# **MX3 Reference Guide**





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## **Chapter 1 Introduction**

The MX3 is a rugged, portable, mobile PC-compatible computer capable of wireless data communications. The MX3 can transmit information using either a 900 MHz or 2.4 GHz radio (with an internally mounted antenna). It can store information for later transmission through an RS-232 or InfraRed port. The MX3 is horizontally oriented and features electroluminescent backlighting for the display. The keys on the keypad are constructed of a phosphorescent material that can easily be seen in dimly lighted areas.

The MX3 is a DOS compatible computer designed to run as a batch unit or run software applications such as LXE's Terminal Emulator applications (ANSI Plus, LDS Plus, DOS 5250, DOS 3270, TN3270 and TN5250).

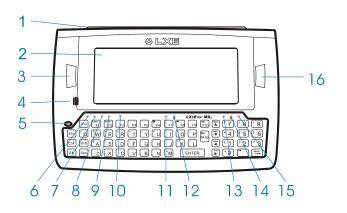


Please refer to the "MX3 Installation and Operator's Guide" for MX3 installation and user instruction.



Please refer to the "MX3 Cradle Reference Guide" for technical information relating to the Desk Top and Vehicle Mount cradles.

## Components





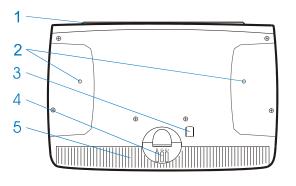


Figure 1-2 Back of MX3

- 1. Endcap
- 2. Display
- 3. Field Exit or Scan or Enter
- 4. Beeper
- 5. On/Off Button
- 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> LED
- 7. Alt LED
- 8. Ctrl LED
- 9. Shift LED
- 10. Caps LED
- 11. Scanner LED
- 12. Backup Battery LED
- 13. Status LED
- 14. Main Battery LED
- 15. Charger LED
- 16. Scan or Enter
- 1. Endcap
- 2. Leather Handstrap Connector
- 3. IR Port
- 4. Cradle Input Contracts
- 5. Main Battery

#### When to Use This Guide

As the reference for LXE's MX3 computer, this guide provides detailed information on its features and functionality. Use this reference guide as you would any other source book -- reading portions to learn about the MX3, and then referring to it when you need more information about a particular subject. This guide takes you through all aspects of the installation and configuration of the LXE MX3.

Operating instructions for the general user are contained in the "MX3 Installation and Operator's Guide".

This chapter, **"Introduction"**, briefly describes this reference guide structure, contains setup and installation instruction, briefly describes data entry processes, and explains how to get help.

**Chapter 2 "Physical Description and Layout"** describes the function and layout of the configuration, controls and connectors on the MX3.

Chapter 3 "Power Supply" describes the power sources and battery charging stations.

**Chapter 4 "System Configuration"** takes you through the BIOS Setup and memory maps, the MX3 file structure, describes LXE's Terminal Emulation programs compatible with the MX3 and contains instructions for panning the display.

Chapter 5 "Utilities" explains the function of MX3-specific utilities.

**Chapter 6 "RF Network Configuration"** describes the functions and delivers instruction on editing the NET.CFG and SOCKET.CFG files. It also contains information relating to the SNMP DOS agent.

**Chapter 7 "Troubleshooting"** solutions are split into several areas, including a list of Power On Self Test (POST) messages and run time messages. The solution may be found in one area or it may be a combination of the solutions in several areas.

Appendix A "Key Maps" describes the keypress sequences for the different keypads – batch, IBM 3270, and IBM 5250.

**Appendix B "Technical Specifications"** lists technical specifications for physical, environmental, display and the radios.

Appendix C "Commands" describes ROM-DOS command files.

## **Document Conventions**

Convention	Meaning
ALL CAPS	All caps are used to represent disk directories, file names, and application names.
Menu Choice	Rather than use the phrase "choose the Save command from the File menu", this manual uses the convention "choose File Save".
"Quotes"	Indicates the title of a book, chapter or a section within a chapter (for example, "Document Conventions").
< >	Indicates a key on the keyboard (for example, <enter> ).</enter>
	Indicates a reference to other documentation.
¥	Differences in operation or commands due to radio type.
ATTENTION	Keyword that indicates vital or pivotal information to follow.
<u>.</u>	Attention symbol that indicates vital or pivotal information to follow. Also, when marked on product, means to refer to the manual or operator's guide.
Â	International fuse replacement symbol. When marked on the product, the label includes fuse ratings in volts (v) and amperes (a) for the product.
Note:	Keyword that indicates immediately relevant information.
Caution	Keyword that indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
WARNING	Keyword that indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
DANGER	Keyword that indicates a imminent hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

This reference guide uses the following document conventions:

## **Getting Started**

*Note:* When your MX3 is pre-configured, the radio, PCMCIA card and endcaps are assembled by LXE to your specifications. You may only need to install a storage/charging cradle or handstrap.

This section's instructions are based on the assumption that your new system is pre-configured and requires only accessory installation (e.g. handstrap or cradle) and a power source.

LXE recommends that installation or removal of accessories be performed on a clean, well-lit surface. When necessary, protect the work surface, MX3, and components from electrostatic discharge.

In general, the sequence of events is:

- 1. Insert fully charged battery.
- 2. Install accessories.
- 3. Power the MX3 on.
- 4. Configure the software.
- *Note:* New batteries must be fully charged prior to use. This process takes up to four hours in an LXE Multi-Charger or LXE Multi-Charger Plus and up to eight hours using the MX3 internal charger.

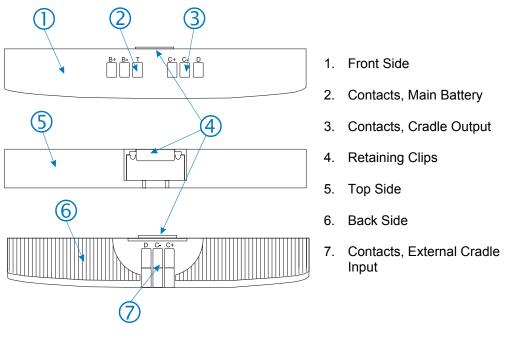


Refer to the documentation received with the charger for complete information.

Note: At this time you should create a DOS boot SRAM card for the MX3. The bootup card can be used when the MX3 has corrupt or missing operating system files. Please refer to a commercially available DOS user manual for boot disk instruction.

#### **Insert Main Battery**

*Note:* New batteries must be charged prior to first use. This process takes approximately four hours in an LXE Multi-Charger or Multi-Charger Plus.



#### Figure 1-3 Main Battery

#### **About Lithium-Ion Batteries**

Li-Ion batteries (like all batteries) gradually lose their capacity over time (in a linear fashion) and never just stop working. Use the following chart to determine when to replace the battery:

#### LXE Part No. 2381A376BATT1600

100% capacity	1400 mAh minimum
80% capacity	1120 mAh minimum

#### LXE Part No. MX3A378BATT

100% capacity	1800 mAh minimum
80% capacity	1440 mAh minimum

Deciding when to replace a Main Battery pack in the MX3 is difficult to quantify because it is very application specific. 1000 mAh may be the cutoff for one customer who uses the computer frequently, while 300 mAh may be perfectly fine for a customer who occasionally uses the computer. You need to determine the point at which battery life becomes unacceptable for your business practices and replace the main battery pack before that point.

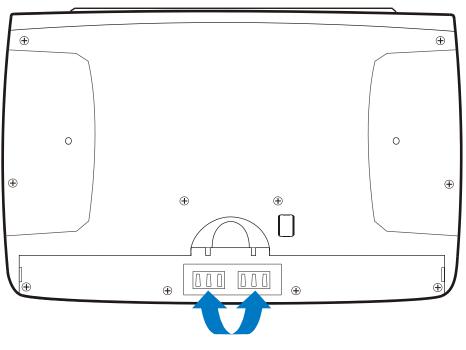


Figure 1-4 Battery Compartment

The MX3 Battery Compartment is located at the bottom of the back of the computer. The arrows in the figure above point to the battery contacts in the computer.

#### Figure 1-5 Main Battery

Place the battery in the compartment, making sure the side of the battery with six contacts matches up with the battery contacts in the computer battery compartment. Do not slide the battery sideways into the compartment.

Firmly press the battery into the compartment until it clicks. The battery is now securely fastened to the MX3.

#### **Attach Handstrap (Optional)**

An elastic handstrap is available for the MX3. Once installed, the handstrap provides a means for the user to secure the computer to their hand. It is adjustable to fit practically any size hand and does not interfere with battery charging when the MX3 is in a docking station.

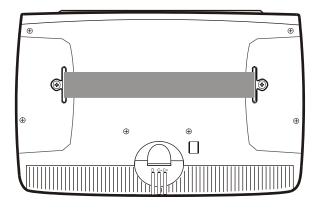


Figure 1-6 MX3 With Handstrap Installed

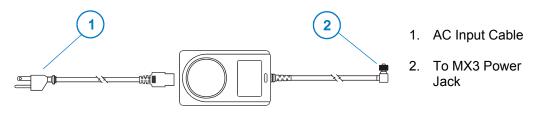
Tool Required: #1 Phillips Screwdriver

#### Installation

- 1. Remove the MX3 from the docking station.
- 2. Put the unit in Suspend mode or turn the unit off to prevent accidental key presses when you are attaching the handstrap.
- 3. Place the MX3, with the screen facing down, on a flat stable surface.
- 4. Attach the handstrap to the MX3 with the screws and washers provided.
- 5. Test the strap's connection making sure the MX3 is securely connected to each end of the strap connectors.

## **Connect DC Power (Optional)**

*Note:* When an external power supply is used to power these products, the external power supply should be UL Listed, with LPS or Class 2 outputs rated 12V, minimum 1Amp.





The MX3 connects to any of the following power supplies through the DC Power Jack on the endcap:

- US AC/DC 12V power supply
- International AC/DC 12V power supply
- 1. Insert the barrel connector into the MX3 power jack and push in firmly.
- 2. The CHGR LED above the keypad illuminates when the MX3 is receiving power through the power jack. The Main Battery automatically recharges when the MX3 is connected to an external power source.
- *Note: When the MX3 is receiving external power from a cradle, the cradle Status LED and the CHGR LED on the MX3 are illuminated.*

#### **Power On and Off**

#### Turn On the MX3

Press and hold the Power button until the display turns on. The power button is located above the ESC key on the keypad.



Figure 1-8 Location of the Power Button

When the MX3 is powered on, the display will begin scrolling power-on information as software and drivers are loaded. When the display has stopped scrolling and a DOS C: prompt is displayed or an application begins, the power on sequence is complete.

#### **Turn Off the MX3**

Hold the Power button down. The unit will emit three short beeps and one long beep. After the long beep the MX3 will power down. The Power button and the display will turn off. The Power key function is configured in the BIOS Setup.

Note: Tapping the Power button will place the MX3 in Suspend mode.

#### Troubleshooting

The MX3 will not turn off – force a Power Off by holding the Power key down for 15 seconds and the MX3 will power off. Locate and correct the problem before powering the MX3 back on – e.g. IRQ conflict, very low battery power, radio conflict, unexpected software application result, etc.

#### **Endcaps**



Refer to the "MX3 Operator's Guide" for the section titled "Scanner Warnings and Labels" for important laser safety information **before** using the scanner.

The Scanner/Serial Port and the Dual Serial Port are designated COM 1. The COM2 port is the IR port.

*Note:* Your configuration may be different than those shown below.

#### **COM Port Switching**

The default COM 2 port is always the IR port on the back of the MX3, regardless of the endcap installed on the MX3.

On the Standard Range Scanner / Serial Port endcap COM 1 is the Integrated Scanner port.

On the Dual Serial Port endcap the COM1 port is the serial port on the left side of the endcap when the display is facing you.

An API can be run to switch power to the DB9 Serial port. If a tethered scanner is connected to the Serial Port without switching the power to the COM2 port (serial port), the scanner will not work.

#### **Scanner / Serial Port**

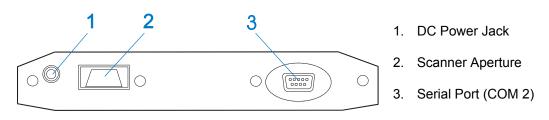


Figure 1-9 Standard Range Scanner / Serial Port Endcap

The internal barcode scanner scans only when the Scan button is pressed. Scan buttons have no effect on externally attached barcode scanners (see previous section titled "COM Port Switching").

#### **Dual Serial Port**

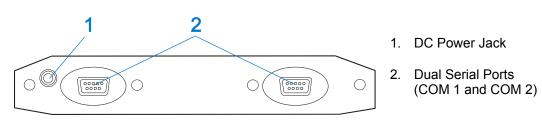


Figure 1-10 Dual Serial Port

The MX3 can be equipped with endcaps to perform different tasks. All MX3s are equipped with a beeper that is not connected to endcap functioning.

Each endcap type fulfills a different function. Changes may be required in application software when installing a different type of endcap.

Endcaps are installed and configured by LXE.

#### **PCMCIA Cards**

When removing or installing PCMCIA cards, protect the MX3 internal components from electrostatic discharge.

Use and operation of the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association (PCMCIA) device (e.g. PC card) is dependent upon both the type of device installed and the application(s) running on the computer.

When installed, the PC card will not function properly unless the proper PC card management software is installed in the PC card/MX3. (See Chapter 4, "System Configuration.) Make sure the proper software is pre-loaded and PC cards are properly configured.

There are two PC card slots in the MX3. The slot in the middle is Slot 1 and the slot near the side of the MX3 is Slot 0. Both PC card slots will accept PC radio cards and PC data cards. Slot 1 is 5mm tall and Slot 0 is 2.2mm tall.

*Note:* Do not remove the radio card when installing a PC card.

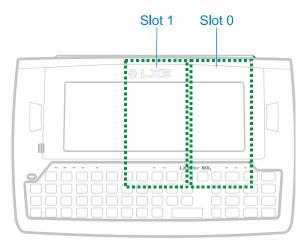


Figure 1-11 PC Card Location

Requirement: A screwdriver (not supplied by LXE)

**Preparation** 

LXE recommends that installation of the PC card be performed on a clean, well-lit surface.

Using a screwdriver, loosen the endcap and set both the endcap and the screws aside.

Installation

Slide the PC Card, connector side first, into the slot until it seats. Use caution not to pull or snag the antenna connector.

If the PC Card is difficult to seat in the slot, remove the card, turn it around and re-install.

#### Removal

Grasp the top of the PC Card and pull it straight upward to remove.

Use caution not to pull or snag the antenna connector on the Radio card, if installed.

If you anticipate keeping the PC card out of the MX3 for a long period of time place it in an enclosed storage container. Store in an area that is protected from dirt, moisture, and electrostatic contact.

#### **PCMCIA Radio Card**

When removing or installing the radio, protect the MX3 internal components and the radio from electrostatic discharge.

Slot 1 accepts the following PCMCIA radio cards:

- LXE 6500 System 2.4GHz radio
- LXE 6200 System 900 MHz radio

Slot 0 accepts the following PCMCIA radio card:

• LXE 6400 System 2.4GHz radio

When installed, the radio will not work unless the proper radio driver software is installed in the computer. (See Chapter 4, "System Configuration".)

Make sure the proper software is pre-loaded and a compatible radio network is available.

#### Preparation

LXE recommends that installation of the radio card be performed on a clean, well-lit surface.

Using a screwdriver, loosen the endcap and set both the endcap and the screws aside.

Installation

- 1. Slide the PCMCIA Radio, connector side first, into the slot until it seats.
- 5. The radio antenna connector must be positioned up and toward the front of the MX3 (near the display). If the PCMCIA Radio is difficult to seat, remove the Radio card, turn it around and re-install.
- 6. Gently snap the antenna cable into the connector on the PCMCIA Radio. Use caution not to damage either the antenna cable connector or the connector on the radio.
  - *Note:* A 6400 System radio has one antenna cable. A 6500 System antenna has two antenna cables. Connect **all** antenna cables to the PCMCIA radio.
- 7. Reinstall the endcap.

#### Removal

- 1. Disconnect the antenna cable from the radio, using caution not to damage the radio connector or the antenna cable connector.
- 8. Move the cable aside and grasp the top of the radio card and pull straight up until the radio is removed from the MX3 unit.

If you anticipate keeping the radio card out of the MX3 for a long period of time place it in an enclosed storage container. Store in an area that is protected from dirt, moisture, and electrostatic contact.

#### **Configure the Software**

Please have the following information available before setting up your computer for the first time:

- IP Address
- Network SSID number of the Access Point

#### In Brief . . .

- 1. Insert a fully charged battery into a hand-held computer. Connect a vehicle mounted computer to an external power source.
- 2. Power up the computer.
- 3. Using the NED editing utility, edit the NET.CFG file in the PCTCP subdirectory.
- 4. Using the NED editing utility, edit the SOCKET.CFG file in the PCTCP subdirectory.
- 5. Using the TE utility, edit the Terminal Emulation parameters (if needed).
- 6. Reboot.

How To Edit DOS Files on Your Computer Using NED.EXE

The following DOS file edit commands are required for setup. These commands are not case sensitive. The following keystrokes will control ths cursor.

PgDn - Move cursor down PgUp - Move cursor up  $2^{nd} PgUp$  - Move up a page  $2^{nd} PgDn$  - Move down a page  $2^{nd} CTRL PgUp$  - Move to the top of the file  $2^{nd} CTRL PgDn$  - Move to the bottom of the file

The cursor may not be visible on the screen. Use the key commands above to find the cursor when editing the NET.CFG and SOCKET.CFG files.

If the cursor is at the bottom of the file, the PgDn key and the 2nd PgDn keystrokes will not help you find the cursor.

How To Use F5 During Bootup

- 1. Power the computer on.
- 2. Press F5 when "Starting ROM-DOS" appears on the screen. It may flash quickly on the screen then disappear.
- 3. Press the Enter key at the Time prompt. Press the Enter key at the date prompt.
- 4. Type CLS and press the Enter key.
- 5. Type "Path=C:\DOS" and press the Enter key.
- 6. The DOS C:\ prompt appears on the screen.

How To Edit the NET.CFG File

Note: While editing the NET.CFG file, do not press Enter until all changes are completed.

1. At the C:\ prompt, type CD PCTCP. Then press Enter.

- 2. At the C:\PCTCP prompt, type NED NET.CFG. Then press Enter.
- 3. You should be at the top of the file. Use the PgDn (or down arrow) key to move down the screen. You may not see the cursor at first.
- 4. Move the cursor to the line of code that reads:

SSID ""; Must match Cisco Access Point setting

ESS\_ID ""; Must match Symbol Access Point setting

WaveLan\_Network\_Name ""; Must match Lucent/Orinoco/Agere Access Point setting

- 5. At this line, move the cursor to the right using the End (or the right arrow) key
- 6. Edit the line to contain the network name of the Access Point the computer is to connect through.
- 7. If you will be using WEP or another authentication protocol, please contact your wireless network administrator to acquire the WEP/LEAP keys. Please refer to Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration" for the WEP key procedure.
- 8. After edits are complete, press *Alt F* to access the menu and save.
- 9. Move the cursor down to *Save* or press *Enter* or press *F9*.
- 10. To exit, press Alt F.

11. Move the cursor to *Exit* and press *Enter* or press *Alt F4*.

How To Edit the SOCKET.CFG File

Note: While editing the SOCKET.CFG file, do not press Enter until all changes are completed.

- 1. At the C:\ prompt, type CD PCTCP. Press Enter.
- 2. At the C:\PCTCP prompt, type NED SOCKET.CFG. Press Enter.
- 3. You should be at the top of the file. Use the PgDn key (or down arrow) to move down the screen. You may not see the cursor at first.
- 4. Move the cursor down to the line that reads:

IP address 0.0.0.1/16 // This is the default setting and allows the DHCP server to set the computer's IP address to be set each time the computer is powered up.

5. If a static IP address is to be set for the computer, edit this statement to read:

IP address 'assigned IP address'/xx

where 'xx' is the number of subnet bits for the assigned IP address.

- *Note:* If a static address was set, then a route might also be required if there is a gateway between the Access Points the system uses and a Session Manager (if used).
- 6. After edits are complete, press *Alt F* to access the menu.
- 7. Move the cursor down to *Save* or press *Enter* or press *F9*.
- 8. To exit, press *Alt F*.
- 9. Move the cursor to *Exit* and press *Enter* or press *Alt F4*.

## **Data Entry**

Note: The MX3 will not run Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup> products i.e. Windows 3.X, Windows For Workgroups, Windows 95/98, Windows NT, etcetera.

The MX3 computer accepts data entry from the keyboard, barcode scanner and the RS-232 input port when an LXE terminal emulation (TE) program is running and on batch (non-TE) units.

#### **Keyboard Data Entry**

Once the terminal emulation program is started, data can be entered with the MX3 keypads. Keyed data can be entered into a data field and transmitted to the host. You might respond to a prompt sent by the host application with a keypad entry, such as a menu listing choices for your next action.

#### **Barcode Data Entry**

The MX3 supports an accessory barcode label reading device. Keyboard data entries can be mixed with barcode data entries. Any scanner that decodes the barcode internally and outputs an RS-232 data stream may be used. The serial port parameters may need to be changed (using the terminal emulation's configuration utility) to match the parameters of the scanner.

#### **RS-232 Data Entry**

The MX3 accepts input from an RS-232 device connected to either RS-232 port, COM1 or COM2.

## **Terminal Emulation**

All terminal emulation radio controlled data flows and exchanges are over the radio to the 62XX, 64XX or 65XX units, then to the computer network and then to a host computer. The LXE Network Management System (for 900MHz systems) or Client Configuration Manager (for 2.4GHz systems), as part of the wired network, can remotely configure the MX3's terminal emulation parameters.

- MX3's with 900MHz spread spectrum radios communicate only with 62XX Base Stations with installed 900MHz radios.
- MX3's with 64XX series 2.4GHz spread spectrum radios communicate only with 64XX Access Points with installed 64XX 2.4GHz radios.
- MX3's with 65XX series 2.4GHz spread spectrum radios communicate only with 65XX Access Points with installed 65XX 2.4GHz radios.

Please refer to the system specific terminal emulation reference guide for instruction when using an MX3 in a specific TE environment. A list of LXE reference guides is located at the end of this chapter in the section titled "Manuals".

#### **Terminal Emulation Directories**



Please refer to the specific Terminal Emulation's reference guide for complete instructions.

Batch MX3's do not have terminal emulation (TE) files and may or may not have a radio card. When a need exists to convert a batch MX3 to a TE unit or a different radio card, contact LXE Customer Services for assistance.

## *Note:* 900 MHz radio files are loaded in the Terminal Emulation subdirectories, i.e. /APLUS, /LDSPLUS, /IBM (for both 3270 and 5250).

Following are the directory names containing the TE program files:

/APLUS	ANSI Plus with 2.4 GHz radio
/APLUS	ANSI Plus with 900 MHz radio
/LDSPLUS	DOS LDS Plus with 900 MHz radio
/LDS24	DOS LDS Plus with 2.4 GHz radio
/IBM	DOS IBM 3270 with 900 MHz radio
/IBM	DOS IBM 5250 with 900 MHz radio
/IBM24	TN3270 with 2.4 GHz radio
/IBM24	TN5250 with 2.4 GHz radio

*Note:* Dual TE's are supported on MX3 computers with an 8 Meg. Flash drive. MX3's with a 4 Meg. Flash drive DO NOT support dual TE's.

#### **DOS Terminal Emulation User Defined Stored Forms**

DOS terminal emulations have the following space requirements for user defined stored forms:

- ANSI 2K required for each form
  - LDS 520 bytes required for each form
- 3270 1K required for each form
- 5250 1K required for each form

#### **MX3 Font/Screen Sizes**

The fonts/screen sizes available on the MX3 in Batch mode or at the DOS prompt are:

- 30 rows by 80 columns
- 15 rows by 80 columns

Please refer to the specific Terminal Emulation Reference Guide for font and screen sizes available when using the TE software.

#### **Getting Help**

All LXE user guides are now available on one CD and they can also be viewed/downloaded from the LXE website. Contact your LXE representative to obtain the LXE Manuals CD.

You can also get help from LXE by calling the telephone numbers listed on the LXE Manuals CD, in the file titled "Contacting LXE". This information is also available on the LXE website www.lxe.com.

Explanations of terms and acronyms used in this manual are located in the file titled "Glossary" on the LXE Manuals CD and on the LXE website.

#### **Manuals and Accessories**

#### Manuals

The following manuals are available on the LXE Manuals CD:

- MX3 Installation and Operator's Guide
- Integrated Scanner Programming Guide
- PCMCIA Card Management and LXE DOS Computers
- ANSI Plus Reference Guide
- LDS Plus Reference Guide
- 3270 DOS TE Reference Guide
- 3270 Programmer's Reference Guide
- 5250 DOS TE Reference Guide
- 5250 Programmer's Reference Guide
- 6200 Network Management Guide
- TN3270 Terminal Reference Guide
- TN5250 Terminal Reference Guide
- MX3 Multi-Charger Operator's Guide
- MX3 Multi-Charger Plus Operator's Guide
- Getting the Most From Your Batteries
- SNMP Agent Reference Guide
- Client Configuration Manager Reference Guide
- DOS Autoconfigurator Instructions

#### Accessories

#### Scanners

Scanner, LS3603, Std, 8' Cbl, EC Scanner, LS3603, Std, 8' Cbl, US Scanner, LS3603, Std, 20' Cbl, US Scanner, LS3203, Ext Rng, 8' Cbl, EC Scanner, LS3203, Ext Rng, 8' Cbl, US Scanner, LS3203, Ext Rng, 20' Cbl, US Scanner, 5312IP, 7' Cbl, WW 8010LS3603STC08DEC 8010LS3603STC08DUS 8010LS3603STC20DUS 8011LS3203ERC08DEC 8011LS3203ERC08DUS 8011LS3203ERC20DUS 8101IP5312XXC07DWW Scanner, 530052IP, 7' Cbl, WW Scanner, 530072IP, 7' Cbl, WW Scanner, 530092IP, 7' Cbl, WW Scanner, 5312IP, 15' Cbl, US Scanner, 530052IP, 15' Cbl, US Scanner, 530072IP, 15' Cbl, US Scanner, 530092IP, 15' Cbl, US

#### PCMCIA Cards

SRAM Card, 2 MB SRAM Card, 4 MB SRAM Card, 2 MB, Low Temp SRAM Card, 4 MB, Low Temp

#### Holding Accessories

Strap, Hand, Nylon Nylon Holster for use with Belt Nylon Hip Flip Nylon Case with Shoulder Strap

#### Miscellaneous

Pen, Stylus, Black, 2335

#### **Battery Chargers and Battery**

6 Unit Charger 5 Unit Charger/Analyzer, US 5 Unit Charger/Analyzer, WW Battery, Li-Ion, 1400 mAh Battery, Li-Ion, 1800 mAh

#### **Cradles and Cradle Power Supplies**

Desktop Cradle<sup>1</sup> Vehicle Mount Cradle<sup>1</sup> AC Power Supply, US AC Power Supply, International, No power cord Power Cord, AC, US Power Adapter, Bare Wire 12 VDC Power Adapter, 24-72 VDC, 20 Watts Power Adapter, 110-240 VAC

#### **Cables for Cradle and MX3 Serial Ports**

Cable, Printer/PC, DA-9F to DB-25M, 6 ft. Cable, PC, DA-9F to DA-9F, 6 ft. 8104IP530052C07DWW 8105IP530072C07DWW 8110IP530092C07DWW 8101IP5312XXC15DUS 8104IP530052C15DUS 8105IP530072C15DUS 8110IP530092C15DUS

9000A102PCC2SRAM 9000A103PCC4SRAM 9000A104PCC2SRAMLO 9000A105PCC4SRAMLO

2381A407HANDSTRAP 2381A401HOLSTER 2381A403HIPFLIP 2381A402CASE1

#### 2335A501PASSIVEPEN

2381A377CHGR6 9000A377CHGR5US 9000A377CHGR5WW 2381A376BATT1600 MX3A378BATT

#### 2381A001DESKCRADLE

2381A003VMCRADLE 9000A301PSACUS 9000A302PSACWW 9000A066CBLPWRAC 1300A053CBL12ML3 1300A301PS24WW 1300A303PSACWW

9000A053CBL6D9D25 9000A054CBL6D9D9

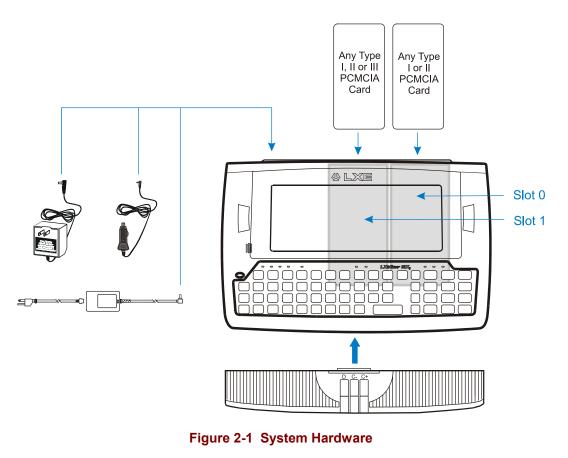
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Power Adapter Required.

## Chapter 2 Physical Description and Layout

## **Hardware Configuration**

## **System Hardware**

The MX3 hardware configuration is shown in the following figure.



## **Central Processing Unit**

The LXE MX3 CPU is an Intel® 486 running at 25 MHz.

#### **AT Compatible Core Logic**

The LXE MX3 utilizes AT-compatible core logic. The MX3 supports the following I/O components of the core logic:

- Two PCMCIA slots (Slot 1 supports Type I, II or III PCMCIA cards, Slot 0 supports Type I or II PCMCIA cards.).
- One InfraRed port.
- One Digitizer Input port (Touch screen).
- Two serial ports in two configurations (internal scanner port and a serial port option and the second configuration consists of two traditional serial ports).

## **System Memory**

Main system memory is 4MB Internal Flash Array and 4MB on-board RAM. The CPU also contains a 1MB BIOS Flash.

### **Upper Memory Block**

The upper memory area, or Upper Memory Block (UMB) consists of memory between 640KB and 1 MB. It occupies most of the address range A0000H-FFFFFH and includes the areas used to shadow various system software components.

#### Internal Flash Array

The Internal Flash Array (IFA) is used to store all of the system files on the 4MB C drive that are used during system startup.

#### Video Subsystem

The display has a 640 pixel (horizontal) by 240 pixel (vertical) format which, depending on the font used, provides 15 rows of 80 characters in VGA 8 x 16 text mode. It provides 30 rows of 80 characters in 8 x 8 text mode and 17 rows of 80 characters in 8 x 14 text mode.

Character size is 2.28mm (width) by 4.92mm (height) in VGA 8 x 16 text mode and 2.28mm (width) by 2.28mm (height) in 8x8 text mode. The display contrast is adjustable with the contrast control keys or key sequences. Backlighting is available and can be configured through the BIOS Setup Utility.

The display controller supports VGA text and graphics modes.

An optional touch feature is available. The touch feature is for batch, Client Server or non-TE applications. The Touch option allows mouse functions (pointing and clicking on the display or Signature Capture) to be performed with either the touch of a finger or an LXE approved stylus.

## **Power Supply**

The LXE MX3 uses two batteries for operation.

- A replaceable Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion) battery pack. The battery pack recharges while in the MX3 with the MX3 in a powered cradle or with the optional external power sources attached. The main battery pack can be removed from the MX3 and inserted in the LXE Multi-Charger or Multi-Charger Plus which simultaneously charges up to six battery packs in four hours.
- An internal 50 mAh Nickel Cadmium (NiCd) backup battery. The backup battery is recharged directly by the main battery when it is installed. Full charging of the backup battery may take several hours. The recharging of the backup battery is automatically controlled by the MX3. The backup battery must be replaced by qualified service personnel.

## Memory Map

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Map Physical Address Range	Size (kB)	Function
000 00000 - 000 9FFFF	640	DRAM
000 A0000 - 000 AFFFF	64	VGA Video RAM SMI Space, SMIACT# is Active
000 B0000 - 000 BFFFF	64	VGA Video RAM SMI Space, SMIACT# is Active
000 C0000 - 000 C7FFF	32	Shadowed VGA BIOS
000 C8000 - 000 C9FFF	8	PCMCIA
		PCM Boot When Enabled & Bootable Card Present
000 CA000 - 000 CBFFF	8	PCMCIA
000 CC000 - 000 CFFFF	16	PCMCIA
000 D0000 - 000 DFFFF	64	IFA Memory Window
000 E0000 - 000 E7FFF	32	IFA BIOS
000 E8000 - 000 EFFFF	32	Shadowed System BIOS
000 F0000 - 000 FFFFF	64	Shadowed System BIOS
001 00000 - 003 FFFFF	4k	DRAM - lower 4MB
004 00000 - 00F FFFFF	12k	DRAM
010 00000 - F8E FFFFF	3967k	Unused - 3.9MB
F8F 00000 - F8F FFFFF	1k	Flash BIOS Device - Alias
F90 00000 - F9E FFFFF	15k	Unused – 15kB
F9F 00000 - F9F FFFFF	1k	Flash BIOS Device - Alias
FA0 00000 - FAE FFFFF	15k	Unused – 15kB
FAF 00000 - FAF FFFFF	1k	Flash BIOS Device - Alias
FB0 00000 - FBE FFFFF	15k	Unused – 15kB
FBF 00000 - FBF FFFFF	1k	Flash BIOS Device - Alias
FC0 00000 - FCE FFFFF	15k	Unused – 15kB
FCF 00000 - FCF FFFFF	1k	Flash BIOS Device - Alias
FD0 00000 - FDE FFFFF	15k	Unused – 15kB
FDF 00000 - FDF FFFFF	1k	Flash BIOS Device - Alias
FE0 00000 - FEE FFFFF	15k	Unused – 15kB
FEF 00000 - FEF FFFFF	1k	Flash BIOS Device - Alias
FF0 00000 - FFE FFFFF	15k	Unused – 15kB
FFF 00000 - FFF DFFFF	896	Flash BIOS Device - BIOS Block - 14 x 64k Sectors
FFF E0000 - FFF FFFFF	128	Flash BIOS Device - Boot Block - 15 <sup>th</sup> 64k Sector & 8 x 8k Sectors

#### **COM Ports**

The MX3 has two serial ports available in three configurations.

In the first configuration, both COM1 and COM2 are connected to individual D-9 connectors on the endcap.

In addition, COM2 is software switchable between the D-9 serial port and the internal IR port located on the back of the unit.

In the third configuration, COM1 is connected to an internal SE923 scanner and COM2 is software switchable between the D-9 connector on the endcap and the internal IR port on the back of the unit.

Power to the COM ports may be turned off using a terminal emulation configuration utility.

## COM 1

This port supports 4 signals, instead of the 8 signals supported by a standard PC COM port. There are two hardware selectable configurations of the COM1 port:

- COM1 connected to a D-9 serial connector
- COM1 connected to a scanner

The signals supported by this communication port are:

- RX Receive Data
- TX Transmit Data
- RTS Request to Send
- CTS Clear to Send

Though the signal Ring Indicator (RI) is not supported, the MX3 can use this signal as a wake-up event. Alternatively, this signal can be set up as +5V output on Pin 9 of the D-9 connector.

#### COM 2 - IR Port

The IR port provides bi-directional half-duplex IR communication at a maximum baud rate up to 115k (although restricted if using IrDA software to 19.2k). The IR port supports the Slow IrDA PHY Layer standard.

This port supports 4 signals, instead of the 8 signals supported by a standard PC COM port. There are two software selectable configurations of the COM2 port

- COM2 connected to a D-9 serial connector
- COM2 connected to the internal IR transceiver

The following signals supported by this communication port are:

- RX Receive Data
- TX Transmit Data
- RTS Request to Send
- CTS Clear to Send

Though the signal RI is not supported, this signal can be used as a wake-up event. Alternatively, this signal can be set up as +5V output on Pin 9 of the D-9 connector.

#### **PCMCIA Slots**

The MX3 features two internal PCMCIA slots that conform electrically to PCMCIA 2.1 specifications. The PC slots are accessible by the use of a Phillips screwdriver to first remove the endcap. Slot 1 is in the middle and Slot 2 is near the side of the MX3.

