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# **User Guide**

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### >> 1: Introduction to the Raven

- ALEOS<sup>TM</sup>
- AceWare™
- Connecting to the your cellular provider Network
- EDGE Communication

The Raven is an intelligent wireless gateway, powered by ALEOS<sup>TM</sup>, and optimal for providing primary or backup network connectivity for any high-reliability/ high-availability applications.

The Raven is the perfect solution for any device with an Ethernet connection that requires pervasive connectivity including PCs, routers, network equipment and POS/ATMs as well as commercial automation equipment.



Figure 1-1: Sierra Wireless AirLink Raven

#### ALEOS™

ALEOS, the embedded core technology of the Sierra Wireless AirLink products simplifies installation, operation and maintenance of any solution, and provides an always-on, always-aware intelligent connection for mission-critical applications. ALEOS enables:

- Persistent Network Connectivity
- Over-The-Air (OTA) Upgrades
- Wireless Optimized TCP/IP
- Real-Time Notification
- Packet Level Diagnostics
- Device Management & Control
- Protocol Spoofing

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Figure 1-2: Powered by ALEOS

#### **AceWare™**

A wireless solution is not complete until you have software tools to manage the devices monitoring your valuable equipment. AceWare  $^{\text{TM}}$  is the device management and monitoring application suite for Sierra Wireless AirLink products powered by ALEOS.

- AceManager
- AceNet
- AceView
- Modem Doctor

These modem utilities, except AceNet, are free of charge to those who own Sierra Wireless AirLink modems. You can download the applications and their user guides from the Sierra Wireless AirLink Solutions web site: http://www.sierrawireless.com/support. Contact your dealer or Sierra Wireless representative for information on AceNet.

Note: AceView, AceManager, and AceNet require the Microsoft .NET Framework v. 1.1 and Microsoft Windows 98, Windows 2000, Windows XP, or later. You can obtain the Microsoft .NET Framework from Microsoft at: http://www.microsoft.com/.

#### **AceManager**

AceManager, the AceWare remote configuration and monitoring tool, simplifies deployment and provides extensive monitoring, control and management capabilities.

AceManager gives you the power to monitor and control your Sierra Wireless AirLink communications platforms in real-time.

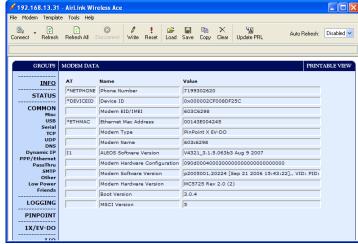


Figure 1-3: AceManager

#### **Simplified Deployment**

AceManger provides the ability to remotely set up and configure your Sierra Wireless AirLink products. Remote device setup and configuration reduces the deployment timeline of your wireless solution and provides a quicker path to ROI.

Templates allow you to easily configure other devices in your fleet with identical settings, ensuring a simple, accurate deployment.

#### **Monitor and Control**

AceManger allows an administrator to remotely monitor a modem's status, health and configuration settings. The user interface displays signal strength, cell site information, byte counters and error conditions, enabling you to pinpoint any issues and troubleshoot immediately.

AceManager enables remote configuration and parameter settings to be changed or reset instantly over the air, change a device's port configuration, IP address settings, and much more. After configuring one modem, use the template feature to copy that device configuration to other modems.

**Tip:** Configuration steps and examples in this guide use AceManager.

#### **AceNet**

AceNet, the enterprise grade productivity enhancing tool, enables you to efficiently deploy and monitor Sierra Wireless AirLink products on a large scale.

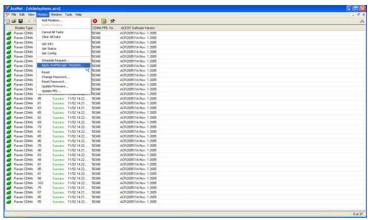


Figure 1-4: AceNet

#### **Network Monitoring**

AceNet allows you to efficiently deploy, monitor, and maintain wireless networks of any size by enabling you to quickly configure an entire group of Sierra Wireless AirLink modems to the same parameter settings using templates built with AceManger.

To ensure your implementation is optimal, users can easily see when modems are out of contact and periodically poll each device for performance statistics.

#### **AceView**

AceView is an efficient status and connection monitoring application with a low-profile, easy to read interface.



Figure 1-5: AceView

# **Modem Doctor** Modem Doctor is a troubleshooting and diagnostics utility. This utility will allow you to get a log file of the Raven activity which you can then send to Sierra Wireless support, erase the current configuration completely. Rev 3.0B Feb.08 11

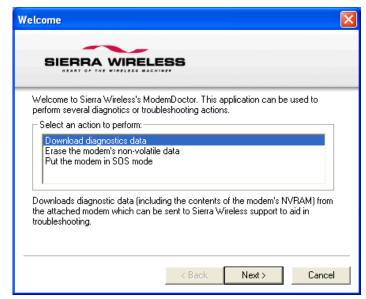


Figure 1-6: Modem Doctor

#### **Modem Doctor USB**

- 1. Open the ModemDoctorUSB.exe.
- 2. Select any one option.

Note: If you are using USB port as serial, then USB device is set to "o" and if you are using the default option then the USB device is set to "1".

The available port is automatically detected. Passsword is the fault password.

**3.** Press Erase. The modem will then reset.

Note: If you erase the fatory defaults will be restored. USBnet is the factory default port.

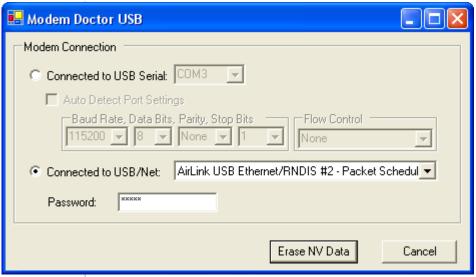


Figure 1-7: Modem Doctor: USB connection

# Connecting to the your cellular provider Network

The Raven uses your cellular provider as an ISP (Internet Service Provider) to connect you to the Internet.

#### **Steps of a connection:**

- **1.** When your Raven is powered on, it automatically searches for cellular service using EDGE.
- 2. Your Raven establishes a PPP (Point to Point Protocol or "dial" up connection) link to the your cellular provider network, also called registering on the network, and receives an IP address.
- **3.** When your Raven has received its IP address from your cellular provider, a connection to the Internet or the cellular network is also available for a computer or other device connected directly to the Raven.

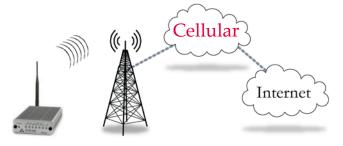


Figure 1-8: Connecting to the Internet

The Raven will perform a *one-to-one* routing for all internet traffic to and from the computer or other end device. One-to-one means that your Raven will provide a connection for one device to the Internet at a time. In Private Mode, the Raven will provide NAT (Network Address Translation) for the computer or other end device.

Note: The Raven does not provide advanced routing required by one-to-many (several devices connected to one port). If you need to have more than one device connected to the Internet through your Raven, you will need to have a router connected to the modem. The modem would provide the one-to-one connection to the router with the router configured to provide a broader NAT service to the other devices connected to it.

#### **Dynamic vs. Static IP Addresses**

There are two types of addresses on networks: dynamic and static.

- Dynamic addresses are assigned on a "need to have" basis.
   Your Raven might not always receive the same address each time it connects with your cellular provider.
- Static addresses are permanently assigned to a particular account and will always be used whenever your Raven connects to the Internet. The IP address will not be given to anyone else.

Most ISPs (cellular included) use dynamic IP addresses rather than static IP addresses since it allows them to reuse a smaller number of IP addresses for a large number of customers. A dynamic IP address is suitable for many common Internet uses, such as web browsing, looking up data on another computer system, or other client functions (such as data only being sent out or only being received after an initial request).

**Tip:** If your account with your cellular provider includes a dynamic IP address and you need a static IP, please consult your your cellular provider Representative for more information about changing your account for static IP support.

If you need to contact your Raven, a device connected to the Raven, or a host system using the Raven from the Internet, you need to have a known IP (such as one which is static) or domain name (an IP address which is converted by a DNS server into a word based name). If you have a dynamic IP

address for your modem, you can use a Dynamic DNS service (such as IP Manager) to translate your IP address into to a domain name.

**Caution:** If you want to connect remotely to your Raven using TCP/IP, the IP address given to your modem by your cellular provider cannot be a private or internal IP address (such as a custom APN or special private network) unless you are on the same network or inside that network's firewall (such as with frame relay).

#### **EDGE Communication**

GSM Networks use SIM cards which are smart cards containing the account holder's details. A SIM can generally be moved from one device to another allowing for account portability and flexibility.

#### **EDGE**

EDGE (Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution) provides end-to-end packet data services with an enhanced connectivity building on GPRS technology and using the established GSM networks. EDGE provides higher transmission rates and better transmission quality for data than GPRS. EDGE can carry data at speeds typically up to 384 kbit/s in packet mode.

When EDGE is not available, your Raven will fall-back to GPRS for the connection to your cellular provider to provide continued connectivity.

#### **GPRS**

General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) is packet-switched with many users sharing the same transmission channel, but only transmitting when they have data to send. This means that the total available bandwidth can be immediately dedicated to those users who are actually sending at any given moment, providing higher utilization where users only send or receive data intermittently. GPRS provides speeds of 30–70 kbps with bursts up to 170 kbps.

### >> 2: Specifications

Power Connector

#### **Features and Benefits**

- Embedded Intelligence
- Low Power Consumption
- High-Speed 2-way Data
- Ethernet Port
- Persistent Network Connectivity
- Remote Management and Configuration
- Class I Div 2 Certified

#### **Technology**

- GSM EDGE With Fallback to:
  - · GPRS (MS-12)

#### **Bands**

- Quad Band GPRS/EDGE
  - 850 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 1900 MHz

#### **Environmental**

- Operating Temperature:
  - · -30 to 70° Celsius
- Storage Temperature:
  - -40 to 85° Celsius

#### Power Consumption: (@12V DC)

- Transmit/Receive (Typical/Max) 350/450 mA
- Input Current 40 mA to 350 mA
- Input Voltage 9 28V DC

#### Standards/Approvals

- Carrier specific approvals
- FCC
- Industry Canada
- This apparatus is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D or unclassified or non-hazardous locations.

#### **Host Interfaces**

• Ethernet: 10BaseT RJ-45

- Antenna Connection:
  - · Cellular 50 Ohm TNC

#### **D**imensions

- 76mm x 25mm x 129mm
- 317 grams

#### **Application Interfaces**

 TCP/IP, UDP/IP, DHCP, HTTP, SNMP, SMTP, SMS, MSCI, and more

#### **LED** Indicators

- Channel
- Link
- Registration
- RSSI
- Transmission/Receive
- Service
- Power

#### **Power Connector**

Power (red)
Ground (black)

Figure 2-1: Power Connector (not to scale)

# >> 3: Activating Raven on your cellular provider Network

- Installating the SIM
- Configuring the APN

This chapter provides step-by-step directions for activating your Raven on the your cellular provider cellular network.

#### **Installating the SIM**

The SIM in the Raven is a smartcard securely storing the key identifying a cellular subscriber. Generally, you will only need to install a SIM once in the life of the modem and it may be pre-installed by your Sierra Wireless Representative.

#### 1. Before you start

If the SIM was pre-installed, unless you need to set a custom APN, activation of your modem is complete.

#### **Cellular Account Required**

 Cellular account - To use your modem you need to have a SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) with an active account with an EDGE cellular provider.

#### **Software Required**

 AceManager - Graphical interface for entering most AT Commands. You can download AceManager from the Sierra Wireless AirLink Solutions website: http:// www.airlink.com/support/. A default installation of this utility is assumed later in these directions

#### **Hardware Required**

- Ethernet cable An Ethernet cable.
- Power adapter and a power source You will need a power supply and power source for the modem.
- PC or Laptop To configure the modem, you will need a computer with an available Ethernet port.

#### **Tools Required**

• **Small Phillips screw driver** - The Phillips screw driver is the one which is also called a plus (+) or X screw driver.

• **Slim stylus** - A PDA stylus, an unbent paperclip, or other such item.

#### 1. Opening the Case

- **a.** Unplug the Raven power and all cables.
- **b.** Using a small phillips head screw driver, remove the screws on the back of the Raven.
- **c.** Slide the case off of the Rayen and set it aside.



Figure 3-1: Partially removed case

2.

**a.** Carefully remove the SIM card from the card you got from your cellular provider.

#### 3. Ejecting the SIM tray

Tip: The button is between two boards.



Figure 3-2: SIM tray button

Note: The card and SIM may be a different color than these examples.

#### 4. Insert the SIM into the Tray

**a.** Remove the SIM from the card you obtained from your your cellular provider.



Figure 3-3: Insert SIM in to the modem

**b.** Place the SIM into the tray and gently press to click it into place.



Figure 3-4: Empty SIM Tray and a Tray with a Sample SIM

#### 5. Insert the Tray and SIM

- **a.** Slide the tray back into the modem.
- **b.** Gently press to click it into place.

**Tip:** The top of the card faces the bottom of the modem.



Figure 3-5: Inserting the SIM

#### 6. Finishing the SIM installation

- Slide the Raven back into the case.
- **b.** Secure the back of the Raven with the screws.

### **Configuring the APN**

The APN (Access Point Name) is the way your modem knows how it will be communicating with the network. The APN allows custom IP addressing and tailoring your company's wireless IP solution to meet the security and IP addressing requirements of your applications.

Note: Most accounts use the default addressing solution of Private or Public IP addresses supplied by the Internet and Proxy APNs. Only if you have a Static or Custom IP address should you need to configure a custom APNs.

The default APN is *Internet*. If you need a different APN, use can use AceManager to configure it.

#### 1. Start AceManager

Start > All Programs > AirLink Communications > AceManager 3G > AceManager 3G

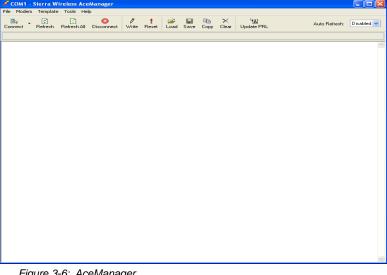


Figure 3-6: AceManager

#### 2. Connect to the Modem

a. Click the Connect button.



- **b.** Select TCP or UDP.
- **c.** Enter the connection information.
- For UDP or TCP, enter 192.168.13.31 as the IP address.
- **d.** Enter the password. The default password will be entered for you.
- e. Select OK.

#### 3. Enter the APN

a. Select EDGE/HSDPA from the menu on the left side of AceManager (under "Groups")

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Figure 3-7: AceManager: EDGE/HSDPA

**b.** Type your APN in the New Value field of \***NETAPN**.



Figure 3-8: AceManager: EDGE/HSDPA - \*NETAPN

**Optional:** If you need to configure your modem for a custom APN, after entering the APN, there is additional information you will need to enter.

1. Select *Misc* from the menu on the left side under the Common group.

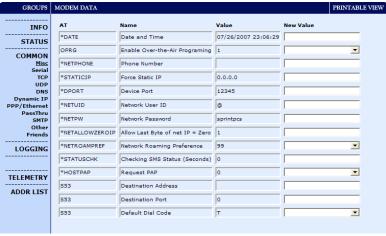


Figure 3-9: AceManager: Misc

2. Enter the NAI into the new value field for \*NETUID and enter your network password into the new value field for \*NETPW.

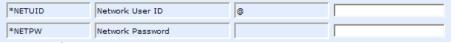


Figure 3-10: AceManager: Misc - \*NETUID, \*NETPW

#### 4. Write the Settings to the Raven

- **a.** Click the Write button on the tool bar of AceManager.
- **b.** Wait for the message "Write Successful" to appear in the status bar.

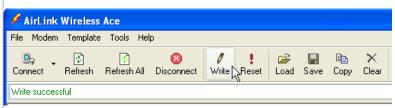


Figure 3-11: AceManager: Write

**c.** Reset the Raven.

# >> 4: Hardware Installation of the

Raven

- Connecting to Power
- Connecting to a Computer or other Device
- Indicator Lights
- Mounting

Your Raven should be mounted in a position that allows easy access for the cables so they are not bent, constricted, in close proximity to high amperage, or exposed to extreme temperatures. The LEDs on the front panel should be visible for ease of operational verification. You should ensure that there is adequate airflow around the modem but that it is kept free from direct exposure to the elements, such as sun, rain, dust, etc.

