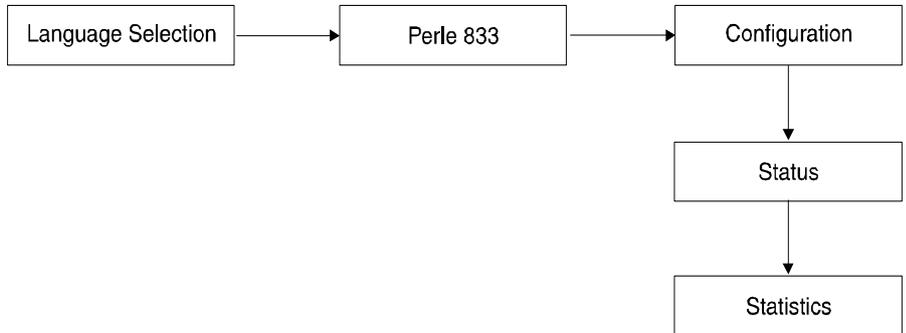
Use these keys to edit a selected field and confirm changes.

1. Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow keys to view selections or change a value.
2. Use the **LEFT** and **RIGHT** arrow keys to position the cursor on the correct editing position.
3. Press the **↵** key to accept changes.
4. Press **ESC** to cancel changes.

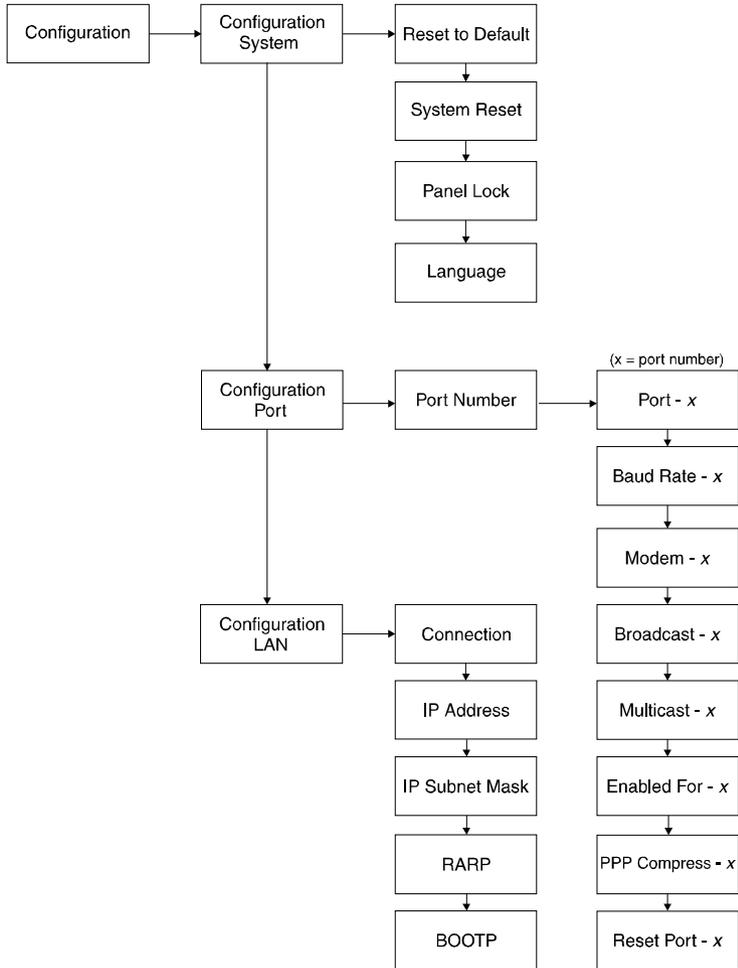
Menu Structure

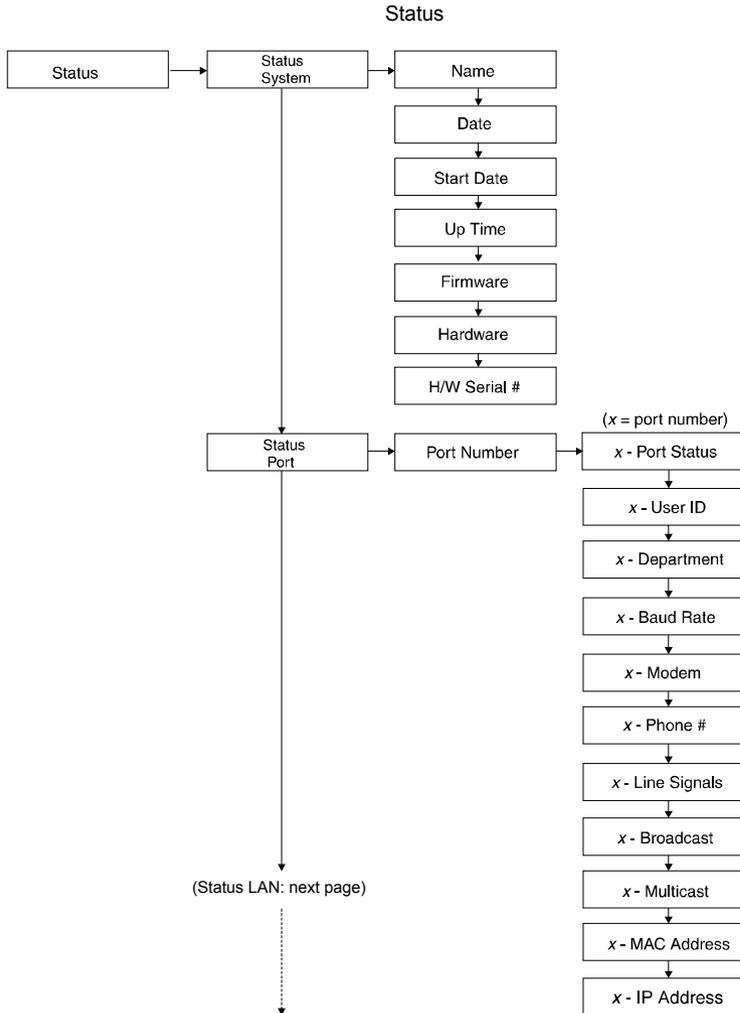
The following diagrams illustrate the flow of options that are available through the front panel LCD.

Front Panel Main Screen

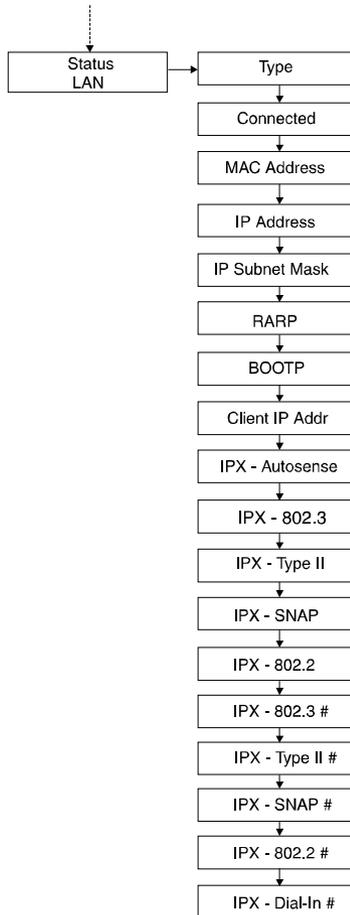


Configuration





Status Cont.





