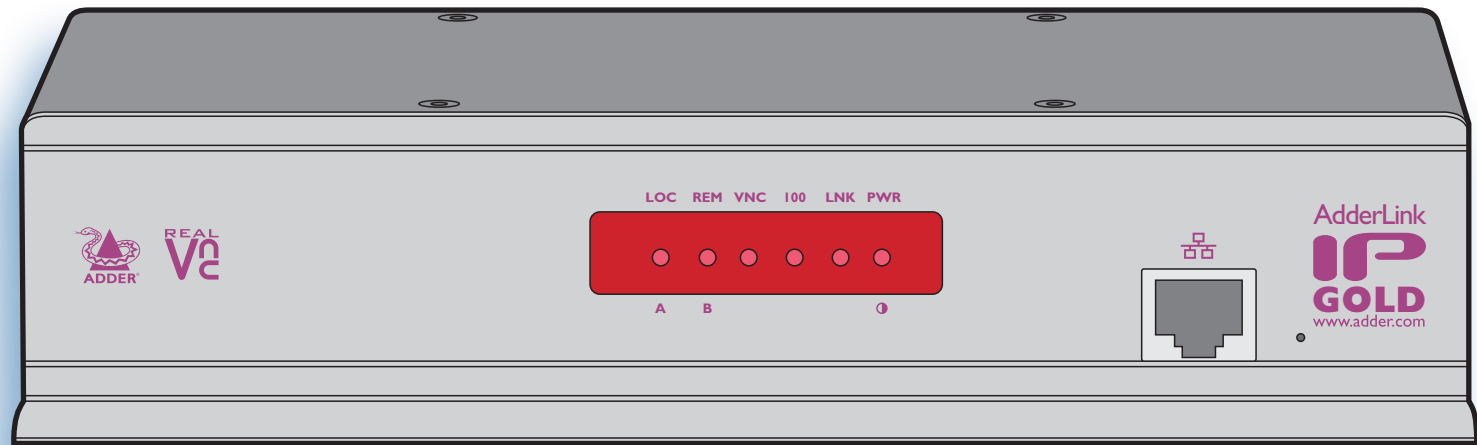




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Thank you for choosing the AdderLink IP Gold from Adder Technology. This intelligent product delivers straightforward setup, secure operation and the ability to fully control one or more computers from almost anywhere.

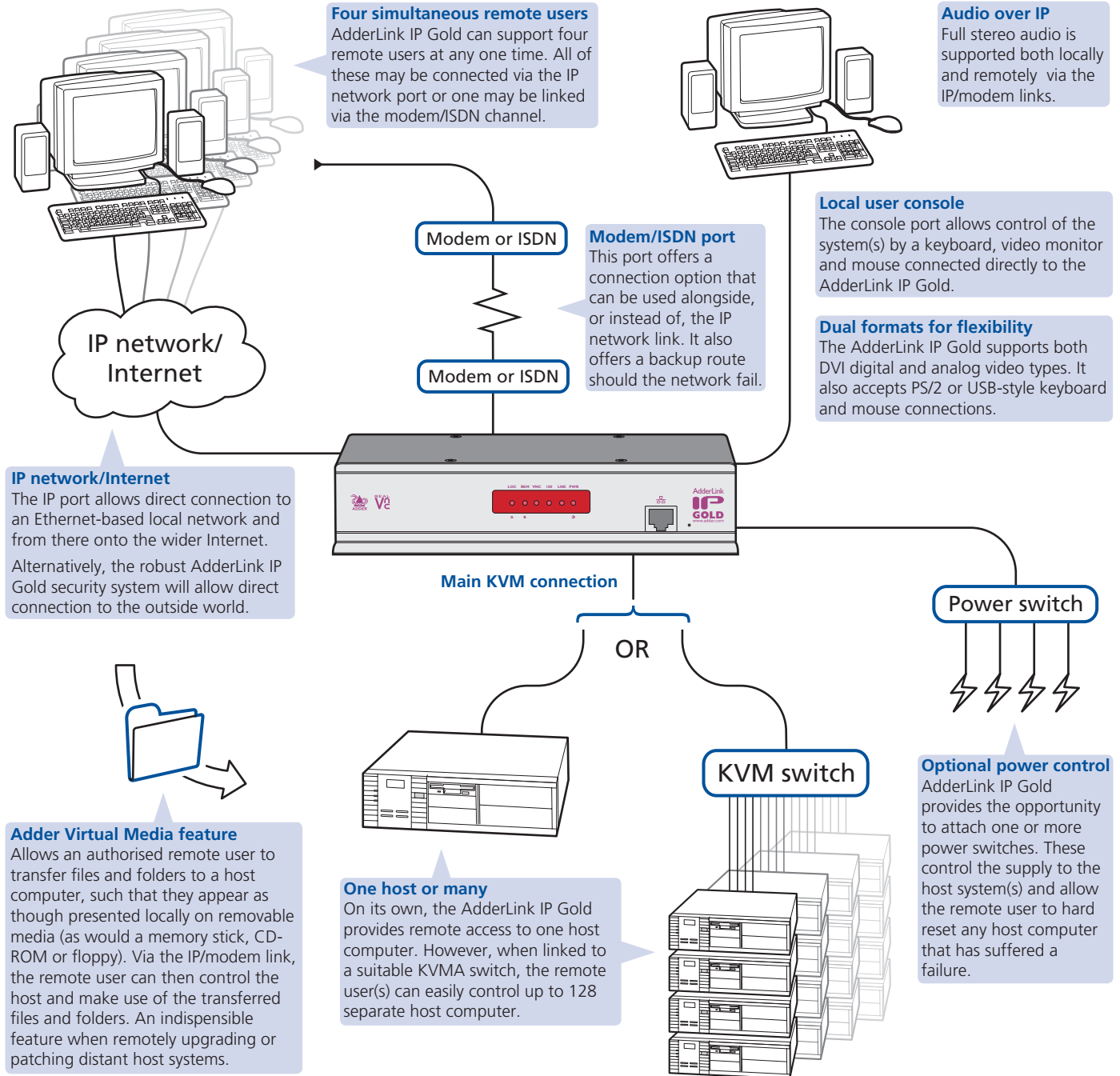
Remote control via a network connection is nothing new and software-only solutions to facilitate this are commonplace. However, they all present two major drawbacks: a) Special software must be used on all of the computers involved, especially the host, and b) if that host ceases to operate, the remote user is powerless to intervene.

AdderLink IP Gold is different and requires only the remote system(s) to run a small utility. The host system can run its usual operating system completely unchanged and needs only to be connected (via its keyboard, video and mouse ports) to the compact AdderLink IP Gold box.

It is this external connection to the AdderLink IP Gold that keeps the remote user in control. Even in the midst of a system crash, the remote user can still view the host's condition as if sitting next to it. Additionally, when the power switch option is employed, a host system can be remotely rebooted, no matter how badly it has locked-up.

Digital audio is supported across the IP links, as are digital and analogue video signals. The Adder Virtual Media feature allows remote administrators to easily transfer upgrade files to any host computer.

AdderLink IP Gold really starts to excel when it is hooked to a suitable KVMA switch. Then its robust, secure and adaptable operation is available across up to 128 separate host systems.



IP network/Internet
The IP port allows direct connection to an Ethernet-based local network and from there onto the wider Internet. Alternatively, the robust AdderLink IP Gold security system will allow direct connection to the outside world.

Four simultaneous remote users
AdderLink IP Gold can support four remote users at any one time. All of these may be connected via the IP network port or one may be linked via the modem/ISDN channel.

Audio over IP
Full stereo audio is supported both locally and remotely via the IP/modem links.

Local user console
The console port allows control of the system(s) by a keyboard, video monitor and mouse connected directly to the AdderLink IP Gold.

Dual formats for flexibility
The AdderLink IP Gold supports both DVI digital and analog video types. It also accepts PS/2 or USB-style keyboard and mouse connections.

Modem/ISDN port
This port offers a connection option that can be used alongside, or instead of, the IP network link. It also offers a backup route should the network fail.

Power switch

Optional power control
AdderLink IP Gold provides the opportunity to attach one or more power switches. These control the supply to the host system(s) and allow the remote user to hard reset any host computer that has suffered a failure.

One host or many
On its own, the AdderLink IP Gold provides remote access to one host computer. However, when linked to a suitable KVMA switch, the remote user(s) can easily control up to 128 separate host computer.

Adder Virtual Media feature
Allows an authorised remote user to transfer files and folders to a host computer, such that they appear as though presented locally on removable media (as would a memory stick, CD-ROM or floppy). Via the IP/modem link, the remote user can then control the host and make use of the transferred files and folders. An indispensable feature when remotely upgrading or patching distant host systems.

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AdderLink IP Gold features - front and rear

Considering its capabilities, the AdderLink IP Gold is supplied within a remarkably compact casing. Measuring just 198mm x 120mm x 43mm, it occupies just half of a single (1U) rack space and provides most of its connectors at the rear face. The smart front face features the IP network port and the operation indicators.



Created through partnership

The AdderLink IP Gold is the result of a creative partnership between two companies that are leaders in their respective markets:



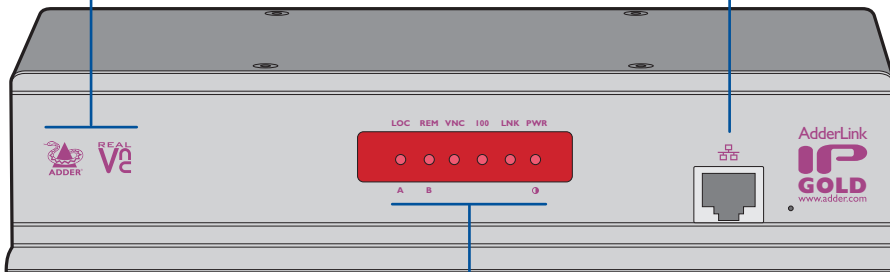
Adder Technology Limited are renowned worldwide for their professional KVM switching hardware.



RealVNC are creators of remote control software for a wide variety of computer systems. Speed, simplicity and security are their particular strengths.

IP network port

This intelligent Ethernet port can automatically sense whether it is attached to a 10Mb or 100Mb network.



Indicators

These six indicators clearly show the key aspects of operation:

- **LOC** Keyboard or mouse data are being received from the local console.
- **REM** Keyboard or mouse data are being received from a remote viewer.
- **VNC** Indicates that a remote viewer is connected and active.
- **100** Indicates the Ethernet network speed (10/100Mbps).
- **LNK** Network link and activity indication.
- **PWR** Power indicator.
- **A** Illuminates permanently if power supply A has failed.
- **B** Illuminates permanently if power supply B has failed.
- **●** Power indicator.

Modem port

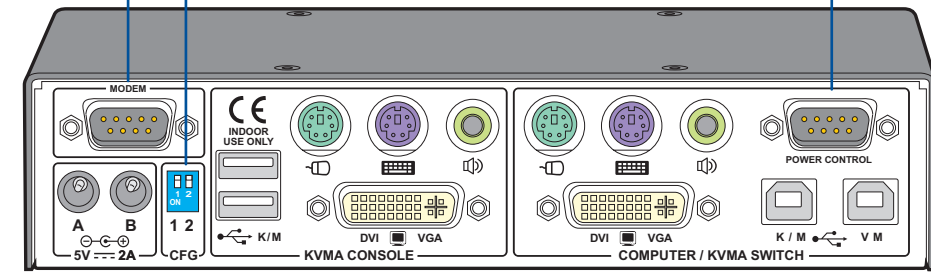
Optionally use this port to attach either a standard modem or an ISDN adapter. This feature provides an alternative, direct-dial, remote link into the AdderLink IP Gold.

Configuration switches

Used for flash upgrades and total reset functions. They are not required under normal circumstances.

Power control port

Optionally use this port to control one or more power switches. These allow the remote user to take full control of the host system(s).



Dual power inputs

Connect one or two power adapters here. When two units are connected, load is shared between them.

KVMA console

Devices connected here allow you to perform the initial configuration of the AdderLink IP Gold. Additionally, you can use these to locally control the connected host computer(s). Keyboards and mice can be either USB or PS/2, the video monitor can be DVI digital or analog (via a converter plug) plus stereo speakers.

Computer/KVMA Switch

Link these connectors to the keyboard and mouse (USB or PS/2), DVI digital or analog video and speaker ports of the device to be remotely controlled, either a single host computer or a KVM switch. The USB port on the right is used by the Adder Virtual Media feature to allow remote file transfer, and can be connected to a standard USB port.

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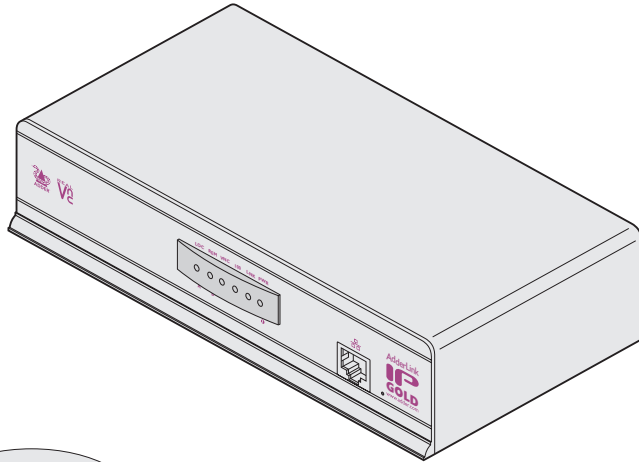
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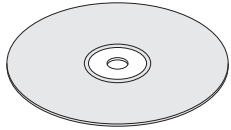
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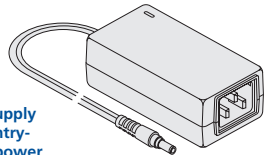
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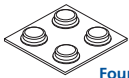
CD-ROM



Power supply and country-specific power lead



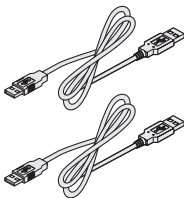
Four Self-adhesive rubber feet



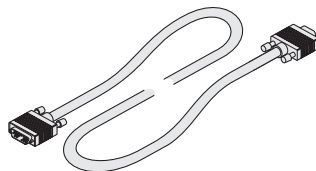
Audio cable (VSC22) stereo audio jack to stereo audio jack



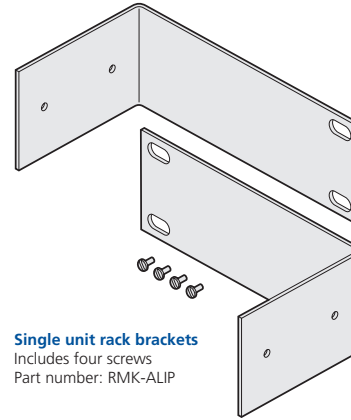
2 x USB cables (VSC24) 2m long



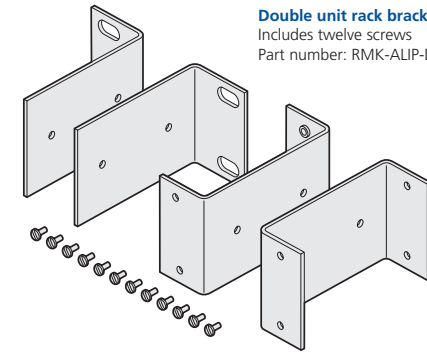
DVI video cable (VSCD1) 2m long



What you may additionally need



Single unit rack brackets
Includes four screws
Part number: RMK-ALIP



Double unit rack brackets
Includes twelve screws
Part number: RMK-ALIP-DUAL

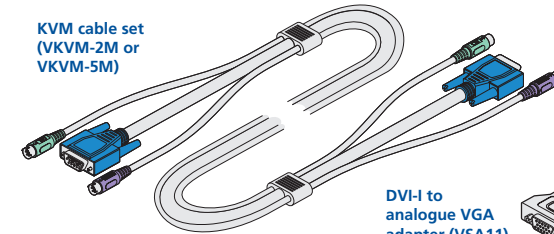
Cables and connectors

The AdderLink IP Gold's connectors are wired in a standard manner so that you can use standard cables throughout your installation. The unit is supplied with cables to connect to DVI and USB systems. Other cables are available from Adder to support systems that have VGA style video connections and/or PS/2 keyboard and mouse.