**PC Cards** 

Slot 1 accepts cards of Types I and II. Slot II accepts cards of types I, II and III.

The slots, and the PC cards in them, are managed by Phoenix PicoCard software products which refers to the *Middle Slot as slot 1* and the *Outside Slot as slot 0*. The software can be used to format PC cards.

When formatting PC cards, Phoenix PicoCard identifies the PC cards by slot number and DOS drive letters. For example, an ATA PC card formatted in slot 0 is given disk drive letter D and an ATA PC card formatted in slot 1 is given disk drive letter E. If the MX3 is booted from the ATA PC Card in slot 0, the drive automatically becomes Drive C. The on-board flash drive changes to drive D until the MX3 is rebooted without an ATA card in Slot 0. An ATA PC Card formatted in Slot 1 is always Drive E and cannot boot the MX3 from Slot 1. If the MX3 is booted from an SRAM card in Slot 0, the drive automatically becomes Drive A. The on-board flash drive remains as Drive C.

See "PCMCIA Card Management and LXE DOS Computers", for further information.

**Radio Cards** 

Slot 1 accepts the PCMCIA radio cards identified in Appendix C, "Technical Specifications".

## **Physical Controls**

#### **On/Off Switch**

The power (on/off) switch is a push button located at the upper left portion of the keypad.

When the system is turned off, the current contents of RAM are lost. Save any needed data and exit in an orderly fashion from any running programs before turning the system off.



#### Figure 2-2 Location of the Power (PWR) Button

The Power button is used to turn the MX3 on and off and place it into the Suspend state. The button will beep when pressed and beep again every second while it is held down.

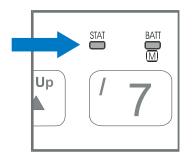
How To		
• Turn the MX3 off	Hold the Power key down for 4 beeps (signifies 3 or more seconds) then release.	
• Turn the MX3 on	Hold the Power key down until the display turns on.	
• Force the Suspend state	Tap the Power key (1 beep). The Suspend state is useful for breaks or when swapping batteries as the unit does not need to be turned off prior to replacing the Main Battery.	
• Wake from Suspend	Wake the MX3 from Suspend (before the 5 minute timer expires) using any of the following:	
	<ul><li>Tap Power key</li><li>Pen-touch on a touch screen display (if configured)</li></ul>	
Note: The ability of the Tou	ch screen activation to wake up the $MY3$ is configurable in $BIO$	

Note: The ability of the Touch screen activation to wake up the MX3 is configurable in BIOS Setup. The ability of the Power Key to turn off or suspend the MX3 is configurable in the BIOS Setup.

# Critical Suspend Mode and the Off Timer

The MX3 is automatically turned Off when the Off Timer expires. The Off Timer runs when the MX3 is in Critical Suspend mode. The MX3 automatically goes into Critical Suspend mode when the main battery is dead or removed. The Off Timer default is 5 minutes. The value can be adjusted using the BIOS Setup.

## Power Status and the Status LED



## Figure 2-3 Power Status and the Status LED

The Status LED is located above the 7 key on the keypad. The LED changes color and state depending on power status.

Status LED	Condition
Off	MX3 is Off.
	OR
	The MX3 is powered On and the display is On.
Steady Green	The MX3 is powered On and the display is Off. Press any key to turn the display On.
Blinking Green	The MX3 is in the Suspend state. Tap the Power key to exit the Suspend state. To turn the MX3 off, hold the Power key down for 4 beeps to turn the MX3 off. There may be a brief wait while the MX3 synchronizes with the RF network.
Steady Red	Main Battery Low Warning or Low Main Battery. Replace the main battery or place the unit in a powered storage cradle or connect the MX3 to external power using the jack input.
Blinking Red	Main Battery Power Failure or the Main Battery is depleted, the MX3 is in Critical Suspend mode. The MX3 is drawing power from the backup battery. Replace the main battery or place the unit in a powered storage cradle or connect the MX3 to external power using the jack input. The MX3 will turn off in 5 minutes (default or the value selected in BIOS Setup for the Off Timer limit) if no action is taken.

# Power Management and the Keypad

Status LED is Steady Green. When the MX3 is in the Display Off state, any keypress returns the computer to the On state and the display activates. The key pressed (key value) is not sent to the Operating System or application.

If the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ctrl, Shift, or Alt keys were active (and the LEDs were illuminated) when the MX3 entered Display Off or Suspend, the modifier keys and their LEDs are cleared when the MX3 wakes up.

#### **Suspend State**

Status LED is Blinking Green. The display and all backlights are turned off.

The purpose of the Suspend state is to reduce the power consumption of the unit to a very low point and still retain the condition of the processor and memory. This state is primarily meant for breaks (lunch, afternoon) or for battery hot-swapping. The Suspend state is entered when the unit is inactive for the amount of time set by the Suspend Timer (typically 5 minutes) or the operator tapped the Power key (1 beep) to place the MX3 in the Suspend state.

The Suspend Timer is reset every time the MX3 wakes up and normal activity occurs (keypresses, touch screen, etc.). The Suspend Timer can be changed from its default time (5 minutes) in incremental steps of one minute up to 63 minutes. The Suspend state can be disabled (Suspend Timer set to 0) when the MX3 is docked/not docked or by setting PM Mode when Docked to None in BIOS Setup.

If the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ctrl, Shift, or Alt keys were active (and the LEDs were illuminated) when the MX3 entered Suspend, the function keys and their LEDs are cleared when the MX3 wakes up.

#### **Critical Suspend State**

Status LED is Blinking Red. The display and all backlights are turned off.

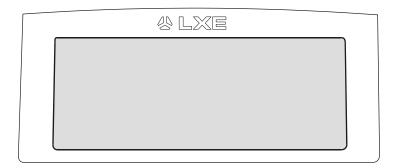
The Critical Suspend state is only entered when the main battery has failed or has been removed and the unit is being powered by the backup battery. Once in this state, a fully charged backup battery will provide enough energy to keep the unit in this state for at least 5 minutes. As the energy in the backup battery is depleted, the unit will turn off and a reboot will be required.

Since the backup battery is supplying power in this state, the MX3 limits the amount of time it stays in the Critical Suspend state via the Off Timer. The Off Timer is configurable in incremental steps of one minute (the default is 5 minutes). The backup battery will supply power for at least five minutes. As the Off Timer expires the unit will turn off and a reboot will be required.

# *Note:* Setting the Off Timer to zero will then turn the MX3 off immediately when the main battery is removed.

Once in the Critical Suspend state (and the main battery has not been replaced) the MX3 is automatically turned Off when the Off Timer expires or the backup battery is depleted. When a fully charged main battery is installed, the MX3 transitions to the Suspend state. Exit the Suspend state by tapping the Power key. If the MX3 has a touch screen display, and configured for touch, a pen-touch will exit the Suspend state.

## **Display**



#### Figure 2-4 MX3 Display

The MX3 display is a transflective monochrome VGA LCD unit capable of supporting gray scales. The display window is 640 pixels (horizontal) x 240 pixels (vertical). VGA graphics are supported with this display.

Four font sizes are supported. The choice between font sizes is made in the BIOS Setup. Font size selection may be overridden by a user supplied application, such as the ANSI Plus TE.

Character size is 2.28mm (width) by 4.92mm (height) in VGA 8x16 text mode and 2.28mm (width) by 2.28mm (height) in 8x08 text mode.

Depending on the font size used, the display window's size in DOS mode is:

Font Size in Pixels	Rows	Columns
8x8	30	80
8x16	15	80

*Note: Please refer to the specific Terminal Emulation Reference Guide for font and screen sizes available when using the TE software.* 

The display is automatically turned off when the MX3 enters the Suspend state, Critical Suspend state or the Display Timer expires (Display Timer default is 15 seconds).

#### **Display and Display Backlight Timer**

When the Display Timer expires the display is turned off. The default value for this parameter is 15 seconds.

When the Display Backlight Timer expires the display backlight is turned off. The default value for this parameter is 3 seconds.

Both values can be adjusted using the BIOS Setup. The Display Backlight parameter must be set to Timed to enable the Display Backlight Timer function.

Any of the following will wake the display and display backlight:

- Display update by host or currently running application on the MX3
- Any key on the keypad
- Pen-touch on a touch screen display

When the display wakes up, the Display Backlight Timer will begin the countdown again. When any of the above events occurs prior to the timer expiring, the timer starts the countdown again.

The ability of Touch screen activation to wake up the MX3 is configurable in BIOS Setup.

## Panning

#### Pan Up - 2<sup>nd</sup>+Ctrl+Up Arrow

#### Pan Down - 2<sup>nd</sup>+Ctrl+Down Arrow

The MX3 display window can be panned up and down using keypress sequences so the user can view an entire virtual 640 x 480 pixel screen. Initially, using the default 8 x 16 pixel font, the top half (15 rows x 80 columns) of a virtual screen is displayed.

When the host sends a virtual screen to the MX3, the display window cannot show the whole virtual screen. The display window can only show parts of the virtual screen.

The *virtual screen* is the full 25 line x 80 column screen generated by the host computer. An example of a virtual screen is the screen you view when you use a personal computer. The *display window* is the part of the virtual screen viewed on the MX3.

*Note:* Panning functions may be overridden by terminal emulation programs running on the *MX3.* 

#### **Optional Touchscreen**

An optional Touchscreen is available. Touchscreen provides a means of inputting information into the MX3 by touching the screen using either the operator's finger or by using the LXE approved stylus (the Passive Pen – see Chapter 1, "Introduction", section titled "Accessories".)

Touchscreen operation is not affected by Display Backlighting.

Touchscreen operation is affected by the Display mode. If the display is off, a touch to the display will turn on the display but no touch data will be sent to the running application until the next touch.

Touchscreen operation is determined by a user supplied application and is not supported by LXE TE programs.

*Note:* When the MX3 has a Lucent radio (LXE System 6500) and a touchscreen, the NET.CFG file must include the line

Stack Size 256

before the Enable\_Encryption line. See Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration", for details.

#### **Cleaning the Display**

Keep fingers and rough or sharp objects away from the scan aperture and display. If the glass becomes soiled or smudged, clean only with a standard household cleaner such as Windex® without vinegar or use Isopropyl Alcohol. Do not use paper towels or harsh-chemical-based cleaning fluids since they may result in damage to the glass surface. Use a clean, damp, lint-free cloth. Do not scrub optical surfaces. If possible, clean only those areas which are soiled. Lint/particulates can be removed with clean, filtered canned air.

#### **Display Repair**

There are no user-repairable or replaceable components in the LXE MX3 Display system.

## **Scan Buttons**

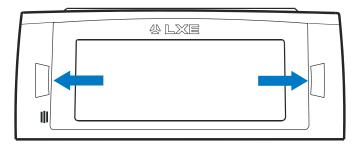


Figure 2-5 Scan/Enter/FLD EXIT Buttons

There are two buttons, one on each side of the display. The buttons are programmable. Depending on the type of unit purchased (e.g. IBM specific or batch), the buttons will function as an internal barcode scanner key or a numeric keypad Enter key. Scan keys have no effect on scanners tethered to the MX3.

The 5250/TN5250 specific MX3 uses the left scan key as the Field Exit key. It is labeled FLD EXIT.

See next section titled "Keypads", subsection "Programmable Buttons".

#### Scan Buttons and the SCNR LED

The SCNR LED, located above the keypad, illuminates during a barcode scanner function. It is affected by internal scanner functions. The 5250/TN5250 specific MX3 FLD EXIT button, when pressed, has no effect on the SCNR LED.

- Red scanning.
- Green good scan.
- Unlit scanner is inactive.

#### **Speaker**

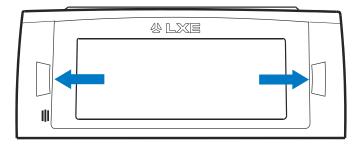


Figure 2-6 Speaker Location

The MX3 Speaker has a loudness of at least 90 dB at 10 cm measured from the front of the unit. The Speaker volume is adjustable via the keypad or by the application through the use of an API call. There are 8 distinct volume levels. The minimum volume level is 0 (no sound) with a default setting of midrange. The volume sticks at maximum and minimum levels. The Speaker beeps when the main battery is low otherwise it is under the control of the application and other software currently active.

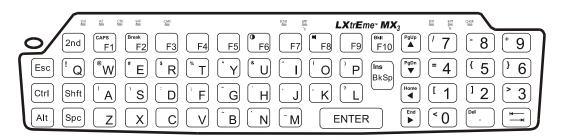
## **Keypads**

There are two keypads and three overlays available for the MX3. All keypads are phosphorescent. A phosphorescent keypad does not use a keypad backlight but glows in dim/dark areas *after exposure to a light source*.

All keypads are installed and configured by LXE.

The keymaps (keypress sequences) are located in Appendix A, "Key Maps".

## **QWERTY Keys**



## Figure 2-7 The QWERTY Keypad

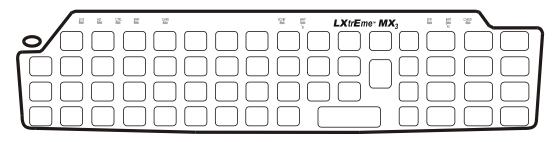
## **ABCD Keys**

2nd CAPS F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8 F9 BMt F10 7 8 9
$\begin{bmatrix} E_{SC} & A & B & C & D & E & F & G & H & J & B_{BkSp} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{P_{90n}} = 4  \{ 5 \ \ \ 6 \end{bmatrix}$
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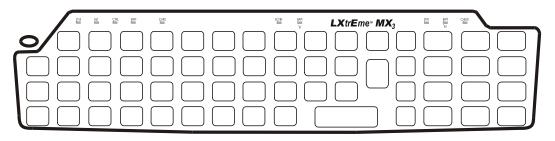
Figure 2-8 The ABCD Keypad

## The Overlays

There are four keypad overlays. One for the ABCD keypad and three for the QWERTY keypad.



#### Figure 2-9 ABCD Keypad - ANSI/LDS/PC Overlay



### Figure 2-10 QWERTY Keypad - ANSI/LDS/PC Overlay

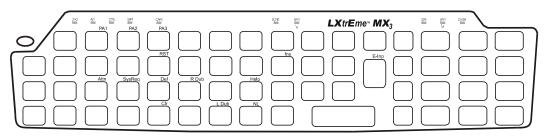
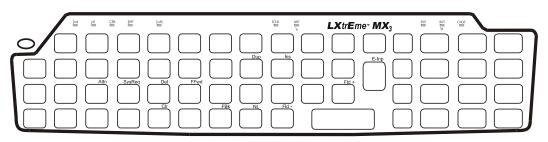


Figure 2-11 TN3270/3270 Overlay for QWERTY Keypad



#### Figure 2-12 TN5250/5250 Overlay for QWERTY Keypad

## **Programmable Buttons**

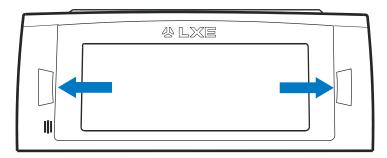


Figure 2-13 Programmable Buttons (Field Exit / Scan / Enter)

The buttons to the left and right of the display can be programmed by the System Administrator to perform the following functions:

Scan	Pressing this key activates the laser scanner. See the following section titled "Scan Key Function".
Enter	Pressing this key confirms a forms entry or transmits information. See the following section titled "Enter Key Function".
Field Exit	IBM 5250/TN5250 units only. Pressing this key exits an input field. See the following section titled "Field Exit Key Function".

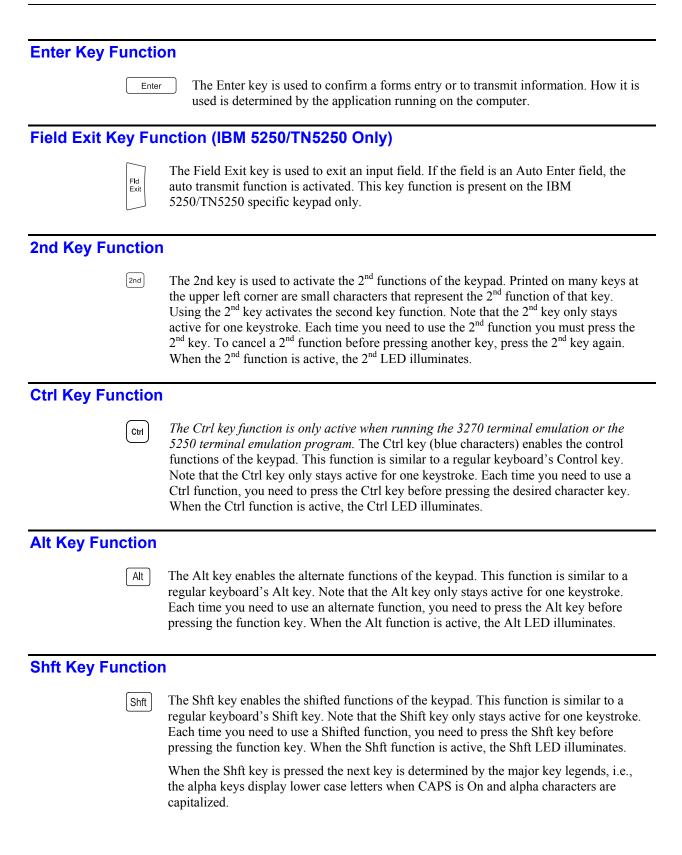
## **Possible Button Configurations**

Endcap	<b>Right Button</b> <sup>2</sup>	Left Button
Blank	Numeric keypad Enter	Numeric keypad Enter
Scanner/serial	Scan	Numeric keypad Enter
Serial/Serial	Numeric keypad Enter	Numeric keypad Enter
TN5250/5250 Terminal Emulation only:		
Blank	Numeric keypad Enter	Field Exit w/ FLD EXIT label
Scanner/Serial	Scan	Field Exit w/ FLD EXIT label
Serial/Serial	Numeric keypad Enter	Field Exit w/ FLD EXIT label

## **Scan Key Function**

(MX3's with Scanner endcaps only.) The Scan key activates the scanner when a scanner endcap is installed and the Scan button is pressed. The internal scanner scans only when the Scan button is pressed. A Scan button press has no effect on externally attached scanners.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Regardless of the type of endcap installed, the default value of the Right Button is always Scan.



#### **Spc Key Function**

Spc

The Spc key adds a space to the line of data on the display. This function is similar to a regular keyboard's Spacebar. Note that the Spc key only stays active for one keystroke.

## **Mode Key Functions**

#### Caps Key and CapsLock Mode

This function is similar to a regular keyboard's CapsLock key. Note that the CapsLock mode stays active until the CapsLock key sequence is pressed again. Each time you need to use a Caps function, you need to press the Caps key sequence first. To cancel a CapsLock function press the Caps key sequence again. When the CapsLock mode is active, the Caps LED illuminates.

CapsLock key sequence is  $2^{nd} + F1$ .

#### **Keypress Sequences**

See Appendix A, "Key Maps" for key maps for all keypads.

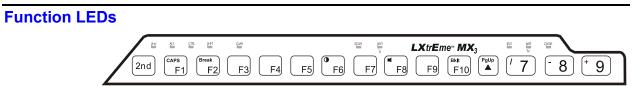
#### **Reset Key Sequence**

Reset Key Sequence is **Ctrl + Alt + 2<sup>nd</sup> + Dot**.

The Reset Key sequence can be disabled in the BIOS Setup. See Chapter 4, "System Configuration".

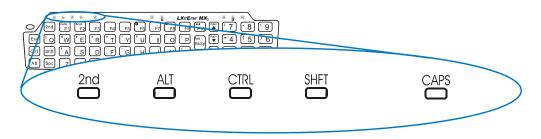
#### DOS Key Functions Not Available on the MX3

- **Prnt Scrn** A function that is available at the DOS prompt on a desktop PC. The Prnt Scrn as a system function requires a parallel port and the MX3 has only serial ports.
- Sys Req A function that is available at the DOS prompt on a desktop PC. Sys Req is for use in a multi-tasking environment to switch between various running applications. The MX3 is not a multi-tasking computer, nor is DOS in general considered a multi-tasking environment.



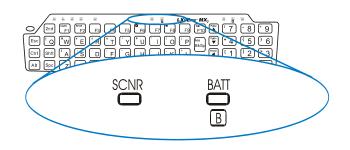
#### Figure 2-14 Function LEDs

Across the top of the keypad are LEDs that provide visual cues to current computer operation. When the LED is not illuminated, the function is inactive.



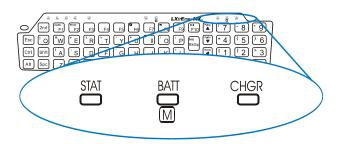
## Figure 2-15 2<sup>nd</sup>, ALT, CTRL, SHFT, CAPS

LED	When illuminated
2nd	The $2^{nd}$ functions of the keypad. When illuminated, the next keypress is a $2^{nd}$ keypress. Orange or unlit.
ALT	The Alternate functions of the keypad. When illuminated, the next keypress is an ALT keypress. Orange or unlit.
CTRL	The Control functions of the keypad. When illuminated, the next keypress is a CTRL keypress. Orange or unlit.
SHFT	Uppercase or lowercase keyed input. When illuminated, the next letter is an uppercase letter. Orange or unlit.
CAPS	When illuminated, uppercase letters are active until the CAPS key sequence is pressed again. Orange or unlit.



#### Figure 2-16 SCNR, BATT B

LED	When illuminated	
SCNR	Barcode scanner function, affected by the internal scanner.	
	<ul><li>Red, scanning.</li><li>Green, good scan.</li><li>Unlit, scanner is inactive.</li></ul>	
BATT B	Backup Battery. When illuminated, the backup battery is charging. When unlit, the Backup Battery is fully charged. Orange or unlit.	



#### Figure 2-17 STAT, BATT M, CHGR

LED	When illuminated	
STAT	Status Indicator. See section titled "Power Status and the Status LED".	
BATT M	Main Battery. When illuminated, main battery charge is low. The main battery is charged by powered docking cradles.	
	<ul><li>Red, Main Battery low warning.</li><li>Unlit, Main Battery is charged.</li></ul>	
CHGR	Charger. The MX3 is seated in a powered storage cradle (or docking station).	
	<ul> <li>Red, Main Battery is charging.</li> <li>Green, battery charge is complete.</li> <li>Orange, error (contact LXE Customer Services).</li> <li>Unlit, MX3 is not seated properly or is not in a powered cradle or connected to a power jack.</li> </ul>	

## Infrared (IR) Port

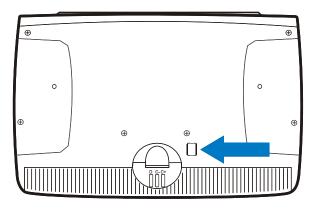


Figure 2-18 Infrared Port - COM2 Port

At the back of the MX3 Computer there is an Infrared (IR) Data Port. The IR Port is designed to provide a data link between the MX3 and a similarly equipped piece of equipment such as a printer. The IR port is the MX3's COM2 port and is a bi-directional half-duplex communication port. It supports baud rates up to 115k (although restricted if using IrDA software to 19.2k).

The IR operating envelope has a distance range of 2 cm (.79 inches) to 1 meter (3.2 feet) with a viewing angle of 30 degrees.

The MX3 uses LXE's IrDA Lite Plus protocol to send data in both directions, but not simultaneously. When sending data through the IR port, make sure the IR port on the first MX3 and the IR port on the second MX3 are in close proximity to each other. IrDA is not required and not used by terminal emulation programs.

See Chapter 5, "Utilities", for further information about using IrDA Lite Plus.

When the MX3 is docked in a cradle, the Status LED *on the cradle* is red when data is being transmitted through the IR port.

## **Endcaps**

Note: Your configuration may be different than those shown below.

## **COM Port Switching**

The default COM 2 port is always the IR port on the back of the MX3, regardless of the endcap installed on the MX3.

On the Standard Range Scanner / Serial Port endcap COM 1 is the Integrated Scanner port.

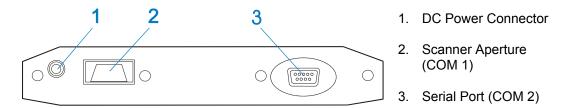
On the Dual Serial Port endcap the COM1 port is the serial port on the left side of the endcap when the display is facing you.

An API can be run to switch power to the DB9 Serial port. If a tethered scanner is connected to the Serial Port without switching the power to the COM2 port (serial port), the scanner will not work.

## **Scanner / Serial Port**

Refer to the MX3 Installation and Operator's Guide and the section titled "Scanner Warnings and Labels" for important laser safety information **before** using the scanner.

The MX3 Barcode Scanner is used to collect barcode data from any nearby compatible barcode label. Depending on the size of the barcode, size of bars and spacing and quality of the barcode, the scanner is used to read barcodes between 3" and 30". The barcode scanner reads UPC/EAN, Code 39, Code 93, I 2 of 5, Discrete 2 of 5, Code 128, Codabar and MSI symbologies.



#### Figure 2-19 Standard Range Scanner / Serial Port Endcap

The internal barcode scanner scans only when the Scan button is pressed. Scan buttons have no effect on tethered barcode scanners connected to the RS-232 port on the MX3 or a cradle containing an MX3. The SCNR LED illuminates during any internal scanner activation.

## **Dual Serial Port**

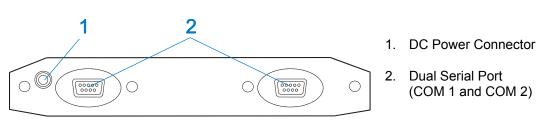
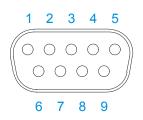


Figure 2-20 Dual Serial Port

RS-232 connection is made through an RS-232 Serial Port if installed. The connector is an industry-standard RS-232. The connector includes a PC/AT standard 9-pin "D" male connector.



#### Figure 2-21 RS-232 Pinouts

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	Not Connected
2	RXD	Receive Data - Input
3	TXD	Transmit Data - Output
4	DTR	Not Connected
5	GND	Signal/Power Ground
6	DSR	Not Connected
7	RTS	Ready To Send - Not Connected
8	CTS	Clear To Send - Not Connected
9	RI or +5V DC	Ring Indicator - Input (Available for computer wakeup. See Power Management)

Figure 2-22 9-Pin RS-232 Description

## **Storage Cradles**

There are two types of cradles for LXE's MX3 mobile computer: a desk top cradle for tabletop charging / communication applications and a vehicle mount cradle for vehicle mounted charging / communication applications. See the "MX3 Cradle Reference Guide".

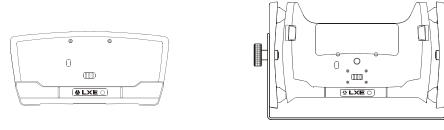


Figure 2-23 Desktop Cradle

Figure 2-24 Vehicle Mounted Cradle

The cradles give the MX3 the ability to communicate with a host computer and other equipment. In addition, using wall AC adapters or DC/DC converters, the cradle transfers power to the internal charging circuitry of the MX3 and the MX3, in turn, recharges the Main Battery. The MX3 can be either on or off while in the cradle.

The MX3 can be either on or off while in the cradle. The MX3 can be inserted and removed from the cradle with one hand.

Cables are available from LXE for connecting the cradle to a printer, a personal computer or a barcode printer. Tethered scanners (for RS-232 cradle connection) are also available from LXE. See Chapter 1, "Introduction", section titled "Manuals and Accessories".

## Chapter 3 Power Supply

#### Introduction

The MX3 computer is designed to work with a Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion) battery pack from LXE.

The LXE MX3 receives continuous power from two batteries. There is a Lithium-Ion Main Battery Pack that can be recharged separately by an LXE approved battery charging unit. The Main Battery is recharged, if required, while installed in a powered cradle or when the MX3 is connected to external power using the power jack. There is a 50 mAh Nickel-Cadmium (NiCd) Backup Battery inside the MX3 that is recharged only by the Main Battery Pack.

The MX3 maintains the date and time for a minimum of four days using a Main Battery that has reached the Low Warning point and a fully charged Backup Battery. The MX3 retains data, during a Main Battery hot swap, for at least 5 minutes.



#### Figure 3-1 Main Battery Pack

*Note:* New batteries must be charged prior to use. This process takes up to four hours in an LXE Multi-Charger or Multi-Charger Plus and eight hours when the MX3 is connected to external power through its power jack.



Refer to the documentation received with the battery charger for complete information.

#### **Main Battery Pack**

The main battery pack has a rugged plastic enclosure that is designed to withstand the ordinary rigors of an industrial environment. Exercise care when transporting the battery pack making sure it does not come in contact with excessive heat or any power source other than the LXE Multi-Charger, Multi-Charger Plus or the MX3 unit.

When the Main Battery Pack is properly installed in the unit it provides up to eight hours of operation depending upon operation and accessories installed. The battery pack is resistant to impact damage and falls of up to four feet to a concrete surface.

Under normal conditions it should last approximately eight hours before requiring a recharge. The more you use the scanner or the transmitter, the shorter the time required between battery recharges.

#### **Battery Charger**

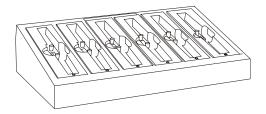


Figure 3-2 LXE Multi-Charger

The MX3 Main Battery Pack can be charged in the LXE Multi-Charger or Multi-Charger Plus.

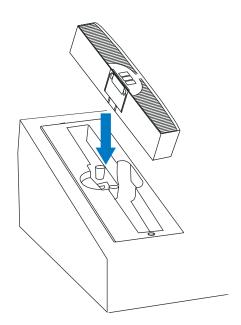


Figure 3-3 Insert Main Battery in Charger

Lower the battery pack straight into the battery charger pocket and push it down firmly until the retaining clip catches on the retaining pins.

Do not "slam" the battery into the charging cup or slide it in sideways.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in damage to the main battery or the charger.

## **Low Battery Warning**

It is recommended that the Main Battery Pack be removed and replaced when its energy depletes. When the Low Battery Warning sounds (alternating one second beeps) do an orderly shut down of the MX3, minimizing the operation of any installed devices and insuring any information is saved that should be.

Note: Once you receive the Low Battery Warning, you have approximately 5 minutes to perform an orderly shutdown and replace the main battery pack before the unit powers off. The Low Battery Warning will transition to Critical Suspend before the computer powers off.

#### **Critical Suspend State**

The Critical Suspend state or mode can only be entered because of a Main Battery Power failure. A Main Battery Power failure can occur because the battery's energy has been depleted or the battery has been removed.

When the MX3 is in the Critical Suspend state the main battery LED illuminates, the System LED blinks red, all peripherals are shut down, the CPU clock is stopped, power is removed from the PCMCIA card(s) and the MX3 may beep. The MX3 is saving the state prior to the main battery failing and cannot be used.

If a new fully charged main battery is installed before the Off Timer expires the MX3 will transition to the Suspend state. To resume operation, tap the Power key for one beep.

If the Off Timer expires the MX3 will turn itself off and all unsaved information is lost. Insert a fully charged main battery and press the Power button to turn the MX3 back on.

Note: The Off Timer can be configured in the BIOS Setup (see Chapter 4, "System Configuration".)

## **Backup Battery**

The MX3 has a backup battery that is designed to provide limited-duration electrical power in the event of Main Battery Pack failure. The Backup Battery is a 50 mAh Nickel Cadmium (NiCd) battery that is factory installed in the unit. The need for recharging of the backup battery is automatically detected and controlled by the MX3. The energy needed to charge the backup battery comes from the Main Battery.

It takes several hours of operation before the Backup Battery is capable of supporting the operation of the computer. The duration of Backup Battery life is dependent upon operation of the MX3, its features and any operating applications.

The backup battery is replaced by LXE.

Note: When there is no external power supplied to the computer, the unit is powered by the backup battery. When the backup battery is depleted, the BIOS parameters are reset to their factory default settings.

#### Maintenance

*Note: Make sure there is a fully charged main battery in the MX3 before running the Backup Battery Discharge Utility.* 

The NiCd backup battery should be discharged completely once or twice a year. The Main Battery Pack will fully charge the backup battery. This process will allow longer life for the Backup Battery.

The backup battery is discharged by running the Battery Discharge Utility (BBDIS81.EXE) file (located in the Utilities subdirectory on the MX3 – see Chapter 5, "Utilities", for further information). The discharge utility shows the progress of the discharging. At this time, the program can be exited while continuing the discharge process. Normal use of the MX3 can resume during the discharge, with the exception of Hot-Swapping the Main Battery. When the backup battery is fully discharged, the MX3 will automatically stop the discharge process and begin to recharge the backup battery.

DO NOT REMOVE THE MAIN BATTERY PACK from the MX3 until the backup battery is completely discharged (with BBDIS81.EXE) -- in approximately 1 hour and recharged in approximately 2.5 hours.

## **Battery Hot-Swapping**

# ATTENTION Powering off the MX3 before a write (to disk) function has completed, may result in the corruption of the flash drive.

When the main battery power level is low, the MX3 will signal the operator with a continuous, one-second beep and the MX3's BATT M LED will be red. Beeping will continue until the battery is replaced, the battery completely depletes, external power is applied to the MX3 using the power jack, or the MX3 is placed in a powered cradle.

You can replace the main battery without shutting the unit off. Simply place the MX3 in Suspend mode, remove the discharged battery and install a charged battery.

When the Main Battery is removed, the MX3 automatically transitions to the Critical Suspend state. During Critical Suspend, the MX3's backup battery will continue to power the unit for at least five minutes. Though data is retained, the MX3 cannot be used until a new main battery pack is installed. After installing the new battery, the MX3 automatically transitions to the Suspend state. To resume from the Suspend state, press the Power key for 1 beep. Recovery from Resume can take several seconds while the radio (if installed) is reestablishing an RF link.

If the Critical Suspend timer expires before a fully charged main battery can be inserted, the MX3 will turn off and must be rebooted after the main battery pack is installed.

## Handling Batteries Safely

Never dispose of a battery in a fire. This may cause an explosion.

Do not replace individual cells in a battery pack.

Do not attempt to pry open the battery pack shell.

Be careful when handling any battery. If a battery is broken or shows signs of leakage do not attempt to charge it. Dispose of it using proper procedures.

CautionNickel-based cells contain a chemical solution which burns skin, eyes, etc.<br/>Leakage from cells is the only possible way for such exposure to occur. In this<br/>event, rinse the affected area thoroughly with water. If the solution contacts the<br/>eyes, get immediate medical attention.CautionNiCd and Li-Ion batteries are capable of delivering high currents when<br/>accidentally shorted. Accidental shorting can occur when contact is made with<br/>jewelry, metal surfaces, conductive tools, etc., making the objects very hot. Never<br/>place a battery in a pocket or case with keys, coins, or other metal objects.

#### **Battery Maintenance Publication**

The LXE publication "Getting the Most from Your Batteries" is available on the LXE Manuals CD-ROM and is a single-source guide to battery management. The document contains information about battery recharging, conditioning, and other pertinent issues.

## **Chapter 4 System Configuration**

#### Introduction

There are many different aspects to the setup and configuration of the MX3. Many of the setup and configuration settings are dependent upon the optional features, such as hardware and software, installed on the unit. The examples found in this chapter are to be used as samples only, the configuration of your specific MX3 computer may vary. The following sections provide a general reference for the configuration of the MX3 and some of its optional features.

#### **Installed Software**

When you order an MX3 you receive the software files required by the separate programs needed for operation and communication. The files are loaded by LXE and stored in subdirectories in the MX3.

This section lists the contents of the subdirectories and the general function of the files. Files installed in each MX3 are specific to the intended function of the MX3 -- an MX3 using ANSI Plus and TCP/IP software will have a different file structure than that of an MX3 being used for DOS batch functions.

Files installed in each MX3 configured for an RF environment contain PCMCIA card radio specific drivers – the drivers for each type of radio, for example 900 MHz versus 2.4 GHz, are specific to the radios installed in the RF environment and are not interchangeable.

## **Drive C Internal Flash Array**

The on-board Internal Flash Array (IFA) is 4MB, and it is configured as the C: drive - i.e., the equivalent of a disk drive in a PC. One inherent difference between Flash technology and a rotating media disk drive is the fact that it is solid-state, therefore it is much more rugged than a rotating media would be. Another difference is that its write (but not read) time can be slower than a rotating media.

