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Introduction



Thank you for purchasing the Actiontec Broadband Router. The Router features eight Ethernet ports, making it one of the most versatile routers available. If you want to take your home or office networking to the next level, the Actiontec Broadband Router is sure to be one of the keys to your success.



Package Contents

- Actiontec Broadband Router
- Black Power cord
- Yellow cable (Ethernet, 6 ft.)
- White cable (Ethernet, 10 ft.)
- Quick Start Guide
- Installation Guide
- User Manual CD
- Wall-mount template
- Vertical stand
- Warranty

Minimum System Requirements

- Computer with Ethernet capability
- Microsoft Windows 98SE, Me, 2000, or XP; Mac OS 9 or greater; Linux/ BSD, Unix
- Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher; Netscape Navigator 7.0 or higher
- · TCP/IP network protocol installed on each computer

Features

- · Integrated wired networking with 8-port 10/100 Mbps Ethernet switch
- Enterprise-level security, including :

Fully customizable firewall with Stateful Packet Inspection

Content filtering with URL-keyword based filtering, parental control, customizable filtering policies per computer, and E-mail notification

Denial of service protection against IP spoofing attacks, intrusion and scanning attacks, IP fragment overlap, ping of death, and fragmentation attacks

Event logging

Intrusion detection

MAC address filtering

NAT

DMZ hosting

Access control

ICSA certified

• Other Features

DHCP server option DHCP server/PPPoE server auto-detection DNS server LAN IP and WAN IP address selection MAC address cloning

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Port forwarding

PPPoE support

QoS support (end to end layer 2/3) featuring Diffserv, 802.1p/q prioritization, configurable upstream/downstream traffic shaping, random early detection and pass-through of WAN-side DSCPs, PHBs, and queuing to LAN-side devices

Remote management and secured remote management using HTTPS

Reverse NAT Static NAT Static routing Time zone support VLAN multicast support

VPN IPSec (VPN passthrough only)

Getting to Know the Router

This section contains a quick description of the Router's lights (LEDs), ports, etc. The Router features several indicator lights on its front panel, and a series of ports and switches on its rear panel.

Front Panel

The front panel of the Router features 11 indicator lights: Power, Broadband, Internet, and Ethernet (8).



Power Light 🔱

The Power light displays the Router's current status. If the Power light glows steadily green, the Router is receiving power and fully operational. When the Power light flashes rapidly, the Router is initializing. If the Power light is not illuminated or glows red when the Power cord is plugged in and the Power switch is turned on, the Router has suffered a critical error and technical support should be contacted.

Broadband Light

The Broadband light illuminates when the Router is connected to a the Internet via Ethernet. If flashing, data traffic is passing across the port.

Internet Light

When the Internet light glows steadily green, the Router is connected to the ISP (Internet Service Provider). If it glows amber, there is a physical connection to the ONT (Optical Network Terminator), but authentication has not taken place (i.e., no IP address is present).

Ethernet Lights (1 - 8) 古古

The Ethernet lights illuminate when the Router is connected to a local network via one or more of its Ethernet ports. If flashing, data traffic is passing across the port(s).

Rear Panel

The rear panel of the Router features ten ports (Ethernet [8], Broadband, and Power), as well as a Reset button and Power switch.



Ethernet Ports (8) 古古

The Ethernet ports connect devices to the Router via Ethernet cables to create a local area network (LAN). The Ethernet ports are 10/100 Mbps auto-sensing ports, and either a straight-through or crossover Ethernet cable can be used when connecting to the ports.

Broadband Port

The Broadband port connects the Router to the ISP using an Ethernet cable.

Reset Button

To restore the Router's factory default settings, press and hold the Reset button for approximately ten seconds. The reset process will start about ten seconds after releasing the button. When the Router resets, all the lights on the front panel turn off, and then the lights start flashing. The Router has completed its reset process when the Power light glows steadily green.

Caution: Do not unplug the Power cord from the Router during the reset process. Doing so may result in the loss of the Router's configuration information. If this occurs, reset the Router again.

Power Switch

The Power switch powers the Router on and off.

Power Port

The Power port connects the Router to an electrical wall outlet via the Power cord.



Caution: Do not unplug the Power cord from the Router during the reset process. Doing so may result in the loss of the Router's configuration information. If this occurs, reset the Router again.

Connecting the Router



Connecting a computer or local network to the Broadband Router is a simple procedure, varying slightly depending on the computer's operating system but designed to seamlessly integrate the Router with the computer or local network. Moreover, addition configuration to access the GUI is not required when taking advantage of Universal Plug-and-Play support in Windows XP.

The Windows default network settings dictate that in most cases, the setup procedure described in the "Computer Network Configuration" will be unnecessary. For example, the default DHCP setting in Windows 2000 is "client," requiring no further modification.

However, Actiontec advises following the setup procedure described below to verify all communication parameters are valid and the physical cable connections are correct.

Setting Up the Router

There are three parts to setting up the Router: Connecting the Cables, Configuring the Router, and Connecting Other Computers/Set Top Boxes.

Connecting the Cables

- **Note:** If a different router was being used, disconnect it. Remove all router components, including power supplies and cables, since they will not work with the Wireless Broadband Router.
- **1.** Get the Router and black Power cord from the box.
- **2.** Plug the black Power cord in the black port on the back of the Router and then into a power outlet.
- **3.** Turn the Router on.
- 4. Make sure the Power light on the front of the Router is glows steadily green.
- **5.** Plug the yellow Ethernet cable from the box into one of the four yellow Ethernet ports on the back of the Router.

- **6.** Make sure the computer is powered on, then plug the other end of the yellow Ethernet cable into an Ethernet port on the computer.
- **7.** Make sure at least one of the Ethernet LAN lights on the front of the Router glows steadily green. This may take a few moments.
- **8.** Locate the Ethernet wall jack the phone company previously installed somewhere in the house.
- **9.** Get the white Ethernet cable from the box and plug one end in the white port on the back of the Router. Plug the other end of the white Ethernet cable into the high-speed Ethernet jack.
- **10.** Make sure the Ethernet WAN light on the front of the Router glows steadily green. If connecting via coaxial cable, this may take a few minutes.

Note: If the Ethernet WAN light does not illuminate, make sure the Ethernet cable is connected properly at both ends.

Computer Network Configuration

Each network interface on the computer should either be configured with a statically defined IP address and DNS address, or instructed to automatically obtain an IP address using the Network DHCP server. The Router is set up, by default, with an active DHCP server, and Actiontec recommends leaving this setting as is.

Configuring Dynamic IP Addressing

To set up a computer to use dynamic IP addressing:

Windows XP

- 1. Select Network Connections in the Control Panel.
- 2. Right-click Ethernet Local Area Connection, then click Properties.
- **3.** In the "General" tab, select **Internet Protocol** (**TCP/IP**), then click **Properties**.
- **4.** The "Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties" window appears.
- 5. Click the "Obtain an IP address automatically" radio button.

- 6. Click the "Obtain DNS server address automatically" radio button.
- **7.** Click **OK** in the "(TCP/IP) Properties" screen, then click **OK** in the "Local Area Connection Properties" screen to save the settings.

Windows 2000

- 1. Select Network and Dialing Connections in the Control Panel.
- 2. Right-click on the Ethernet connection's icon, then click Properties.
- 3. Select Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) component, then click Properties.
- 4. The "Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties" window appears.
- 5. Click the "Obtain an IP address automatically" radio button.
- 6. Click the "Obtain DNS server address automatically" radio button.

Windows 98/Me

- 1. Select **Network** in the Control Panel.
- 2. Select the TCP/IP settings for the network card, then click **Properties**.
- **3.** Click the "Obtain an IP address automatically" radio button in the "IP Address" tab.
- 4. Click **Disable DNS** in the DNS configuration tab.
- **5.** Click **OK** in the "TCP/IP Properties" screen.
- 6. Click OK in the "Network" screen to reboot and save the settings.

Windows NT

- 1. Click Network in the Control Panel. The "Network" window appears.
- **2.** In the "Protocol" tab, select **Internet Protocol** (**TCP/IP**) then click **Properties**.

- **3.** In the "IP Address" tab, click the "Obtain an IP address automatically" radio button.
- **4.** In the "DNS" tab, verify no DNS server is defined in the "DNS Service Search Order" text box and no suffix is defined in the "Domain Suffix Search Order" text box.

Linux

- 1. Login into the system as a super-user, by entering "su" at the prompt.
- 2. Type "ifconfig" to display the network devices and allocated IPs.
- **3.** Type "pump -i <dev>," where <dev> is the network device name.
- 4. Type "ifconfig" again to view the newly allocated IP address.
- 5. Make sure no firewall is active on device <dev>.

Configuring the Router

1. Open a web browser on the computer connected to the Router. In the "Address" text box, type:

```
http://192.168.1.1
```

then press Enter on the keyboard.



2. The "Login" screen appears. Enter the default user name (admin) and password (password) in the appropriate text boxes, then click **OK**.

	Login
W	ireless Broadband Router is up again, please login:
ser Name:	
assword:	

3. The "Login Setup" screen appears. Select a new user name and password and enter them in the appropriate text boxes (the password must be entered twice, for validation purposes). Write the new user name and password down on a piece of paper and keep it in a safe place, since they will be needed to access the Router's MegaControl Panel[™] in the future.

Step 1.		
	ew login User Name	default login User Name and Password. and Password and type it into the
	ric character. The pa	st 6 characters long and include at least assword cannot begin with characters such
New User Nam	e:	admin
New Password		
Retype New Pa	ssword:	
Step 2. Please select you	ur apropriate Time Z	tone and click OK.
Local Time:	Aug 4, 2006 19:	25:52
Time Zone:	Eastern_Time (GM	IT-05:00)
fime Zone:	Eastern_Time (GM	T-05:00)

4. In the bottom part of the screen, select the correct time zone from the "Time Zone" drop-down list, then click **OK** at the bottom of the screen.

The Router is now configured.

Connecting Other Computers/Set Top Boxes

The Router can connect to other computers via Ethernet. To do this:

- **1.** Get an Ethernet cable and plug one end into one of the open yellow Ethernet ports on the back of the Router.
- 2. Plug the other end of the Ethernet cable into an Ethernet port on the computer.
- **3.** Make sure the corresponding Ethernet LAN light on the front of the Router glows steadily green.
- **4.** Repeat these steps for each computer to be connected to the Router via Ethernet.

Home Page

After logging into the Router's MegaControl Panel (see "Configuring the Router" at the beginning of this chapter), the "Home" screen appears.



The Home screen has a "Main Menu" that occupies the top of the screen. Below that, the screen is divided into three columns: "My Router," "My Network," and "Action Zone."

Main Menu

The "Main Menu" contains links to all of the configuration options of the Router: **My Network** (explained in chapter 4 of this manual), **Firewall** (chapter 5), **Parental Controls** (chapter 6), **Advanced** (chapter 7), and **System Monitoring** (chapter 8).

My Router

This section displays the status of the Router's network and Internet connection. A green light signifies the Router is connected; a yellow light means the Router is attempting to connect; and a red light signifies the Router's connection is down.

Broadband Connection

The "Broadband Connection" section of My Router displays the state of the Router's broadband connection ("Connected" or "Disconnected") for the connection option ("Ethernet Status"), and the WAN IP address of the broadband connection.

Quick Links

The "Quick Links" section of My Router contains a list of frequently accessed settings, including "Change Login User Name & Password," "Enable Gaming," and "Logout."

My Network

The "My Network" section of the Home screen displays the connection type, name, and IP address of all devices connected to the Router's network. The icon associated with the device will be displayed normally (signifying an active device) or shaded (signifying the device has not been active for at least 60 seconds). The user can also configure the basic settings of each device by clicking on its icon. These settings are described in more detail in chapter 3, "Configuring My Network Settings."

Action Zone

This section contains links to various Verizon Web sites, and other informational links. Clicking on the icon above "Go to Internet Now" connects the user to the home page configured on the user's web browser.

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Configuring My Network Settings



Once the Broadband Router is physically connected and the MegaControl Panel's Home screen is displayed in a web browser, a list of the devices connected to the Router's network appears in the "My Network" section of the screen. From here, some basic network settings can be configured.

Accessing My Network

To access My Network, click on "My Network" in the Home screen.



The "My Network" screen appears:

My No	etwork			Connected Devices
) (9)	DAD-MOM PC Connection type: IP Address: IP Address Allocation: MAC Address:	Wireless 192.168.1.2 DHCP 00:0E:B3:11.11.11	Access Shared Files Website Blocking Block Internet Services Enable Application View Device Details Rename this Device Timeout for Inactive Device	The second secon
L	SON PC Connection type: IP Address: IP Address	Ethernet 192.168.1.3 DHCP	 Access Shared Files Website Blocking Block Internet Services Enable Application 	

On the far right side of the screen, in the "Connected Devices" section, is list of the devices currently connected to the network, listed by connection type and number. The rest of the screen contains the "My Network" section, which displays each device connected to the network, and a series of configuration settings.

Using My Network

Various settings can be accessed for a particular device, as follows.

Access Device

For devices that can be accessed (such as Internet cameras and networked hard drives), locate it in the My Network column, then click **Access Devices** to use the device over the network.

Access Shared Files

To access the shared files on a particular device, locate the device in the My Network column, then click **Access Shared Files**. A list of shared files appears on the screen.

Website Blocking

Clicking "Website Blocking" generates the "Parental Control" screen. For more information about using parental controls, see chapter 6, "Using Parental Controls."

Block Internet Services

Internet services blocking is used to prevent a device on the network from accessing particular services on the Internet, such as receiving E-mail or downloading from FTP sites. To set up Internet services blocking on a networked device, locate the device in the My Network column, then click **Block Internet Services**. The "Access Control" screen appears.

Block Internet Ser		Access Control -mail or Internet access for any	computer on your r	network.
Blocked				
Networked Computer / Device	Network Address	Protocols	Status	Action
Add				E
Allowed Networked Computer / Device	Network Address	Protocols	Status	Action
Any Any	Any	DHCP - UDP 67-68 -> 67	Active	👳 🙀
🔽 Any	Any	DNS - TCP 53 -> 53 TCP 1024-65535 -> 53 UDP 53 -> 53 UDP 1024-65535 -> 53	Active	P

1. Click **Add** in the "Networked computer/Device" column. The "Add Access Control Rule" screen appears.

Networked Computer / Device	Any 💌			
Protocol	ANY	<u>•</u>		
When should this rule occur ?		Always	<u>•</u>	

- 2. If this access control rule applies to all networked devices, select "Any" from the "Networked Computer/Device" list box. If this rule applies to certain devices only, select "Specify Address" and click Add. Then, add a network object (for more details about adding network objects, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter of this manual).
- 3. Select the Internet protocol to be blocked from the "Protocol" drop-down list.
- **4.** If this rule will be active all the time, select "Always" from the "When should this rule occur?" drop-down list. If the rule will only be active at certain times select "Specify Schedule" and click **Add**. Then, add a schedule rule (for more details about schedule rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter of this manual).



- **5.** Click **Apply** to save the changes. The Access Control screen will display a summary of the access control rule.
 - **Note:** To block a service that is not included in the list select "Specify Protocol" from the Protocol drop-down menu. The "Edit Service" screen appears. Define the service, then click **Apply**. The service will then be automatically added to the top section of the "Add Access Control Rule" screen, and will be selectable.

The user may disable an access control and the service made available without having to remove the service from the Access Control table. This may be useful to make the service available only temporarily, with the expectation that the restriction will be reinstated later.

- To temporarily disable an access control clear the check box next to the network computer/device.
- To reinstate the restriction at a later time select the check box next to the network computer/device.
- To remove an access restriction from the Access Control table click the Remove button for the service. The service will be removed from the Access Control table.

Note: When Web Filtering is enabled, HTTP services cannot be blocked by access control.

Enable Application

Activating "Enable Application" (also known as port forwarding) allows the network to be exposed to the Internet in certain limited and controlled ways, enabling some applications to work from the local network (game, voice, and chat applications, for example), as well as allowing Internet access to servers in the network. To set this up on a networked device, locate the device in the My Network column, then click **Enable Applications**. The "Port Forwarding" screen appears.

This feature enable		Games, Webca				note(Internet)
Networked Computer / Device	Network Address	Public IP Address	Protocols	WAN Connection Type	Status	Action
Add						

1. Click Add. The "Add Port Forwarding Rule" screen appears.

Specify Public IP Address			
Networked Computer / Device:	Specify Address 💌		
Protocol	Specify Protocol	- Add	
WAN Connection Type:	All Broadband Devices	•	
Forward to Port:	Same as Incoming Port		
When should this rule occur?	Always		

- **2.** Enter the local IP address or the host name of the computer providing the service in the "Networked Computer/Device" text box. Note that only one local network computer can be assigned to provide a specific service or application.
- **3.** Select the Internet protocol to be provided from the "Protocol" drop-down list.
- **4.** To select a port to forward communications to (this is optional), select "Specify" from the "Forward to Port" drop-down list, then, in the text box that appears, enter the port number. If no port is identified, select "Same as Incoming Port."
- **5.** If this port will be active all the time, select "Always" from the "When should this rule occur?" drop-down list. If the rule will only be active at certain times select "Specify Schedule" and click **Add**. Then, add a schedule rule (for more details about schedule rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter of this manual).
- **6.** Click **Apply** to save the changes.
 - **Note:** Some applications, such as FTP, TFTP, PPTP, and H323, require the support of special specific Application Level Gateway (ALG) modules to work inside the local network. Data packets associated with these applications contain information that allows them to be routed correctly. An ALG is needed to handle these packets and ensure they reach their intended destinations. The Router is equipped with a robust list of ALG modules, enabling maximum functionality in the local network.

The ALG is automatically assigned based on the destination port.

View Device Details

To view information about a networked device, or to test a device's connection, locate the device in the My Network column, then click **View Device Details**. The "Device Information" screen appears.