For analogue VGA style connections, Adder recommends:

- 2 metre KVM cable (VKVM-2M) or 5 metre KVM cable (VKVM-5M)
- DVI-I to analogue VGA adapter (VSA11)

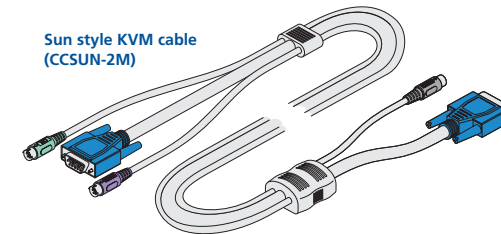
KVM cable set (VKVM-2M or VKVM-5M)



For connection to older style 8-pin Sun systems, Adder recommends:

- Sun style KVM cable (CCSUN-2M)
- DVI-I to analogue VGA adapter (VSA11)

Sun style KVM cable (CCSUN-2M)



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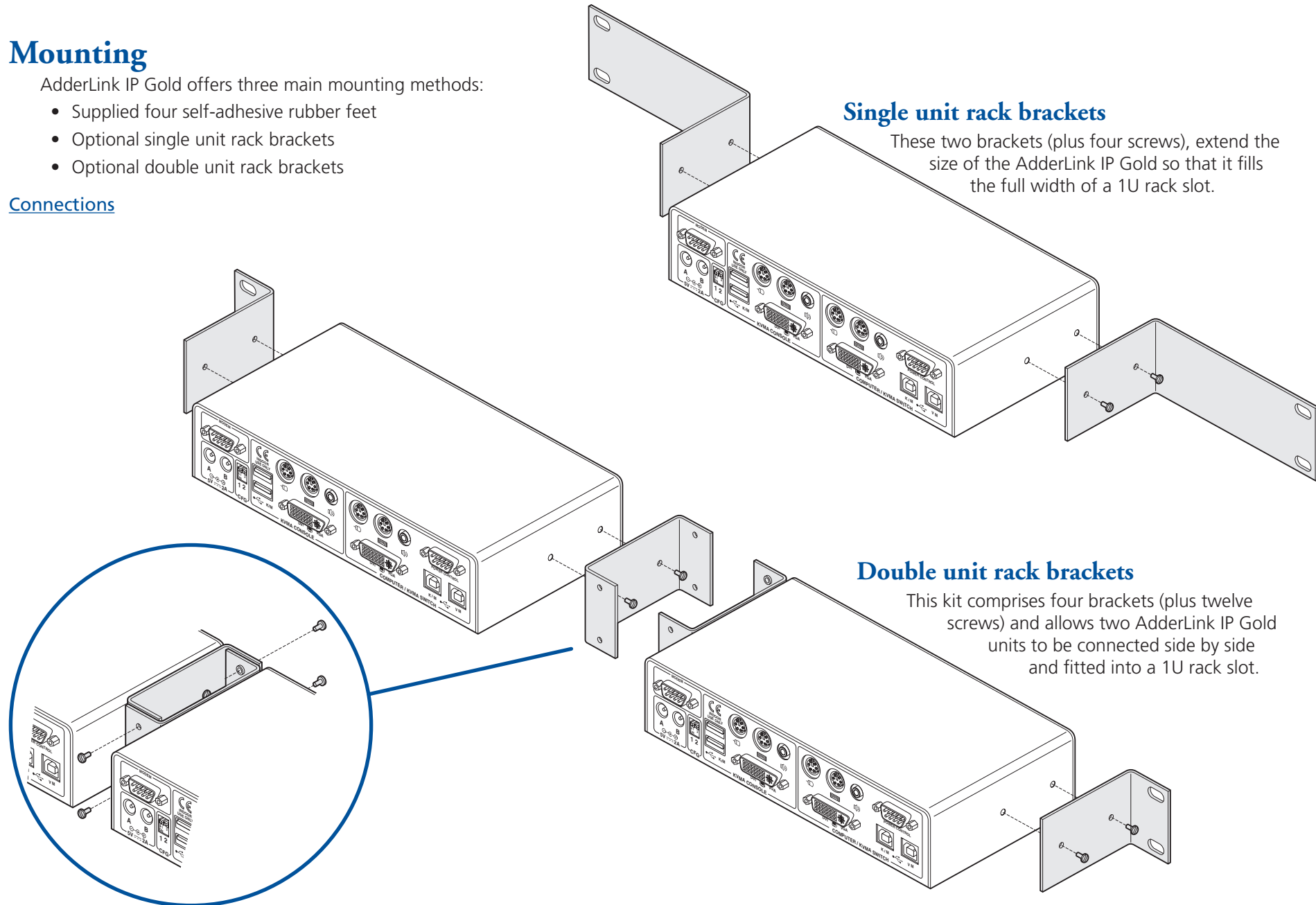
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Mounting

AdderLink IP Gold offers three main mounting methods:

- Supplied four self-adhesive rubber feet
- Optional single unit rack brackets
- Optional double unit rack brackets

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Single unit rack brackets

These two brackets (plus four screws), extend the size of the AdderLink IP Gold so that it fills the full width of a 1U rack slot.

Double unit rack brackets

This kit comprises four brackets (plus twelve screws) and allows two AdderLink IP Gold units to be connected side by side and fitted into a 1U rack slot.

Connections



Installation of the AdderLink IP Gold involves a number of basic connections to some or all of the following items:

- Host computer links: (Keyboard and mouse ↕) ([Video](#)) ([Audio](#)) ([Virtual Media](#))
- Local console connections: ([Keyboard and mouse](#)) ([Video](#)) ([Audio](#))
- [IP network port](#)
- [Modem/ISDN port](#)
- [Power input\(s\)](#)
- [Power control port](#)

Host computer links: Keyboard and mouse

The AdderLink IP Gold supports both PS/2-style and USB-style keyboard/mouse connections.

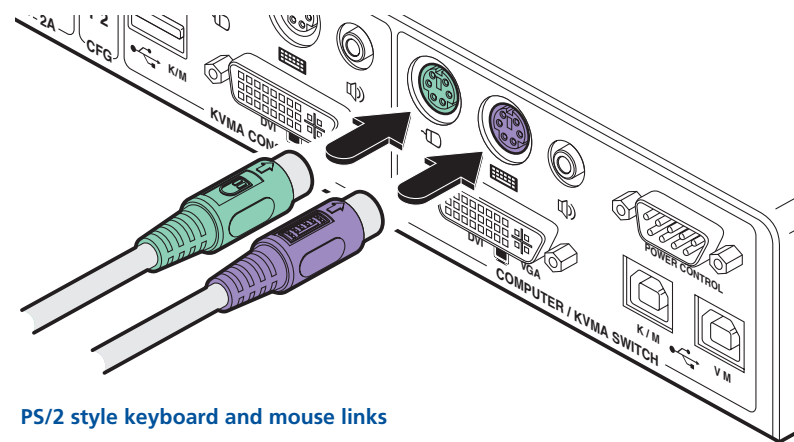
To make a keyboard and mouse links

- 1 Wherever possible, ensure that power is disconnected from the AdderLink IP Gold and the host computer (or KVMA switch) to be connected.
(Note: If it is not possible to switch off devices prior to connection, then a 'Hot plug' procedure is available – see the [Hot plugging and mouse restoration](#) section for more details).
- 2 As appropriate, connect the PS/2 or USB link cables to the COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH section of the AdderLink IP Gold rear panel:
 - **PS/2 links** Connect the keyboard and/or mouse PS/2 style link cables to the ports marked  and  within the COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH section of the rear panel.
 - **USB link** Connect a USB link cable that has a type B plug (more square than rectangular) to the port marked K / M within the COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH section of the rear panel.

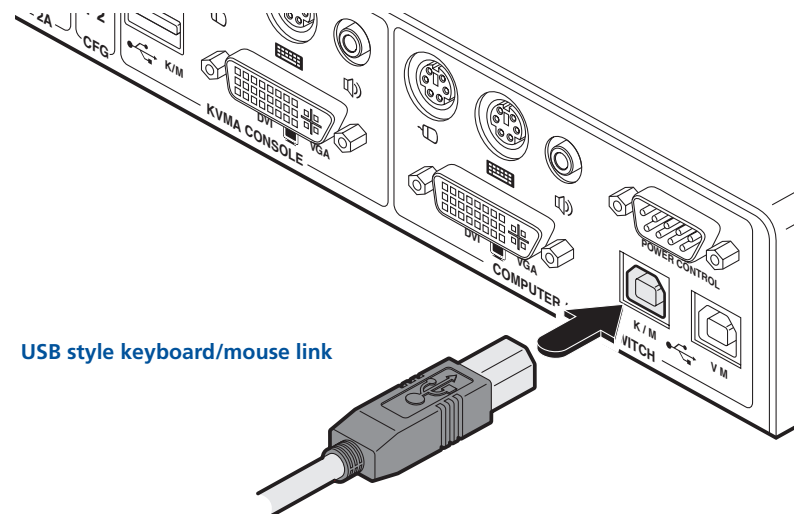
IMPORTANT: *There is no internal conversion between PS/2 keyboard and mouse connections and USB. Hence, if you use a PS/2 style connection to the computer / KVMA switch, you must also use a PS/2 style keyboard and mouse on the local console. Similarly, if you use a USB style connection to the computer / KVMA switch, you must also use a USB style keyboard and mouse on the local console. You may use the USB Virtual Media link with any combination of other devices. You must not mix USB and PS/2 style keyboards and mice on the same device.*

- 3 Connect the plugs at the other end of the used cable set(s) to the corresponding sockets on the host computer or KVMA switch.

Single host computer or many?
The AdderLink IP Gold can either connect directly to a single host computer or to range of hosts via one or more KVMA switches.



PS/2 style keyboard and mouse links



USB style keyboard/mouse link



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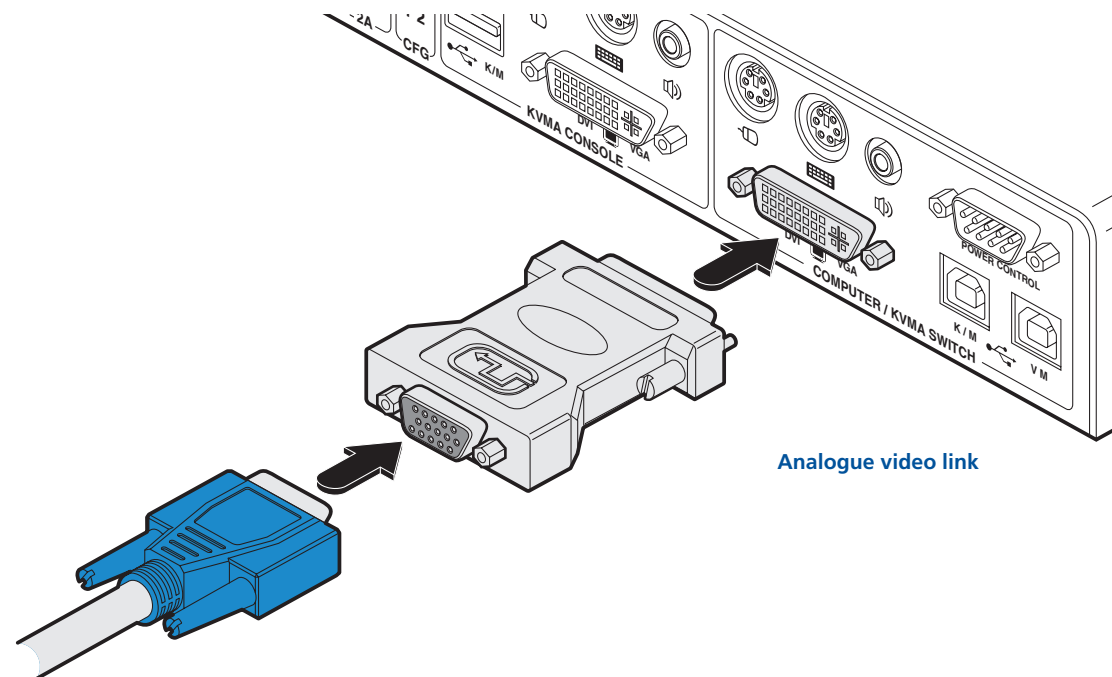
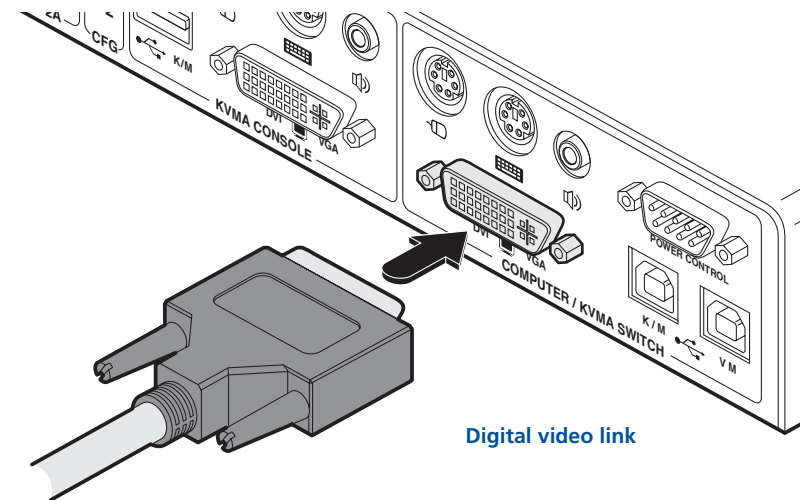
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Host computer links: Video

The AdderLink IP Gold uses DVI/I video ports that support both digital and analogue video monitor connections. The AdderLink IP Gold automatically converts between the two connection styles to ensure independence between the locally connected video monitor (at the KVMA CONSOLE port), the remote user's video monitor and the graphics capabilities of the host computer(s).

To make a video link


- 1 Wherever possible, ensure that power is disconnected from the AdderLink IP Gold and the host computer (or KVMA switch) to be connected.
- 2 As appropriate, connect either a digital or analogue video link cable to the DVI/I socket on the AdderLink IP Gold rear panel:
 - **Digital** Connect a digital video link cable to the port labelled DVI VGA within the COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH section of the rear panel.
 - **Analogue** Connect a converter module to the port labelled DVI VGA within the COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH section of the rear panel. Connect an analogue video link cable to the converter module. In both cases, ensure that the securing screws are used to maintain reliable links.
- 3 Connect the plugs at the other end of the used cable set to the corresponding video output socket of the host computer or KVMA switch.

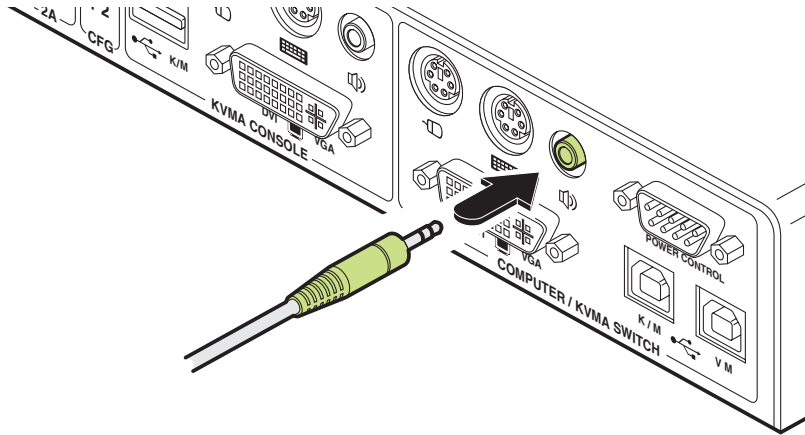


Host computer links: Audio

The AdderLink IP Gold supports and distributes the stereo sound originated by the host computer to the local console port, and also to the remotely connected users.