Depending on which software configuration is ordered, the following sections list the files that may be stored on the Flash or C drive.

ATTENTION Powering off the MX3 before a write (to disk) function has completed, may result in the corruption of the flash drive.

#### Software Loaded on Drive C

The software loaded on the MX3 computer consists of BIOS, Card and Socket Services, PCMCIA card drivers, utilities, DOS 6.22, a protocol stack for 2.4 GHz radio support, radio drivers, and/or a LXE terminal emulator.

The software supported by the MX3 is summarized below:

#### **LXE Terminal Emulations**

The terminal emulator resident on the MX3 determines the radio card type (900 MHz or 2.4 GHz) installed in the MX3.

- ANSI Plus 2.4 GHz Terminal Emulator
- ANSI Plus 900 MHz Terminal Emulator
- DOS LDS Plus 900 MHz Terminal Emulator
- DOS IBM 3270 900 MHz Terminal Emulator
- DOS IBM 5250 900 MHz Terminal Emulator
- TN3270 2.4 GHz Terminal Emulator
- TN5250 2.4 GHz Terminal Emulator

#### FTP Software's PC/TCP or Datalight's Sockets

Used for 2.4 GHz radio management.

#### DOS Version 6.22

DOS Version 6.22 files are loaded in the DOS subdirectory. Only those DOS files required for optimum performance are loaded on the MX3. Not all DOS 6.22 files are available on the MX3, but may be added to the flash disk at a later time by the system administrator.

#### **PCMCIA**

Used for PCMCIA card management. The following file types are resident in the MX3.

- Socket Services
- Card Services
- PCMCIA SRAM MTD
- PCMCIA ATA MTD

#### **Radio Drivers**

Only one radio is installed in the MX3 at any one time. The radio resident on the MX3 determines the radio card drivers (900 MHz or 2.4 GHz) installed in the MX3.

#### **SNMP DOS Agent**

The SNMP DOS agent executable resides in the \AGENT directory. For information on enabling the SNMP Agent, please refer to the "DOS Autoconfigurator Instructions". For details on Agent operation, please refer to the "SNMP Agent Reference Guide". Both manuals are available in electronic format on the LXE Manuals CD.

#### **IR Port Driver**

The IrDA Lite Plus file must be loaded on each MX3 and/or PC used in the file transfer. You will also need DOS 6.22 files PRINT.EXE and the COPY or XCOPY.EXE command files.

• LXE IrDA Lite Plus

#### **Signature Capture**

Signature capture software is only installed/used when the MX3 has the optional touch screen installed.

#### Utilities

See Chapter 5, "Utilities".

# C Root Directory

Filename	Function
AUTOEXEC.BAT	The AUTOEXEC.BAT file is not essential to the operation of the MX3. The MX3 will boot without it. The AUTOEXEC.BAT file is a batch file that contains a series of DOS commands. The MX3 reads the AUTOEXEC.BAT file and executes the commands in the order in which they appear. The information in this file may be altered and some software applications will automatically alter it during their installation process.
CONFIG.SYS	The CONFIG.SYS file is not essential to the operation of the MX3, but it is essential to the operation of certain software programs. The information in this file may be altered, some software applications will automatically alter it during their installation process.
TERMTYPE.EXE	Identifies the computer type for SNMP agent.

## **\DOS Files**

Filename	Description	
ANSI.SYS	Interprets ANSI escape sequences.	
CHKDSK.EXE	Checks the status of a disk and displays a report. Can also fix disk errors.	
COMMAND.COM	A DOS file that runs programs, manages files, controls information processing, directs input and output, among other functions.	
FORMAT.COM	Formats a read-write disk drive (flash and RAM drives only) removing all data.	
HIMEM.SYS	Extended memory manager.	
MEM.EXE	Displays the amount of used and free memory on a computer.	
MODE.COM	Configures system devices.	
MORE.COM	Displays 25 lines of output at a time.	
NED.CFG	Configuration file for NED.EXE ASCII text editor.	
NED.EXE	This program is used when editing ASCII text files.	
REMDISK.EXE	Companion file to REMSERV.EXE. Each computer must use the same baud rate and packet or non-packet-style transmission. This file runs on one computer and REMSERV.EXE runs on the other.	
REMSERV.EXE	Companion file to REMDISK.EXE. This file runs on one computer and REMDISK.EXE runs on the other. Used for manipulating files on two computers' hard disks. Use a null modem cable connecting both serial ports.	
REV.BAT	Displays software revision level.	
SYS.COM	Adds system files to disks.	
VER	Displays the current version identity of DOS. This command is run at the DOS prompt.	
XCOPY.EXE	Copies multiple files and, optionally, subdirectories from one disk to another.	

## AGENT

The SNMP agent files are loaded on MX3's with a 2.4GHz radio.

Please refer to the "SNMP Agent Reference Guide" and "Client Configuration Manager" for more details on the SNMP agent.

Filename	Description
AGENT.EXE	Diagnostic agent. Provides limited access to the LXE Private MIB.
CFGAGENT.EXE	Configuration agent. Provides full access to the LXE Private MIB.
REV.BAT	Displays current software revision level.

## **\IRDA Files**

Filename	Function
IRPLUS.EXE	IrDA Lite Plus application. Data can be sent in both directions but not at the same time.

## **\PCMCIA Files**



See "PCMCIA Card Management and LXE DOS Computers", for complete instructions or troubleshooting when using these files.

Filename	Function	
CISDUMP	Permits user to list and interpret contents of a PC Card's Card Information Structure (CIS) for debug use.	
CNFIGNAM.EXE	Driver that specifies which PC configuration should be accessed from the PCM.INI file. This file is added to the CONFIG.SYS file.	
DPMS.EXE	Novell driver that provides memory management services.	
PCM.EXE	DOS-based utility for reviewing, modifying, or creating PC Card configurations.	
	Note: May or may not be present.	
PCM.INI	Stores PCMCIA configuration parameters.	
PCMATA.SYS	Device driver for ATA–IDE hard disk emulation. Used with SRAM cards, rotating disk cards, or solid-state mass storage cards. This file is added to the CONFIG.SYS file.	
PCMCS95.EXE	Card Services (driver), the operating-system-level program that manages all PCMCIA cards. This file is added to the CONFIG.SYS file.	
PCMFDISK.EXE	Edits partition table for ATA PC Cards.	
PCMRMAN.SYS	Device driver that reads Card Services resources, passes data to Card Services which then makes device allocations. This file is added to the CONFIG.SYS file.	
PCMSCD.EXE	Device driver for FAX/Modem and LAN cards. This file is added to the CONFIG.SYS file.	
PCMSS.EXE	Socket Services (driver), the BIOS–level program that functions as the interface between the card socket and the Card Services program.	

## **UTILS**

*Note:* The utilities included in the following list are included with all non-terminal emulation configurations.

Filename	Function
BBDIS81.EXE	Battery Discharge Utility. Condition the 50 mAh NiCd Backup Battery mounted on the system board. The battery discharge starts and when discharged switches to backup battery charge mode.
BBTST81.EXE	Backup Battery Test Utility. Indicates the current status of the backup battery and the voltage.
BCWEDGE.EXE	Barcode Wedge utility. Interprets data from barcode scanner as keyboard data. Does not function in Win95.
BEEP81.EXE	Beeper Utility. Changes the volume of the beeper using the up and down arrow keys on the keypad/keyboard.
COMTST81.EXE	Communication Port Utility. To diagnose the serial communication port, a simple loop back test routine is included in this file. The figure showing how to build a loop back plug is included in this chapter. The test results will read PASS or FAIL. A failure is identified and described.
DISP81.EXE	Display Utility. Activates every pixel on the display to verify functionality.
KEY2381.EXE	Keyboard Utility. This utility performs a contact functional test of each key on the keyboard. When activated, the key labels appear on the screen and then each key, when initialized, clears the key label from the screen.
LXEF.EXE	File Transfer Utility. Transfer files using serial port or IR ports. Also acts as agent for the Win32 Developer Toolkit Application.
PARAM81.EXE	Parameter Dump Utility. This utility collects the setup configurable parameters and lists them in a text file.
SCU.EXE	Scanner Configuration Utility. Allows programming multiple scanners with the same data.
SETAPI_4.EXE	Set An API Function. Runs an API call to set a mode or change a parameter.
TSCAL.EXE	Touchscreen (Digitizer) Calibration Utility. Calibrates the touchscreen to the display screen area.
TSTEST.EXE	Touchscreen (Digitizer) Test Utility. Verifies touchscreen calibration when the data mode is set in compensated mode.

The following utilities are included with terminal emulation configurations.

BBDIS81.EXE	BBTST81.EXE	BCWEDGE.EXE
COMSTS81.EXE	PARAM81.EXE	SCU.EXE
SETAPI_4.EXE		

### **Terminal Emulation Directories**



Please refer to the specific Terminal Emulation's reference guide for complete instructions.

Batch MX3's do not have terminal emulation (TE) files and may or may not have a radio card. When a need exists to convert a batch MX3 to a TE unit or a different radio card, contact LXE Customer Services for assistance.

*Note:* 900 MHz radio files are loaded in the Terminal Emulation subdirectories, i.e. \APLUS, \LDSPLUS, \IBM (for both 3270 and 5250).

The terminal emulator resident on the MX3 determines the radio card type (900 MHz or 2.4 GHz) installed in the MX3. Following are the directory names containing the TE program files:

ANSI Plus with 2.4 GHz radio
ANSI Plus with 900 MHz radio
DOS LDS Plus with 2.4 GHz radio
DOS LDS Plus with 900 MHz radio
DOS IBM 3270 with 900 MHz radio
DOS IBM 5250 with 900 MHz radio
TN3270 with 2.4 GHz radio
TN5250 with 2.4 GHz radio

*Note:* Dual TE's are supported on MX3 computers with an 8 Meg. Flash drive. MX3's with a 4 Meg. DO NOT support dual TE's.

#### **Dual Terminal Emulation**

Dual TE's (if ordered) may be resident when the unit is used in conjunction with the LXE 6224 Session Manager, subject to the following conditions:

- Multiple Terminal Emulators on the same client device must use the same radio type (900MHz or 2.4GHz), and
- Only one IBM Terminal Emulator can be installed on the same client device (3270 or TN3270 or 5250 or TN5250).



For more information on items in this section, please refer to the LXE electronic manual titled "DOS Autoconfigurator Instructions" on the LXE Manuals CD.

#### **TE Selection Menu**

The user is presented with the TE Selection Menu listing the available terminal emulators. For example, a user could see:

```
[5] Launch 5250
[A] Launch ANSIPLUS
[E] Exit to DOS
Please select option: [5, A, E]?
```

Upon selecting one of the terminal emulator options, the desired TE is launched. When the user selects E, the screen is cleared and system is returned to the DOS prompt.

In addition to multiple TE's, the TE Selection Menu can also display multiple Autologin hosts for some TE's. Please refer to the applicable TE Reference Guide for more information on multiple hosts.

#### **Switching Terminal Emulators**

#### 2.4GHz Radios

When the user quits the TE with an ALT-X, the screen is cleared and the menu is presented again.

#### 900MHz Radio

After exiting the active terminal emulator, the computer reboots and displays the TE Selection Menu.

#### **Single Terminal Emulator Present**

After the initial auto-configuration, the system will boot up and immediately launch the terminal emulator. No menu is presented.

#### Menu Customization

The system administrator may change almost every facet of the menu display by modifying the variables found at the top of **TESELECT.BAT**. Details on modifying the TESELECT.BAT file are included in the "DOS Autoconfigurator Instructions".

## Radio-Specific Subdirectory

# \PCTCP (2.4GHz Radio Specific Files)

The PCTCP files are included with MX3's that have a 2.4 GHz radio installed.

Filename	Description	
	•	
IPSTAT.EXE	Gives statistics on IP and memory.	
LSL.COM	Link Support Layer driver.	
NET.CFG	Contains radio parameters.	
ODIPKT.COM	ODI Packet driver.	
PDTEST.EXE	Test or diagnose the packet driver. Unavailable as of Nov 2003.	
REV.BAT	Displays current software revision level.	
SETHOST.EXE	Manage host names and IP addresses. Unavailable as of Nov 2003.	
SOCKET.CFG	Contains options for SOCKETP.EXE	
SOCKETP.EXE	Sockets TCP/IP kernel for use with packet drivers.	
TCP.EXE	Manipulate or view TCP parameters and status.	
XPING.EXE	Test installation with a continuous ping.	
Lucent Specific		
WVLAN43 (all WVLAN44 files)	Lucent radio driver files.	
DRIVER.1ST	Radio driver file.	
<b>Proxim Specific</b>		
RL2PCM.COM	Proxim radio driver file.	
Symbol Specific		
110DIPC.COM	Symbol radio driver file (DS 11Mb only)	
SLAINIT.EXE	Symbol radio driver files (2Mb only)	
SLAODI.COM	Symbol radio driver files (2Mb only)	
Cisco Specific		
CSCODI	Cisco radio driver file (350 series radio only).	
AWCO48C	Cisco radio driver file (340 series radio only).	
WEPDOS.EXE	Set WEP key into Cisco radio.	
AWCLEAP.EXE	DOS utility to sep LEAP (350 series radio only).	
SETLEAP.BAT	Batch file to run AWCLEAP (350 series only).	
CLEAR.BAT	Batch file to clear LEAP username and password (350 series radio only).	

### LXE 900Mhz Radio Files

The LXE 900MHz radio files are installed in the Terminal Emulation subdirectories.

Filename	Description
LXE900SS.EXE	Spread spectrum radio driver.
LXE900SS.HEX	Modem control codes.
PCRFLIB.EXE	Interface between the radio driver and the terminal emulator.
RFPARSE.EXE	Used by PCRFLIB to obtain configuration settings.

### **Configuration and Sample Files**

When the MX3 is turned on, the operating system looks for several files in order to start up your system. Two of these files are hidden system files that cannot be seen when you perform a DOS directory command (DIR). The other files that are read at start up are:

#### **COMMAND.COM**

The COMMAND.COM file is essential to the operation of your system. Without it your system cannot boot. It contains the programming for resident DOS commands (the commands which allow you to change directories, copy, rename and delete files, etc.).

The COMMAND.COM file should be located in the root (C:\) directory.

#### **CONFIG.SYS**

The CONFIG.SYS file is not essential to the operation of the MX3, but it is essential to the operation of certain software programs. The information in this file may be altered and some software applications will automatically alter it during their installation process.

The default CONFIG.SYS file that is shipped with the MX3 varies depending on both the software and hardware configuration of the unit.

#### AUTOEXEC.BAT

The AUTOEXEC.BAT file is not essential to the operation of the MX3. The MX3 will boot without it. The AUTOEXEC.BAT file is a batch file that contains a series of commands. The MX3 reads the AUTOEXEC.BAT file and executes the commands in the order in which they appear. The information in this file may be altered and some software applications will automatically alter it during their installation process.

The default AUTOEXEC.BAT file that is shipped with the MX3 varies depending on both the software and hardware configuration of the unit.



For information on customizing the keyboard and display for international use, refer to a commercially available "ROM-DOS User's Manual".

#### The examples provided throughout this section are for illustration purposes only.

Do not use these examples for your operation, as each computer configuration is different.

# Sample AUTOEXEC.BAT File

### For 900MHz Radio

Command	Explanation
@ECHO OFF	Do not display batch command text during AUTOEXEC.BAT file run
SET TEMP=C:\TEMP	Place temporary files/data here
PATH=c:\dos;c:\pcmcia;c	:\utils\c:\;
	*/ When the computer starts up, the operating system will look in these directories for the files it needs
prompt \$p\$g	
C:	Move DOS pointer to the C drive
cd \aplus	Move DOS pointer to the LXE Terminal Emulation (e.g. ANSI Plus) subdirectory
lxe900ss	Load the radio driver
XXXXX.XXX	Load the keyboard driver (for ANSI Plus only)
pcrflib	Load the interface between the radio driver and the terminal emulator
w84nsync	
aplus	Run the TE interface program (e.g. ANSI Plus)

Command	Explanation	
@ECHO OFF	Do not display batch command text during AUTOEXEC.BAT file run	
PATH=c:\dos;c:\pcmcia;c	:\utils\c:\pctcp;c:\;	
	*/ When the computer starts up, the operating system will look ir these directories for the files it needs	
SET TEMP=C:\TEMP	Place temporary files/data here	
set sockets =c:\pctcp		
c:\pctcp\lsl.com		
C:\pctcp\XXXXXX	Load the 2.4GHz radio driver here: WVLAN43 for Lucent radio RL2PCM for Proxim radio AWCO48C for Cisco 340radio CSCODI for Cisco 350 radio SLAODI for Symbol radio	
c:\pctcp\odipkt.com 0 0x6	9	
c:\pctcp\socketp.exe c:\pct	tcp\socket.cfg	
	Look in this file for TCP/IP parameters	
	<i>Note: The Proxim radio requires that /m=12288 follows socketp.exe</i>	
C:	Move DOS pointer to the C drive	
cd \aplus	Move DOS pointer to the LXE Terminal Emulation (e.g. ANSI Plus) subdirectory	
XXXXX.XXX	Load the keyboard driver (for ANSI Plus loads only)	
aplus	Run the TE interface program (e.g. ANSI Plus)	

### For 2.4GHz Radio (with ANSI Plus)

### Sample CONFIG.SYS File

*Note:* Do not use these examples for your operation, as each computer configuration is different.



Please refer to commercially available ROM-DOS User's Guides for complete instructions or troubleshooting when using these DOS files.

DEVICE=C:\DOS\HIMEM.SYS /TESTMEM:OFF FILES=45 STACKS=9,256 DOS=HIGH,UMB LASTDRIVE=Z

Rem Card and Card Socket Services DEVICE=C:\PCMCIA\DPMS.EXE DEVICEHIGH=C:\PCMCIA\CNFIGNAM.EXE /DEFAULT DEVICEHIGH=C:\PCMCIA\PCMSS.EXE DEVICEHIGH=C:\PCMCIA\PCMRMAN.SYS DEVICEHIGH=C:\PCMCIA\PCMSCD.EXE DEVICEHIGH=C:\PCMCIA\PCMATA.SYS NEWFILE=C:\RADIO.SYS

# Sample NET.CFG Files

*Note: Hex values are indicated with a leading 0x. NET.CFG values do not use the 0x.* 

### Lucent Radio NET.CFG File

	See Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration", for explanations of NET.CFG parameters.
Lin	<pre>&amp; Support buffers 4 1550</pre>
Prot	LOCOL ODIPKT Bind WVLAN43
FI Wa AJ Ma Ta Ca Ma Re	<pre>k Driver WVLAN43 RAME ETHERNET_II aveLAN_Network_Name ANY tation_Name "station_name" P_Distance 1 icrowave_Robustness = N ransmit_Rate 3 edium_Reservation 2347 ard_Power_Management 1 aximum_Sleep_Duration 100 eceive_All_Multicasts N hable_Encryption N</pre>
;;;;	Key1 abcde Key2 0x123456789a Key3 abcdefghijk12 Key4 0x112233445566778899AABBCCDD
; ;	Transmit_Key_ID: integer in the range 14 If you enable WEP encryption, you can select one key for wireless data transmissions from the list of WEP Encryption Key Values. Valid range: 1-4 Default value: 1 Transmit_Key_ID

### Proxim Radio NET.CFG File

See Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration", for explanations of NET.CFG parameters.

```
Link Support
  BUFFERS 2 1550
Protocol ODIPKT
  BIND RL2PCM
; IP address is maintained in the socket.cfg file
Link Driver RL2PCM \,
  Socket
                   Α
  Initialize_365
                   Ν
                   3
  Int
  Mem #1
                   C100
  Port
                   300
  Inactivity_Min
                   0
  Inactivity_Sec
                   1
  Sniff_Time
                   0
  Domain
                   0 ; set per customer settings
  Station Type
                 0
  Peer_To_Peer
                   Ν
  Roam_Config
Mac_Optimize
                   1
                   1
  Channel
                   1
  SubChannel
                   1
  Frame
                   Ethernet_II
                   Ethernet_802.2
Ethernet_802.3
; Frame
; Frame
```

#### Cisco Radio NET.CFG File

 $\square$ See Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration", for explanations of NET.CFG parameters. ;Configuration settings for LSL.COM (Link Support Layer) ; Buffers 4 1550 : required to avoid "Network jammed" message in : Clarkson Terminal Emulator Link Support BUFFERS 4 1550 ;Configuration for Packet Driver shim. This shim is used by ;Clarkson Terminal Emulator (CUTE) and other 3rd party protocol ;stacks. ; BIND CSCODI : binds to the Cisco 350 driver Protocol ODIPKT Bind CSCODI file handles=60 LINK DRIVER CSCODI ; Initialization file for Infrastructure operating mode ; NOTE: The following are some keyword parameters that may ; be modified. Any commented or omitted keyword parameter ;assumes the factory default. For most situations the ;factory defaults will be appropriate. In situations where ; the factory default needs to be modified, uncomment or add the ; keyword parameter line and set the appropriate keyword value. "" ;Must match Access Point setting SSID ..... ;NodeName ;Descriptive station name "OFF" ;LEAP authentication (OFF -or- ON) LEAP "FASTPSP" PowerSaveMode ; Power save modes (CAM, FASTPSP, PSP) "ON" ; Maximum power save mode (OFF -or- ON) MaxPowerSave "OFF" ;World mode (OFF -or- ON) ;WorldMode ;ShortPreamble 0 ; PLCP short preamble (0=auto, 1=long, 2=short) ;FragThreshold 2312 ; Packet size to start fragmenting 2312 ; Packet size to start sending RTS/CTS ;RTSThreshold ;DataRate1 0x02 ;(1) Mbps supported data bit rate ;(2) ; DataRate3 0x0B ; (5.5) Mbps supported data bit rate ; DataRate4 0x16 ; (11) Mbps supported data bit rate ;DataRate2 0x04 Mbps supported data bit rate ;RefreshInterval 10000 ;Inactivity time to check association ; To enable WEP uncomment the following line and set the ; key with the wepdos.exe utility "open" authtype ; Set WEP key in radio before wepopen (WEPOPEN, WEPSHARED, MIXEDOPEN, MIXEDSHARED) ; ; The diversity parameter must be set according to the ; number of antennas for each terminal. ;setting for MX1, MX3 = on ;setting for 1380,1390,VX1,VX2,VX4 = right ;setting for 2325,MX2 = right diversity "on" ; for use on terminals with 2 antennas ;diversity "left"; for use on terminals with 1 antenna left port ;diversity "right"; for use on terminals with 1 antenna right port ;The adapter needs 32 16-bit I/O ports, and 1 non-sharable IRQ. ;The following lines should be uncommented and the appropriate ;values set in the following scenarios: ; 1) PCMCIA mode: Override the I/O port base and/or IRQ

assigned by PCMCIA card services. ; ; 2) PCMCIA mode: PCMCIA card services is not being used. ; 3) ISA mode: Override the I/O port base and/or IRQ assigned by Plug and Play. ; ; 4) ISA mode: Non-Plug and Play operation. ;PortBase 140 ;IRQ 5 ; If the PCMCIA interface is being used without PCMCIA card services, ;uncomment the following lines and set the appropriate values. Memory c9000 Socket 1 ; If the PCMCIA interface is not being used, set the appropriate ;value of "ISA" or "PCI". BusType "PCMCIA" Frame ETHERNET II ; Frame ETHERNET 802.3 ; Frame ETHERNET 802.2 protocol IPX 0 ETHERNET II show dots=on

Note: LEAP, WorldMode and ShortPreamble parameters are valid for Cisco 350 radios only.

#### Symbol FHSS 2Mb Radio NET.CFG File

```
\square
       See Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration", for explanations of NET.CFG
       parameters.
  IMPORTANT NOTE: commented lines must have a ; in column 1.
  ; Lines that are not commented out must have a space in column
  ; 1 and the parameter starts on column 2.
  link support
  buffers 4 1550
  protocol odipkt
   bind slaodi
  link driver slaodi
   frame ethernet ii
               "LXE"
   ess id
                                 ; must load slainit before
   cardservices yes
   socketservices yes
                                 ; slaodi to use CS&SS
  mode io
  ; ioaddress 300
                                 ; assigned by CS&SS
  ; memory CC00
  ; interrupt 5
  ; tx_rate 1
  ; tx_rate 2
  ; socket 2
  ; powermgmt
                   ves
                   11
    beacon alg
    beacon minimum 1
    beacon_maximum 10
  ;-----
  ; The following keywords are used to enable and manage the 802.11 WEP
    Encryption
  ;
  ;
    Auth_Type can be either Open_System or Shared_Key for the MU, the
   MAP will support both Auth Type settings at the same time.
  ;
    The MU will only associate with APs or MAPs that support the it's
  ;
    Auth_Type. The MAP will only allow MUs to associate if the MAP
  ;
     supports the Auth_Type of the MU The default Auth_Type is
  ;
     Open System
  ;
     Encrypt_Key# (where # is 1, 2, 3, or 4) will update the 1st, 2nd,
  ;
     3rd, or 4th key encryption key in the adapter, according to the
     value of #. The parameter to these Keywords is 5 pairs of hex
  ;
     digits([0-9,a-f,A-F]) in a string.
  ;
     DO NOT prefix each pair with 0x.
  ;
    The default keys for the MU match the default keys of the UAP and
  ;
    MAP Encrypt Key ID indicates which key the adapter is to use for
  ;
     encrypting packets for transmission. The parameter is a decimal
  ;
    digit from 1 to 4.
  ;
    The default Encrypt Key ID is 1
  ;
  ; Note: The key to by used to decrypt packets being received is
   contained in the received packet.
  ;
  ; -
          -----
  ; Auth Type
                   Open System
  ; Auth_Type Open_System
; Auth_Type Shared_Key
  ; Encrypt_Key1 "xx xx xx xx xx"
```

; ;	Encrypt_Key2 Encrypt_Key3 Encrypt_Key4 Encrypt_Key_ID	"xx "xx "xx n	XX	XX	XX	xx"
link driver slainit						
verbose yes DynWindowRsrcs yes						

#### Symbol 4121 11Mb Radio NET.CFG File

```
\square
       See Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration", for explanations of NET.CFG
       parameters.
  ;
     1. A semicolon as the first non blank character denotes a
         comment line.
  ;
     2. Commented out parameter lines create the default setting.
  ;
     3. Rate control only works with 2 Mbps (or greater) radios
  ;
     4. Encryption controls only work with 2Mbps (or greater)
  ;
         radios
  ;
     5. ESSID must be changed to reflect the local network.
  ;
  link support
   Buffers 4 1550
  Protocol ODIPKT
   Bind sllodi
  link driver sllodi
  frame ethernet II
  ; frame ethernet 802.2
  ; The ESS ID can be a string of 1 to 32 case sensitive characters.
   ess id 101
   station_name
   Use the following keyword to specify rates at which the Adapter
  ;
    is allowed to operate. If no rates are specified, the Adapter
  ;
    will use all rates available on the radio. Regardless of what is
  ;
    specified, the radio will allow either 1 and 2 Mbps or all four
  ;
    rates, i.e., 1, 2, 5.5, and 11 Mbps.
  ;
    Tx Rate 1 (1 Mbps)
  ;
    Tx_Rate 2 (2 Mbps)
  ;
    Tx_Rate 5 (5.5 Mbps)
  ;
     Tx Rate 11 (11 Mbps)
  ;
  ; Tx Rate 1
  ; Tx_Rate 2
  ; Tx_Rate 5
  ; Tx Rate 11
  ; Note: IO Mode is required if using Card/Socket Services
  Mode IO
   IOAddress 340
   Memory CC000
   Interrupt 5
  ; Set performance index to "0" for VX1 and "1" for MX3. \texttt{0=CAM} ,
  1=Power Management On
  performance index 1
  ; Set diversity to "Both" for two antennas and "A" for one antenna.
   diversity BOTH
```

#### WEP – Prior to November 2003

; To enable WEP you must set encrypt enable to "y" and then set the

- ; encryption key to the same value as the AP is set for. For 128 bit
- ; encryption keys you must have 13 pairs of hex digits and 5 pairs of
- ; hex digits for 40 bit encryption. Once the key is set use the
- ; "encrypt key index" parameter to select which key is transmitted.

; encrypt\_enable y ; Encrypt\_Key1 12 34 56 78 90 12 34 56 78 90 12 34 56 ; Encrypt Key2 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 ; Encrypt\_Key3 AB CD EF 12 34 56 78 90 AB CD EF 12 34 ; Encrypt\_Key4 12 34 56 78 12 34 56 78 12 34 56 78 12 34 56 78 12 ; encrypt\_key\_index 1 ; encrypt\_level 2

#### WEP – After November 2003

; To enable WEP you must set Encrypt\_Enable\_Index to the number of the

- ; Encrypt\_Key# to use and then set the encryption key to the same ; value as the AP is set for. Zero means No Encryption and is the
- ; default.
- ; For 128 bit encryption keys you must have 13 pairs of hex digits and
- ; 5 pairs of hex digits for 40 bit encryption.
- ; Encrypt\_Enable\_Index 0 ; Encrypt\_Key1 12 34 56 78 90 12 34 56 78 90 12 34 56
- ; Encrypt Key2 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12 34 12
- ; Encrypt Key3 AB CD EF 12 34 56 78 90 AB CD EF 12 34
- ; Encrypt Key4 12 34 56 78 12 34 56 78 12 34 56 78 12

### Sample SOCKET.CFG File

```
\square
        See Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration", for explanations of SOCKET.CFG
       parameters.
Note:
       the values for some parameters are dependent on the type of radio card installed. Please
       refer to Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration" for appropriate values for a specific
       radio card.
   # Socket.cfg sets the options for Data Light socketp.exe
   # The section xxx.xxx.xxx is for this machines IP
  # The net mask is specified as part of the ip address.
  # In the ip address command an optional /net bits can be
   # used to indicate the number of bits in the network ID.
                255.0.0.0 A 0.x.x.x to 127.x.x.x
255.255.0.0 B 128 v v -
   #
      Net Bits Net Mask
   #
       8
   #
       16
                                      128.x.x.x to 191.x.x.x
                255.255.255.0 C
   #
       24
                                     192.x.x.x or higher
   # The network can be subdivided by two for every net bit added.
  #
      Net Bits Net Mask Net Bits
                                          Net Mask
                                     248
   #
       1
                 128
                         5
                 192
                                     252
       2
                           6
   #
   #
       3
                 224
                           7
                                     254
                          8
                                    255
   #
       4
                 240
   # To enable DHCP set the IP address to 0.0.0.1
  IP address 0.0.0.1/16
  # The ARP INIT parameter makes this stack the same as
   # before. The stack will not send a DHCP ARP (DEFAULT) when
   # booting up. For added IP address checking you may comment
   # this line out if you are NOT using proxy ARP.
  ARP INIT GRAT
  # Interface sets the physicalinterfaces
  # pdr=packet driver
   # if0=interface card
  # dix=frame type
  # 1500=MTU
  # 10=Buffers
   # 0x69=ioaddr
  Interface pdr if0 dix 1500 10 0x69
   # When using a gateway (IP router) to the rest of the world,
   # replace "XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX" with your gateway ip and
   # remove the # at the beginning of the line.
  # route add default if0 XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX
  # When using a domain name server (DNS),
   # replace XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX with the IP address of the DNS,
   # and remove the # at the beginning
  # of the line
   # domain server XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX
   # domain suffix
                            # example lxe.com
   # Redisplay IP information
```

IP address
# options, refer to documentation to change
ip ttl 15
tcp mss 1360
tcp window 2920
tcp retry 8
tcp irtt 500ms

### **BIOS Setup**

Be very careful when using this utility to modify BIOS Setup parameters. The MX3 may generate unexpected results when incorrect or conflicting parameter values are entered. The parameters should only be modified by Information Services personnel or the system administrator.

Note: Make sure there is a fully charged battery in the MX3 before accessing BIOS Setup.

### Accessing the BIOS Setup

When you turn the MX3 on the unit will start to boot programs from the Internal Flash Array (IFA). If the Main Menu Setup Msg parameter is toggled On, watch the bootup sequence and when the following is displayed:

#### Press F2 to Enter Setup

Press the [F2] key. When the Main Menu Setup Msg parameter is toggled Off (default), the [F2] key is still available during the bootup sequence. The next screen displayed is the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

BIOS Setup has three menus: Main, Advanced and Exit.

### **Using the Keypad**

The set of keypad commands used to select menu items and parameters, as well as modify parameter values is as follows:

Action	Keypress
Exit a menu	Esc
Activate Help Screen	F1
Modify parameter value	Space key or alpha-numeric key
Move to next parameter	Enter or Arrow Key
Move from menu to menu	Arrow key

Note: Refer to Appendix A, "Key Maps", for other key press sequences.

Menu Option	Menu / Section	Default Value	
Boot	Main	A: then C:	
Caps	Advanced / Keyboard	Off	
COM1 Pin 9	Advanced / Other	RI	
COM2 Pin9	Advanced / Other	RI	
CPU	Advanced / Power Mgt	Aggressive	
CtlAltDel	Advanced / Keyboard	Reboot	
Date	Main	09/02/1988	
Disp. BL	Advanced / Power Mgt	Timed	
Disp. BL	Advanced / Power Mgt	3 s	
Display	Advanced / Power Mgt	15 s	
Docked PM	Advanced / Power Mgt	Off	
Font	Advanced / Other	8x16	
Left Scan	Advanced / Power Mgt	Numeric Enter	
NumLock	Advanced / Keyboard	On	
Off Timer	Advanced / Power Mgt	5 m	
POST Msg	Main	Off	
Power Key	Advanced / Power Mgt	Susp-Off	
Power Mgt	Advanced / Power Mgt	On	
Right Scan	Advanced / Power Mgt	Scan	
Rpt Delay	Advanced / Keyboard	0.5 s	
Rpt Rate	Advanced / Keyboard	10 /s	
Setup Msg	Main	Off	
Summary	Main	Off	
Suspend	Advanced / Power Mgt	5 m	
Time	Main	00:00:00	
Touch Wake	Advanced / Power Mgt	On	

### **BIOS Setup Default Values by Option**

Settings are saved temporarily as each parameter activity screen is closed. Changes are saved to CMOS RAM when Exit With Save is selected and the BIOS setup program closes.

Changed parameter values will take effect when the MX3 reboots upon exiting BIOS Setup. If the MX3 does not automatically reboot upon exit, please reboot the MX3.

#### Main Menu Options

To edit parameters, use the up and down arrow key to move from parameter to parameter.

Use the space key or an alpha-numeric key to modify a parameter value.

Press F1 to activate the help screen then use the panning function to move around the help screen. Press ESC to close the help screen.

Use the left and right arrow keys to move from menu to menu.

Press the ESC key or key sequence to go directly to the Exit Menu.

#### Main Menu Parameters

When changes have been made, press an arrow key to go to another parameter or menu or press ESC to go to the Exit Menu.

Menu Option	Default Value
Time	00:00:00
Date	01/04/2000
Boot	C: then A:
Setup Msg	Off
POST Msg	Off
Summary	Off

#### **Parameter Changes**

Settings are saved temporarily as each parameter activity screen is closed. Changes are saved to CMOS RAM when "Save and Exit" is selected and the BIOS Setup program closes.

Changed and saved parameter values take effect after the MX3 is rebooted.

### Time

Specifies the current system time.

This parameter is shown in the following format:

hh:mm:ss

where:

**hh** is hours **mm** is minutes **ss** is seconds.

Each of these fields is selected and modified separately. When the parameter is highlighted, type the desired numeric entry and then press the  $\langle Tab \rangle$  key to move from hours to minutes to seconds. The system time is set according to the standard 24-hour clock.

Default: 00:00:00

#### Date

Specifies the current system date.

This parameter is shown in the following format:

#### month/day/year

Each of these fields is selected and modified separately. When the parameter is highlighted, type the desired numeric entry and then press the  $\langle Tab \rangle$  key to move from month to day to year. The backslashes are automatically added by the system. When daylight savings occurs, the system date is *not* automatically changed.

```
Default: 9/2/1999
```

#### Boot

This option is used to define how the system treats drive A: when booting. Booting can occur from A drive or directly from the C drive (Flash drive). To reduce the amount of time required to boot, the boot sequence should be set to "C: only".