In a mobile location, such as a car or truck, ensure the location is secure both against abrupt movements of the vehicle and from other items coming into contact with the modem.

**Caution:** The Raven is in a hardened case and designed for use in industrial and extreme environments. However, unless you are using cables expressly designed for such environments, they can fail if exposed to the same conditions the Raven can withstand.



Figure 4-1: Raven Connectors

Antennas selected should not exceed a maximum gain of 5 dBi under standard installation configuration. In more complex installations (such as those requiring long lengths of cable and/ or multiple connections), it's imperative that the installer follow maximum dBi gain guidelines in accordance with the radio communications regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Industry Canada, or your country's regulatory body (if used outside the US).

- RSS-102 (...Health Canada's Safety Code 6 for Exposure of Humans to RF Fields)
- RSS-129 (800 MHz Dual-Mode CDMA Cellular Telephones) (Analogue & CDMA)
- RSS-133 r1 (2 GHz Personal Communications)
- http://www.industrycanada.ca.

Your Raven will work with most Dual-Band PCS cellular antennas with a TNC connector that works in the high and low frequencies of the cellular technology of your modem. Connect the primary antenna or primary RF cable directly to the antenna connector on the back of the Raven.

**Tip:** When using a cable to an antenna placed away from the modem, minimize the length of your cable. All gain from a more advantageous antenna placement can be lost with a long cable to the modem.

#### **Connecting to Power**

Your Raven can be used with either DC, available in most automobiles, or 110 AC, standard US wall power, with the appropriate power adapter. DC cables and AC adapters are available as optional accessories in addition to the one included with your Raven.

The DC power cable positive lead should be connected to the battery or power source positive terminal. The power cable negative lead should be connected to the battery or power source negative terminal.

Note: When using a DC power source (such as a car battery or solar cell), Sierra Wireless recommends placing a fuse (1-2 Amp) on the line close to the power source to protect your power source from possible surges due to shorts or other line issues.

# **Connecting to a Computer or other Device**



Figure 4-2: Ethernet

The Ethernet port of your Raven can be connected directly to a computer or other Ethernet device with either a cross-over cable or a straight-through cable. The Ethernet port on the Raven is auto-sensing and connects at 10baseT. If you are connecting the modem to a hub or switch you should use a straight through cable or use the uplink port on the hub or switch with a cross-over cable.

**Tip:** On some computers, the TCP receive window may be set to 16 kbytes. To optimize the throughput of your Raven, it is recommended that you change the TCP window to 128 kbytes to 256 kbytes using a TCP Optimizer.

### **Indicator Lights**

When your Raven is connected to power and an antenna, there is a specific pattern to the lights to indicate its operation mode.



Figure 4-3: Raven Indicator lights

- **Chan (channel)** Indicates the modem has acquired a network channel.
- Link Indicates a successful connection to the cellular network.
- Reg (registration) Indicates the Raven has acquired an IP fromyour cellular provider.

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• RSSI (signal level) - Light shows the strength of the signal and may be nearly solid (strong signal) or flashing (weaker signal). A slow flash indicates a very weak signal.

#### **RSSI LED Ranges**

RSSI/Signal LED Status	Ranges of RSSI (dBm)
On Solid	Equal to or stronger than -69
Fast Blink	-70 to -79
Normal blink	-80 to -89
Slow Blink	-90 to -99
Extinguished	Equal to or weaker than -100

- TxRx (transmit/receive) The light will flash as data is transferred to and from the Raven-E modem on the remote network.
- **Srvc (service)** Indicates when the connection is EDGE. Unlit indicates GPRS.
- **Pwr (power)** Indicates the power adapter is connected and there is power getting to the Raven.
- The Reset button performs the same function as unplugging power from the modem and plugging it back in. Reset will not alter any saved configuration settings.

#### **Light Patterns**

The LEDs on the front of the modem will respond in different patterns to indicate modem states.

- **Normal** Each LED, mentioned above, lit as applicable.
- **Start up** The LEDs will cycle from left to right.
- PassThru mode The Chan, Reg, and Link LEDs will blink in tandem. The Tx and Rx LEDs will blink when transmitting or receiving data.

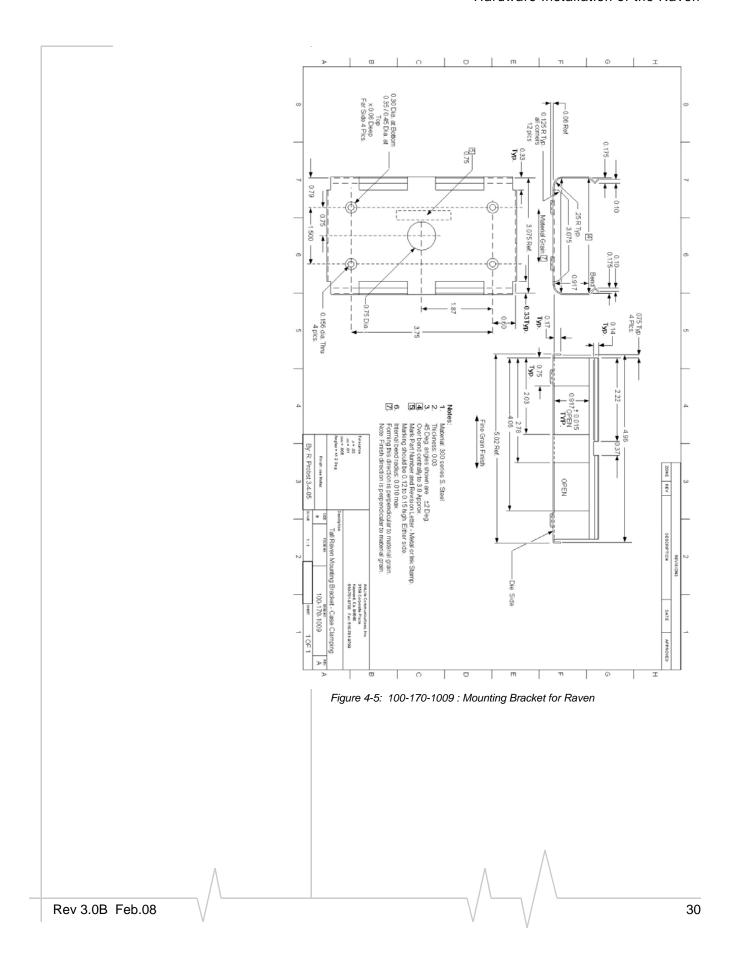
#### **Mounting**

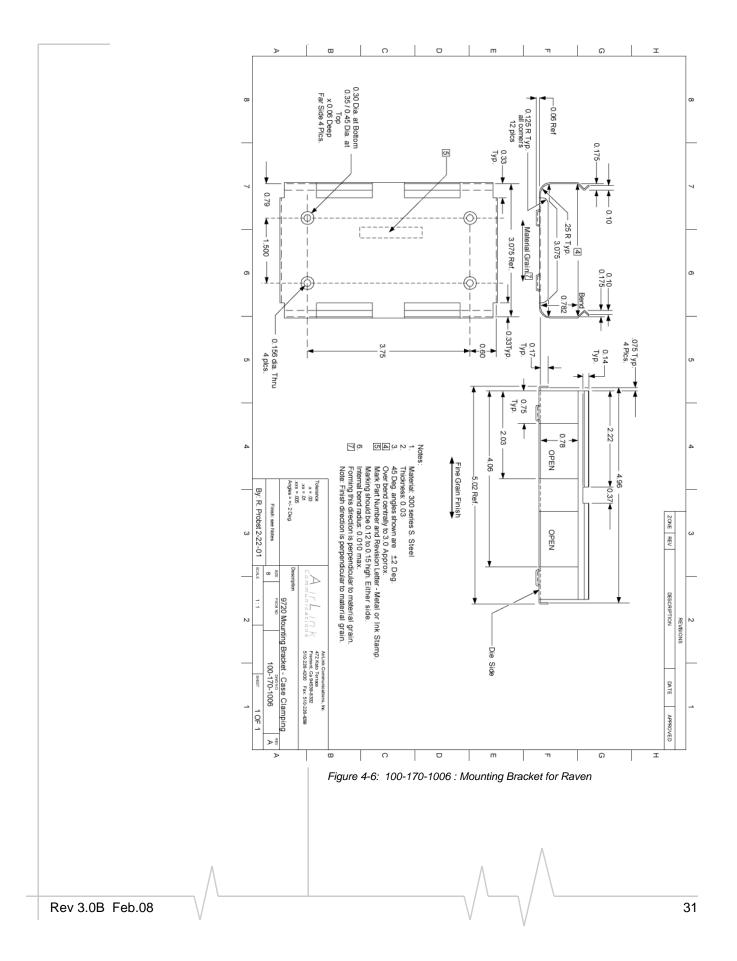
An optional accessory for your Raven is a mounting kit, which includes a bracket. The bracket is designed to snugly cradle the modem and hold it in place where you need it. You can use a

 strap around the bracket and modem for extra security. The bracket can be attached to a stationary location using #6 screws with the mounting hole diameter approximately 0.150".



Figure 4-4: Optional Mounting Bracket





### >> 5: Configuring your Raven

- Using AceManager
- Using Templates
- Using a Terminal Application with AT Commands

With ALEOS as its "brain", the Raven is a highly configurable device, more than just a "dumb" modem.

To configure your Raven, you have two options. You can use the configuration and management applications of the AceWare suite or you can use a terminal emulator application such as HyperTerminal, PuTTY, or many others.

Since the AceWare applications are designed for ease of use, nearly all descriptions and screen shots of Raven configuration in this guide and Application Notes are done with AceManager. In addition to the various chapters in this guide giving information and directions about using the features of your Raven, the Configuration Commands appendix briefly describes all the commands available. To get a more expanded view of the other AceManager features, refer to the AceManager Guide.

A full listing of all the configuration commands for you modem are in Appendix A.

#### **Using AceManager**

AceManager is a free utility and is available on the product CD or can be downloaded from the Sierra Wireless America website:http://www.sierrawireless.com/support/AirLink/default.aspx.

**Tip:** AceManager is the same application as Wireless Ace. The name was changed to fit better with its features."

#### 1. Start AceManager

Start > All Programs > AirLink Communications > AceManager

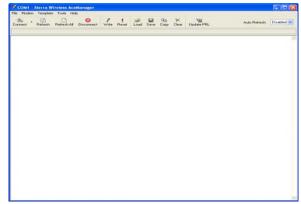


Figure 5-1: AceManager

### 2. Connect to your Raven

a. Click the Connect button.

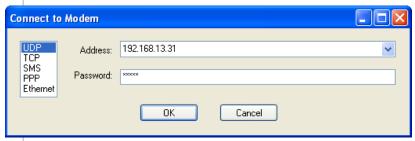
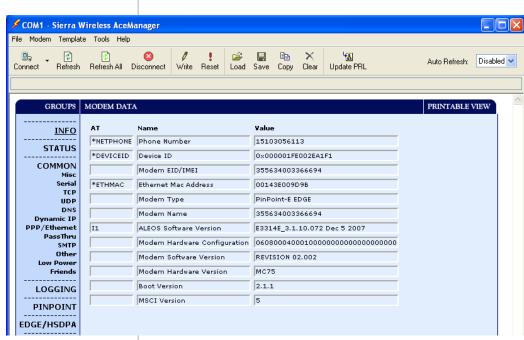


Figure 5-2: AceManager: Connect to Modem

- **b.** Select a connection method:
- If you are connecting remotely, you can use UDP, TCP, or SMS.
- If you are connecting locally with the modem connected directly to your computer using a serial cable, you can use PPP.
- If you are connecting locally with the modem connected directly to your computer using an Ethernet cable, you can use UDP, TCP, or Ethernet.
- **c.** Enter the connection information.
- For UDP or TCP, if you are connecting locally, use the \*HOSTPEERIP of the modem to connect. The default for the \*HOSTPEERIP is 192.168.13.31.
- For SMS, enter the phone number of the modem and select your wireless carrier.
- For PPP, select the COM port to which the modem is connected.
- **d.** Enter the password. The default password will be entered for you.



e. Select OK.

Figure 5-3: AceManager: Connected

## 3. Enter the configuration options

- **a.** On the left side of AceManager is the *Groups* menu. Select the appropriate group as needed or directed.
- **b.** Enter your changes in the *New Value* column by typing in the desired change or using the drop down menus.
- The current configuration is shown in the *Value* column.

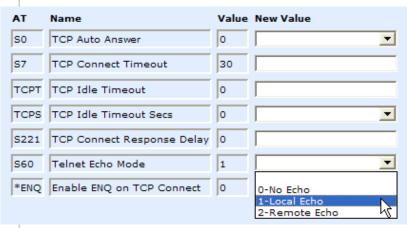


Figure 5-4: AceManager: Changing values

### 4. Write the changes to the modem

- **a.** Click the Write button on the tool bar of AceManager.
- **b.** Wait for the message "Write Successful" to appear in the status bar.



Figure 5-5: AceManager: Write

**Tip:** Some configuration settings will require you to reset the modem before they will take effect. You can reset the modem by using the Reset button in AceManager or by using the reset button on the modem. You can also reset the modem by cycling the power.

## **Using Templates**

If you have a modem configuration that works well for your needs, using AceManager, you can save that modem's configuration as a template and then apply it to other Sierra Wireless AirLink modems.

## 1. Creating the Template with AceManager

- a. Configure the "master" modem.
- **b.** Click the *Copy* button on the tool bar to transfer all the configured settings to the New Value column.



Figure 5-6: AceManager : Copy

**c.** Remove settings which are specific to your "master" modem or verify settings are applicable to all your modems.

Note: Some of the configuration settings are specific to individual modems. You do not want to have those settings in your saved template otherwise the modems you configure with the template could cease to work with the cellular or local network.

- Cellular Technology specific settings ( EDGE/HSDPA group)
- \*MODEMNAME
- \*HOSTPRIVIP
- \*HOSTPEERIP
- \*HOSTUID
- · \*HOSTPW
- **d.** Click the *Save* button on the toolbar.



**e.** Type in a file name that is descriptive of the template (so you can find it easily later) and save it to a location on your computer.

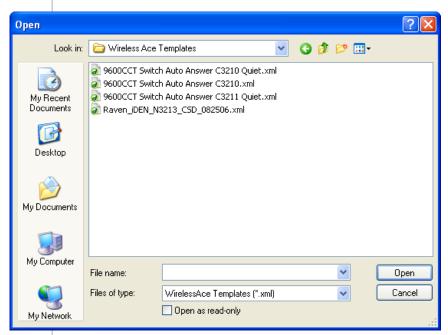


Figure 5-7: AceManager: Save Template

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## 2. Applying a Template to one modem with AceManager

You can use a template you created yourself, using the steps above, or a template provided by your AirLink representative or someone in your company who has set up a modem template. The template you wish to apply must be saved to your hard drive.

- **a.** Load the template.
  - 1. Connect to the modem you want to configure using AceManager.
  - **2.** Click on the *Load* button on the toolbar.



Figure 5-8: AceManager: Load

- **3.** Select the template you have saved (you may need to change folders if you saved it to a different location).
- **b.** Verify the configuration settings.

**Tip:** After you load the template, it's best to go back over the AceManager groups to make sure all the settings are what you require.

**c.** Click the *Write* button on the toolbar to write the configuration to the modem. Wait for the "Write Successful" message.



Figure 5-9: AceManager: Write

**d.** Reset the modem.

**Caution:** Many of the configuration settings will not take effect until the modem has been reset.

**Tip:** You can use common settings on one modem to configure those same settings on another modem even of a different type. For example, you can use the serial settings of a modem (such as PinPoint X or Raven X) to configure the serial settings of a Raven. Settings not applicable to the modem on which you are loading the template, will be discarded.

## 3. Optional: Applying one template to several modems simultaneously with AceNet

AceNet allows you to connect to and monitor several modems at the same time. For your convenience, you can also apply a single template to selected modems simultaneously.

Connecting to the modems with AceNet is covered in the AceNet User Guide.

**Caution:** When applying a template in AceNet, it is even more important to make sure there are no non-general settings in the template from the "master" modem.