	Device:	DAD-MOM PC	
	IP Address:	192.168.1.1	
	Subnet Mask:	255.255.255.0	
	MAC Address:	00:0E:B3:11.11.11	
	Network Connection:	Bridge	
	Lease Type:	Dynamic	
	Port Forwarding Services:	None	
	Windows Shared Folders:	\\DAD-MOM.home\	
To test if this device button.	e is connected to your broat Ping Test:	d band home router, click th	e "Test Connectivity

1. Click Test Connectivity. The "Diagnostics" screen appears.

	The information below has been determined.
	sting network connectivity. This feature pings (ICMP echo) an IP address and display mber of packets transmitted and received, round trip time, and success status.
Ping (ICMP Echo)	
Destination:	192.168.1.2 Go
Number of pings:	4
Status:	Test Failed
Packets:	4/4 transmitted, 0/4 received, 100% loss
Round Trip Time:	Minimum = 2147483647 ms Maximum = 0 ms Average = 0 ms
	Press the Refresh button to update the status.

2. Click **Go**. The Router runs a ping test, and the results are displayed in the Diagnostics screen.

Rename This Device

To rename a networked device, locate the device in the My Network column, then click **Rename This Device**. The "Rename Device" screen appears.

Current Device Name:	DAD-MOM PC
To rename this de-	vice, type the new Device Name below and click Apply
New Name:	
To assign an icon to this	device, select from the drop-down box below and click Apply
To assign an icon to this o	device, select from the drop-down box below and click Apple

Enter the new name of the device in the "New Name" text box and, if needed, select a new icon for the device from the "New Icon" drop-down list.

Timeout for Inactive Device

The amount of time a device continues to be displayed on the network after it has been disconnected is configured in the "Timeout for Inactive Device" screen. To display the screen, click **Timeout for Inactive Device**.

	from the router, the setting below is the time frame that it will take for the device to no longe played on the network. This page allows you to change the time out setting.
be dis	Jayed on the network. This page allows you to change the time out setting.
Please select	the desired time frame then click the Apply button for the settings to take affect.
Timeout:	5 min 💌
	Apply Back

Select the timeout period from the "Timeout" drop-down list. After the device has been disconnected for this amount of time, it will no longer be displayed in the "My Network" column.

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Using Network Connections



The Broadband Router supports various local area network (LAN) and wide area network (WAN, on Internet) connections via Ethernet cables. Network connections are used to configure the various parameters of the Router's network and Internet connections, and to create new connections.



Caution: The settings covered in this chapter should be configured by experienced network technicians only.

To access the Router's network connections, in the "My Network" screen, click Network Connections from the menu on the left side. The "Network Connections" screen appears.

Rule Name	Status	Action
Network (Home/Office)	Connected	🖻 🙀
Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Down	
Broadband Connection (Coax)	Down	-
WAN PPPOE	Disabled	
WAN PPPOE 2	Disabled	
Add		

Click Advanced to expand the screen and display all connection entries.

		Action
Network (Home/Office)	Connected	🚽 🙀
6 Ethernet	Connected	-
Wireless Access Point	Connected	5
Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Down	D
Broadband Connection (Coax)	Down	.
WAN PPPOE	Disabled	🖶 🙀
WAN PPPOE 2	Disabled	🖶 🙀
bb		8
WAN PPPOE	Disabled	

To select a connection, click on its name. The rest of this chapter describes the different network connections available on the Router, as well as the connection types that can be created.

Network (Home/Office)

Select **Network** (Home/Office) in the Network Connections screen to generate the "Network (Home/Office) Properties" screen. This screen displays a list of the local network's properties. The only modifications that can be made from this screen are disabling the connection (by clicking **Disable**) or renaming the connection (by entering a new name in the "Rule Name" text box).

	Disable
Rule Name:	Network (Home/Office)
Status:	Connected
Network:	Network (Home/Office)
Underlying Device:	Ethernet
Connection Type:	Bridge
MAC Address:	00:0f:b3:c0:06:f0
IP Address:	192.168.1.1
Subnet Mask:	255.255.255.0
IP Address Distribution:	DHCP Server
Received Packets:	745
Sent Packets:	4958
Time Span:	0:18:16



The Network (Home/Office) connection is used to combine several network devices under one virtual network. For example, a home/office network can be created for Ethernet and other network devices.

Configuring the Home/Office Network

Click **Settings** in the "Network (Home/Office) Properties" screen to generate the "Configure Network (Home/Office)" screen.

General

The top part of the Configure Network (Home/Office) screen displays general communication parameters. Actiontec recommends not changing the default values in this section unless familiar with networking concepts.

Config	jure Network (Home/Office)
NOTE: Only advanced technical users should u	use this feature.
General	
Status:	Connected
When should this rule occur?:	Always
Network:	Network (Home/Office)
Connection Type:	Bridge
Physical Address:	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:c6
MTU:	Automatic \$ 1500

Status Displays the connection status of the network.

When should this rule occur? Displays when the rule is active. To schedule rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter.

Network Select the type of connection being configured from the drop-down list (options: **Broadband Connection**, **Network** [Home/Office], or **DMZ**).

Connection Type Displays the type of connection.

Physical Address Displays the physical address of the network card used for the network.

MTU MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) specifies the largest packet size permitted for Internet transmission. "Automatic" sets the MTU at 1500. Other choices include "Automatic by DHCP," which sets the MTU according to the DHCP connection, and "Manual," which allows the MTU to be set manually.

Internet Protocol

This section has three options: No IP Address, Obtain an IP Address Automatically, and Use the Following IP Address.

No IP Address Select this option if the connection will have no IP address. This is useful if the connection operates under a bridge.

Obtain an IP Address Automatically Select this option if the network connection is required by the ISP to obtain an IP address automatically. The server assigning the IP address also assigns a subnet mask address, which can be overridden by entering another subnet mask address.

Use the Following IP Address Select this option if the network connection uses a permanent (static) IP address, then the IP address and subnet mask address.

Bridge

The "Bridge" section of the Configure Network (Home/Office) screen is used to specify which networks can join the network bridge.

Bridge			
Rule Name	Status	STP	Action
Vetwork (Home/Office)	Connected		
🗖 🖸 Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Down		-
🔽 of Ethernet	Connected		-

Note: When a network is disabled, its formerly underlying devices inherit the network's DHCP settings. For example, the removal of a network configured as DHCP client automatically configures the devices formerly constituting the network as DHCP clients, with the exact DHCP client configuration.

Click in the check box next to the particular network to specify it. Make sure there are no loops in the network configuration, and apply these settings in case the network consists of multiple switches, or other bridges apart from those created by the Router.

Status The "Status" column displays the connection status of a particular device.

STP Click in the device's "STP" check box to enable Spanning Tree Protocol on the device. This protocol provides path redundancy while preventing undesirable loops in the network.

Action The "Action" column contains an icon that, when clicked, generates the configuration screen of the particular device.

DNS Server

Domain Name System (DNS) is the method by which website or domain names are translated into IP addresses. Specify such an address manually, according to the information provided by the ISP.

To manually configure DNS server addresses, select **Use the Following DNS Server Addresses**. Specify up to two different DNS server addresses, one primary, the other secondary.

DNS Server	Use the Following DNS Server Addresses 💌
Primary DNS Server:	0.0.0
Secondary DNS Server:	0.0.0

IP Address Distribution

The "IP Address Distribution" section of the Configure Network (Home/Office) screen is used to configure the Router's Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server parameters. DHCP automatically assigns IP addresses to network devices. If enabled, make sure to configure the network devices as "DHCP Clients." There are three options in this section: **Disabled**, **DHCP Server**, and **DHCP Relay**.

Disabled Select this option if statically assigning IP addresses to the network devices.

DHCP Server To set up the network bridge to function as a DHCP server:

- 1. Select DHCP Server.
- **2.** Enter the IP address at which the Router starts issuing addresses in the "Start IP Address" text boxes. Since the Router's default IP address is 192.168.1.1, the Start IP Address should be 192.168.1.2.
- **3.** Enter the end of the IP address range used to automatically issue IP addresses in the "End IP Address" text boxes. The "maximum" IP address that can be entered here is 192.168.1.253.
- **4.** Enter the subnet mask address in the "Subnet Mask" text boxes. The subnet mask determines which portion of a destination LAN IP address is the network portion, and which portion is the host portion.

- **5.** If Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS) is being used, enter the WINS server address in the "WINS Server" text boxes.
- **6.** Enter the amount of time a network device will be allowed to connect to the Router with its currently issued dynamic IP address in the "Lease Time in Minutes" text box.
- **7.** Click in the "Provide Host Name If Not Specified by Client" check box to have the Router automatically assign network devices with a host name, in case a host name is not provided by the user.

DHCP Relay Select this option to have the Router function as a DHCP relay, and enter the IP address in the screen that appears.

Routing

The Router can be configured to use static or dynamic routing. Dynamic routing automatically adjusts how packets travel on the network, while static routing specifies a fixed routing path to neighboring destinations.

There are two options in the "Routing" section of the Configure Network (Home/Office) screen: **Basic** or **Advanced**.

Basic Select this option for basic routing operation.

Advanced To set up the Router's network bridge for advanced routing:

- 1. Select Advanced from the "Routing" drop-down menu.
- **2.** Enter a device metric in the "Device Metric" text box. The device metric is a value used by the Router to determine whether one route is superior to another, considering parameters such as bandwidth and delay time.
- **3.** Click in the "Default Route" check box to define this device as a the default route.
- **4.** Click in the "Multicast IGMP Proxy Internal" check box to activate multicasting.

Routing Table

Clicking **New Route** generates the "New Route" window, where a new route can be configured.

Additional IP Addresses

Clicking **New IP Address** generates the "Additional IP Address Settings" screen, where additional IP addresses can be created to access the Router via the Network (Home/Office) connection.

Ethernet Connection

An Ethernet connection connects computers to the Router using Ethernet cables, either directly or via network hubs and switches. Click **Ethernet** in the Network Connections screen (if needed, click **Advanced** at the bottom of the screen to reveal the "Ethernet" link below "Network [Home/Office]") to generate the "Ethernet Properties" screen. This screen displays a list of the connection's properties. The only modifications that can be made from this screen are disabling the connection (by clicking **Disable**) or renaming the connection (by entering a new name in the "Rule Name" text box).

	Disable	
Rule Name:	Ethernet	
Status:	Connected	
Network:	Network (Home/Office)	
Connection Type:	Ethernet	
MAC Address:	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:c7	
IP Address Distribution:	Disabled	
Received Packets:	8967	
Sent Packets:	615430	
Time Span:	70:31:48	

Note: If disabling the connection, the Router must be rebooted for the change to take effect.

Configuring the Ethernet Connection

Click **Settings** at the bottom-right of the Ethernet Properties screen to generate the "Configure Ethernet" screen.

General									
Status:			Connected Always Network (Home/Office)						
When sho	ould this rule occur?:								
Network:									
Connection Type: Physical Address: MTU: Additional IP Addresses		Ethernet 00:0f:b3:a2:d7:c6 Automatic I500 New IP Address							
					4 Ports I	Ethernet Switch		Show -	
					Port	Status	PVID	VLANs	Action
					Port 0	Connected 100 FD			-
Port 1	Disconnected								
Port 2	Disconnected			-					
Port 3	Disconnected			—					

General

The top part of the Configure Ethernet screen displays general communication parameters. Actiontec recommends not changing the default values in this section unless familiar with networking concepts.

Status Displays the connection status of the Ethernet switch.

When should this rule occur? Displays when the rule is active. To schedule rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter.

Network Select the type of connection being configured from the drop-down list (**Network [Home/Office]**, **Broadband Connection**, or **DMZ**).

Connection Type Displays the type of connection.

Physical Address Displays the physical address of the network card used for the network.

MTU MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) specifies the largest packet size permitted for Internet transmission. "Automatic" sets the MTU at 1500. Other choices include "Automatic by DHCP," which sets the MTU according to the DHCP connection, and "Manual," which allows the MTU to be set manually.

Additional IP Addresses

Clicking **New IP Address** generates the "Additional IP Address Settings" screen, where additional IP addresses can be created to access the Router via the Ethernet connection.

4 Ports Ethernet Switch

This section displays the connection status of the Router's four Ethernet ports.

Port	Status	PVID	VLANs	Action
Port 0	Connected 100 FD			.
Port 1	Disconnected			
Port 2	Disconnected			
Port 3	Disconnected			

Clicking on a connection's "Action" icon (in the column on the right) generates the "Port VLANs" screen, where ingress and egress policies can be edited.

Port 0 Settings		
Ingress Policy:		Untagged (Do Not Add VLAN Header)
Egress Policy:		Untagged (Remove VLAN Header)
Port VLANs IDs		
	VLAN ID	Action
Add		.

Broadband Ethernet Connection

A Broadband Ethernet connection connects the Router to the Internet using an Ethernet cable. Click **Broadband Connection (Ethernet)** from the Network Connections screen to generate the "Broadband Connection (Ethernet) Properties" screen. This screen displays a list of the connection's properties. The only modifications that can be made from this screen are disabling the connection (by clicking **Disable**) or renaming the connection (by entering a new name in the "Rule Name" text box).

	Disable
Rule Name:	Broadband Connection (Ethernet)
Status:	Down
Network:	Broadband Connection (Ethernet)
Connection Type:	Ethernet
MAC Address:	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:ca
IP Address Distribution	n: Disabled
Received Packets:	0
Sent Packets:	0
Time Span:	70:10:59

Note: If disabling the connection, the Router must be rebooted for the change to take effect.

Configuring the Broadband Ethernet Connection

Click **Settings** at the bottom-right of the Broadband Connection (Ethernet) Properties window to generate the "Configure Broadband Connection (Ethernet)" screen.

-	
General	
Status:	Down
When should this rule occur?:	Always
Network:	Broadband Connection 💌
Connection Type:	Ethernet
Physical Address:	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:c6
мти:	Automatic 1500
Internet Protocol	Obtain an IP Address Automatically
Override Subnet Mask: 0.0.0.0	
DHCP Lease: Renew Re	lease
Expires In:	104 minutes
DNS Server	Obtain DNS Server Address Automatically
IP Address Distribution	Disabled
Routing	Basic 💌
Internet Connection Firewall	Finabled
(This feature provides the ability to change the de not change the default settings.)	fault firewall settings on this interface. We highly recommend that you
Additional IP Addresses	New IP Address

General

The top part of the screen displays general communication parameters. Actiontec recommends not changing the default values in this section unless familiar with networking concepts.

Status Displays the status of the Ethernet connection ("Down," "Connected," etc.)

Schedule Displays when the rule is active. To configure rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter.

Network Select the type of connection being configured from the drop-down list (options: **Network (Home/Office)**, **Broadband Connection**, or **DMZ**).

Connection Type Displays the type of connection. Since this is an Ethernet Connection, "Ethernet" is displayed.

Physical Address Displays the physical address of the network card used for the network.

MTU MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) specifies the largest packet size permitted for Internet transmission. "Automatic, sets the MTU at 1500. Other choices include "Automatic by DHCP," which sets the MTU according to the DHCP connection, and "Manual," which allows the MTU to be set manually.

Internet Protocol

This section includes three options: No IP Address, Obtain an IP Address Automatically, and Use the Following IP Address.

No IP Address Select this option if the connection has no IP address. This is useful if the connection is operating under a bridge.

Obtain an IP Address Automatically Select this option if the ISP requires the connection to obtain an IP address automatically. The server assigning the IP address also assigns a subnet mask address, which can be overridden by clicking in the "Override Subnet Mask" check box and entering another subnet mask address. Additionally, the DHCP lease can be renewed and/or released by clicking on the appropriate "DHCP Lease" button. The "Expires In" value displays how long until the DHCP lease expires.

Use the Following IP Address Select this option if the connection uses a permanent (static) IP address. The ISP should provide this address, along with a subnet mask address, default gateway address, and, optionally, primary and secondary DNS server addresses.

DNS Server

The Domain Name System (DNS) is the method by which website or domain names are translated into IP addresses. This connection can be configured to automatically obtain a DNS server address, or such an address can be specified manually, according to the information provided by the ISP.

To configure the connection to automatically obtain a DNS server address, select **Obtain DNS Server Address Automatically** from the "DNS Server" drop-down list. To manually configure DNS server addresses, select **Use the Following DNS Server Addresses**. Specify up to two different DNS server addresses, one primary, the other secondary.
IP Address Distribution

The "IP Address Distribution" section of the Configure Broadband Connection (Ethernet) screen is used to configure the Router's Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server parameters. DHCP automatically assigns IP addresses to network devices. If enabled, make sure to configure the network devices as "DHCP Clients." There are three options in this section: Disabled, DHCP Server, and DHCP Relay.



Caution: Actiontec strongly recommends leaving this setting at "Disabled."

Disabled Select this option if statically assigning IP addresses to the network devices.

DHCP Server To set up the Router to function as a DHCP server:

- 1. Select DHCP Server.
- 2. Enter the IP address at which the Router starts issuing addresses in the "Start IP Address" text boxes. Since the Router's default IP address is 192.168.1.1, the Start IP Address must be 192.168.1.2 or higher.
- 3. Enter the end of the IP address range used to automatically issue IP addresses in the "End IP Address" text boxes.
- Enter the subnet mask address in the "Subnet Mask" text boxes. The subnet 4. mask determines which portion of a destination LAN IP address is the network portion, and which portion is the host portion.
- 5. If a Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS) is being used, enter the WINS server address in the "WINS Server" text boxes.
- Enter the amount of time a network device will be allowed to connect to the 6. Router with its currently issued dynamic IP address in the "Lease Time in Minutes" text box. Just before the time is up, the device's user will need to make a request to extend the lease or get a new IP address.
- 7. Click in the "Provide Host Name If Not Specified by Client" check box to have the Router automatically assign network devices with a host name, in case a host name is not provided by the user.

Additionally, to add a new product or product family, click **New IP Range** in the "Vendor Class ID" column below "IP Address Distriution According to DHCP Option 60 (Vendor Class Identifier)." This generates the "DHCP Server Pool Settings" screen. Set the device name, IP range, and priority level in the appropriate text boxes, then click **Apply**.