Menu Descriptions

Menu Name	Description
PERLE 833/nc or PERLE 833/nt	Perle 833 front panel main menu , where <i>n</i> is the number of ports, <i>e</i> is Ethernet, and <i>t</i> is Token-Ring.
Configuration	Sets values used by the server.
Status	Reflects the current values for the server.
Statistics	Supplies server, port and LAN data for diagnostics.
Configuration System	Edits parameters that configure the server.
Reset to Default	Resets the configuration of the server to factory defaults.
System Reset	Performs a system reset; required to implement changes to the server configuration.
Panel Lock	Prevents access by anyone to the front panel by locking it.
Language	Allows you to change the language used by the front panel display.
Configuration Port	Set values for various parameters for each port on the Perle 833.
Port Number	Chooses the port to which the port configuration will be applied.
Port - <i>x</i>	Enables or disables the port, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
Baud Rate - <i>x</i>	Sets the line speed for this port, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
Modem - <i>x</i>	Specifies the type of modem attached to the port. You can also choose direct for a Null Modem connection, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
Broadcast - <i>x</i>	Enables or disables network broadcasts from getting past the port to dial-in clients, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
Multicast - <i>x</i>	Enables or disables network multicasts from getting past the port to the dial-in clients, where <i>x</i> is the port number.

Menu Name	Description
Enabled For - <i>x</i>	Specifies the type of operation this port can be used for: Dial-In Dial Out Dial In/Dial Out None. <i>x</i> is the port number.
PPP Compress - <i>x</i>	Specifies the type of PPP compression: Header & Addr Address Only Header Only None. <i>x</i> is the port number.
Reset Port - <i>x</i>	Resets the port to implement new settings, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
Configuration LAN	To configure the LAN configuration area of Server configuration.
Connection	Identifies the LAN port to which the LAN is attached.
IP Address	Allows the entry of the IP address for the server.
IP Subnet Mask	Allows the entry of the IP subnet mask.
RARP	Indicates whether RARP is enabled or disabled.
BOOTP	Indicates whether BOOTP is enabled or disabled.
Status System	Gives the status of the settings used by the system.
Name	Gives the name of the server.
Date	Indicates the current date in yyyy/mm/dd hh:mm format.
Start Date	Indicates the date of the last restart in yyyy/mm/dd hh:mm format.
Up Time	Indicates the amount of time since the last restart in dddd hh:mm format.
Firmware	Provides the firmware revision number.
Hardware	Provides the hardware version level.
H/W Serial #	Lists the 833 hardware serial number.

Menu Name	Description
Status Port	Gives the status of the selected port.
Port Number	Allows you to select the desired port.
<i>x</i> - Port Status	Indicates if a port is: Disabled: port is disabled. Idle: port is enabled but not currently being used. Dial-In: port is enabled as being used for dial-in. Dial-Out: port is enabled as being used for dial-out. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - User ID	Indicates the ID of the connected user, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Department	Gives the department name of the currently connected user, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Baud Rate	Gives the port line speed, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Modem	Lists the currently attached modem name, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Phone #	Provides the call back phone number currently in use, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Line Signals	Gives the port line signals, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Broadcast	Indicates if network broadcasts are enabled or disabled through this port, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Multicast	Indicates if network multicasts are enabled or disabled through this port, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - MAC Address	Gives the currently used MAC address for this port, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - IP Address	Provides the currently used IP address for this port, where <i>x</i> is the port number.
Status LAN	Provides LAN related status information.
Type	Gives the physical connection type.
Connected	Indicates if the 833 is currently connected to the LAN.
MAC Address	Gives the 833 MAC address.

Menu Name	Description
IP Address	Gives the 833 IP address.
IP Subnet Mask	Gives the 833 IP Subnet Mask.
RARP	Indicates if RARP is enabled or disabled.
BOOTP	Indicates if BOOTP is enabled or disabled.
Client IP Addr	Indicates that dial-in clients are permitted to supply an IP address.
IPX - Autosense	Indicates if IPX autosense is enabled or disabled.
IPX - 802.3	Indicates if the IPX - 802.3 is enabled or disabled.
IPX - Type II	Indicates if the IPX - Type II is enabled or disabled.
IPX - SNAP	Indicates if the IPX - SNAP is enabled or disabled.
IPX - 802.2	Indicates if the IPX - 802.2 is enabled or disabled.
IPX - 802.3 #	Gives the IPX - 802.3 network number (if applicable).
IPX - Type II #	Gives the IPX - Type II network number.
IPX - SNAP #	Gives the IPX - SNAP network number.
IPX - 802.2 #	Gives the 802.2 network number.
IPX - Dial-In #	Gives the IPX dial-in network number.
Statistics System	Provides statistics of the system.
Total Frames	Total frames transmitted and received.
Free Frames Now	Current number of internal free frame buffers.
Free Frames Low	Lowest attained internal free frame buffers.
Free Msg Now	Current number of free message buffers.
Free Msg Low	Lowest number of free message buffers.
Statistics Port	Gives statistics of the selected port.
Port Number	Allows you to select the desired port.