Values:	A: then C:	Boot from the A drive, or if no media is present in the A drive, boot from the C drive.
	C:	Boot from the C drive without searching for an A drive.
Default:	A: then C:	

*Note:* The A: drive is read only when an SRAM card is inserted. The MX3 does **not** recognize a radio card as an SRAM card. When there is no SRAM card installed, drive A: is ignored.

#### Setup Msg

Use this option to allow or disallow the display of the message "Press F2 to enter Setup" upon initial bootup or reboot. When the parameter is set to Off, the message is not displayed to the user although the F2 key can still be pressed at the appropriate time to enter the Setup Menu.

Values:	On, Off
Default:	Off

#### Post Msg

Set this parameter to On to stop the boot process if the Power On Self Test (POST) procedure encounters errors. Otherwise, the system continues to attempt to boot despite many startup error messages that display.

See Chapter 7, "Troubleshooting", for more information on POST messages.

Values: On, Off

Default: Off

A parameter setting of On only affects the following error conditions (messages are displayed) and the bootup is halted:

#### **Messages that Halt Bootup**

- IDE Unit Error
  - No media connected Configured for 0 cylinders Controller reset failed Media not ready Track 0 seek timed out Media initialization failed Media recalibration failed Last track seek failed
- Timer Error System timer (0) failed
  - Disk Error for Debug

Floppy type does not match setup only for debug capabilities

- I/O Chip Error
  - I/O conflicts exist for serial ports, parallel ports, and IDE units (any or all)
- Other Error

IRQ conflict, unsupported COM port configuration, keyboard locked

#### **Bootup Continues after These Messages**

This option does not affect the following error conditions (messages are displayed and the bootup continues):

Keyboard Error

Keyboard reset failed Keyboard interrupts failed

- CMOS Error
  - CMOS checksum failed CMOS time and date not set Real time clock failure
- Configuration Error Previous POST execution was incomplete
- Scanner Error Scanner detected, but attempts to read scanner configuration failed.

### Summary

This option is used to enable or disable a summary of the system configuration which displays before the operating system starts to load. To speed up booting, this parameter can be set to Off.

Values: On, Off Default: Off

### **Advanced Menu Options**

The Advanced Menu contains several sections – Power Management, Keyboard and Other. To view all sections, press the down arrow key instead of using the Pan Down command.

See the section titled "Panning Function" earlier in this chapter. Panning commands are used to view a 25 row by 80 column virtual screen display using specific keypresses.

To edit parameters, use the up and down arrow key to move from parameter to parameter.

Use the space key or an alpha-numeric key to modify a parameter value.

Press F1 to activate the help screen then use the panning function to move around the help screen. Press ESC to close the help screen.

Use the left and right arrow keys to move from menu to menu.

Press the ESC key or key sequence to go directly to the Exit Menu.

#### **Parameter List**

Menu Section	Option	Default Value
Power Mgt	Power Mgt	On
-	Left Scan	Numeric Keypad Enter
	Right Scan	Scan
	CPU	Aggressive (1 s)
	Disp BL	Timed
	Disp BL	3 s
	Display	15 s
	Suspend	5 m
	Off Timer	5 m
	Docked PM	Off
	Touch Wake	On
	Power Key	Susp-Off
Keyboard	Caps	Off
•	NumLock	On
	Rpt Delay	0.5s
	Rpt Rate	10 s
	CtlAltDel	Reboot
Other	Font	8x16
	COM1 Pin9	RI
	COM2 Pin 9	RI

Settings are saved temporarily as each parameter activity screen is closed. Changes are saved to CMOS RAM when "Save and Exit" is selected and the BIOS Setup program closes.

Changed and saved parameter values take effect after the MX3 is rebooted.

#### **Power Management**

When changes have been made, press an arrow key to go to another parameter or menu or press ESC to go to the Exit Menu.

#### **Power Mgt**

This parameter must be set to On before timer options can be activated. When Power Management is Off, the CPU setting is Full Speed.

Note: Critical Suspend. The Off Timer is ignored when Power Management is disabled -- the MX3 will skip critical suspend mode (running on backup battery) and turn off immediately. It will not use any backup battery power and currently unsaved information will be lost.

Values: On, Off

Default: On

#### **CPU and Suspend Timers and RF Communication**

When using an MX3 with a 2.4GHz radio driver (see previous section titled "\PCTCP Files"), the CPU and Suspend timers can be affected by the radio.

The 2.4 radio has a time-out setting. This time-out setting is in the radio config file under inactivity time. This time, by default, is 5 seconds and is the lowest possible value. During this 5 seconds, the radio is polled which is detected by the MX3 BIOS as "activity". As a result, the MX3's Power Management keeps resetting the CPU and Suspend timers.

#### Left Scan

Use this parameter to reprogram the button to the left of the display.

The factory setting for the left button is Numeric Keypad Enter.

Once reprogrammed and the BIOS change saved, the button will keep the setting over cold boots.

Values: Scan, Num Enter

#### Default: Num Enter

Endcap	Possible Left Button Configurations	
Blank	Numeric keypad Enter	
Scanner/serial	Numeric keypad Enter	
Serial/Serial	Numeric keypad Enter	
TN5250/5250 Terminal Emulation only:		
Blank	Field Exit w/ FLD EXIT label	
Scanner/Serial	Field Exit w/ FLD EXIT label	
Serial/Serial	Field Exit w/ FLD EXIT label	

#### **Right Scan**

Use this parameter to reprogram the button to the right of the display.

The factory setting for the right button is Scan.

Once reprogrammed and the BIOS change saved, the button will keep the setting over cold boots.

#### Values: Scan, Num Enter

Default: Scan

Endcap	Possible Right Button <sup>3</sup> Configurations	
Blank	Numeric keypad Enter	
Scanner/serial	Scan	
Serial/Serial	Numeric keypad Enter	
TN5250/5250 Terminal Emulation only:		
Blank	Numeric keypad Enter	
Scanner/Serial	Scan	
Serial/Serial	Numeric keypad Enter	

CPU

*Note: Pwr Mgt Modes - Power Mgt must be set to On before the value in CPU has any effect on the MX3.* 

The CPU setting determines how Power Management values control the CPU.

Aggressive setting maximizes battery life.

Moderate will balance battery life and performance.

Light will maximize performance.

*Full Speed* disables power management of the CPU only.

Custom setting is used to set the CPU timer in 1 second increments.

```
Values: Aggressive (1 second)
Moderate (5 seconds)
Light (15 seconds)
Full Speed
Custom (user configurable in 1 second increments;
range = 1 - 63 seconds)
Default: Aggressive (1 second)
```

#### **Custom Setting**

CPU Custom Setting is user configurable in 1 second increments up to 63 seconds. After selecting Custom, press the down arrow to move the highlight to the seconds setting. Use the numeric keys to enter number of seconds. Higher second values will adversely affect battery life.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Regardless of the type of endcap installed, the default value of the Right Button is always Scan.

#### **Disp BL**

The DispBL parameter is used to set which of three modes the Display Backlight will be in.

*Off* - the most battery-efficient way to operate the display.

*On* - provides full time backlighting whenever the unit is on.

*Timed* - provides backlighting for a predetermined amount of time from the last key input or display update. Set the time with the Disp BL timer parameter.

Values: On, Off, Timed

Default: Timed

Note: When the Timed option is selected, use the Disp BL time parameter to set the amount of time the display backlight remains on. If the Disp BL timer is set to a period of time longer than the Display Timer, the backlight will be forced off when the display turns off.

#### **Disp BL**

The Disp BL timer works in conjunction with the parameter setting of Pwr Mgt Modes - Disp BL.

The display backlight timer is reset every time the following occurs: video write, touch (on a touch screen), or any keypress.

Values: 1 - 63 seconds (in 1 second increments)

Default: 3 seconds

*Note:* If Pwr Mgt Modes - Disp BL setting is not "Timed" this setting is ignored.

#### Display

The Display parameter designates, in seconds, how long the MX3 senses inactivity on the MX3 before shutting down. The display timer is reset every time the following occurs: video write, touch (on a touch screen), or any keypress.

When the display timer expires and the display turns off, the Status LED turns steady green.

When the display is off, the MX3 is still powered on. Trigger presses will initiate activity. Communications through the radio or serial ports will still continue. However, the keypad clears all sticky key modes and LEDs and a key press functions only as a wakeup event (does not send to the operating system or application).

Press any key once to wake the display.

#### Values: 0 - 63 seconds (in 1 second increments)

Default: 15 seconds

A value of 0 means Full On.

*Note:* If the Disp BL timer is set to a period of time longer than Display, the display backlight will be forced off when the display turns off.

#### Suspend

This parameter establishes how long the MX3 senses inactivity on the system before entering Suspend Mode. This option is used to conserve battery life.

Pressing the Power key once also places the MX3 in Suspend Mode. Once in the Suspend state, the Status LED blinks green.

Use the Power key to wake the MX3 from suspend mode or a touch on an installed touch screen.

The Suspend Timer is reset every time one of the following occurs:

Video write	Keypress	
Disk / IFA Access	Touch screen touch-up	
COM 1 or COM 2 access		
PCMCIA Slot 0 IRQ, Slot 1 IRQ and Controller IRQ		

Note: Disabling the Suspend timer <u>does not</u> disable the Off Timer.

#### Values: 0 - 63 minutes (in 1 minute increments)

Default: 5 Min

A value of 0 means "Disabled".

*Note:* Suspend can be disabled when the MX3 is to be in a cradle. See the Docked PM parameter.

#### **Off Timer**

Note: When the Off Timer parameter is set to 0, the MX3 will skip Critical Suspend mode and turn off immediately. It will not use backup battery power. The currently unsaved information is lost.

Off Timer designates, in minutes, how long the MX3 waits in critical suspend mode before shutting down.

The Off Timer begins its countdown when the MX3 is in the critical suspend state. Critical suspend state is initiated when there is a Main Battery Power Fail caused by the inserted battery pack failing or the main battery being removed from the MX3. The Off Timer begins the countdown as soon as power draw is transferred from the Main Battery pack to the Backup battery.

*Note:* A fully charged Backup battery can keep the MX3 in the critical suspend state for at least 5 minutes.

Values: 0 - 63 minutes (in 1 minute increments)

#### Default: 5 minutes

The backup battery will continue to operate the MX3, in very low power mode, for the number of minutes set in the Off Timer parameter.

When the MX3 is in critical suspend mode the main battery LED illuminates, all peripherals shut down, the CPU clock is stopped, power is removed from the PCMCIA cards, and the Status LED is blinking red.

The MX3 is saving the state prior to the main battery failing and cannot be used.

- If a fully charged main battery pack is installed before the Off Timer time expires the MX3 will transition to Suspend. Exiting from Suspend allows the MX3 to resume operation where it left off install the new battery pack.
- If the Off Timer expires the MX3 will turn itself off and all unsaved information is lost. Insert a fully charged battery pack and press the Power button to turn the MX3 back on.
- When the Off Timer parameter is set to 0, the MX3 skips the critical suspend state and turns off immediately it will not use backup battery power. The currently unsaved information is lost.
- When the main battery pack is removed and the MX3 completely drains the backup battery, the MX3's date and time settings are lost but all other parameters are recovered. When a fully charged battery pack is again inserted in the MX3, the backup battery will recharge itself using the power in the battery pack. The main battery life during the recharge session is lessened.

#### **Docked PM**

Use the Docked PM parameter to set the power management preferences for the MX3 when it is in a powered cradle.

Selecting *Lights Off* will turn off the display and keypad backlights.

Selecting Unchanged maintains the current power management settings.

Selecting Off disables power management settings when the MX3 is in a powered cradle.

```
Values: Off
Unchanged
Lights Off
Default: Off
```

### Touch Wake

This parameter is used to determine whether the MX3 recovers from Suspend mode when the screen is touched. The MX3 must have a touch screen installed and active.

See also Suspend.

Values:	On,	Off
Default:	On	

#### **Power Key**

Use this option to determine how the Power key will function when pressed.

When *Disabled* is selected and the user presses the Power key, nothing happens. The user will not be able to place the unit in Suspend with the Power key or turn the unit off.

*Note:* When the Power key is disabled, the MX3 will power off only when both the Main and Backup batteries are depleted.

When Suspend is selected, the MX3 will enter Suspend state upon a Power key press.

When *No Susp* is selected and the user presses the Power key, nothing will happen unless the user holds the key down for 4 beeps. In other words, the user cannot suspend the MX3. The user can only turn the MX3 off.

When *Suspend-Off* is selected, the user can both suspend and power off the MX3. If the user holds the Power key down for less than 4 beeps, the MX3 will transition to the Suspend state. If the user holds the Power key down for 4 beeps, the MX3 will power off.

Values: Disabled Suspend No Susp Suspend-Off Default: Susp-Off

Note: Before leaving this screen, make sure the Power Key status is correct.

### Troubleshooting

The MX3 will not turn off -- force the MX3 to power off by holding the Power key down for 15 seconds -- the MX3 will power off. Locate and correct the problem before powering the MX3 back on - e.g. IRQ conflict, very low battery power, radio conflict, unexpected software application result, etc.

#### **Keyboard**

When changes have been made, press an arrow key to go to another parameter or menu or press ESC to go to the Exit Menu.

#### Caps

This parameter is used to determine whether the CAPS function is turned on or off at bootup.

Values:	On,	Off
Default:	Off	

#### NumLock

Use this option to set NumLock at boot time. When NumLock is On, the keypad is locked in numeric mode. When NumLock is Off the numeric keys are inoperable.

Whether NumLock at Boot is Off or On, no LED is illuminated on the MX3.

Values: On, Off Default: On

#### **Rpt Delay**

The Rpt Delay parameter will designate the period of time from the depression of a key until the key repeats.

Values: 0.25 to 2.00 second (0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00)

Default: 0.5 seconds

#### **Rpt Rate**

The Rpt Rate parameter sets the number of times a keystroke will be repeated, per second, as the key is depressed.

Values:	2 to 30 chars per second
	(2, 6, 10, 15, 20, 30)
Default:	10 chars per second

#### CtlAltDel

This parameter determines whether the user can restart the MX3 by pressing the reboot key sequence:  $CTRL+ALT+2^{nd} + DOT$ .

When this parameter is *No Reboot*, the reboot key sequence will have no effect.

Values: Reboot, No Reboot

Default: Reboot

#### Other

When changes have been made, press an arrow key to go to another parameter or menu or press ESC to go to the Exit Menu.

#### Font

The Font parameter selects the screen display font size.

*Note: This font size choice may be overridden by an application.* 

Values:	8x8
	8x16
Default:	8x16

#### COM1 Pin9

This option is used to configure the endcap COM 1 serial port.

Values:	RI	(Ring	Indicator)
	5V		

#### Default: RI

The MX3 has two serial ports available in three configurations.

In the first configuration, both COM1 and COM2 are connected to individual D-9 connectors on the endcap.

In addition, COM2 is software switchable between the D-9 serial port and the internal IR port located on the back of the unit.

In the third configuration, COM1 is connected to an internal SE923 scanner and COM2 is software switchable between the D-9 connector on the endcap and the internal IR port on the back of the unit.

Power to the COM ports may be turned off using a terminal emulation configuration utility.

#### COM2 Pin9

This option is used to configure the endcap COM 2 serial port.

Values:	RI	(Ring	Indicator)
	5V		

#### Default: RI

The MX3 has two serial ports available in three configurations.

In the first configuration, both COM1 and COM2 are connected to individual D-9 connectors on the endcap.

In addition, COM2 is software switchable between the D-9 serial port and the internal IR port located on the back of the unit.

In the third configuration, COM1 is connected to an internal SE923 scanner and COM2 is software switchable between the D-9 connector on the endcap and the internal IR port on the back of the unit.

Power to the COM ports may be turned off using a terminal emulation configuration utility.

#### **Exit Menu Options**

To edit parameters, use the up and down arrow key to move from parameter to parameter.

Press F1 to activate the help screen then use the panning function to move around the help screen. Press ESC to close the help screen.

Use the left and right arrow keys to move from menu to menu.

Press the ESC key or key sequence to go directly to the Exit Menu.

As changes are made to Setup values and the values saved, the next time the MX3 is turned on or rebooted, those saved values will be in effect.

#### Save and Exit

Use this option to immediately save current Setup settings to CMOS RAM and into the Flash Boot Device (FBD).

When "Save and Exit" is highlighted, press <Enter> to save. When the saving process is complete, press <Enter> again to exit and reboot with the current values.

#### Exit w/o Save

Use this option when any current changes made to Setup parameters are to be ignored. The parameters revert to their state when Setup was entered.

When this option is highlighted, press <Enter> and the boot process continues. The system reboots with unchanged values.

#### **Load Defaults**

This option is used to reset the Setup values to the original, default values that were set at the factory, before suppliers or end users made changes.

As changes are made to Setup values and the values saved, the next time the MX3 is turned on or rebooted, those saved values will be in effect.

Save this change by selecting "Save and Exit".

#### **Load Previous**

Use this option to immediately restore CMOS RAM and update the current Setup settings from the Flash Boot Device.

Save this change by selecting "Save and Exit".

#### **Save Changes**

Used to save BIOS Setup changes without rebooting. The changed parameters will be in effect the next time the MX3 is powered on or rebooted.

Reboot by selecting either "Exit w/o Save" or "Save and Exit".

### **API Calls**

See Also: LXE DOS API Programming Guide

The LXE DOS Computer Application Programmer's Interface (API) is designed to enable application programmers to access the functionality of the computer hardware without requiring them to understand the details of the hardware design.

The LXE MX3 Mobile Computer is architecturally an AT Clone with power management features required for mobile use. Like all AT computers, it uses a BIOS software layer to provide a hardware programming interface to both DOS and the Application Programs. It is functionally a 486 mobile AT customized for data collection applications. Both BIOS and DOS are available for programming ease, but applications must be customized to make use of the enhanced features as well as to operate with the reduced function LCD and keypad. The MX3 is not designed to be a general-purpose computer.

API services are accessed through software interrupts 10h and 15h. The 486 API is the application-level and driver-level software interface for all of the unique MX1 hardware.

A simple register-based procedure parameter passing architecture has been implemented with a similar structure used by IBM BIOS. All procedural calls to the 486 API microcode is to be done via a software interrupt.

### Sample Code for API Calls

The following is a brief code segment that enables the scanner on the combination Scanner/RS-232 endcap, demonstrating the proper use of API calls:

#include <stdio.h> #include <dos.h>

<pre>#define PROT_INT #define PROT_EXT #define SCAN_CONTROL #define COM1_MODE #define SCANNER #define RS_232</pre>	0x15 0xba 0x56 0x41 0x00 0x01
union REGS inRegs,	retRegs
<pre>main(){</pre>	
inRegs.h.ah=F inRegs.h.al=S inRegs.h.bh=C inRegs.h.bl=S int86(PROT_IN	SCAN_CONTROL; COM1_MODE;

}

# **Chapter 5 Utilities**

# Introduction

*Note:* Make sure there is a fully charged battery in the MX3 **before** beginning a process described in this chapter. When using an MX3 in a powered cradle or with an external power source connected through the MX3 power jack, make sure there is an uninterrupted power source during file transfer or process.

# **ATTENTION** Powering off the MX3 before a write (to disk) function has completed may result in corruption of the flash drive.

This chapter contains descriptions and instructions for the following MX3 resident utilities:

#### **IrDALite Plus**

A standard DOS device driver (IRPLUS.EXE) which converts data sent to the MX3 COM ports to infrared data that is then sent to an external device through the infrared port on the MX3. This protocol sends data in both directions, but not simultaneously. Please refer to the "MX3 Cradle Reference Guide" when using IrDALite Plus on an MX3 in a powered cradle.

#### LXE BCWEDGE

This Terminate and Stay Resident (TSR) program is used to redirect input from COM1 or COM2 to the BIOS key ring buffer. With this TSR running, input from a communication port appears as if it was typed in from the keyboard.

This utility is most useful with applications that do not know about the MX3's scanner port. This utility, therefore, allows an off-the-shelf application to accept barcode data.

#### **LXE Diagnostics**

Use the utility programs to verify, test and program the MX3:

- COM Port Utility
- Keyboard Utility
- Display Utility
- File Transfer Utility
- Scanner Config Utility
- Beeper Utility
- Battery Discharge Utility
- Backup Battery Test Utility
- Parameter Auto-Detection Utility
- Touchscreen Calibration
- Touchscreen Test
- Set an API Function

# **DOS Extensions**

The following utilities are included with terminal emulation configurations.

BBDIS81.EXE	BBTST81.EXE	BCWEDGE.EXE
COMSTS81.EXE	PARAM81.EXE	SCU.EXE
SETAPI_4.EXE		

All utilities are included in non-TE configurations.

# IrDA Lite Plus

*Note: IrDA Lite Plus is not compatible with LXE's terminal emulation programs.* 

IrDA Lite Plus (IRPLUS.EXE) is a DOS device driver that complies with the standard produced by InfraRed Data Associates for infrared communications.

The IrDA Lite Plus device driver was developed for the LXE MX3 computer. It is a standard DOS device driver which converts data sent to the LPT/PRN, and COM1 and COM2 ports via the BIOS, DOS, and a proprietary application interface to infrared data that is transmitted using the infrared port on the mobile computer. Even though this device driver was developed for the MX3, it works on a regular PC *with an installed infrared port or an attached serial to infrared converter cable (commercially available)*.

Note: The MX3's IR Port is COM2 regardless of the endcap installed on the MX3.

On the back of the MX3 Computer is the InfraRed (IR) Data Port. The IR Port is designed to provide a data link between the MX3 and a similarly equipped piece of equipment such as a printer.

The IR operating envelope has a distance range of 2 cm (.79 inches) to 1 meter (3.2 feet) with a viewing angle of 30 degrees.

Operation of the IR Port is application dependent so a description of implementation varies from application to application.

# System Setup

When preparing to use IrDA Lite Plus, a command line must be added to the CONFIG.SYS file in the MX3. See the "Quick Start" section that follows.

The IrDA Lite Plus file must be loaded on each MX3 and/or PC used in the file transfer.

When using a PC that does not have an installed IR port, a commercially available serial to infrared adapter is required for IR file transfer to/from the MX3.

#### **IR Communication Reliability**

Transmitted data is reflected into the receiver and the software programmer needs to make sure the data is cleared before the IR port starts its receive routines.

When the MX3 is transmitting data to the PC, it starts to fill up its Tx FIFO buffer (First In First Out). During transmission, any reflections or light disturbances from the IR medium are going to get interpreted as data and is clocked into the Rx FIFO buffer. Unless software developers take preventative steps, when it goes to access the Rx FIFO buffer to determine if an ACK was received, it may find data and "thinks" it did not receive an ACK because it contains corrupted data due to the reflections or disturbances coming in from the IR medium. Software must be able to handle these types of reflections or disturbances at any time during transmit or receive when using IR communications on the MX3. If the receive algorithm requires that a specific character be present in a specific sequence, extra precautions/steps must be taken to properly manipulate the receive sections of the system. For example, if the software expects the first character received after a transmission to be an "ACK", the software design must be such that the receive buffers and shift registers are cleared first of any other characters before getting the "ACK".

# IrDA Lite Plus and MX3

This configuration supports all features of the IrDA Lite Plus device driver. The driver provides conversion from serial and printer I/O to infrared transmission packets. Applications using extended BIOS interfaces to the serial and print devices can be utilized in these operations. The MX3 with the IrDA Lite Plus driver installed can transmit and receive data to and from other infrared capable devices.

For example, the MX3's flash<sup>4</sup> memory can be updated by transferring files from an IrDAcompliant PC to the MX3. Until IrDA Lite Plus, SRAM cards (edited using a PC and inserted in the target MX3) were the most common means of updating the MX3's files and/or Flash.

- *Note:* The IrDA Lite Plus file must be loaded on each MX3 and/or PC used in the file transfer. You will also need DOS utility files PRINT.EXE and the COPY (or XCOPY.EXE) command file.
- Note: IrDA Lite Plus is compatible with a standard PC. When using a PC without an installed IR port, a commercially available serial to infrared adapter is required for file transfer to/from the MX3.

### **Quick Start**

Note: See section titled "IRSEND and IRECV Files" for add-in Borland C/C++ programs. IRSEND.C, after compiling, can be loaded on the MX3 or PC that will send data using IRPLUS.EXE. IRECV.C, after compiling, can be loaded on the MX3 or PC that will receive data using IRPLUS.EXE.

In brief, the process (without IRSEND and IRECV) is as follows:

- 1. Load the IrDA Lite Plus file, IRPLUS.EXE, into the appropriate (e.g. \IRDA) subdirectory on the sending and receiving units (e.g. MX3 or PC).
- 2. Add the IRPLUS.EXE device command line to the CONFIG.SYS file in the MX3 and/or PC.

The CONFIG.SYS command line format is shown below. The '=', ' ' (space), '/', and ':' are required punctuation in the command line. The parameters are optional.

device=path\irplus.exe [/p:baud]

Default values used when command line parameters are not provided are: Port (p) = COM1 and Baud = 9600

COM 1 Example: device=c:\irda\irplus.exe /1:96

#### COM 2 Example: device=c:\irda\irplus.exe /2:96

- 3. If necessary, add the appropriate subdirectory name (e.g. \IRDA) to the PATH command in the AUTOEXEC.BAT file.
- 4. Reboot the MX3 and/or PC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Upgrade or transfer files to MX3 Flash by sending files to Drive C.

5. During the MX3 bootup process, access the BIOS Setup. (For instruction please see Chapter 4, "System Configuration".)

Verify that PM Enable is Enabled. Verify the CPU parameter is set to Aggressive (Aggressive waits one second before slowing the clock).

*Note: IrDA Lite Plus sends frames at approximately 160 mSec.* 

If performance becomes an issue, set the CPU to Moderate. (System Menu | PM | CPU).

Change the parameter value if necessary. Select the SCU "Save/Reboot" exit option and continue the MX3 reboot operation.

A message similar to the following is displayed as the IrDA Lite Plus driver loads on the MX3 and/or PC:

IrDA Lite Plus Driver Version X.XX using COM1 with maximum speed at 9600 bps.

## File Transfer Using IR Ports

*Note: The MX3 and the external computer must be running the same communication software.* 

When using a PC that does not have an installed IR port, a commercially available serial to infrared adapter is required. Connect the adapter to the PC's serial port before continuing.

- 1. If necessary, enable the IrDA protocol driver (IRPLUS.EXE) in the MX3 CONFIG.SYS file.
- 2. Begin running the communications software on the receiving unit. Set up the software to *receive* data.
- 3. Begin running the communications software on the sending unit. Set up the software to *send* data.
- 4. Face the infrared ports on the two devices toward each other, and place the units approximately 3 feet apart. Offset the optical centerline of the two devices 15 degrees. The IR operating envelope has a distance range of 2 cm (.79 inches) to 1 meter (3.2 feet) with a viewing angle of 30 degrees.
- 5. Press the appropriate keys on the units to transmit the file.

#### File Transfer Using RS-232 Ports

*Note:* The MX3 and the external computer must be running the same communication software.

The MX3's RS-232 endcap is COM1 or COM2. The RS-232 port on a PC may be COM1 or COM2.

- 1. If necessary, disable (REM out) the IrDA protocol driver (IRPLUS.EXE) in the MX3 CONFIG.SYS file.
- 2. Connect the appropriate serial cable to the MX3's RS-232 endcap port and the serial port on the external computer.
- 3. Begin running the communications software on the receiving unit. Set up the software to *receive* data.
- 4. Begin running the communications software on the sending unit. Set up the software to *send* data.
- 5. Press the appropriate keys on the MX3 to transmit the file to the external computer or press the appropriate keys on the computer to transmit the file to the MX3.

## Send MX3 File to a Printer

Perform the steps in "Quick Start" on the MX3. This will power up the MX3, edit the CONFIG.SYS files, the AUTOEXEC.BAT files, load the IrDA Lite Plus file and establish the COM port / baud rate to use for printing.

*Note:* Load the DOS file PRINT.EXE into the DOS subdirectory of the MX3.

When the DOS prompt (e.g. C:>) appears, you are ready to begin.

- 1. Load the file to be printed into a subdirectory on the MX3.
- 2. Face the infrared ports on the MX3 and the printer (e.g. O'Neill MicroFlash) toward each other, and place them approximately 3 feet apart. Offset the optical centerline of the two devices 15 degrees. The MX3's IR operating envelope has a distance range of 2 cm (.79 inches) to 1 meter (3.2 feet) with a viewing angle of 30 degrees.
- 3. Using the file name of the file to be printed (*prntfile*), type the following, at the DOS prompt, on the MX3:

copy prntfilePress [Enter]

4. Press [Enter] again to accept the default device (PRN).

The file is sent through the IR port of the MX3 and is printed at the printer.

# IrDA Lite Plus and MX3 and Powered Cradles

The powered cradle (both Desk Top and Vehicle Mount) is an MX3 mobile computer accessory which provides physical storage, power, and infrared to wired communication for the MX3. The MX3 is fully operational when it is in the cradle. The cradle must be connected to an approved power source for the processes that are described in this section. The MX3 may also be connected to an external power source through its power jack while the cradle is connected to a power source as well.

#### *Note: No software is required or present in the powered cradle.*

With IrDALite Plus the MX3 passes infrared data in both directions. The MX3 has an infrared port that passes the data through to the RS-232 serial port on the cradle. The data is passed between the infrared port and the RS-232 port without any protocol interpretation.

Before files can be transferred using the powered cradle, the MX3 can be either 1) fully seated in the cradle or 2) held in the hand with it's IR port facing the IR port on the cradle. The cradle must be connected to a power source. The cradle can be mounted on a table, wall or vehicle.

When the MX3 is seated in the cradle the IR port on the MX3 and the cradle line up.

You could use the powered cradle to send data between:

- an MX3 and a PC with a serial to infrared adapter.
- an MX3 and a PC with an RS-232 null modem cable connecting the PC with the cradle.
- an MX3 and an IrDA-compatible printer.

### File Transfer Using IR Ports

#### *Note: Both units must be running the same communication software.*

Make sure peripherals and accessories are powered on: cradle, printer, PC, etc. Connect required cables: RS-232 null modem for PC or non-IrDA printer, commercially available serial to infrared adapter for PC.

Perform the steps in "Quick Start". This will power up the sending and receiving units, edit the CONFIG.SYS file, the AUTOEXEC.BAT file, load the IrDA Lite Plus file and establish the COM port / baud rate to use for file transfer.

- 1. Place the MX3 in the cradle, seating the IrDA window firmly against the IrDA window in the cradle. The IrDA port is now the COM2 port.
- 2. Make sure the cradle has power.
- 3. Begin running the communications software on the receiving unit. Set up the software to *receive* data.
- 4. Begin running the communications software on the sending unit. Set up the software to *send* data.
- 5. Press the appropriate keys on the units to transmit the file.

During transmission, the Status LED will turn red. When transmission is complete the Status LED will turn green

# **Print Through Cradle**

Make sure peripherals and accessories are powered on: cradle, printer, PC, etc. Connect required cables: RS-232 null modem for PC or non-IrDA printer, commercially available serial to infrared adapter for PC.

Perform the steps in "Quick Start". This will power up the MX3, edit the CONFIG.SYS file, the AUTOEXEC.BAT file, load the IrDA Lite Plus file and establish the COM port / baud rate to use for file transfer.

*Note:* Load the DOS file PRINT.EXE into the DOS subdirectory of the MX3 in the cradle.

When the DOS prompt (e.g. C:>) appears on the MX3, you are ready to begin.

- 1. Seat the MX3 firmly into the cradle. Make sure the cradle has power.
- 2. Make sure the file to be printed is on the MX3.
- 3. Using the file name of the file to be printed (*prntfile*), type the following, at the DOS prompt, on the MX3:

copy prntfile Press [Enter]

4. Press [Enter] again to accept the default device (PRN).

During transmission, the cradle's Status LED will turn red. When transmission is complete the Status LED will turn green.

## **IRSEND and IRECV Files**

Compile IRSEND.C and IRECV.C files using Borland C/C++ Version 4.5 compiler. The "include" files listed are standard Borland C/C++ Version 4.5 library files.

*Note:* When using these files, the receiving MX3 or PC must have IRPLUS.EXE and IRECV files loaded. The sending MX3 or PC must have IRPLUS.EXE and IRSEND loaded.