DHCP Option 60 (Vendor Class Identifier):	
Start IP Address:	0.0.0
End IP Address:	0.0.0
Set Priority	7-High

DHCP Relay Select this option to have the Router function as a DHCP relay. To enter a new IP address for the relay, click **New IP Address**. The "DHCP Relay Server Address" screen appears. Enter the new IP address in the appropriate text boxes, then click **Apply**.

	DHCP Relay Server Address	
IP Address:	0.0.0	
	Apply Cancel	

Routing

The Router can be configured to use static or dynamic routing. Dynamic routing automatically adjusts how packets travel on the network, while static routing specifies a fixed routing path to neighboring destinations.

There are two options in the "Routing" section of the "Configure WAN Coax Link Ethernet" screen: **Basic** or **Advanced**.

Basic Select this option for basic routing operation.

Advanced To set up the Router's Broadband Ethernet connection for advanced routing:

- 1. Select Advanced from the Routing drop-down menu.
- **2.** Enter a device metric in the "Device Metric" text box. The device metric is a value used by the Router to determine whether one route is superior to another, considering parameters such as bandwidth and delay time.

- **3.** Click in the "Default Route" check box to define this device as a the default route.
- **4.** Click in the "Multicast IGMP Proxy Internal" check box to activate multicasting.

Routing Table

Clicking **New Route** generates the "New Route" window, where a new route can be configured.

Internet Connection Firewall

Click in the "Enabled" check box to activate the Router's firewall on the connection.

Additional IP Addresses

Clicking **New IP Address** generates the "Additional IP Address Settings" screen, where additional IP addresses can be created to access the Router via the connection.

WAN PPPoE/WAN PPPoE 2

WAN Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet (PPPoE) relies on two widely accepted standards: Point-to-Point Protocol and Ethernet. PPPoE enables Ethernet networked computers to exchange information with computers on the Internet. PPPoE supports the protocol layers and authentication widely used in PPP and enables a point-to-point connection to be established in the normally multipoint architecture of Ethernet. A discovery process in PPPoE determines the Ethernet MAC address of the remote device in order to establish a session.

Click **WAN PPPoE** in the Network Connections screen to generate the "WAN PPPoE Properties" screen. This screen displays a list of the connection's properties. The only modifications that can be made from this screen are disabling the connection (by clicking **Disable**) or renaming the connection (by entering a new name in the "Name" text box).

	WAR	PPPOE Properties
nly advance	ed technical users should use th	is feature.
		Enable
	Rule Name:	WAN PPPOE
	Status:	Disabled
	Network:	Broadband Connection
	Underlying Device:	Broadband Connection (Ethernet)
	Connection Type:	PPPoE
	Service Name:	
	User Name:	verizonfios

Configuring the WAN PPPoE Connection

Click **Settings** in the WAN PPPoE Properties screen to generate the "Configure WAN PPPoE" screen.

General	
Status:	Disabled
When should this rule occur?:	Always
Network:	Broadband Connection
Connection Type:	PPPoE
MTU:	Automatic 💌 1492
Underlying Connection:	Broadband Connection (Ethernet)
PPP	
Service Name (should be filled only if specified by provider):	
On Demand (will attempt to connect only when packets are sent)	
Time Between Reconnect Attempts:	30 Seconds
PPP Authentication	
Login User Name (case sensitive):	verizonfios
Login Password:	*****
Support Unencrypted Password (PAP)	
Support Challenge Handshake Authentication (CHAP)	
Support Microsoft CHAP (MS-CHAP)	
Support Microsoft CHAP Version 2 (MS-CHAP v2)	
PPP Compression	
BSD:	Allow
Deflate:	Allow
nternet Protocol	Obtain an IP Address Automatically
Override 0.0. Subnet 0.0	
DNS Server	Obtain DNS Server Address Automatically
Routing	Basic
Internet Connection Firewall	Enabled

General

The top part of the Configure WAN PPPoE screen displays general communication parameters. Actiontec recommends not changing the default values in this section unless familiar with networking concepts.

Status Displays the connection status of the WAN PPPoE connection. ("Down," "Disabled," "Connected," etc.)

When should this rule occur? Displays when the rule is active. To schedule rules, see "Advanced Settings" chapter.

Network Select the type of connection being configured from the drop-down list (**Broadband Connection**, **Network (Home/Office)**, or **DMZ**).

Connection Type Displays the type of connection. Since this is PPPoE connection, "PPPoE" is displayed.

MTU MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) specifies the largest packet size permitted for Internet transmission. "Automatic, sets the MTU at 1492. Other choices include "Automatic," which sets the MTU according to the connection to the ISP, and "Manual," which allows the MTU to be set manually.

Underlying Connection Specify the underlying connection above which the protocol initiates from the drop-down list, which displays all possible underlying devices.

PPP Configuration

Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) is the most popular method for transporting packets between the user and the ISP.

Service Name Specify the networking peer's service name, if provided by the ISP, in this text box.

On-Demand To use PPP on demand to initiate the point-to-point protocol session only when packets are actually sent over the Internet, click in this check box. This option should be active on a limited basis

Idle Time Before Hanging Up Enter the amount of idle time, in minutes, before the PPP session automatically ends .

Time Between Reconnect Attempts In this text box, specify the duration between PPP reconnect attempts, as provided by the ISP.

PPP Authentication

Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) currently supports four authentication protocols: **Password Authentication Protocol** (PAP), **Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol** (CHAP), and **Microsoft CHAP versions 1 and 2**. Select the authentication protocols the Router may use when negotiating with a PPTP server in this section. Select all the protocols if no information is available about the server's authentication methods. Note that encryption is performed only if Microsoft CHAP, Microsoft CHAP version 2, or both are selected.

Warning: The PPP Authentication settings should not be changed unless instructed to do so by Verizon.

Login User Name Enter the user name (provided by the ISP) in this text box.

Login Password Enter the password (provided by the ISP) in this text box.

Support Unencrypted Password (PAP) Password Authentication Protocol (PAP) is a simple, plain-text authentication scheme. The user name and password are requested by the networking peer in plain-text. PAP, however, is not a secure authentication protocol. Man-in-the-middle attacks can easily determine the remote access client's password. PAP offers no protection against replay attacks, remote client impersonation, or remote server impersonation.

Support Challenge Handshake Authentication (CHAP) Click in this check box to activate CHAP, a challenge-response authentication protocol that uses MD5 to hash the response to a challenge. CHAP protects against replay attacks by using an arbitrary challenge string per authentication attempt.

Support Microsoft CHAP Click in this check box if communicating with a peer that uses Microsoft CHAP authentication protocol.

Support Microsoft CHAP Version 2 Select this check box if communicating with a peer that uses Microsoft CHAP Version 2 authentication protocol.

PPP Compression

The PPP Compression Control Protocol (CCP) is responsible for configuring, enabling, and disabling data compression algorithms on both ends of the point-to-point link. It is also used to signal a failure of the compression/ decompression mechanism in a reliable manner.

For each compression algorithm (**BSD** and **Deflate**), select one of the following from the drop-down list:

Reject Selecting this option rejects PPP connections with peers that use the compression algorithm. If Reject is activated, throughput may diminish.

Allow Selecting this option allows PPP connections with peers that use the compression algorithm.

Require Selecting this option insures a connection with a peer using the compression algorithm.

Internet Protocol

Select one of the following Internet Protocol options from the "Internet Protocol" drop-down list:

Obtain an IP Address Automatically This option is selected by default. Change only if required by the ISP. The server that assigns the Router with an IP address also assigns a subnet mask. Override the dynamically assigned subnet mask by selecting the "Override Subnet Mask" and entering a different subnet mask.

Use the Following IP Address Select this option to configure the Router to use a permanent (static) IP address. The ISP should provide this address.

DNS Server

The Domain Name System (DNS) is the method by which website or domain names are translated into IP addresses. The Router can be configured to automatically obtain a DNS server address, or the address can be entered manually, according to the information provided by the ISP.

To configure the connection to automatically obtain a DNS server address, select **Obtain DNS Server Address Automatically** from the "DNS Server" drop-down list. To manually configure DNS server addresses, select **Use the Following DNS Server Addresses** from the "DNS Server" drop-down list. Up to two different DNS server addresses can be entered (Primary and Secondary).

Routing

Select **Advanced** or **Basic** from the "Routing" drop-down list. If Advanced is selected, additional options appear, as listed below.

Routing Mode Select one of the following Routing modes:

- **Route** Select this option to cause the Router to act as a router between two networks.
- NAT Select this option to activate Network Address Translation (NAT), which translates IP addresses to a valid, public address on the Internet. NAT adds security, since the IP addresses of the devices on the network are not transmitted over the Internet. In addition, NAT allows many addresses to exist behind a single valid address. Use the NAT routing mode only if the local network consists of a single device, or collisions may occur if more than one device attempts to communicate using the same port.

• **NAPT** - Select this option to activate NAPT (Network Address and Port Translation), which refers to network address translation involving the mapping of port numbers and allows multiple machines to share a single IP address. Use NAPT if the local network contains multiple devices, a topology that necessitates port translation in addition to address translation.

Device Metric The device metric is a value used by the Router to determine whether one route is superior to another, considering parameters such as bandwidth, delay, and more.

Default Route Click in this check box to define the connection as a the default route.

Multicast - IGMP Proxy Default Click in this check box to enable the Router to issue IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol) host messages on behalf of hosts the Router discovers through standard IGMP interfaces. IGMP proxy enables the routing of multicast packets according to the IGMP requests of local network devices asking to join multicast groups.

Routing Table

Clicking **New Route** generates the "New Route" window, where a new route can be configured.

Internet Connection Firewall

Click in the "Enabled" check box to activate the Router's firewall on the WAN PPPoE connection.

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Configuring the Router's Security



The Broadband Router's security suite includes comprehensive and robust security services: Stateful Packet Inspection, a firewall, user authentication protocols, and password protection mechanisms. These features allow users to connect their computers to the Internet and be protected from the security threats.

The Router's firewall is the cornerstone of the Router's security suite. It has been exclusively tailored to the needs of the residential/office user and is pre-configured to provide optimum security.



The firewall provides both the security and flexibility home and office users seek. It provides a managed, professional level of network security while enabling the safe use of interactive applications, such as Internet gaming and video-conferencing.

Additional features, including surfing restrictions and access control, can also be configured locally through the Router's MegaControl Panel, or remotely by a service provider.

The firewall also supports advanced filtering, designed to allow comprehensive control over the firewall's behavior. Specific input and output rules can be defined, the order of logically similar sets of rules can be controlled, and distinctions between rules that apply to Internet and local network devices can be made.

This chapter covers these Security features:

- General select the security level for the firewall.
- Access Control restrict access from the local network to the Internet.
- **Port Forwarding** enable access from the Internet to specified services provided by computers on the local network.
- **DMZ Host** configure a network host to receive all traffic arriving at the Router which does not belong to a known session.
- **Port Triggering** define port triggering entries to dynamically open the firewall for some protocols or ports.
- **Remote Administration** enable remote configuration of the Router from any Internet-accessible computer.
- Website Blocking block network access to a certain hosts or websites on the Internet.
- **Static NAT** allow multiple static NAT IP addresses to be designated to devices on the network.
- Advanced Filtering control the firewall's settings and rules.
- Security Log view and configure the security log.

General

The "General" screen is used to configure the Router's basic security settings.

	General	
C	Maximum Security (High)	
	Inbound Policy: Reject. Remote Administration settings will override the security inbound policy: Reject. Outbound access is allowed to the following services: Telnet, FTP, HTTP, HTTPS, DNS, INAP, POP3 and SMTP.	
œ	Typical Security (Medium)	
	Inbound Policy: Reject. Remote Administration settings will override the security inbound policy. Outbound Policy: Accept.	
C	Minimum Security (Low)	
	Inbound Policy: Accept. Outbound Policy: Accept.	E
E	llock IP Fragments	
	Apply Cancel	

The firewall regulates the flow of data between the local network and the Internet. Both incoming and outgoing data are inspected and then either accepted (allowed to pass through the Router) or rejected (barred from passing through the Router) according to a flexible and configurable set of rules. These rules are designed to prevent unwanted intrusions from the outside, while allowing local network users access to required Internet services.

The firewall rules specify what types of services available on the Internet can be accessed from the local network and what types of services available in the local network can be accessed from the Internet. Each request for a service the firewall receives, whether originating in the Internet or from a computer in the local network, is checked against the firewall rules to determine whether the request should be allowed to pass through the firewall. If the request is permitted to pass, all subsequent data associated with this request (a "session") will also be allowed to pass, regardless of its direction.

For example, when accessing a website on the Internet, a request is sent out to the Internet for this site. When the request reaches the Router, the firewall identifies the request type and origin (HTTP and a specific computer in the local network, in this case). Unless the Router is configured to block requests of this type from this computer, the firewall allows this request to pass out onto the Internet. When the website is returned from the web server, the firewall will associate it with this session and allow it to pass, regardless of whether HTTP access from the Internet to the local network is blocked or permitted.

Note that it is the origin of the request, not subsequent responses to this request, which determines whether a session can be established or not.

The Router features three pre-defined security levels: **Minimum**, **Typical**, and **Maximum**. The table below summarizes the behavior of the Router for each of the three security levels.

Security Level	Requests from the Internet (incoming traffic)	Requests from the local network (outgoing traffic)
Maximum Security	Blocked - No access to local network from Internet, except as configured in the Port Forwarding, DMZ host, and Remote Access screens.	Limited - Only commonly used services, such as web browsing and E-mail, are permitted.
Typical Security	Blocked - No access to local network from Internet, except as configured in the Port Forwarding, DMZ host, and Remote Access screens.	Unrestricted - All services are permitted, except as configured in the Access Control screen.
Minimum Security	Unrestricted - Permits full access from Internet to local network; all connection attempts permitted.	Unrestricted - All services are permitted, except as configured in the Access Control screen.

These services include Telnet, FTP, HTTP, HTTPS, DNS, IMAP, POP3 and SMTP.

Note: Some applications (such as some Internet messengers and Peer-To-Peer client applications) tend to use these ports if they cannot connect with their own default ports. When applying this behavior, these applications will not be blocked outbound, even at the Maximum Security level.

To configure the Router's security settings:

1. From the General screen, select a security level by clicking the appropriate radio button. Using the Minimum Security setting may expose the local network to significant security risks, and thus should only be used for short periods of time.

- **2.** Check the "Block IP Fragments" box to protect the local network from a common type of hacker attack that uses fragmented data packets to sabotage the network. Note that VPN over IPSec and some UDP-based services make legitimate use of IP fragments. IP fragments must be allowed to pass into the local network to use these services.
- 3. Click Apply to save changes.

Access Control

Access control is used to block specific computers within the local network (or even the whole network) from accessing certain services on the Internet. For example, one computer can be prohibited from surfing the Internet, another computer from transferring files using FTP, and the whole network from receiving incoming E-mail.

Access control defines restrictions on the types of requests that can pass from the local network out to the Internet, and thus may block traffic flowing in both directions. In the E-mail example given above, computers in the local network can be prevented from receiving E-mail by blocking their outgoing requests to POP3 servers on the Internet.

Access control also incorporates a list of preset services in the form of applications and common port settings.

Allow or Restrict Services

To view and allow/restrict these services:

Select Access Control from the left side of any Security screen. The "Access 1. Control" screen appears.



Note: The "Allowed" section is only visible when the firewall is set to "Maximum."

Networked Computer /			6 1-1-1	
Device	Network Address	Protocols	Status	Action
Add				2
Allowed				
Networked Computer / Device	Network Address	Protocols	Status	Action
Any	Any	DHCP - UDP 67-68 -> 67	Active	🖻 🙀
🔽 Any	Any	DNS - TCP 53 -> 53 TCP 1024-65535 -> 53 UDP 53 -> 53 UDP 1024-65535 -> 53	Active	-
Any	Any	IMAP - TCP Any -> 143	Active	🚽 🙀
Any	Any	SMTP - TCP Any -> 25	Active	🚽 🙀
Any	Any	POP3 - TCP Any -> 110	Active	🚽 🙀
Any	Any	HTTPS - TCP Any -> 443	Active	🚽 🔫
Any	Any	HTTP - TCP Any -> 80	Active	P
Any	Any	FTP - TCP Any -> 21	Active	i 🚽 🙀
Any	Any	Telnet - TCP Any -> 23	Active	🚽 🙀
Add				

- 2. Click Add. The "Add Access Control Rule" screen appears.
 - Note: To block a service, click Add in the "Blocked" section of the Access Control screen. To allow outgoing traffic, click Add in the "Allowed" section of the screen.

Add	Access Control Rule
Networked Computer / Device	Any
Protocol	ANY
When should this rule occur ?	Always

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- **3.** If this access control rule applies to all networked devices, select "Any" from the "Networked Computer/Device" list box. If this rule applies to certain devices only, select "Specify Address" and click **Add**. Then, create and add a network object (for more details about adding network objects, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter of this manual).
- **4.** Select the Internet protocol to be allowed or blocked from the "Protocol" drop-down list.
- 5. If the rule will be active all the time, select Always from the "When should this rule occur?" drop-down list. If the rule will only be active at certain times, select Specify Schedule and click Add. Then, add a schedule rule (for more details about schedule rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter of this manual).
- **6.** Click **Apply** to save the changes. The Access Control screen will display a summary of the new access control rule.
 - **Note:** To block a service not included in the list, select **Specify Protocol** from the Protocol drop-down menu. The "Edit Service" screen appears. Define the service, then click **OK**. The service will then be automatically added to the top section of the "Add Access Control Rule" screen, and will be selectable.

An access control can be disabled and the service made available without having to remove the service from the Access Control table. This may be useful to make the service available temporarily, with the expectation that the restriction will be reinstated later.

- To temporarily disable an access control, clear the check box next to the service name.
- To reinstate the restriction at a later time, select the check box next to the service name.
- To remove an access restriction from the Access Control table, click **Remove** for the service. The service will be removed from the Access Control table.