Menu Name	Description
<i>x</i> - Utilization	Gives the line utilization over the last second. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Bytes RX	Total bytes received for this port. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Bytes TX	Total bytes transmitted for this port. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Frames RX	LAN frames received intended for this port. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Frames TX	LAN frames transmitted from this port. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Frames/Sec	Average frames per second over the last second. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Chars/Sec	Average characters per second over the last second. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - FCS errors	Number of Frame Check Sequence errors. <i>x</i> is the port number.
<i>x</i> - Overruns	Number of frames re-sent due to buffer overruns.
Statistics LAN	Provides statistics for the LAN.
Frames RX	Total LAN frames received.
Frames TX	Total LAN frames transmitted.
Overruns	Frames re-sent due to buffer overruns.

Chapter 12: Custom Server Configuration

This chapter describes some of the configurations that may be required in some environments.

In this chapter you will read about:

- Custom Modem Configurations
- Changing Link Control Parameters
- Changing the Async Control Map

Creating a Custom Modem Configuration

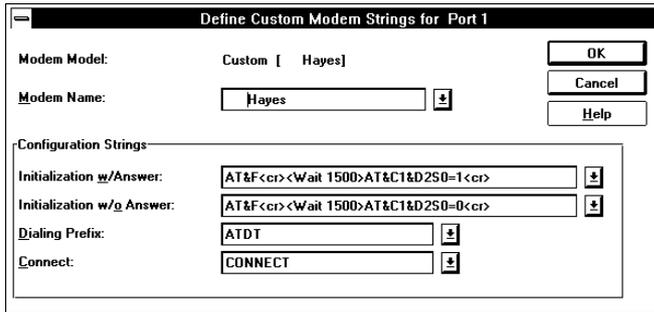
If your particular modem does not appear on the provided modem list, or if you wish to take advantage of some special features of your modem, you can create a custom modem configuration.

1. Open the required configuration file.
2. From the Port section of the **Configuration File** window, select the port to which the modem will be attached and click the **Edit** button.
3. On the **Edit Port** dialog box, click on the **Modem Model** pull down list and select a modem similar to the one you want to create. All custom modem configurations are based on existing configurations.

Suggestion: The **Hayes** option is often a good place to start.

4. Click the **Custom Modem...** button. The **Define Custom Modem Strings** dialog box appears.
5. Modify the **Modem Name** field to identify your custom modem.
6. Type in the proper initialization strings (refer to your modem documentation.) Change any other necessary parameters, and click **OK**.

- The custom modem configuration is complete.



Modem String Commands

The Perle 833 can process commands within any modem string. Each command must be enclosed in angle brackets “< >”. If an angle bracket is required in the string, it is doubled (*i.e.*, “abc<<def>>ghi” would be interpreted as “abc<def>ghi”).

Commands

All of these commands are optional with one exception. All initialization strings must end with <CR>. Most modems require a carriage return to execute the initialization string.

<NUL>

This command causes a NUL character (0x00) to be sent to the modem.

<CR>

This command causes a carriage return (0x0d) to be sent to the modem.

<^x>

This command causes a control character to be sent to the modem, where **x** is the control character. Note that <^@> is illegal; use <NUL> instead.

<0xhh>

This command causes a hexadecimal character to be sent to the modem, where **hh** is the hexadecimal character. Note that <0x00> is illegal, use <NUL> instead.