#### **IRSEND.C**

```
#include
                 <stdio.h>
#include
                 <ctype.h>
#include
                 <io.h>
#include
                 <fcntl.h>
#include
                <sys\stat.h>
#include
                 <conio.h>
#include
                 <dos.h>
#include
                 <bios.h>
#include
                 <time.h>
#define BUF SIZE
                      4096 // 60
char buf[BUF SIZE];
void delay ms (unsigned int tm)
clock t tmp, endTm;
    tmp = clock() + tm;
   while (1) {
          endTm = clock();
          if (endTm > tmp);
                break;
    }
}
                           // return TRUE if "ESC" key or
unsigned stopExec()
"CONTROL D" key
{
int key;
     /* Read and display keys until ESC or "CNTL D" is pressed.
*/
     while( kbhit() ) {
            /* If first key is 0, then get second extended. */
            key = getch();
            if( (key == 0) || (key == 0xe0) )
                       key = getch();
            /\,\star\, Echo character response to prompt. \,\star/\,
                                              // "ESC" key or
            if(( key == 0x1b) || ( key == 4))
"COntrol D"
                              return (1);
     }
    return (0);
}
void main (int argc, char *argv[])
int
               status, count, fh, i, comPort = 0xffff;
```

```
bytesSend = 0;
unsigned long
               *c;
unsigned char
clock_t start, tmp;
    /* IS.EXE filename */
    fprintf(stderr, "\nIrPlus Version 1.00, write size %d
bytes.\n", BUF SIZE);
    // check which COM port
    __asm {
                  ax, OffffH
           mov
           mov dx, OffffH
           int 14H
           cmp
                  ax, dx
                  COMM
           İΖ
           jmp
                  DONE
    COMM:
           mov
                  comPort, ax
    DONE:
    if (comPort < 0) {
           fprintf(stderr, "IrPlus is not installed.\n");
           return;
    if (argc <= 1) {
           fprintf(stderr, "enter a filename to send.\n");
           return;
    }
#if 0
    /* comPort 0 for COMM1 */
    if (((status = _bios_serialcom(_COM_STATUS, comPort, 0)) < 0)) {
           fprintf(stderr, "IrPlus does not exit, status %x\n",
status);
           return;
    }
#endif
    /* open file */
    if ((fh = open(argv[1], O_RDONLY|O_BINARY)) == -1) {
    fprintf(stderr, "cannot open the %s file.\n", argv[1]);
           return;
    }
    /* open connection */
    fprintf(stderr, "connecting...\n");
    __asm {
                 ax, OfffeH
           mov
           mov dx, comPort
           int 14H
           mov status, ax
    }
                       /* cannot open connection */
    if (status < 0) {
           close(fh);
           fprintf(stderr, "connection timeout\n");
           goto CLOSE CONN;
                                //return;
    }
    else
           fprintf(stderr, "sending file %s \n", argv[1]);
    //delay ms(2000);
    start = clock();
status = 0;
    while (status >= 0) {
           if (stopExec())
                  break;
           putchar('|');
```

```
count = read(fh, buf, sizeof(buf));
          if (! count) {
                fprintf(stderr, "\nsend complete\n");
                break;
          }
          if (count == -1) {
                fprintf(stderr, "\nreading %s error\n", argv[1]);
                break;
          }
          /* send data */
          for (c = buf, i = 0; i < count; i++, bytesSend++) {
                //while ( bios serialcom( COM STATUS, comPort,
0) < 0) \{;\}
                /* send a char */
                if ((status = _bios_serialcom(_COM_SEND,
comPort, *c++)) < 0) {
                      fprintf(stderr, "\nsend error %x\n",
status);
                      break;
                }
                if (! (bytesSend & 0x00ff))
                      putchar('.');
          }
   }
   start = clock() - start;
   fprintf(stderr, "\n%lu ms\n", start);
   fprintf(stderr, "send %lu bytes\n", bytesSend);
#if 0
   // close 5 second later
   start = clock() + 5000;
   while (1) {
         tmp = clock();
          if (tmp > start)
                break;
   }
#endif
   close(fh);
CLOSE CONN:
   /* close connection */
   __asm {
         mov
               ax, OffffH
         mov dx, comPort
         int 14H
         mov status, ax
   }
   if (status < 0) { /* cannot disconnection */
          fprintf(stderr, "disconection failured, status %x\n",
status);
   }
}
```

#### **IRECV.C**

```
#include
                <stdio.h>
#include
                <ctype.h>
                <io.h>
#include
#include
                <fcntl.h>
#include
                <sys\stat.h>
#include
                <conio.h>
#include
                <dos.h>
#include
                 <bios.h>
                     4096 // 60
#define BUF SIZE
       buf[BUF SIZE];
char
unsigned stopExec()
                            // return TRUE if "ESC" key or
"CONTROL D" key
int key;
    /* Read and display keys until ESC or "CNTL D" is pressed.
*/
    while( kbhit() ) {
        /* If first key is 0, then get second extended. */
        key = getch();
            if( (key == 0) || (key == 0xe0) )
            key = getch();
            /* Echo character response to prompt. */
            if(( key == 0x1b) || ( key == 4)) // "ESC" key or
"COntrol D"
                              return (1);
     }
   return (0);
}
void main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
unsigned char
                *c;
unsigned long
                bytesRecvd = 0;
int
                status, comPort = 0xffff;
int
                fh;
unsigned int
                i, writen;
     /* IR.EXE filename */
   fprintf(stderr, "\nIrPlus Version 1.00, read buffer size %d bytes.\n", BUF SIZE);
   // check which COM port
    __asm {
          mov ax, OfffH
          mov dx, OffffH
          int 14H
          cmp
                ax, dx
          jz
                COMM
          jmp
                DONE
   COMM:
                comPort, ax
          mov
   DONE:
    }
```

```
if (comPort < 0) {
         fprintf(stderr, "IrPlus is not installed.\n");
         return;
   }
   if (argc <= 1) {
         fprintf(stderr, "enter a filename.\n");
         return;
    }
#if 0
   /* comPort 0 for COMM1 */
   if (((status = bios serialcom( COM STATUS, comPort, 0)) <
0)) {
         fprintf(stderr, "IrPlus does not exit, status %x\n",
status);
         return;
   }
#endif
    fh = -1;
    if ( dos creat((const char *)argv[1], A NORMAL, &fh) != 0)
{
            fprintf(stderr, "cannot create a file %s\n",
argv[1]);
           return;
    }
    if (fh < 0) {
            fprintf(stderr, "cannot open a file %s\n", argv[1]);
           return;
    }
   /* open connection */
   fprintf(stderr, "connecting...\n");
   asm {
              ax, OfffeH
         mov
         mov dx, comPort
         int 14H
         mov status, ax
   }
   if (status < 0) { /* cannot open connection */
         close(fh);
         fprintf(stderr, "connection timeout\n");
         goto CLOSE CONN; //return;
   }
   else
           fprintf(stderr, "write to file %s\n", argv[1]);
    /* read data */
    for (i = 0, c = buf; (1); bytesRecvd++) {
#if 1
         if (stopExec())
               break;
#endif
         if (! (bytesRecvd & 0x00ff))
                putch('.');
            status = bios serialcom( COM RECEIVE, comPort, 0);
           if (status < 0)
                    /* timeout */
            {
                      if (i) {
                      putch('|');
```

```
if (_dos_write(fh, buf, i,
&writen) != 0)
                      fprintf(stderr, "\nwrite file error3\n");
                else {
                                         if (i != writen)
                            fprintf(stderr, "\nwrite file
error4\n");
                }
            }
            break;
        }
        *c++ = (unsigned char)status;
        if (++i >= sizeof(buf)) {
                putch('|');
                      if ( dos write(fh, buf, i, &writen) != 0)
{
                 fprintf(stderr, "\nwrite file error1\n");
                 break;
            }
            if (i != writen) {
                 fprintf(stderr, "\nwrite file error2\n");
                 break;
            }
                      i = 0; c= buf;
        }
    }
     dos close(fh);
   fprintf(stderr, "\n%lu bytes received\n", bytesRecvd);
CLOSE CONN:
   /* close connection */
    __asm {
              ax, OffffH
         mov
         mov dx, comPort
         int 14H
         mov
              status, ax
   }
   if (status < 0) { /* cannot disconnection */
          fprintf(stderr, "disconection failured, status %x\n",
status);
   }
}
```

# LXE BCWEDGE

This DOS based utility, BCWEDGE.EXE, is installed on a batch MX3 by LXE.

This Terminate and Stay Resident (TSR) program is used to redirect input from COM1 or COM2 to the BIOS key ring buffer. This DOS based utility enables the use of a barcode scanner on a COM port, provided power is available on that port. The software interprets data from the scanner as keyboard data, thus it will work with DOS applications such as EDIT. It will not function on Microsoft Windows 95 platforms.

When a terminal emulator program is started after the wedge utility has initialized, the keyboard interrupt used by the wedge utility is trapped and used by the terminal emulator. The keyboard interrupt needed by the wedge utility is no longer available.

*Note:* It is the responsibility of the application programmer to make the MX3 beep on errors, etc., when running the wedge utility.

## **Parameters**

Command line:

BCWEDGE c=# b=baud s=dps [opt unitname]

Example:

BCWEDGE c=1 b=9600 s=8N1 2381

Sets BCWEDGE to use COM1, 9600 baud, 8 data bits, no parity, and 1 stop bit on an MX3 platform.

The command to unload the wedge TSR is BCWEDGE -u.

Options: 9600, 19200

Default options for BCWEDGE are: COM1, 9600 baud, 8, N, 1. Options are not case sensitive.

Parameter	Explanation			
-h	Displays BCWEDGE command line options.			
-u	Uninstall the TSR			
c=#	Communications port.			
	Default: COM1 Options: 1, 2			
	<i>Note:</i> The optional endcaps on an MX3 are COM1 and COM2. The MX3's IR Port is COM2.			
B=baud	Sets the baud rate.			
	Default: 9600			

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	Explanation
s=dps	data / parity /stop
	Data Default: 8
	Options: 5, 6, 7, 8
	Parity
	Default: N
	Options: N, O, E, M, S
	(None, Odd, Even, Mark, Space)
	Stop
	Default: 1
	Options: 1, 2
unitname	Optional. Enables the scanner for the specifically designated computer.
	Default: 2381
	Options: 1330, 2330, 2381
-	

Parameter Explanation

# **LXE Diagnostics**

Note: Make sure there is a fully charged battery in the MX3 **before** beginning a diagnostic process. When using an external power supply, make sure there is an uninterrupted power source for the MX3. When using the MX3 in a powered cradle make sure there is an uninterrupted power source for the cradle.

The MX3 comes equipped with several utility programs. These programs can be run to make adjustments as indicated.

LXE does not recommend	running	these	commands	in	a DOS	window	from	any	Microsoft
Windows application.									

Filename	Description
BBDIS81.EXE	Battery Discharge Utility
	Condition the 50 mAh NiCd Backup Battery mounted on the system board. The battery discharge starts and when discharged switches to backup battery charge mode.
BBTST81.EXE	Backup Battery Test Utility
	Indicates the current status of the backup battery and the voltage.
BEEP81.EXE	Beeper Utility
	Changes the volume of the beeper using the up and down arrow keys on the keypad/keyboard.
COMTST81.EXE	Communication Port Utility
	To diagnose the serial communication port, a simple loop back test routine is included in this file. The figure showing how to build a loop back plug is included in this chapter. The test results will read PASS or FAIL. A failure is identified and described.
DISP81.EXE	Display Utility
	Activates every pixel on the display to verify functionality.
KEY2381.EXE	Keyboard Utility
	This utility performs a contact functional test of each key on the keyboard. When activated, the key labels appear on the screen and then each key, when initialized, clears the key label from the screen.
LXEF.EXE	File Transfer Utility
	Transfer files to and from a PC through any of the MX3's COM ports, as well as act as the agent for the Win32 Developer Toolkit Application.
PARAM81.EXE	Parameter Dump Utility
	This utility collects the setup configurable parameters and lists them in a text file.

Filename	Description
SCU.EXE	Scanner Configuration Utility
SETAPI_4.EXE	Allows programming multiple scanners with the same data. Set An API Function Runs an API call to set a mode or change a parameter.
TSCAL.EXE	Touchscreen (Digitizer) Calibration Utility Calibrates the touchscreen to the display screen area.
TSTEST.EXE	Touchscreen (Digitizer) Test Utility Verifies touchscreen calibration when the data mode is set in compensated mode.

# Backup Battery Test Utility (BBTST81.EXE)

This command is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters.

Run this command file to view the current status of the backup battery and the voltage.

If the backup battery needs to be replaced, the unit must be returned to LXE for service (see Chapter 1, "Introduction", section titled "Getting Help".)

# Battery Discharge Utility (BBDIS81.EXE)

This command is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters.

Use this command file to condition the backup battery mounted on the system board. When the program is initiated, the battery discharge process begins, "Discharging" is displayed on the screen and the voltage changes are displayed. When discharge is complete (at approximately 4V), the battery charge process begins. The word "Charging" appears on the screen and the voltage changes are displayed.

If the backup battery needs to be replaced, the unit must be returned to LXE for service (see Chapter 1, "Introduction", section titled "Getting Help".)

# **Beeper Utility (BEEP81.EXE)**

This command is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters.

Running this executable file will set the beeper to a single beep and turn the beeper on. The beeper or speaker volume can be changed at this time using the volume control keys – see next section "Volume Control Keys". The volume is increased or decreased one step each time the volume key is pressed and the changed beep tone is emitted. The program is ended by pressing the  $\langle Esc \rangle$  key.

# **Volume Control Keys**

To adjust the beeper volume, locate the  $\langle F8 \rangle$  key at the top of the keypad. Adjust the beeper volume by pressing the:

- $2^{nd}$  key, then the  $\langle F8 \rangle$  key
- Use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow keys to adjust volume until the beeper volume is satisfactory.
- Press <Enter> to accept the change and exit the Volume change mode.

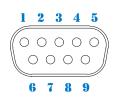
# Communication Port Utility (COMTST81.EXE)

This command is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters. The program requires LXE cable part number 155746-0001.

This command file is used to test the TX, RX and handshaking lines of the unit's COM port. A loopback connector is needed to perform this test. The configuration of the connector for the RS-232 endcap follows.

*Note:* The optional endcap with an RS-232 serial port, when installed in the MX3, is COM1 or COM2. The MX3's IR Port is COM2.

## **RS-232 Endcap Connector**



#### Figure 5-1 RS-232 Serial Connector (COM1 or COM2)

Pin	Signal	Description	
1	DCD	Data Carrier Detect – Not Connected	
2	RXD	Receive Data – Input	
3	TXD	Transmit Data – Output	
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready - Not Connected	
5	GND	Signal/Power Ground	
6	DSR	Data Set Ready – Not Connected	
7	RTS	Request to Send – Output	
8	CTS	Clear to Send – Input	
9	RI	Ring Indicator – Input (Default)	
	or	or	
	+5V DC	Bar Code Scanner Power -400mA max	
		(Use BIOS Setup software to configure)	

## RS-232 Endcap COM Port Loopback Configuration

7	RTS	CTS	8
3	ТХ	RX	2

Figure 5-2 RS-232 Endcap COM Port Loopback Configuration

# **Display Utility (DISP81.EXE)**

This command is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters.

Run this command file to test the screen display. It will draw a border around the display, wait for an  $\langle$ Enter $\rangle$  keypress, and then fill the inside of the box by turning on all the pixels. There are a total of 640 pixels across and 240 pixels down the display area – 0,0 is located at the upper left and 640,240 is located at the lower right.

# File Transfer Utility (LXEF.EXE)

The LXEF.EXE utility gives you the ability to both transfer files to and from a PC through either the MX3's serial port or IR port, as well as act as the agent for the Mobile Enterprise SDK Application. If neither the transmit file (/t) or the receive file (/r) option is specified, LXEF runs in client mode, and will respond to both file transfer requests and remote information requests from the Mobile Enterprise SDK Application.

#### Syntax:

LXEF [ /option1 /option2 ... ] [ filename ]

#### **Options:**

/Com? [ : #	] where either Com1 or Com2 is used to indicate which com port is to be used and optionally # can be set to represent the baud rate. E.g.: /Com2:9600 (default) tells the utility to use the serial transfer protocol through COM2 at 9600 baud. The serial protocol is also compatible with multiple MX3's running concurrently in powered cradles.
/Irda [ : # ]	where Irda indicates that the utility should use the IrDA protocol through the IrDA port. # represents the baud rate and by default (and with some of the cradles) is set to 9600 baud.
/h	displays the help message for the LXEF command.
/o	Existing files may be overwritten during file transfers. If this option is not used, file transfers will return an error if the specified file exists.
/r	receives the specified file and then LXEF exits.
/t	transmits the specified file and then LXEF exits.
/q	Indicates that the LXEF utility should restrict its display messages to a minimum.

Filename is either the name of the file to send or receive if LXEF is being used to transfer files.

# Keyboard Utility (KEY2381.EXE)

This command is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters.

Use this command file to display the keyboard key labels on the screen. As each key is pressed, its label is cleared from the screen.

# Parameter Auto-Detect Utility (PARAM81.EXE)

The Parameter Auto-Detect Utility (PARAM81.EXE) is used to search for user-configurable parameter files and then write the data to a text file. The utility is a DOS stand-alone program -- it does not require that other files (except standard DOS operating system files) be present in the MX3 before it will run.

The utility captures data from the following files:

BIOS Setup	The MX3 setup parameters. See Chapter 4, "System Configuration".
AUTOEXEC.BAT	DOS command file. See Chapter 4, "System Configuration", for an example.
CONFIG.SYS	DOS command file. See Chapter 4, "System Configuration", for an example.
LXE.INI file	LXE terminal emulation parameter file.
NET.CFG file	Radio command file. See Chapter 4, "System Configuration", for an example.
SOCKET.CFG file	Radio command file. See Chapter 4, "System Configuration", for an example.

and places the data in an ASCII text file called PARAM.DAT.

The ASCII text file should then be printed out or copied to a PC or floppy disk and stored for safekeeping. The information in the text file may be used, as a reference, to reconstruct parameter values if the files become unreadable or to program several MX3's with the same values.

The Parameter Auto-Detect Utility filename is PARAM81.EXE and it creates a text file called PARAM.DAT. The PARAM.DAT file may be renamed and the next time PARAM81.EXE is run, a new PARAM.DAT file will be created. The combined file size is approximately 50K and both files may be deleted from the MX3 if more disk space is needed in the unit.

Run Parameter Auto-Detect Utility

The file must be run from the DOS command line.

Using DOS commands, change the DOS prompt to the drive letter and subdirectory of the DOS files (for example, C:>\DOS).

At the DOS prompt type the following command to run the utility:

PARAM81 and press Enter.

The PARAM.DAT file is created and stored in the DOS subdirectory on the MX3.

Use DOS commands to copy the PARAM.DAT file to another media or print the file.

# Scanner Configuration Utility (SCU.EXE)

This utility allows programming multiple scanners with the same data. It copies barcode setup parameters from one barcode scanner and places them in a file. The file can then be sent to another barcode scanner, and when the receiving unit reboots, the receiving unit's initial scanner configuration is replaced with the new configuration. This utility is used for MX3's with a scanner/serial port and scanner/scanner endcap.

This command is run at the DOS prompt.

The file can be sent to another MX3 using the MX3's IR ports. The file can be transferred from one MX3 to another on an SRAM card. Or, the file can be transferred to a PC with a data transfer communication program installed and a commercially available null modem cable attached to a serial port. The cable must have a connector compatible with the MX3's RS-232 endcap DB9 male connector and the calling PC.

The MX3 is set up with data transfer communication parameters of 9600 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and No parity when the SCU.EXE utility runs on the MX3.

## <u>Menu Options</u>

1. Parameter Request

Select this option to collect barcode configuration data from a barcode scanner.

The data is stored in a file on the calling PC. Give the file an 8-character name, using standard DOS naming conventions, e.g. *yourfile*. No extension is necessary. Press <Enter>.

The scanner configuration file is given an extension of .SCN. The file can be copied to another directory or PC or renamed after its creation.

#### 2. Parameter Send

Select this option to send barcode configuration data to a barcode scanner.

When "Open File" appears on the screen, type the name of e.g. *yourfile* and press <Enter>. The receiving MX3 reboots when the scanner configuration file has finished transferring.

3. Exit

Select this option to exit the scanner configuration utility.

# Set An API Function (SETAPI\_4.EXE)

This command is run at the DOS prompt. Run this command at the DOS prompt to set a mode or change a parameter.

All arguments are in HEX format. Put an X in the place of arguments that are not used.

#### Format for INT 10:

SETAPI\_4 arg1 arg2 arg3 arg4 arg5 arg6

where

- arg1 is always 10
- *arg2* (AH) = 12
- *arg3* (BL) = BA (Panning) or BC (DOS Font)
- *arg4* (AL) = Function Requested
- *arg5* (BH) = Value Requested
- *arg6* (CX) = Value Requested

#### Format for INT 15:

SETAPI\_4 arg1 arg2 arg3 arg4 arg5 arg6 arg7

where

- *arg1* is always 15
- arg2 (AH) = BA
- *arg3* (AL) = Service Group
- *arg4* (BH) = Function Number
- arg5 (BL) = Action
- *arg6* (CX) = 16 Bit Register Value (where appropriate)
- arg7 (DX) = 16 Bit Register Value (where appropriate)

#### INT 15 Example:

Sound Beeper SETAPI 4 15 BA 53 4 30 07D0 000A



*Please refer to the "LXE DOS API Programming Guide" for complete information about the MX3 Application Programming Interfaces.* 

# Example – Enable COM2 for Tethered Scanner

The process used to enable the MX3 COM2 port for use with a tethered scanner has three steps:

- 1. BIOS Setup
  - Select Advanced Menu / Select Other / Select COM2 Pin9:
  - Change the parameter value to 5V.
  - Select Exit Menu / Save and Exit
- 2. Terminal Emulation Configuration Utility (if used) e.g. ANSI Plus TE:
  - Select System Menu / RFFileModeCfg
  - Change the parameter value to Comm1 Out, Comm2 In
  - Select Exit with Save Option.
- 3. DOS
  - Add the following line to the AUTOEXEC.BAT file on the line above any existing SETAPI\_4 commands:

SETAPI\_4 15 ba 56 31 01 x x

*Note:* If COM1 port is an integrated scanner, the integrated scanner is disabled by this procedure.

# Touchscreen Calibration (TSCAL.EXE)

- *Note:* If you run TSCAL.EXE on an MX3 that does not have the optional touch screen installed, the MX3 must be powered off then on again.
- *Note:* It is very important that the stylus touch be as accurate as possible to ensure proper calibration.

The transparent touch panel overlays the LCD display. Calibration ensures that the stylus touch is translated as accurately as possible. For proper positioning of touch points, the touch screen must be calibrated to the viewing area. The 0,0 coordinates reside in the lower left-hand corner of the touch panel. As each stylus touch is processed, its X,Y coordinates are sent to the PS/2 controller on the system board as raw data coordinates. Any application of calibration offsets or averaging must be performed by the software driver or application software.

This command is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters.

The first calibration point is at the lower left hand corner and it appears on the display as a crosshair icon (+). Press the stylus down on the center of the crosshair and hold for three seconds. The second calibration point is located at the top right hand corner – press the stylus down on the center of the second crosshair and hold for three seconds.

When the calibration process is finished, "Process Complete" is displayed on the screen.

See also section titled "Touchscreen Test".

# Touchscreen Test (TSTEST.EXE)

The TSTEST.EXE program is run at the DOS prompt. There are no parameters.

#### <u>Menu:</u>

- 1. 8Bit, Raw
- 2. 8Bit, Comp
- 3. 12Bit, Raw
- 4. 12Bit, Comp
- 5. POLL MODE
- 6. INT MODE
- 7. Exit

Enter:

#### Process - Get Raw Data:

- 1. Select 5 for Polled Mode. "Polled" is displayed for a few seconds and is then erased.
- 2. Select 1 or 3 (as desired) and the test criteria are displayed on the screen. For example, upon selecting (1), "8-Bit", "Raw" and "Polled" are displayed on the screen for a few seconds.
- 3. The next screen displays three crosshairs equidistant between two arrows diagonally from bottom left to upper right x,y coordinates are also displayed.
- 4. With a stylus, press on the tip of the arrows and in the center of the crosshairs one at a time, starting from the bottom left arrow.
- 5. The x,y coordinates increase in value when moving from the bottom left corner arrow tip to the top right corner arrow tip.

6. Press  $\langle E \rangle$  key to return to the menu.

# **Process - Get Compensated Data:**

- 1. Select 5 for Polled Mode. "Polled" is displayed for a few seconds and is then erased.
- 2. Select 2 or 4 (as desired) and the test criteria are displayed on the screen. For example, upon selecting (2), "8-Bit", "Compensated" and "Polled" are displayed on the screen for a few seconds.
- 3. The next screen displays two arrows and three crosshairs diagonally from left to right x,y coordinates of either 0,0 or 640,240 are also displayed.
- 4. With a stylus, press on the tip of the arrows and in the center of the crosshairs one at a time, starting from the bottom left arrow.

Arrow Location	X	У
Left bottom arrow tip	-5 to 5	-5 to 5
Left lower crosshair center	154 to 164	54 to 64
Middle crosshair center	314 to 324	114 to 124
Upper right crosshair center	474 to 484	174 to 184
Upper right arrow tip	634 to 644	234 to 244

5. The x,y coordinates should be within these ranges:

6. Press  $\langle E \rangle$  key to return to the menu.

# The NED ASCII Text Editor

NED uses the standard Microsoft Windows interface for cut, copy, and paste operations. Del and Shift+Del both move the selected block to the clipboard. There is no true undo command, but Ctrl+V or Shift+Ins may be used to paste the clipboard contents to the current cursor position. Table 1 lists all the default shortcut keys.

The NED editor is a menu-based text editor available for use with ROM-DOS. This editor is similar to other desktop editors but has special functions designed for use in editing C-source and assembly code.

To start the editor, enter

NED [filename] [filename]

NED may be initiated with or without filename arguments. Wildcard file specifications are allowed.

Up to ten files can be entered on the command line. If NED is run without arguments, it loads all files accessed during the last editing session, returning you to the exact position in the file. You can switch between the open files.

You can also enter

NED @errfile

where *errfile* is the name of your compiler error output file. NED loads all files that had errors and allows you to move between errors.

Once NED is running, you may load files into memory by using the File/Open menu command. File/Reload replaces the current file with a new file or reloads a new copy of the same file. File/Reload confirms before replacing an unsaved file.

- If a search string is all lowercase, NED treats it as a case-insensitive search. If a search string contains any uppercase letters, it is case sensitive. The replacement string is inserted exactly as entered. Repeating a Search command repeats the last Forward or Backward Search operation, not the last Replace operation.
- There is one bookmark for all files. Once the bookmark is set, going to the bookmark returns you to the file and position where you set it.
- The Indent and Remove-indent (referred to as Undent in the Options/Do Command) commands work on tabs. Indent inserts a tab at the beginning of the current line, or if a block is active, at the beginning of each line in the block. Remove-indent removes the first tab from the current line or from each line in the block. If there are no tabs, Remove-indent has no effect.
- Toggle case inverts the case of the current character if no block is active. If a block is active, Toggle case sets the entire block to uppercase if the first character was lower and to lowercase if the first character was uppercase.
- Tabs are currently set to 3 for .C, .H, .CPP, .HPP, and .T files. They are set to 8 for all other files.
- File/Print prints the current block if there is one, otherwise it prints the current file. NED prompts for a device to print to, which may be a filename. Tabs are expanded to spaces.
- The Options/Do Command is intended primarily for debugging. This command allows you to execute any editor command by choosing it from a menu list.

- The macro commands (Record Macro/Play Macro) allow you to define a sequence of keystrokes that can be repeated repetitively. Select Record Macro (ALT=), enter the keystrokes, then press ALT= again. The macro sequence can be played by selecting Play Macro or by pressing ALT-. Keyboard bindings are saved in NED.CFG in the same directory as NED.EXE. NED.CFG also contains the list of active files and positions.
- If you record and play a recursive macro, it plays continuously.
- If you press an invalid key on a menu, NED operates as if you pressed enter.
- If you run out of memory, such as when you have more than 300KB of files open, NED returns to DOS.

# **NED Default Hot Keys**

Many of the editor commands can be accessed directly by pressing key combinations. For example, press Alt-X to exit the editor and save any open files. The following table lists the default hot keys.

Key	Function	Key	Function
Alt-Q	Quit without saving	F1	Help
Alt-X	Exit, saving as needed	F7	Load file into current buffer
Ctrl-A	Search again	F9	Save file
Ctrl-B	Search backward	F10	Exit asking for save as needed
Ctrl-C	Copy the block to clipboard	Left-Arrow	Left one character
Ctrl-D	Find the mark	Right-Arrow	Right one character
Ctrl-E	Erase to end-of-line	Up arrow	Up one line
Ctrl-F	Search forward	Down arrow	Down one line
Ctrl-G	Go to a line number	Home	Beginning of line
Ctrl-I	Indent the block	End	End of line
Ctrl-K	Toggle block mode	Page Up	Up one screen
Ctrl-L	Delete line to the clipboard	Page Down	Down one screen
Ctrl-M	Set the mark	Center (5)	Center the cursor onscreen
Ctrl-N	Read a file into a new buffer	Ctrl-Left-Arrow	Left one word
Ctrl-P	Move to the previous position	Ctrl-Right-Arrow	Right one word
Ctrl-Q	Quote the next character	Ctrl-Up-Arrow	Up one C function
Ctrl-R	Replace text	Ctrl-Down-Arrow	Down one C function
Ctrl-S	Switch to the next buffer	Ctrl-Home	Scroll toward beginning of file
Ctrl-T	Toggle the case of character(s)	Ctrl-End	Scroll toward end of file
Ctrl-U	Remove indent from the block	Ctrl-Page	Up Beginning of file
Ctrl-V	Insert the clipboard	Ctrl-Page	Down End of file
Ctrl-W	Delete word to the clipboard Ins	Toggle	Insert/Overwrite mode
Ctrl-X	Delete block to the clipboard	Del	Delete character
Ctrl-Z	Cancel the selected block	Backspace	Delete character backward
Alt =	Start/end recording macro	Ctrl-Ins	Copy block to clipboard.
Alt -	Playback macro	Ctrl-BackSpace	Delete word backward
Alt-F7	Previous error	Shift-Ins	Insert the clipboard
Alt-F8	Next error	Shift-Del	Delete block to clipboard

# **Serial File Transfer Utility**

A null modem cable must be used to connect the two computers. Both computers must have both REMSERV and REMDISK set to the same settings. REMSERV is run on the host (which is usually the mobile computer). REMDISK is run on the client (which is usually a desktop or laptop PC).

Using this utility you can move files from one computer to the other over the serial line using the DOS Copy or Xcopy commands.

# REMSERV

REMSERV.EXE d: [/T] [/H] [/Bxxxx][+|-] [/COMn] [/IRQn]

/Bxxxx	Set the baud rate. Choose from 300, 1200, 2400, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115. A '+' after the BAUD specifies 'packet' style transfers. By default, packet transfers will be used for all baud rates higher than 9600. Use '-' after the BAUD to force polling operation under Microsoft Windows 95. Both sides must agree on using either '+' or '-'.
/COMn	Set the communications port. Choose 1, 2, 3 or 4.
/IRQn	Set the IRQ for the communications port. choose 3-15.
/S	Silent (no output)
/Tnnn	Set the timeout in seconds. Choose 2-3640, 15 seconds is not unusual for FLASH drives.
/H	Use Hardware Handshaking for flow control.

Example:

```
REMSERV D: /B38400- /COM2 /T10
```

Default:

/B115+ /COM1 /T2

# REMDISK

REMDISK [/?] [/U] [/T] [/H] [/Bxxxx][+|-] [/COMn] [/IRQn]

/Bxxxx	Set the baud rate. Choose from 300, 1200, 2400, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115. A '+' after the BAUD specifies 'packet' style transfers. By default, packet transfers will be used for all baud rates higher than 9600. Use '-' after the BAUD if REMSERV is running under Microsoft Windows 95. Both sides must agree on using either '+' or '-'.	
/COMn	Set the communications port. Choose 1, 2, 3 or 4.	
/IRQn	Set the IRQ for the communications port. Choose 3-15.	
/Tnnn	Set the timeout in seconds. Choose 3-3640, 15 seconds is not unusual for FLASH drives.	
/H	Use Hardware Handshaking for flow control.	
/U	Unload REMDISK from memory	

#### Examples:

```
(in CONFIG.SYS) DEVICE=REMDISK.EXE /T15
(in AUTOEXEC.BAT) REMDISK /B9600 /COM2 /T10
```

Default:

/B115K+ /COM1 /T3

# Chapter 6 RF Network Configuration

# Introduction

*Note:* The information and programs in this section only pertain to LXE's 2.4GHz system radios. They do not work with LXE's 900MHz system radios.

Change the radio parameters by editing the NET.CFG file in the PCTCP directory. This can be done with any ASCII text editor or NED. The NET.CFG file is the configuration file used by the radio card's ODI driver. The NET.CFG file determines the wireless network name, the workstation name and other information regarding the wireless system.

2.4GHz radio parameters cannot be changed using LXE's terminal emulation (TE) configuration utilities.

The Sockets software package provides an interface to all of the TCP/IP parameters. Parameter configuration is performed by editing the file SOCKET.CFG.

# **SNMP DOS Agent**

The SNMP DOS agent executable resides in the \AGENT directory. For information on enabling the SNMP Agent, please refer to the "DOS Autoconfigurator Instructions". For details on Agent operation, please refer to the "SNMP Agent Reference Guide". Both manuals are available in electronic format on the LXE Manuals CD.

The agent is placed into memory as a TSR and uses approximately <70k of memory. When the agent is not being polled, it is invisible to the user. When it is being polled, there is a slight delay, depending on how much data is being retrieved by the agent.

# **NET.CFG Parameters**

# **Lucent Parameters**

The following is a list of parameters that can be modified in the NET.CFG file for computers with Lucent 2.4GHz radios. For additional information about the parameters in this file, see the WVLAN43.CFG file located in the PCTCP directory. To set the TCP/IP parameters, see the *SOCKET.CFG* file documentation.

## Link Support

Parameter used to define resources for the LSL.COM file. Any modifications may cause resource conflicts.

#### Protocol

Instructs TCP/IP stack to bind to radio driver.

#### WaveLAN\_Network\_Name

Identifies the WaveLAN network the station will connect to.

Valid:	0 to 32 string of printable uppercase
	characters.
Default:	ANY

- Note: Setting this value to ANY will enable the station to connect to any IEEE 802.11 network.
- Note: The string for WaveLAN\_Network\_Name is case-sensitive. The WaveLAN DOS ODI driver requires the use of only UPPERCASE characters. If you have configured the Access Points with lower-case names you will need to change your Access Point WaveLAN\_Network\_Name parameter to UPPERCASE characters for proper operation.

*Or, place double quotes around the WaveLAN\_Network\_Name to allow proper operation with upper and lower case letters e.g. "NameofUnit".* 

## Station\_Name

Identifies the stations on the network. This parameter is used when performing diagnostic tests.

Valid: 0 to 32 string of printable characters. Default: station\_name

# **AP\_Distance**

Controls the roaming sensitivity of your computer. This parameter must be set according to the settings of the WavePOINT-II access points.

```
Valid: 1=Low
2=Medium
3=High
Default: 1
```

#### Microwave\_Robustness

This option should only be used when troubleshooting slow performance of the network that could be related to in-band interference from microwave ovens.

Use this option when experiencing recurrent "bursts" of in-band interference exhibited by specific units where the unit (or the access point) is close to a microwave oven or a microwave oven is located in the signal path between the unit and the access point. The radio will try to retransmit the "lost messages". When retransmission fails again, the radio in Auto Transmit Rate Select Mechanism mode will attempt to retransmit the message again at a lower data speed. (See Transmit Rate)

Selecting "Y" will enable fragmentation of data frames when the automatic transmit rate selection switches to a lower transmit rate. Fragmentation will avoid increased vulnerability due to longer frame lengths of transmissions at lower data speeds.

Valid: Y=Yes, N=No Default: N

#### Transmit\_Rate

Controls the data rate the WaveLAN card will use. Supported rates depend on the card. If the card does not support the selected rate, the default value of 3 is selected automatically.

```
Valid:

1=Fixed Low

2=Fixed Standard

3=Auto Rate Select (High)

4=Fixed Medium

5=Fixed High

6=Auto Rate Select (Standard)

7=Auto Rate Select (Medium)

Default:

3
```

#### Medium\_Reservation

Enables RTS/CTS communications. Sets the frame length threshold that determines when the station should start using RTS/CTS.

Valid:	0-2347
Default:	2347

Note: The use of Medium Reservation is recommended in network environments where the density of the WaveLAN stations and WavePOINT-II access points is very low, and where there is poor network performance due to excessive frame collisions at the WavePOINT-II access points.

#### Card\_Power\_Management

Configures the power management used by the station in an ESS. The recommended mode is Enhanced Power Management (EPM) for hand held computers. In this mode, the station switches between Power Save Mode (PSM) and Continuous Active Mode (CAM), based on activity. Any frame transfer switches the station to CAM. Inactivity for 100ms switches the station to PSM. For vehicle mount computers, the default is CAM.

```
Valid: 0=CAM (No power management)

1=EPM

2=PSM (Maximum power savings)

Default: 1
```

# Maximum\_Sleep\_Duration

Configures the maximum amount of time the radio will stay in Sleep mode.

```
Valid: 1-65535
Default: 100 (10 seconds)
```

#### **Receive\_All\_Multicasts**

Configures whether this station will receive Multicast packets.

Valid: Y=Yes or N=No Default: N

## Enable\_Encryption

Configures whether this station will receive/send encrypted data traffic. When "Y" is chosen, the unit will be able to receive both non-encrypted data and messages encrypted with one of the listed WEP encryption key values (see Transmit\_Key\_ID).

If encryption is enabled (Y) while the card does not support WEP, an error is reported.

Valid: Y=Yes or N=No Default: N

# Transmit\_Key\_ID

If you enable WEP encryption, you can select one key for wireless data transmissions from the list of WEP Encryption Key Values.

Key1 abcde
Key2 0x123456789a
Key3 abcdefghijkl2
Key4 0x112233445566778899AABBCCDD
Valid: 1-4
Default: 1
Format: Transmit Key ID 1

## **Proxim Parameters**

The following is a list of parameters that can be modified in the NET.CFG file. To set the TCP/IP parameters see the *SOCKET.CFG* file documentation.

## Link Support

Parameter used to define resources for the LSL.COM file. Any modifications may cause resource conflicts.

## Protocol

Instructs TCP/IP stack to bind to radio driver.

## Int

Sets the interrupt (IRQ) line to be used. MX3 specific setting is int 5.

Default: 5

## Port

Sets the I/O port address. Use 270 for the MX3.

Default: 0x270

## Mem#1 (ODI)

Memory\_address sets the resource memory location (0xC000 to 0xE800). Upper memory blocks from 0xA000 to 0xCFFF are used by MX3 system software.

Default: ce00

## Domain

Sets the network domain. It can be any number from 0 through 15 and must match the domain of the server or access point to which you want to connect.

Valid: 0 through 15 Default: 0

### Station\_type

Sets the status of the PC card as a master (2), alternate master (1), or nonmaster (0) station.

Valid: 0, 1, 2 Default: 0

## Socket

Sets the PCMCIA socket (A, B, C, or D) that has the PC card installed.

Valid: A, B, C D Default: A

#### Initialize\_365

Determines whether to initialize the Intel 82365SL PCMCIA controller chip.

Valid: Y, N Default: Y

## Inactivity\_min

Sets the number of minutes of inactivity before the PC card goes to sleep. To minimize draw on the vehicle battery, set this to 0.