Port Forwarding

In its default state, the Router blocks all external users from connecting to or communicating with the network, making it safe from hackers who may try to intrude on the network and damage it. However, the network can be exposed to the Internet in certain limited and controlled ways to enable some applications to work from the local network (game, voice, and chat applications, for example) and to enable Internet access to servers in the network. Port forwarding (sometimes referred to as local servers) supports both of these functions.

To grant Internet users access to servers inside the local network, each service provided, as well as the computer providing it, must be identified. To do this:

1. Select **Port Forwarding** from the left side of any Security screen. The "Port Forwarding" screen appears.

Networked Computer / Device	Network Address	Public IP Address	Protocols	WAN Connection Type	Status	Action
Add						E

2. Click Add. The "Add Port Forwarding Rule" screen appears.

Specify Public IP Address		
Networked Computer / Device:	Specify Address 💌	
Protocol	Specify Protocol	
WAN Connection Type:	All Broadband Devices	
Forward to Port:	Same as Incoming Port 💌	
When should this rule occur?	Always	

3. Enter the local IP address or the host name of the computer providing the service in the "Networked Computer/Device" text box, or select them from the drop-down list. Note that only one local network computer can be assigned to provide a specific service or application.

- 4. Select the Internet protocol to be provided from the "Protocol" drop-down list. To see all options, select All Services.
- Select a WAN connection type from the "WAN Connection Type" drop-down 5. list. Actiontec recommends selecting All Broadband Devices.
- To select a port to forward communications to (this is optional), select **Specify** 6. from the "Forward to Port" drop-down list, then, in the text box that appears, enter the port number. If no port is identified, select Same as Incoming Port.
- If this port will be active all the time, select Always from the "When should this 7. rule occur?" drop-down list. If the rule will only be active at certain times, select Specify Schedule and click Add. Then, add a schedule rule (for more details about schedule rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter of this manual).
- 8. Click **Apply** to save the changes.

How many computers can use a service or play a game simultaneously? Well, the answer may be a bit confusing. All the computers on the network can behave as clients and use a specific service simultaneously. Being a client means the computer within the network initiates the connection; for example, a computer on the network can open an FTP connection with an FTP server on the Internet. But only one computer on the network can operate as a server and respond to requests from computers on the Internet (outside the local network).

DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) Host

The DMZ host feature allows one device on the network to operate outside the firewall. Designate a DMZ host:

- To use an Internet service, such as an online game or video-conferencing program, not present in the Port Forwarding list and for which no port range information is available.
- To expose one computer to all services without restriction or security.

WE Warning: A DMZ host is not protected by the firewall and may be vulnerable to attack. Designating a DMZ host may also put other computers in the local network at risk. When designating a DMZ host, consider the security implications and protect it if necessary. To designate a local computer as a DMZ host:

1. Select DMZ Host from the left side of any Security screen. The "DMZ Host" screen appears.

		Host vice to be fully exposed to the Internet
NOTE: If you the DMZ Hos		enabled Static NAT for all of your static IPs, do NOT enable
	DMZ Host IP Address:	192 . 168 . 1 . 0
	Apply	Cancel

- **2.** Click in the "DMZ Host IP Address" check box, then enter the IP address of the computer to be designated as a DMZ host. Note that only one network computer can be a DMZ host at any time.
- 3. Click Apply.

Click in the "DMZ Host IP Address" check box again to disable the DMZ host.

Port Triggering

Port triggering can be used for dynamic port forwarding configuration. By setting port triggering rules, inbound traffic is allowed to arrive at a specific network host using ports different than those used for the outbound traffic. The outbound traffic triggers which ports inbound traffic is directed.

For example, a gaming server is accessed using UDP protocol on port 2222. The gaming server responds by connecting the user using UDP on port 3333 when starting gaming sessions. In this case, port triggering must be used, since it conflicts with the following default firewall settings:

- The firewall blocks inbound traffic by default.
- The server replies to the Router's IP, and the connection is not sent back to the host, since it is not part of a session.

To resolve the conflict, a port triggering entry must be defined, which allows inbound traffic on UDP port 3333, only after a network host generated traffic to UDP port 2222. This results in accepting the inbound traffic from the gaming server, and sending it back to the network host which originated the outgoing traffic to UDP port 2222.

To use port triggering:

1. Select **Port Triggering** from the left side of any Security screen. The "Port Triggering" screen appears.



- **2.** Select either "Specify Protocol" or "Show All Services" from the drop-down list next to "Add."
- 3. Click Add. An "Edit Service" screen appears.

Service Name:	Application	
Outgoing Trigger Ports		
Protocol	Server Ports	Action
New Trigger Ports		.
Incoming Ports to Open		
Protocol	Opened Ports	Action
New Opened Ports		E

4. Specify the port triggering entries by clicking **New Trigger Ports** and **New Opened Ports** and entering the protocol and protocol number in the succeeding screens. For example, to set up port triggering for the scenario laid out on the previous page, the service ports would be set to UDP and 2222, while the opened ports would be set to UDP and 3333.

Remote Administration

The Router can be accessed and controlled not only from within the local network, but also from the Internet using remote adminstration.

To access, select **Remote Administration** from the left side of any Security screen. The "Remote Administration" screen appears.

note	Attention Attention
	Allow Incoming Access to the Telnet Server
	Using Primary Telnet Port (23)
	Using Secondary Telnet Port (8023)
	Using Secure Telnet over SSL Port (992)
	Allow Incoming Access to the Broadband Router
	Using Primary HTTP Port (80)
	Using Secondary HTTP Port (8080)
	Using Primary HTTPS Port (443)
	Using Secondary HTTPS Port (8443)
	Diagnostic Tools
	Iv Allow Incoming ICMP Echo Requests (e.g. pings and ICMP traceroute queries)
	Allow Incoming UDP Traceroute Queries

Telnet

Telnet is used to create a command-line session and gain access to all system settings and parameters using a text-based terminal. Select the Telnet port to be used by clicking in the appropriate check box, then click **Apply**.

MegaControl Panel

MegaControl Panel is used to obtain access to the Router's MegaControl Panel and gain access to all settings and parameters, using a web browser. Both secure (HTTPS) and non-secure (HTTP) access is available. Select the port to be used by clicking in the appropriate text box, then click **Apply**.

Note: Telnet and MegaControl Panel remote administration access may be used to modify or disable firewall settings. Local IP addresses and other settings can also be changed, making it difficult or impossible to access the Router from the local network. Therefore, remote administration access to Telnet or MegaControl Panel services should be activated only when absolutely necessary.

Diagnostic Tools

Diagnostic Tools are used for troubleshooting and remote system management by a user or the ISP.

Note: Encrypted remote administration is performed using a secure SSL connection, and requires an SSL certificate. When accessing the Router for the first time using encrypted remote administration, a warning appears regarding certificate authentication because the Router's SSL certificate is self-generated. When encountering this message under these circumstances, ignore it and continue. Even though this message appears, the self-generated certificate is safe, and provides a secure SSL connection.

Static NAT

This option allows multiple public addresses to be designated to devices on the network. Static NAT allows devices behind a firewall and configured with private IP addresses appear to have public IP addresses on the Internet. This allows an internal host, such as a web server, to have an unregistered (private) IP address and still be reachable over the Internet. To do this:

1. Select Static NAT from any Security screen. The "Static NAT" screen appears.

Static NAT							
Static	IP Mapping Table						
ID	Networked Computer / Device	Public IP Address	WAN Connection Type	Status	Port Forwarding	Action	
Add						2	

2. Click Add. The "Add Static NAT" screen appears.

blic IP Address 0 0 0 0 0		
AN Connection Type:	Networked Computer / Device:	Specify Address 💌
	Public IP Address	0.00.00
Enable Port Forwarding for Static NAT	WAN Connection Type:	All Broadband Devices
	Enable Port Forwarding for Static N	тат

- **3.** Enter the name of the computer to be used as the local host, or, to enter a specific IP address, select **Specify Address** from the "Networked Computer/ Device" drop-down list and enter the IP address in the box on the right.
- **4.** Enter a public IP address assigned by the ISP in the "Public IP Address" text box.
- 5. Select a connection from the "WAN Connection Type" drop-down list.
- **6.** Select the protocol that needs to be accessible from the public IP address by clicking in the check box next to "Enable Port Forwarding for Static NAT," then selecting a protocol from the drop-down menu. Use "Any" to pass all data. Click **Apply**, and **Apply** again.

Repeat these steps to add more static IP addresses from the network.

Advanced Filtering

Advanced filtering is designed to allow comprehensive control over the firewall's behavior. Specific input and output rules can be defined, the order of logically similar sets of rules controlled, and distinctions made between rules that apply to Internet and local network devices.

To access, select **Advanced Filtering** from any Security screen. The "Advanced Filtering" screen appears.

приские	Sets: Manage all inc	-	he Internet			
Rule ID	Source Address	Destination Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Action
Initial Rule	es					Add
Network (I	Home/Office) Rule:	s				Ado
Broadband	d Connection (Ether	rnet) Rules				
0	Any	224.0.0.0 / 240.0.0.0	Any	🚥 Drop	Active	🖈 🔫
Add						2
Ethernet R	tules					Ado
WAN PPPO	E Rules					Ade
Final Rules	5					Ado
Output Rul	e Sets: Manage all o					
Rule ID	Source Address	Destination Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Action
Rule ID Initial Rule			Protocols	Operation	Status	Action
Initial Rule		Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	
Initial Rule Network (I	es	Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Ade
Initial Rule Network (I	es Home/Office) Rule: I Connection (Ether	Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Ade Ade
Initial Rule Network (I Broadbanc	es Home/Office) Rule: I Connection (Ether tules IE Rules	Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Ade Ade Ade

Two sets of rules can be configured: input rules and output rules. Each set of rules comprises three subsets: initial rules, network devices rules, and final rules. These subsets determine the sequence by which the rules will be applied. Following is a description of the set ordering for inbound and outbound packets.

Inbound Packets - Input Rule Sets

- Initial rules
- · All rules defined for the network device on which the packet is
- Local servers rules from the local server tab in the security screen
- Rules to accept all the packets on a device in case the firewall check box "Internet Connection Firewall" in the connection settings screen is unchecked
- · Remote administration rules from the remote administration tab
- DMZ host rules from the DMZ tab
- Final rules

Outbound Packets - Output Rules Sets

- Initial rules
- · All rules defined for the network device on which the packet is
- Rules to accept all the packets on a device in case the firewall check box "Internet Connection Firewall" in the connection settings screen is unchecked
- IP/hostname filtering rules and access control rules from the tabs in the security screen
- Final rules

There are numerous rules automatically inserted by the firewall in order to provide improved security and block harmful attacks.

To configure advanced filtering rules, click **Add** next to the rule title. The "Add Advanced Filter" screen appears.

			Add Advanced Fil	ter	
Mat	ching				
Sou	rce Address			Any	
Des	tination Addre	\$5		Any	
Prot	tocol	Any	<u> </u>		
Ope	eration				
¢	Drop				
С	Reject Drop packets	, and send TCP Reset or I	CMP Host Unreachable p	ackets to sender.	
C	Accept Accept all pa Inspection (S	ckets related to this sessio PI).	n. This session is handle	ed by Stateful Packet	6
C	Accept packe		Do not use Stateful Pac this session.	ket Inspection (SPI) to also	la I
Log	ging				
Γı	Log Packets Mat	ched by This Rule			
Whe	en should this	rule occur ?		Always	•

To add an advanced filtering rule, define the following rule parameters:

Matching

To apply a firewall rule, a match must be made between IP addresses or ranges and ports. Use the "Source Address" and "Destination Address" drop-down lists to define the coupling of source and destination traffic. Port matching will be defined when selecting protocols. For example, if the FTP protocol is selected, port 21 will be checked for matching traffic flow between the defined source and destination IPs.

Operation

This is where the action the rule will take is defined. Select one of the following radio buttons:

- **Drop** Deny access to packets that match the source and destination IP addresses and protocol ports defined in "Matching."
- **Reject** Deny access to packets that match the source and destination IP addresses and protocol ports defined in upper section of the screen, and send an ICMP error or a TCP reset to the origination peer.

- Accept Allow access to packets that match the source and destination IP addresses and protocol ports defined in upper section of the screen. The data transfer session will be handled using Stateful Packet Inspection (SPI).
- Accept Packet Allow access to packets that match the source and destination IP addresses and protocol ports defined in upper section of the screen. The data transfer session will not be handled using Stateful Packet Inspection (SPI), so other packets that match this rule will not be automatically allowed access. This setting is useful when creating rules that allow broadcasting.

Logging

Click in this check box to add entries relating to this rule to the security log.

Scheduler (When should this rule occur?)

If advanced filtering needs to be active all the time, select "Always" from the "When should this rule occur?" drop-down list. If the rule will only be active at certain times select **Specify Schedule** and click **Add**. Then, add a schedule rule (for more details about schedule rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter of this manual)

Security Log

The security log displays a list of firewall-related events, including attempts to establish inbound and outbound connections, attempts to authenticate at an administrative interface (MegaControl Panel or Telnet terminal), firewall configuration, and system start-up.

To access the security log, select **Security Log** from any Security screen. The "Security Log" screen appears.

Security Log						
	Close	Clear Log Setti				
Press the Refresh button to update the data.						
Time	Event	Event-Type	Details			
Jan 2 21:14:18 2003	Firewall Setup	Firewall internal	Firewall configuration succeeded			
Jan 2 21:14:18 2003	Firewall Setup	Firewall internal	Starting firewall configuration			
Jan 2 21:14:03 2003	Firewall Setup	Firewall internal	Firewall configuration succeeded			
Jan 2 21:14:03 2003	Firewall Setup	Firewall internal	Starting firewall configuration			
Jan 1 01:45:20 2003	WBM Login	User authentication success	Username: admin [repeated 17 times, last time on Jan 2 21:08:07 2003]			
Jan 1 01:45:12 2003	WBM Login	User authentication failure	Invalid password. Username: admin			
Jan 1 00:01:16	WBM Login	User authentication	Username: admin [repeated 4 times, last time on			

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Time

The time (based on the Router's date and time settings) the event occurred.

Event

There are five kinds of events listed in the system log:

- Inbound Traffic a result of an incoming packet
- Outbound Traffic a result of an outgoing packet.
- Firewall Setup configuration message
- WBM Login a user logged in to WBM
- CLI Login a user logged in to the command line interface via Telnet

Event-Type

Displays a textual description of the event.

Details

The "Details" column displays more information about the packet or the event, such as protocol, IP addresses, ports, etc. The following are the available event types that can be recorded in the security log:

- **Firewall internal** from the firewall internal mechanism, in case this eventtype is recorded, an accompanying explanation will be added.
- Firewall status changed the firewall changed status from up to down or the vice versa, as specified in the event type description.
- **STP packet** an STP (Spanning Tree Protocol) packet has been accepted/ rejected.
- **Illegal packet options** the options field in the packet's header is either illegal or forbidden.
- Fragmented packet a fragment has been rejected.
- WinNuke protection a WinNuke attack has been blocked.
- ICMP replay an ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) replay mes-

sage has been blocked.

- ICMP redirect protection an ICMP redirected message has been blocked.
- **Packet invalid in connection** an invalid connection packet has been blocked.
- **ICMP protection** a broadcast ICMP message has been blocked.
- **Broadcast/Multicast protection** a packet with a broadcast/multicast source IP has been blocked.
- **Spoofing protection** a packet from the Internet with a source IP belonging the local network has been blocked.
- **DMZ network packet** a packet from a demilitarized zone network has been blocked.
- Trusted device a packet from a trusted device has been accepted.
- **Default policy** a packet has been accepted/blocked according to the default policy.
- **Remote administration** a packet designated for the Router management has been accepted/blocked.
- Access control a packet has been accepted/blocked because of an access control rule.
- Parental control a packet has been blocked because of parental control.
- NAT out failed NAT failed for this packet.
- **DHCP request** the Router sent a DHCP request (depends on the distribution)
- **DHCP response** the Router received a DHCP response (depends on the distribution)
- **DHCP relay agent** a DHCP relay packet has been received (depends on the distribution)
- **IGMP packet** an IGMP packet has been accepted.
- Multicast IGMP connection a multicast packet has been accepted.
- **PPTP connection** a packet inquiring whether the Router is ready to

receive a PPTP connection has been accepted.

- **AUTH:113 request** an outbound packet for AUTH protocol has been accepted (for maximum security level).
- IPV6 over IPV4 an IPv6 over IPv4 packet has been accepted.
- **ARP** an ARP packet has been accepted.
- **PPP Discover** a PPP discover packet has been accepted.
- **PPP Session** a PPP session packet has been accepted.
- **802.1Q** a 802.1Q (VLAN) packet has been accepted.
- Outbound Auth1X an outbound Auth1X packet has been accepted.
- IP Version 6 an IPv6 packet has been accepted.
- Router initiated traffic all traffic the Router initiates is recorded.
- **Maximum security enabled service** a packet has been accepted because it belongs to a permitted service in the maximum security level.
- SynCookies Protection a SynCookies packet has been blocked.
- **ICMP Flood Protection** a packet has been blocked, stopping an ICMP flood.
- UDP Flood Protection a packet has been blocked, stopping a UDP flood.
- **Service** a packet has been accepted because of a certain service, as specified in the event type.
- Advanced Filter Rule a packet has been accepted/blocked because of an advanced filter rule.
- Fragmented packet, header too small a packet has been blocked because, after defragmentation, the header was too small.
- Fragmented packet, header too big a packet has been blocked because, after defragmentation, the header was too big.
- Fragmented packet, bad align a packet has been blocked because, after defragmentation, the packet was badly aligned.