Unlike AceManger, AceNet does not check the modem type before applying the template. Settings not applicable, such as a USB setting from a Raven XT template being applied to a Raven X, are not read by the receiving modem. You will get a "partial success" status if all items in a template cannot be applied by the receiving modem.

**a.** Select modems to configure with the template.

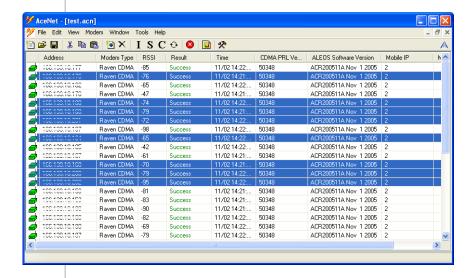


Figure 5-10: AceNet: Selected modems

**Tip:** Click on the first with your mouse and, with the control button held down, click the additional modem.

**b.** Select the *Modem* option in the tool bar and then select *Apply AceManager Template*.

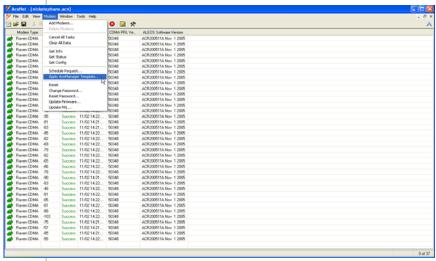


Figure 5-11: AceNet: Modem menu

**c.** Either type in the Template file name, or click browse and select the template file you want to apply (you may need to change folders).

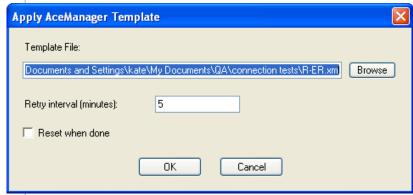


Figure 5-12: AceNet: Template select

**d.** Set the Retry Interval and check if you want to have the modems Reset when the template has been applied.

## Using a Terminal Application with AT Commands

You can access and configure your Raven using a terminal application such as Microsoft HyperTerminal, PuTTY, or similar. The following directions are for HyperTerminal which is part of a standard installation of Windows XP.

Start > All Programs > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal

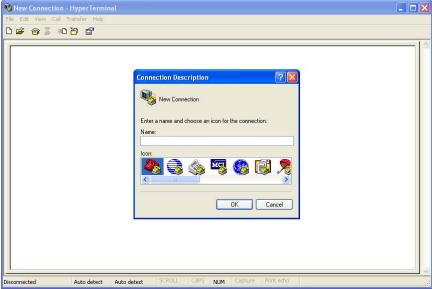


Figure 5-13: HyperTerminal

## 1. Choose a name and icon for your connection.

**a.** Choose a name for your connection, such as *Raven* or *Sierra Wireless AirLink Solutions*. The name and icon are only for your own reference so you can find the connection at a later date.

**Tip:** If you want to have a connection saved for both local and remote, it is recommended the connection name reflect the connection type, i.e. Raven local.

**b.** Select OK.

### 2. Connect To

- **a.** Select *TCP/IP* (*Winsock*) for "Connect Using".
- **b.** Type in 192.169.13.31 for Host Address.
- **c.** Change the "Port Number" to 2332.



**d.** Select OK.

#### 3. Connected

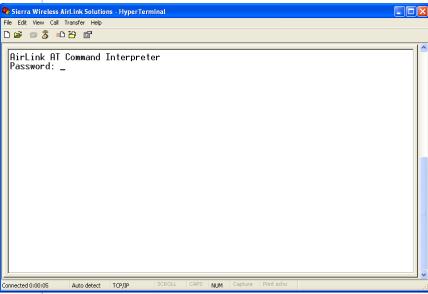


Figure 5-14: HyperTerminal: TCP/IP connected

**a.** If you are prompted for a password, enter 12345.

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- **b.** Type *AT* and press *Enter*. You should get a reply of "OK" or "0".
- **c.** To see what you are typing as you type it, you will need to turn on the echo and verbose mode. Type *ATE1V1* and press *Enter*.
- **d.** If you get a reply of "OK", then you entered the command successfully. If you get a reply of "0" or "ERROR", try entering the command again.

#### **AT Commands**

When using a terminal application, you will need to manually type in each command.

- For most commands, when you are entering them using a terminal connection, you will need to preface the command with AT (exceptions are noted), i.e. *ATA* which is listed as *A*.
- Some commands have specific parameters while other commands will take whatever you type.
- Required variable parameters are denoted with italicized text, example, Dn. The n is variable.
- Acceptable parameters and/or specific formats are listed with each command.
- Most commands with parameters can be entered with? to read the current value (for example, *AT&D*? will respond with "2" if the default has not been changed).
- Optional parameters are denoted with square brackets [].
- AT Commands are not case sensitive. A capital "E" is the same as a lower-case "e".
- When you are using a terminal connection, if you enter a command which is recognized by the Raven, it will respond with "OK". If the command is not recognized, the response will be "ERROR".
- Those commands applicable only to certain model numbers of the Raven will be noted.

**Caution:** Symbols listed with commands, such as \*, /, &, or ?, are part of the command and must be included. Commands with symbols other than \* may require PassThru mode.

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## >> 6: Data Communication and Host Modes

- Basic Modes
- Data Communication

The Raven plays the part of a HOST when a computer or another device is connected directly to its port and routes data to/from the connected device to the cellular network.

**Caution:** The Raven moves data from one port to the cellular network in a simple one-to-one routing. It does not employ a routing table or any complicated routing protocol.

**Tip:** If you need to have one-to-many routing, you can connect the Raven to a router. The router would provide the multiple routing and the Raven would provide one-to-one for the router to the cellular network and the Internet.

As the host, the Raven can use different communication modes:

#### **Basic Modes**

- AT: The Raven accepts and responds to standard AT commands.
- PassThru: Direct connection to internal hardware (OEM Module) of the Raven.
- Telnet: The Raven auto-answers TCP connections to allow terminal emulation using either a local Ethernet connection or remotely using the cellular connection.

**Tip:** By default, the Raven is in AT Mode and allows AT Commands to be entered via terminal connection (through the local port connection) or remotely (through the cellular network). PassThru Mode can only be exited by resetting the Raven. All serial modes are entered by use of a startup mode command.

#### **Data Communication**

- Public and Private Modes: The method used by the Raven to pass an IP address to a connected device.
- **Keepalive**: How the Raven maintains its connection to the cellular network.

### **Basic Modes**

#### **AT Mode**

Using a terminal connection, AT commands are used to configure the modem, command it to do something, or query a setting. For a full listing of the AT commands, refer to the appendix. AceManager is a graphical user interface for most AT Commands.

- AT commands must always be terminated by <CR> (ASCII character 0x0D), a carriage return (pressing enter on the keyboard). Some may also include a new line or line feed <LF>.
- If **E=1** (Echo On), the AT command (including the terminating <carriage return) will be displayed (output) before any responses.
- Two settings affect the format of AT command output: V (Verbose) and Q (Quiet).
- If Q=1 (Quiet On), no result codes are output whatsoever, so there is no response generated by a (non query) command.
- If **Q=0** (Quiet Off), result codes are output. The format of this output is then affected by the Verbose setting.

If Quiet mode is off, the result code is affected as follows:

For **V=1** (Verbose mode), the textual result code is surrounded by a carriage return and new line. Any AT query response is also surrounded by a carriage return and new line.

For **V=0** (Terse mode), a numeric result code is output with a single trailing carriage return (no new line is output), while any AT query response is followed by a carriage return and new line (there is no preceding output).

 For example, possible output to the AT command "AT" with carriage return (assuming quiet mode is not on) is:

carriage return - if V=0

carriage return and new line OK another carriage return and new line - if V=1

Note: These commands work for the port on which they are executed. For example, if the user types ATE1 and then AT&W using a serial port connection, it will set the serial port to Echo On.

#### PassThru Mode

In PassThru mode, the Raven does not behave normally, all port communication is passed directly between the internal hardware and the computer connected directly to the modem. This mode can be used to configure hardware-specific settings. For example, provisioning, troubleshooting, communicating with legacy equipment, etc.

**Caution:** ALEOS is disabled in PassThru Mode. You cannot use most ALEOS specific commands while the modem is in PassThru Mode. While in PassThru mode, you also cannot use AceManager to connect with the PinPoint.

Issuing the "AT\APASSTHRU" from a terminal emulation enters this mode. The modem responds with OK, at which point a direct connection to the internal hardware is established. You can also configure the modem to enter PassThru mode on start up using MD.

**Tip:** PassThru can only be exited by resetting or power-cycling the modem. This mode cannot be entered via a remote Telnet session.

You can configure a string of AT commands to be sent to the Raven when it enters PassThru and other PassThru settings.



Figure 6-1: AceManager: PassThru

PassThru Mode allows only specific AT commands. Some ALEOS commands will be unavailable when the Raven is in PassThru mode. The commands usable also depend heavily on the modem model number (found on the label on the top of the Raven).

Note: Some internal hardware requires upwards of 20 seconds before AT commands can be entered, so be patient if there seems to be no response to AT commands.

#### **Telnet Mode**

In AceManager you can configure Telnet operation.



Figure 6-2: AceManager: S0

If you need to change the port for Telnet (for example, you have the default port blocked on your firewall), the option is on the Other tab. The default telnet port is 2332. You can also change the Telnet timeout, if the connection is idle, default 2 minutes.

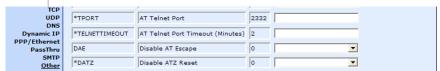


Figure 6-3: AceManager: Other - \*TPORT, \*TELNETTIMEOUT.

#### **UDP** and **UDP** Pad

#### **TCP and TCP Pad**

## **Hybrid Modes**

AT Command	Hybrid Mod (MD5)	Hybrid Mode2 (MD6)
MD	3	3
S82	2	2
S0	1	1
*UDPLAST	0	1

Note: The Raven forwards messages to and from the cellular network for only ONE device per port. The Raven is a one-to-one gateway and does not have advanced routing features required to do one-to-many routing.

## **Data Communication**

The primary purpose of the Raven is to forward data from a single device connected to one of the ports to the cellular network and, ultimately, under most circumstances, to the Internet in a **one-to-one** gateway configuration.

When the Raven obtains its IP address from your cellular provider, it also obtains the network routing information necessary to forward messages to their routers which can then forward on from there. The Raven then acts as a router for the device connected to it, forwarding to or from the cellular network.

#### **Public and Private Mode**

In Public Mode, the Raven will pass the IP address assigned by the cellular network to the device connected to its port. Public Mode is the default mode for the Raven.

If you need more control over which gateway address, device address, and netmask that is given out by the internal DHCP server, you can use the private host mode, \*HOSTPRIVMODE, and set the internal network IP addresses. The Raven will use NAT to forward packets to the end device.

**Tip:** When using Public mode, Sierra Wireless recommends connecting the modem directly to the computer or other end device. Using a hub or switch may prevent the Raven from updating the IP address of the end device when an IP address is received from the cellular network.

In AceManager, the Private mode settings are part of the **PPP**/ **Ethernet** group.

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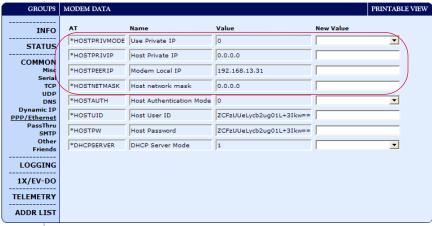


Figure 6-4: AceManager: PPP/Ethernet

- \*HOSTPRIVMODE Set to 1 to enable the explicit IP addresses.
- \*HOSTPRIVIP Set to the IP address you want the Raven to give to your device.
- \*HOSTPEERIP Set to the IP address you want for the Raven.
- \*HOSTNETMASK Set to the subnetmask, generally 255.255.255.0.

**Tip:** If you are using Private Mode (\*HOSTPRIVMODE=1), you will need to make sure that \*HOSTPRIVIP and \*HOSTPEERIP are on the same subnet. If the subnet mask is 255.255.255.0, it is safe to use 192.168.x.y for each as long as the x is the same number (0 in the example screen shot above) and the y is different (1 and 2 in the example) and between 0 and 254.

#### **Internal DHCP Server**

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) has become a primary component of today's network environments. DHCP allows one server to automatically and dynamically allocate network IP addresses and other network related settings (such as subnet masks, routers, etc.) to each computer or device without the need to set up each specifically or keep track of what addresses have already been used.

In a default configuration, the Raven acts as a DHCP host to any device connected to its ports, providing that device with an IP address which can be used to communicate on the Internet. In Public Mode, that will be the IP address assigned by the cellular network. In Private Mode, that will be the IP address defined in \*HOSTPRIVIP.

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- When the Raven registers on the cellular network, it is assigned an IP address from your cellular provider, let's say A.B.C.D.
- 2. Acting as a DHCP server, in Public Mode, when the Raven receives a DHCP request from an Ethernet device, it hands off the assigned address to the device and sets up the default gateway address as A.B.C.1. If the fourth octet is already a 1, it assigns A.B.C.2 as the router address.
- 3. The Raven also sends a /24 netmask (255.255.255.0 by default) and sets up a static route which maps 192.168.13.31 (or the address configured with \*HOSTPEERIP if it is changed) to A.B.C.1 (or A.B.C.2 if that was what the gateway address was given as).

**Tip:** When PPPoE is used with the Raven, DHCP is not needed. A tunnel is set up connecting a device (such as your computer or a router) with the modem. The device will then simply use the MAC address of the Raven to send all outgoing packets.

### Keepalive

Keepalive is used to test the connection to the cellular network by pinging an IP address after a specified period of inactivity. Keepalive is only recommended for users who have a remote terminated modem that infrequently communicates to the network or if you have experienced issues over time where the modem can no longer be reached remotely.

When Keepalive pings the IP address, an acknowledgement indicates there is an active connection to the network. If the Raven does not receive a response from the IP address, it will make additional attempts according to a backoff algorithm before determining the Internet connection is not functioning properly. If it determines the connection is not functioning, the modem will then attempt to reconnect to your cellular provider to reestablish IP connectivity.

#### **Configuring Keepalive**

In AceManager, the Keepalive settings are part of the *Other* group.



Figure 6-5: AceManager: Other

 \*IPPING sets the interval, in minutes, you want Keepalive to test the network connection. To disable Keepalive, set
 \*IPPING to 0 (default setting).

Note: 15 minutes is the minimum time which can be set for Keepalive. If you set \*IPPING for a value less than the minimum, the minimum value will be set.

 \*IPPINGADDR sets the IP address you want to use for the connection test.

**Caution:** If \*IPPINGADDR is left blank or is set to an invalid IP address (example, an IP which is unreachable or one which is not a valid IP address), modem performance will be adversely affected.

#### Data usage using Keepalive

Keepalive is an optional feature. If you frequently pass data with your modem, you most likely do not need to have Keepalive enabled. When using Keepalive, be aware that a ping moves approximately 66 bytes of data over the network and is billable by your cellular provider. The following \*IPPING settings will incur approximate monthly data usage in addition to any other data usage:

*IPPING	Estimated Usage	
15 minutes	400k / month	
30 minutes	200k / month	
60 minutes	100k / month	
120 minutes	50k / month	

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## >> 7: IP Manager

- Understanding Domain Names
- Using IP Manager with your Raven
- Understanding DNS

If you have a fleet of Sierra Wireless AirLink modems or even if you only have one, it can be difficult to keep track of the current IP addresses, especially if the addresses aren't static but change every time the modems connect to Provider. If you need to connect to a modem, or the device behind it, it is so much easier when you have a domain name (car54.mydomain.com, where are you?).

## Reasons to contact the modem and/or the connected device:

- Requesting a location update from a delivery truck.
- Contacting a surveillance camera to download logs or survey a specific area.
- An oil derek that needs to be triggered to begin pumping.
- Sending text to be displayed by a road sign.
- Updating the songs to be played on a juke box.
- Updating advertisements to be displayed in a cab.
- Remote access to a computer, a PLC, an RTU, or other system.
- Monitoring and troubleshooting the status of the modem itself without needing to bring it in or go out to it.

A dynamic IP address is suitable for many Internet activities such as web browsing, looking up data on another computer system, data only being sent out, or data only being received after an initial request (also called Mobile Originated). However, if you need to contact Raven directly, a device connected to the modem, or a host system using your Raven (also called Mobile Terminated), a dynamic IP won't give you a reliable address to contact (since it may have changed since the last time it was assigned).