To make an audio link

- 1 Connect an audio link cable to the port labelled  within the COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH section of the rear panel.



- 2 Connect the plug at the other end of the audio link cable to the speaker / line out socket of the host computer or KVMA switch.

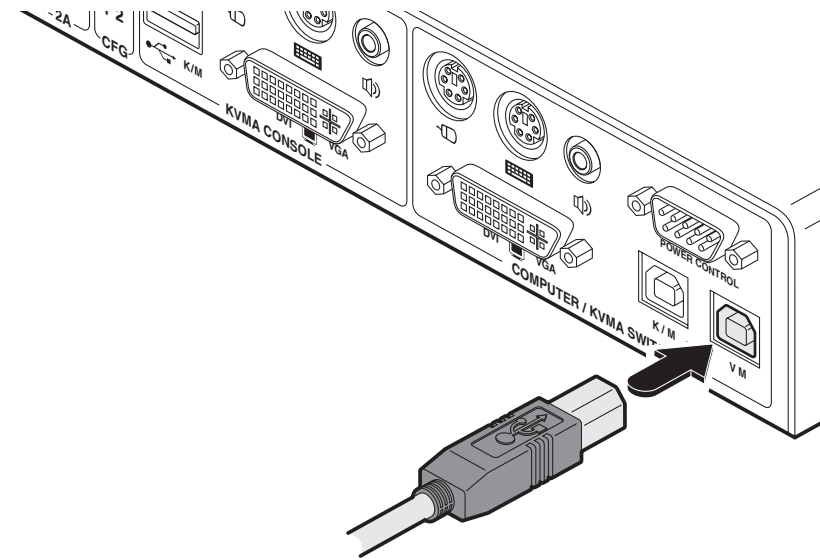
Host computer links: Adder Virtual Media

The AdderLink IP Gold provides an ingenious feature that allows authorised remote users to transfer files and folders to a host computer, such that they appear as though presented locally on removable media. In order to use the Adder Virtual Media feature, the VM port at the rear of the AdderLink IP Gold must be connected to a standard USB port of a host computer or a switched USB channel of a suitable KVMA switch.

For details about how to use this feature, see [Virtual Media](#).

To make an Adder Virtual Media link

- 1 Connect a USB link cable that has a type B plug (more square than rectangular) to the port marked VM within the COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH section of the rear panel.





- 2 Connect the plug at the other end of the USB link cable to a vacant USB socket on the host computer or KVMA switch.

Note: If this connection is being made via a KVMA switch, ensure that the USB port used on the switch is a non-interpreted or switched port, sometimes labelled as 'Devices'.

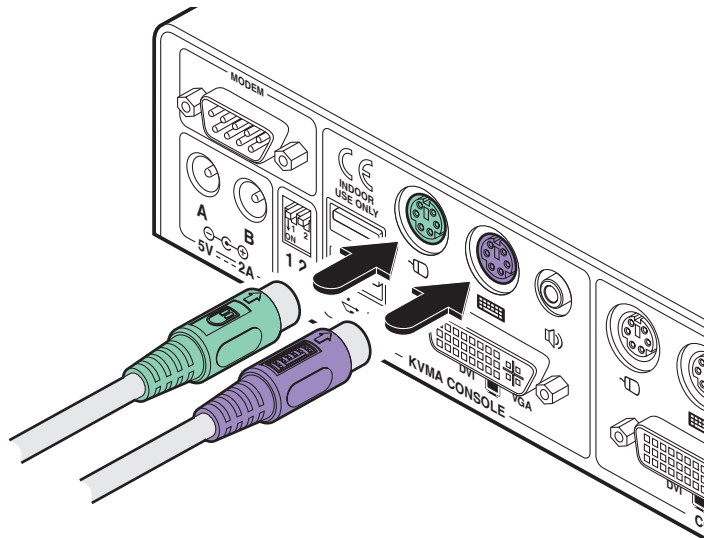
Local console connections: Keyboard and mouse

The AdderLink IP Gold supports both PS/2-style and USB-style keyboard and mouse connections.

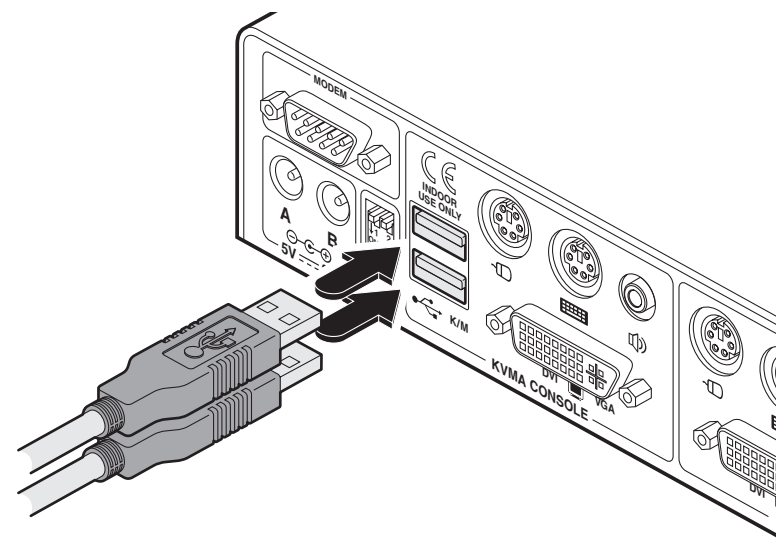
To connect a local keyboard and mouse

- 1 Wherever possible, ensure that power is disconnected from the AdderLink IP Gold. Position a suitable keyboard and mouse in the vicinity of the AdderLink IP Gold such that their cables will easily reach.
- 2 Connect the PS/2 **or** USB style keyboard and mouse to the KVMA CONSOLE section of the AdderLink IP Gold rear panel:
 - **PS/2 style** Connect PS/2 style keyboard and mouse cables to the ports marked  and  within the KVMA CONSOLE section of the rear panel.
 - **USB link** Connect USB style keyboard and mouse cables to the ports marked K / M within the KVMA CONSOLE section of the rear panel.

IMPORTANT: There is no internal conversion between PS/2 keyboard and mouse connections and USB. Hence, if you use a PS/2 style keyboard and mouse at the local console, you must also use PS/2 style links from the AdderLink IP Gold to the computer / KVMA switch. Similarly, if you use a USB style keyboard and mouse at the local console, you must also use a USB style link from the AdderLink IP Gold to the computer / KVMA switch. You may use the USB Virtual Media link with any combination of other devices. You must not mix USB and PS/2 style keyboards and mice on the same device.



PS/2 style keyboard and mouse connections



USB style keyboard and mouse connections

Local console. Why?

A locally connected keyboard, video monitor and mouse are required during the initial configuration of the AdderLink IP Gold. However, these are also useful during normal use to allow quick local control of any connected host computers.

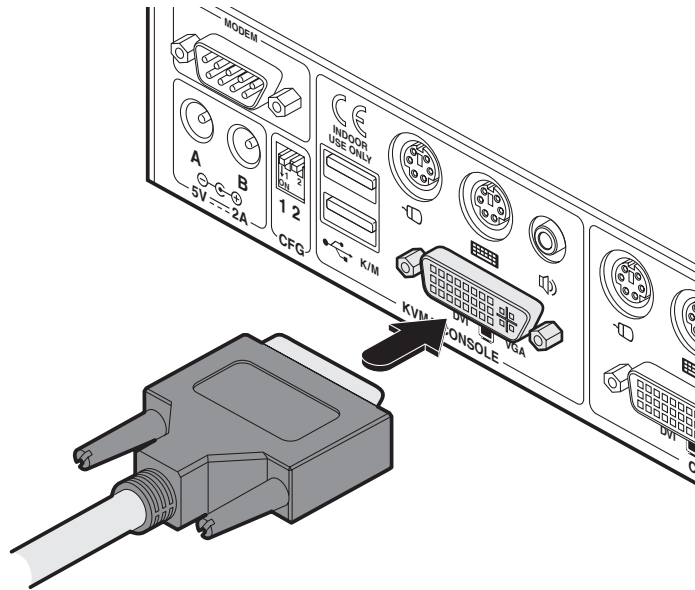


Local console connections: Video

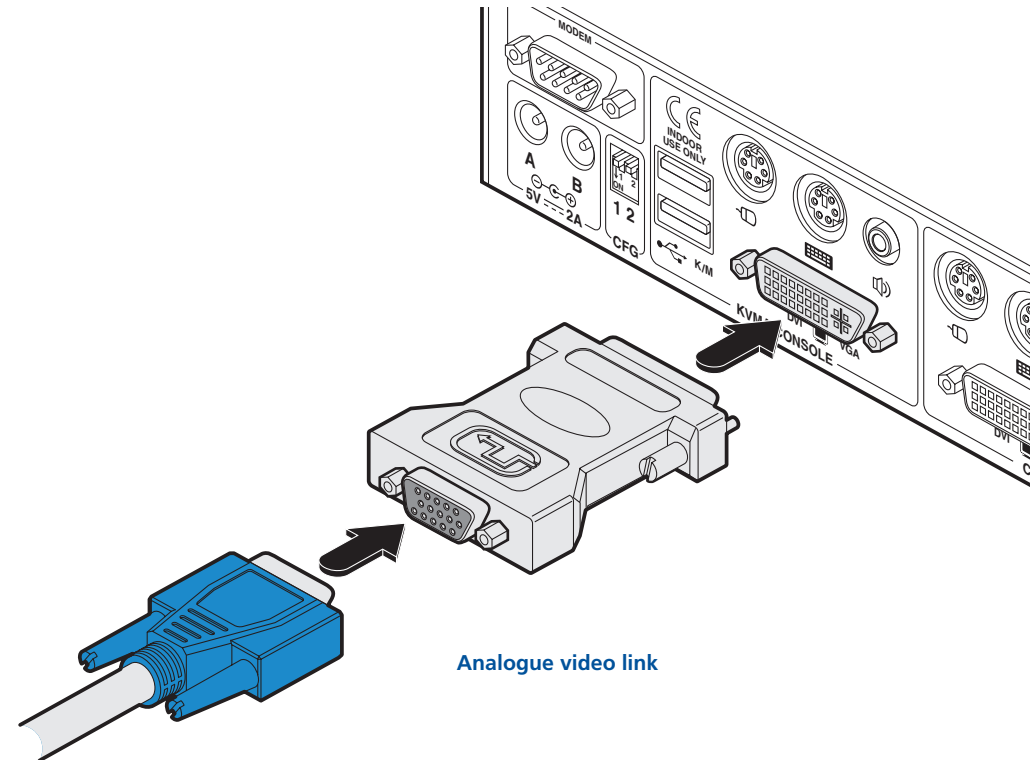
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To connect a local video monitor

- 1 Wherever possible, ensure that power is disconnected from the AdderLink IP Gold.
- 2 As appropriate, position a suitable digital or analogue video monitor to the DVI/I socket on the rear panel of the AdderLink IP Gold unit:
 - **Digital** Connect the digital video monitor cable to the port labelled DVI within the KVMA CONSOLE section of the rear panel.
 - **Analogue** Connect a converter module to the port labelled DVI/VGA within the KVMA CONSOLE section of the rear panel. Connect the analogue video monitor cable to the converter module. In both cases, ensure that the securing screws are used to maintain reliable connections.



Digital video link



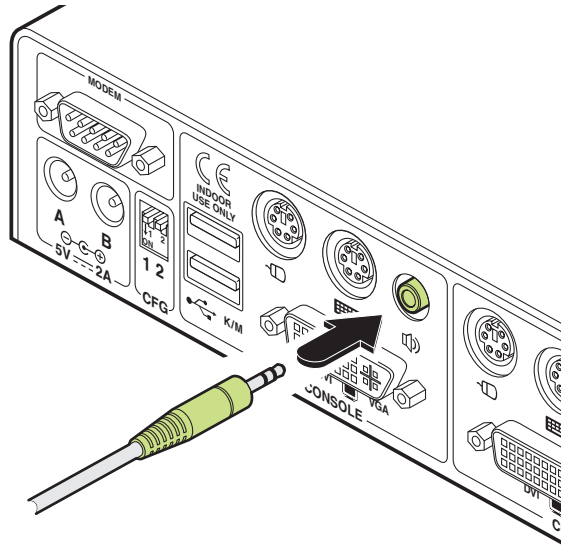
Analogue video link


Local console connections: Audio

The AdderLink IP Gold supports and distributes the stereo sound originated by the host computer to the local console port, and also to the remotely connected users.

To connect local speakers

- 1 Position a speakers in the vicinity of the AdderLink IP Gold such that their cables will easily reach.



- 2 Connect the main speaker cable to the port labelled  within the KVMA CONSOLE section of the rear panel.

IP network port

The AdderLink IP Gold provides an autosensing Ethernet IP port that can operate at 10 or 100Mbps, according to the network speed. The AdderLink IP Gold is designed to reside quite easily at any part of your network:

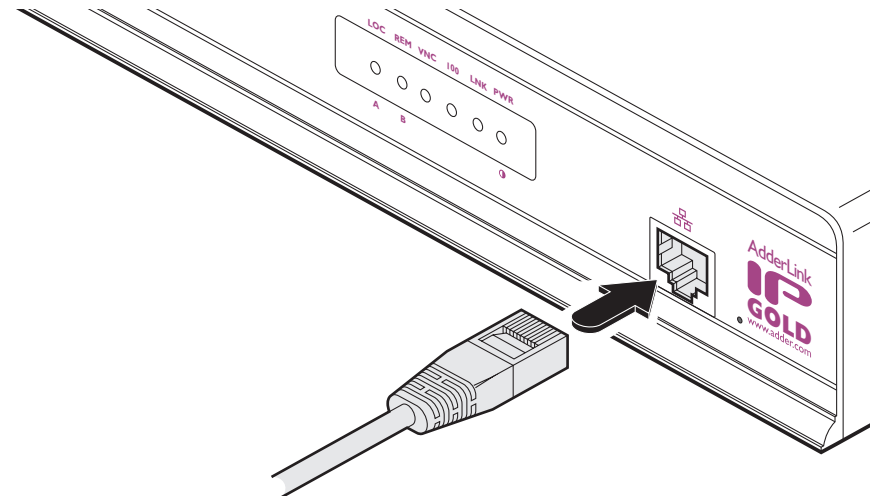
- It can be placed within the local network, behind any firewall/router connections to the Internet, or
- It can be placed externally to the local network, on a separate sub-network or with an open Internet connection.

Wherever in the network the AdderLink IP Gold is situated, you will need to determine certain configuration issues such as address allocation and/or firewall adjustment to allow correct operation. Please refer to [Networking issues](#) within the Configuration chapter for more details.

IMPORTANT: When the AdderLink IP Gold is accessible from the public Internet or dial up connection, you must ensure that sufficient [security measures](#) are employed.

To connect the IP network port

- 1 Depending upon where in the network the AdderLink IP Gold is being connected, run a category 5e or 6 cable from the appropriate hub or router to the AdderLink IP Gold.



- 2 Connect the plug of the category 5e or 6 cable into the IP port on the front panel of the AdderLink IP Gold.
- 3 Configure the network settings as appropriate to the position of the AdderLink IP Gold within the network - see [Networking issues](#) for details.



