

Introduction

Overview

This introduction presents an overview of the capabilities and features of NCSA Telnet. The organization and use of this manual are described and notational conventions explained.

About NCSA Telnet

NCSA Telnet was developed to provide interactive access from a Macintosh to telnet hosts on TCP/IP networks. It is an implementation of DARPA standard telnet. NCSA Telnet allows you to have simultaneous connections to numerous computers across the network, and includes a standard file transfer server (FTP) to allow you to transfer files to and from other remote machines and users. Moreover, it includes VT102 emulation; Tektronix 4014 and 4105 emulation; support for serial and SLIP connections; support for ICR; domain name lookup (TCP); user-defined macro keys; full color, font style, and font size support; customized windows whose contents may be scrolled, cut, copied, pasted, and printed; and line-mode negotiations.

Special Features

Special features of NCSA Telnet for the Macintosh include:

- VT102 emulation
- FTP client
- Serial communications, including SLIP
- Simultaneous logon to a number of computers
- File transfer server (standard FTP)
- Tektronix 4014 and 4105 emulation
- Color raster graphics capabilities
- Domain name lookup using either MacTCP or NCSA drivers
- Scrollback with ability to print and copy
- User-defined macro keys
- Customized window arrangement facility
- Support for window contents of less or greater than 24 lines
- Support for any font, font size, or color
- Line mode negotiations
- Telpass application which creates an encrypted password file for FTP users

Differences between Telnet 2.4 and Telnet 2.5

All of the features present in NCSA Telnet 2.3 are present in the NCSA Telnet 2.4 version. The following are the features added in the 2.5 version:

- The NCSA driver version and the MacTCP driver version are now merged into one application. All of the advantages of each version are still preserved, and it is easy to choose which drivers are used.
- VT200 emulation has been added.
- Telnet now includes an FTP client.
- Telnet supports serial communication, including SLIP.
- Sessions can be opened with an Alias name instead of always having to specify the full host name or IP address. This alias can also specify the default port to connect to.
- The output can now be optionally saved to a file, instead of only being dumped to the screen.
- NAWS is supported by Telnet, which fixes many problems with screen oriented applications such as vi. Most notably, the screen size is correctly registered on the remote end when the user changes the number of useable lines.
- The config.tel file has several new keywords, including the ability to globally disable linemode, allow 8-bit fonts, enable/disable TEK emulation, and to force saving of the screen for use with the DEC All-In-One environment.
- Cursor blinking, and the ability to choose among several different cursors

Bugs fixed from Telnet 2.4

Many of the bugs present in Telnet 2.4 have been corrected in the 2.5 version. The bugs and problems that have been fixed include:

- Using "ls" in the FTP server does not cause the machine to hang
- MGET works properly on the Mac II FX
- Various TEK problems, including copy/paste/print
- Various FTP problems
- Keyboard mapping problems, including system 7 problems
- Telnet now correctly saves the port number of each session
- "Random crash" bug, which crashed when a session is closed
- Menu items are now highlighted correctly
- Set useable lines fixed

System Requirements

In order to run NCSA Telnet Version 2.5, you need a Macintosh with System software version 5.0 or later. Your Macintosh should be configured with one of the following:

EtherTalk devices

- EtherLink/NB (3C543) or EtherLink/SE (3C563) from 3Com Corporation
- EtherSC, Etherport SE, or Etherport II from the Kinetics division of Excelan
- EtherTalk board from Apple Computer, Inc.
- Nodem products from Adaptec, Inc.
- MacConnect NIA310 from Interlan, Inc.
- FastNet SCSI or FastNet III from Dove Computer Corporation
- EMAC Speedlink Ethernet Adapter for the Macintosh SE, II, and SE/30 from EMAC, a division of Everex Systems, Inc.
- any other EtherTalk compatible system for the Macintosh

AppleTalk to Ethernet gateways

- any FastPath gateway model from the Kinetics division of Excelan and Kinetics gateway software or Stanford KIP (Croft) gateway software
- GatorBox from Cayman Systems, Inc.
- any other AppleTalk to Ethernet gateway compatible with Kinetics FastPath

Use of this Manual

This section describes the scope and organization of this manual, and the conventions and nomenclature used in developing it.

Before using NCSA Telnet, you should know how to use the mouse, issue commands from menus, work with windows, and locate files using directory dialog boxes. If you are unfamiliar with the Macintosh user interface or need more detailed information regarding these procedures, please refer to your Macintosh user's guide.

Manual Contents

This manual is organized into the following chapters and appendices:

Chapter 1, "Getting Started," introduces the basic steps involved in using NCSA Telnet for the Macintosh: starting the program; opening and closing connections to a remote host; setting a terminal type; cutting, copying, pasting, and printing; and quitting the program.

Chapter 2, "Using the Keyboard," explains how to use the Macintosh keyboard with NCSA Telnet, for example, to enable command key equivalents of menu commands, emulate a VT102 terminal keyboard, and define macros.

Chapter 3, "Customizing the Environment," describes changing the configuration settings, setting the characteristics of session windows, and customizing other NCSA Telnet operations using the Preferences dialog box and Session menu.

Chapter 4, "Advanced Features," discusses using saved sets, working with multiple connections, telnet options, and network-related commands, and configuring such items as the serial port.

Chapter 5, "File Transfer," explains how to transfer files between a Macintosh and any FTP host on the network.

Chapter 6, "Tektronix 4014 and 4105 Emulation," describes how to use the graphics capabilities of NCSA Telnet.

Chapter 7, "Interactive Color Raster Graphics," introduces the Interactive Color Raster (ICR) protocol and describes how you may use the protocol to display color graphics with NCSA Telnet.

Chapter 8, "System Administrator Information," contains information for experienced users on installing and customizing a system.

Chapter 9, "Serial Communications," contains information regarding the use of the serial communication capabilities of Telnet, including SLIP.

Appendix A, "Error Conditions," lists the causes and solutions for NCSA Telnet's error conditions.

Appendix B, "Code to Convert /etc/hosts Files," contains information for converting UNIX /etc/hosts files to NCSA Telnet's configuration file format.

Appendix C, "Obtaining NCSA Software," outlines the steps for obtaining NCSA software via FTP, an archive server, or U.S. Mail.

Form of Presentation

The material in this manual is presented in text, screen displays, or command line notation.

Text

In explaining various features and commands, this manual often presents a word within a paragraph in *italics* to indicate that the word is defined within the paragraph.

assigned an IP address to your Macintosh. Chapter 8 contains information to be used by system administrators and other experienced users to install and customize NCSA Telnet.