Changing Link Control Protocol Parameters

The Link Control Protocol (LCP) is used to set up the serial link for transferring Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) frames. IP and IPX traffic is encapsulated within the PPP frames.

You should not be changing these parameters under normal conditions. If you are familiar with PPP and specifically these LCP parameters, then these values can be adjusted to compensate for specific network characteristics.

Follow these steps below to change the Link Control Protocol parameters.

1. Open the required configuration file.
2. From the Port section of the **Configuration File** window, select the appropriate port and click the **Edit** button.
3. On the **Edit Port** dialog box, click the **Link Control Protocol** button. The **Link Control Protocol** dialog box appears.

Timeouts (Seconds)		Compression	
Restart:	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protocol	OK Cancel Help
Listen Inactivity:	60	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address	
Call Back Retry:	90		
<input type="checkbox"/> Use Magic Number			
Challenge Handshake (CHAP)		Maximum Counts	
Maximum Interval:	300 Seconds	Call Back Attempts:	3
Minimum Interval:	120 Seconds	Terminate Attempts:	3
Retry Timeout:	3 Seconds	Configuration Attempts:	10
Retry Count:	10	NAK Count:	10

4. Change the following parameters as required.

Timeouts

Restart

This field specifies the number of seconds a receiver of a PPP terminate request will wait after receiving the message before disconnecting. This ensures the proper transmission of all messages.

Listen Inactivity

The specifies the number of seconds of inactivity on the link before PPP will send messages to ensure that the link is still active.

Call Back Retry

The amount of time to wait between call back retries.

Use Magic Number

In a PPP environment it is possible to confuse echoed messages as replies from a Peer. The use of magic numbers ensures that this cannot happen by having each side generate a unique number and comparing it to the PPP partner's number.

Challenge Handshake (CHAP)

Maximum Interval

This is the maximum amount of time that PPP will wait before sending out a CHAP challenge.

Minimum Interval

This is the minimum amount of time the PPP will wait before sending out a CHAP challenge.

Retry Timeout

This is how long CHAP will wait for a response before retrying.

Retry Count

This is how many times CHAP will retry before disconnecting the client.

Compression

PPP can compress data at the Protocol or Address level or both.

Maximum Counts

Call Back Attempts

This is the maximum number of times the server will attempt to call back a user.

Terminate Attempts

The maximum number of times that PPP will attempt a "Terminates" request without success before dropping the line.

Configuration Attempts

Configuration is the process by which server and client negotiate operating parameters. This is the maximum of configuration attempts without reply that the server will attempt before dropping the line.

NAK Count

During negotiation either side can NAK a configuration message if the options are not acceptable. This number represents the maximum number of NAKs that will be accepted by the server before the line is dropped.

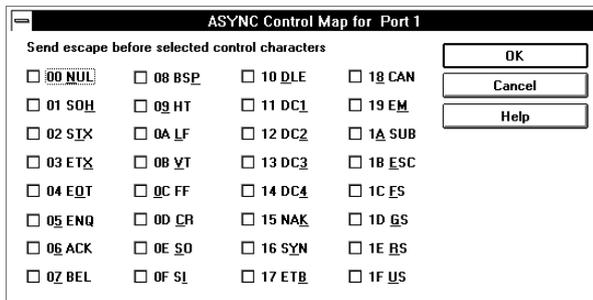
5. Click **OK**.

Changing the Async Control Map

The Async Control Character Map is an advanced feature of Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP). This map lets you select all of the control characters that you require to be masked in order to have them passed through your network. Whenever a control character appears in the data stream, it is preceded by an escape sequence and changed into non-control characters. The destination end then converts them back to the original value. The two sides of the PPP link must agree on the Character Map.

Follow these steps to change the Async Control Map.

1. Open the required configuration file.
2. From the Port section of the **Configuration File** window, select the appropriate port and click the **Edit** button.
3. On the **Edit Port** dialog box, click the **Async Control Map...** button. The **Async Control Map** dialog box appears.