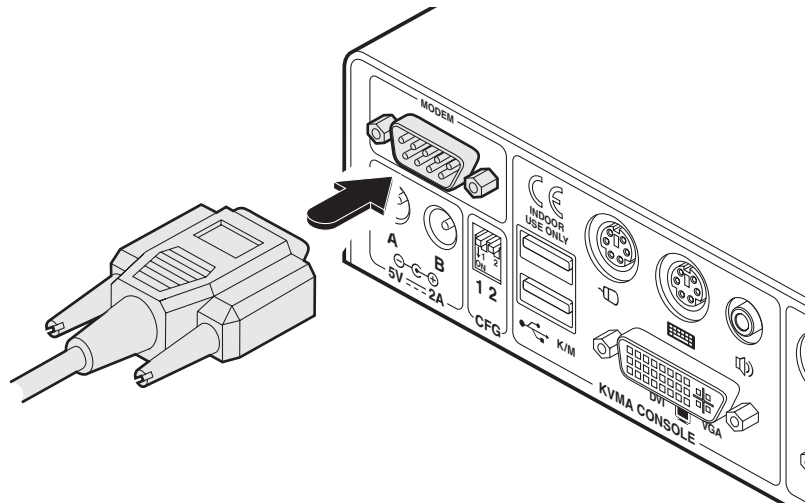
Modem/ISDN port

The AdderLink IP Gold provides a serial port specifically for you to connect either a modem or ISDN terminal adapter. This can be used as a primary, secondary or backup access port for remote systems, as best suits your overall configuration.

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To connect a modem or ISDN port

- 1 Wherever possible, ensure that power is disconnected from the AdderLink IP Gold and the modem or ISDN adapter.
- 2 Connect a suitable serial modem (non-crossover) cable to the serial port on the modem/ISDN adapter.
- 3 Connect the other end of the serial cable to the port labelled MODEM at the rear of the AdderLink IP Gold.



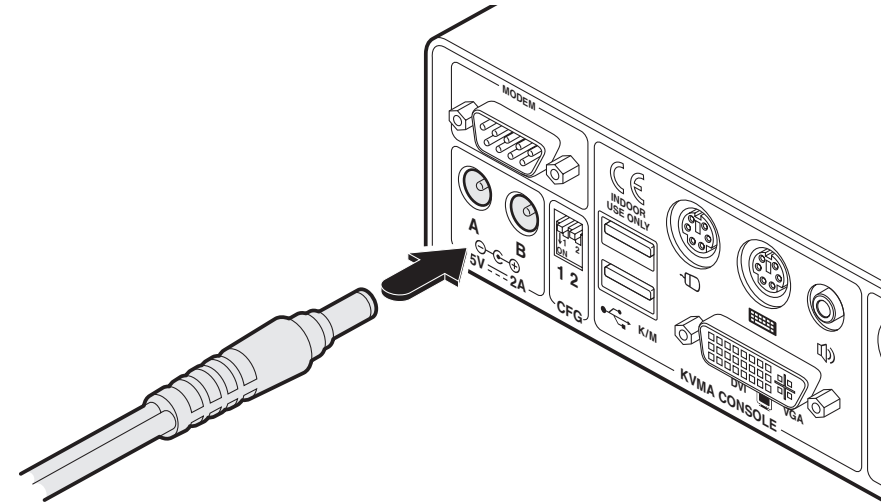
Note: The default serial port speed is 115200 and a standard Hayes-compatible auto-answer string is sent during startup. The default startup string is 'ATZHS0=1'. Both the serial port speed and startup string settings can easily be altered during the local or remote configuration - see [Initial configuration](#) for more details. The other serial settings are fixed at: No parity, 8 bit word and 1 stop bit.

Power supply connection

The AdderLink IP Gold is supplied with a single power supply and an appropriate country-specific IEC power lead. However, it has two power input sockets to allow a second power supply to be connected as a fail-safe. The AdderLink IP Gold can operate easily from a single power input. However, when two power supplies are connected, the power load is shared between them. There is no on/off switch so operation begins as soon as a power supply is connected.

To connect the power supply

- 1 Connect the low voltage output lead from the power supply unit to either power socket on the rear panel of the AdderLink IP Gold.
- 2 If required, connect the low voltage output lead from a second suitable power supply to the other power socket on the rear panel of the AdderLink IP Gold.



- 3 Connect the IEC connector of the supplied country-specific power lead to the socket of the power supply. Repeat for the second power supply, if used.
- 4 Connect the power lead(s) to a nearby main supply socket.

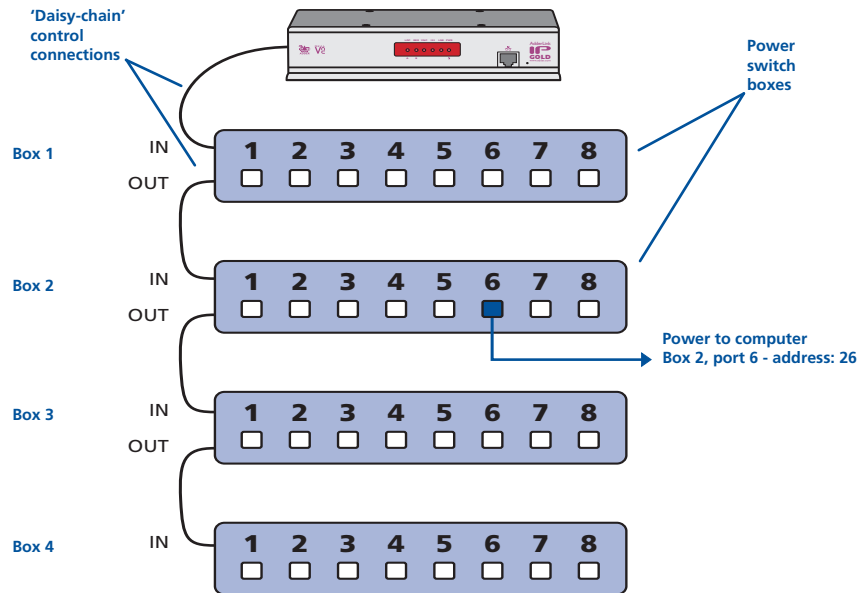
Note: The correct operation of one or both connected power supplies are confirmed during power-up by the A and B indicators on the front panel as power is applied.



Power control port

The AdderLink IP Gold provides a serial port for connection to one or more optional power control units. This allows you to control the mains power being supplied to the connected host(s) so that an authorised remote user can, if necessary, perform a complete cold reboot on a failed host system.

The control connector of the first power switch is connected, via serial cable, to the rear panel of the AdderLink IP Gold. Any additional power switches are then connected via a 'daisy-chain' arrangement to the first power switch. Each power switch box is then given a unique address and access to each power port (8 ports on each power switch box) is gained using a combination of the switch box address and the port number.



The power ports are connected to the power inputs of each computer and the power switch box(es) are then connected to a mains power supply.

IMPORTANT: Power switching devices have a maximum current rating. It is essential to ensure that the total current drawn by the equipment connected to the power switching device does not exceed the current rating of the power switching device. You must also ensure that the current drawn from any mains socket does not exceed the current rating of the mains socket.

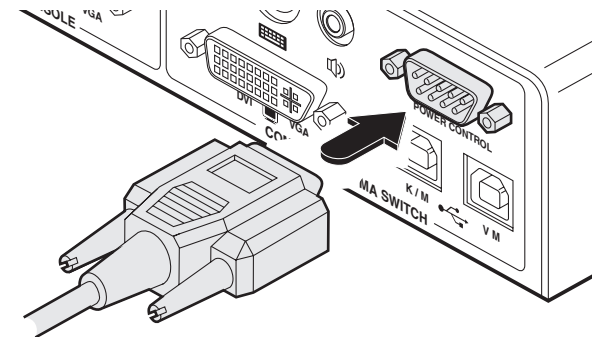
Setting up, configuring and using power switching requires three main steps:

- Connect and address the switch boxes ⇔
- [Configure the power strings](#)
- [Operate remote power switching](#)

To connect and address the switch boxes

Note: The AdderLink IP Gold can be powered on during this procedure, however, the switch boxes should be switched off. The instructions given here relate to the power switch recommended and supplied by Adder. Other switches may have alternative installation and configuration requirements.

- 1 Mount up to four switch boxes in positions where they are close to the computers that they will control and not too distant from the AdderLink IP Gold (preferably within 2.5 metres).
- 2 Use a serial cable with an RJ9 and a 9-pin D-type connector (see [Appendix 7](#) for specification). Connect the RJ9 plug to the socket marked 'IN' on the first switch box. Connect the other end to the socket marked 'POWER CONTROL' on the AdderLink IP Gold.



- 3 For each of the remaining switch boxes (if used), use a serial cable with RJ9 connectors at both ends (see [Appendix 7](#) for specification). Connect one end to the socket marked 'OUT' of the previous box and the other end to the socket marked 'IN' of the next box.
- 4 Set the addressing switches on each switch box using the two micro switches marked 'Slct' on the front panel. The box connected directly to the AdderLink IP Gold is Box 1 and so on, down the daisy-chain line to Box 4 at the end.
- 5 Connect IEC to IEC power leads between each port and the power input socket of each computer that requires power switching. Carefully note to which power ports, on which boxes, each computer is connected. If server systems have multiple power inputs, then each input must be connected via separate ports, which can be on the same, or different boxes.
- 6 Connect each box to a suitable mains power input.

| Box | Switch 1 | Switch 2 |
|-----|----------|----------|
| 1 | Off | Off |
| 2 | On | Off |
| 3 | Off | On |
| 4 | On | On |

Off = switch upwards
On = switch downwards
Switch 1 is on the left side

Now proceed to the configuration stage covered in the [Power switching configuration](#) section within the Configuration chapter.



Configuration



Initial configuration

The initial configuration occurs as two distinct parts:

Part 1 – Local configuration

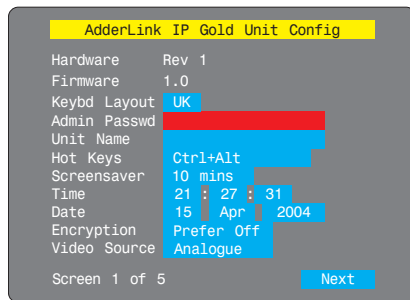
This part of the configuration takes place using the locally connected keyboard and video monitor. It allows you to set up key basic details, network essentials, modem/ISDN parameters and security key creation.

Part 2 – Remote configuration

This part of the configuration takes place using a remote connection (network or dial-up modem/ISDN). It allows fine tuning of the part 1 configuration items plus the creation of multiple user accounts and host details. Go to [Part 2 - Remote configuration](#).

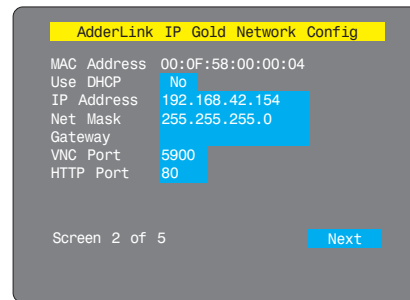
Part 1 – Local configuration

When you switch on the AdderLink IP Gold unit for the first time it will take you (using the locally connected keyboard and video monitor) through a set up sequence consisting of four main screens:



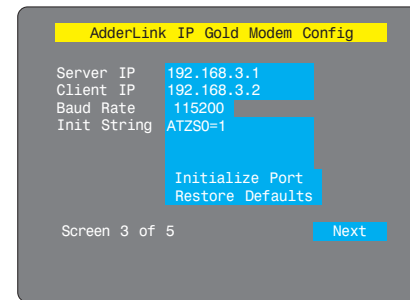
Unit config screen

Allows you to determine a mixture of basic and fundamental setup details such as the keyboard layout, admin password, time and date.



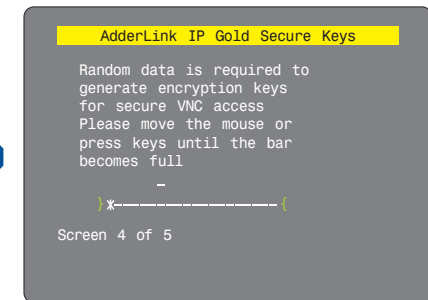
Network config screen

Requires you to configure the various key aspects of the IP network port addressing.



Modem config screen

Allows you to optionally alter the current settings for the serial port that is used to connect a modem or ISDN terminal adapter. The IP addresses are used to emulate a two-port network connection and are suitable for most situations.



Secure keys screen

This screen uses your mouse movements or keyboard inputs to create random data. This unpredictable information is then combined with several other factors to develop the basis of the encryption keys that are used to establish secure remote links.

Controlling the local configuration menus

The local menus use only the keyboard. Use the keyboard arrow keys to move the green highlight indicator to the required position. Then, either type the required information or use the left and right arrows to change multiple choice items, as appropriate.

Problems?

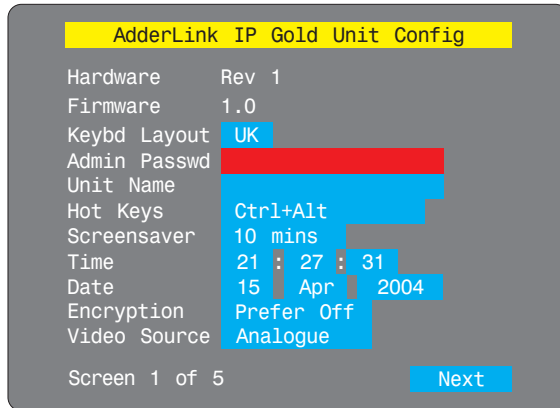
[The AdderLink IP Gold asks for an unknown admin password](#)

[The AdderLink IP Gold does not display the configuration sequence](#)

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To perform the initial local configuration

1 Edit the Unit config screen. The key elements here are:



Admin password

Enter a password of at least six characters that has a mix of letters and numerals. The background colour provides an indication of password suitability and is initially red to indicate that the password is not sufficient. When a password with reasonable strength has been entered it changes to blue.

Time and Date

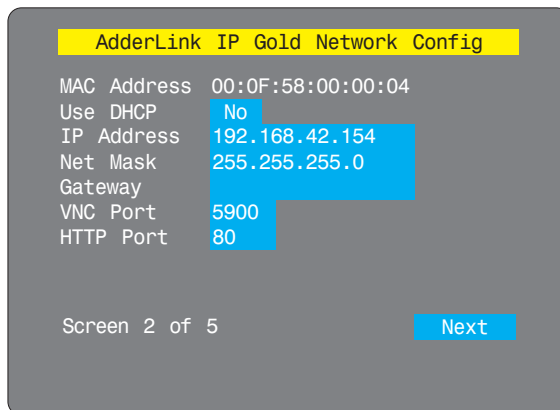
Set these correctly as all entries in the activity log are time stamped using them.

Encryption

Arrange this setting according to your security requirements. See [Encryption settings](#) for a description of the issues and the settings.

When all items are correct, select the *Next* option to display the next screen.

2 Edit the Network config screen. The key elements here are:



Use DHCP/IP Address/Net Mask/Gateway

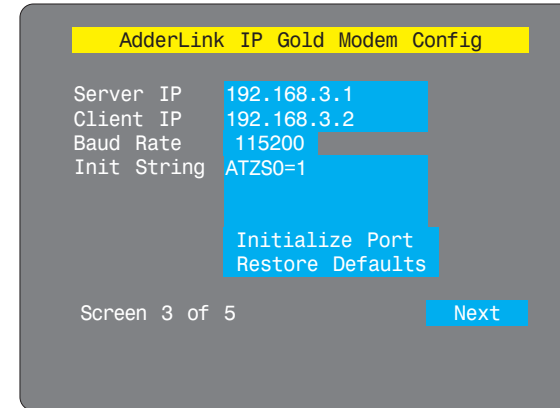
You need to either set the DHCP option to 'Yes' or manually enter a valid IP address, Net mask and Gateway. See [Networking issues](#) for more details.