Domain names are often only connected to static IP addresses because of the way most domain name (DNS) servers are setup. Dynamic DNS servers require notification of IP Address changes so they can update their DNS records and link a dynamic IP address to the correct name.

- Dynamic IP addresses are granted only when your Raven is connected and can change each time the modem reconnects to the network.
- Static IP addresses are granted the same address every time your Raven is connected and are not in use when your modem is not connected.

Since many cellular providers, like wire-based ISPs, do not offer static IP addresses or static address accounts cost a premium vs. dynamic accounts, Sierra Wireless AirLink Solutions developed IP Manager to work with a Dynamic DNS server to receive notification from Sierra Wireless AirLink modems to translate the modem's dynamic IP address to a fully qualified domain name. Thus, you can contact your Raven directly from the Internet using a domain name.

## **Understanding Domain Names**

A domain name is a name of a server or device on the Internet which is associated with an IP address. Similar to how the street address of your house is one way to contact you and your phone number is another, both the IP address and the domain name can be used to contact a server or device on the Internet. While contacting you at your house address or with your phone number employ different methods, using a domain name instead of the IP address actually uses the same method, just a word based name is commonly easier to remember for most people than a string of numbers.

Understanding the parts of a domain name can help to understand how IP Manager works and what you need to be able to configure the modem. A fully qualified domain name (FQDN) generally has several parts.

- **Top Level Domain** (TLD): The TLD is the ending suffix for a domain name (.com, .net, .org, etc.)
- Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD): This suffix is often used after the TLD for most countries except the US (.ca, .uk, .au, etc.)
- Domain name: This is the name registered with ICANN
   (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers)
   or the registry for a the country of the ccTLD (i.e. if a
   domain is part of the .ca TLD, it would be registered with
   the Canadian domain registry). It is necessary to have a
   name registered before it can be used.
- Sub-domain or server name: A domain name can have many sub-domain or server names associated with it. Subdomains need to be registered with the domain, but do not

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need to be registered with ICANN or any other registry. It is the responsibility of a domain to keep track of its own subs.

#### car54.mydomain.com

- .com is the TLD
- *mydomain* is the domain (usually noted as mydomain.com since the domain is specific to the TLD)
- car54 is the subdomain or server name associated with the device, computer, or modem registered with mydomain.com

#### car54.mydomain.com.ca

This would be the same as above, but with the addition of the country code. In this example, the country code (.ca) is for Canada.

**Tip:** A URL (Universal Resource Locator) is different from a domain name in that it also indicates information on the protocol used by a web browser to contact that address, such as http:// www.sierrawireless.com. www.sierrawireless.com is a fully qualified domain name, but the http://, the protocol identifier, is what makes the whole thing a URL.

## **Dynamic Names**

When an IP address is not expected to change, the DNS server can indicate to all queries that the address can be cached and not looked up for a long period of time. Dynamic DNS servers, conversely, have a short caching period for the domain information to prevent other Internet sites or queries from using the old information. Since the IP address of a modem with a dynamic account can change frequently, if the old information was used (such as with a DNS server which indicates the address can be cached for a long period of time) when the IP address changed, the domain would no longer point to the new and correct IP address of the modem.

If your Raven is configured for Dynamic IP, when it first connects to the Internet, it sends a IP change notification to IP Manager. IP Manger will acknowledge the change and update the Dynamic DNS server. The new IP address will then be the address for your modem's configured name.

Once your modem's IP address has been updated in IP Manager, it can be contacted via name. If the IP address is needed, you can use the domain name to determine the IP address.

Note: The fully qualified domain name of your Raven will be a subdomain of the domain used by the IP Manager server.

## Using IP Manager with your Raven

To allow your Sierra Wireless AirLink modem to be addressed by name, the modem needs to have a minimum of three elements configured. You can also configure a second dynamic server as a backup, secondary, or alternate server.

In AceManager, select Dynamic IP.



Figure 7-1: AceManager: Dynamic IP

- \*MODEMNAME: The name you want for the modem.
   There are some restrictions listed below for the modem name.
- \*DOMAIN: The domain name to be used by the modem. This is the domain name of the server configured for \*IPMANAGER1.
- \*IPMANAGER1: The IP address or domain name of the dynamic DNS server which is running IP Manager.
- \*IPMANAGER2: The secondary server for the domain.
   While it is optional to have two servers configured, it is highly recommended.

**Tip:** You can use a domain name instead of the IP address for your IP Manager servers if you have DNS set up in your Raven.

 \*IPMGRUPDATE1 and \*IPMGRUPDATE2: How often, in minutes, you want the address sent to IP Manager. If this is set to zero, the modem will only send an update if

- the IP address changes (example, if your Raven is reset or is assigned a different IP address).
- \*IPMGRKEY1 and \*IPMGRKEY2: User defined password key which is used instead of AirLink secret key when using an IP Manager server other than the one provided by Sierra Wireless.

#### **Restrictions for Modem Name**

For the Modem Name, you should use something which is unique but also easy to remember. Your company name or the intended function of the modem are recommended. If you have more than one modem and want to name them the same, you can append a number for each. Since it is an Internet domain name, there are some restrictions for the name.

- Must begin with a letter or number
- Can include a hyphen (-)
- Cannot contain spaces
- Must be no longer than 20 characters total

## Data Usage for IP Manager Server Updates

The IP Manager update is a small packet sent to the server with a response sent back to the modem. If you have \*IPMGRUPDATE1 or \*IPMGRUPDATE2 set to any number but zero, the modem will send the update not only when it receives a new IP address but at the time interval as well. The data traffic could be billed by your carrier.

Each update is a total of 68 bytes from the modem with a 50 byte total response from the server for a round trip update of 118 bytes.

interval (minutes)	total bytes per day (24 hours)
10	16992 bytes
30	5664 bytes
60	2832 bytes
500	339.84 bytes

#### Eairlink.com

As a service, Sierra Wireless maintains a IP Manager servers which can be used for any AirLink modem.

Note: The IP Manager service from Sierra Wireless is currently not a guaranteed service though every effort is made to keep it operational 24/7. \*DOMAIN : eairlink.com

\*IPMANAGER1 : edns2.eairlink.com

\*IPMANAGER2 : eairlink.com

**Tip:** When using the IP Manager service offered by Sierra Wireless, since there are many modems using the service, it is even more imperative to have a unique name for your modem.

## **Understanding DNS**

The Raven has the ability to query DNS servers in order to translate domain names into IP addresses. This allows you to use domain names in place of IP addresses for most of the configuration options requiring IP addresses. This is important if your Raven will need to contact another modem or other device that has a domain name but an unknown or dynamic IP address (such as another remote Raven using IP Manager).

## **Configuring DNS**

Generally, when your Raven receives its IP address from Provider as part of the connection process, it will also receive the DNS servers to use for resolving (or translating) names to IP addresses which it will automatically configure in the modem settings. Unless your Raven will be used on a network with other modems or devices which have names internal to the local network or frequently changing IP addresses, the DNS servers provided by Provider should be all you need.

If the Raven will be communicating with a device that has a domain name but changes its IP address frequently (such as another AirLink modem using IP Manager) or is on a network where devices are accessed by names rather than IP addresses, you will want to put in an alternate DNS (\*DNSUSER) where that domain is updated, such as the IP Manager server the remote modem is using or the listing of IP addresses to names is kept.

If you need to manually configure DNS, in AceManager, select *DNS*.

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Figure 7-2: AceManager: DNS

- \*DNS1 and \*DNS2 The primary and secondary DNS servers set by Provider when your Raven gets its IP address.
- \*DNSUSER Set this, if desired, to an additional DNS server to query first before the primary or secondary (just as a hosts file is queried first on a computer). If \*DNSUSER is set to 0.0.0.0, it will be ignored.
- \*DNSUPDATE This command sets how often you want DNS Updates to be requested. Otherwise the Raven will only send updates when it is reset, powered up, or the IP address is granted by network changes.

#### The "PPP-Peer" Domain Name

The Raven uses the unqualified domain name of "ppp-peer" when it is in PPP or SLIP address mode to resolve the address of the device or computer connected via PPP or SLIP address. If the Raven is not in PPP or SLIP address mode, "ppp-peer" will resolve to 0.0.0.0.

## >> 8: Configuring Modbus/BSAP

- Configuring the Raven at the Polling Host for Modbus on UDP
- Configuring the Remote Ravens for Modbus with UDP

The Raven supports Modbus ASCII, Modbus RTU, BSAP, and can also emulate other protocols like DF1 or others using its Modbus Variable feature.

#### **Modbus Overview**

The Modbus Protocol, developed by Modicon in 1979, provides for client-server (also referred to as master-slave) communications between intelligent devices. As a de facto standard, it is the most widely used network protocol in the industrial manufacturing environment to transfer discrete/ analog I/O and register data between control devices. Modbus, BSAP, and other Modbus variations are often used in conjunction with telemetry devices.

**Tip:** This section is just a brief overview of Modbus. For more information, refer to your Modbus equipment distributor or manufacturer or http://www.modbus.org.

#### **Telemetry**

Telemetry is an automated communications process by which data is collected from instruments located at remote or inaccessible points and transmitted to receiving equipment for measurement, monitoring, display, and recording. Transmission of the information may be over physical pairs of wires, telecommunication circuits, radios or satellite.

#### **Remote Terminal Unit (RTU)**

Modbus was originally designed to be used in a radio environment where packets are broadcast from a central station (also called master or host) to a group of remote units. Each remote unit, Remote Terminal Unit (RTU), has a hexidecimal identification number (ID). The first part of the broadcast packet contains an RTU ID which corresponds to the ID of one of the remote units. The Modbus host looks for the ID and sends to only the unit with the matching ID. The RTU would then reply back to the central station.

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The RTU connects to physical equipment such as switches, pumps, and other devices and monitors and controls these devices. The RTU can be part of a network set up for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition.

#### **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)**

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) describes solutions across a large variety of industries and is used in industrial and engineering applications to monitor and control distributed systems from a master location. SCADA encompasses multiple RTUs, a central control room with a host computer (or network), and some sort of communication infrastructure.

SCADA allows for "supervisory" control of remote devices as well as acquiring data from the remote locations. Programmable Logic Controllers allow for a higher degree of automated SCADA.

#### **Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)**

A Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is a small industrial computer which generally monitors several connected sensor inputs and controls attached devices (motor starters, solenoids, pilot lights/displays, speed drives, valves, etc.) according to a user-created program stored in its memory. Containing inputs and outputs similar to an RTU, PLCs are frequently used for typical relay control, sophisticated motion control, process control, Distributed Control System and complex networking.

#### Modbus TCP/IP

Modbus TCP/IP simply takes the Modbus instruction set and wraps TCP/IP around it. Since TCP/IP is the communications standard for the Internet and most networked computers, this provides a simpler installation. Modbus TCP/IP uses standard Ethernet equipment.

#### Raven Modbus on UDP

When Sierra Wireless AirLink modems are used in place of radios, a Raven is connected to the central station (host) and aRaven is connected to each remote unit. When the Raven is configured for Modbus with UDP, the Raven connected to the host can store a list of IP addresses or names with matching IDs. When the host at the central station sends serial data as a poll request, the Raven at the host matches the RTU ID to a corresponding IP of a Raven at a remote unit. A UDP packet is assembled encapsulating the RTU ID and serial data transmitted from the host. The UDP packet is then transmitted to the specific Raven at the remote unit matching the RTU ID.

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The remote Raven then disassembles the packet before transmitting the RTU ID and serial data to the remote unit. The remote units operate in normal UDP mode and their data is sent to the host via the remote Raven and host Raven.

# Configuring the Raven at the Polling Host for Modbus on UDP

This section covers a Polling Host with standard Modbus, variations may need additional AT commands.

### 1. Configure the listening/device ports

In AceManager, select *Misc* in the side menu.

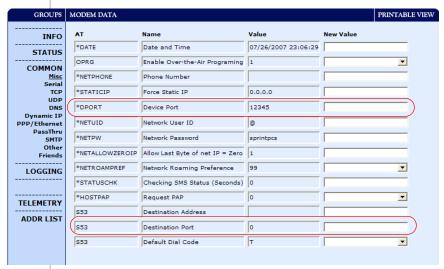


Figure 8-1: AceManager: Misc

The destination port for the modem at the host needs to match the device port (\*DPORT) in use on all the modems at the remote sites. For example, if the remote modem's device port (\*DPORT) is "12345", then the Modbus host modem's *S53* destination port should be set to "12345".

Take note of (or set) the Device Port setting in \*DPORT to configure the destination port on the remote modems.

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### 2. Configure the default mode for start-up.

In AceManager, select *UDP* in the side menu. Select the appropriate *MD* mode from the drop down menu.

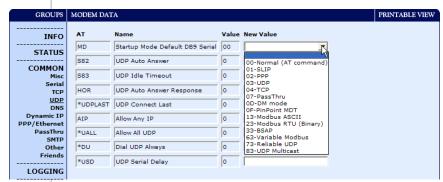


Figure 8-2: AceManager: UDP - MD

- MD13: Modbus ASCII
- MD23 : Modbus RTU (Binary)
- MD33: BSAP
- MD63: Variable Modbus individual parameters are set up manually.

## 3. Configure IP addresses for the Modbus IDs.

The last step of configuring the modem at the host is setting the IDs to their specific IPs. In AceManager, select the menu option *Addr List*.



Figure 8-3: AceManager: Addr List.

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Addresses can be entered in decimal or hex. AceManager will translate hex entries into decimal. The number before the "=" is ID, the number after is the IP address. There can be a total of 100 remote ID/Local addresses entered into the modem.

When using AT commands via telnet or direct serial connection, use ATMLIST for decimal IDs and ATMLISTX for hexidecimal. For example, if the ID is 27 and the IP is 123.123.123.124, you would enter it as ATMLIST27=123.123.123.124 or ATMLISTX1B=123.123.123.124.

### 4. Optional: Dynamic IP Address

If you do not have a static IP, the host modem should be configured to report its current IP to a Dynamic DNS (DDNS) server with IP Manager.

In the Host modem's configuration, instead of IP address for the Addr List (ATMLIST or ATMLISTX), substitute a single unique name for each modem, i.e. remote1, remote2, etc.

When you configure IP Manager for the host modem, make note of your modem name and domain setting in AceManager in the menu selection *Dynamic IP* to be used with the remote modems.



Figure 8-4: AceManager: Dynamic IP

With names instead of IP addresses for the Address List, the host modem will query the DNS server for the current IP address assigned to the specific name of a remote modem to send a message corresponding to the ID.

When you use names instead of IP addresses, to ensure your modems are updated quickly with the correct IP addresses for the names, you will want to set the DNS settings as well. In AceManager, select *DNS*.



Figure 8-5: AceManager: DNS

Configure \*DNSUSER to the same IP address as the IP Manager (\*IPMANAGER1). If your modems have dynamic IP addresses and not static (the IP address can change when it is powered up), configure \*DNSUPDATE to a low interval to allow frequent updates.

## **Configuring the Remote Ravens** for Modbus with **UDP**

This section covers standard Modbus settings for the Raven at the remote unit, variations may need additional commands.

## 1. Configure the ports

In AceManager, select *Misc* in the side menu.

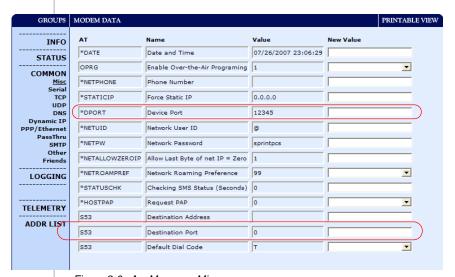


Figure 8-6: AceManager: Misc

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The destination port for the modem at the host needs to match the device port in use on all the modems at the remote sites. For example, if the remote modem's device port (see below) is "12345", then the Modbus host modem's *S53* destination port should be set to "12345".

Set the destination port (S53) to match the device port of the host modem (\*DPORT). Make sure the device port of the remote modem (\*DPORT) matches the destination port of the host modem (S53).

### 2. Configure IP addresses for the host.

If the Host modem has a static IP address, enter it in the Destination Address for S53.