- Fragmented packet, packet too big a packet has been blocked because, after defragmentation, the packet was too big.
- Fragmented packet, packet exceeds a packet has been blocked because, after defragmentation, the packet exceeded.
- Fragmented packet, no memory a fragmented packet has been blocked because there is no memory for fragments.
- Fragmented packet, overlapped a packet has been blocked because, after defragmentation, there were overlapping fragments.
- **Defragmentation failed** the fragment has been stored in memory and blocked until all fragments have arrived and defragmentation can be performed.
- Connection opened debug message regarding connection.
- Wildcard connection opened debug message regarding connection.
- Wildcard connection hooked debug message regarding connection.
- Connection closed debug message regarding connection.
- Echo/Chargen/Quote/Snork protection a packet has been blocked due to Echo/Chargen/Quote/Snork protection.
- First packet in connection is not a SYN packet a packet has been blocked due to a TCP connection that started without a SYN packet.
- Error : No memory a new connection has not been established because of lack of memory.
- NAT Error : connection pool is full. No connection created -a connection has not been created because the connection pool is full.
- NAT Error: No free NAT IP no free NAT IP, so NAT has failed.
- NAT Error: Conflict Mapping already exists a conflict occurred because the NAT mapping already exists, so NAT failed.
- **Malformed packet: Failed parsing** a packet has been blocked because it is malformed.
- **Passive attack on ftp-server: Client attempted to open Server ports** a packet has been blocked.

- FTP port request to 3rd party is forbidden (Possible bounce attack) a packet has been blocked.
- Firewall Rules were changed the firewall rule set has been modified.
- User authentication a message arrived during login time, including both successful and failed authentication.

Security Log Settings

To view or change the security log settings:

1. Click **Settings** in the Security Log screen. The "Security Log Settings" screen appears.

	Security Log Settings	
Accepted Events		
Accepted Incoming Connection	s	
Connections	5	
Blocked Events		
All Blocked Connection Attempt	ts	
☐ Winnuke	Multicast/Broadcast	ICMP Replay
Defragmentation Error	Spoofed Connection	ICMP Redirect
Blocked Fragments	Packet Illegal Options	ICMP Multicast
Syn Flood	UDP Flood	ICMP Flood
Echo Chargen		
Dther Events Remote Administration Attempt Connection States	is	
Log Buffer		
Prevent Log Overrun		

- 2. Select the type of activities that will generate a log message:
 - Accepted Incoming Connections activating this check box generates a log message for each successful attempt to establish an inbound connection to the local network.
 - Accepted Outgoing Connections activating this check box generates a log message for each successful attempt to establish an outgoing connection to the public network.

- **3.** Select the type of blocked events to be listed in the log:
 - All Blocked Connection Attempts activating this check box generates log messages for all blocked events.
 - Other Blocked Events if "All Blocked Connection Attempts" is unchecked, select specific blocked events from this list to generate log messages.
- **4.** Click in the "Remote Administration Attempts" check box to write a log message for each remote-administration connection attempt, whether successful or not.
- **5.** Click in the "Connection States" check box to track connection handling by the firewall and Application Level Gateways (ALGs).
- 6. Click Apply to save changes.

Using Parental Controls



The abundance of harmful information on the Internet poses a serious challenge for employers and parents alike - "How can I regulate what my employee/child does on the Internet?" The Broadband Router's Parental Controls allows users to regulate, control, and monitor Internet access. By classifying and categorizing online content, it is possible to create numerous Internet access policies and easily apply them to networked computers.

Activating Parental Controls

To create a basic access policy for a computer on the Router's network, click **Parental Control** from the top of the Home screen and follow these instructions:

- **1.** The "Parental Control" screen appears. Click in the "Enable" check box to activate the access policy mechanism.
- **2.** Enter a "Rule Name" and "Description" for the access policy in the appropriate text boxes.

	Parental Control		
assigned to a sin	provides the ability to create specific rules to Block or Allow any Website and URL keywords which can be gle or group of computers / devices on your network. al Control, simply follow the steps below.		
	Step 1. To enable Parental Control, click the "Enable" box below.		
	Enable		
	Step 2. Create a Rule Name and Description.		
	Rule Name		
	Description		

- **3a.** Click the circle next to "Block the following Websites" to block access to a list of websites, or click the circle next to "Allow the following Websites" to allow access to a list of websites.
- **3b.** Enter the URL of the websites to be included on the list in the text box below. For example, enter "www.sample.com."



3c. Additionally, the Router can block or allow access to websites based on "keywords." For example, to block any website with "example" in its title, click in the circle next to "Block the Following URL Keywords," then enter "example" in the text box below.

To allow access to any website with "example" in its title, click in the circle next to "Allow the Following URL Keywords," then enter "example" in the text box.

4. When finished, click **Apply** to have the access policy take effect.
- **5a.** Select the computer or device on the network on which the access policy will be enforced from the "Network Computer/Device" drop-down menu.
- **5a.** Select the time period during which the access policy will be enforced from the "Network Computer/Device" drop-down menu. If "Specify Schedule" is selected, see "Scheduler Rules" in the "Advanced Settings" chapter for more infomation.
- **6.** An overview of the rule (or access policy) is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Rule Name:					
Network Computer	/ Device:		Any ‡)	
When should this r	ule occur ?		Always 🛟	7	
Rule Overview:					
Rule Overview: Rule Nam	e		Description	Acti	on
Rule Overview: Rule Nam Networked Comput			Description	Acti	on
Rule Nam	er/Device Over	view:	Description When should this		ion Action

Advanced Parental Controls

Clicking Advanced from the menu on the left side generates the "Advanced" screen.

mputer/device on yo	our network, fol	low the steps below
at blocking All Inter	net access will a	apply to.
Any	_	
Always	•	
y Cancel		
	Delete Rule	
	nputer/device on yu at blocking All Inter Any Always attings to take effec	Always 💽

Here, all Internet access to a particular computer or device on the network can be blocked. To do this:

1. Select the computer or device on the network on which the access policy will be enforced from the "Network Computer/Device" drop-down menu.

- **2.** Select the time period during which the access policy will be enforced from the "Network Computer/Device" drop-down menu. If "Specify Schedule" is selected, see "Scheduler Rules" in the "Advanced Settings" chapter for more infomation.
- 3. When finished, click **Apply** to have the access policy take effect.
- **4.** An overview of the rule (or access policy) is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Using Advanced Settings



The "Advanced" section of the Broadband Router's MegaControl Panel is intended primarily for more advanced users. Some changes to settings within this section could adversely affect the operation of the Router and the local network, and should be made with caution.

To access the Router's Advanced Settings, click **Advanced** at the top of the Home screen, which generates the "Advanced" screen.



The following settings are explained in this chapter:

Firmware Upgrade - download and install new versions of the Router's firmware

Firmware Restore - restores firmware to previous version loaded in flash memory

Configuration File - manage configuration files

System Settings - modify the system's settings

Date and Time - set the local date and time

Scheduler Rules - schedule firewall activation

Routing - manage routing policies

IP Address Distribution - manage the IP addresses of devices on the network

Diagnostics - perform diagnostic tests on the Router

Restore Defaults - reset the Router to its default settings

Reboot Router - restart the Router

MAC Cloning - clone MAC addresses

ARP Table - display active devices and their IP and MAC addresses, etc.

Users - create and manage remote users

Local Administration - configure and manage local administration policies

Dynamic DNS - configure Dynamic DNS settings

DNS Server - manage the local (LAN) network for host name and IP address

Network Objects - create and manage network objects (discrete LAN subsets)

Universal Plug and Play - configure Universal Plug and Play settings

Protocols - manage and create open ports for various Internet protocols or customize an application

About - view information about the Router

Radius - manage the RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service) server

Remote Administration is explained in the "Security" chapter of this manual. **QoS** is explained in Appendix A of this manual.

Firmware Upgrade

The Router offers a built-in mechanism for upgrading its firmware without losing custom configurations and settings. There are two methods for upgrading the firmware:

- **Upgrading from a local computer** use a software image file pre-down-loaded to the computer's disk drive or located on the accompanying evaluation CD.
- **Upgrading from the Internet** use this method to upgrade the Router's firmware by remotely downloading an updated software image file.

Upgrading From a Local Computer

To upgrade from a local computer:

1. Click **Firmware Upgrade** from the Advanced screen. The "Firmware Upgrade" screen appears.

	Visit upgrade.actiontec.com for upgrade support, upgrade options and
	information.
	Current Version: 4.0.16.1.41.4
Jpgra	de From the Internet:
\odot	Automatic Check Disabled
-	Check at URL https://upgrade.actiontec.com/MI424WR/MI424WR.r
	Check Now
	Status: Cannot resolve hostname.
	Internet Version: No new version available
	Force Upgrade
Jpgra	de From a Computer in the Network:
3	Select an updated Wireless Broadband Router firmware file from a computer's hard drive or CD on the network
	Press the Refresh button to update the status.

2. In the "Upgrade From a Computer in the Network" section, click **Upgrade Now**. The "Upgrade From a Computer in the Network" screen appears.



- **3.** Enter the path of the software image file, or press the "Browse" button to browse for the file, and click **Apply**. Make sure to only use files with an "rmt" extension when performing the firmware upgrade procedure.
- **4.** When loading is completed, a confirmation screen appears, asking whether to upgrade to the new version. Click **Apply**. The upgrade process begins and should take no longer than one minute to complete.

At the conclusion of the upgrade process the Router automatically reboots. The new firmware will run, maintaining any custom configurations and settings.

Upgrading From the Internet

The Router's firmware can be automatically updated via the Internet. From the drop-down list next to the globe icon near the top of the Firmware Upgrade screen, a list of options appears, as described below.

Automatically Check and Upgrade

If "Automatically Check for New Version and Upgrade Broadband Router" is selected, enter the period of time the Router checks for a new upgrade, and the URL at which to get the upgrade, in the appropriate text boxes. The Router will then check at each time interval for upgrades and, if one is available, upgrade the Router's firmware.

Automatically Check and Send E-mail

If "Automatically Check for New Version and Notify via Email" is selected, enter the period of time the Router checks for a new upgrade, and the URL at which to get the upgrade, in the appropriate text boxes. The Router will then check at each time interval for firmware upgrades and, if one is available, send an E-mail to the E-mail address listed in the System Settings.

Automatic Check Disabled

If "Automatically Check Disabled" is selected, the Router will not automatically check for firmware upgrades.

Manual Checking and Upgrading

To manually upgrade the Router's firmware:

- 1. Click Check Now in the Firmware Upgrade screen.
- **2.** If a new version is available, click **Force Upgrade**. A download process will begin. When downloading is completed, a confirmation screen appears, asking whether to upgrade to the new version.
- **3.** Click **Apply**. The upgrade process will begin and should take no longer than one minute to complete.

At the conclusion of the upgrade process the Router automatically reboots. The new firmware runs, maintaining any custom configurations and settings.

Firmware Restore

Firmware restore allows the Router's firmware to return to an earlier version, if the current version is unstable or does not meet specified needs. Click **Firmware Restore** from the Advanced screen to generate the "Firmware Restore" screen.

		Firmware Restore
Wel	come to Firmware Re	store.
per		store to undo changes to your Wireless Broadband Router and restore its settings and lestore returns your Wireless Broadband Router to an earlier loaded firmware and its
This	is useful if the firmw	are you downloaded does not fit your needs.
Any	change Firmware Re	store makes to your Wireless Broadband Router is completely reversible
	Active Firmware	
	Rule Name:	MI424WR version 4.0.16.1.45.36 Downloaded at: Tue Apr 4 20:28:42:2006
	Backup Firmware	
	Rule Name:	MI424WR version 4.0.16.1.45.1 Downloaded at: Sun Apr 2 17:01:23:2006
	Configuration File:	Valid to: Tue Apr 4 20:08:23 2006
		Do you want to Restore Firmware?
		Restore Backup Firmware Cancel

The screen displays the "Active Firmware" and the "Backup Firmware." To restore the firmware to the backup firmware, click **Restore Backup Firmware**. A confirmation screen appears. Click **OK** to finish restoring the Router's firmware.

Configuration File

Use the Router's Configuration File feature to view, save, and load configuration files, which are used to backup and restore the Router's current configuration: To do this:

1. Click **Configuration File** in the Advanced screen. The "Configuration File" screen appears.



- **2.** Click **Load Configuration File** to load the previous configuration from a file and restart the Router.
- 3. Click Save Configuration File to backup the current configuration to a file.

System Settings

Clicking **System Settings** in the Advanced screen generates the "System Settings" screen, where various system and management parameters can be configured.

System	Settings
Wireless Broadband Router's Hostname:	Wireless_Broadband_Route
Local Domain:	home
Wireless Breadband Bout-	
Wireless Broadband Router	nitoring Web Pages
✓ Warn User Before Network Config	
Session Lifetime:	600 Seconds
Configure a number of concurrent users that can be logged into the Router:	5 \$
Remote Administration	
Management Application Ports	
Primary HTTP Management Port:	80
Secondary HTTP Management	8080
Primary HTTPS Management Port:	443
Secondary HTTPS Management Port:	8443
Primary Telnet Port:	23
Secondary Telnet Port:	8023
Secure Telnet over SSL Port:	992
System Logging	
Enable Logging	
Low Capacity Notification Enabled	
Allowed Capacity Before Email Notification:	80 %
System Log Buffer Size:	16 KB
Remote System Notify Level:	None 🛟
Security Logging	
Enable Logging	
Low Capacity Notification Enabled	
Allowed Capacity Before Email Notification:	80 %
Security Log Buffer Size:	16 KB
Remote Security Notify Level:	None
Dutgoing Mail Server	
Server:	
From Email Address:	
Port:	25
Server Requires Authentication	
Auto WAN Detection	
Enable Logging	
PPP Timeout:	30 Seconds
DHCP Timeout:	30 Seconds
Number of Cycles:	2
Auto Detection Continuous Trying	9

System

Use the "System" section of this screen to configure the following two options:

Broadband Router's Hostname

Specify the Router's host name by entering it into the this text box. The host name is also the Router's URL address, so it can be entered here rather than 192.168.1.1.

Local Domain

Specify the network's local domain by entering it into this text box.

Broadband Router

Use this section to configure the following:

Automatic Refresh of System Monitoring Web Pages

Click in this check box to activate the automatic refresh of system monitoring web pages.

Warn User Before Network Configuration Changes

Click in this check box to activate user warnings before network configuration changes take effect.

Session Lifetime

After the Router has been inactive for a period of time, the user must reenter a user name and password to continue accessing the MegaControl Panel. To change the length of this time period, enter the amount of time (in seconds) in the "Session Lifetime" text box.

Configure a number of concurrent users...

Used to limit the number of users that can access the Router at the same time. Select the number of users from the drop-down list.

Management Application Ports

This section allows the following management application ports to have their default port numbers to be changed:

- Primary/secondary HTTP ports
- Primary/secondary HTTPS ports
- Primary/secondary Telnet ports
- Secure Telnet over SSL ports

System Logging

Use this section to configure the following system log options.

Enable Logging

Click in this check box to activate system logging.

Low Capacity Notification Enabled

Click in this check box to activate low capacity notification (works in tandem with "Allowed Capacity Before Email Notification" and "System Log Buffer Size" options).

Allowed Capacity Before Email Notification

Enter the percentage of system log buffer capacity reached to trigger an E-mail notification.

System Log Buffer Size

Enter the size of the system log buffer in this text box.

Remote System Notify Level

This feature is used to specify the type of information received for remote system logging. Options include **None, Error, Warning**, and **Information**.

Security Logging

Use this section to configure the following security log options.

Enable Logging

Click in this check box to activate security logging.

Low Capacity Notification Enabled

Click in this check box to activate low capacity notification (works in tandem with "Allowed Capacity Before Email Notification" and "Security Log Buffer Size" options).

Allowed Capacity Before Email Notification

Enter the percentage of security log buffer capacity reached to trigger an E-mail notification.

Security Log Buffer Size

Enter the size of the security log buffer in this text box.

Remote System Notify Level

This feature is used to specify the type of information received for security logging. Options include **None**, **Error**, **Warning**, and **Information**.

Outgoing Mail Server

Use this section to configure the outgoing mail server options. This server is used format and send system and security log E-mail notifications.

Server

Enter the host name of the outgoing (SMTP) server in this text box.

From Email Address

E-mail notifications require a "from" address. Enter a "from" E-mail address in this text box.

Port

Enter the port number of the E-mail server in this text box.

Server Requires Authentication

If the E-mail server requires authentication, click in this check box, then enter a user name and password in the "User Name" and "Password" text boxes that appear.

Auto WAN Detection

When activated, Auto WAN Detection causes the Router to automatically search for a WAN connection.

Enable Logging

Clicking in this check box activates automatic WAN detection.

PPP Timeout

Enter the amount of time (in seconds) before the Router stops attempting to establish a broadband PPP connection.

DHCP Timeout

Enter the amount of time (in seconds) before the Router stops attempting to establish a broadband DHCP connection.

Number of Cycles

Enter the number of times the Router attempts to detect a broadband PPP and DHCP connection.

Auto Detection Continuous Trying

Click in this check box to cause the Router to indefinitely search for a broadband connection.

Date and Time

To configure date, time, and daylight savings time settings perform the following:

1. Click **Date and Time** in the Advanced screen. The "Date and Time" screen appears.

Local Time:	Jan 1, 2003 21:26:10
Time Zone:	Eastern_Time (GMT-05:00)
Daylight Saving 1	lime
Trabled	
Start:	Mar • 28 • 00 : 00
End:	Oct • 28 • 01 : 00
Offset:	60 Minutes
Protocol:	Time Of Day (TOD) Network Time Protocol (NTP)
Update Every:	24 Hours Sync Now
Time Server	Action
ntp.actiontec.com	🖻 🖶
Add	
Status:	Got time update from server, Last Update: Fri Apr 14 13:27:45 2006
	ess the Refresh button to update the status.

- **2.** Select the local time zone from the drop-down list. The Router can automatically detect daylight saving setting for selected time zones. If the daylight saving settings for a time zone are not automatically detected, the following fields will be displayed:
 - Enabled Select this check box to enable daylight saving time.
 - Start Date and time when daylight saving starts.
 - End Date and time when daylight saving ends.
 - Offset The time amount daylight saving time changes.

To perform an automatic time update:

- 1. Click in the "Enabled" check box in the "Automatic Time Update" section.
- **2.** Select the protocol to be used to perform the time update by selecting either the "Time of Day" or "Network Time Protocol" radio button.
- **3.** Specify how often to perform the update in the "Update Every" text box.
- **4.** Define time server addresses by clicking **Add** on the bottom of the "Automatic Time Update" section and entering the IP address or domain name of the time server in the "Time Server Settings" screen.