VNC and HTTP ports

These should remain set to 5900 and 80, respectively, unless they clash with an existing setup within the network. See [Networking issues](#) for more details.

When all items are correct, select the *Next* option to display the next screen.

3 If necessary, edit the Modem config screen.

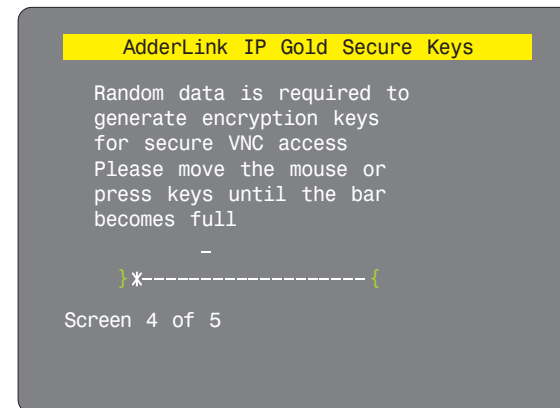


The default items here are perfectly adequate for the majority of modem and ISDN terminal adapter installations.

The Server IP and Client IP addresses are used to form an isolated two-device PPP network connection via the dial up link. Their settings are not related to any other 'real' network settings within the AdderLink IP Gold.

When all items are correct, select the *Next* option to display the next screen.

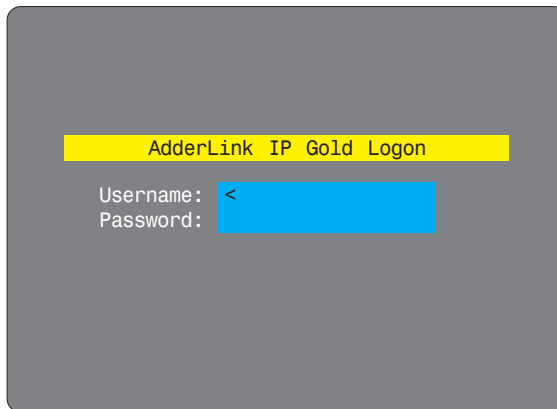
4 Move the mouse and enter changing key sequences within this screen.



With every mouse move and keypress, the single dash will move across the screen (unless the same key is pressed repeatedly). Periodically, a new star character will be added to the bar as the random data are accepted as part of the new encryption key. When the bar is full, the final encryption keys for your AdderLink IP Gold will be created – this process takes roughly 30 to 40 seconds.

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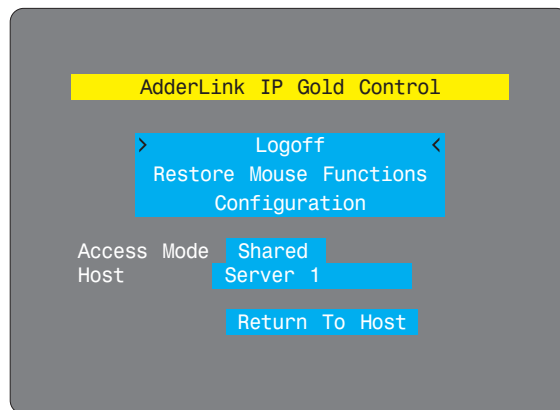
- 5 Once the secure keys have been calculated the AdderLink IP Gold will restart and present a standard logon screen.



At this stage the username will be 'admin' and the password will be whatever you entered in the first setup screen.

Once the username and password have been accepted, the screen should now show the host computer screen (or, if none is connected, a blank image).

- 6 To view the options menu: Press **Ctrl** **Alt** **C**. [More about hotkeys.](#) (if the standard hotkeys were altered, use the new hotkeys plus C)



Access mode

Allows you to choose between Shared mode (where all other logged on users can see your operations) and Private mode (where the screens of all other users are blanked).

Logoff

Select to close your current session and display the screensaver.

Restore mouse functions

Select to revive a mouse that has ceased to function correctly. See [Hot plugging and mouse restoration](#) for details.

Configuration

Select to gain access to the Unit, Network and Modem configuration screens. Within here you can also reset the AdderLink IP Gold to its initial state.

Host

Indicates the currently selected host computer and allows you to select others. This item will be blank unless host details have been set within the [remote configuration](#).

Return to host

Quits the menu and returns to the host screen.

Encryption settings

The AdderLink IP Gold offers a great deal of flexibility in its configuration and this extends equally to its encryption settings. Due to the variety of situations in which it might be used and the range of viewer applications that need to view it, a number of settings are available that might not make perfect sense at first glance. However, these settings should allow you to configure the AdderLink IP Gold and the viewers to operate as required.

Factors to consider when setting these options might be:

- Do all of the connections and operations require encryption?
- Will some users be using older VNC viewer versions?

AdderLink IP Gold encryption settings

The AdderLink IP Gold configuration page offers three encryption settings:

- **Always on** - This setting will force all viewers to use encryption. *Note: This setting will preclude any VNC viewer versions that do not support encryption.*
- **Prefer off** - This setting does not enforce encryption unless a viewer specifically requests it. If a viewer has its 'Let server choose' setting, then an un-encrypted link will be set up.
- **Prefer on** - This setting generally enforces encryption unless an earlier viewer version is unable to support it, in which case the link will be un-encrypted. If a viewer has its 'Let server choose' setting, then the link will be encrypted.

Viewer encryption settings

The web browser viewers and VNC viewers (of level 4.0b5S or higher) offer four encryption settings:

- **Always on** - This setting will ensure that the link is encrypted, regardless of the AdderLink IP Gold encryption setting.
- **Let server choose** - This setting will follow the configuration of the AdderLink IP Gold. If the AdderLink IP Gold has 'Always on' or 'Prefer on' set, then the link will be encrypted. If the 'Prefer off' setting is selected at the AdderLink IP Gold, then the link will not be encrypted.
- **Prefer off** - This setting will configure an un-encrypted link if the AdderLink IP Gold will allow it, otherwise it will be encrypted.
- **Prefer on** - If the AdderLink IP Gold allows it, this setting will configure an encrypted link, otherwise it will be un-encrypted.



Hot plugging and mouse restoration

It is strongly recommended that you switch off a host computer before attempting to connect it to the AdderLink IP. However, if this is not possible then you need to 'hot plug' the computer while it is still running. There is not normally a danger of damage to the computer, however, when mouse communications are interrupted, often they fail to re-initialise when reconnected. The AdderLink IP Gold provides a feature to reinstate mouse communications once the necessary connections have been made.

There are two main types of data formats used by current PC mice, these are the older 'PS/2' format and the more recent 'IntelliMouse®' format introduced by Microsoft. These use slightly different data arrangements and it is important to know which type was being used before you hot-plugged the computer to the AdderLink IP Gold. The previous setting depends both on the type of mouse and the type of driver, as various combinations of PS/2 and IntelliMouse are possible. Using the incorrect restore function may produce unpredictable results and require the computer to be re-booted.

Which restore setting do I use?

The general rule is that unless both the mouse *and* the driver are *both* IntelliMouse compatible then you need to restore the mouse as 'PS/2'. An IntelliMouse can operate in either mode, whereas a PS/2 mouse cannot.

Recognising an IntelliMouse-style mouse

The IntelliMouse format was introduced to support, among other features, the scroll wheel function. If the mouse has a scroll wheel, then it is likely to support the IntelliMouse format. If it is a Microsoft-branded mouse, then it will usually state that it is an IntelliMouse on its underside label.

Recognising an IntelliMouse driver

Before hot plugging to the AdderLink IP Gold (or afterwards using only keyboard control), access the Windows Control Panel of the computer and select either the *Mouse* option (on Windows NT, 2000 and XP) or the *System* option (on Windows 95, 98, ME). Look for the name of the driver, which will usually include the words *PS/2* or *IntelliMouse*.

To restore mouse operation when hot plugging:

- 1 Using a KVM cable set, carefully make the keyboard, monitor and mouse connections between the host computer and the ports collectively labelled COMPUTER / KVMA SWITCH on the AdderLink IP Gold.
- 2 Using a keyboard and monitor directly connected to the AdderLink IP Gold, log on and then press **Ctrl** **Alt** **C** to view the options menu. [More about hotkeys](#)



- 3 Select the 'Restore mouse functions' option to display:
- 4 Select one of the following options:
 - *Restore Standard Mouse* – if PS/2 mode is required, or
 - *Restore IntelliMouse* – if IntelliMouse mode is required.
- 5 Select the 'Return to host' option.
- 6 Move the mouse a short distance and check for appropriate on-screen cursor movement. If the mouse cursor darts erratically around the screen, then cease moving the mouse. This is an indication that the chosen restore function is incorrect. Try again using the other restore function.

Note: The restore functions predict the likely mouse resolution settings but may not restore the exact speed or sensitivity settings that were originally set.

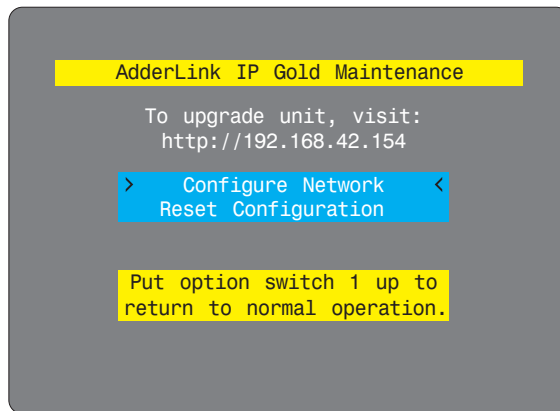
Resetting the configuration


The AdderLink IP Gold asks for an unknown admin password

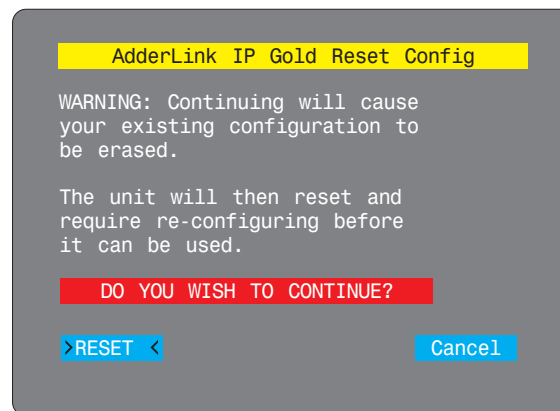
This may occur if the AdderLink IP Gold has been previously configured. If the existing admin password cannot be discovered, then your only recourse is to perform a factory reset.

To invoke a configuration reset by switch

- 1 Remove power from the AdderLink IP Gold unit.
- 2 At the rear of the AdderLink IP Gold, adjacent to the power input socket, click mini switch 1 to its ON (down) position.
- 3 Re-apply power to the AdderLink IP Gold. On the locally connected monitor you should see a Maintenance menu:



- 4 Select the 'Reset configuration' option. A warning screen will be displayed. Select the RESET option and press .



- 5 Remove power, return the mini switch 1 to its OFF position and then re-apply power. The locally connected monitor should display the first screen of the [initial configuration sequence](#).

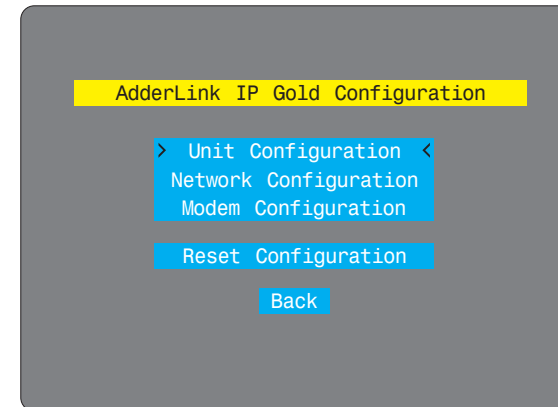
The AdderLink IP Gold does not display the configuration sequence



If the AdderLink IP Gold has been previously configured it may not automatically display the first of the setup screens. In this case you have two options, either:

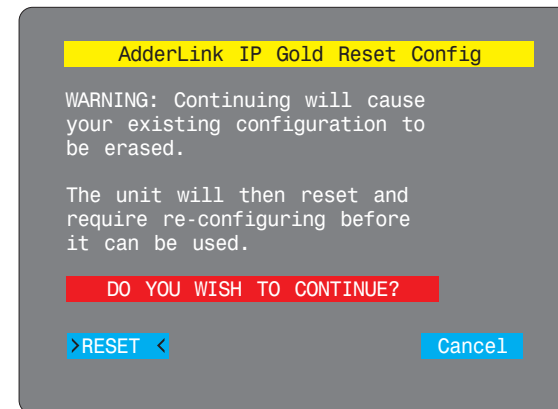
- Access the Unit, Network and Serial [configuration screens separately](#), or
- Reset the configuration:

To invoke a configuration reset by main menu

- 1 Using the locally connected keyboard and screen, log on as the admin user.
- 2 Select the 'Configuration' option.



- 3 Highlight the 'Reset configuration' option and press . A warning screen will be displayed, select the RESET option and press .



- 4 The AdderLink IP Gold will reset and then display the first of the four [initial configuration screens](#).

Part 2 – Remote configuration



The second part of the configuration requires you to log into the AdderLink IP Gold from a system via either a network connection or a dial-up connection (via modem or ISDN). In either case there are two types of access applications that you can use:

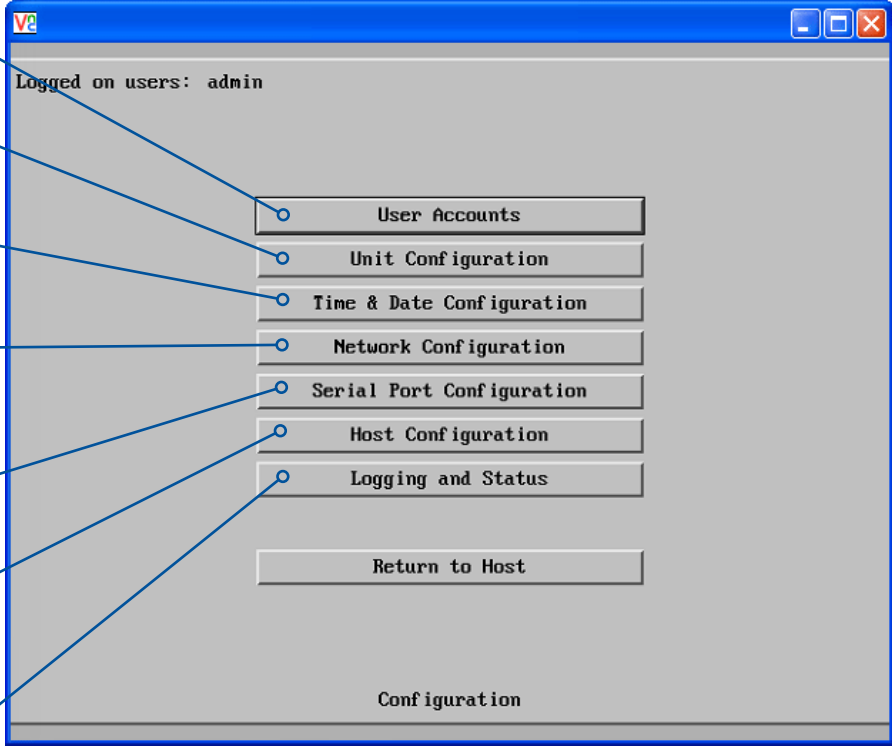
- The VNC viewer – a small application supplied on the CD-ROM or downloadable from the Adder and RealVNC websites or even downloadable from the AdderLink IP Gold itself.

or

- A standard browser that supports Java – As soon as a web browser makes contact, the AdderLink IP Gold downloads a Java application to it. This allows a viewer window to be opened and operation to commence just as it would with the VNC viewer application.