If the modem at the host has a dynamic IP and is using IP Manager, instead of an IP address for S53, specify the name of the host modem (\*MODEMNAME). If the remote modems are using a different DDNS than the host modem, you will need to specify the fully qualified domain name (\*MODEMNAME+\*DOMAIN).

Note: Setting the Host modem IP address as the S53 Destination Address provides a low level security. The modem will not forward UDP traffic unless the source IP/port matches what is in S53. However, if you set \*AIP=1, the modem will forward UDP traffic from any source IP address as long as it is accessing the modem on the configured \*DPORT.

## 3. Configure the default mode for start-up.

Each modem at the remote locations will need to be configured to communicate with the modem at the host. In AceManager, select *UDP* in the side menu.

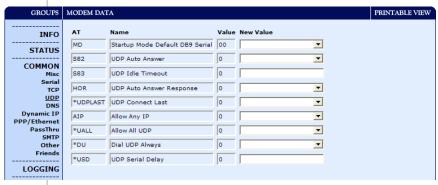


Figure 8-7: AceManager: UDP

Note: With a name instead of IPs for the host modem, the remote modems will query the DNS server for the current IP assigned to the host modem before sending data back to the host.

- **a.** Enable *S82*, UDP auto answer.
- **b.** Set *S83* to the idle time-out applicable to your application, commonly 20.

## 4. Configure other RTU settings.

Other parameters may need to be changed, but this is dependent on the RTU type being used. As a minimum, this typically involves setting the proper serial settings to match your RTU.

## 5. Optional: Dynamic IP Address

If you do not have a static IP, the host modem should be configured to report its current IP to a Dynamic DNS (DDNS) server with IP Manager.

You will need to match the name of the modem to the names specified in the host modem's MLIST or MLISTX for the connected RTU.

When you configure IP Manager for the host modem, make note of your modem name and domain setting in AceManager in the menu selection *Dynamic IP* to be used with the remote modems.



Figure 8-8: AceManager: Dynamic IP

When you use names instead of IP addresses, to ensure your modems are updated quickly with the correct IP addresses for the names, you will want to set the DNS settings as well. In AceManager, select *DNS*.

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Figure 8-9: AceManager: DNS

Configure \*DNSUSER to the same IP address as the IP Manager (\*IPMANAGER1). If your modems have dynamic IP addresses and not static (the IP address can change when it is powered up), configure \*DNSUPDATE to a low interval to allow frequent updates.

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# >> 9: SNMP : Simple Network Management Protocol

- SNMP Configuration
- SNMP MIB Definition Sample

The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) was designed to allow remote management and monitoring of a variety of devices from a central location. The SNMP management system is generally composed of agents (such as your Raven, a router, a UPS, a web server, a file server, or other computer equipment) and a Network Management Station (NMS) which monitors all the agents on a specific network. Using the management information base (MIB), an NMS can include reporting, network topology mapping, tools to allow traffic monitoring and trend analysis, and device monitoring.

Authentication ensures SNMP messages coming from the agent, such as the Raven, have not been modified and the agent may not be queried by unauthorized users. SNMPv3 uses a User-Based Security Model (USM) to authenticate and, if desired or supported, message encryption. USM uses a user name and password specific to each device.

The Raven can be configured as an SNMP agent and supports SNMPv2c and SNMPv3.

## **Management Information Base (MIB)**

The management information base (MIB) is a type of database used to compile the information from the various SNMP agents. Reports from various agents, such as the Raven, are sent as data in form designed to be parsed by the NMS into its MIB. The data is hierarchical with entries addressed through object identifiers.

## **SNMP Traps**

SNMP traps are alerts that can be sent from the managed device to the Network Management Station when an event happens. Your Raven is capable of sending the linkUp trap when the network connection becomes available.

## **SNMP Configuration**

To configure your Raven to work as an SNMP agent, you can use either AceManager, or a terminal connection to configure the modem using AT commands. In AceManager, the SNMP commands are all part of the **Other** group under the **Common** group.

There are only three commands to set for SNMP in the Raven: the listening port, the security level, and the trap destination.



Figure 9-1: AceManager: Common > Other

## **Listening Port**

\*SNMPPORT sets the port for the SNMP agent to listen on. If set to zero, default, SNMP is disabled.

**Tip:** SNMP generally uses port 161, however most Internet providers (including cellular) block all ports below 1024 as a security measure. You should be able to use a higher numbered port such as 10161.

## **Security Level**

\*SNMPSECLVL sets the security level and which version of SNMP communications are used.

- **0** No security required. SNMPv2c and SMNPv3 communications are allowed.
- 1 Authentication required. SNMPv3 is required to do authentication and SNMPv2c transmissions will be silently discarded. Authentication is equivalent to the authNoPriv setting in SNMPv3.
- 2 Authentication required and messages are encrypted. SNMPv3 is required to do authentication. SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 authNoPriv transmissions will be silently discarded. Authentication and encryption is equivalent to the authPriv setting in SNMPv3.

#### **User Name and Password**

The user name is '*user*'. The user name cannot be changed. The Raven's password is used as the SNMP password (default is '12345').

**Tip:** The eight-character password requirement for SMNPv3 is not enforced by the PinPoint X Agent to allow the default password to function. Your SNMP administrator or MIS may require you to change to a more secure and/or longer password.

To change the password in the Raven, select **Modem** from the top menu line in AceManager.

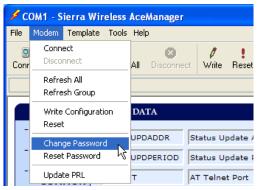


Figure 9-2: AceManager: Change Password menu option

The current password will be pre-entered. As you type the new password and confirm it, the characters you type will be obscured by "x". For the password, you can use numbers, letters, and/or punctuation.



Figure 9-3: Change Password

**Caution:** The password is case sensitive. "drowssaP" is not the same as "drowssap".

### **Trap Destination**

\*SNMPTRAPDEST needs to be set with the destination IP and port. If either are set to zero or empty, SNMP traps are disabled.

Note: Traps are sent out according to the SNMP security level (i.e. if the security level is 2, traps will be authenticated and encrypted). Currently, the only trap supported is LinkUp.

### **Community String**

The community string can be configured using \*SNMPCOM-MUNITY. The default is "public".

## **SNMP MIB Definition Sample**

AIRLINK-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

```
IMPORTS
ObjectName FROM SNMPv2-SMI
MODULE-COMPLIANCE FROM SNMPv2-CONF;
org OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso 3 }
dod OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { org 6 }
internet OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { dod 1 }
private OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { internet 4 }
enterprises OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { private 1 }
airlink OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { enterprises 20542 }
general OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { airlink 1 }
common OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { airlink 2 }
status OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { airlink 3 }
gps OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { airlink 4 }
-- GENERAL --
phoneNumber OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString (SIZE (10))
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 1 }
deviceID OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 2 }
```

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```
electronicID OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 3 }
modemType OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 4 }
aleosSWVer OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 5 }
aleosHWVer OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 6 }
modemSWVer OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 7 }
modemHWVer OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { general 8 }
-- COMMON --
date OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 1 }
otaProgrammingEnable OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER {
disabled(0),
enabled(1) }
MAX-ACCESS read-only
```

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```
STATUS current
  ::= { common 2 }
devicePort OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER(0..65535)
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
 ::= { common 3 }
netUID OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 4 }
netPW OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 5 }
requestPAP OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER {
no(0),
yes(1) }
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 6 }
destinationAddress OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 7 }
destinationPort OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER(0..65535)
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 8 }
serialPortSettings OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 9 }
serialPortFlowControl OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER {
```

```
none(0),
hardware(2),
software(4) }
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { common 10 }
-- STATUS --
ipAddress OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX IpAddress
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { status 1 }
netState OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { status 2 }
netChannel OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
 ::= { status 3 }
rssi OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER(-125..-50)
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { status 4 }
serialSent OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { status 5 }
serialReceived OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { status 6 }
hostMode OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { status 7 }
```

```
powerMode OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { status 8 }
fixObtained OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER {
no(0),
yes(1) }
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
  ::= { gps 1 }
satelliteCount OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX INTEGER
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
::= { gps 2 }
latitude OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
::= { gps 3 }
Iongitude OBJECT-TYPE
SYNTAX DisplayString
MAX-ACCESS read-only
STATUS current
::= { gps 4 }
END
```

## **Display Responses**

The string that is displayed for these objects is the same display for the corresponding AT Command.

Object	AT Command
phoneNumber	*NETPHONE?
deviceID	*DEVICEID?
electronicID	13
aleosSWVer	l1

Object	AT Command
aleosHWVer	I1
modemSWVer	12
modemHWVer	12
date	*DATE?
otaProgrammingEnable	OPRG?
devicePort	*DPORT?
netUID	*NETUID?
netPW	*NETPW?
requestPAP	*HOSTPAP?
destinationAddress	S53
destinationPort	S53
serialPortSettings	S23
serialPortFlowControl	\Q
ipAddress	*NETIP?
netState	*NETSTATE?
netChannel	*NETCHAN?
rssi	*NETRSSI?
serialSent	not applicable for Raven-E
serialReceived	not applicable for Raven-E
hostMode	*HOSTMODE?
powerMode	*POWERMODE? PinPoint line modems only
fixObtained	PinPoint line modems only
satelliteCount	PinPoint line modems only
latitude	PinPoint line modems only
longitude	PinPoint line modems only

## **Product ID**

Each modem type has a unique ID associated with it so you can more easily identify the modem from its type on your network.

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## >> A: Configuration Commands

- Info (information)
- Status
- Common
- Logging
- Telemetry/Addr List
- Edge/HSDPA

The configuration commands (AT commands) in this chapter are arranged according to their placement in AceManager.

The commands available in AceManager will depend of the model number of your Raven and, in some cases, the version of the ALEOS firmware installed.

Note: Some commands can only be configured using a terminal emulation and typed AT commands. Some commands also require PassThru mode.

**Tip:** You can use a fully qualified domain name instead of an IP address for most configuration options calling for an IP address if your Raven is configured to use DNS. DNS settings frequently come directly from your cellular provider while your Raven is registering on the cellular network and receiving it's IP address.

## Info (information)

The commands in the "Info" group have read-only parameters. They only provide information about the modem. Some of the information displayed in this group does not correspond directly to AT commands.



Figure 1-1: AceManager: Info

#### \*DEVICEID?

The 64-bit device ID the modem uses to identify itself to the cellular network.

#### \*ETHMAC?

The MAC address of the Ethernet port.

#### \*NETPHONE?

The modem's phone number, if applicable or obtainable.

#### &V

View active profile, the contents of the active registers. *Not displayed with AceManager.* 

#### **I**n

- **n=0**: Product name (for example, Raven).
- **n=1**: The Raven's firmware (ALEOS) version, hardware ID, and copyright.
- n=2: The internal hardware's firmware version and relevant hardware ID.
- **n=3**: The hardware module's unique identification number or serial number.
- **n=5**: View active profile (the contents of the active registers). *Not displayed with AceManager.*

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## Information Displayed in AceManager without AT Commands Listed

 Versions of ALEOS, internal hardware, boot, and MSCI: Versions of internally configured hardware and software.

## **Status**

Most of the commands in the "Status" group have read-only parameters and provide information about the modem. The Status Group has more fields that can be displayed on most screens. You can either resize your window or use the scroll bar on the side to display the remainder.



Figure 1-2: AceManager: Status

#### \*HOSTMODE?

The current host mode (AT, PPP, UDP, etc.). If the Raven is not in AT mode, telnet into the modem to execute this command.

#### \*NETERR?

The EDGE or GPRS network bit error rate.

#### \*NETIP?

Note: If there is no current network IP address, 0.0.0.0 may be displayed.

The current IP address of the modem reported by the internal module, generally obtained from your cellular provider. This is the address can contact the Raven from the Internet.

**Tip:** Use \*NETALLOWZEROIP if you need to allow the display of an IP ending in a zero.

#### \*NETOP?

The current cellular carrier from the modem's firmware version, for example, your cellular provider.

#### \*NETRSSI?

The current RSSI (Receive Signal Strength Indicator) of the Raven as a negative dBm value.

Tip: The same information is displayed with the command S202?.

#### \*NETSERV?

The type of service being used by the modem, for example Tech.

#### \*NETSTATE?

The current network state:

- **Connecting To Network:** The Raven is in the process of trying to connect to the cellular network.
- Network Authentication Fail: Authentication to the cellular network has failed. Verify settings to activate the Raven.
- Data Connection Failed: The Raven failed to connect, and it is now waiting a set time interval before it attempts to reconnect. Verify settings to activate the Raven.
- Network Negotiation Fail: Network connection negotiation failed. This is usually temporary and often clears up during a subsequent attempt.
- **Network Ready:** The Raven is connected to the 1x cellular network and ready to send data.
- **Network Dormant:** The Ravenis connected to the 1x cellular network, but the link is dormant. It will be woken up when data is sent or received.
- No Service: There is no cellular network detected.
- **Hardware Reset:** The internal module is being reset. This is a temporary state.

#### +ICCID

Subscriber Identity Module ID. .

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#### +RCIQ

Current Cell Info Information. GPRS or EDGE Only.

## Information Displayed in AceManager without AT Commands Listed

- Bytes and Packets Received and Sent: Network traffic for the applicable port.
- Number of System Resets: Counter of the number of system resets over the life of the modem or since the configuration was reset.
- **Bad Password Count**: Counter of the number of bad password attempts.
- IP Reject Count or Log: Rejected IP Data.
- **Temperature of the Internal Hardware Module**: The temperature of the internal radio module.

## **AT Commands Requiring PassThru mode**

These commands are not displayed in AceManager.

#### +CCID

Subscriber Identity Module ID.

Subscriber Identity Module ID.

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### Common

The groups under the heading Common encompass those commands that are common to most Sierra Wireless AirLink modems.

### Misc (Miscellaneous)

The commands of the "Misc" group are a variety of commands that don't directly fit in other categories.

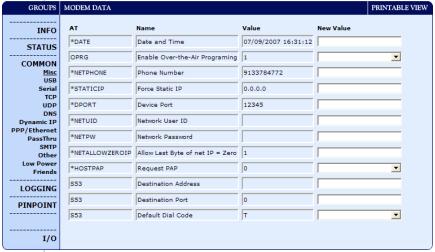


Figure 1-3: AceManager : Misc

+++

Note: +++ is not proceeded by AT nor does it require a carriage return (enter). There must be an idle time (set by S50) on the serial port before and after this command.

AT Escape sequence. If the Raven is in a data mode (any mode other than PassThru), this command causes the modem to reenter AT command mode. The "+" is ASCII 0x2B.+++ is not available in AceManager.

**Tip:** DAE=1 disables the +++ command.

A/

Note: A/is not proceeded by AT.

Re-execute last command. A/ is not used in AceManager.

Α

Manually answer an incoming connection. A is not used in AceManager.

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## **D**[method][d.d.d.d][/ppppp] *or* **D**[method][@name][/ppppp]

Dial a connection to a remote IP and Port using method. Cannot be configured in AceManager.

- **method=P**: Establish a UDP connection
- method=T: Establish a TCP connection
- method=N: Establish a Telnet connection
- **d.d.d.d=** IP address to contact
- ppppp= port to contact

#### Examples:

ATD - Dial (establish) default connection.

**ATDP192.168.13.31/2332** - Dial (establish) UDP session to 192.168.13.31, at port 2332.

To end the connection, issue the +++ escape sequence or drop the DTR line (if Ignore DTR S211=0 or &D2). The default connection is set in S53.

If the method, IP address, or port is omitted, the values from S53 are used. If a telnet connection is requested (N) and the port is not supplied, port 23 will be used instead of the value from S53.

If a domain name is specified, the '@' symbol can be used to explicitly indicate the start of the name. For example, if ATDPHONY is issued, this will be interpreted as dial a UDP connection to "HONY". To dial using the default method to host "PHONY", one would issue ATD@PHONY.

Several special dialing numbers exist to make it easy to establish a PPP or SLIP connection with the modem. ATD#19788 or ATDT#19788 will establish a PPP connection (see \APPP) and ATDT#7547 will establish a SLIP connection (see \ASLIP).

**Tip:** The source port of the session is the Device Port (set by S110 or \*DPORT).

#### DS=n

Allows a PPP connection to be initiated on the host port.

