

Upgrade Express v2.0 Documentation Addendum

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* **Product Update**
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* **Upgrade Express v2.00**
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FILES UPDATED

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\UE\SRV\UPSERVE.NLM	76738	05-11-95	02:04
\UE\LIB\PROFILE.LIB	4374	05-09-95	02:04
\UE\BIN\DRESPOND.EXE	249850	05-09-95	02:04
\UE\BIN\WRESPOND.EXE	204288	05-11-95	02:04
\UE\BIN\EXPRESS.EXE	440832	05-11-95	02:04
\UE\BIN\TABLES.DLL	33280	05-09-95	02:04

PROBLEMS RESOLVED IN UE2UP1

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The following problems have been fixed with this update kit of Upgrade Express

1: Unable to target only a specific type of responder agent, ie only DOS or only Windows. A new Target Computer Profile Attribute was added to allow targeting of specific responder agent types. The new attribute name is :

Upgrade Responder Agent Type

When adding this attribute to the profile of target computers, you will be prompted to select the agent type, ie DOS, WINDOWS, NW SERVER etc. The upgrade will be executed only by those workstations that are running the selected responder.

2: If an upgrade definition fails due to incorrect profile, it will never be executed again, even if the workstation's environment has changed so that it does match.

Example: Workstation JOHNS-WS attempted to execute the upgrade definition "Upgrade Wordperfect" but the target computer profile was set to upgrade those workstations that have a CD-ROM installed. JOHNS-WS did not originally contain a CD-ROM so the upgrade was not performed and failed. 2 weeks later JOHNS-WS was upgraded with a CD-ROM drive and should now receive the upgrade

definition that originally failed.

3: Management Console, selecting more than 34 files at a time to include in a file distribution package causes GPF. This problem was addressed by increasing the memory buffer for parsing and copying the file names selected in the "Add File To FDP" dialog box.

4: Management Console, more information was added to the "Available Upgrade Definitions" dialog list as follows:

Description - Upgrade definition description

Created - The date the upgrade definition was created

Updated - The last date the upgrade definition was modified

Distribution - Indicates if the upgrade has been distributed to other warehouse servers. The word Local indicates that the upgrade has not been distributed to other servers, Remote indicates that the upgrade has been distributed to other warehouse servers.

Type - Describes the methodology used to deliver the upgrade to the target workstation, ie Push or Pull.

Tree ID - Is the unique identifier for this Upgrade definition as it relates to the Upgrade Directory tree.

5: Dos and Windows Responders, increased file transfer buffer sizes to improve file download performance.

6: Management Console, fixed the MS-Windows Upgrade Responder Agent Configuration dialog to evaluate the "Process Can Be Unloaded" check box properly.

7: Dos And Windows Responders, fixed problem where the MachIDVar and MachIDFile variables were attempted to be read from the Upgrade Warehouse section of the ?RESPOND.INI file instead of the appropriate section. This would cause the workstation to always be identified by the Node address, no matter how it was configured using the install program or management console.

8: Windows Responder, resolved GPF error when using the Modify Text File action object.

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The following items are not referenced in the Upgrade Express printed documentation

New Install Options

The installation program has been updated to perform the following additional tasks:

- I. **Define Upgrade Express Clients and Administrators.**
Upgrade Express Clients are those users that you wish to be updated by Upgrade Express.
Upgrade Express Administrators are those users that will be defining upgrade definitions for distribution.

The install program creates 2 groups in the Novell Bindery, called UE_ADMINS and UE_CLIENTS, and grants those groups the following rights:

UE_CLIENTS

\UE\	File Read, Search
\UE\LIB\	File Read, Search, Modify, Write, Create
\UE\INV\	File Read, Search, Modify, Write, Create

UE_ADMINS

\UE\	All Rights
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When users are added to either of the following groups via the Install program, the Upgrade Express Management Console, or SYSCON, they automatically acquire the rights needed to function with Upgrade Express.

II Responder Agent INI Configurations

The Responder Agent INI configuration dialogs allow you to customize how the responder agents should function. The configuration process can be performed during the install, or from the **Configure|XXXResponder** option from the management console.

Responder Configuration Options

Remain Resident As TSR - When this box is checked, the DOS Responder agent will remain resident as a TSR for Unattended Upgrading. If this box is not checked, the DOS Responder Agent terminates after performing any needed upgrades.

TSR Can Be Removed From Memory - This box can only be checked if the Remain Resident As TSR box is checked. Checking this box allows the DOS Responder Agent to be removed from memory with the /u parameter. If this box is not checked the TSR can not be removed from memory.

Quiet Operation - Selecting this checkbox instructs the Responder Agent not to display the Upgrade Express program banner or license information.

Poll For New Upgrades - If the Remain Resident As TSR box has been checked, this value determines how often the TSR will poll the Upgrade Warehouse for upgrades to be performed. This value is in seconds.

Wait time before next delivery attempt after refusal - This value tells the responder to wait at least nn minutes after the user has refused an Upgrade, before it attempts to run the upgrade again.

Memory Swapping Techniques - Only selectable if the Remain Resident As TSR box has been checked. This group of radio buttons determines how the DOS Responder agent will manage memory to provide the smallest footprint.

Agent Decides - TSR calculates the best swapping method.

Use EMS - Force TSR to swap to EMS Memory.

Use XMS - Force TSR to swap to XMS Memory

Use Disk - Force TSR to swap to disk.

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- Workstation Identification** - This group of radio buttons determines how the responder agent will identify itself to the Upgrade warehouse.
- Use Node Address** - The workstation will always be identified by its MAC address.
- Use Environment Variable** - The workstation will always be identified by the value of the given DOS environment variable.
- Use Text File** - The workstation will always be identified by the contents of this file, up to 48 bytes in length.
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- III Automatic Modification Of The System Login Script**
The install program will optionally update the Netware system login script to check the users group membership, and execute the DOS responder upon login.
- IV Automatic Generation Of Sample Upgrade Definition**
The install program automatically launches the Upgrade Express management console, which generates a demonstration upgrade definition. This upgrade definition does nothing more than display a welcome message to the user.

Management Console Updates

The Upgrade Express Management Console has had the following enhancements and fixes made:

I Configuration Menu Added

A new menu was added to the management console that allows administrators to configure Upgrade Express clients, administrators, and responder INI options.

This configuration menu is also represented on the toolbar via the following 4 buttons.

II Agent Status List Modified

The Agent Status list has been modified to display an ICON representing the responder agent type, and agent id. Double clicking on an agent in the list will display a detailed agent information dialog, that contains the agents current status, and any upgrades that it may have performed, or attempted to perform. Double clicking any of the upgrades listed in the Upgrade History list will display the details pertaining to the upgrade's execution.

III Modify Strategy Object Fixed

In Upgrade Express management console versions prior to 2.0, each time a Upgrade Strategy object was modified, it created a new pointer to the action object, causing multiple strategy descriptions to point to the same object. This problem has been resolved.

IV Program Manager Operations Dialog Fixed

In Upgrade Express Management Console Versions prior to 2.0, the Program Manager Operations dialog box did not function correctly, specifically the Show Window radio buttons. This problem has been resolved.