To perform the remote configuration

- 1 Use either the VNC viewer or a standard web browser to make remote contact with the AdderLink IP Gold – see [Connecting to the AdderLink IP Gold](#) for more details.
- 2 If the username entry is not blanked out, enter 'admin'. Then enter the password that was set during the local configuration stage (if no password was set, then just press ) . Once logged in, the AdderLink IP Gold will show the video output from the host system (if one is connected), or otherwise a 'No Signal' message.
- 3 Click the Configure button in the top right hand corner of the window to display the configuration menu 



User accounts
Allows you to create and manage up to sixteen separate user accounts, each with separate access permissions.

Unit configuration
Allows you to alter both basic and fundamental settings within the AdderLink IP Gold.

Time & Date Configuration
Allows you to set the current time and date as well as the timezone specifier and specify a network timeserver, if necessary

Network configuration
Here you can alter any of the existing network settings plus you can take advantage of the IP access control feature that lets you to specifically include or exclude certain addresses or networks.

Serial port configuration
Lets you setup or alter the details concerning the modem and power control serial ports.

Host configuration
Allows you to configure user access, hot key switching and power control codes for up to 128 host systems that may be connected to the AdderLink IP Gold via KVM switch units.

Logging and status
Provides various details about the user activity on the AdderLink IP Gold.

Shaded items signify options that are not available at the local configuration stage.

Many of the options within the configuration menu duplicate those that were set (or are available) in the local configuration. However, there are numerous other settings that are only available here.

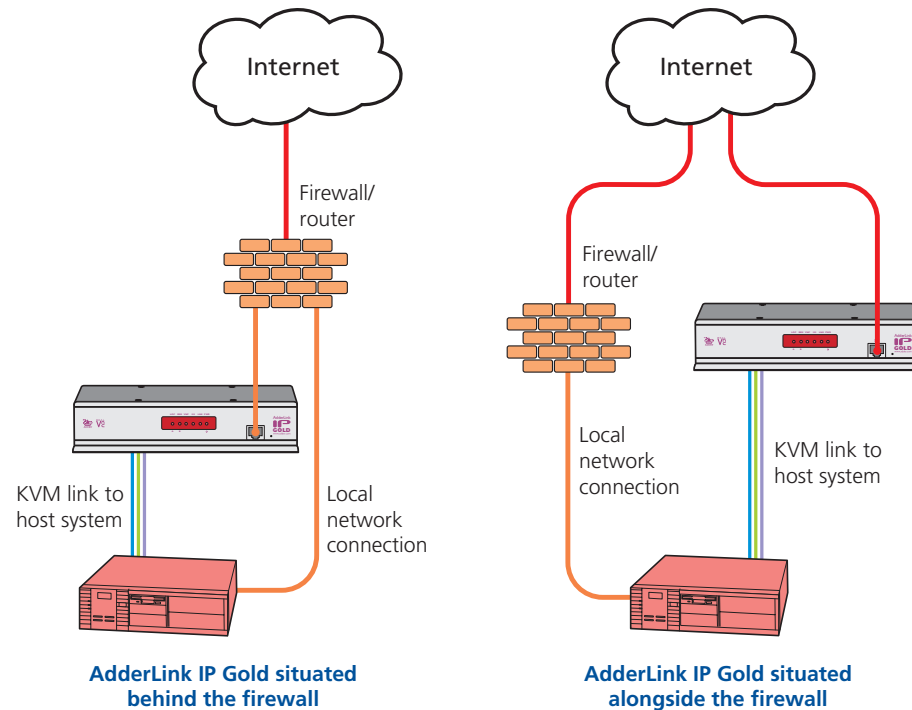
For more information about each menu option, please see [Appendix 5 - Remote configuration menus](#) in the 'Further information' chapter.

Networking issues

Thanks to its robust security the AdderLink IP Gold offers you great flexibility in how it integrates into an existing network structure. The AdderLink IP Gold is designed to reside either on an internal network, behind a firewall/router or alternatively with its own direct Internet connection.

Positioning AdderLink IP Gold in the network

Every network setup is different and great care needs to be taken when introducing a powerful device such as the AdderLink IP Gold into an existing configuration. A common cause of potential problems can be in clashes with firewall configurations. For this reason the AdderLink IP Gold is designed to be intelligent, flexible and secure. With the minimum of effort the AdderLink IP Gold can reside either behind the firewall or alongside with its own separate Internet connection.



IMPORTANT: When the AdderLink IP Gold is accessible from the public Internet or dial up connection, you must ensure that sufficient [security measures](#) are employed.

Placing AdderLink IP Gold behind a router or firewall

A possible point of contention between the AdderLink IP Gold and a firewall can occasionally arise over the use of IP ports. Every port through the firewall represents a potential point of attack from outside and so it is advisable to minimise the number of open ports. The AdderLink IP Gold usually uses two separate port numbers, however, these are easily changeable and can even be combined into a single port.

IMPORTANT: The correct configuration of routers and firewalls requires advanced networking skills and intimate knowledge of the particular network. Adder Technology cannot provide specific advice on how to configure your network devices and strongly recommend that such tasks are carried out by a qualified professional.

Port settings

As standard, the AdderLink IP Gold uses two [ports](#) to support its two types of viewer:

- **Port 80** for users making contact with a web browser, and
- **Port 5900** for those using the VNC viewer.

When these port numbers are used, VNC viewers and web browsers will locate the AdderLink IP Gold correctly using only its network address. The firewall/router must be informed to transfer traffic, requesting these port numbers, through to the AdderLink IP Gold.

When a web server is also on the local network

Port 80 is the standard port used by web (HTTP) servers. If the AdderLink IP Gold is situated within a local network that also includes a web server or any other device serving port 80 then, if you want to use the web browser interface from outside the local network environment, the HTTP port number of the AdderLink IP Gold must be changed.

When you change the HTTP port to anything other than 80, then each remote browser user will need to specify the port address as well as the IP address. For instance, if you set the HTTP port to '8000' and the IP address is '192.168.47.10' then browser users will need to enter:

`http://192.168.47.10:8000`

(Note the single colon that separates the IP address and the port number).

The firewall/router would also need to be informed to transfer all traffic to the new port number through to the AdderLink IP Gold.

If you need to change the VNC port number

If you change the VNC port to anything other than 5900, then each VNC viewer user will need to specify the port address as well as the IP address. For instance, if you set the VNC port to '11590' and the IP address is '192.168.47.10' then VNC viewer users will need to enter:

`192.168.47.10::11590`

(Note the *double* colons that separate the IP address and port number).

The firewall/router would also need to be informed to transfer all traffic to the new port number through to the AdderLink IP Gold.



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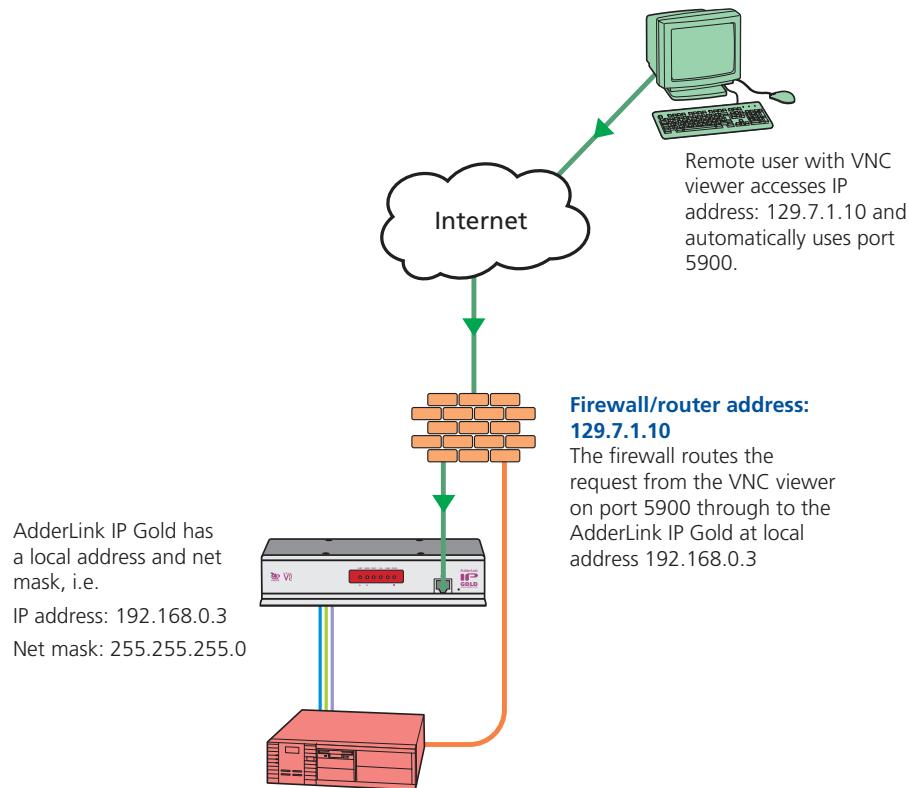
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Addressing

When the AdderLink IP Gold is situated within the local network, you will need to give it an appropriate local IP address and IP network mask. This is achieved most easily using the DHCP server option which will apply these details automatically. If a DHCP server is not available on the network, then these details need to be applied manually in accordance with the network administrator.

The firewall/router must then be informed to route incoming requests to port 5900 or port 80 (if available) through to the local address being used by the AdderLink IP Gold.



To discover a DHCP-allocated IP address

Once a DHCP server has allocated an IP address, you will need to know it in order to access the AdderLink IP Gold via a network connection. To discover the allocated IP address:

- 1 In the [local](#) Network configuration screens, set the 'Use DHCP' option to 'Yes' and select 'Save'. Once the page is saved, the AdderLink IP Gold will contact the DHCP server and obtain a new address.
- 2 Re-enter the same 'Network configuration' screen where the new IP address and network mask should be displayed.

DNS addressing

As with any other network device, you can arrange for your AdderLink IP Gold to be accessible using a name, rather than an IP address. This can be achieved in two main ways:

- For small networks that do not have a DNS (Domain Name System) server, edit the 'hosts' files on the appropriate remote systems. Using the hosts file, you can manually link the AdderLink IP Gold address to the required name.
- For larger networks, declare the IP address and required name to the DNS server of your local network.

The actual steps required to achieve either of these options are beyond the scope of this document.

Placing AdderLink IP Gold alongside the firewall

AdderLink IP Gold is built from the ground-up to be secure. It employs a sophisticated 128bit public/private key system that has been rigorously analysed and found to be highly secure (a security white paper is available upon request from Adder Technology Ltd). Therefore, you can position the AdderLink IP Gold alongside the firewall and control hosts that are also IP connected within the local network.

IMPORTANT: If you make the AdderLink IP Gold accessible from the public Internet or from a modem, care should be taken to ensure that the maximum security available is activated. You are strongly advised to enable encryption and use a strong password. Security may be further improved by restricting client IP addresses, using a non-standard port number for access or limiting remote access to dial up connections only.

Ensuring sufficient security

The security capabilities offered by the AdderLink IP Gold are only truly effective when they are correctly used. An open or weak password or unencrypted link can cause security loopholes and opportunities for potential intruders. For network links in general and direct Internet connections in particular, you should carefully consider and implement the following:

- Ensure that encryption is enabled.
By [local configuration](#) or by [remote configuration](#).
- Ensure that you have selected secure passwords with at least 8 characters and a mixture of upper and lower case and numeric characters.
By [remote configuration](#).
- Reserve the admin password for administration use only and use a non-admin user profile for day-to-day access.
- Use the latest Secure VNC viewer (this has more in-built security than is available with the Java viewer). To [download the viewer](#).
- Use non-standard [port numbers](#).
- Restrict the range of IP addresses that are allowed to access the AdderLink IP Gold to only those that you will need to use. To [restrict IP access](#).
- Do NOT Force VNC protocol 3.3. [Remote configuration](#). Protocol 3.3 is a legacy version that does not offer any encryption.
- Add a further level of inherent security by restricting access only via modem or ISDN dialup.
- Ensure that the computer accessing the AdderLink IP Gold is clean of viruses and spyware and has up-to-date firewall and anti-virus software loaded that is appropriately configured.
- Avoid accessing the AdderLink from public computers.

Security can be further improved by using the following suggestions:

- Use a KVM switch with On-Screen-Display driven security access and an auto-logout (after inactivity) feature to provide a second level of security. KVM switches such as the AdderView Matrix or SmartView XPro are recommended.
- Place the AdderLink IP Gold behind a firewall and use port the numbers to route the VNC network traffic to an internal IP address.
- Review the activity log from time to time to check for unauthorized use.
- Lock your server consoles after they have been used.

A security white paper that gives further details is available upon request from Adder Technology Limited.

Ports

In this configuration there should be no constraints on the port numbers because the AdderLink IP Gold will probably be the only device at that IP address. Therefore, maintain the HTTP port as 80 and the VNC port as 5900.

Addressing

When the AdderLink IP Gold is situated alongside the firewall, it will require a public static IP address (i.e. one provided by your Internet service provider).

More addressing information:

[Discover DHCP-allocated addresses](#)

[DNS addressing](#)

Power switching configuration

Power switch configuration comprises two main steps:

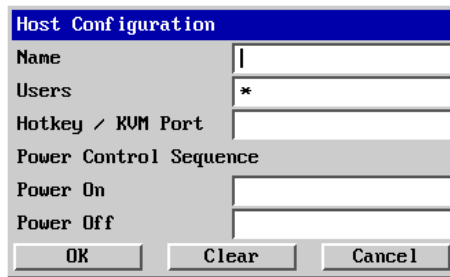
- Configure the COM2 serial port to the same speed as used by the power switch box(es) - see [Serial port configuration](#) for details.
- Configure power ON and OFF strings for each relevant host computer.

For each power port there needs to be a valid 'Power ON string' and similarly an appropriate 'Power OFF string'. In each case, the strings are a short sequence of characters that combine a port address and a power on or off value.

If a particular computer has more than one power input (and thus requires an equivalent number of power ports to control them), collections of strings can be combined to switch all of the required ports together as a group.

To configure the power sequences for each host computer

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Host configuration' option.
- 4 Click a host entry (only numbers are displayed when no entries are configured) within the list to display a Host configuration dialog:



- 5 If necessary, configure other parameters (Name, Users, Hot Keys - [MORE](#)).
- 6 Enter the **Power control sequences** in the Power On and Power Off fields ⇒
- 7 Click OK to close the dialog and then click the Save button in the main Host Configuration window to store the details.

Power control sequences

Note: The settings given below are for the EPS-S8 power switch - other power switches may require different settings. Please refer to your power switch documentation for details about codes required by other power switches.

The structure of each power sequence (OFF and ON) is as follows:

$Pxy=z\backslash0D$

Where:

- x** is the switch box number,
- y** is the power port number,
- z** is '0' for OFF or '1' for ON, and
- \0D** represents Enter (or Carriage return).

Example 1

To switch ON port 5 of switch box 2, the code would be as follows:

- Power sequence: $P25=1\backslash0D$

Example 2

To switch OFF port 8 of switch box 3, the code would be as follows:

- Power sequence: $P38=0\backslash0D$

For details about operating this feature, see [Power control](#) within the Operation chapter.

To control two or more ports simultaneously

You can control up to four power ports using a single sequence. This is done using the same command structure as shown above, plus a delay command, for each port. Immediately following a port command, insert the characters '*' before the next port command, and so on up to four ports. For instance, to switch on ports 1 and 2 in the first power switch, the command line would be:

$P11=1\backslash0D\backslash*P12=1\backslash0D$



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The KVMADMIN utility

Particularly useful for complex AdderLink IP Gold configurations and the control of remote installations, KVMADMIN is a powerful administration tool.