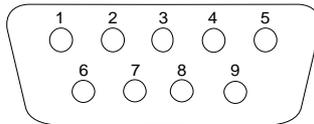
4. Click the check boxes of the control characters you want hidden.
5. Click **OK**.

Appendix A: Pinout and Cable Diagram

Asynchronous Connector Pinout

Pinout

The pins in the 9-pin D asynchronous connectors on the back panel of the Perle 833 have the following assignments:



Pin	Circuit	Function
1	CD	Carrier Detect
2	RXD	Received Data
3	TXD	Transmitted Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready
5	GND	Signal Ground
6	DSR	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	Ready To Send
8	CTS	Clear To Send
9	RI	Ring Indicator

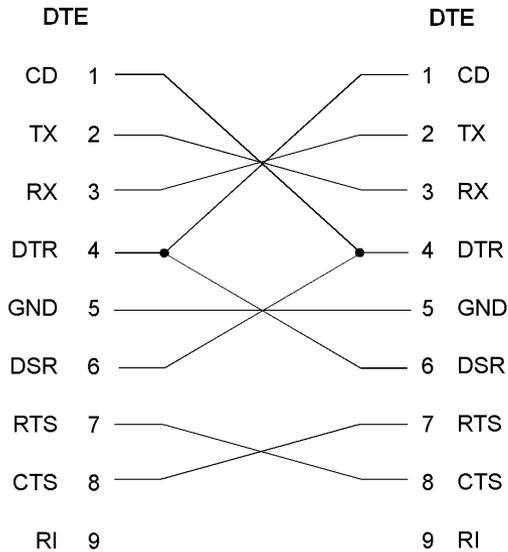
Null modem cable

Introduction

A PC can be directly connected to a Perle 833 without using modems. This is called a direct connection. A special cable is provided with the Perle 833 to do this and is called a null modem cable.

Diagram

The diagram below shows how the null modem cable is constructed.



Appendix B: Hardware Specifications

Cabling	<p>Token ring interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UTP, Type 3 (RJ-45)• STP, Type 1 (DB-9) <p>Ethernet interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10BaseT (RJ-45)• Base2 (BNC)• 10Base5 (AUI) <p>WAN Interface (2, 4 or 8 ports)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asynchronous EIA/TIA-232-E Serial Ports for up to 115 Kbps/port• Male DB9 EIA/TIA-574 connectors: vertical spacing is 15.87 mm (0.625 in)• Compatible with external ISDN terminal adapters
Processor 32-bit RISC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMD 29200 (2 and 4 port)• AMD 29240 (8 port)
Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Mb Flash ROM• 2 Mb RAM
Front and Rear Panel Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power LED• System operational LED• LAN connect LED• 2 x 16 LCD panel

Operating Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0°-40° C (32°-104°F)
Humidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0-90% non-condensing
Operating Voltage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90-230 VAC,(auto-sensing), 50-60 Hz• 40 watts
BTU Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 400 BTU/hour max
Approvals	FCC Class A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TUV• UL• CSA• DOC• CE
Dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 mm x 432 mm x 250 mm• 1.97 in.(H) x 17.0 in.(W) x 9.84 in(D)• 6.8 kg / 3.1 lbs

Glossary

activity log

The activity log records each connection to the Perle 833 with the time, user name, and type of activity. The network administrator can then view the server's use on the network.

address

A number or string that specifies the destination for the data sent across the network.

Apple Remote Access Protocol (ARAP)

Protocol allowing Macintoshes to communicate, either with another Macintosh or with an AppleTalk network over standard telephone lines.

AppleTalk

A network system for Apple computers. An AppleTalk network system consists of devices that support AppleTalk protocols.

asynchronous

When transmission of data communication is not synchronized by a clocking signal. Instead, start and stop bits are used.

AUI (Attachment Unit Interface)

The type of connector used with thick (10Base-5) Ethernet cable.

baud rate

The rate of the signaling speed of a transmission device, usually a modem.

bps (bits per second)

The basic unit used to measure serial transmission capacity. How fast data is being sent.