• **n=2**: Initiates the PPP connection.

Cannot be configured in AceManager.

#### Hn

Hang-Up Command.

• **n=1**: Hang-up

With an AT telnet connection, this command will terminate the host data mode and return the Raven to an AT mode. Cannot be accessed in AceManager.

#### 0

Online (Remote): Causes the Raven to go from Command State to data state. Cannot be configured in AceManager.

#### OPRG=n

Enables/disables over-the-air firmware upgrading of the Raven. When Sierra Wireless releases a new version of ALEOS, you can upgrade your remote modems with OPRG enabled.

- **n=0**: Disables
- **n=1** : Enables

#### S53=[method][d.d.d.d][/ppppp]

Destination IP address, port, and method. These are used as defaults for the D (Dial) AT command.

- method= P : UDP
- method=T : TCP
- method=N : Telnet
- d.d.d.d=IP address or domain name
- ppppp=the port address

#### Examples:

ATS53=T192.168.100.23/12345 ATS53=foo.earlink.com

Telnet to the specified IP at port 12345.

ATS53=192.168.100.23/12345

Query the specified IP at port 12345.

ATS53=/12345

Query port 12345.

#### **V**n

Command Response Mode.

- **n=0**: Terse (numeric) command responses
- **n=1**: Verbose command responses (Default).

#### Z

Reset the Raven. In AceManager, this command is performed with the Reset option on the toolbar.

Tip: \*DATZ=1 will disable Z.

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#### &W

Writes all changed modem settings. If this command is not issued, any modified values will revert back to their previous values at modem reset. Cannot be configured in AceManager.

#### \*DATE=[mm/dd/yyyy],[hh:mm:ss]

Sets and queries the internal clock. Either the date and time can be specified, or simply one of the two can be specified in which case the unspecified value will remain unchanged. The date and time are always specified 24-hour notation.

- mm/dd/yyyy=date in month/day/year notation
- **hh:mm:ss=time** in 24-hour notation

#### \*DPORT=n

The modem's Device Port which the modem is listening on for inbound packets/data/polls. Can also be set with the command S110.

• n=1-65535

#### \*HOSTPAP=n

Use PAP to request the user login and password during PPP negotiation on the host connection.

- **n=0**: Disable PAP request (Default).
- **n=1**: Takes user login and password from Windows DUN connection and copies to \*NETUID and \*NETPW.

#### \*NETALLOWZEROIP=n

Allows the displayed IP address in \*NETIP to end in zero (ex. 192.168.1.0).

- **n=0**: Do not allow.
- **n=1**: Allow.

#### \*NETPW=pw

The password that is used to login to the cellular network, when required.

• **pw=password** (30 characters maximum)

#### \*NETPHONE?

The modem's phone number, if applicable or obtainable.

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#### \*NETUID=uid

The login that is used to login to the cellular network, when required.

• **uid=user id** (up to 64 bytes)

#### \*STATICIP=d.d.d.d

Set the static IP required to be received from the network. If the modem does not get this IP address from the network, it will reset the internal hardware and try again. The default is 0.0.0.0, which allows any IP address from the network.

d.d.d.d=IP address

Example:

AT\*STATICIP=192.168.1.23

Caution: STATICIP does not set the IP address of the modem, it merely tells the modem which IP address to expect. If the expected IP address is not granted while registering on the cellular network, the modem will try to register on the network again until it receives that IP address. If your account is set up for a dynamic IP address and you set an address for \*STATICIP, you may not be able to register on the network at all since there is no guarantee you will receive the same dynamic IP address again.

#### \*STATUSCHK=n

Checks if an SMS message has been received by the modem.

- n=1-255 : Seconds between checks.
- n=0: Never check.

#### \*MODEMHISPEED

Set the internal serial link speed to the internal (radio) module.

- **n=0**: 115200 (default)
- **n=1**: 230400

#### **DNS**

This group includes commands specific to the modem being able to use domain names instead of IP addresses for other configuration options.

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Figure 1-4: AceManager: DNS

#### \*DNSn=d.d.d.d

Queries the DNS addresses. Your cellular carrier provides the DNS addresses while your modem is registering on their network.

- **n=1** or **2**: First and second DNS address.
- d.d.d.d=IP address of domain server.

#### \*DNSUPDATE=n

Indicates whether the modem should send DNS updates to the DNS server specified by \*DNSUSER. These updates are as per RFC2136. They are not secure and are recommended only for a private network. In a public network, the IP Logger services should be used instead.

- n=0: DNS updates disabled (Default).
- **n=1**: DNS updates enabled.

#### \*DNSUSER=d.d.d.d

Sets a user-provided DNS to query first when performing name resolutions in the modem.

• d.d.d.d=IP address of domain server

## **Dynamic IP**

This group includes commands specific to dynamic DNS. Dynamic DNS allows the Raven to use a dynamic IP address account, with an IP address that can change each time you connect, and still allow you to use a fully qualified domain name to contact the Raven using IP Manager running on a server with a dynamic DNS updater.



Figure 1-5: AceManager: Dynamic IP

#### \*DOMAIN=name

Domain (or domain zone) of which the Raven is a part. This value is used during name resolutions if a fully qualified name is not provided and also for DNS updates. This value can be up to 20 characters long.

• name=domain name (i.e. eairlink.com)

If \*DOMAIN=eairlink.com, then when ATDT@remote1 is entered, the fully qualified name remote1.eairlink.com will be used to perform a DNS query to resolve the name to an IP address.

**Tip:** Only letters, numbers, hyphens, and periods can be used in a domain name.

#### \*IPMANAGERn=[name][IP address]

Sets a domain name or IP address to send IP change notifications to. Up to two independent IP Manager servers can be set, using either AT\*IPMANAGER1 or AT\*IPMANAGER2. Updates to a server can be disabled by setting that entry to nothing (for example, "AT\*IPMANAGER1=").

- n=1: First IP Manager server.
- n=2: Second IP Manager server.
- name=domain name

#### \*IPMGRKEYn=key

Sets the 128-bit key to use to authenticate the IP update notifications. If the key's value is all zeros, a default key will be used. If all the bytes in the key are set to FF, then no key will be used (i.e. the IP change notifications will not be authenticated). AT\*IPMGRKEY1 is used to set the key to use with AT\*IPMANAGER1, while AT\*IPMGRKEY2 is used to the key with AT\*IPMANAGER2.

• **n=1**: First IP Manager server.

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- n=2 : Second IP Manager server.
- **key=128-bit key** in hexadecimal [32 hex characters]

#### \*IPMGRUPDATEn=m

Sets the number of minutes to periodically send an IP update notification to the corresponding server. This will occur even if the IP address of the Raven doesn't change. \*IPMGRUPDATE1 is used to set the refresh rate to \*IPMANAGER1, while \*IPMGRUPDATE2 is used with \*IPMANAGER2. If the value is set to 0, then periodic updates will not be issued (i.e. IP change notifications will only be sent when the IP actually changes).

- **n=1**: First IP Manager server.
- n=2 : Second IP Manager server.
- m=0, 5-255: Number of minutes to send an update.

#### \*MODEMNAME=name

Name of the Raven (up to 20 characters long) to use when performing IP address change notifications to IP Manager. The value in \*DOMAIN provides the domain zone to add to this name.

• **name=modem name** (for example, mymodem)

Example: if \*MODEMNAME=mymodem and \*DOMAIN=eairlink.com, then the modem's fully qualified domain name is mymodem.eairlink.com.

Automatically Generated Names:

#I3 - The ESN/IMEI will be used as the name.

#CCID - The CCID will be used as the name.

#NETPHONE - The phone number will be used as the name.

**Tip:** Each modem using IP Manager needs a unique name. Two modems cannot be called "mymodem". One could be "mymodem1" with the other as "mymodem".

#### **PPP/Ethernet**

This group includes commands specific to PPP (serial) or Ethernet connections between the Raven and a connected device.

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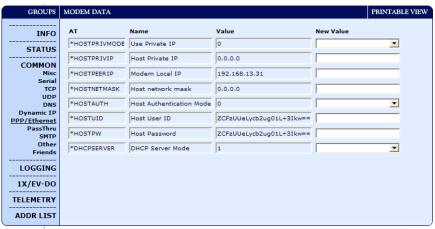


Figure 1-6: AceManager: PPP/Ethernet

#### \*DHCPSERVER=n

- Act as a DHCP server for any Ethernet device connecting to the Raven. DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) allows one device, the DHCP server, to provide dynamic IP addresses to any other device which requests them.
- n=1: Enabled. The modem will act as the primary DHCP server for the network.
- n=2: Enabled if no other DHCP server is detected (default). If another DHCP server is detected on the network, the Raven will not send out replies to DHCP requests.n=0: Disabled. The Raven X will not send out replies to DHCP requests.

Tip: For PPPoE, set \*DHCPSERVER=0.

#### \*HOSTAUTH=n

Host Authentication Mode: Use PAP or CHAP to request the user login and password during PPP or CHAP negotiation on the host connection. The username and password set in \*HOSTUID and \*HOSTPW will be used.

- **n=0**: Disable PAP or CHAP request (Default).
- n=1: PAP and CHAP.
- n=2 : CHAP

Tip: For PPPoE, set \*HOSTAUTH=1 or \*HOSTAUTH=2.

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#### \*HOSTNETMASK=n.n.n.n

Subnet mask for the host interface. Allows communication with a subnet behind the host interface.

• **n.n.n.n** = **subnet mask**, example 255.255.255.0.

#### \*HOSTPEERIP=d.d.d.d

Set or query the IP address that can be used to directly contact the Raven once a cellular connection is established. If this value is not specified, 192.168.13.31 will be used.

• **d.d.d.d=local or peer IP address** of the modem.

Note: This is not normally used nor needed by user applications.

#### \*HOSTPRIVIP=d.d.d.d

Set or query the private IP address that is to be negotiated by the 1x connection if \*HOSTPRIVMODE =1.

d.d.d.d=IP Address

#### \*HOSTPRIVMODE=n

Set or query whether a private or public (network) IP is to be used when the Host initiates a 1x connection to the modem.

- **n=0**: Public (network) IP Mode: When the Host initiates a PPP connection, the host will be given the network IP address that was obtained from the cellular carrier while registering on the network. If the network issues a new IP address, the cellular connection will be closed (since the IP address has changed) and has to be re-initiated. (default).
- n=1: Private IP Mode: When the Host initiates a 1x connection, the host will be given the IP address specified in \*HOSTPRIVIP. The modem will then perform 1 to 1 NAT-like address translation, which shields the Host from network IP changes.

#### \*HOSTPW=string

Host Password for PAP, CHAP, or PPPoE.

string=password

#### \*HOSTUID=string

Host User ID for PAP, CHAP, or PPPoE.

• **string=user id** (up to 64 bytes)

#### **PassThru**

PassThru Mode is used to communicate directly to the Raven internal hardware.

**Caution:** While the modem is in PassThru mode, ALEOS is disabled. If you need to connect to the Raven while it is in PassThru mode, you will need to do so with a terminal application. Not all commands are available while the modem is in PassThru mode.



Figure 1-7: AceManager: PassThru

#### **\APASSTHRU**

Sets the modem operation to pass through mode. This mode will pass any characters received on the port Ethernet directly to the internal hardware module and output any characters from the internal hardware module out the port Ethernet. This allows direct access/configuration of the hardware module. Once this mode is entered, the unit must be physically reset to return to normal operation. This command is not available in AceManager.

Note: It may take up to 30 seconds for the hardware module to respond after CONNECT is output.

#### \*CSX1=n

PassThru Echo: Echo data to the host.

- **n=0**: Data will be passed to the host.
- n=1: PASSTHRU mode will echo all host received data and will not pass the data to the modem while the modem is not asserting DCD.

Note: If the modem is asserting DCD, data will be passed from the host to the modem as it normally is when \*CSX1=0.

Note: This mode is not available through the remote AT telnet server. You will need to connect to the Raven with it connected directly to your computer.

#### \*PTINIT=string

Any AT Command string to be passed to the OEM module before entering PASSTHRU mode, e.g. AT&S1V1, etc.

string=AT command(s)

#### \*PTREFRESH=n

Number of minutes of inactivity in PASSTHRU mode to resend the \*PTINIT string to the hardware module.

n=0 : Disabled

• **n=1-255** minutes

#### \*RESETPERIOD=n

In PASSTHRU mode, modem will be reset after this period if no data has been sent or received. Value is in hours.

n=0 : Disabled

• **n=1-255** hours

#### **SMTP**

SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) is the de facto standard for email transmission across the Internet. The Raven can send messages using SMTP if it has been configured to use a mail server.

Note: You cannot send an Email with your Raven unless the Email server you have configured allows your Raven as a relay host. Talk to your network administrator to ensure you can send email through the email server using your Raven.

SMS (Short Message Service) is another way to send messages via the cellular network. Most SMS commands require the modem to be in PassThru mode.

Note: SMS may not be supported by your account with your cellular carrier.

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Figure 1-8: AceManager: SMTP

#### \*NETSMS2EMAIL=n

Specify the SMS/E-mail server number. This maybe necessary to send an SMS message to an email address. Cannot be used with AceManager.

• n=SMS/E-mail server number

#### \*SMTPADDR=[d.d.d.d][name]

Specify the IP address or Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) of the SMTP server to use.

- d.d.d.d=IP Address
- name=domain name (maximum: 40 characters).

#### \*SMTPFROM=email

Sets the email address from which the SMTP message is being sent.

• **email=email address** (maximum: 30 characters).

#### \*SMTPPW=pw

Sets the password to use when authenticating the email account (\*SMTPFROM) with the server (\*SMTPADDR).

pw= password

Note: Not required to use SMTP settings but may be required by your cellular carrier.

#### \*SMTPSEND=email[body]

Sends an email to the address specified, followed by the body of the email message. The email message is terminated and sent by entering a . or Ctrl-Z on an empty line. Cannot be configured with AceManager.

- email=email address
- body=message body

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#### \*SMTPSTATUS?

Returns the status of the last issued SMTP message (\*SMTPSEND). If no status is available 0 is returned. Once read, the status is cleared out. The status codes returned come from the SMTP server to which that the modem sent the request. Unless the receiving server is not standard, they follow the RFC for SMTP. Cannot be used with AceManager.

#### Example:

354 = send in progress

250 = sent ok

#### \*SMTPSUBJ=subject

Allows configuration of the default Subject to use if one isn't specified in the message by providing a "Subject: xxx" line as the initial message line.

subject=message subject

#### \*SMTPUSER=user

The email account username to authenticate with the SMTP server (\*SMTPADDR) for sending email.

• **user=username** (maximum: 40 characters).

Note: Not required to use SMTP settings but may be required by your cellular carrier.

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#### **Other**



Figure 1-9: AceManager: Other

#### DAE=n

AT Escape Sequence detection.

• **n=0** : Enable

• **n=1** : Disable

#### \*DATZ=n

Enables or disables reset on ATZ.

n=0: Normal Reset (Default).

n=1: Disable Reset on ATZ.

#### \*IPPING=n

Set the period to ping (if no valid packets have been received) a specified address (\*IPPINGADDR) to keep the modem alive (online).

- n=0: Disable pinging (default)
- **n=15-255** minutes

Note: 15 minutes is the minimum interval which can be set for Keepalive. If you set \*IPPING for a value between 0 and 15, the minimum value of 15 will be set.

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#### \*IPPINGADDR=[d.d.d.d][name]

Set the IP address or valid internet domain name for the Raven to ping to keep itself alive (online). \*IPPING must to be set to a value other than 0 to enable pinging.

- d.d.d.d=IP address
- name=domain name

#### \*MSCIUPDADDR=name[/port]

Modem Status Update Address - where Name/Port is the domain name and port of the machine where the modem status updates will be sent. The status parameters of the Raven are sent in an XML format.

- name=domain name
- port=port

#### \*MSCIUPDPERIOD=n

Modem Status Update Period - where n defines the update period in seconds.

- n=0: Disabled.
- **n=1-255** seconds

#### \*NETWDOG=n

Network connection watchdog: The number of minutes to wait for a network connection. If no connection is established within the set number of minutes, the Raven modem resets.

- n=0 : Disabled.
- **n=minutes**: Default = 120 min.

#### \*RESETCEG

Wipe the non-volatile data in the modem. Cannot be used with AceManager.