Scheduler Rules

Scheduler rules are used for limiting the activation of firewall rules to specific time periods, either for days of the week, or for hours of each day.

To define a rule:

- **1.** Make sure the Router's date and time are set correctly. To do this, see the "Date and Time" section in this chapter.
- **2.** Click **Scheduler Rules** in the Advanced screen. The "Scheduler Rules" screen appears.



3. Click Add. The "Set Rule Schedule" screen appears.

Rule Name:	Scheduler Rule	
Rule Set	tings	
Rule	e will be active at the scheduled time.	
C Rule	e will be inactive at the scheduled time.	
	Rule Schedule	Action
Add Rule	e Schedule	

- **4.** Enter a name for the rule in the "Rule Name" text box.
- **5.** Specify if the rule will be active or inactive during the designated time period by clicking the appropriate "Rule Settings" radio button.
- 6. Click Add Rule Schedule. The "Edit Rule Schedule" screen appears.

Days of Week		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
☐ Sunday		
Hours Range		
Start	End	Action
New Hours Range Entry		E

7. Select or active or inactive days of the week by clicking in the appropriate text boxes.

8. If applicable, click **New Hours Range Entry** to define an active/inactive hourly range. The "Edit Hour Range" screen appears. Enter a start and end time in the appropriate text boxes.

		Edit Hour Rai	nge
NOTE: Use military	time to edit the hour range.	(e.g. 2:30pm = 14:3	30)
	Start time:	00 :00	00
	End time:	00 :0	00
		Apply Can	cel

9. Click Apply.

Note: Make sure the Router's date and time settings are properly configured for the time zone.

Routing

Access the routing table rules by clicking **Routing** in the Advanced screen. The "Routing" screen appears.

Routing Table						
Name	Destination	Gateway	Netmask	Metric	Status	Action
New Route						E
Routing Protocol	s Management Protocol	(IGMP)				

Routing rules can be added, edited, or deleted from the Routing screen. To add a router, click **New Route**. The "Route Settings" screen appears.

Rule Name:	Network (Home/Office)
Destination:	0.0.0
Netmask:	255 .255 .255
Gateway:	0.0.0
Metric:	0

When adding a routing rule, the following parameters must be specified:

- Rule Name- Select the type of network from the drop-down list.
- **Destination** The destination is the destination host, subnet address, network address, or default route. The destination for a default route is 0.0.0.0.
- **Netmask** The network mask is used in conjunction with the destination to determine when a route is used.
- Gateway Enter the Router's IP address.
- **Metric** A measurement of the preference of a route. Typically, the lowest metric is the most preferred route. If multiple routes exist to a given destination network, the route with the lowest metric is used.

IGMP Multicasting

The Router provides support for IGMP multicasting, which allows hosts connected to a network to be updated whenever an important change occurs in the network. A multicast is simply a message that is sent simultaneously to a pre-defined group of recipients. When joining a multicast group, all messages addressed to the group will be received by the user, much like when an E-mail message is sent to a mailing list.

IGMP multicasting enables UPnP capabilities over networks and may also be useful when connected to the Internet through the Router. When an application running on a computer in the network sends out a request to join a multicast group, the Router intercepts and processes the request. If the Router is set to "Minimum Security" no further action is required. However, if the Router is set to "Typical Security" or "Maximum Security," the group's IP address must be added to the Router's "Multicast Groups" screen. This will allow incoming messages addressed to the group to pass through the firewall and on to the correct networked computer.

- 1. Select Routing in the Advanced screen.
- **2.** Activate the "Internet Group Management Protocol" check-box.
- 3. Click Apply.

Domain Routing

Domain routing is used in multi-router local network configurations. Normally, to accesss a device connected to one router from another router on the network, its IP address must be used. Activating domain routing (by clicking in the appropriate check box) allows the user to access to the computer by name (as well as IP address).

IP Address Distribution

The Router's DHCP server makes it possible to easily add computers configured as DHCP clients to the network. It provides a mechanism for allocating IP addresses to these hosts and for delivering network configuration parameters to them.

For example, a client (host) sends out a broadcast message on the network requesting an IP address for itself. The DHCP server then checks its list of available addresses and leases a local IP address to the host for a specific period of time and simultaneously designates this IP address as "taken." At this point, the host is configured with an IP address for the duration of the lease.

The host can choose to renew an expiring lease or let it expire. If it chooses to renew a lease, it will also receive current information about network services, as it did with the original lease, allowing it to update its network configurations to reflect any changes that occurred since it first connected to the network. If the host wishes to terminate a lease before its expiration, it can send a release message to the DHCP server, which will then make the IP address available for use by others.

The Router's DHCP server:

- Displays a list of all DHCP hosts devices connected to the Router.
- Defines the range of IP addresses that can be allocated in the network.
- Defines the length of time for which dynamic IP addresses are allocated.
- Provides the above configurations for each network device and can be configured and enabled/disabled separately for each network device.
- Can assign a static lease to a network computer so that it receives the same IP address each time it connects to the network, even if this IP address is within the range of addresses that the DHCP server may assign to other computers.
- Provides the DNS server with the host name and IP address of each computer connected to the network.

To view a summary of the services currently being provided by the DHCP server, click **IP Address Distribution** in the Advanced screen. The "IP Address Distribution" screen appears.

Rule Name	Service	Subnet Mask	Dynamic IP Range	Action
Network (Home/Office)	DHCP Server	255.255.255.0	192.168.1.1 - 192.168.1.254	5
Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Disabled			-
Broadband Connection (Coax)	Disabled			-

Editing DHCP Server Settings

To edit the DHCP server settings for a device:

1. Click the appropriate icon in the "Action" column. The "DHCP Settings" screen for the device appears.

Addres	s Distribution:					DHCP Server 💌
ICP Se	erver					
art IP	Address:	192	. 168	.1	.1	
d IP A	ddress:	192	. 168	.1	254	
ubnet N	lask:	255	. 255	. 255	.0	
I <mark>N</mark> S Se	rver:	0	.0	.0	.0	
ase Tir	me In Minutes:	1440)	-		
P Addr	de Host Name If M ress Distribution ador Class Identi	Accordi				
endor Class ID	Dynamic I	Range		QoS	Action	
P-STB	192.168.1.100-1	92.168.1	.150	5 - Mediu	m 🖻 🙀	
lew					2	

2. Select the "IP Address Distribution" from the drop-down list. Options include DHCP Server, DHCP Relay, or Disable.

- **3.** Complete the following fields:
 - Start IP Address Range, End IP Address Range determines the number of hosts connected to the network in this subnet. "Start" specifies the first IP address assigned in this subnet and "End" specifies the last IP address in the range.
 - **Subnet Mask** used to determine to which subnet an IP address belongs. An example of a subnet mask value is 255.255.0.0.
 - WINS Server The WINS (Windows Internet Naming Service) server determines the IP address associated with a network device.
 - Lease Time each device will be assigned an IP address by the DHCP server for a limited time ("Lease Time") when it connects to the network. When the lease expires, the server will determine if the computer has disconnected from the network. If it has, the server may reassign this IP address to a newly-connected computer. This feature ensures that IP addresses not in use will become available for other computers on the network.
 - **Provide host name if not specified by client** when activated, the Router assigns the client a default name if the DHCP client does not have a host name.
- 4. Click Apply to save the changes.

DHCP Connections

To view a list of computers currently recognized by the DHCP server, click **Connection List** at the bottom of the IP Address Distribution screen. The "DHCP Connections" screen appears.

		Direi	Connec				
Host Name	IP Address	Physical Address	Lease Type	Connection Name	Status	Expires In	Action
gateway2	192.168.1.2	00:90:27:b3:ce:49	Dynamic	Network (Home/Office)	Active	9931 minutes	Q 🖻 🖣
New Static Connection							
		Press the Refresh	_	update the data	T		

To define a new connection with a fixed IP address:

1. Click **New Static Connection** in the DHCP Connections screen. The "DHCP Connection Settings" screen appears.

Host Name:	new-host
IP Address:	0.00.0
MAC Address:	00:00:00:00:00:00

- **2.** Enter a host name for this connection.
- **3.** Enter the fixed IP address to assign to the computer.
- **4.** Enter the MAC address of the computer's network card.
- **5.** Click the **Apply** to save changes.
 - **Note:** A device's fixed IP address is actually assigned to the specific network card's MAC address installed on the network computer. If this network card is replaced, the device's entry in the DHCP Connections list must be updated with the new network card's MAC address.

To remove a host from the table, click the appropriate "Delete" icon in the Action column.

Diagnostics

The Diagnostics screen can assist in testing network connectivity. This feature pings (ICMP echo) an IP address and displays the results, such as the number of packets transmitted and received, round trip time, and success status.

To diagnose network connectivity:

1. Click **Diagnostics** from the Advanced screen. The "Diagnostics" screen appears.

	Diagnostics
	The information below has been determined.
	sting network connectivity. This feature pings (ICMP echo) an IP address and display
	mber of packets transmitted and received, round trip time, and success status.
Ping (ICMP Echo)	
Destination:	192.168.1.2 Go
Number of pings:	4
Status:	Test Failed
Packets:	4/4 transmitted, 0/4 received, 100% loss
Round Trip Time:	Minimum = 2147483647 ms Maximum = 0 ms Average = 0 ms
	Press the Refresh button to update the status.
	Close Refresh Back

- 2. Enter the IP address or domain name to be tested in the "Destination" field.
- 3. Click Go.
- **4.** In a few seconds, diagnostics statistics will be displayed. If no new information is displayed, click **Refresh**.

Restoring Default Settings

If the Router's factory default settings need to be restored (to build a new network from the beginning, for example), use the following procedure:

1. If needed click Save Configuration File to save the Router's current configuration to a file. The Router's current settings can then be reapplied (see "Configuraton File" in this chapter for more information).

	ATTENTION
	ig your router to default settings will, erase the current router configuration. If you would like to save th configuration, click the "Save Cofiguration File" button.
Save	Configuration File
If you d	o not wish to save the current configuration file, click the "Restore Defaults" button.
Rest	ore Defaults

- **2.** Click **Restore Defaults**. The Router will restart, and factory default settings will be applied
 - **Note:** All of the Router's settings and parameters will be restored to their default values after performing the Restore Default procedure. This includes the administrator password; a user-specified password will no longer be valid.

Reboot the Router

To reboot the Router:

1. Click Restart in the Advanced screen. The "Restart" screen appears.



2. Click OK to restart the Router. This may take up to one minute.

To reenter the MegaControl Panel after restarting the Router, click the web browser's "Refresh" button.

MAC Cloning

A MAC (Media Access Control) address is a unique hexadecimal code that identifies a device on a network. All networkable devices have a MAC address. When replacing another network device with the Router, the installation process can be simplified by copying the MAC address of the existing computer to the Router. To do this:

1. Click **MAC Cloning** in the Advanced screen. The "MAC Cloning" screen appears.

MAC	Cloning
ress Cloning provides the ability to emulate a address. Use this feature only if your ISP	the routers MAC address to appear identical to the original requires MAC Address authentication.
Set MAC of Device:	Broadband Connection (Ethernet)
To Physical Address:	00 :0f :b3 :a2 :d7 :ca Clone My MAC Address
Apply	Cancel

- 2. Enter the MAC address to be cloned in the "To Physical Address" text boxes.
- **3.** Click **Clone My MAC Address** to capture the MAC address of the computer currently accessing the MegaControl Panel. The Router will now have the new MAC address.

ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) Table

Clicking **ARP Table** in the Advanced screen generates the "ARP Table" screen. This screen displays the IP and MAC addresses of each DHCP connection.

		ARP Table	
	lisplays the IP and MAC addres	ses of each DHCP connection.	
ARP Table IP Address	MAC Address	Device	DHCP ACL
192,168,1,2	00:90:27:b3:ce:49	Network (Home/Office)	Add

Users

To manage individual users:

1. Click Users in the Advanced screen, which generates the "Users" screen.

Users Full Name	User Name	Permissions	Actio
Administrator	admin	Administrator	-
New User			E

2. Click New User, which generates the "User Settings" screen.

General	
Full Name:	
User Name (case sensitive):	
New Password:	
Retype New Password:	
Permissions:	Administrator
E-Mail Notification	erver
Notification Address:	
System Notify Level:	None
Security Notify Level:	None

When adding a user, specify the following parameters:

- Full Name The user's full name.
- User Name The name a remote user will use to access the home or office network. This entry is case-sensitive.
- New Password/Retype New Password The password for the user (and enter again to confirm).
- **Permissions** The level of access the user is allowed. Options include **Administrator** or **Limited**.

• E-mail Notification - E-mail notification can be used to receive indications of system events for a predefined severity classification. The available types of events are "System" or "Security" events. The available severity of events are Error, Warning, and Information.

To configure E-mail notification for a specific user:

- 1. Make sure an outgoing mail server has been configured in "System Settings". If not, click **Configure Notification Mail Server** to configure the outgoing mail server.
- 2. Enter the user's E-mail address in the "Notification Address" text box.
- **3.** Select the "System" and "Security" notification levels in the "System Notify Level" and "Security Notify Level" drop-down lists.
- **Note:** Changing any of the user parameters will prompt the connection associated with the user to terminate. For changes to take effect, activate the connection manually after modifying user parameters.

QoS

The Router's QoS (Quality of Service) capabilities are covered in detail in Appendix A of this manual.

Local Administration

Clicking **Administration** in the Advanced screen generates the "Administration" screen. This screen allows the user to allow local Telnet access using a particular Telnet port.

	Local Administration
Note: Only advar	nced technical users should use this feature.
	Allow Local Teinet Access
	Using Primary Telnet Port (23)
	Using Secondary Telnet Port (8023)
	Using Secure Telnet over SSL Port (992)
	Apply Cancel

To use, select a Telnet port by clicking in the appropriate check box, then click **Apply**.

Remote Administration

The Router's Remote Administration capabilities are covered in detail in the "Security" chapter of this manual.

Dynamic DNS

Dynamic DNS (Domain Name Server) a dynamic IP address to be aliased to a static hostname, allowing a computer on the network to be more easily accessible from the Internet. Typically, when connecting to the Internet, the service provider assigns an unused IP address from a pool of IP addresses, and this address is used only for the duration of a specific connection. Dynamically assigning addresses extends the usable pool of available IP addresses, while maintaining a constant domain name. This allows to user to access a device (a camera, for example) from a remote location, since the device will always have the same IP address.

When using Dynamic DNS, each time the IP address provided by the ISP changes, the DNS database changes accordingly to reflect the change. In this way, even though the IP address of the computer changes often, its domain name remains constant and accessible.

Opening a Dynamic DNS Account

To use Dynamic DNS, a free Dynamic DNS account must be opened at http://www.dyndns.org/account/create.html.

When applying for an account, a user name and password must be specified. Have them available when customizing the Router's Dynamic DNS feature. For more information regarding Dynamic DNS, refer to http://www.dyndns.org.

Setting up Dynamic DNS

To set up Dynamic DNS on the Router, click **Dynamic DNS** in the Advanced screen. The "Dynamic DNS" screen appears.

Dynamic DNS (Domain Name Serve nic DNS is a dynamic IP address to the easily accessible from the Intern	be aliased to a static hostname, allow	wing a computer on the n
Connection to Update:	None	_
☐ Offline		
Status:	Not Updated	
User Name:		
Password:		_
Host Name:		
Wildcard		
Mail Exchanger:		_
Backup MX		

Configure the following parameters:

Connection To Update

Select the connection with which to couple the Dynamic DNS service. Options include **Broadband Connection (Ethernet)**, **Broadband Connection (Coax)**, and **WAN PPPoE**.

Offline

Disable the Dynamic DNS feature by clicking this check box. This feature is available only to users who have purchased some type of upgrade credit from Dyndns.org. Note that changing the redirection URL can only be performed via the Dynamic DNS website.

User Name

Enter the Dynamic DNS user name in this text box.

Password

Enter the Dynamic DNS password in this text box.

Host Name

Enter the full Dynamic DNS domain in this text box.

Wildcard

Select the "Wildcard" check box to have any URL that includes the domain name (here.yourhost.dyndns.org, for example) to connect.

Mail Exchanger

Enter the mail exchange server address. This will redirect all E-mails arriving at the Dynamic DNS address to the mail server.

Backup MX

Select this check box to designate the mail exchange server to be a backup server.

DNS Server

The Domain Name System (DNS) translates domain names into IP addresses and vice versa. The Router's DNS server is an auto-learning DNS, which means that when a new computer is connected to the network, the DNS server learns its name and automatically adds it to the DNS table. Other network users can immediately communicate with this computer using either its name or its IP address.

The Router's DNS also provides the following services:

- Shares a common database of domain names and IP addresses with the DHCP server.
- Supports multiple subnets within the local network simultaneously.
- Automatically appends a domain name to unqualified names.
- Allows new domain names to be added to the database using the MegaControl Panel.
- Permits a computer to have multiple host names.
- Permits a host name to have multiple IPs (needed if a host has multiple network cards).

The DNS server does not require configuration. However, the list of computers known by the DNS can be viewed, the host name or IP address of a computer on the list can be changed, or a new computer can be added to the list.

DNS Table

To view the list of computers stored in the DNS table, click **DNS Server** in the Advanced screen. The "DNS Server" screen appears.

	DNS Server		
r delete computers knowr	by the routers DNS Serve	r.	
Host Name	IP Address	Source	Action
gateway2	192.168.1.2	DHCP	🚽 🐺
Add DNS Entry			

To add a new entry to the list:

1. Click Add DNS Entry in the DNS Server screen. The "DNS Entry" screen appears.

Host Name:	new-host
IP Address:	0.0.0

- 2. Enter the computer's host name in the "Host Name" text box.
- 3. Enter the computer's IP address in the "IP Address" text boxes.
- 4. Click Apply to save the changes.