KVMADMIN is based upon the successful VNC viewer and uses the same security system. Rather than a graphical interface such as the standard viewer, KVMADMIN uses command line control to provide the following administration facilities:

- Discover and adjust the AdderLink IP Gold configuration, including host systems,
- Save and restore the AdderLink IP Gold configuration,
- Set user names and passwords,
- Download the event log,
- Set custom video modes.

The use of KVMADMIN is strictly limited to the 'admin' user and for security purposes it is not possible to retrieve user names or passwords from the AdderLink IP Gold.

To use KVMADMIN you require the IP address and admin password of the AdderLink IP Gold unit. The command line is as follows:

```
kvmadmin <command> <ip address> [<parameters>]
```

where *<command>* is one of the following:

- *-setconfig <config-file>*
- *-getconfig <config-file>*
- *-setusers <csv-file>*
- *-getlog <log-file>*
- *-gethosts <csv-file>*
- *-sethosts <csv-file>*
- *-setmodes <csv-file>*

For instance, the command line:

```
kvmadmin -getconfig kvm1.cfg 192.168.2.1
```

... downloads the current configuration from the AdderLink IP Gold unit at the given address and stores it in the local file *kvm1.cfg*.

Whereas the command line:

```
kvmadmin -setusers users.csv 192.168.2.1
```

... configures the usernames and passwords for the same unit from the local file *users.csv*.

For more information about KVMADMIN, please refer to the user notes supplied with the utility.



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Performing a flash upgrade

AdderLink IP Gold is fully reconfigurable via flash upgrade and there are two methods that you can use:

- The remote method, or
- [The 'dip switch' method](#).

The most streamlined upgrade procedure is the remote method because it is carried out completely from a remote system. The 'dip switch' method is useful because it can be carried out even if the firmware within the AdderLink IP Gold unit has been corrupted.

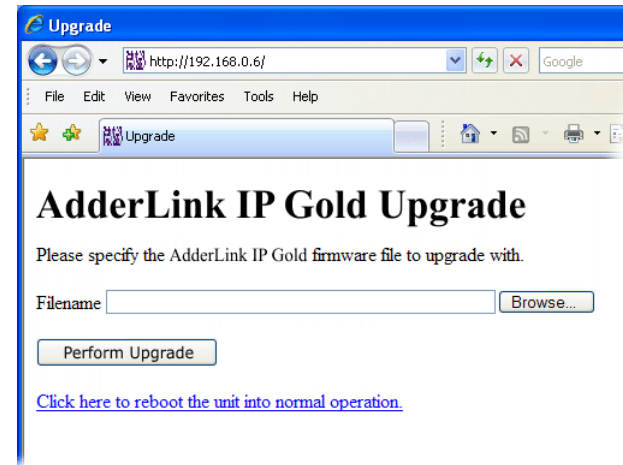
Flash upgrade using the remote method

Using this method, the AdderLink IP Gold is upgraded via remote connection (through the IP network port). Upgrades are digitally signed by Adder using a secure key. This prevents unauthorised or altered firmware images being downloaded into the unit.

To perform a flash upgrade using the remote method

- 1 Download the latest firmware revision for the AdderLink IP Gold from the Adder website and decompress the download file. View the decompressed files and make a note of the name and location of the *.bin* file that was part of the download file collection.
- 2 Make a [remote connection](#) to the AdderLink IP Gold unit and login as the admin user.
- 3 Once logged in, click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner of the window.
- 4 Click the 'Unit Configuration' button.
- 5 Click the 'Advanced Unit Configuration' button.
- 6 Click the 'Upgrade Firmware' button. A dialog box will be displayed, note the IP address shown and click OK.

- 7 The unit is now ready to accept the upgrade files. Open your browser and log into the AdderLink IP Gold using the IP address that was confirmed in the dialog. Once connected, the unit will offer the following screen:



- 8 Click the 'Browse' button and locate the *.bin* upgrade file that you downloaded earlier. Click the 'Perform Upgrade' button. The upgrade will take place and its progress will be shown on screen.
- 9 When the upgrade is complete, click the link 'Click here to reboot the unit into normal operation'.

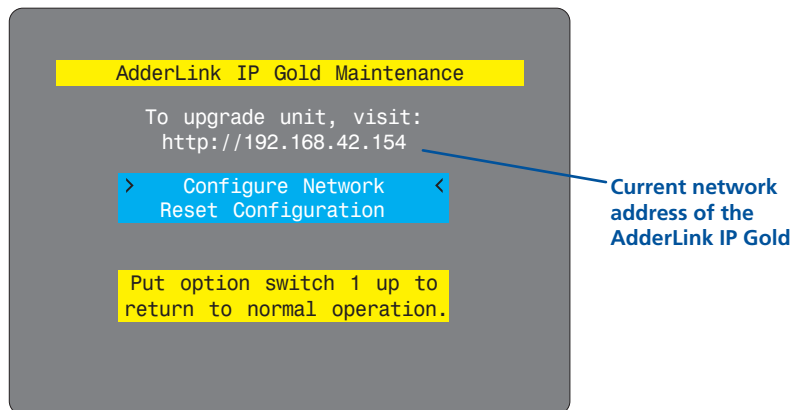


Flash upgrade using the 'dip switch' method

This upgrade procedure requires remote computer access to the AdderLink IP Gold unit and also physical access to the dip switches on the unit.

To perform a flash upgrade using the 'dip switch' method

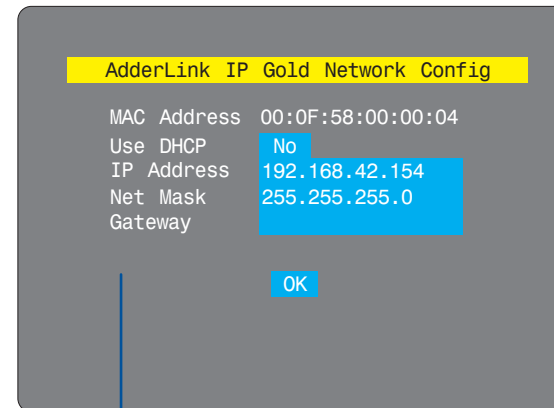
- 1 Using a [remote connection](#), log on as the admin user and access the [Unit configuration page](#) to determine the current firmware version of the AdderLink IP Gold unit.
- 2 Visit the Adder website, locate the downloads section and select an AdderLink IP Gold firmware revision that is later than the one currently installed.
- 3 Power down the AdderLink IP Gold unit. At the rear of the unit, adjacent to the power input socket, click mini switch 1 to its ON (down) position.
- 4 Re-apply power to the AdderLink IP Gold. On the locally connected monitor you should see a Maintenance menu:



The Maintenance menu should display the current network address of the AdderLink IP Gold.

- If the current network address is incorrect then select the 'Configure network' option to change it:
- 5 Using the web browser (not the VNC viewer) on the previously used remote system, connect to the network address shown in the local Maintenance menu.
 - 6 Follow the on screen instructions to upload the firmware file (previously obtained from the Adder site) to the AdderLink IP Gold.
IMPORTANT: Wait until the upgrade is complete.
 - 7 When the upload is complete and confirmed on screen, log off the remote system and then power down the AdderLink IP Gold.
 - 8 At the rear of the unit, return the mini switch 1 to its OFF position and then re-apply power.

Configure network option



MAC address

Media Access Control address – this is the unique and unchangeable code that was hard coded within your AdderLink IP Gold unit when it was built. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons. A section of the MAC address identifies Adder Technology as the manufacturer, while the remainder is effectively the unique electronic serial number of your particular unit.

Use DHCP

When this option is selected, your AdderLink IP Gold will attempt to locate a DHCP server on the network. If such a server is located, it will [supply three things](#) to the AdderLink IP Gold: an IP address, an IP network mask (also known as a Subnet mask) and a Gateway address.

IP address

This is the identity of the AdderLink IP Gold within a network. It can either be entered manually or configured automatically using the DHCP option. When the DHCP option is enabled, this entry is greyed out.

Net mask

Also often called the 'subnet-mask', this value is used alongside the IP address to help define a smaller collection (or subnet) of devices on a network. In this way a distinction is made between locally connected devices and ones that are reachable elsewhere, such as on the wider Internet.

Gateway

This is the address of the device that links the local network (to which the AdderLink IP Gold is connected) to another network such as the Internet. Usually this is a network switch or router and it will be used whenever a device to be contacted lies outside the local network.

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Connecting to the AdderLink IP Gold

The AdderLink IP Gold offers you three ways to connect:

- Local connection,
- [Remote connection](#) by network link,
- [Remote connection](#) by direct dial up (modem or ISDN) link,

...and two types of viewer:

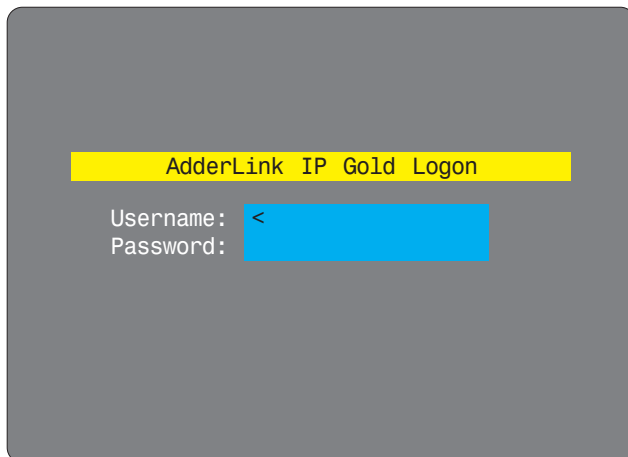
- VNC viewer,
- Standard web browser.

Local connection

The keyboard, video monitor and mouse connected directly to the AdderLink IP Gold offer password protected access to the host computer(s).

To make a local connection:

- 1 Using the keyboard connected directly to the AdderLink IP Gold, press any key to exit the screensaver and display the logon prompt.

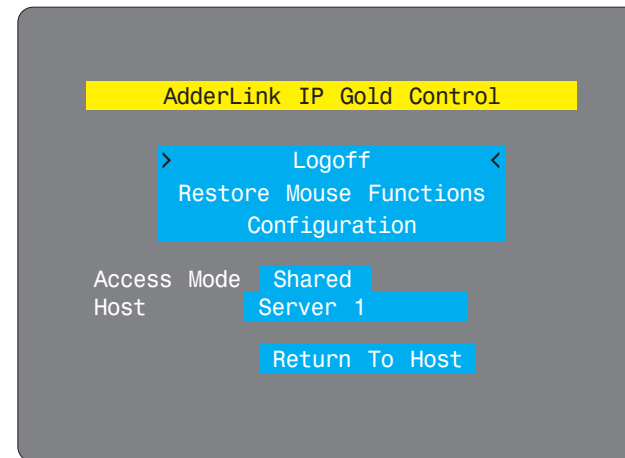


- 2 Enter your username and password. Providing you have the correct permissions, the screen will display the currently selected host computer.

To view the local control menu

- 1 Press and hold the hotkeys (usually **Ctrl** and **Alt**), then press **C** and finally release all three keys.

*Note: The **Ctrl** and **Alt** keys when pressed in combination are called 'hotkeys' and they signal to the AdderLink IP Gold that you wish to control it, rather than the host computer. However, if these particular hotkeys clash with another device or program, then your administrator may change them to a different combination. If the **Ctrl Alt C** combination fails to work, then please contact the system administrator for details.*



The local control menu contains numerous options, the most useful of which are:

- **Access mode** - Allows you to select a 'Private' mode in order to prevent other logged on users from viewing your actions on the host computer. Use **F5** and **F6** to change between modes.
Note: For the courtesy of other users, this mode should be used sparingly. The admin user has the ability to overrule the private setting.
- **Host** - Where more than one host computer is available via the AdderLink IP Gold, this option allows you to easily switch between them. Use **F5** and **F6** to change between host computers.
- **Return to host** - Quits the control menu and displays the host computer screen.

Local connection (continued)

To avoid the 'hall of mirrors' effect

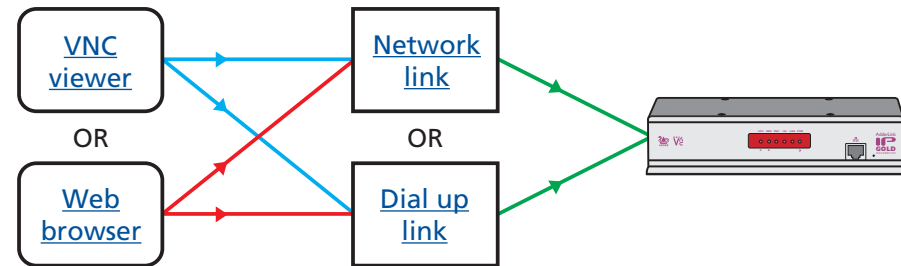
IMPORTANT: Never configure a system so that your viewer is viewing itself.

When controlling a host computer using the locally connected keyboard, video monitor and mouse, it is possible to use the VNC viewer or a browser (if the host computer is networked) to create a remote link back to itself. This will set up a 'hall of mirrors' effect, where the computer is viewing itself into infinity.

While technically possible, the AdderLink IP Gold unit is not designed to withstand this treatment and could sustain damage.

Remote connections

From a remote system, you connect to the AdderLink IP Gold using a viewer and a link. There are two types of viewer and two types of link, which can be used in any combination.



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Remote connection by VNC viewer

The VNC viewer is a compact application that runs on your remote system and allows you to view and use the AdderLink IP Gold and its host computer(s). VNC viewer is readily available from a number of different sources:

- from the AdderLink IP Gold installation CD
- from the [AdderLink IP Gold itself](#)
- from the [RealVNC website](#)

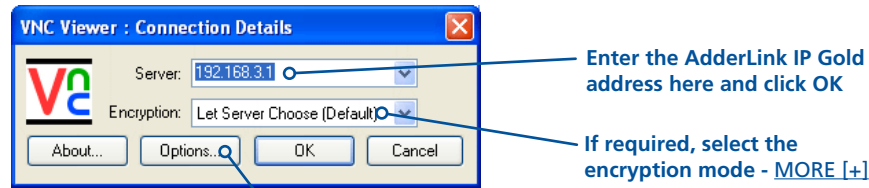
To connect using the VNC viewer

1 Locate and select the VNC viewer icon ⇨



- [If you are using a dial up link.](#)

A connection details dialog will be displayed:



Enter the AdderLink IP Gold address here and click OK

If required, select the encryption mode - [MORE \[+\]](#)

Options button

Provides a range of viewer and connection settings - [MORE \[+\]](#)

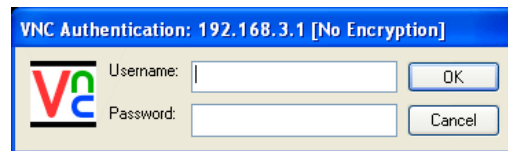
2 In the 'Server:' entry, type the address of the AdderLink IP Gold as follows:

v.w.x.y

where v.w.x.y is the IP network address, for example 192.168.0.3

- [If you have been asked to also enter a port number.](#)

3 Click the OK button. Depending on the options selected, you may need to confirm certain items. A connection attempt will be made and if successful, an authentication dialog should be displayed:



4 Enter your username and password. The [viewer window](#) should now open and show the current host computer. *Note: If the Username entry is blanked out then only admin user account is currently defined and only a password is required.*

Remote connection by Web browser

You can use a standard Web browser ([supported versions](#)) to gain access to the AdderLink IP Gold and its host computer(s). As soon as you make contact with the AdderLink IP Gold it will begin downloading a small Java application to your browser, which will be used only for the duration of your connection.