Valid: 0 through 20 minutes Default: 0

## Inactivity\_sec

Sets the number of seconds of inactivity before the PC card goes to sleep. Valid settings are 0 through 55 (values above 5 are rounded to the nearest multiple of 5). To minimize draw on the vehicle battery, set this as low as possible, preferably to 1.

Valid: 0 through 55 seconds Default: 1

## Channel

Sets the channel to be used when the PC card is acting as the master.

Valid: 1 through 15 Default: 1

## Subchannel

Sets the subchannel to be used when the PC card is acting as the master.

Valid:	1	through	15
Default:	1		

#### Mac\_optimize

Optimizes the PC card for the number of concurrent modes.

Valid: 0 (light) or 1 (normal) Default: 1

### Roam\_config

Sets the roaming speed.

Valid: 0 (slow), 1 (normal) or 2 (fast) Default: 1

#### Peer\_to\_peer

Sets the ability of the PC card to talk to other peers.

Valid: N (off) or Y (on) Default: N

## **Cisco Parameters**

The following is a list of parameters that can be modified in the NET.CFG file. To set the TCP/IP parameters see the *SOCKET.CFG* file documentation. Unless otherwise noted, the following parameters apply to both Cisco 340 series and 350 series radios.

## Link Support

Parameter used to define resources for the LSL.COM file. Any modifications may cause resource conflicts.

## **Protocol**

Instructs TCP/IP stack to bind to radio driver.

### LEAP

Used to set LEAP (Light Extensible Authentication Protocol) authentication on LXE computers equipped with Cisco 350 series radios.

Valid:	OFF	or	ON
Default:	OFF		

*Note: This parameter is valid for Cisco 350 series radios only.* 

## WorldMode

Allows the radio to adopt the maximum transmit power level and frequency range of the access point to which it is associated (available only in infrastructure mode).

Valid:	OFF	or	ON
Default:	OFF		

Note: This parameter is valid for Cisco 350 series radios only.

## **ShortPreamble**

This parameter allows the radio to use short radio headers (or preambles). Short radio headers improve throughput performance. Long radio headers ensure compatibility if a client or access point does not support short radio headers.

```
Valid: 0=auto
1=long
2=short
Default: 0
```

*Note: This parameter is valid for Cisco 350 series radios only* 

## AWCLEAP

AWCLEAP is a DOS utility used to set LEAP (Light Extensible Authentication Protocol) authentication for Cisco 350 radios. The SETLEAP.BAT file runs the AWCLEAP utility. To set LEAP, type *setleap* <*username*> <*password*> at the c:\pctcp prompt.

The CLEAR.BAT file is used to clear the LEAP username and password. To clear LEAP, type *clear* at the c:\pctcp prompt.

## SSID

Identifies the 802.11B wireless network the station will connect to.

Default: ""

Note: Setting this value to "" will enable the station to connect to any IEEE 802.11b network.

## FragThreshold

Packet size to start fragmenting.

Default: FragThreshold 2312

## **RTSThreshold**

Packet size to start sending RTS/CTS.

Default: RTSThreshold 2312

## DataRateX

To set a data rate other than 11 MB default uncomment rate desired and all data rates less than that rate. Example to set for 5.5MB data rate uncomment the DataRate1, DataRate2 and DataRate3.

```
      1 Mbps supported data bit rate
      DataRate1
      0x02

      2 Mbps supported data bit rate
      DataRate2
      0x04

      5.5 Mbps supported data bit rate
      DataRate3
      0x08

      11 Mbps supported data bit rate
      DataRate4
      0x16
```

## RefreshInterval

Inactivity time to check association with AP

RefreshInterval 10000

### **PowerSaveMode**

PowerSaveMode "FASTPSP"

Fast Power Save Mode

### MaxPowerSave

Maximum power save mode

MaxPowerSave "ON"

## NodeName

Descriptive station name

NodeName " "

### **WEP enable**

To enable WEP uncomment the following line and set the key with the wepdos.exe utility

authtype "wepopen"

Set WEP key in radio before wepopen using the WEPDOS program in the PCTCP directory.

#### **Diversity**

The diversity parameter must be set according to the number of antennas for each computer. To determine left and right, hold the Cisco radio with the label side up and look directly at the antenna ports.

MX3 computers = 2 antenna

```
Diversity "on" - for 2 antennas
Diversity "left" - for 1 antenna left port
Diversity "right" - for 1 antenna right port
```

## PortBase – IRQ – Memory -Socket

The adapter needs 32 16-bit I/O ports, and 1 non-sharable IRQ. Any commented lines are set by PCMCIA card & socket services and should not be changed or uncommented.

```
;PortBase 140
;IRQ 5
Memory C9000
;Socket 1
```

## **BusType**

PCMCIA interface is used on all LXE DOS computers.

BusType "PCMCIA"

## Frame

Frame type of wired and wireless network.

```
(Default) Frame ETHERNET_II
Frame ETHERNET_802.3
Frame ETHERNET 802.2
```

## LongRetryLimit

Specifies the number of times an unfragmented packet is retried before it is dropped and a transmit error is reported to the driver.

Valid: 0 - 255 Default: 6

## **WEPDOS**

WEPDOS utility is used to program the WEP key into the Cisco 340 radios. Once the key value and key number to be used is set the authtype parameter in NET.CFG file must be modified. To set the key type *wepdos* at the c:\pctcp prompt.

### Syntax

```
WEPDOS [-ascii|-hex] [-key#|-home] key ;set a key
WEPDOS [-key#|-home] -clear ;clear a key
WEPDOS [-tx#] ;select transmit key index
WEPDOS [-d] ;display settings
```

Where

key is a 5 character ascii string

key is a 10 character hex-digit number

WEP128 allows 5 or 13 character ascii, and 10 or 26 hex-digit keys

-*key*# is default key index 1, 2, 3 or 4

-home selects the home key for use with home access points

-tx# selects the transmit key index 1, 2, 3 or 4 (enterprise networking)

## **Standard Options**

-p[iobase]	io base address (hex) [380]
-b[membase	memory base address (hex) [D000]
-i[irq]	interrupt request (decimal) [10]
-s[slot]	slot number (decimal) [0]
-365	82365 startup of card
Default:	no startup, IO:380, MEM:D000:0, IRQ:10, SLOT:0

### **Examples**

To check wep key on a LXE computer the correct syntax type at c:\ prompt

Wepdos -365 -p340 - bcc00 -d

To set key for use type

Wepdos -365 -hex -key# <10 or 26 byte key> -tx# -d

WEPDOS supports up to 4 keys. As an example of setting key number 3 to 0f0f0f0f0f for use in transmitting type:

Wepdos -365 -p340 -bcc00 -s1 -hex -key3 1234567890 -tx3 -d

## **Symbol Parameters**

The following is a list of parameters that can be modified in the NET.CFG file. To set the TCP/IP parameters see the *SOCKET.CFG* file documentation. Unless otherwise noted, the following parameters apply to both Symbol FHSS (2Mb) and Symbol 4121 (11Mb) series radios,

## Link Support

Parameter used to define resources for the LSL.COM file. Any modifications may cause resource conflicts.

## Protocol

Instructs TCP/IP stack to bind to radio driver.

## ESS\_ID

Identifies the 802.11B wireless network the station will connect to. The ESS\_ID is a string of 1 to 31 case sensitive characters. Spaces may be included by using quotes.

Default: "LXE"

## cardservices

To use card and socket services, you must load slainit before slaodi. iodaddress, memory, interrupt and socket lines must be commented with ;.

Default: yes

Note: This parameter is valid for Symbol FHSS radios only.

## socketservices

To use card and socket services, you must load slainit before slaodi. iodaddress, memory, interrupt and socket lines must be commented with ;.

Default: yes

Note: This parameter is valid for Symbol FHSS radios only.

### mode

IO mode required if using card and socket services.

Default: IO

#### ioaddress

Sets the I/O address location.

Default: 300

## memory

Sets the resource memory location.

Default: CC00

### interrupt

Sets the interrupt (IRQ) line to be used.

Default:

## powermgmt

Configures whether the Symbol FHSS radio card will perform power management.

Valid: Y=Yes or N=No Default: N

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*Note:* This parameter is valid for Symbol FHSS radios only.

## performance\_index

Configures whether the Symbol 4121 series radio will perform power management.

Valid:	0=CAM Constant Awake Mode
	1=Power Management On
Default:	1

*Note:* This parameter is valid for Symbol 4121 series radios only.

## Auth\_type

This parameter is used to enable and manage the 802.11 WEP encryption. The radio card will only associate with APs that support the same Auth\_type.

Valid:	"Open	_System"	or	"Shared_Key"
Default:	"Open_	_System"		

Note: This parameter is valid for Symbol 4121 series radios only.

## Encrypt-Key#

Updates the first, second, third or fourth encryption key, according to the value of #.

For Symbol 4121 series radio cards, use 5 pairs of hex digits for 40 bit encryption. Use 13 pairs of hex digits for 128 bit encryption.

### encrypt\_enable

Enables encryption on Symbol 4121 series radios.

Valid:	yes	or	no
Default:	yes		

Note: This parameter is valid for Symbol 4121 series radios only.

Note: This parameter was removed from the Symbol NET.CFG file by LXE effective 11/2003.

## Encrypt\_Key\_ID

The key ID indicates which key the adapter is to use for encrypting packets.

Valid: 1 to 4 Default: 1

Note: This parameter is valid for Symbol FHSS radios only.

## Encrypt\_Enable\_Index

Previously named *encrypt\_key\_index*. This parameter indicates which key the adapter is to use for encrypting packets for transmission. Zero means No Encryption (i.e. turn encryption off), and numbers 1 through 4 mean turn encryption on and use the specified key (i.e. key #1, key #2, key #3 or key #4). The key to be used to decrypt packets being received is contained in the received packet.

Valid:	0,1	,2,3	, 4
Default:	0	(No	Encryption)

Note: This parameter is valid for Symbol 4121 series radios only.

## diversity

Set diversity to "both" for two antennas and "A" for one antenna.

Default: both

Note: This parameter is valid for Symbol 4121 series radios only.

### Tx\_rate

Use this parameter to specify that rates at which the radio is allowed to operate. If no rates are specified, the radio will use all available rates.

Valid:	1	1 Mbps				
	2	2 Mbps				
	5	5.5 Mbps	(Symbol	4121	series	only)
	11	11 Mbps	(Symbol	4121	series	only)

# **SOCKETS TCP/IP Stack**

## Introduction

SOCKET.CFG sets the options for SOCKETP.EXE. The section XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX is for this machines IP. The net mask is specified as part of the ip address. In the ip address command an optional /net\_bits can be used to indicate the number of bits in the network ID.

Net Bits	Net Mask	Class	IP address range
8	255.0.0.0	А	0.x.x.x to 127.x.x.x
16	255.255.0.0	В	128.x.x.x to 191.x.x.x
24	255.255.255.0	С	192.x.x.x or higher

The network can be subdivided by two for every net bit added.

Net Bits	Net Mask	Net Bits	Net Mask
1	128	5	248
2	192	6	252
3	224	7	254
4	240	8	255

## **Bootp**

BOOTP is a UDP/IP based protocol that provides a means to assign an IP address to a booting host dynamically and without user supervision. BOOTP can also supply the net mask, host name, and address of a domain name server. One obvious advantage of this procedure is the centralized management of network addresses, which eliminates the need for per-host unique configuration files. Sockets implements the BOOTP client whenever it is started with no (or the 0.0.0.0) IP address supplied.

## DHCP

DHCP is a UDP/IP based protocol that provides a means to assign the IP address dynamically to a booting host and without user supervision. It can also supply the net mask, host name, address of a domain name server, and other parameters. An advantage of this procedure is the centralized management of network addresses, which eliminates the need for per-host unique configuration files. Sockets implements the DHCP client whenever it is started with the 0.0.0.1 IP address supplied. All LAN interfaces specified when this IP address is in use will attempt to use DHCP to resolve the IP address, the subnet mask, hostname, default router and DNS server(s).

## **Set IP Address**

To enable DHCP set the IP address to 0.0.0.1

IP address XXX.XXX.XXX/16

where

XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX is the IP address

16 indicates the number of bits in the network ID

## Set ARP INIT

Controls whether a DHCP ARP is sent when booting up.

ARP INIT GRAT

Using this option makes the stack behave the same as before. The stack does not send a DHCP ARP when booting up (In this mode, the ARP contains the MAC and IP addresses in the sender's field). This option is the default.

ARP INIT DHCP

Using this option sends a DHCP ARP on boot up (the sender's IP address field is zero filled).

## **Set Interface**

### For all radios except Symbol DS 11MB

Interface sets the physical interfaces

Interface pdr if0 dix 1500 10 0x69

where

pdr = packet driver if0 = interface\_card dix = frame type 1500 = MTU 10 = Buffers 0x69 = ioaddr

### For Symbol DS 11MB radios

Interface sets the physical interfaces

Interface pdr if0 dix 1400 10 0x69

where

pdr = packet driver if0 = interface\_card dix = frame type 1400 = MTU 10 = Buffers 0x69 = ioaddr

## Set Router IP (Gateway only)

When using a gateway (IP router) to the rest of the world, replace "XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX" with your gateway ip and remove the # at the beginning of the line.

# route add default if0 XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX

## Set Domain Name Server

When using a domain name server (DNS), replace XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX with the IP address of the DNS, and remove the # at the beginning of the line.

# domain server XXX.XXX.XXX

## **Display IP Address**

Redisplay IP information when SOCKET.CFG runs.

IP address

## **Options**

### For all radios except Symbol DS 11MB

Refer to documentation to change.

ip ttl 15 tcp mss 1460 tcp window 2920 tcp retry 8 tcp irtt 500ms

## For Symbol DS 11MB radios

Refer to documentation to change.

ip ttl 64
tcp mss 1360
tcp window 2920
tcp retry 8
tcp irtt 500ms

## SOCKET.CFG Parameters

## domain

If a host name is not a decimal (dotted) address and it is not found in the HOSTS file and at least one Domain Name Server has been defined, an attempt is made to obtain the address from the defined DNS server(s). The number of times any server is polled (retries), in addition to the time to wait for a response, can also be specified. A suffix may be specified and is attached to all names not containing any dots.

All of the following sub-commands can be issued without the optional parameters to obtain information on the current status.

#### **Syntax**

```
domain server [host_name]
domain retry [retry_count]
domain time [wait_time]
domain suffix [domain]
```

domain server adds a DNS address or lists the current servers if host\_name not specified.

*domain retry* specifies the retry count for polling each server. domain retry lists the retry count if retry\_count not specified.

*domain time* specifies or lists the time (milliseconds) to wait for a response before attempting retry.

domain time lists the time (milliseconds) to wait if wait\_time not specified.

domain suffix specifies the domain suffix to add to all simple names; names that contains no dots.

domain suffix lists the domain suffix if domain is not specified.

#### Example

```
domain retry 3
domain server 196.2.1.1
domain suffix myorg.co.za
domain time 2000
```

## iface

iface is a synonym for the interface command.

## interface

interface informs Sockets of the hardware or software communications interface(s) to be used at the network interface level. At least one network interface is required, and two or more are used in gateway (router) applications.

The class or mode of each interface defines the encapsulation used for packaging the data frame into the transport frame. Some types of interface support only one class.

When using more than one interface, Sockets assigns the previous given IP address in the .CFG file to this interface and uses its net mask to add a route to that net through this interface. Using the same IP address would result in multiple routes to the same network. The default route is set on the first interface with an IP address with a zero net mask (for example, IP address 19.63.10.11/0).

Each interface statement uses the IP address from the last supplied IP address statement.

### Syntax (general)

interface type name class other parameters

### Syntax (specific)

```
interface pdr name dix mtu numbuf intvec [irq]
interface asy name [slip | cslip | ppp] mtu buflim ioaddr
iovec speed [modemfile]
```

## **Parameters**

Туре

Type defines the type of hardware or software interface.

interface supports the following software interfaces.

Interface	Description
Asy	Standard PC asynchronous interface (RS232 port)
Pdr	packet driver interface
name	

*name* defines the name by which the interface is known on the local host. *name* is a symbolic name known only to the local host on which it is used.

*name* may be arbitrarily assigned. Each interface command on the same host must have a unique name assigned. This name is used by commands such as route, trace, param, and so on.

#### class

class specifies how IP datagrams are to be encapsulated in the link level protocol of the interface.

Some interfaces offer a choice between classes while others use a fixed class. The following classes are available and are listed with their associated types.

Туре		Class (defined in the following list)	
Pdr		dix, ieee, token, driver, slip	
Asy		raw, slip, cslip, ppp	
	Class	Description	
	Dix	The DEC/Intel/Xerox Ethernet interface also known as Blue Book Ethernet or Ethernet II.	
	Token	IBM Token Ring. Source routing is supported for multiple rings.	
	Ieee	IEEE: 802.3 Ethernet with SNAP headers.	
	Driver	Use the default class for the packet driver.	

Class Description		Description
	Slip	Serial Link Internet Protocol (SLIP) for point-to-point asynchronous links. This mode is compatible with UNIX SLIP.
	Cslip	Compressed Serial Link Internet Protocol (SLIP) for faster reaction over point-to-point synchronous links.
	Ррр	Point-to-point protocol over asynchronous links.
r	ntu	

mtu specifies the Maximum Transmission Unit size, in bytes. Datagrams larger than this limit are fragmented into smaller pieces at the IP layer. The maximum value of mtu for the various interfaces is:

Ethernet - 1500

For serial links a standard value for *mtu* is 576. (576 is the maximum according to specifications, but may be increased on reliable connections as long as both sides use the same value.)

#### numbuf

*numbuf* specifies how many incoming datagrams may be queued on the receive queue at one time. If this limit is exceeded, further received datagrams are discarded. This mechanism is used to prevent fast interfaces from filling up memory when data cannot be handled fast enough.

## buflim

*buflim* specifies the maximum number of outgoing datagrams or packets to queue before starting to discard datagrams. This mechanism is used to prevent the memory from filling up when a serial link goes down.

### bufsize

*bufsize* specifies the size of the ring buffer in bytes to be allocated to the receiver in raw mode.

### intvec

*intvec* specifies the software interrupt number (vector) in hexadecimal to use for resident packet drivers.

### ioaddr

*ioaddr* is the I/O base address in hexadecimal of a serial port or the hardware controller and must correspond with the jumper or switch settings used during the setup of the controller board. The standard values for serial ports are:

COM1	03F8h
COM2	02F8h
COM3	03E8h
COM4	02E8h

#### iovec

*iovec* is the hardware interrupt vector used by the serial port or controller and must correspond with the jumper or switch settings used during setup of the controller. The standard values for serial ports are:

 COM1
 4

 COM2
 3

 COM3
 4

 COM4
 3

irq

*irq* is the hardware interrupt vector used by the network interface controller. This is only used for faster response in Sockets.

#### modemfile

A file containing the modem commands and scripts.

speed

*speed* specifies the transmission speed for serial interface devices (baud rate). Before using a serial connection you have to set flow control with the param command.

#### **Examples**

```
interface pdr if0 dix 1500 5 0x60
interface asy ser0 cslip 576 15 0x3f8 4 9600
interface asy p0 ppp 1500 30 0x3f8 4 9600 pppmod.mod
```

## ip

ip displays or sets the values of the options selected when defining the IP (internet protocol) host address of the next interface to be defined.

### **Syntax**

```
ip address [hostid [/net_bits] ]
ip status
ip ttl [number]
```

*ip address* sets the IP host address of the next interface to be defined. A route is automatically added to each interface for the default or specified net mask for its address. To make an automatic route the default, specify the net bits as zero. When specified without the optional parameters, ip address displays the current value(s) of the local host IP address(es). To assign different IP addresses to different interfaces on the same host, an ip address statement must precede each interface definition. The last IP address given is used in case of missing ip address statements.

*ip status* displays Internet Protocol (IP) statistics, such as total packet counts and error counters of various types. It also displays statistics on the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP). This includes the number of ICMP messages of each type sent or received.

*ip ttl* sets the default time-to-live value which is placed in each outgoing IP datagram. The ttl value limits the number of gateway hops the datagram is allowed to take in order to kill datagrams that got stuck in loops.

### **Parameters**

#### hostid

*hostid* specifies the IP host address to assign to the next interface to be defined. This may be a symbolic name from the HOSTS file, or a dotted decimal address.

#### /net\_bits

A net mask can be specified for the host. In the ip address command an optional /net\_bits can be used to indicate the number of bits in the network ID. The net mask is used to determine whether an incoming datagram is a broadcast and also for sending UDP broadcasts.

Net masks are more easily represented in binary or hexadecimal format. For example, the IP address 128.1.1.5/24

corresponds to a net mask of 255.255.255.0 (FFFFF00h),

25 bits to 255.255.255.128 (FFFFF80h)

and 26 bits to 255.255.255.192 (FFF FFC0h).

The default net mask used corresponds to the class of address used if not explicitly specified.

Net Bits	Net Mask	Class	IP address range
8	255.0.0.0	А	0.x.x.x to 127.x.x.x
16	255.255.0.0	В	128.x.x.x to 191.x.x.x
24	255.255.255.0	C and higher	192.x.x.x or higher

If you want to subdivide your network, you can divide it by two for every net bit added. The following table provides information on converting between net bits and net mask. The number of net bits to add when changing a 0 in the net mask to:

Net Bits	Net Mask	Net Bits	Net Mask
1	128	5	248
2	192	6	252
3	224	7	254
4	240	8	255

number

When *number* is omitted, ip ttl displays the current value of the time to live parameter.

#### param

param invokes a device-specific control routine. When executed without parameters, param displays defined interface names and device-specific flags. param operates differently for each interface type and even interface mode. In many cases it is used to interrogate the status of an interface. The ifstat and param commands perform similar and, in some cases, exactly the same function.

### Syntax

```
param ifname [arg1...argn]
```

#### **Parameters**

#### ifname

*ifname* defines the name used in the interface command for the device to be controlled.

arg1...argn

These parameters depend on the type of interface in use.

#### Example

To display current serial link settings and restart the statistics on it, use:

param sl0 clear

#### param, Alternative Routing Control Sub-commands

The Alternative Routing Control Sub-commands set up and check the Sockets alternative route mechanism. More than one route can be specified to a target host or network. The first route which has an associated interface in the up state is used.

An interface is in the up state when it is defined by the interface command. It enters the query state when it does not receive valid input within a specified up-time period after sending data expecting a response. At this stage three (catering for links with a high data loss) ICMP echo requests (ping) are sent to a query IP address. It enters the down state by a Sockets command or when it does not receive valid input within the specified up-time period after entering the query state. If an up-time has never been specified or a value of 0 is specified, the interface will stay in the up state whether valid input is received or not.

An interface enters the up state by a Sockets command or when valid input is received on that interface when in the down or query states. An ICMP echo request is sent on an interface in the down state every down-time period. If a down-time has never been specified or a value of 0 is specified, the ICMP echo request will not be sent. Up-time and down-time is specified in seconds.

#### Syntax

```
param ifname [ uptime | downtime ] time
param ifname query hostname
```

#### Example Alternative Routing

Two X.25 interfaces are used to get to the target network 192.6.1.0. The first interface, named if0 should preferably be used, but if it stops receiving for a period of 20 seconds, it should try to ping 192.6.1.2 and if no response is received within another 20 seconds, if1 should take over, but if0 should be tried every five seconds. Interface if1 should disconnect after 80 seconds of no traffic.

The SOCKET.CFG file should contain the following:

```
interface x25 if0 ... ... param if0 uptime 20
param if0 downtime 5
param if0 query 192.6.1.2
interface x25 if1 ... ... param if1 uptime 80
param if1 downtime 5
param if1 query 192.6.1.2
route add 192.6.1.0 if0
route add 192.6.1.0 if1
```

In the case of both if0 and if1 failing, both are tried every five seconds until one comes up. The return paths should also be maintained in a similar way with Sockets or by using RIP.

#### param, RIP Advertising Sub-command for Interfaces

When the rip advertise command has been used, this param sub-command makes allowance to disable and re-enable RIP advertising on a specific interface.

#### Syntax

param ifname [ ripadv | noripadv ]

Examples

```
param if0 noripadv
param if1 ripadv
```

## route

route creates an entry in the IP routing table for Sockets to determine where to send data. The Alternative Routing mechanism allows more than one route to be specified to a particular host or network. Failure of one route causes an automatic switch to the next route.

Refer also to the ip address command for specifying the net mask, because a route is automatically added to each interface for the default or specified net mask for that address. When multiple routes are defined to the same address, Sockets uses the route with the network size (largest number of bits in the net mask).

#### Syntax (general)

```
route [ add | drop destination ifname [gateid |none [
metric [proxy] [private] [static] ] ]
```

#### Syntax (specific)

```
route add [ hostid | netid ] ifname [gateid]
route add [ hostid | netid[/mask] ] ifname [gateid]
route add default ifname
route drop [ hostid | netid ]
route drop [ hostid | netid[/mask] ]
route drop default
```

## **Parameters**

#### add or drop

Sub-command to add or drop (remove) a route from the routing table.

#### default

All transmissions to IP addresses not otherwise defined in routing commands are sent via the network interface specified by *ifname*.

### hostid

*hostid* is the IP address of a destination remote host to which data must be sent, or a remote host which must be removed from the routing table (dropped).

#### netid

*netid* is the IP address of a destination network to which data must be sent. Any host with this IP network address is able to receive the data. Whether a particular host will use the data depends on the host portion of the specific IP address in the IP header.

#### mask

*mask* specifies the number of bits in the network portion of the address if sub-netting is used. If not used, the network portion of the address is determined according to the class (A, B or C) of the address.

#### ifname

*ifname* defines the name used in the interface command for the immediate network on which the data for the designated host must be sent. This is the network level interface to be used by the local host to reach the remote host.

### gateid

*gateid* parameter specifies the IP address of a host, on the same physical network as the local host, which is used as a gateway or router to a different network. The gateway or router host specified in *gateid* must be directly reachable on the same physical network as the local host defining this gateway. In other words, this must be the nearest gateway to this local host.

#### metric

When using RIP or Proxy ARP a value from 0 to 16 for *metric* must be specified indicating the distance or cost of that route. A *metric* of 16 indicates that the route is down.

#### proxy, private and static

To support the Routing Information Protocol (RIP) the route command utilizes the proxy, private and static key words. These words can be used in any order following *metric*.

Proxy ARP should be used with care and not in conjunction with RIP. When more than one host responds to an ARP request, it can cause confusion and even lead to system crashes. This is possible in situations where more than one gateway implements Proxy ARP to a common destination.

When "RIP advertising" is selected, all interfaces advertise all routes except those routes making use of that specific interface (split horizon) and routes marked private. A route which is dropped as a result of a RIP update or which becomes unavailable as a result if its associated interface going into the down state, is immediately advertised as being infinite (metric = 16) and is not advertised until it becomes available again. In order for an interface to be used for advertising, a route without a gateway using that interface must be available. The advertisement is sent as a subnet broadcast using the net mask of the host and the IP address of the interface.

When "RIP using" is selected, routes are updated according to received RIP advertisements. Routes added or amended as a result of RIP, have a timeout associated with them. If another RIP advertisement is not received during that time, the route is dropped. A route is also dropped if an advertisement of infinity (metric = 16) is received. To prevent dropping a route, it must be marked as static. The metric of a route marked static is never updated by a RIP advertisement. Instead a duplicate route is added before the static route. If the duplicate route is dropped as a result of a timeout or RIP, the static route is used again.

### **Examples**

```
route add default ipx0
route add unix_net eth0
route add unix_host ipx1 unx_gate
route add unix_net2 eth0 /eth 1
route add unix_ net ipx0 unx_ gate
route add subnet/26 eth0 sub_gw
route drop unix_net
```

route can specify a Proxy ARP on a route, as follows:

route add net interface gateway metric [proxy]

When using Proxy ARP, gateway and metric must be specified. If no gateway is used, none can be specified. For example:

route add 192.6.1.0 ifx25 none 5 proxy

### tcp

tcp commands display or set various TCP operating parameters. The TCP configuration commands are put into SOCKETS.CFG.

### **Syntax**

```
tcp irtt [time]
tcp lport [port_number]
tcp mss [size]
tcp retry [number]
tcp rtt [time]
tcp smss [size]
tcp timemax [time]
tcp window [size]
```

#### **Parameters**

### time

*time* is the new time value in seconds, or milliseconds if "ms" is appended to the number, as in 2000ms.

## port\_number

*port\_number* is the local port starting number.

#### size

For tcp mss, *size* is the maximum segment size in bytes sent on all outgoing TCP connect requests (SYN segments). *size* tells the remote host the size of the largest segment that may be received by this host. When changing the MSS value, any existing connections remain unchanged.

For tcp smss, *size* is the send maximum segment size in bytes sent on all outgoing TCP connect requests. This limits the size of the largest segment that may be sent by this host. When changing the SMSS value, any existing connections remain unchanged.

For tcp window, *size* is the size of the receive window in bytes for any new TCP connections. Existing connections are unaffected.

### number

*number* is the number of retries attempted without receiving an acknowledge from the remote host before the connection is broken. If the value exceeds 255, it implies an infinite number of retries; such a connection does not time-out. The default value for *number* is 6.

## tcp irtt Sub-command

tcp irtt displays or sets the initial round-trip-time estimate. When specified without an argument, the command displays the current values of TCP parameters including the initial round-trip-time in milliseconds.

*time* is the initial round-trip-time (IRTT) estimate and is used for new TCP connections until the actual value can be measured and adapted to. By increasing this value when operating over slow communication links, unnecessary retransmissions that otherwise occur before the smoothed estimate value approaches the correct value are minimized. The system default is 5000 milliseconds.

To affect incoming connections, tcp irtt should be executed before the servers are started.

### Example

```
tcp irtt 120
```

## Sample Output

TCP: IRTT 5 ms Retry 6 MSS 1460 SMSS 1460 Window 2920

## tcp lport Sub-command

tcp lport specifies the local port starting number. When specified without a number the current value of the next free local port number is displayed.

## Example

```
tcp lport 2004
```

## Sample output

Lport = 2004

### tcp mss Sub-command

tcp mss displays or sets the TCP maximum segment size in bytes. When size is not specified, the current values of the TCP parameters, including the maximum segment size, are displayed. It is recommended to reduce the MSS and SMSS on bad network connections.

## Example

tcp mss 1460

## tcp retry Sub-command

tcp retry displays or sets the retry count before a connection is broken. When specified without the number parameter, tcp retry displays the current values of TCP parameters, including the retry count.

#### tcp rtt sub-command

tcp rtt replaces the automatically computed round-trip time (RTT) for the specified connection with the time in milliseconds. Sockets calculates the RTT as a smooth average of past measured RTTs, starting with the IRTT on a new connection.

To get the current RTT in use for a connection n, use the tcp status n command that will give the smoothed average RTT indicated by SRTT.

Because tcp rtt provides a manual override of the normal back-off retransmission timing mechanisms, it may be used to speed up recovery from a series of lost packets.

### Example

tcp rtt 4 100

### tcp smss sub-command

tcp mss displays or sets the TCP send maximum segment size in bytes. When size is not specified, the current values of the TCP parameters, including the SMSS, are displayed.

A small SMSS causes the remote to reduce its segment size. tcp mss can reduce the MSS and SMSS on bad network connections with high loss rates or where large packets get lost.

#### Example

tcp smss 512

## tcp window sub-command

tcp window displays or sets the default and maximum receive window size.

When specified without the size parameter the current TCP parameters, including the current window size, are displayed.

### Example

tcp window 2920

### tcp timemax sub-command

tcp timemax sets the maximum duration of a tcp retry. If a value greater than 255 seconds is specified, connections will never timeout.

This is very useful in wireless applications where nodes roam in and out of service.

### Example

tcp timemax 2000ms

# **Chapter 7 Troubleshooting**

## **Problem Determination Tips**

Use the tips in this chapter as a guide. They include solutions to the simplest problems as well as things to observe when trying to diagnose more serious problems.

Consider the following:

- If a problem occurs while you're working, stop immediately. If you continue, you may lose data and destroy problem-related information.
- Observe what is happening. Write down what the MX3 and any optional devices are doing as well as what actions you took immediately before the problem occurred.
- Consider the simplest solution first. Ask yourself logical questions and consider alternatives.
- Which part of the system is operating erratically? Keypad? Disk/Flash Drive? Barcode Scanner? Radio? Display? Each produces different symptoms.
- What program and/or optional devices are you using?
- What appears on the screen? Do you see any messages or random characters? Look up any messages in the documentation for your software, (e.g. DOS, etc.)
- Are any LEDs illuminated? Which ones?
- Do you hear any beeps? How many? Are they long or short?
- Is the MX3 making any unusual noises?
- See if you can cause the problem to occur again. This may help you understand the source of the problem and will help you describe the problem if you must call for technical assistance.
- Make sure you are operating under the specified environmental conditions discussed in Chapter 3, "Power Supply" and Appendix C, "Technical Specifications", subsection "Environmental Specifications".

Use the troubleshooting procedures that follow these tips and, if necessary, perform any diagnostic procedures that may apply.

Based on the answers to the previous questions and suggestions, try to narrow the problem down to one of the following areas:

- Startup Problems
- Hardware Problems (i.e. power source, keypad, display, hard drive, PCMCIA cards, optional devices, etc.)
- Radio Problems
- Software Related Problems
- Memory

The following sections provide more detailed troubleshooting information about each of these areas.

# **Startup Problems**

This section lists some of the configuration error messages that may appear at system startup and their possible solutions.

*Note:* If you press the Power key and the MX3 remains off, refer to the "Power Source" section of this chapter.

Problem	Solution
MX3 computer stops working and locks up each time you start it.	Your CONFIG.SYS or AUTOEXEC.BAT file might be corrupt. To recover from this error, follow the steps in the "Bypassing the Configuration Files" section of this chapter.
The MX3 displays the "Non- System disk or disk error" message.	Make sure the MX3 is booting from the proper drive. To recover from this error, follow the steps in the "Verifying Boot Order" section of this chapter.
The MX3 displays the "Bad or missing Command Interpreter" message.	You're missing the COMMAND.COM file, which should be located in the root directory of the C drive. To recover from this error, follow the steps in the "Missing COMMAND.COM" section of this chapter.
The MX3 displays either "CMOS time and date not set" or "Real time clock failure" messages.	There may be a problem with the Backup Battery. Follow the steps in the "Setting System Time and Date" section of this chapter.

# **Bypassing the Configuration Files**

If you are using DOS 6.0 or higher, you may want to bypass the configuration files and restore configuration files from backup. To bypass the configuration files:

- 1. Turn on the MX3.
- 2. When "Starting DOS" appears press the <F5> key.

## **Verifying Boot Order**

- 1. During bootup, the <F2> key must be pressed to enter BIOS Setup. Turn on the MX3. Press <F2>. (If Main Menu BIOS parameter Setup Msg is turned Off, the "Press F2" message is not seen but the <F2> key function is still available.)
- 2. At the BIOS Setup Main Menu, view the Boot parameter.
- 3. If the Boot parameter is not already highlighted, press the <DownArrow> until it is highlighted.
- 4. Make sure the field entry is set to "C:", if not press SP, and change the field entry to "C:".
- 5. Press <Right Arrow> until you reach the Exit menu.
- 6. Select "Save and Exit" to save the changes. Press <Enter>. If the MX3 does not reboot automatically, reboot the MX3.

If the error continues please contact LXE Technical Support.

## Missing COMMAND.COM

If the computer displays "Bad or missing Command Interpreter", the computer is configured to start from the hard disk and...

- the COMMAND.COM file was accidentally deleted, or
- the operating system can't find the COMMAND.COM file (it may be in a directory other than the root directory), or
- an incompatible version of COMMAND.COM was copied over the COMMAND.COM version supplied with the MX3.

To replace the command interpreter, follow these steps:

- 1. Make sure the MX3 is powered off.
- 2. Remove the endcap.
- 3. Insert the DOS boot SRAM card into Slot 0, the right slot.

*Note:* You should have created a DOS boot SRAM when you received the *MX3*.

- 4. Power on the MX3.
- 5. If you receive the "Bad or missing command interpreter" message continue with step 6, otherwise go to step 12.