**Caution:** You may need to reactivate your modem if you erase the non-volatile data.

#### \*SNMPCOMMUNITY=string

The SNMP Community String acts like a password to limit access to the modem's SNMP data.

• **string =string** of no more than 20 characters (default = public).

#### \*SNMPPORT=n

This controls which port the SNMP Agent listens on.

- n=0: SNMP is disabled.
- n=1-65535

#### \*SNMPSECLVL=n

Selects the security level requirements for SNMP communications.

- n=0: No security required. SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 communications are allowed.
- n=1: Authentication equivalent to "authNoPriv" setting in SNMPv3. SNMPv3 is required to do authentication, SNMPv2c transmissions will be silently discarded.
- n=2: Authentication and encryption, equivalent to "authPriv"' setting in SNMPv3. SNMPv3 is required to do authentication and encryption, SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 authNoPriv transmissions will be silently discarded. Messages are both authenticated and encrypted to prevent a hacker from viewing its contents.

#### \*SNMPTRAPDEST=host/[port]

Controls destination for SNMP Trap messages. If port is 0 or host is empty, traps are disabled. Traps are sent out according to the SNMP security level (i.e. if the security level is 2, traps will be authenticated and encrypted). Currently, the only trap that can be generated is linkup.

- host=IP address
- port=TCP port

#### \*SNTP=n

Enables daily SNTP update of the system time.

- **n=0** : Off
- **n=1**: On

#### \*SNTPADDR=[d.d.d.d][name]

SNTP Server IP address, or fully-qualified domain name, to use if \*SNTP=1. If blank, time.nist.gov is used.

- d.d.d.d=IP address
- name=domain name

#### \*TELNETTIMEOUT=n

Telnet port inactivity time out. By default, this value is set to close the AT telnet connection if no data is received for 2 minutes.

n=minutes

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#### \*TPORT=n

Sets or queries the port used for the AT Telnet server. If 0 is specified, the AT Telnet server will be disabled. The default value is 2332.

- n=0: Disabled.
- n=1-65535

**Tip:** Many networks have the ports below 1024 blocked. It is recommended to use a higher numbered port.

#### \*TOUIT

Disconnects the telnet session. Not available in AceManager..

#### **Friends**

Friends Mode can limit access to the Raven from the cellular network and the Internet. Friends mode is a basic firewall.

**Caution:** If you are using Friends Mode you will not be able to use AceManager remotely or Telnet to the modem unless you are contacting the modem from one of the configured IP addresses.

Note: Friends Mode will only prevent the Raven modem from receiving data from those IP addresses not on the Friends List. It cannot prevent data, such as pings, from traversing the network to the modem which may billable traffic even though the modem does not receive the data.



Figure 1-10: AceManager: Friends

#### FM = n

Friends Mode - Only allow specified IPs to access the Raven modem.

- **n=0**: Disable Friends mode
- **n=1**: Enable Friends mode Only packets from friends will be accepted, packets from other IP addresses are ignored.

#### Fn = [d.d.d.d]

Friends mode IP address.

- n=0-9 Friends list index
- d.d.d.d = IP address

Using 255 in the IP address will allow any number.

Example: 166.129.2.255 allows access by all IPs in the range 166.129.2.0-166.129.2.255.

Tip: ATF? will return a list of all the current Fn settings.

## Logging

This group includes commands specific to the internal log.

**Caution:** Logging is intended for diagnostic purposes only. Extensive use of logging features can cause degraded modem performance.



Figure 1-11: AceManager: Logging

#### \*DBGCOMMLVL=n

Set the logging level for the host or module COM port.

- n=0: No logging
- **n=1**: Host COM Port
- n=2: Module COM Port

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#### \*DBGDHCPLVL=n

Enable or disable internal DHCP logging.

- **n=0**: No logging
- **n=1**: Log DHCP events.

#### \*DBGETHLVL=n

Sets the logging level for the Ethernet port.

- **n=0**: No logging
- **n=1**: Log errors: invalid/corrupt packets, etc.
- **n=2**: Log the header of all received packets. Note that this can quickly exhaust available space for the event log.

#### \*DBGIPLVL=n

Sets the logging level for the IP subsystem.

- **n=0**: No logging
- **n=1**: Log errors (i.e. invalid/corrupt packets, etc.).
- n=2: Log the header of all received packets. Note that this can quickly exhaust available space for the event log.
- n=3: Log the header of all received and sent packets. Note that this can quickly exhaust available space for the event log.

#### \*DBGPPPLVL=n

Sets the logging level for the PPP stack.

- **n=0**: No logging
- **n=1**: Log client events (default)
- n=2 : Log server events
- n=3 : Log client and Server events

## **Telemetry/Addr List**

Modbus, commonly used with telemetry devices, allows a connection via serial port to the modem. Telemetry and Addr List commands are only used when the modem is in one of the Modbus start-up modes. Further, Telemetry and the Addr List are available with all Raven line modems which have a serial port, such as the Raven X and the Raven XT.



Figure 1-12: AceManager: Telemetry

#### IPL=n

IP List Dial allows access the Modbus IP list using the first two digits of the dial string.

Example: ATDT1234567 would go to ID "12" on the Modbus list and use the associated IP as the destination.

n=0 : Disabledn=1 : Enabled

#### MVLEN=n

Modbus Variant ID Length: Length of the RTU ID in a modbus-variant protocol, in bytes.

- **n=1**: This parameter is used to define the length of the RTU ID in Modbus-like protocol data packets.
- **n=2**: This parameter is used when the when the MD is set to hex 63.

#### MVMSK=hh

Modbus Variant ID Mask: Byte hex mask to use when extracting the ID. Specify which bits in the ID field to use. This parameter is used when the when the Mode Default (MD) is set to hex 63.

- hh=hex value
  - 00 no mask, all 8 bits (default)
  - **0F** only the low order 4 bits

#### MVOFF = n

Modbus (variable mode) Offset: Indicates the offset in the data of where the Modbus ID starts.

• n=0 - 255

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#### MVOPT=n

Modbus Variant Option: Sets various behavioral options when dealing with a Modbus-variant protocol. This parameter is used when the when MD is set to hex 63. *Cannot be configured in AceManager*.

- n=0: No special action (Default).
- **n=1**: Skip leading zeroes in Modbus packets.

#### MVTYP=n

Modbus Variant Type: The data-type of the RTU ID in a modbus-variant protocol. This parameter is used to define the data-type of the RTU ID in Modbus-like protocol data packets. This parameter is used when MD is set to 63.

• **n=0**: Binary (Default)

n=1 : ASCII Hex

• n=2 : ASCII Decimal

#### RKEY = n

Enable/disable MDS Radio transceiver keying. Radio keying is designed to assert CTS when a packet is received, delay the time as specified, send the data out the serial port, wait the same amount time, drop CTS. This way, the CTS signal can be used to key a transmitter on and give it time to reach its power level before data is sent to it. Delay interval is specified in S221.

- n=0 : Off (Default).
- **n=1** : On.

#### **Addr List**



Figure 1-13: AceManager : Addr List

MLIST and MLISTX are configured by the fields available in the Addr List group. AceManager automatically differentiates between them to enter the correct command for the modem.

#### MLISTid=d.d.d.d

Enters an ID and IP address into the Modbus List. ID is a decimal value (1 to 100).

- id=ID
- d.d.d.d=IP address or name

#### MLISTXhexid=d.d.d.d

Enters an ID and IP address into the Modbus List. ID is a hexadecimal value (0 to 64).

- hexid=ID
- d.d.d.d=IP address or name



## Edge/HSDPA

This group includes commands specific to HSDPA, EDGE and GPRS. If you are not connecting to a modem which uses HSDPA, EDGE, or GPRS, you will not see this group in the menu.

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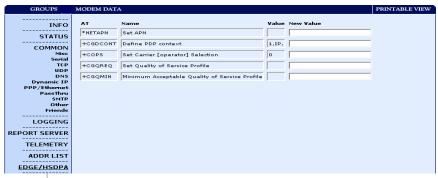


Figure 1-14: AceManager : EDGE/HSDPA

#### \*NETAPN=apn

Easy entry of the APN. If left blank, the modem will attempt to use the default subscriber value as defined by the account.

• apn=access point name

#### +CGQMIN

Minimum Acceptable Quality of Service Profile. Change should be at carrier's request. Normally not required to be changed.

## +CGQREQ

Set Quality of Service Profile. Change should be at carrier's request. Normally not required to be changed.

### +COPS=mode,[format][,oper]

Manually specify an operator. Refer also to \*NETOP.

- **mode=0**: Automatic any affiliated carrier [default].
- mode=1: Manual use only the operator <oper> specified.
- mode=4: Manual/Automatic if manual selection fails, goes to automatic mode.
- **format=0** : Alphanumeric ("name") (G3x10 must use this format).
- **format=2**: Numeric
- oper="name"

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## >> B: Circuit Switch Communications

- Step by Step Configuration
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Note: When the Raven is used for circuit switch, the circuit switch configuration will disable all ALEOS features except for serial port communication.

Circuit-switch communication requires the Raven to be in PassThru mode, communicating directly with the internal hardware.

PassThru mode disables the use of ALEOS in the modem. Any features available using ALEOS are not usable when the modem is in PassThru mode. In PassThru mode, the settings available are those of the internal hardware. The Raven in PassThru mode can not.

The best machines for use in circuit-switched mode are ones that can provide their own INIT or setup strings and/or issue AT commands. For customers who have unintelligent machines who still need to have the modem 'ready' to behave in a certain way (such as Auto-Answering circuit-switched data calls), there is a feature in the modem called the INIT STATE.

## **Configuring Circuit-Switch**

The Raven needs to be configured to enter into PassThru after start up. You can use AceManager (preferred) or direct serial communication to configure the Raven to work in PassThru mode and for circuit-switched communications. In the *UDP* group, select the *MD* command and choose *07-PassThru*.

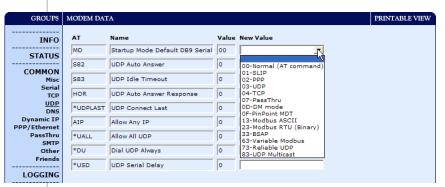


Figure 2-1: AceManager : UDP > MD

The Raven needs a command string sent to the modem after it is initialized. The command string will need to be tailored for your application. Different models of the Raven may respond differently to some of the commands. In the *PassThru* group, type your command string in the input field for \**PTINIT*.



Figure 2-2: AceManager: PassThru

## **AT Commands and the Command String**

Each modem requires a command string that is a combination of AT commands limited to a maximum of 40 characters. The command string will vary depending on the needs of the connected device. For example, some devices need DTR to be high while others need DTR to be ignored. For a full listing as well as parameters and defaults, refer the AT Command appendix.

**Caution:** The only commands that can be used in the string are those which do not require ALEOS. All AT Commands beginning with an \* (asterix) require ALEOS.

#### **Common AT Commands**

- E Echo
- Q Quiet Mode
- &C DCD Control
- &D DTR Options
- &S DSR Options
- S0 Auto-answer mode
- S7 Wait for Carrier
- S8 Comma Pause Time
- **S9** Carrier Detect Response Time

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### Raven LEDs in Circuit-Switched Mode

When the Raven is in Circuit-Switched mode, the LEDs on the front will behave differently. The *Chan*, *Link*, and *Reg* LEDs will flash in tandem, like with PassThru mode, while all other LEDs (except for Power) will be off.

## **Step by Step Configuration**

For your convenience, these directions use pre-configured template.

## 1. Gather the required hardware and software

#### **Hardware Required**

- A personal computer with a functioning serial port or USB port and a USB to serial converter configured to work with your computer.
- A straight through RS232 cable (DB9M-DB9F).
- A suitable power supply and antenna for the Raven.
   Without suitable signal strength the modem will not function. Better than at least -100dBM is required.

### **Software Required**

- Modem Doctor Utility to conduct diagnostics and to bring your modem to a base-level of configuration. You can download Modem Doctor from the Sierra Wireless AirLink Solutions website: http://www.airlink.com. This utility does not need to be installed; it is run directly. Remember where you downloaded it to, so you can run it as part of the instructions below.
- AceManager Graphical interface for entering most AT Commands. You can download AceManager from the Sierra Wireless AirLink Solutions website: http:// www.airlink.com/. A default installation of this utility is assumed later in these directions.
- Raven Templates for Circuit-Switch These templates are provided by your Sierra Wireless AirLink Solutions representative and have a .xml extension. You can also download the appropriate template from: http://www.airlink.com/docs/AppNotes/CircuitSwitchTemplates/. You should only download the template which matches your modem model and/or configuration needs.

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## 2. Connect the modem to your computer

Using the RS232 cable, connect the modem to the computer and apply power to the modem.

## 3. Erase the internal memory

The Raven should have the internal memory erased to bring the modem to a known starting point without any configuration or account programming.

- a. Start Modem Doctor.
- **b.** Select Erase the modem's non-volatile data.



Figure 2-3: Modem Doctor

**c.** Select Serial from the Interface options and select the Port on your computer to which the Raven is connected. Leave the Baud setting at 115200.



Figure 2-4: Modem Doctor: Interface

**d.** Click the Next button and press the modem Reset button when prompted. The modem Reset button is located on the front panel of the modem and can be accessed with the point of a pen or similar tool.

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Figure 2-5: Raven: Reset button

**e.** Click the *Exit* button in Modem Doctor when the process is complete.

## 4. Activate the Raven

## 5. Start AceManager.

Start > All Programs > AirLink Communications > AceManager 3G > AceManager 3G

**a.** Click the Connect button.

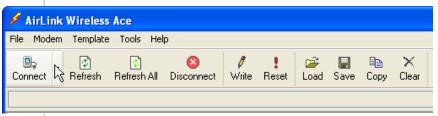


Figure 2-6: AceManager

- **b.** Select PPP.
- **c.** Select COM1 for the Port.
- d. Enter 12345 for the Password.
- e. Click OK.



Figure 2-7: AceManager : Connect to Modem using PPP

## 6. Configure serial port speed.

**a.** On the left, under the GROUPS heading, select *Serial*.

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Figure 2-8: AceManager: Serial - \*MODEMHISPEED

**b.** Change the \*MODEMHISPEED setting to "0".

## 7. Save the serial setting.

**a.** Click the *Write* button on the tool bar of AceManager and wait for the message "Write Successful" to appear in the status bar.

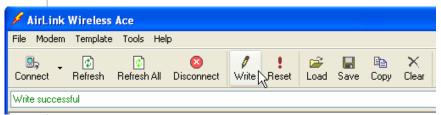


Figure 2-9: AceManager: Write

**b.** Click the *Clear* button.



Figure 2-10: AceManager: Clear

**c.** Click the *Disconnect* button.



Figure 2-11: AceManager : Disconnect

**d.** Press the modem *Reset* button on the front of the modem.

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Figure 2-12: Raven: Reset

**e.** Wait until the modem *REG* indicator is lit and then proceed to the next step.

# 8. Configure the Raven using a AceManager template.

**Caution:** Do not proceed to this step before the REG indicator light is lit.

**a.** Click the *Refresh All* button on the tool bar of AceManager and wait until all of the modem information is loaded into the AceManager application.



Figure 2-13: AceManager: Refresh All

**b.** Click the *Load* button on the tool bar.



Figure 2-14: AceManager: Load

**c.** Change to the folder (directory) where you downloaded the template(s) and select the template for your modem model and/or preferred mode.

Figure 2-15: AceManager: Template

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# 9. Configure additional PassThru settings.

**a.** On the left, under the GROUPS heading, select *PassThru*.



Figure 2-16: AceManager : PassThru

- **b.** For \*PTREFRESH, enter a value of 15.
- **c.** For \*RESETPERIOD, enter a value of 6.

## 10. Save the configuration settings.

Click the *Write* button on the tool bar of AceManager and wait for the message "Write Successful" to appear in the status bar.

# 11. Configure the Raven for your equipment.

**a.** Make any appropriate changes to the serial port parameters to match your equipment. These changes are made under the group *Serial*.

**Caution:** Do not under any circumstances change the \*MODEMHISPEED setting from the template configuration, the only recommended setting to change is the S23 setting.

 Follow the directions above to Write the changes to the modem.