To edit the host name or IP address of an entry:

1. Click the appropriate "Edit" icon in the Action column. The "DNS Entry" screen appears.

	DNS Entry
Host Name:	gateway2
	Apply Cancel

- **2.** If the host was manually added to the DNS Table, its host name and/or IP address can be modified. Otherwise, only modify its host name.
- **3.** Click **Apply** to save the changes.

To remove a host from the DNS table:

Click the appropriate "Delete" icon in the Action column. The entry will be removed from the table.

Network Objects

Network objects is used to define a part of the Router's network (a group of computers, for example) by MAC addresses, IP addresses, and/or host names. The defined part becomes a "network object," and settings, such as configuring system rules, can be applied to all the devices defined as part of the network object at once. For example, instead of setting the same website filtering configuration to five computers one at a time, the computers can be defined as a network object, and website filtering configuration can then be applied to all the computers simultaneously.

Network objects can be used to apply security rules based on host names instead of IP addresses. This may be useful, since IP addresses change from time to time. Moreover, it is possible to define network objects according to MAC addresses, making rule application more persistent against network configuration settings.

To define a network object:

1. Click **Network Objects** in the Advanced screen. The "Network Objects" screen appears.

t names, IP addresses or N subset using f	MAC addresses. Securit Network Objects.	y rules can be applied to	a distinct LAN
Network Object	Items	Action	
			
	Network Object	Network Object Items	

2. Click Add. The "Edit Network Object" screen appears.

Network Object		
Description:	Global Object	
Items		
Item	Action	
Add	2	

- **3.** Specify a name for the network object in the "Description" text box.
- 4. Click Add. The "Edit Item" screen appears.

	Edit Item	
Network Object Type:	IP Address	
IP Address: 0.0.	0.0	

- **5.** Select the type of network object type from the "Network Object Type" list box. Options include IP address, IP Subnet, IP Range, MAC Address, and Host Name.
- **6.** Repeat to create other network objects, if needed. When finished, click **Apply** to save all created network objects.

Universal Plug and Play (UPnP)

To access the UPnP settings perform the following:

1. Click **Universal Plug and Play** in the Advanced screen. The "Universal Plug and Play" settings screen appears.

		the router to have new UPnP supported devices connected w	ithou
naving to	p reconfigure or reboot the router.		
	Features	ontrol Wireless Broadband Router's Network	
	Fable Automatic Cleanup of O	d Unused UPnP Services	
	WAN Connection Publication:	Publish Only the Main WAN Connection	

- **2.** Click in the "Allow Other Network Users to Control Broadband Router's Network Features" check box to enable UPnP and allow UPnP services to be defined on any of the network hosts.
- **3.** Click in the "Enable Automatic Cleanup of Old Unused UPnP Services" check box to enable automatic cleanup of invalid rules. When enabled, this feature checks validity of all the UPnP services and rules every five minutes. Any old and not used UPnP defined service is removed, unless any user defined rule depends on it. Since there is a maximum limitation on the number of UPnP defined services (256), enable the cleanup feature if the limit is in danger of being exceeded.
- **4.** Select whether all WAN connections, or only the main WAN connection, will have UPnP active, from the "WAN Connection Publication" drop-down list.

UPnP services are not deleted when disconnecting a computer without proper shutdown of the UPnP application (e.g. messenger). Thus, if running a boingo, services may often not be deleted, and will eventually lead to exhaustion of rules and services, and no new services can be defined. In this scenario, the cleanup feature will find the invalid services and remove them, preventing services exhaustion.

Protocols

Protocols features a list of preset and user-defined applications and common port settings. Protocols can be used in various security features, such as Access Control and Port Forwarding. New protocols can be added to support new applications or existing ones can be edited when needed.

To define a protocol:

1. Click **Protocols** in the Advanced screen. The "Protocols" screen appears.

Protocols	Ports	Action
FTP	TCP Any -> 21	🖶 🙀
нттр	TCP Any -> 80	in 19 👳 🙀
HTTPS	TCP Any -> 443	🚽 🙀
IMAP	TCP Any -> 143	🖶 🙀
L2TP	UDP Any -> 1701	🖶 🙀
L2TP (Port Triggering)	UDP Any -> 1701	🖶 🙀
Ping	ICMP Echo Request	👳 🙀
POP3	TCP Any -> 110	🚽 🙀
SMTP	TCP Any -> 25	🚽 🙀
SNMP	UDP Any -> 161	🖶 🙀
Teinet	TCP Any -> 23	🖶 🙀
TFTP	UDP 1024-65535 -> 69	🖶 🙀
TFTP (Port Triggering)	UDP 1024-65535 -> 69	چ 👳
Traceroute	UDP 32769-65535 -> 33434-33523	🔿 😽
Voice Wing	UDP Any -> 53 Any -> 69 Any -> 5060-5061 Any -> 10000-20000	-
Add		2

2. Click Add at the bottom of the screen. The "Edit Service" screen appears.

Service Name:	Global Application	
Service Description:		
Server Ports		
Protocol	Server Ports	Action

3. Name the service in the "Service Name" text box and, if needed, enter a description of the service in the "Service Description" text box, then click **Add Service Ports**. The "Edit Service Server Ports" screen appears.

		-
Protocol	Other 💌	Exclude
Protocol Number: 0		

- **4.** Select a protocol from the "Protocol" drop-down list. To create a new protocol, select "Other." After selecting a protocol, the screen will refresh, displaying the relevant text boxes needed to edit the particular protocol.
- **5.** Click **Apply** to save the changes.
Monitoring the Router



The Broadband Router's System Monitoring screens display important system information, including:

- Basic Router settings
- System log
- Key network device parameters
- Network traffic statistics

Router Status

Click **System Monitoring** at the top of the Home screen to display the "Router Status" screen, which displays the Router's basic settings.

Firmware Version:	4.0.16.1.45.36	
Model Name:	MI424-WR	
Broadband Connection Status:	Disconnected	
Broadband IP Address:		
Broadband MAC Address:	00:0F:B3:C0:05:0C	
Broadband Connection Type:	Ethernet/Coax	
Active Status:	2 hrs	

Advanced Status

Clicking Advanced Status displays three other monitoring options: System Logging, Full Status/System wide Monitoring of Connections, and Traffic Monitoring.



System Logging

Click **System Logging** in the Advanced Status screen to generate the "System Log" screen. The System Log displays a list of the most recent activities of the Router.

			System Log				
		Close Cl	ear Log Save Log Refresh				
Press the Refresh button to update the data.							
Time	Event	Event-Type	Details				
Jan 2 21:26:34	System	Message	kern.debug Clink Link Down (freq timer)				
2003	Log		[repeated 5 times, last time on Jan 2 21:26:39 2003]				
Jan 2 21:26:34	System	Message	daemon.warn cLink: clink1: ioctl(DRV_GET_MY_NODE_INFO)				
2003	Log		failed, res=-1: Bad address.				
Jan 2 21:26:20	System	Message	kern.debug Clink Link Down (freq timer)				
2003	Log		[repeated 13 times, last time on Jan 2 21:26:33 2003]				
Jan 2 21:26:20	System	Message	daemon.warn cLink: clink0: ioctl(DRV_GET_MY_NODE_INFO)				
2003	Log		failed, res=-1: Bad address.				
Jan 2 21:26:04	System	Message	kern.debug Clink Link Down (freq timer)				
2003	Log		[repeated 13 times, last time on Jan 2 21:26:19 2003]				
Jan 2 21:26:04	System	Message	daemon.warn cLink: clink0: ioctl(DRV_GET_MY_NODE_INFO)				
2003	Log		failed, res=-1: Bad address.				
Jan 2 21:26:00	System	Message	kern.debug Clink Link Down (freq timer)				
2003	Log		[repeated 4 times, last time on Jan 2 21:26:03 2003]				
Jan 2 21:26:00	System	Message	daemon.warn cLink: clink0: ioctl(DRV_GET_MY_NODE_INFO)				
2003	Log		failed, res=-1: Bad address.				
Jan 2 21:25:54	System	Message	kern.debug Clink Link Down (freq timer)				
2003	Log		[repeated 5 times, last time on Jan 2 21:25:59 2003]				
Jan 2 21:25:54	System	Message	daemon.warn cLink: clink1: ioctl(DRV_GET_MY_NODE_INFO)				

Full Status/System wide Monitoring of Connections

- 1. Click **Full Status/System wide Monitoring of Connections** in the Advanced Status screen to generate the "Full Status/System wide Monitoring of Connections" screen, which features a table summarizing the monitored connection data.
- **2.** Click **Refresh** to update the table, or click **Automatic Refresh On** to constantly update the displayed parameters.

Rule Name	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Ethernet	Broadband Connection (Coax)	Coax	Wireless Access Point	WAN PPPOE	WAN PPPOE 2
Status	Connected	Down	Connected	DHCP IP Address Released	Down	Connected	Disabled	Disabled
Network	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection	Network (Home/Office)	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection	Broadband Connection
Underlying Device	Ethernet Wireless Access Point Coax properties Coax Stats						Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Broadband Connection (Coax)
Connection Type	Bridge	Ethernet	Hardware Ethernet Switch	Coax Link Ethernet	Coax Link Ethernet	Wireless Access Point	PPPoE	PPPoE
MAC Address	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:c6	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:ca	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:c7	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:cb	00:0f:b3:a2:d7:c8	00:0d:f0:1d:00:cc		
IP Address	192.168.1.1							
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0							
IP Address Distribution	DHCP Server	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled		
Service Name								
User Name							qa2@local	qa2@local
Received Packets	11835	0	8760	0	0	1427922		
Sent Packets	845051	0	614542	0	0	233910		
Time Span	70:27:09	70:27:09	70:27:09	70:27:09	70:27:09	70:27:09		
Channel				Disconnected	Disconnected			

Traffic Monitoring

The Router constantly monitors traffic within the local network and between the local network and the Internet. To view up-to-the-second statistical information about data received from and transmitted to the Internet, and about data received from and transmitted to computers in the local network, click **Traffic Monitoring** in the Advanced Status screen. This generates the "Traffic Monitoring" screen.

Rule Name	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Ethernet	Broadband Connection (Coax)	Coax	Wireless Access Point	WAN PPPOE	WAN PPPOE 2
Status	Connected	Down	Connected	Down	Down	Connected	Disabled	Disabled
Network	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection	Network (Home/Office)	Network (Home/Office)	Broadband Connection	Broadband Connection
Underlying Device	Ethernet Wireless Access Point Coax						Broadband Connection (Ethernet)	Broadband Connection (Coax)
Connection Type	Bridge	Ethernet	Hardware Ethernet Switch	Coax Link Ethernet	Coax Link Ethernet	Wireless Access Point	PPPoE	PPPoE
IP Address	192.168.1.1							
Received Packets	16485	0	14317	0	0	1714079		
Sent Packets	589779	0	431658	0	0	162575		
Received Bytes	3726194	0	3465635	0	0	142844698		
Sent Bytes	88379904	0	58305737	0	0	35697647		
Receive Errors	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Receive Drops	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Time Span	48:21:56	48:21:56	48:21:56	48:21:56	48:21:56	48:21:56		

Troubleshooting



This chapter contains a list of problems that may be encountered while using the Broadband Router, and techniques to try and overcome the problem. Note that these techniques may not solve the problem (or problems).

Accessing the Router if Locked Out

If the Router's connection is lost while making configuration changes, a setting that locks access to the MegaControl Panel may have inadvertantly been activated. There are three common ways to lock access to the Router:

Scheduler If a schedule has been created that applies to the computer over the connection being used, the Router will not be accessible during the times set in the schedule. To regain access, either wait until the connection is scheduled to be active again, or restore the default settings to the Router.

LAN Firewall If the firewall setting for the local network is set to maximum, no computers from the network will be able to connect to the Router. To gain access, restore the default settings to the Router.

Access Control If the access control setting for the computer is set to block the computer, access to the Router will be denied. To gain access, restore the default settings to the Router.

Restoring the Router's Default Settings

There are two ways to restore the Router's default settings. The first is to use the tip of a ballpoint pen and depress the "Reset" button on the back of the Router for at least five seconds. The second is to access the Router's MegaControl Panel and navigate to the "Advanced Settings" screen. Click on "Restore Defaults" and read the instructions on-screen. Note that after performing either of these two procedures, all previously saved settings on the Router will be lost.

LAN Connection Failure

- Ensure the Router is properly installed, the LAN connections are correct, and the power is on.
- Confirm the computer and Router are on the same network segment. If unsure, let the computer get the IP address automatically by initiating the DHCP function, then verify the computer is using an IP address within the default range (192.168.1.2 through 198.168.1.254). If the computer is not using an IP address within the range, it will not connect to the Router.
- Ensure the Subnet Mask address is set to 255.255.255.0.

Time out error occurs when entering a URL or IP Address

- Verify all the computers are working properly.
- Ensure the IP settings are correct.
- Ensure the Router is on and connected properly.
- Verify the Router's settings are the same as the computer.

I've run out of Ethernet ports on my Router. How do I add more computers?

Plugging in an Ethernet hub or switch expands the number of ports on the Router. Run a standard Ethernet cable from the "Uplink" port of the new hub or switch to a yellow Ethernet port on the Router.

How do I change the password on the Router's Graphic User Interface?

From the Router's GUI Home screen, click **Advanced**, then **Users**. From the "Users" screen, click **Administrator**, which generates the "User Settings" screen. In the "General" section of the screen, change the password.

Which connection speeds does the Router support?

The Ethernet Internet connection supports 100 Mbps. The 802.11g wireless connection supports up to 54 Mbps (depending on signal quality, etc.). The MoCA connection supports 270 Mbps.

Are the Router's Ethernet ports auto-sensing?

Yes. Either a straight-through or crossover Ethernet cable can be used.

How do I find out what IP address my computer is using?

Windows 95, 98, 98SE, and Me - Select **Start**, **Run**, and type "winipcfg." Press **Enter**. When the "Winipcfg" window appears, ensure your network device is selected.

Windows NT, 2000, and XP - Select **Start**, **Run** and type "cmd." Press **Enter**. When the command screen appears, type "ipconfig" and press **Enter**.

My computer cannot connect to the Internet via MoCA. What should I do?

First, check the connection, and make sure all cables are connected correctly. Then make sure the NIM is still connected, and check the Ethernet connection to the NIM from the computer. A computer cannot be connected directly via a MoCA cable; it must go through a NIM to connect. The NIM converts the MoCA signal to an Ethernet signal the computer can understand.

I used DHCP to configure my network. Do I need to restart my computer to refresh my IP address?

No. Follow these steps to refresh the IP address:

Windows 95, 98, 98SE, and Me - Select **Start**, **Run**, type "winipcfg," and press **Enter**. Ensure the Ethernet adapter is selected in the device box. Press the **Release_all** button, then press the **Renew_all** button.

Windows NT 4.0 and 2000 - Select **Start**, **Run**, type "cmd," and press **Enter**. At the DOS prompt, type "ipconfig /release," then type "ipconfig /renew."

Windows XP - Unplug the Ethernet cable or wireless card and plug it back in.

I cannot access the Router's Graphical User Interface? What should I do?

If you cannot access the Router's Graphical User Interface, make sure the computer connected to the Router is set up to dynamically receive an IP address.

I have an FTP or Web server on my network. How can I make it available to users on the Internet?

For a Web server, enable port forwarding for port 8088 to the IP address of the server and set up the Web server to receive on that port, as well. (Configuring the server to use a static IP address is recommended.)

For an FTP server, enable port forwarding for port 21 to the IP address of the server. (Configuring the server to use a static IP address is recommended.)

How many computers can be connected through the Router?

The Router is capable of 254 connections, but it is recommended to have no more than 45 connections. As you increase the number of connections, you decrease the available speed for each computer.

What is the default user name for the Router?

The default user name for the router is "admin" and the default password is "password" (all lower case, no quotation marks). When logging into the Router the first time (or after restoring the Router's default settings), the user is asked to create a new user name and password after entering the default user name and password. Enter the new user name and password, write them down on a piece of paper, and keep it in a safe place. The new user name and password will be needed to access the Mega Control Panel in the future.

Quality of Service



Network-based applications and traffic are growing at a high rate, producing an ever-increasing demand for bandwidth and network capacity. For obvious reasons, bandwidth and capacity cannot be expanded infinitely, requiring that bandwidth-demanding services be delivered over existing infrastructure, without incurring additional expensive investments. The next logical means of ensuring optimal use of existing resources are Quality of Service (QoS) mechanisms for congestion management and avoidance.

Quality of Service refers to the capability of a network device to provide better service to selected network traffic. This is achieved by shaping the traffic and processing higher priority traffic before lower priority traffic.



STOP! Do not change any Quality of Service settings unless instructed to do so by the ISP.

Traffic Priority

Traffic Priority manages and avoid traffic congestion by defining inbound and outbound priority rules for each device on the Router. These rules determine the priority that packets, traveling through the device, will receive. QoS parameters (DSCP marking and packet priority) are set per packet, on an application basis.

QoS can be configured using flexible rules, according to the following parameters:

- Source/destination IP address, MAC address, or host name
- Device
- Source/destination ports
- · Limit the rule for specific days and hours

The Router supports two priority marking methods for packet prioritization:

- DSCP
- 802.1p Priority

The matching of packets by rules is connection-based, known as Stateful Packet Inspection (SPI), using the Router's firewall mechanism. Once a packet matches a rule, all subsequent packets with the same attributes receive the same QoS parameters, both inbound and outbound. Connection-based QoS also allows inheriting QoS parameters by some of the applications that open subsequent connections. For instance, QoS rules can be defined on SIP, and the rules will apply to both control and data ports (even if the data ports are unknown). Applications that support such inheritance have an ALG in the firewall. They are:

- SIP
- MSN Messenger/Windows Messenger
- TFTP
- FTP
- MGCP
- H.323
- · Port triggering applications
- **PPTP**
- IPSec

Setting Priority Rules

To set priority rules:

1. Click **Quality of Service** in the Advanced screen. The "Traffic Priority" screen appears. This screen is divided into two identical sections, one for "QoS input rules" and the other for "QoS output rules," which are for prioritizing the inbound and outbound traffic, respectively. Each section lists all the devices on which rules can be set. Rules can be set on all devices at once by clicking **Add** in the "All Devices" row.