## **Edit BIOS Setup**

- 6. During bootup the <F2> key must be pressed to enter BIOS Setup. You may need to reboot.
- 7. At the BIOS Setup Main Menu, view Boot parameter.
- 8. If the Boot Sequence parameter is not already highlighted, press the <DownArrow> until it is highlighted.
- 9. Press SPC until the field entry is changed to "A: then C:".
- 10. Press <Right Arrow> until you reach the Exit menu.
- 11. Select "Save and Exit" to save the changes. Press <Enter>.

## **Copy File**

12. When the DOS prompt appears, type

SYS C:

and press <Enter>.

13. Type

Type C:\AUTOEXEC.BAT

and press < Enter>.

If your AUTOEXEC.BAT file contains a COMSPEC command, confirm that it identifies the correct location for COMMAND.COM (i.e. the C:\ directory).



Please refer to commercially available DOS User's Guides for complete instructions or troubleshooting when using these DOS files or commands.

14. Type

Type C:\CONFIG.SYS

and press <Enter>.

If your CONFIG.SYS file contains a SHELL command, confirm that it identifies the correct location for COMMAND.COM (the C:\ directory).

- 15. Power off the MX3.
- 16. Remove the DOS boot SRAM card.
- 17. Replace the PC card cover.
- 18. Power on the MX3.

## **Setting System Time and Date**

- 1. If the MX3 is not already powered up, turn it on.
- 2. During bootup the <F2> key must be pressed to enter BIOS Setup.
- 3. At the BIOS Setup Main Menu, move the highlight to the Time parameter.
- 4. Type the desired entry and then press the <Tab> key to move from hours to minutes to seconds. The colons are automatically added by the system.
- 5. Press the <DownArrow> to move to the Date parameter.
- 6. Type the desired entry and then press the <Tab> key to move from month to day to year. The backslashes are automatically added by the system.
- 7. Press <Right Arrow> until you reach the Exit menu.
- 8. Select "Save and Exit" to save the changes. Press <Enter>.

If the MX3 does not automatically reboot, turn the MX3 off and then on again.

## **Hardware Problems**

This section lists possible solutions to some common problems with hardware.

## **Power Source**

The MX3 receives power from an internal battery pack. The MX3's battery can be recharged while it is in a charging station (battery only) or docking stations (MX3 with battery).

Problem	Solution
The computer won't start.	Make sure the main battery is installed and fully charged.
Power key will not turn the unit off	Force a Power Off by holding the Power key down for 15 seconds. Locate and correct the problem before powering the unit back on $-$ e.g. IRQ conflict, very low battery power, radio conflict, unexpected software application result, etc.

If you cannot find the source of the problem, consult LXE Technical Support.

# Keypad

The following table provides solutions to common keypad problems:

Problem	Solution
Get an unexpected character or function when pressing some keys.	Make sure the correct keyboard and radio drivers are loaded.
The keyboard locked and you cannot use <ctrl> + <alt> + <del> to reboot.</del></alt></ctrl>	The Ctl+Alt+Del function may be disabled in BIOS Setup. Use the Power key to reboot the MX3.

## **Display**

For general display problems follow these guidelines.

ProblemSolutionUnable to read the display in<br/>outdoor lighting.Adjust the display contrast.

## **Hard Disk Drive**

Note: Primary storage is accomplished by an integrated flash circuit. BIOS software in the MX3 provides an interface layer between the operating system and the hardware. To the operating system (DOS) and the application software, the flash looks like a small hard disk drive. The flash drive is still susceptible to many of the same problems as a hard drive. If the computer is interrupted while writing data to a disk, the disk may become corrupted. Interruptions include such things as power failure, operator generated power removal, operator generated reboot or catastrophic software failure (crash).

If you have problems with the hard disk drive, run the DOS CHKDSK utility. CHKDSK analyzes the directories, files and File Allocation Table (FAT) on the flash disk.



For information on running CHKDSK, refer to the DOS documentation.

If CHKDSK does not report any errors and the hard disk still has problems, contact LXE Technical Support.

# **PCMCIA Cards**

Problem	Solution
You are having trouble accessing data on a PCMCIA card or some of the data appears to be missing.	Run the DOS CHKDSK command, which analyzes the directories, files and the File Allocation Table (FAT) on the card.
CHKDSK reports no errors and you're still experiencing problems.	Can you access the PCMCIA card? Try to view the contents of the directory. For example, try using the DOS DIR command. If the DIR command doesn't display all the files stored in the directory, recovering data is unlikely.
SRAM card will not work.	PicoCard supports SRAM cards with the Phoenix ATA driver PCMATA. Format the SRAM in another computer and try again.
Data files are damaged or corrupted.	Refer to your software documentation for file recovery procedures. Many software packages automatically create backup files.
Receive message "Warning: conflict with system COM".	The COM port selected is already being used by another device. If you know what COM ports are available, you can edit the PCM.INI file and change the COMORDER= number to an available COM port.
	<i>Note: COM4 seems to be the best choice for PC Cards.</i>
Receive message "Invalid command line switch".	Command line switches are in the PCM.INI file, not the CONFIG.SYS file.
Receive message "A previous version of Card and Socket Services has been detected. You must first remove this version and rerun install."	Run Deinstall to remove the older/other software. DEINSTAL.EXE is a stand-alone DOS program.

## **Upper Memory Conflicts**

Some drivers require an unused upper memory block. In this case, "unused" means that the upper memory block<sup>5</sup> does not contain any ROM or RAM.

Driver	Memory Required	Default Address Range
PCMCS95.EXE	4K	C800-C8FF
PCMATA.SYS	16K per SRAM card	C900
PCMFFCS.EXE	4K to 64K	D000 - (dependent on variable size)
PCMFDD.EXE	16K	D000-D3FF

Available upper memory (C800 - DFFF) is crucial to using PCMCIA cards successfully. The addresses shown above have the following characteristics:

- The system has no RAM at these addresses.
- The system has no ROM at these addresses.
- Run a utility, such as MSD.EXE (not included with the MX3) which shows the memory requested with ADDR= and /BASE= parameters listed as "available".

## **IRQ** Assignments

AT compatible systems have 16 IRQs, numbered 0 through 15, many of which are already assigned as follows:

<u>IRQs</u>	<u>Device(s)</u>
IRQ0	Timer Output
IRQ1	Keyboard
IRQ2	Route to Interrupt Controller 2, IRQ8-IRQ15
IRQ3	.Serial Port COM2
IRQ4	.Serial Port COM1
IRQ5	.Reserved for PC Cards
IRQ6	.Floppy Disk Controller
IRQ7	.Power Management
IRQ8	.Real Time Clock
IRQ9	Keyboard
IRQ10	.PC Card Controller
IRQ11	.Reserved for PC Cards
IRQ12	Touch Screen Data
IRQ13	80x87 Math Coprocessor
IRQ14	.Hard Disk Controller
IRQ15	.Some Hard Disk/SCSI Controllers (Default)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> UMB is fully allocated in the MX3. Do not load drivers that require UMB or EMM386.EXE.

## **Optional Devices**

This section provides information on solving problems related to optional devices.

*Note: Make sure the MX3 is powered on before you turn on any powered optional devices.* 

To help determine which device is causing the problem:

- Check that all connecting cables are correctly and firmly attached. Loose cables can cause erroneous or intermittent signals. You may need to inspect connecting cables for loose wires, and check connectors for loose pins.
- Isolate the problem. Turn the computer off and remove all devices. Turn the computer on and write down any error messages.
- Turn the computer off. Add one optional device and turn the computer on again. Continue this procedure of adding one device at a time until you resolve the problem.
- Device Configuration. The smooth operation of the system depends on the interaction of all devices, programs and features.
- *Note:* Before you make any changes to your configuration files, make a copy of each file (typically with a different extension, for example, copy AUTOEXEC.BAT to AUTOEXEC.OLD). After you modify the configuration files, restart the computer for the changes to take effect.

The following table provides some solutions to common configuration problems:

Problem	Solution
You connected a device and the device isn't operating properly.	• If you start programs or drivers from the configuration files (CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT), remove the commands that start those programs from the configuration files and restart the computer.
	• Add the program commands back into the configuration files one at a time until the problem reappears. Experiment with the order of the programs. (Keep in mind that some files must be loaded prior to others in order for your system to operate properly. Check the software documentation for any configuration requirements.)
You connected an external device and the computer isn't operating properly.	<ul><li>Make sure you chose the correct setting for the device in the BIOS Setup utility.</li><li>You may have plugged in a device when the MX3 was</li></ul>
	on. Turn the MX3 off, reconnect the device and turn the MX3 on again.
	• The cable wiring may be faulty. Try a different cable or check the device's wiring requirements. Check all the connections. Try operating the system again.

# **Radio Problems**

Problem:	The radio is on, configured properly and still won't transmit or receive data.
Solution	Make sure the sending system is not busy or off-line.
The 2.4GHz Radios	
Problem:	The Proxim 2.4GHz radio won't receive or transmit properly.
Solution:	Check the settings in the NET.CFG or SOCKETS.CFG files (i.e. communications parameters: station type, Domain, etc.) Refer to Chapter 6, "RF Network Configuration" for information on how to modify these settings.
Problem:	The Lucent 2.4GHz radio won't connect to the network even though everything else seems to be working properly.
Solution:	Check WaveLAN/IEEE Advanced Setup configuration for the Access Point and to see if you have configured the wireless network as a "Closed System". If this is the case then the WaveLAN Network Name on the station must match what is configured in the Access Point.
	- <i>Or</i> -
	The string for WaveLAN_Network_Name is case-sensitive. The WaveLAN DOS ODI driver requires the use of only UPPER-CASE characters. If you have configured the Access Points with lower-case names you will need to change your Access Point WaveLAN_Network_Name parameter to UPPER-CASE characters for proper operation.
The 900MHz Radios	
Problem:	The 900MHz radio won't receive or transmit properly.
Calution	Defer to the environmentate Terminal Emulation Deference Cuide for information

Solution: Refer to the appropriate Terminal Emulation Reference Guide for information on how to modify RF parameters for the 900MHz PCMCIA radio.

# **Software Related Problems**

Consider the following:

- If an error message appears while you are using a software package, check the software documentation first. It usually includes a troubleshooting section or summary of error messages. If you cannot find the error message in the software documentation, look for the message in the ROM-DOS documentation.
- If you cannot load a software package, the SRAM card (or diskette if using REMSERVE.EXE) may be corrupt, try another card/disk. If you have received a bad disk/SRAM card call the manufacturer for a new one.
- Some software may be incompatible with other software already installed. If the problem continues, contact the manufacturer of the software program.
- Some software may require more time than the Video Timer parameter maximum value (15 minutes) to install. In this case, press an arrow key or the spacebar to keep the MX3 "awake" until the software installation is complete.
- Be sure you have enough memory and hard disk space to handle the software being installed.

# **FTP Kernel**

If you cannot connect to the network or if you do not have any success using XPING try the following:

- 1. Ensure that you have restarted your system, after making changes to any configuration files. Changes to your configuration files will not take effect until you restart your system.
- 2. Verify that you have a valid entry in the SOCKET.CFG file for IP addresses.
- 3. Ensure that network driver parameters and configuration files, such as NET.CFG, have the correct entries.
- 4. Verify that your system files (AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS) have the correct entries. Refer to Chapter 4, "System Configuration", for the correct parameters for AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS.

## Convert MX3 from MS-DOS to ROM-DOS

This section is contained in this manual to assist the System Administrator when upgrading existing MS-DOS units to ROM-DOS units. MX3s received from LXE after March 2001 do not require ROM-DOS upgrades.

From the ROM-DOS directory create a bootable 1M SRAM or bootable ATA card.

- 1. Type the following at the DOS prompt, assuming the SRAM card is located in Drive D:
- 12. Sys d:
- 13. Copy the following ROM-DOS files to the SRAM card by typing at the DOS prompt:
- 14. Copy sys.com d:
- 15. Copy format.com d:
- 16. Insert the SRAM card in the MX3's PC slot and edit BIOS Setup to allow bootup from the SRAM card.
- 17. Reboot the MX3 and format the unit by typing the following at the DOS prompt:
- 18. format c: /s /u

# Memory

This section lists possible solutions to some common memory problems.

# **Conventional Memory**

If your program reports that there isn't enough memory for it to run, you may not have enough conventional memory available for that program. To determine the memory needs of the program and the availability of memory in the MX3, follow these steps:

- 1. Check the software documentation to see what kind of memory the program can use (conventional, extended or expanded)<sup>6</sup>.
- 2. At the system prompt, type MEM to run the DOS MEM command and check how much conventional memory is left for your programs. (MEM reports the number of bytes available.)
- 3. Refer to the program's documentation to verify that this is enough memory to run the program. If not, you may need to remove device drivers or memory-resident programs from the CONFIG.SYS or AUTOEXEC.BAT files. (If unsure of how to accomplish this, contact LXE Technical Support.)

When you start the computer and it displays an error during the memory test, write down the error and call LXE Technical Support.

# **Extended Memory**

To use software with extended memory, the software must be compatible with the Extended Memory Specification (XMS).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> UMB is fully allocated in the MX3. Do not load drivers that require UMB or EMM386.EXE.

# Power On Self Test (POST)

Each time the MX3 is turned on (or is rebooted using  $\langle Ctrl \rangle + \langle Alt \rangle + \langle Del \rangle$ ), a series of comprehensive hardware tests are performed. These tests are called the Power On Self Test, or POST.

In the event that the system does not complete the POST, a beep code will sound. If this happens, contact LXE Customer Support.

If the LXE MX3 display is operational and the unit appears to boot when you turn it on, yet behaves in a manner that leads you to believe it is not working properly, refer to Chapter 7, "Troubleshooting". If the unit still operates erratically, contact LXE Customer Support (refer to "Getting Help" section in Chapter 1, "Introduction"). You may need to return the MX3 for service.

## **POST Error Messages**

The following table lists the POST error messages for the MX3. If problems persist, contact LXE Customer Support (refer to "Getting Help" section in Chapter 1, "Introduction").

#### Message

System CMOS checksum bad - run SETUP

#### **Possible Cause**

The backup battery may be completely drained.

#### Action

Insert a new battery pack. The battery pack will begin charging the backup battery. Wait until the BB LED goes off. Turn the power off, then back on again. If the problem persists, contact LXE Customer Support.

#### Message

Stuck Key

### **Possible Cause**

A keypad key may be stuck in the down position.

#### Action

Check the keypad for a physically stuck key and loosen the key. Turn the power off, then back on again. If the problem persists, contact LXE Customer Support.

#### Message

Previous boot incomplete - Default configuration used

#### Action

Run BIOS Setup to recall the previously saved settings. Turn the power off, then back on again. If the problem persists, contact LXE Customer Support.

# **Messages Probably Requiring Repair**

#### Message

```
Operating system not found
Keyboard error
K System RAM Failed at offset:
K Shadow Ram Failed at offset:
K Extended RAM Failed at offset:
System cache error - Cache disabled
System timer error
Real time clock error
Keyboard controller error
```

### Action

Turn the power off, then back on again. If the problem persists, contact LXE Customer Support for repair instruction.

# **POST Beep Codes**

The system speaker emits a coded beep to alert the user that the system failed the Power On Self Test. If this happens, contact qualified service personnel. Do not attempt to fix the problem yourself.

Beep codes are listed below with a short description of the error.

Beep Seq.	Description
1-2-2-3	BIOS ROM Checksum Failure
1-3-1-1	DRAM Refresh Failure
1-3-1-3	Keyboard Controller Failure
1-3-4-1	512KB Base Address Line Failure
1-3-4-3	512KB Base Memory Failure
2-1-2-3	ROM Copyright Notice Error
2-2-3-1	Unexpected Interrupt

# If You Need Further Assistance

If you have followed these recommendations and are still having problems, you may need additional technical assistance. This section contains the steps to take as you prepare to ask for help.

# **Before You Call**

Since some problems you experience may be related to the operating system or software, it is important to investigate other sources of assistance first. Try the following before contacting LXE.

- Review the troubleshooting information in commercially available DOS documentation.
- If the problem occurs while running software applications loaded after your purchase of the MX3, consult the software documentation for troubleshooting suggestions. Contact the software company's technical support department for assistance.

# Appendix A Key Maps

# **Keypads**

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	^YZ ENTER ►	

200 AL CIR 947 CM	LXtrEme™ MX <sub>3</sub>	EW MI CHER
2nd CAPS F1 Break F2 F3 F4 F5 F6	F7 F8 F9 Bitt F10 PgUp	7 8 9
	· I (O P Ins BkSp ♥	<b>■</b> 4 <b>§</b> 5 <b>§</b> 6
	- M ENTER ►	

## Figure A-1 ABCD Keypad and QWERTY Keypad

The key maps that follow represent the commands used with batch units and when running LXE's ANSI Plus (with either 900MHz or 2.4GHz radios) or LDS Plus (with 900MHz radios) Terminal Emulation (TE) programs. When running these programs on the MX3, please refer to the following terminal emulation reference guides for equivalent keys and keypress sequences:

- ANSI Plus Reference Guide
- LDS Plus Reference Guide

# Key Map 101-Key Equivalencies for Batch Units

*Note:* The batch unit key mapping is used on mobile computers that are NOT running an LXE *Terminal Emulator.* 

When using a sequence of keys that includes the  $2^{nd}$  key, press the  $2^{nd}$  key first then the rest of the key sequence. Set the On/Off condition of NumLock before pressing a key sequence. There is no visual indication of the condition of NumLock.

- *Note:* When the computer boots, the default condition of NumLock is On. NumLock can be set using BIOS Setup.
- *Note:* When the computer boots, the default condition of Caps (or CapsLock) is Off. The Caps (or CapsLock) condition can be set using BIOS Setup or toggled with a 2<sup>nd</sup>-F1 key sequence. The CAPS LED is illuminated when CapsLock is On.

To get this key		Press 1	Drace this key			
to get this key	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shift	Ctrl	Alt	CapsLock	Press this key
Contrast	х					F6
Volume	х					F8
Backlight	х					F10
2 <sup>nd</sup>						2 <sup>nd</sup>
Shift						Shft
Alt						Alt
Ctrl						Ctrl
Scan <sup>7</sup>						Scan
Esc						Esc
Space						Spc
Enter						Enter
Enter (numeric)	х		х			Enter
CapsLock (Toggle)	х					F1
Back Space						BkSp
Tab						Tab
BackTab	х					Tab
Break	х					F2
Pause	х	х				F3
Up Arrow						Up Arrow
Down Arrow						Down Arrow
Right Arrow						Right Arrow
Left Arrow						Left Arrow
Insert	х					BkSp
Delete	х					DOT
Home	х					Left Arrow

<sup>7</sup> Left Scan key default value is Numeric Enter. Right Scan key default value is Scan.

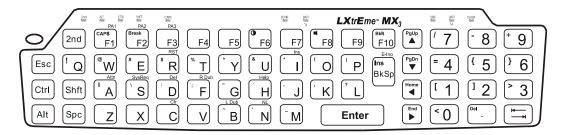
To pat this loss Press These Keys and Then						
To get this key	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shift	Ctrl	Alt	CapsLock	Press this key
End	х					Right Arrow
Page Up	х					Up Arrow
Page Down	х					Down Arrow
Right Shift	х	х				F7
Right Alt	х	х				F8
Right Ctrl	х	х				F9
ScrollLock	х	х				F4
PrintScrn	х	х				F6
SysReq	х	х				F5
F1						F1
F2						F2
F3						F3
F4						F4
F5						F5
F6						F6
F7						F7
F8						F8
F9						F9
F10						F10
F11	х	x				F1
F12	х	x				F2
а					x	А
b					x	В
С					x	С
d					x	D
e					x	E
f					x	F
g					x	G
h					x	Н
i					x	I
j		1			x	J
k					x	К
I					x	L
m					x	М
n					x	Ν
0					x	0
р					x	Р
q					x	Q
r					x	R
S		ł			x	S

To get this key	this key Press These Keys and Then			Press this key		
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shift	Ctrl	Alt	CapsLock	
t					x	Т
u					x	U
v					x	V
W					x	W
x					x	Х
У					x	Y
z					x	Z
А						А
В						В
С						С
D						D
E						E
F						F
G						G
Н						Н
I						I
J						J
К						К
L						L
М						М
N						Ν
0						0
Р						Р
Q						Q
R						R
S						S
Т						Т
U						U
V						V
W						W
Х						Х
Y						Y
Z						Z
1 (alpha)	х	х				1
2 (alpha)	х	х				2
3 (alpha)	х	x			1	3
4 (alpha)	х	x			1	4
5 (alpha)	х	x			1	5
6 (alpha)	х	х			1	6
7 (alpha)	х	x			1	7

To get this have		Press These Keys and Then			Droce this key	
To get this key	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shift	Ctrl	Alt	CapsLock	Press this key
8 (alpha)	х	х				8
9 (alpha)	х	x				9
0 (alpha)	х	х				0
DOT (alpha)	х					К
1 (numeric)						1
2 (numeric)						2
3 (numeric)						3
4 (numeric)						4
5 (numeric)						5
6 (numeric)						6
7 (numeric)						7
8 (numeric)						8
9 (numeric)						9
0 (numeric)						0
DOT (numeric)						DOT
<	х					0
[	х					1
]	х					2
>	х					3
=	х					4
{	х					5
}	х					6
/ (numeric)	х		х			7
/ (alpha)	х					7
- (numeric)	х		х			8
- (minus sign)	х					8
- (alpha)	х					8
+ (numeric)	х		х			9
+ (alpha)	х					9
* (numeric)	х					
* (alpha)	х		х			
: (colon)	х					D
; (semicolon)	х					F
?	x					L
、	x					Ν
_ (underscore)	x					М
, (comma)	x				1	J
' (apostrophe)	x				1	Н
~ (tilde)	x					В
1	х				1	S

To get this key		Press 1	Then	Press this key		
To get this key	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shift	Ctrl	Alt	CapsLock	Fless this key
	х					А
и	х					G
!	х					Q
@	х					W
#	х					E
\$	х					R
%	х					Т
٨	х					Y
&	х					U
(	х					0
)	х					Р

# IBM 3270 and TN3270 Terminal Emulator Keypad



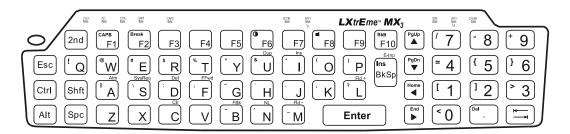
## Figure A-2 IBM 3270 Specific Keypad

This QWERTY keypad is designed to allow the user to enter terminal emulator commands when running LXE's IBM 3270 and TN3270 Terminal Emulation (TE) programs. The MX3's ABCD keypad is not available for these terminal emulations.

When running these programs on the MX3, please refer to the following terminal emulation reference guides for equivalent keys and keypress sequences:

- 3270 Terminal Reference Guide (3270 DOS TE)
- 3270 Programmer's Reference Guide
- TN3270 Terminal Reference Guide

## IBM 5250 and TN5250 Terminal Emulator Keypad



### Figure A-3 IBM 5250 Specific Keypad

This QWERTY keypad is designed to allow the user to enter terminal emulator commands when running LXE's IBM 5250 and TN5250 Terminal Emulation (TE) programs. The MX3's ABCD keypad is not available for these terminal emulations.

When running these programs on the MX3, please refer to the following terminal emulation reference guides for equivalent keys and keypress sequences:

- 5250 Terminal Reference Guide (5250 DOS TE)
- 5250 Programmer's Reference Guide
- TN5250 Terminal Reference Guide

# Appendix B Technical Specifications

# **Physical Specifications**

Features		Specifications	Comments		
СРИ		Intel 486SX 25 MHz	32 bit CPU (with on-chip cache)		
Memory	ROM	1MB BIOS Flash			
	RAM	4 MB Dynamic RAM	System Mer	mory	
Display	Controller	VGA Compatible Controller	512 KB of 7	Video RAM	
	LCD	Monochrome Transflective	Transflectiv	e LCD	
		w/optional Touchscreen	Customer C Backlightin	configurable g	
			Touchscreen - LXE Installed Option		
Mass Storage Flash Removable PC Card (Customer Installable)		4 MB	Drive C:		
		SRAM or Flash PCMCIA Type II PC Cards (Various Sizes) Bootable SRAM PC Card, ATA Flash PC Card, or ATA Hard Drive PC Card	Configurable as Drive Da and E: SRAM PC card Boots as Drive A: Others boot as Drive C:		
		Solid State Disk and ATA Rotating Hard Drive PCMCIA Type III Drive (Various Sizes)	Configurable as Drive D and E:		
PCMCIA Interface		Two (2) PCMCIA Slots: Slot 1 accepts Type I, II, and III Slot 0 accepts Type I and II	Compatible with the PCMCIA version 2.1 standard.		
Weights		Unit with radio, battery and scanner endcap	Less than 30 oz	>850g	
		Battery	5.6 oz	157g	
		Radio Card 2.4GHz Type II 900MHz	1.0 oz 1.6 oz	28g 45g	
		SRAM Card	1 oz	28g	

Features		Specifications	Comment	8	
External Connectors/	Interface	IrDA Connector (COM 2) bi- directional half-duplex	Supports 1 (IrDA soft 19.2k bauc	ware restricts to	
		Endcap - Dual Serial, DB-9 Connector (COM 1 and COM 2)			
		Endcap - includes Scanner, DB-9 Connector (COM 1)	1		
Power Conn	ector	8.5V - 15 VDC Input Power	External Battery Charger Contacts		
		10.8 - 16VDC Input Power	Power Jack		
Dimensions	w/Endcap	Length	6.5"	165 cm	
		Width	9"	228 cm	
		Depth	1.5"	38 cm	
Batteries	Main	10.8V, 3 cell, Li-Ion battery pack	In-Unit Chargeable or Externally Chargeable		
Backup (CMOS)		Internal Nickel-Cadmium (NiCd) 5.7V max.	Automatically charges from Main Battery during normal operation		
		Keeps for 5 n upon u		Keeps MX3 operational for 5 minutes (depending spon usage) when Main Battery is depleted	

# **Environmental Specifications**

# LXE MX3 and Endcaps

Feature	Specification
Operating Temperature	-4°F to 122°F (-20°C to 50°C)
Storage Temperature	-22°F to 140°F (-30°C to 60°C)
Water	IEC IP55 (with standard endcaps)
MX3 - Sand and Dust	IEC IP55 (with standard endcaps)
Endcaps - Water and Dust	IEC IP56 (with standard endcaps)
Operating Humidity	Up to 90% non-condensing at 104°F (40°C)
Vibration	Based on MIL Std 810D
ESD	8 KV air, 4kV direct contact
Shock	Multiple 4 foot drops to concrete 6 foot with protective cover

# **Power Supplies**

# **US AC Wall Adapter**

Feature	Specification
Input Power Switch	None
Power "ON" Indicator	None
Input Fusing	Thermal Fuse
Input Voltage	108VAC min - 132VAC max
Input Frequency	47 - 63 Hz
Input Connector	North American wall plug, no ground
Output Connector	Barrel connector, female, 5.5 x 2.5 x 11.5mm, Center Positive
Output Voltage	+12VDC, unregulated
Output Current	0 Amps min, 1.5 A max
Operating Temperature	32° F to 104° F / 0° C to 40° C
Storage Temperature	-13° F to 158° F / -25° C to 70° C
Humidity	Operates in a relative humidity of: 5 – 95% (non-condensing)

# International AC Adapter

Feature	Specification
Operating Temperature	32°F to 104°F (-0°C to 40°C)
Storage Temperature	-13°F to 158°F (-25°C to 70°C)
Operating Humidity	Up to 90% non-condensing at 104°F (40°C)
Input Power Switch	None
Power "ON" Indicator	None
Input Voltage	108VAC min - 264VAC max
Input Frequency	47 - 63 Hz
Input Connector	Customer supplied
Output Connector	Barrel connector, female, 5.5 x 2.5 x 11mm, Center Positive
Output Voltage	+12VDC, regulated
Output Voltage Regulation	+/- 5%
Output Current	0 Amps min, 1.00 Amps max

# **Display Specifications**

Feature	Specification	Comments
Туре	Transflective Monochrome LCD	Electroluminescent Backlighting
Resolution	640x240 pixels	30 lines x 80 characters 15 lines x 80 characters
Cell Size	DOS Mode	8 x 8 8 x 16
Size	¹∕₂ VGA	
Diagonal Viewing Area	5.92 in (150.4mm)	
Dot Pitch	0.22mm	
Dot Size	0.20mm x 0.20mm	
Gray Scale	16 Shades of Gray	

# **Radio Specifications**

# PCMCIA 900 MHz Type III

Bus Interface:	PCMCIA 2.0, Type III slot
Radio Frequencies:	902.2 MHz to 927.8 MHz FH SS
RF Data Rates:	64K bits/sec CPFSK
RF Power Output:	$250 \text{ mW} \pm 2.0 \text{ dB}$ into 50 Ohms (varies by country)
Channel Spacing:	400 KHz or 200 KHz
Operating Temperature MX3	-20°C to +50°C, -4°F to 122°F
Storage Temperature MX3	-40°C to 70°C, -40°F to 158°F
Connectivity:	Novell, TCP/IP, Ethernet, NDIS, ODI
Antenna	Internal

# LXE 6400 PCMCIA 2.4 GHz Type II

Bus Interface:	PCMCIA 2.0, Type II slot
Radio Frequencies:	2.4 - 2.4835 GHz FH SS
RF Data Rates:	0.8 / 1.6 Mbps
RF Power Level:	100 mW (varies by country)
Channels	15
Operating Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Storage Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Connectivity:	Novell, TCP/IP, Ethernet, NDIS, ODI
Antenna	Internal

# LXE 6500 PCMCIA 2.4 GHz Type II

Bus Interface:	PCMCIA 2.0, Type II slot
Radio Frequencies:	2.4 - 2.4835 GHz IEEE 802.11b DS SS
RF Data Rates:	1 / 2 Mbps
RF Power Level:	15 dBm nominal (varies by country)
Channels	11 US, 13 Europe, 4 France, 14 Japan
Operating Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Storage Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Connectivity:	Novell, TCP/IP, Ethernet, ODI
Antenna	Internal

# PCMCIA Cisco 2.4 GHz Type II

Bus Interface:	PCMCIA 2.0, Type II slot
Radio Frequencies:	2.4 - 2.4835 GHz IEEE 802.11b DS SS
RF Data Rates:	11 Mbps maximum
RF Power Level:	35 mW nominal
Channels	11 US, 13 Europe, 4 France, 1 Japan
Operating Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Storage Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Connectivity:	Novell, TCP/IP, Ethernet, ODI
Antenna	Internal

# PCMCIA Symbol 2Mb 2.4 GHz Type II

Bus Interface:	PCMCIA 2.0, Type II slot
Radio Frequencies:	2.4 - 2.5 GHz FH SS
RF Data Rates:	2 Mbps maximum
RF Power Level:	100 mW
Channels	15
Operating Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Storage Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Connectivity:	Novell, TCP/IP, Ethernet, NDIS, ODI
Antenna	Internal

# PCMCIA Symbol 11Mb 2.4 GHz Type II

Bus Interface:	PCMCIA 2.0, Type II slot
Radio Frequencies:	2.4 - 2.5 GHz IEEE 802.11b DS SS
RF Data Rates:	11 Mbps maximum
RF Power Level:	100 mW
Channels	11 US, 13 Europe, 4 France, 1 Japan
Operating Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Storage Temperature	see MX3 Environmental Specs
Connectivity:	Novell, TCP/IP, Ethernet, ODI
Antenna	Internal

# Appendix C Commands

# Introduction

This appendix describes the Datalight ROM-DOS commands *that are loaded in the MX3 by LXE*. The information in this appendix is taken from Datalight's "ROM-DOS 6.22 User's Guide" and is used by permission.

# **ROM-DOS Commands**

Each entry includes an explanation of the command's purpose, the command entry syntax, remarks, and examples. Where applicable, command syntax and parameters are given. Parameters may be supplied using either uppercase or lowercase letters, and the hyphen (-) may be substituted for the forward slash (/).

Each command also has a label to designate whether it is an internal or external command. Internal commands are part of the command processor program, COMMAND.COM. These functions are available only while COMMAND.COM is running. External commands are actually stand-alone utility programs. They are independent from COMMAND.COM.

# **ANSI.SYS**

## Туре

Installable Device Driver

## Purpose

ANSI.SYS is a console device driver that allows you to support ANSI codes on the local display.

## **Syntax**

Device=ANSI.SYS [options]

## Remarks

ANSI.SYS supports standard ANSI escape sequences.

ANSI.SYS writes directly the screen when using text video mode.

## **Options**

The /K option forces use of the extended keyboard BIOS calls which sense F11 and F12.

The X option lets you redefine the extended keys independently.

The /S option disables the keyboard redefinition feature.

The /Tnn option indicates that the video mode nn is a text mode. By default, modes 0, 1, 2, 3 and 7 are text modes.

## **Examples**

DEVICE=ANSI.SYS

This example loads ANSI.SYS with default settings.

DEVICE=ANSI.SYS /T54 /S

Load ANSI.SYS with mode 54h as a video text mode and disable keyboard redefinition.

# ATTRIB.EXE

### Туре

External

## Purpose

The ATTRIB command either displays or modifies the attribute of a file.

#### **Syntax**

ATTRIB [+ ; -] [option] [filespec]

## Remarks

The file attributes define the characteristics of a file. They determine if a file may be deleted or modified, or if it is archived. The ATTRIB command is used to manage these file attributes.

Wildcard characters may be used in the ATTRIB filespec.

The ATTRIB command will modify file attributes if modify commands are given to ATTRIB. The modify commands are:

Command	Description
+/-	Add(+) or remove(-) attribute
А	Archive attribute
С	Clear all attributes
Н	Hidden file attribute
R	Read only attribute
S	System file attribute

If no modify commands are found by ATTRIB, then the files are displayed along with the file names and their current attributes.

## Examples

ATTRIB will add the read-only attribute to the file myfile.dat.

ATTRIB +r myfile.dat

ATTRIB will remove the read-only attribute and the archive attribute for all files with the DAT extension.

```
ATTRIB -a -r *.dat
```

ATTRIB will display the attributes of all files with the DAT extension.

```
ATTRIB *.dat
```

# CHKDSK.EXE

### Туре

External

## Purpose

The CHKDSK command checks the disk directories and File Allocation Table (FAT) and displays a disk and memory report.

### Syntax

```
CHKDSK [d:] [path] [filespec] [/C] [/F] [/V]
```

### Remarks

CHKDSK examines a disk and determines if the disk has any errors in the File Allocation Table (FAT) and will optionally fix errors.

## Options

The /F option causes CHKDSK to fix errors on the disk if any were found. The errors that can be found are directory or FAT errors. If the /F is not specified then CHKDSK acts as if it will fix the disk, but the corrections will not be written out to the disk.

If errors are detected, you will be prompted with a message similar to the following:

15 lost allocation units found in 5 chains. Convert lost chains to files?

If you answer Y for Yes, each lost chain will be written to a file in the root directory of the current default drive. Each file will have the name file*nnnn*.chk. *nnnn* will be a sequential number. The first chain will be in FILE000.CHK. These files can be verified to see if they contain valuable information, and then deleted if desired. Answering N for No to the above prompt, CHKDSK will still make the corrections however the lost chains will not be saved to the disk.

The /C option allows CHKDSK to correct errors without user confirmation. This option must be used along with the /F option for corrections to be made.

The /V option causes CHKDSK to display each path and file as it is processed.

If a file specification is specified, then CHKDSK displays all files matching the specification that have noncontiguous data areas on the disk. Files that are stored in noncontiguous areas, especially .exe files, have slower disk access times. If CHKDSK reports a large number of files with this problem, a utility program that optimizes the files and free space on your disk should be used.

After checking the disk, CHKDSK displays any error messages followed by a report on the state of the disk that was checked. An example of the report is shown below.

```
Volume ROM-DOS created June 1,1990 1:00a
Volume Serial Number is 190E-4AA2
362496 bytes total disk space
0 bytes in 1 hidden files
6144 bytes in 2 user files
356352 bytes available on disk
655360 bytes total memory
595360 bytes free
```

CHKDSK does not wait for a disk to be inserted before the checking is initiated nor does it repair any errors.