## 12. Reset the Raven.

- **a.** Click the *Disconnect* button.
- **b.** Press the modem *Reset* button on the front of the modem.
- **c.** Wait until the modem *REG* indicator is lit.
- **d.** Disconnect the Raven from your computer.

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Note: The dial test should be completed with the serial cable disconnected to verify that no signaling is required by the modem.

## 13. Test the Raven Configuration.

Once the modem has been activated and you've built the command string it is recommended that the Raven modem be tested previous to field installation.

- **a.** Verify that the modem Chan, Link and Reg indicators are blinking in unison confirming that the modem is now operating in circuit switched (IS-95) mode.
- **b.** Dial the Raven modem telephone number from a land line and verify that the modem automatically answers the call with modem tones.
- c. Verify outgoing calls.
  - 1. Connect the modem to your computer with a serial cable. Using a terminal emulation program (HyperTerminal) set up for 9600bps, 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit.
  - 2. Enter the command: ATD[phone number]. For the [phone number], enter a known phone number including the area code for which you can hear ring (such as your office phone).

## 14. Commission the Raven Modem on Site.

The following steps represent a guideline and makes assumptions that the modem has been verified previously in a controlled environment.

- **a.** Install the Raven modem verifying that all power and antenna cables are correctly secured.
- **b.** Verify that the Raven modem powers up and that the Chan, Link and Reg lights blink in unison.
- **c.** Connect the Raven modem to the laptop computer via a straight through RS232 cable or connect the serial cable from the modem to a USB to serial device that has been previously installed on the laptop.
- **d.** Remove the connection to the Laptop PC and connect your equipment to the Raven Modem.
- Have the actual application call your equipment via the modem telephone number and verify communications.

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# >> C: Windows Dial-up Networking (DUN)

- Installing a modem driver for Raven
- Creating a Dial-Up Networking (PPP) Connection
- Connecting to the Internet Using DUN

Dial-up Networking (DUN) allows a computer or other device to use the on your Raven to connect to the Internet or private network using PPP just like an analog modem using a standard phone line.

**Caution:** To install any driver on your computer, you may need to be logged in as Administrator or have Administrator privileges for your login.

Microsoft Windows XP is used in the examples below. The modem driver installation and DUN setup and configuration is similar in Microsoft Windows products. Examples are not provided here for installing the driver or configuring DUN for any other operating system.

# Installing a modem driver for Raven

Standard installations of Microsoft Windows XP and 2000 include a generic modem driver which will work with your Raven.

## 1. Connect the Raven.

- **a.** Connect the modem to the computer with a DB-9 cable or the USB port in serial mode. .
- **b.** Plug in the AC adapter, connect the antenna(s) and power on the modem.

### 2. Install the driver.

 Select Start > Control Panel > Phone and Modem Options (in Classic View).

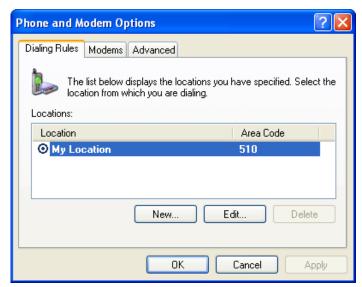


Figure 3-1: Phone and Modem Options

**b.** Select the *Modems* tab.

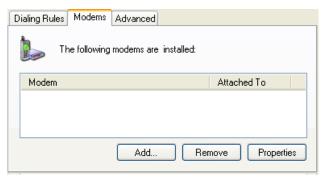


Figure 3-2: Phone and Modem Options: Modems

**c.** Select *Add*.



Figure 3-3: Add Hardware Wizard

- **d.** Check *Don't detect my modem; I will select it from a list.*
- **e.** Select *Next*.

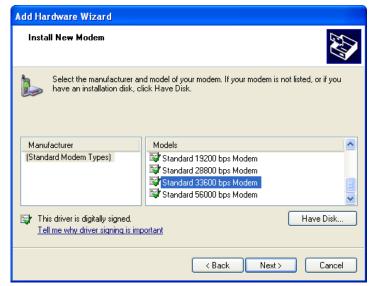


Figure 3-4: Add Hardware Wizard: Install New Modem

- **f.** Select (*Standard Modem Types*) from the Manufacturers column.
- **g.** Select *Standard 33600 bps Modem* from the Models column.

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**Tip:** If you have the speed for your modem configured as something other than the default, use the Standard Modem that matches the speed you configured.

**h.** Select *Next*.

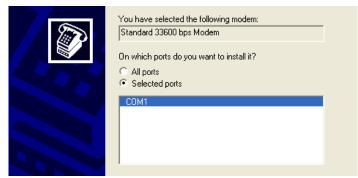


Figure 3-5: Add Hardware Wizard: Select Ports

- i. Check Selected Ports
- **j.** Select the COM port the modem is connected to (commonly COM1).
- k. Select Next.



Figure 3-6: Add Hardware Wizard: Finish

**I.** Once the modem driver is installed, select *Finish*.

## 3. Configure the driver.

When you return to the *Phone and Modem Options* window, you should see the newly installed modem "attached to" the correct COM port.

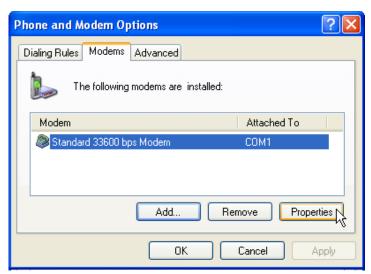


Figure 3-7: Phone and Modem Options: Modems

**a.** Highlight the modem and select *Properties*.

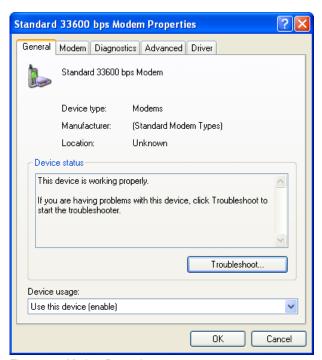


Figure 3-8: Modem Properties

Port: COM1

Speaker volume

Low

High

Maximum Port Speed

115200

Dial Control

Wait for dial tone before dialing

**b.** Select the *Modem* tab.

Figure 3-9: Modem Properties: Modem

- **c.** Maximum Port Speed should be set to *115200* (default).
- **d.** Select *OK* to exit.
- **e.** Select *OK* again to exit out of the Phone and Modem Options.

# **Creating a Dial-Up Networking** (PPP) Connection

Once you have the driver for the modem installed on your computer, you can set up and configure Dial Up Networking (DUN) to use the modem as your connection to the Internet using PPP.

Note: No other device or program can be using the same COM port (serial port) configured for the modem driver.

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**Caution:** If you have an existing LAN connection, installing DUN for the modem may interfere with the LAN connection. It's recommended to disconnect your LAN connection before using a PPP connection with your Raven.

Once the DUN connection is initiated, by default, it will take over as the "default route" for network communication and specifically for Internet access. If you want the two connections to co-exist, you will need to de-select "Use default gateway on remote network" (described later) and use the route command in Windows to setup routing through the modem properly. This guide does not provide information on the route command. You may need to consult with your network administrator to properly configure routing.

## 1. Create a new network connection.

**a.** Select *Start* > *Connect To* > *Show All Connections* to open the Network Connections window.



Figure 3-10: Windows: Start menu

**b.** Select *Create a New Connection* under Network Tasks in the menu area on the left.

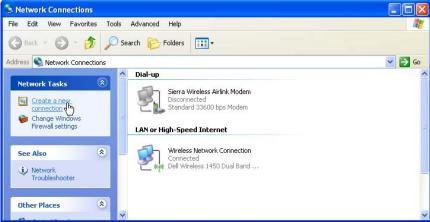


Figure 3-11: Create New Connection

**c.** Select *Next* to start installing and configuring the DUN connection.



Figure 3-12: New Connection Wizard

- **d.** Select *Connect to the Internet*.
- **e.** Select *Next*.

#### Connect to the Internet

Connect to the Internet so you can browse the Web and read email.

#### OConnect to the network at my workplace

Connect to a business network (using dial-up or VPN) so you can work from home, a field office, or another location.

#### O Set up an advanced connection

Connect directly to another computer using your serial, parallel, or infrared port, or set up this computer so that other computers can connect to it.

Figure 3-13: New Connection: Type

- **f.** Select *Set up my connection manually.*
- **g.** Select *Next*.

How do you want to connect to the Internet?

- O Choose from a list of Internet service providers (ISPs)
- Set up my connection manually

For a dial-up connection, you will need your account name, password, and a phone number for your ISP. For a broadband account, you won't need a phone number.

OUse the CD I got from an ISP

Figure 3-14: New Connection: How do you want to connect?

- **h.** Select Connect using a dial-up modem.
- i. Select Next.

#### Connect using a dial-up modem

This type of connection uses a modem and a regular or ISDN phone line.

#### Connect using a broadband connection that requires a user name and password

This is a high-speed connection using either a DSL or cable modem. Your ISP may refer to this type of connection as PPPoE.

#### OConnect using a broadband connection that is always on

This is a high-speed connection using either a cable modem, DSL or LAN connection. It is always active, and doesn't require you to sign in.

Figure 3-15: New Connection: Connect using...

- j. Optional: If you have multiple modems installed on your computer, you may be prompted to select the modem to be used. If you only have one modem installed, this option will be omitted.
- k. Check Standard 33600 bps Modem.
- I. Select *Next*.

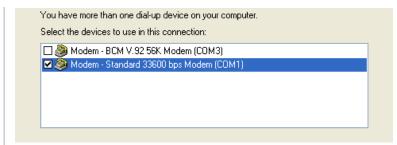


Figure 3-16: New Connection: Select Modem

- m. Type in a name for the connection, such as Sierra Wireless AirLink Modem.
- **n.** Select *Next*.

Type the name of your ISP in the following box.
ISP Name
Sierra Wireless Airlink Modem
The name you type here will be the name of the connection you are creating.

Figure 3-17: New Connection: Connection Name

**Tip:** The name provided here will not effect the connection in any way. It is only a label for the icon. It can be the name of your wireless service provider (Provider), your modem (Raven), or any other designation for the connection.

- **o.** Type in *10001* as the phone number for the modem to dial.
- **p.** Select *Next*.

Type the phone number below.

Phone number:

10001|

You might need to include a "1" or the area code, or both. If you are not sure you need the extra numbers, dial the phone number on your telephone. If you hear a modem sound, the number dialed is correct.

Figure 3-18: New Connection: Phone Number

- **q.** *Optional:* If you have multiple users configured for your computer, you may be prompted for Connection Availability. If you select *My use only,* the account currently logged on will be the only one able to use this DUN connection.
- **r.** Select *Next*.

A connection that is created for your use only is saved in your user account and is not available unless you are logged on. Create this connection for: Anyone's use My use only Figure 3-19: New Connection: Permissions Generally the modem takes care of the Account Information, User name and Password, for the connection, so you can leave the fields blank (unless otherwise instructed by Support). **s.** If you want to allow others to use the same login for the modem, select *Use this account name and password....* Select Next. Type an ISP account name and password, then write down this information and store it in a safe place. (If you have forgotten an existing account name or password, contact your ISP.) User name: Password: Confirm password: ✓ Use this account name and password when anyone connects to the Internet from this computer Make this the default Internet connection Figure 3-20: New Connection: Connection Information Caution: If you have a LAN connection to the Internet and select Make this the default Internet Connection for the DUN configuration, you will not be able to use the LAN to connect to the Internet and may also affect the network connection on your computer to the rest of the LAN. Select this option ONLY if the Raven will be your sole network connection. **u.** If you want to add a shortcut for this DUN connection to your desktop, check Add a shortcut. Select *Finish* to exit the Network Connection Wizard.



Figure 3-21: New Connection: Finish

## 2. Configure the DUN connection

After you complete the New Connection Wizard, there are a few more things you will want to configure in the connection.

a. Select Properties.

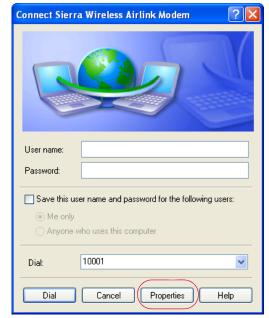


Figure 3-22: DUN Connection

**b.** Uncheck *Use dialing rules*.

- **c.** Check *Show icon...when connected*.
- **d.** Select *Configure*, below the Connect using line.



Figure 3-23: DUN Properties

- **e.** Select 115200 as the Maximum speed.
- **f.** Check Enable hardware flow control.
- **g.** Do not check any other option.
- **h.** Select *OK*.



Figure 3-24: Modem Configuration

i. Back at the main properties screen, select the *Networking* tab.

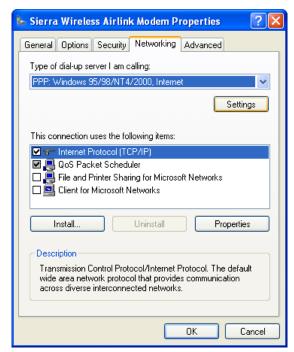


Figure 3-25: Networking

- j. Select Settings.
- **k.** Remove the checks from all three PPP settings.
- I. Select OK.



Figure 3-26: PPP Settings

**m.** Select (highlight) Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and then select *Properties*.

**Tip:** For most configurations, you will be obtaining the IP address and the DNS server address automatically.

n. Select Advanced.



Figure 3-27: TCP/IP Properties

- **o.** Uncheck *Use IP header compression*.
- **p.** Check *Use default gateway on remote network.*
- **q.** Select *OK*.



Figure 3-28: Advanced TCP/IP

**Tip:** You may want to check the Options tab and change the settings for applications you might be using. The default options are generally applicable for most uses.

**Caution:** Unless specifically directed to do so by Support or your network administrator, you do not need to make any changes to the options on the Security tab.

**r.** Select *OK* until you return to the *Connect* window.

# Connecting to the Internet Using DUN

There are two methods you can use to connect with Raven to the Internet using DUN, AceView and the Windows DUN connection directly.

### **AceView**

AceView is a small utility which can maintain your DUN connection and monitor the connection of your Raven to Provider. If you have not already installed AceView you can obtain the most recent version from the Sierra Wireless Airlink website.

This guide assumes you have a default installation of AceView.

## 1. Start AceView.

Start > All Programs > AirLink Communications > AceView

Note: The direct DUN connection features of AceView are not available in Windows 98 or Windows NT.

## 2. Enable the Connection.



Figure 3-29: AceView: Menu

- **a.** Right-click on the AceView window to open the menu.
- **b.** Select Connection Settings.

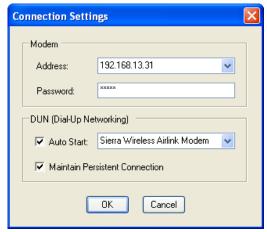


Figure 3-30: AceView: Connection Settings

- **c.** Select *Auto Start* in the DUN section.
- d. Select Maintain Persistent Connection.

When checked, AceView will continually check the DUN connection to ensure it is not down. If so, AceView will attempt to connect again.

**Tip:** When using the DUN connection, make sure the IP Address is set to the local IP address of the modem, 192.168.13.31 by default.

- e. Select OK.
- **f.** *OK*.

## **Windows DUN**

You can directly use the Dial-up link for the DUN connection.

## 1. Start the DUN session.

Start > Connect To > Sierra Wireless Airlink Modem

If you named the connection differently, use the name of the PPP connection you made earlier.

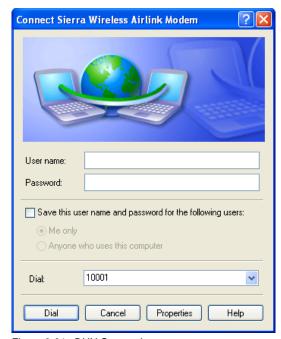


Figure 3-31: DUN Connection

**Tip:** Generally you will not need to enter a Username or Password. If you do need to enter either, you can enter these parameters beforehand using \*NETUID and \*NETPW.

## 2. Select Dial to connect to the modem and the cellular network.

When you're connected, an icon should appear in the system tray showing the connection status.



Figure 3-32: Connection indicator

Note: The speed shown in the connection is the speed between the modem and your computer, it is not the speed of the modem's connection to Provider or the Internet.

Caution: For DUN connections on a Windows Mobility or other nonpersonal computer, the DNS settings may not be configured with the DUN connection. You may need to go into the network settings and add DNS servers manually. Rev 3.0B Feb.08 136