BOOTP (BOOTstrap Protocol)

A single BOOTP message specifies many of the items used at startup, including the IP address, the address of a gateway, and the address of a server.

bridge

A network device that connects two networks so that devices on one network can communicate with devices on the other network.

broadcast

A network transaction that sends data to all hosts connected to the network.

call back

A security feature where the Perle 833 calls back the user at a predetermined number defined in the user's account.

client

A workstation that makes requests to servers.

COM port

A port on a communications device to which another device connects.

configuration file

The file that contains the configuration information for a Perle 833.

data transfer speed

The speed that data is transmitted across the network.

dial-in

The process of attaching to a local network from a remote client that is using dial-in software.

dial-out

The process of attaching to a remote server from a local device that is using dial-out software.

Ethernet

A high-speed (10Mbps) cable technology that connects devices into a local area network (LAN) using one or more sets of communication protocols.

gateway

A gateway has its own processor and memory and is used to connect two or more networks at the upper protocol layers of the OSI reference model. The networks can use different protocols and different physical media.

initialization

The process of bringing a hardware device or a software system to a known state.

internet

An interconnected group of networks.

Internet Protocol (IP)

A protocol that manages the routing of data packets between stations on the same or different networks.

IP address

A 32-bit address assigned to every host that wants to use IP to communicate across a network. The address consists of a network and host field.

IPX (Internet Packet Exchange)

A network transfer protocol from Novell, Inc.

LAN (Local Area Network)

A network system that does not use long-distance carriers. A LAN is usually limited by cable length restrictions.

Logical Link Control (LLC)

The IEEE 802.2 standard that corresponds to the ISO model's Data Link layer. LLC covers station-to-station connections, generation of message frames, and error control.

modem

Converts digital signals from a computer into analog signals that can then be transmitted over a telephone network.

modem-pool

A group of modems that can be used when paired together by a Perle 833. Perle manager software allows the administrator to group together modems so that if the first modem is unavailable, the call is passed over to another modem in the group.

NASI (NetWare Asynchronous Services Interface)

A Novell networking communications protocol.

NetWare

Novell's Network Operating System which includes a protocol suite that provides network services and utilities.

network number

The number by which an individual network is identified.

node

The point at which a device is connected to a network; used to refer to the device itself. A node can be a computer, Perle 833 server, printer, modem, or any other device.

OSI (Open Systems Interconnection model)

A model developed by the ISO used to define a network architecture.

packet

A unit of data transmitted on a network.

peer-to-peer

A networking system architecture in which connected workstations use and provide services such as file sharing.

protocol

A set of rules for exchanging data across a network.

RARP (Reverse Address Resolution Protocol)

A protocol that supplies a low-level address determination scheme by which a device obtains its IP address from a server.

remote access

Connecting to a network from a remote location using a computer, a modem, and remote access software.

RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

A protocol that allows gateways and hosts to exchange information about various routes to different networks.

router

An intelligent device that links networks together to form an internetwork. Routers know how to send data to any node in the internetwork.

SAP (Service Advertising Protocol)

A protocol used by Novell NetWare devices to broadcast their names, addresses, and current state on the network.

server

A network device that provides file sharing services to multiple computers on a network.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)

A protocol for managing network devices.

subnet mask

The IP network mask. Identifies the device's IP address, which portion constitutes the network address and which portion constitutes the host address.

TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)

A protocol that organizes packets, manages their transmission, and ensures their accurate delivery to the receiving station.

TCP/IP

A protocol suite developed by the U.S. Department of Defense. Used to connect different types of computers while providing data correction, security, and reliability.

time-out

The process by which a network device is unable to make a connection and, therefore, terminate a session.

Token Ring

A LAN that conforms to the IEEE 802.5 Token Ring Access Method standard.

WAN (Wide Area Network)

A communications network that connects geographically separated areas.

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