### Examples

CHKDSK will check the integrity of drive A. The report will be printed to the console.

CHKDSK a:

CHKDSK will check the integrity of RAM disk D. The report will be saved in a file called DRIVE\_D.RPT.

CHKDSK d: >drive\_d.rpt

## COMMAND.COM

#### Туре

External

#### Purpose

Start a new command processor.

#### **Syntax**

```
COMMAND[device][/E:number][/K:filename]
[/P][/C string][/MSG]
```

#### Remarks

This command starts a new copy of the ROM-DOS command processor. The command processor is the program that has all the internal DOS commands in it.

Starting a new command processor will also produce a new environment. The size of the environment is 128 bytes by default, but it can be changed using the /E switch.

Command and its arguments can also be used in a SHELL= statement in your config.sys file. See the full description of SHELL for more details.

### **Options**

The *device* option specifies that COMMAND.COM should use a different device, such as AUX, for input and output.

The */E:number* switch sets the environment size. Number represents the size of the environment in bytes. Number must be in the range from 160 to 32768. All other values will be ignored and the default value of 256 will be used. ROM-DOS will round the value entered up to the nearest multiple of 16.

The */K:filename* option tells the command processor to run the specified filename and then display the ROM-DOS command prompt. It is not recommended that this option be used in a CONFIG.SYS SHELL= statement.

The /P switch causes COMMAND not to exit, or in other words, to remain permanent. The /P switch should be used only when command is used in a CONFIG.SYS SHELL statement.

The /c string switch causes COMMAND to execute the command in string and then terminate. The string command can be any internal or external command. The */MSG* option indicates that all error messages should be stored in memory. This option is recommended only for diskette based systems. ROM-DOS keeps many of its error messages in the resident part of COMMAND.COM rather than using valuable memory to store them. If an error message is needed and you have loaded ROM-DOS from a diskette, the message will only be available if the boot disk is still in the drive. By using the /MSG option, the messages will be available in memory at all times. The /P option must be used along with the /MSG option.

#### **Examples**

The following command will cause a new copy of COMMAND to be executed. It will perform a DIR command on the C drive and then exit back to the previous Command Processor.

```
COMMAND /C DIR C:
```

The following example shows loading of a permanent copy of command with an environment size of 256 bytes.

```
SHELL=C:\COMMAND.COM /P /E:256
```

# DELTREE.EXE

### **External Command**

The DELTREE command deletes one or more directory trees or individual files.

#### Syntax

DELTREE [/Y] [drive:]path [[drive:]path[...]]

#### Remarks

/Y prevents DELTREE from prompting before deleting.

[drive:]path indicates the name(s) of the file(s) or directory tree(s) to delete. Wildcards are allowed.

### **Examples**

Datalight DELTREE deletes one or more directory trees. For example, to delete all files and directories in the tree C:\TEMP, enter

DELTREE C:\TEMP.

You can also use DELTREE to delete individual files, one at a time, using wildcards. For example, to delete selected files in the current directory, enter

DELTREE \*.\*

DELTREE then prompts you for each file it finds, allowing you to choose whether to delete them.

*Caution:* Take care when using wildcards with DELTREE. DELTREE deletes all specified files and subdirectories regardless of their attributes. Multiple files and/or subdirectories may be specified.

# FORMAT.COM

#### External Command

The FORMAT command initializes a disk so ROM-DOS can access files on that disk. A disk must be formatted before ROM-DOS can use it.

#### **Syntax**

FORMAT [drive:] [/options]

#### Remarks

FORMAT initializes the disk and directory of the specified drive. The size of the formatted disk is the largest possible size that the specified drive supports, unless a different size is specified via a command line option.

#### Options

The /4 switch causes the floppy disk to be formatted as a 360KB disk even if the drive is a 1.44MB, 2.88MB, or 1.2MB drive.

The /7 switch causes the floppy disk to be formatted as a 720KB disk even if the drive is a 1.44MB or 2.88MB drive.

The */B* option causes FORMAT to used BIOS Int 13h calls. By default, FORMAT checks the DOS version, and if it is DOS 5.0 or higher, it uses the floppy device driver to do the format. Using the */*B option forces FORMAT to bypass the floppy or hard disk controller and use BIOS calls. */*B makes FORMAT device independent.

The /C switch causes FORMAT to format one disk without operator input. The disk is assumed to be in the specified drive, and FORMAT exits immediately when the format is complete. This switch is useful in batch files or programs that require a formatted disk without user input.

The */F:size* option specifies the size of the floppy disk to be formatted. Available size values are 360, 720, 1.2, 1.44, and 2.88, and are entered as */F:size*. For example, */F:1.2*.

The /H switch causes the system files not to be hidden or write-protected. This can be used along with the /S option.

The /I option forces FORMAT to use IOCTL calls and never use BIOS calls. Normally, FORMAT first tries to access the device driver IOCTL calls to format the disk. If this fails, BIOS calls are used (unless the /B option is specified). BIOS calls are always used for DOS 3.3 and earlier.

The Q option causes FORMAT to do a quick format. A quick format reinitializes the disk, deleting each file and subdirectory from the disk. A quick format can only be performed on a previously fully formatted disk.

The /S switch causes FORMAT to copy the ROM-DOS system files, ROM-DOS.SYS and COMMAND.COM, onto the disk. The file ROM-DOS.SYS is renamed and stored on the disk as files IBMBIO.COM and IBMDOS.COM, which are stored as hidden files, unless the /H option is used.

The /V:LABEL switch causes FORMAT to place a volume label on the disk. If the volume label is not provided on the command line, you are prompted for the volume label once the format is complete.

The // switch causes FORMAT to run without display of the sign-on message.

If FORMAT encounters an error, the exit code returned to DOS indicates the type of error. The error codes are listed in the following table.

Error Level	Type of Error
0	No error encountered
1	Invalid drive
2	Unsupported drive format
3	Attempted hard drive format (unsupported)
4	Write-protect error

# HIMEM.SYS

#### Installable Device Driver

The HIMEM.SYS device driver manages extended memory and the High Memory Area (HMA) in a 286, 386 or greater, or PS/2 systems. HIMEM prevents programs from simultaneously using the same area of memory for two different purposes. HIMEM supports the Extended Memory Specification (XMS) 2.0. HIMEM is installed as a device driver in CONFIG.SYS.

#### Syntax

```
DEVICE = [d:] [path] HIMEM.SYS [/machine:n] [/A20[+]] [/PS2]
[/CONTROLA20:OFF]
```

### Remarks

The HIMEM driver can be used to allow ROM-DOS to run in High Memory.

HIMEM supports a default of 32 handles.

HIMEM should not be used with older versions of Datalight's VDISK. Current versions of VDISK use XMS memory if it is available.

HIMEM recognizes PS/2-style A20 line control and determines whether to use the PS/2 A20 control or the AT A20 control method automatically by calling Int 15h, function C0h (get system configuration). This automatic detection can be overridden with the /Machine:n, /A20, A20+, or /PS2 command line switches in the event that the auto detection on a given system fails.

/Machine:1 and /A20 both designate the PC AT A20 control method. These switches instruct HIMEM *not* to wait for the A20 line to settle.

/Machine:2 and /PS2 both designate the PS/2 control method.

/A20+ is similar to /A20 but instructs HIMEM to wait for the A20 line to settle.

/Machine:3 designates support for the Phoenix Cascade BIOS A20 control methods.

Alternately, /CONTROLA20:OFF instructs HIMEM to *not* detect the control method for the A20 line and assumes the A20 line is always on.

The /BIOS switch forces the use of BIOS Int15h, Function 87h, for data transfers to and from XMS memory.

The /QUIET switch forces HIMEM to remove the sign-on message when loading.

### **Error Conditions**

**No Extended Memory**—An extended memory error condition can occur if the BIOS (via Int 15H, function 88H) notifies HIMEM that there is no extended memory. In this situation, HIMEM displays an appropriate error message and does not install.

**Failure to Control the A20 Line**—When HIMEM installs, it attempts to control the A20 line, which controls access to the HMA. HIMEM first attempts control via the AT method (using the 8259 keyboard control). If that fails, HIMEM then attempts control via the PS/2 method (using I/O port 60H). If both methods fail, HIMEM assumes it can't control the A20 line and displays the message

A20 Control (OFF)

If either of these errors occur, try using the /A20, /A20+, or /PS2 in the HIMEM command line.

Note also that some older programs assume that the machine is a 1MB 8086 and so require that the A20 line to be disabled (OFF) while they run. Current programs typically do not require that the A20 line be disabled.

#### Examples

Device = HIMEM.SYS

Installs the XMS device driver. Once this driver is installed, accessing the HMA and Extended Memory (XMS) memory areas are legal. The Extended Memory area can contain up to 2GB of memory. Typical systems have 4, 8, or 16MB of XMS memory installed.

Device = HIMEM.SYS /machine:1

Forces the use of the AT-style A20 line control.

The HIMEM driver fails to load when either the machine does not have memory above the 1MB boundary or the BIOS does not provide support for it. It also fails to load when another XMS manager has been previously installed.

# MEM.EXE

## **External Command**

The MEM command displays the used and free memory in your system.

## Syntax

MEM [/BiosExtensions] [/Classify] [/Raw]

## Remarks

Options	Description
/B	Displays each BIOS extension and its size.
/C	Classifies the memory usage.
/R	Does raw dump of the MCB chain.

MEM displays a list of the DOS memory contents, what free space is available, and how much memory is in conventional memory, upper memory, the HMA and extended memory. This program is useful to fine tune the system to have as much free memory as possible for applications.

## Options

The /B option displays BIOS extensions in the range from C000:0 to F800:0.

The /C option shows program, TSR, and device driver sizes.

The /R option shows a low-level DOS listing of MCBs (Memory Control Blocks).

## MODE.COM

#### **External Command**

The MODE command modifies the operation of the printer, serial port, and active video display.

#### **Syntax**

```
MODE LPT#[:]=COM#[:]
MODE COM#:baud[,parity[,databits[,stopbits[,P]]]]
MODE <video mode>
MODE <display lines>
```

#### Remarks

The first syntax above redirects line printer output to the serial port.

The second syntax above changes the operation of the specified communications port. The options that can be modified are listed below. InValid for any of the options are flagged with an error message.

```
baud 110, 150, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600
parity N - None, O - Odd, E - Even
databits Either 7 or 8
stopbits Either 1 or 2 stop bits
P Printer Port
```

Using the P option as the last argument causes output to be sent repeatedly to the printer port until successfully received. Without the P, output is sent only once, causing a critical error if unsuccessful.

The third syntax changes the active video mode for the display terminal. The valid choices for this version of the MODE command are as follows:

40-Indicates 40 characters per line.

80—Indicates 80 characters per line.

*bw40*—For a color graphics adapter with color disabled and 40 characters per line.

*bw80*—For a color graphics adapter with color disabled and 80 characters per line.

co40—Indicates a color monitor with color enabled and 40 characters per line.

co80—Indicates a color monitor with color enabled and 80 characters per line.

mono-For a monochrome display. Assumes 80 characters per line.

The final syntax sets the number of display lines. Valid included L25, L43, and L50.

*Note:* A serial port should be initialized before an LPT device is redirected to it.

#### **Examples**

#### MODE COM1:9600, n, 8, 1

Modifies the settings for the COM1 device to a baud rate of 9600, no parity, eight data bits, and one stop bit.

MODE LPT2:=COM2

Redirects the output from LPT2 to the COM2 serial port. All following output to LPT2 actually goes to the COM2 device.

#### MODE mono

Indicates a monochrome display adapter.

# **MORE.COM**

### **External Command**

The MORE command displays a text file one screen at a time.

#### **Syntax**

```
MORE [filename]
or
<command> | MORE
```

#### Remarks

The input to MORE may come from a file, or it may be piped in from another filter or a DOS command. If the *filename* is present, then the file is viewed; otherwise MORE reads from the Standard Input.

Once a screen has been viewed, a line is displayed on the bottom of the screen indicating the percent of the file that has been viewed. At this point, there are several options for the next lines of text to be viewed.

В	Display the previous full page.
<enter></enter>	Display just one more line.
Т	Display starting at the top of the file.
Spacebar	Display the next full page of text.
Q	Exit MORE

## **Examples**

DIR | MORE

Displays a directory one screen at a time.

MORE READ.ME

Displays the file READ.ME one page at a time.

# **NED.EXE and NED.CFG**

#### **External Command**

ASCII text Editor Program

The NED editor is a menu-based text editor available for use with ROM-DOS. This editor is similar to other desktop editors but has special functions designed for use in editing C-source and assembly code.

#### **Starting the Editor**

To start the editor, enter

NED [filename] [filename]

NED may be initiated with or without filename arguments. Wildcard file specifications are allowed.

Up to ten files can be entered on the command line. If NED is run without arguments, it loads all files accessed during the last editing session, returning you to the exact position in the file. You can switch between the open files.

You can also enter

NED @errfile

where *errfile* is the name of your compiler error output file. NED loads all files that had errors and allows you to move between errors.

Once NED is running, you may load files into memory by using the File/Open menu command. File/Reload replaces the current file with a new file or reloads a new copy of the same file. File/Reload confirms before replacing an unsaved file.

#### **Basic Editor Operation**

NED uses the standard Microsoft Windows interface for cut, copy, and paste operations. Del and Shift+Del both move the selected block to the clipboard. There is no true undo command, but Ctrl+V or Shift+Ins may be used to paste the clipboard contents to the current cursor position. Table 1 lists all the default shortcut keys.

If a search string is all lowercase, NED treats it as a case-insensitive search. If a search string contains any uppercase letters, it is case sensitive. The replacement string is inserted exactly as entered. Repeating a Search command repeats the last Forward or Backward Search operation, not the last Replace operation.

There is one bookmark for all files. Once the bookmark is set, going to the bookmark returns you to the file and position where you set it.

The Indent and Remove-indent (referred to as Undent in the Options/Do Command) commands work on tabs. Indent inserts a tab at the beginning of the current line, or if a block is active, at the beginning of each line in the block. Remove-indent removes the first tab from the current line or from each line in the block. If there are no tabs, Remove-indent has no effect.

Toggle case inverts the case of the current character if no block is active. If a block is active, Toggle case sets the entire block to uppercase if the first character was lower and to lowercase if the first character was uppercase.

Tabs are currently set to 3 for .C, .H, .CPP, .HPP, and .T files. They are set to 8 for all other files.

File/Print prints the current block if there is one, otherwise it prints the current file. NED prompts for a device to print to, which may be a filename. Tabs are expanded to spaces.

The Options/Do Command is intended primarily for debugging. This command allows you to execute any editor command by choosing it from a menu list.

The macro commands (Record Macro/Play Macro) allow you to define a sequence of keystrokes that can be repeated repetitively. Select Record Macro (ALT=), enter the keystrokes, then press ALT= again. The macro sequence can be played by selecting Play Macro or by pressing ALT-. Keyboard bindings are saved in NED.CFG in the same directory as NED.EXE. NED.CFG also contains the list of active files and positions.

If you record and play a recursive macro, it plays continuously.

If you press an invalid key on a menu, NED operates as if you pressed enter.

If you run out of memory, such as when you have more than 300KB of files open, NED returns to DOS.

### **NED Default Hot Keys**

Many of the editor commands can be accessed directly by pressing key combinations. For example, press Alt-X to exit the editor and save any open files. The following table lists the default hot keys.

Key	Function	Key	Function
Alt-Q	Quit without saving	F1	Help
Alt-X	Exit, saving as needed	F7	Load file into current buffer
Ctrl-A	Search again	F9	Save file
Ctrl-B	Search backward	F10	Exit asking for save as needed
Ctrl-C	Copy the block to clipboard	Left-Arrow	Left one character
Ctrl-D	Find the mark	Right-Arrow	Right one character
Ctrl-E	Erase to end-of-line	Up arrow	Up one line
Ctrl-F	Search forward	Down arrow	Down one line
Ctrl-G	Go to a line number	Home	Beginning of line
Ctrl-I	Indent the block	End	End of line
Ctrl-K	Toggle block mode	Page Up	Up one screen
Ctrl-L	Delete line to the clipboard	Page Down	Down one screen
Ctrl-M	Set the mark	Center (5)	Center the cursor onscreen
Ctrl-N	Read a file into a new buffer	Ctrl-Left-Arrow	Left one word
Ctrl-P	Move to the previous position	Ctrl-Right-Arrow	Right one word
Ctrl-Q	Quote the next character	Ctrl-Up-Arrow	Up one C function
Ctrl-R	Replace text	Ctrl-Down-Arrow	Down one C function
Ctrl-S	Switch to the next buffer	Ctrl-Home	Scroll toward beginning of file
Ctrl-T	Toggle the case of character(s)	Ctrl-End	Scroll toward end of file
Ctrl-U	Remove indent from the block	Ctrl-Page	Up Beginning of file
Ctrl-V	Insert the clipboard	Ctrl-Page	Down End of file
Ctrl-W	Delete word to the clipboard Ins	Toggle	Insert/Overwrite mode
Ctrl-X	Delete block to the clipboard	Del	Delete character
Ctrl-Z	Cancel the selected block	Backspace	Delete character backward
Alt =	Start/end recording macro	Ctrl-Ins	Copy block to clipboard.
Alt -	Playback macro	Ctrl-BackSpace	Delete word backward
Alt-F7	Previous error	Shift-Ins	Insert the clipboard
Alt-F8	Next error	Shift-Del	Delete block to clipboard

## **PRINT.COM**

#### **External Command**

The PRINT command prints a single file or a list of files.

#### Syntax

PRINT [/drive:] [filename] [/options]

#### Remarks

PRINT allows you to enter between one and 32 files for spooling to the printer. The files are output to the device in a spooled manner (while you perform other operations).

If PRINT is entered without any parameters, it displays all the files that are in the queue.

The first time PRINT is used, the operator is prompted with this message for the device to perform the operation.

```
Name of list device [PRN]:
```

The legal devices for printing are LPT1, LPT2, LPT3, LPT4, COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4, AUX, or PRN.

### **Options**

The /B option sets the buffer size. The default buffer size is 512 bytes. A larger buffer size causes print to operate faster. The maximum buffer size is 32KB and the minimum size is 256 bytes. This option is only allowed the first time PRINT is run.

The /C option cancels only the filenames listed after the /C command.

The /F option sets the maximum number of files to be queued up at one time. The default number of files is ten. The minimum is two and the maximum is 32. Support for more files is often useful when using wildcards in filenames. This option is only allowed the first time PRINT is run (or until the next system reboot).

The /P option causes all files listed after this option to be submitted for printing. This is the default for filenames encountered on the PRINT command line.

The /T option cancels all the files from the print queue (list).

The /H option displays the help screen.

#### **Examples**

PRINT FILE1.TXT FILE2.TXT FILE3.TXT

Puts three files into the print queue. The first file prints after the command ends.

```
PRINT /C FILE2.TXT
```

Removes file FILE2.TXT from the print queue. All other files in the queue print normally.

PRINT /T

Cancels all files in the print queue. Printing may continue for a short time because of the buffer in your printer.

# **REMDISK.EXE**

#### **Remote Disk Program**

See Also: REMSERV.EXE

REMSERV is usually run on the MX3 (host). REMDISK is usually run on the client (e.g. a desktop PC).

The remote disk program allows you to access a disk drive on a remote system via a serial cable and standard PC-style (8250UART) serial port. In a remote disk setup, one system, the one that shares its drives, is termed the server. The other system, the one that accesses and uses the remote drives, is called the client. The serial ports on both systems must be connected via a null modem cable. Remdisk / Remserv works across a standard 3-pin serial cable. The cable does not require the CTS/RTS DTS/DTR pins.

To use the remote disk, both REMDISK and REMSERV must be running on their respective systems and must use the same baud rate and packet or nonpacket-style transmission. After starting both programs, you can access the new drive on the client system. You can change the default directory to this new drive, copy files to and from the remote drive, and also run utilities such as CHKDSK on the drive. The remote drive on the server system can be used as any other drive on the client system.

#### **Syntax**

The program REMDISK runs on the client system and creates a new drive letter for the client. REMDISK uses the next available system drive letter.

For example, if the last assigned drive was D:, REMDISK creates drive E:. This drive acts like any other drive, except that it requires the serial port. REMDISK.EXE can be loaded by a DEVICE= command in the CONFIG.SYS or AUTOEXEC.BAT files or it can be entered at the DOS prompt.

CONFIG.SYS --- DEVICE=REMDISK.EXE /T15 AUTOEXEC.BAT - REMDISK /B9600 / COM2 /T10

The syntax for REMDISK is:

REMDISK [/U] [/H] [/Bnnnn] [+|-][/Tnnn] [/COMn]

The default is : /B115K+ /COM1 /T3

Option	Description		
/U	Unloads REMDISK from memory, thereby disabling the drive letter and freeing the		
	memory occupied by REMDISK. This option can only be used when REMDISK is		
	installed from the DOS command line. A remote disk installed via CONFIG.SYS cannot		
	be unloaded.		
/H	Selects hardware handshaking for flow control.		
/Bnnnn	Selects the baud rate for transmission. Available baud rates are 300, 1200, 2400, 4800,		
	9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, and 115000. The default baud rate is 115000.		
+/-	The plus sign (+) specifies packet-style transmission and is recommended for any baud		
	rate over 19200. The default setting is to include + for packet transmission. Use the minus		
	sign (-) to specify polling operation under Microsoft Windows 95. Both sides must agree		
	on using either (+) or (-).		
/Tnnn	Sets the time-out in the range of 3 to 3,640 seconds. 15 seconds is not unusual for Flash		
	drives.		
/IR <i>On</i>	Set the IRQ for the communications port. Valid settings are 3 – 15. Default is IRQ3 for		
2	COM 2 and COM4, and IRQ4 for COM1 and COM3.		
COMn	Selects the communication port. Choose 1, 2, 3 or 4. COM1 is the default port.		

To install the REMDISK program from CONFIG.SYS at 19200 baud, on COM1, using packetstyle transmission, insert the following line in CONFIG.SYS and then reboot the system (remember to include the full path to find REMDISK.EXE if not located in the root directory).

DEVICE=REMDISK.EXE /B19200 +

To display a help screen for REMDISK from the DOS prompt, enter

REMDISK /?

To install REMDISK from the DOS prompt or from a batch file (such as AUTOEXEC.BAT) at 9600 baud, without packet-style transmission, on COM2, enter

REMDISK /B9600 /COM2

To unload the REMDISK installed from the batch file or the DOS prompt, enter REMDISK /U

### **REMSERV.EXE**

#### **Remote Disk Program**

See Also: REMDISK.EXE

REMSERV is usually run on the MX3 (host). REMDISK is usually run on the client (e.g. a desktop PC).

The remote disk program allows you to access a disk drive on a remote system via a serial cable and standard PC-style (8250UART) serial port. In a remote disk setup, one system, the one that shares its drives, is termed the server. The other system, the one that accesses and uses the remote drives, is called the client. The serial ports on both systems must be connected via a null modem cable. Remdisk / Remserv works across a standard 3-pin serial cable. The cable does not require the CTS/RTS DTS/DTR pins.

To use the remote disk, both REMDISK and REMSERV must be running on their respective systems and must use the same baud rate and packet or nonpacket-style transmission. After starting both programs, you can access the new drive on the client system. You can change the default directory to this new drive, copy files to and from the remote drive, and also run utilities such as CHKDSK on the drive. The remote drive on the server system can be used as any other drive on the client system.

The server system runs the program REMSERV.EXE that can make a single drive on the server system available to the client. The available drive can be changed at any time by quitting the REMSERV program and then running the program again with a new drive letter.

The server program can be terminated at any time by pressing the Esc key. The client can then no longer access the server's drive until the REMSERV program is run again.

#### **Syntax**

REMSERV.EXE d: [/Tnnnn] [/H] [/Bnnnn][+|-] [/COMn] [/IRQn] [/Tnnn] [/S]

where d: represents the letter of the drive the server makes available to the client.

The default is /B115+ /COM1 /T2

Option	Description
/Bnnnn	Selects the baud rate for transmission. Available baud rates are 300, 1200, 2400,
	4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, and 115000. The default baud rate is 115000.
+/-	The plus sign (+) after the BAUD specifies packet-style transmission and is
	recommended for any baud rate over 19200. The default setting is to include +
	for packet transmission. Use the minus sign (-) to specify polling operation under

Option	Description
	Microsoft Windows 95. By default, packet transfers will be used for all baud
	rates higher than 9600. Both sides must agree on using either (+) or (-).
COMn	Selects the communication port. Available ports are 1, 2, 3 or 4. COM1 is the
	default port.
/IRQn	Set the IRQ for the communications port. Valid settings are $3 - 15$ . Default is
	IRQ3 for COM 2 and COM4, and IRQ4 for COM1 and COM3.
/Tnnn	Sets the time-out in the range of 2 to 3,640 seconds. 15 seconds is not unusual
	for Flash drives.
/S	Instructs REMSERV to run without any display output (Silent).
/H	Selects hardware handshaking for flow control.

#### Example

To select drive B: as the available server drive at 115000 baud, packet transmission, using COM1, enter

```
REMSERV B:
```

To set drive C: as the server disk at 38400 baud, without packet-style transmission, on COM2, with a timeout of 10 seconds, enter:

```
REMSERV C: /B38400 /COM2 /T10
```

### SYS.COM

#### **External Command**

The SYS command copies the ROM-DOS system files ROM-DOS.SYS and COMMAND.COM from the disk in the default drive to the disk in the specified drive. The file ROM-DOS.SYS is renamed and stored on the disk as files IBMBIO.COM and IBMDOS.COM, which are stored as hidden files.

#### **Syntax**

SYS drive: [/options]

#### Remarks

Use the SYS command to transfer the ROM-DOS system files to a floppy disk or hard disk. The disk can be a formatted blank disk or can contain files; it is not necessary for the system files to be the first files on the disk. The only requirement is that there is enough contiguous free space on the disk for the new system files to be placed. If the disk already contains system files, installing the new system files deletes the existing files.

The command processor, COMMAND.COM, is also transferred to the disk and does not need to be copied into the same contiguous space as the system files.

You can run SYS three different ways. The first is to boot and run your system with ROM-DOS. When you run the SYS command this way, SYS copies the ROM-DOS system files and COMMAND.COM from the root directory of the default/current disk drive.

The second method is to run SYS from the root directory of a disk drive that has been previously prepared with the SYS command, but isn't booted and running. For example, you can run SYS from a bootable floppy disk to copy the files to the hard disk without actually booting from the floppy disk itself.

The third method uses the file ROM-DOS.SYS, the equivalent of the hidden system files IBMBIO.COM and IBMDOS.COM. ROM-DOS.SYS should be present in the same directory with COMMAND.COM and SYS.COM. These three files can be placed in the root directory or subdirectory on a floppy disk (that need not be booted or bootable), or in a subdirectory on the

hard drive. Run the SYS command from the directory where the files reside to transfer the system files to the destination drive.

### **Options**

The /C option prevents confirmation before transferring system files.

The /H option shows the newly transferred system files on the destination disk.

The /] option prevents display of the sign-on message.

### **Example**

SYS B:

Copies the ROM-DOS system files to drive B:.

### VER

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Internal

### Purpose

Displays the version number of ROM-DOS in use. Allows revision of this version number.

### **Syntax**

VER [n.nn] [/R]

### Remarks

If a new version number is specified, two digits after the decimal are required. Note that this command revises only the record of the DOS version number; it does not change the actual operating system loaded in the computer.

The version command shows both the version of the VER command itself and the version of DOS in operation.

### **Options**

The /R option shows the full version and release number of ROM-DOS.

### Example

The following example changes the record of current DOS version in use to DOS 5.0. Any programs that are executed, following this command, will recognize that DOS 5.0 is running.

VER 5.0

### **XCOPY.COM**

### **External Command**

The XCOPY command copies multiple files and, optionally, subdirectories from one disk to another.

#### **Syntax**

XCOPY [source] [target] [/options]

#### Remarks

Use the XCOPY command to copy multiple files and subdirectories, if they exist.

The source and the target parameter are complete drive-path and file-specification descriptions.

If you do not specify a path, XCOPY assumes the default path. If a filename is not specified, then \*.\* is assumed.

The ATTRIB command may be used to modify the archive bit for the various XCOPY options that check the archive status of files. Refer to the ATTRIB command for instructions.

### Options

The A option copies only source files that have the archive bit set in them. The archive is not reset.

The  $D \le mm$ -dd-yy > option copies only those files with a date later than that specified.

The /E option creates subdirectories on the target even if they are empty.

The /M option copies only those source files that have the archive bit set. Once the source file is

copied, the archive bit is reset.

The /P option prompts before each file is copied. The prompt appears as follows; enter Y to copy the file:

C:\COMMAND.COM (Y/N)?

The /S option copies files in subdirectories of the source directory.

The /V option verifies each write to the disk.

The /W option waits before starting to copy files and prompts with the following message.

Press any key to begin copying file(s)

#### Example

XCOPY \bin\\*.exe a: /a

Copies all files in the BIN subdirectory to the A: drive that have an .EXE extension and that have the archive bit set.

### **ROM-DOS 6.22 Command Summary**



For information on ROM-DOS commands, please refer to a commercially available ROM-DOS user guide.

Following are brief descriptions of ROM-DOS commands, including batch file commands.

*Note:* The external ROM-DOS files loaded on the MX3 by LXE (and supported by LXE) are marked with an asterisk in the table that follows. ROM-DOS internal commands are a part of the ROM-DOS operating system.

ROM-DOS Command	Command Type	Description
?	Internal	CONFIG.SYS command. It directs ROM-DOS to pause for confirmation before processing a command.
@	Internal	Used to suppress the display of a single batch-file command line.
	Internal	Identifies nonexecuting lines. The same as the REM command.
ANSI.SYS*	Installable	A console device driver that allows you to support Ansi codes on the local screen.
ATTRIB.COM*	External	Displays or modifies the attributes associated with a file.
BREAK	Internal	Turns on or off the ability to stop program execution at a non-I/O point.
BUFFERS	Internal	Sets the number of internal data buffers.
CALL	Internal	Batch file command. Invokes execution of a secondary batch file.
CHDIR (also CD)	Internal	Changes the current directory (also CD).
CHKDSK.COM*	External	Checks the integrity of data on a disk. Displays information.
CLS	Internal	Clears all information from the monitor's screen.
COMMAND.COM*	External	Starts a second DOS command processor.
СОРҮ	Internal	Copies files from one storage location to another.
COUNTRY.SYS <sup>8</sup>	External	Designates the country code for displays.
СТТҮ	Internal	Changes the default terminal interacting with ROM- DOS.
DATE	Internal	Displays the date from the system's internal calendar. Allows revision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> International keyboards and code pages require COUNTRY.SYS, DISPLAY.SYS and KEYB.COM. These files are placed on the computer when needed. They are not part of the LXE installed and LXE supported file load.

ROM-DOS Command	Command Type	Description
DEL	Internal	Deletes specified files.
DELTREE.EXE*	External	Deletes one or more directory trees or individual files.
DEVICE	Internal	Installs a device driver into ROM-DOS.
DEVICEHIGH	Internal	Loads a device into the upper memory area, if available.
DIR	Internal	DIRectory. Lists contents of a specified directory.
DISPLAY.SYS9	Installable	Displays international letters and symbols.
DOS (ROM-DOS)	Internal	Installs ROM-DOS into High Memory Area (HMA).
ЕСНО	Internal	Batch file command. Turns on or off display of batch execution on the monitor.
EGA/EGA3.CPI	Internal	Font data files for use with the International video display driver, DISPLAY.SYS.
ERASE	Internal	Erases specified files (same as DEL).
EXIT	Internal	Used to exit nested running of ROM-DOS within another program.
FCBS	Internal	Specifies the number of File Control Blocks (FCBS) open at one time.
FILES	Internal	Sets the maximum number of files that can be open at one time on the system.
FOR	Internal	Batch file command. Performs one DOS command on a set of files.
FORMAT.COM*	External	Initializes a disk so that ROM-DOS can access files on that disk.
GOTO	Internal	Batch file command. Moves control to a specified line in the batch file.
HELP	Internal	Lists all available ROM-DOS commands along with brief descriptions.
HIMEM.SYS*	Installable	Manages extended memory and the high memory area in a 286, 386, PS/2 system.
IF	Internal	Batch file command. Performs a command based on a specified condition.
INCLUDE	Internal	Allows instructions in one configuration block to be included with instructions in another configuration block.
INSTALL	Internal	Loads Terminate and Stay Resident (TSR) programs during CONFIG.SYS processing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> International keyboards and code pages require COUNTRY.SYS, DISPLAY.SYS and KEYB.COM. These files are placed on the computer when needed. They are not part of the LXE installed and LXE supported file load.

ROM-DOS Command	Command Type	Description
KEYB.COM <sup>10</sup>	External	Allows altering of the keyboard layout for a different language or nationality.
KEYBOARD/ KEYBRD2.SYS	Internal	Keyboard code page data files for use with the International keyboard driver, KEYB.COM.
LASTDRIVE	Internal	Sets the maximum number of drives.
LOADHIGH	Internal	Loads a program into the upper memory area, if available.
MEM.EXE*	External	Displays the used and free memory in your system.
MENUCOLOR	Internal	Allows setting of text and background colors for the startup menu.
MENUDEFAULT	Internal	Sets the default menu-item choice and time-out value for making a selection.
MENUITEM	Internal	Specifies an item to be placed on the startup menu display during system boot
MKDIR	Internal	Creates a new subdirectory.
MODE.COM*	External	Modifies the operation of the printer, serial port, and active video display.
MORE.COM*	External	Displays a text file one screen at a time.
MOVE.EXE	Internal	Moves files and renames files and directories.
NED.CFG*	Installable	Configuration file for NED.EXE ASCII text editor.
NED.EXE*	Installable	This program is used when editing ASCII text files.
NEWFILE	Internal	Allows continuation of CONFIG.SYS processing from a new file.
NUMLOCK	Internal	Sets the NUMLOCK keyboard key to on or off when your computer starts. This setting is ignored by the VXX OS.
РАТН	Internal	Displays current command search path(s). A new path line can be specified.
PAUSE	Internal	Batch file command. Causes execution to halt until a key is pressed.
PRINT.COM*	External	Prints a list of files, up to ten files.
PROMPT	Internal	Resets the appearance of the system prompt line.
REM	Internal	A batch file command for identifying non-executing lines.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>International keyboards and code pages require COUNTRY.SYS, DISPLAY.SYS and KEYB.COM. These files are placed on the computer when needed. They are not part of the LXE installed and LXE supported file load..

ROM-DOS Command	Command Type	Description
REMDISK.EXE*	Installable	A remote disk management program. Usually run on the client.
REMSERV.EXE*	Installable	A remote disk management program. Usually run on the host.
REN	Internal	Renames files.
RMDIR (also RM)	Internal	Deletes a specified subdirectory.
SET	Internal	Sets environment variables and command processor strings.
SHELL	Internal	Allows selections of a command interpreter other than COMMAND.COM.
SHIFT	Internal	Batch file command. Shifts replaceable parameters one position to the left.
STACKDEV.SYS	Internal	Increases the number of stacks available for IRQ handlers and Int13h.
STACKS	Internal	Allows for the use of dynamic data stacks to handle interrupts.
SUBMENU	Internal	Defines a menu item that represents a secondary menu.
SWITCHES	Internal	Allows special CONFIG.SYS file options.
SYS.COM*	External	Transfers the hidden system files to a specified drive.
TIME	Internal	Displays current time from the system's internal clock. Also allows revision.
ТҮРЕ	Internal	Displays the contents of a text file on the monitor.
UMBLINK.SYS UMBLINK.EXE	Internal	A non-protected mode program that can allow the creation of Upper Memory Blocks using existing RAM areas.
VER*	Internal	Displays current version of ROM-DOS on the monitor.
VERIFY	Internal	Displays the current VERIFY state or sets the VERIFY state to on or off.
VERSION.SYS	Internal	Modifies the version number ROM-DOS reports.
VOL	Internal	Displays the volume label on a disk.
XCOPY.COM*	External	Copies multiple files and optionally subdirectories.

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