QoS Input P	Rules						
Rule ID	Device	Source Address	Destination Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Action
All Devices							Ade
Network (H	lome/Office) Rules					Ad
Broadband	Connection	(Ethernet)	Rules				Ad
Ethernet Ri	ules						Ad
WAN PPPOE QoS Output							Ad
		Source Address	Destination Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Ad Action
QoS Output Rule ID	Rules Device			Protocols	Operation	Status	
QoS Output Rule ID All Devices	Rules Device	Address		Protocols	Operation	Status	Action
QoS Output Rule ID All Devices Network (H	Rules Device Iome/Office	Address	Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Action Ad Ad
QoS Output Rule ID All Devices Network (H	Rules Device Iome/Office Connection	Address	Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Action Ad

2. After choosing the traffic direction and the device on which to set the rule, click **Add** in the appropriate row. The "Add Traffic Priority Rule" screen appears.

Matching			
Source Address			Any
Destination Address			Any
Protocol	ANY	T	
DSCP:		None 💌	
Device:		Any	
QoS Operation			
DSCP:		None	
Set Priority			
XSet Rx Class Name		No Rx class names av	ailable
XSet Tx Class Name		No Tx class names av	ailable
Logging			
Log Packets Matched	by This Rule		
When should this rule	occur ?		Always

Set the following parameters:

Source Address - The source address of the packets sent to or received from the network object. To add an address:

- **1.** Select **Specify Address** from the drop-down list. The screen refreshes and an "Add" link appears.
- **2.** Click **Add**, then add a new network object (see the "Advanced Settings" chapter to learn how to add a network object). Clicking Add is the same as clicking "New Entry" in the "Network Objects" screen.

Destination Address - The destination address of the packets sent to or received from the network object. This address can be configured in the same manner as the source address.

Protocol - Choose a specific traffic protocol from the drop-down list, or add a new one. To add a new traffic protocol:

- **1.** Select **Specify Address** from the drop-down list. The screen refreshes and an "Add" link appears.
- **2.** Click **Add**, and add a new protocol (see the "Advanced Settings" chapter to learn how to add a protocol). Note that clicking Add is equivalent to clicking "New Entry" in the "Protocols" screen.

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Set Priority - Activate this check box to add a priority to the rule. The screen will refresh, allowing a selection between one of eight priority levels, zero being the lowest and seven the highest (each priority level is mapped to low/medium/high priority). This sets the priority of a packet on the connection matching the rule, while routing the packet.

Set DSCP - Activate this check box to mark a DSCP value on packets matching a connection that matches this rule. The screen will refresh, allowing the user to enter the Hex value of the DSCP.

Log Packets Matched by This Rule - Check this check box to log the first packet from a connection matched by this rule.

Schedule - By default, the rule will always be active. However, scheduler rules can be configured to define time segments during which the rule may be active.

Traffic Shaping

Traffic Shaping is the solution for managing and avoiding congestion where the network meets limited broadband bandwidth. Typical networks use a 100 Mbps Ethernet LAN with a 100 Mbps WAN interface router. This is where most bottle-necks occur

A traffic shaper is essentially a regulated queue that accepts uneven and/or bursty flows of packets and transmits them in a steady, predictable stream so that the network is not overwhelmed with traffic. While traffic priority allows basic prioritization of packets, traffic shaping provides more sophisticated definitions, such as:

- Bandwidth limit for each device
- · Bandwidth limit for classes of rules
- Prioritization policy
- TCP serialization on a device

Additionally, QoS traffic shaping rules can be defined for a default device. These rules will be used on a device that has no definitions of its own. This enables the definition of QoS rules on the default WAN, for example, and their maintenance even if the PPP or bridge device over the WAN is removed.

Device Traffic Shaping

This section describes the different Traffic Shaping screens and terms, and presents the feature's configuration logic.

1. Click **Quality of Service** in the Advanced screen, then click **Traffic Shaping**. The following screen appears.

Device	Rx Bandwidth (Kbits/s)	Tx Bandwidth (Kbits/s)	TCP Serialization	Action
Any Device				5
Add				2

- 2. Click Add. The "Add Device Traffic Shaping" screen appears.
- **3.** Select the device for which the traffic will be shaped. The drop-down list includes all the Router's devices, as well as the option to select all devices in each category (e.g., "All LAN Devices," "All WAN Devices"). In this example, select the default WAN device option.

	Add Device Traffic Sha	aping
Device:	Default WA	N device
	Apply Cancel	í.

4. Click Apply. The "Edit Device Traffic Shaping" screen appears.

Device:		Default WAN d	evice			
Tx Traffic Sha	ping					
Tx Bandwidth:			97656	(bits/s		
TCP Serializati	on:		Disable 💌			
Class ID	Rule Name	Priority	Bandwidt	h (Kbits/s)	Status	Action
	Rule Hume	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Reserved	Maximum	Status	Action
				Pluximum		
Add				Plaxingin		
Add Rx Traffice Po Rx Bandwidth:				Kbits/s		
Rx Traffice Po Rx Bandwidth:	-	Bandwi		Kbits/s	atus	
Rx Traffice Po		Bandwi Reserved	97656	Kbits/s	atus	Action

Configure the following parameters:

Tx Bandwidth - Tx bandwidth limits the Router's bandwidth transmission rate. The purpose is to limit the bandwidth of the WAN device to that of the weakest outbound link.. This forces the Router to be the network bottleneck, where sophisticated QoS prioritization can be performed.

Rx Bandwidth - In the same manner, this Rx bandwidth limits the Router's bandwidth reception rate.

TCP Serialization - Enable TCP Serialization from its drop-down list, either for active voice calls only or for all traffic. The screen will refresh, adding a "Maximum Delay" text box. This function allows the maximum allowed transmission time frame (in milliseconds) of a single packet to be defined. Any packet requiring a longer time to be transmitted will be fragmented to smaller sections. This avoids transmission of large, bursty packets that can cause delay or jitter for real-time traffic, such as VoIP.

Shaping Classes

The bandwidth of a device can be divided to reserve constant portions of bandwidth to predefined traffic types. Such a portion is known as a shaping class. When not used by its predefined traffic type or owner (for example VoIP), the class will be available to all other traffic. However, when needed, the entire class is reserved solely for its owner. Also, the maximum bandwidth that a class uses can be limited, even if the entire bandwidth is available.

When a shaping class is defined for a specific traffic type, two shaping classes are created. The second class is the "Default Class", which is responsible for all the packets that do not match the defined shaping class, or any other classes that might be defined on the device. This can be viewed in the "Class Statistics" screen.

To define a shaping class:

1. Click **Add** in the "Tx Traffic Shaping" section of the Edit Device Traffic Shaping screen. The "Add Shaping Class" screen appears.

	Add Shaping Class	
Rule Name:	Class	
	Apply Cancel	

- **2.** Name the new class and click **Apply**.
- 3. Click the class name to edit the shaping class. The "Edit Class" screen appears.

Name:		Class				
Class Priority	/:	0 (Highest)				
Tx Bandwidt	h:	Reserved 0		Maximum Unlimited	▼ Kbits/s	
Rx Bandwidt	h:	Reserved 0	_	Maximum Unlimited	▼ Kbits/s	
Policy:		Priority 💌				
When shou	ld this rule oc	cur ?		Always	-	
Class Rules						
Rule ID	Source Address	Destination Address	Protocols	Operation	Status	Action
Outbound r	ules					Ade
Inbound ru	les					Add

Configure the following parameters:

Name Enter the name of the class in this text box.

Class Priority The class can be granted one of eight priority levels, zero being the highest and seven the lowest (opposite the rules priority levels). This level sets the priority of a class in comparison to other classes on the device.

Tx Bandwidth Tx bandwidth is the reserved transmission bandwidth in kilobits per second. The maximum allowed bandwidth can be limited by selecting **Specify** from the drop-down list. The screen will refresh, adding another "Kbits/s" text box. Enter the desired maximum allowed bandwidth.

Rx Bandwidth In the same manner, Rx bandwidth is the reserved reception bandwidth, which can also be limited to a maximum allowed bandwidth.

Policy The class policy determines the policy of routing packets inside the class. Select one of four options:

- **Priority** Priority queuing utilizes multiple queues, so that traffic is distributed among queues based on priority. This priority is defined according to packet's priority, which can be defined explicitly, by a DSCP value, or by an 802.1p value.
- **FIFO** The "First In, First Out" priority queue. This queue ignores any previously-marked priority the packets may have.
- **Fairness** The fairness algorithm ensures no starvation by granting all packets a certain level of priority.
- **RED** The RED (Random Early Detection) algorithm utilizes statistical methods to drop packets in a "probabilistic" way before queues overflow. Dropping packets in this way slows a source down enough to keep the queue steady and reduces the number of packets lost when a queue overflows and a host is transmitting at a high rate.

Schedule By default, the class will always be active. However, scheduler rules can be configured to define time segments during which the class may be active.

Class Rules Class rules define which packets belong to the class. They must be defined in order to associate packets that meet them with the shaping class. Without class rules, the shaping class will have no effect. Each class can have outbound and/or inbound rules for outgoing and incoming traffic, respectively. For example, all outgoing packets from computer A in the network can be defined as belonging to the VoIP class. These packets will be limited to the class settings (bandwidth, schedule, etc.). In addition, the traffic protocol and priority for each rule can be defined (this is not mandatory as it is with Traffic Priority rules).

To add a new outbound/inbound class rule, click **Add** in the Edit Class screen. The "Add Traffic Priority Rule" screen appears.

Matching				
Source Address			Any	_
Destination Address			Any	_
Protocol	ANY	-		
DSCP:		None 💌		
Device:		Any		_
QoS Operation				
DSCP:		None		
Set Priority				
XSet Rx Class Name		No Rx class name	es available	
XSet Tx Class Name		No Tx class name	es available	
Logging				
Log Packets Matched	by This Rule			
When should this rule	occur ?		Always	-

Source Address - The source address of the packets sent to or received from the network object (computer A in the above example). To add an address:

- **1.** Select **Specify Address** from the drop-down list. The screen will refresh and an "Add" link appears.
- **2.** Click **Add**, and add a new network object. Note that clicking Add is equivalent to clicking "New Entry" in the "Network Objects" screen.

Destination Address - The destination address of the packets sent to or received from the network object. This address can be configured in the same manner as the source address.

Protocol - Select a specific traffic protocol from the drop-down list, or add a new one. To add a new traffic protocol:

- **1.** Select **Specify Protocol** from the drop-down list. The screen will refresh and an "Add" link appears.
- **2.** Click **Add**, and add a new protocol. This is the same as clicking "New Entry" in the "Protocols" screen.

DSCP -Use this drop-down list to mark a DSCP value on packets matching a connection that matches this rule. To do so, select **Specify** from the drop-down list and enter the hexadecimal value of the DSCP.

Set Priority - Activate this check box to add a priority to the rule. The screen will refresh, allowing a selection of one of eight priority levels, zero being the lowest and seven the highest (each priority level is mapped to low/medium/high priority). This sets the priority of a packet on the connection matching the rule, while routing the packet.

Log Packets Matched by This Rule - Check this check box to log the first packet from a connection that was matched by this rule.

When should this rule occur? - By default, the rule will always be active. However, scheduler rules can be configured to define time periods during which the rule is active. To learn how to configure scheduler rules, see the "Advanced Settings" chapter.

Note: The hierarchy of the class rules is determined by the addition order to the class. For example, if the first rule is "match packets with any source address, any destination address, and any protocol to this class," all packets traveling through Router will be associated with the specific class. Any rules defined later will not have any effect.

Ingress Data

The Router can control outgoing data fairly easily. It can queue packets, delay them, give precedence to other packets, or drop them. This helps in resolving upload (Tx) traffic bottlenecks, and in most cases is sufficient. However, in the case of download (Rx) traffic bottlenecks, the ability to control the flow is much more limited. The Router cannot queue packets, since in most cases the local network (LAN) is much faster then the Internet (WAN), and when the Router receives a packet from the Internet, it passes it immediately to the local network.

QoS for ingress data has the following limitations, which do not exist for outgoing data:

- QoS can only be applied to TCP streams (UDP streams cannot be delayed)
- No borrowing mechanism
- When reserving Rx bandwidth, it is strictly taken from the bandwidth of all other classes

Furthermore, the Router cannot control the behavior of the ISP, which may not have proper QoS handling. Unfortunately, this is a common situation. Let's look at a scenario of downloading a large file and surfing the Internet at the same time. Downloading the file is distinguished by small requests, followed by very large responses. This may result in blocking HTML traffic at the ISP. A solution for such a situation is limiting the bandwidth of low-priority TCP connections (such as the file download).

Differentiated Services Code Point Settings

In order to understand what DSCP is, one must first be familiarized with the Differentiated Services model.

Differentiated Services (Diffserv) is a Class of Service (CoS) model that enhances best-effort Internet services by differentiating traffic by users, service requirements, and other criteria. Packets are specifically marked, allowing network nodes to provide different levels of service, as appropriate for voice calls, video playback, or other delay-sensitive applications, via priority queuing or bandwidth allocation, or by choosing dedicated routes for specific traffic flows.

Diffserv defines a field in IP packet headers referred to as the Differentiated Services Codepoint (DSCP). Hosts or routers passing traffic to a Diffserv-enabled network will typically mark each transmitted packet with an appropriate DSCP. The DSCP markings are used by Diffserv network routers to appropriately classify packets and to apply particular queue handling or scheduling behavior

The Router provides a table of predefined DSCP values, which are mapped to 802.1p priority marking method. Any of the existing DSCP setting can be edited or deleted, and new entries can be added.

1. Click Quality of Service at the top of the Home screen, then click DSCP Settings. The "DSCP Settings" screen appears.

DSCP Value (hex)	802.1p Priority	Action
0x0	0 - Low	99
0x2	0 - Low	99
Ox4	4 - Medium	99
0x6	4 - Medium	99
0x8	2 - Low	99
0xA	1 - Low	99
0xC	3 - Low	99
0xE	2 - Low	99
0×10	7 - High	99
0x12	6 - High	99
0x14	7 - High	99
0×16	6 - High	99
0x18	5 - Medium	99
0x1A	5 - Medium	99
Dx1C	5 - Medium	99
Ox1E	5 - Medium	99
0×2E	7 - High	99
Add		=

2. To edit an existing entry, click the appropriate icon in the "Action" column. To add a new entry, click **Add**. In either case, the "Edit DSCP Settings" screen appears.

Edi	it DSCP Settings	
DSCP Value (hex):		
802.1p Priority:	0 - Low 💌	
_	Apply Cancel	

3. Configure the following parameters:

DSCP Value (hex) - Enter the DSCP value as a hexadecimal value.

802.1p Priority - Select a 802.1p priority level from the drop-down list, zero being the lowest and seven the highest (each priority level is mapped to low/ medium/high priority). The default DSCP value for packets with an unassigned value is zero.

4. Click Apply to save the settings.

802.1p Settings

The IEEE 802.1p priority marking method is a standard for prioritizing network traffic at the data link/Mac sub-layer. 802.1p traffic is simply classified and sent to the destination, with no bandwidth reservations established.

The 802.1p header includes a 3-bit prioritization field, which allows packets to be grouped into eight levels of priority. By default, the highest priority is seven, which might be assigned to network-critical traffic. Values five and six may be applied to delay-sensitive applications such as interactive video and voice. Data classes four through one range from controlled-load applications down to "loss eligible" traffic. Zero is the value for unassigned traffic and used as a best effort default, invoked automatically when no other value has been set.

A packet can match more than one rule. This means that:

- The first class rule has precedence over all other class rules (scanning is stopped once the first rule is reached).
- The first traffic-priority (classless) rule has precedence over all other traffic priority rules.
- There is no prevention of a traffic-priority rule conflicting with a class rule. In this case, the priority and DSCP setting of the class rule (if given) will take precedence.
- 1. Click **Quality of Service** in the Advanced screen, then click **802.1p Settings**. The "802.1p Settings" screen appears.

802.1p Value	Priority
ס	Low 🔳
1	Low
2	Low
3	Low
4	Medium 💌
5	Medium 💌
6	High 🗾
7	High 💌

- **2.** The eight 802.1p values are pre-populated with the three priority levels: Low, Medium, and High. These levels can be changed for each of the eight values in their respective drop-down lists.
- 3. Click Apply to save the settings.

Class Statistics

The Router provides accurate, real-time information on the traffic moving through the defined device classes. For example, the amount of packets sent, dropped, or delayed are just a few of the parameters monitored per each shaping class.

To view class statistics, click **Quality of Service** at the top of the Home screen, then click **Class Statistics**. The following screen appears. Note that class statistics will only be available after defining at least one class (otherwise the screen will not present any information).



Class Identifier

To create a class identifier, click **Quality of Service** in the Advanced screen, then click **Class Identifier**. The "DHCP Server Pool Settings" screen appears.

DHCP Option 60 (Vendor Class Identifier):	
Start IP Address:	0.0.0
End IP Address:	0.0.0
Set Priority	7-High 🔽

Enter the information needed in the appropriate text boxes, then click Apply.

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Specifications



General

Model Number

MI408 (8-Port Broadband Router)

Standards

IEEE 802.3x IEEE 802.3u

IP

IP version 4

Firewall

ICSA certified

Speed

LAN Ethernet: 10/100 Mbps auto-sensing

Cabling Type

Ethernet 10BaseT: UTP/STP Category 3 or 5 Ethernet100BaseTX: UTP/STP Category 5

LED Indicators

Power, LAN (8), WAN, Internet

Environmental

Power

External, 5V DC, 3A

Certifications

FCC Part 15, UL-60959-1

Operating Temperature

0° C to 40° C (32° F to 104° F)

Storage Temperature

-20° C to 70° C (-4° F to 158° F)

Operating Humidity

8% to 93% (non-condensing)

Storage Humidity

5% to 100% (non-condensing)

Note: Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver;
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected;
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