To connect using your Web browser

1 Launch your standard Web browser as usual.


- [If you are using a dial up link.](#)

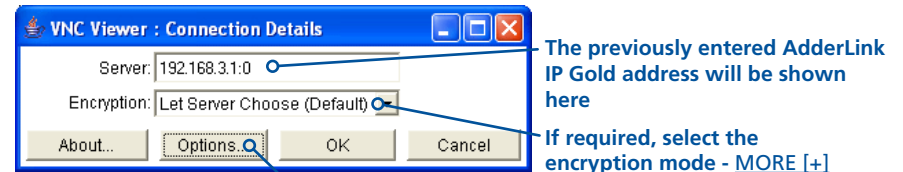
2 In the Address section, type the address of the AdderLink IP Gold as follows:

http://v.w.x.y

where v.w.x.y is the IP network address, for example 192.168.0.3

- [If you have been asked to also enter a port number.](#)

3 Press . A connection attempt will be made. In the browser window, select the 'Connect using built-in Java VNC viewer' option to download a small application that will temporarily empower your browser (on slow connections the application download can take several tens of seconds to complete). Once complete, a connection details dialog will be displayed:



The previously entered AdderLink IP Gold address will be shown here

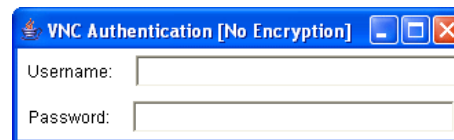
If required, select the encryption mode - [MORE \[+\]](#)

Options button

Provides a range of viewer and connection settings - [MORE \[+\]](#)

4 Make any necessary option/encryption changes and click the OK button to proceed. Depending on the options selected, you may need to confirm certain items.

5 A second connection attempt will be made and if successful, an authentication dialog will be displayed:



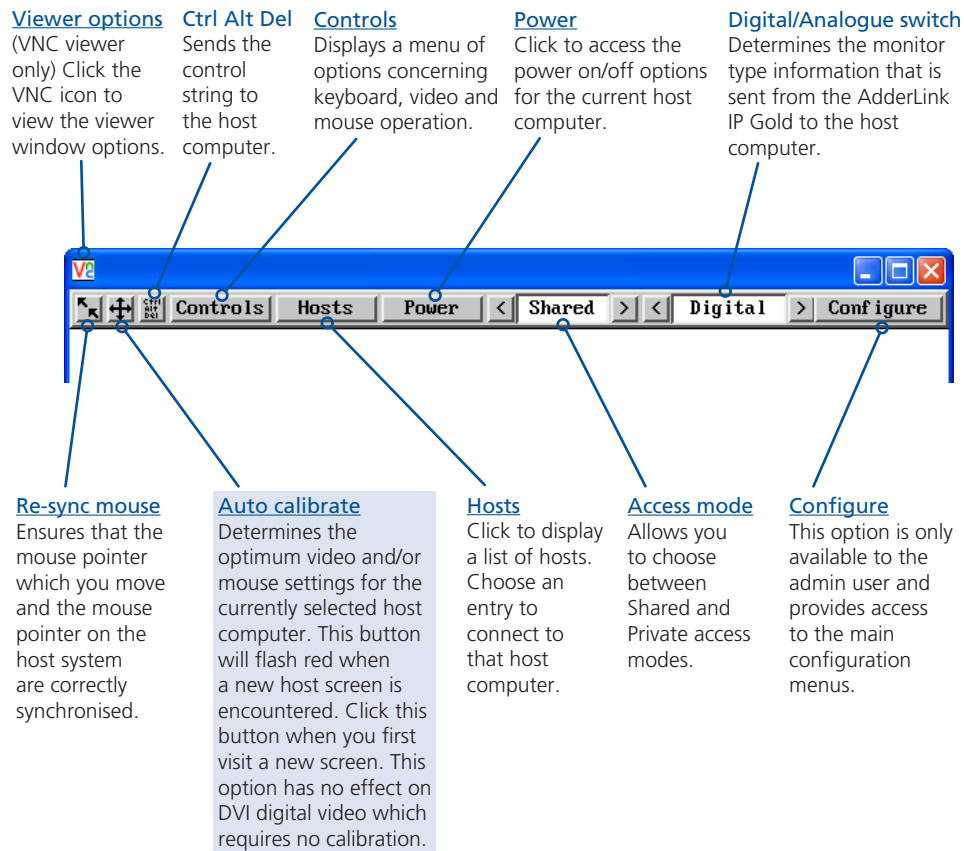
6 Enter your username and password. The [viewer window](#) should now open and show the current host computer. *Note: If the Username entry is blanked out then only admin user account is currently defined and only a password is required.*

Using the viewer window

The viewer window gives you the ability to view and control the AdderLink IP Gold and its host computer(s). Its operation is almost identical regardless of whether you used the VNC viewer or your Web browser to display it.

The menu bar

The viewer window presents a menu bar similar to that shown below. Certain items within the toolbar are displayed depending upon your access permissions and/or the AdderLink IP Gold configuration.



When using the viewer window

What is the best screen resolution to use?

The best resolution for your computer is one that is larger than the screen of the host computer that you are viewing. This will allow you to see everything without scrolling around, as described next.


How do I navigate around a larger screen?

If the screen that you are viewing has a larger resolution than your viewing window you will need to scroll around to see all items. The viewer window allows you to 'bump scroll' (only in full screen mode). This means that when your mouse cursor bumps against the edge of the screen, the screen image will scroll across automatically.

How do I escape from full screen mode?

Press the F8 button. This button is changeable but is most often set to F8.

Why is the button flashing red?

This happens when a new host screen is viewed (that has not been viewed before). Click the  button to perform an auto calibration for the screen and the mouse. See [Auto calibrate](#) for important information about this feature.

How do I change between host computers?

The best way to change between host computers is to click the 'Hosts' button and then select the required computer by name. See [Host selection](#).

How do I remove traces of moved items from the screen?

When you move an item or window across the screen, sometimes it can leave unsightly trails. These are called *artifacts* and can be particularly prevalent when the connection speed is low. To remove artifacts, click the 'Controls' button and select the 'Refresh screen' option. See [Controls](#).

How do I make the most of a slow connection?

The VNC viewer is slightly better suited to slower connections than the browser viewer because it offers more options. Click the [Options](#) button of the VNC viewer when entering the AdderLink IP Gold address during log on.

Adjust the Threshold setting

Ensure that the video [Threshold setting](#) is set higher than the automatic setting suggests. Tweak this setting manually to ensure the best setting.

Fewer colours

Select the [Low \(64 colours\)](#) mode. The Very low option offers hardly any improvement and looks a lot worse.

Rate limit mouse events

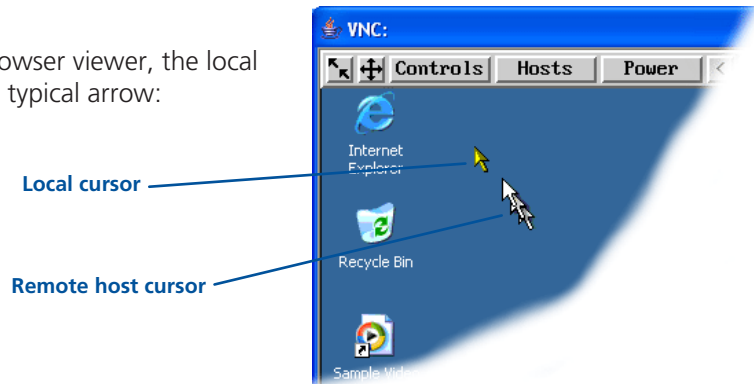
When selected, this mode greatly reduces the mouse movement data that are sent to the host computer. When you move the local mouse, the remote cursor will catch up roughly once per second.



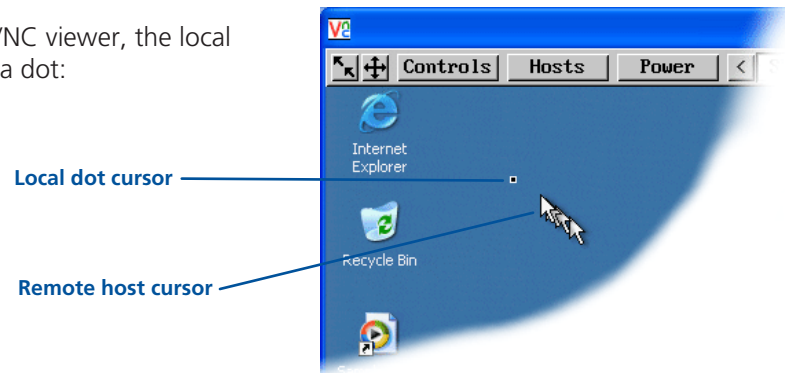
Mouse pointers

Both viewers provide a double mouse cursor to help overcome any delays caused by slow connections. When you move your mouse you will see two mouse cursors, a local one that responds immediately to your movements and a second, slower moving, cursor that represents the current mouse position at the host.

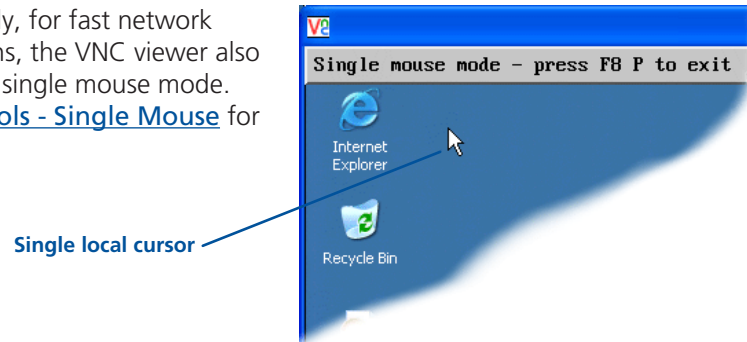
For the browser viewer, the local cursor is a typical arrow:



For the VNC viewer, the local cursor is a dot:



Additionally, for fast network connections, the VNC viewer also provides a single mouse mode. See [Controls - Single Mouse](#) for details.



Host selection

The Hosts button on the menu bar provides the quickest and most efficient way to switch between host computers. This is because the button is close at hand, but also because the screen calibration details for each host are reused when this method of switching is used. The alternative is to use KVM switch hotkey combinations or the KVM switch on screen display.

Note: The Hosts button is displayed only when the switching details for two or more computers have been declared within the configuration section by the admin user.

To select a host

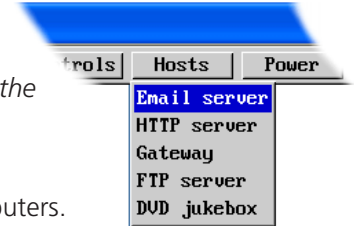
- 1 Click the Hosts button to display a list of computers.
- 2 Click the required computer name to view and control it.

See [Appendix 5 - Host configuration](#) for details about programming new hosts into the AdderLink IP Gold ('admin' user status required).

Configure

This option is displayed only when you are logged on as the 'admin' user. When selected it provides access to a wide range of AdderLink IP Gold settings.

See [Appendix 5 - Remote configuration menus](#) for more details.



Auto calibrate

When you visit a host computer for the very first time, your viewer may need to determine the optimum video and mouse settings for that particular computer.


Note: Host computers that provide digital video do not need video calibration.

The button will remind you to click it by flashing red when a new analogue computer screen is encountered that requires calibration. Performing this step is important because it can help to decrease unnecessary video information being sent across the link, thus improving overall performance.

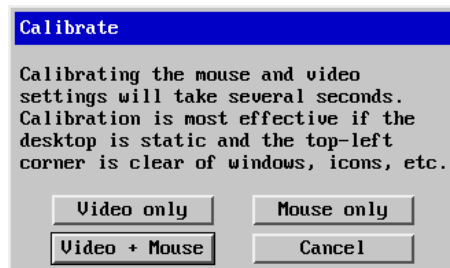
Once this has been done, providing you use the 'Hosts' button to switch between host computers, the video settings for each machine will be re-used.

Note: When performing an auto calibration, ensure that the screen image is static (no moving images) and also try to remove any on-screen displays generated by KVM switches (such as host names or menus). This is because they can affect the calibration process and result in a lower overall performance level. For mouse calibration, ensure that there are no application windows located around the upper left corner of the screen. This is because as the mouse calibration takes place, the cursor may change (to match the application as it skims across the window) and this may confuse the calculation. Also ensure that the host system does not have the mouse cursor trails option enabled.

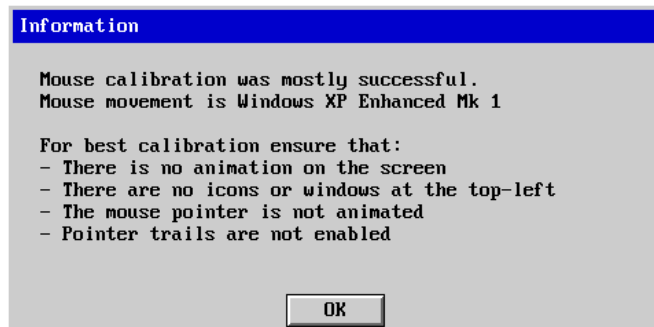
To auto calibrate the screen and/or mouse

- 1 Use the Hosts button to select the required computer.
- 2 Click the  button to display the Calibrate options dialog:
(Note: Certain items may be greyed out.)
- 3 Click the required action.

A progress indicator will be displayed while the necessary calculations are made.




Upon completion an information dialog will explain the results:



Re-synchronise mouse

If you find that your local mouse pointer and that of the host are not correctly synchronised, use this feature to re-align their movements. This operation is also selectable from the Controls menu.

To re-synchronise the mouse

- 1 Use the Hosts button to select the required computer.
- 2 Click the  button and then click OK in the subsequent pop-up message.
Note: If you find that this doesn't work, you may need to perform a mouse calibration again.

Access mode - shared/private

Up to five users can be simultaneously logged-on (four remote users plus one local user) and during normal operation, all are able to see the same view of the currently selected host. If you need to perform a sensitive task that should not be viewed by other users, you can change the access mode to Private. This action blanks the viewer window for all other logged on users.

Note: For the courtesy of other users, this mode should be used sparingly. The admin user has the ability to overrule the private setting.

To change the access mode

- 1 Click one of the arrow buttons adjacent to the Shared/Private indicator.



Power control

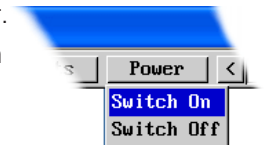
When configured (and where you have access rights) this option allows you to control the mains power input to the currently selected host computer.

Note: This option is generally used to power cycle remote systems that have failed to respond. Before switching a system off, ensure that all attempts have first been made to power it down through normal means.

To switch a system on or off

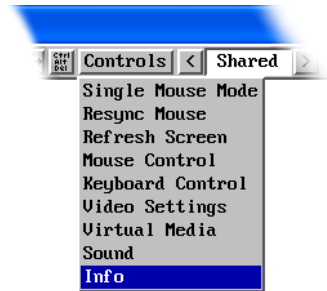
- 1 Use the Hosts button to select the required computer.
- 2 Click the Power button and then select the Switch on or Switch off option, as appropriate.

Note: Every power control action is recorded within the internal log.



Controls

When clicked, this button reveals a menu of options concerned with keyboard, video and mouse operation.



Single Mouse Mode

This mode is for fast network connections where the cursor response is sufficient to provide instant visual feedback on the remote screen. When enabled, the cursor is 'captured' within the viewer window until you use the 'escape' hot keys.

To escape from single mouse mode, press F8 and then P. Alternatively, enable and use the mouse button escape sequences - see [Advanced unit configuration](#) for details.

The single mouse mode does not require calibration.

Resync Mouse

This option has the same effect as the button on the menu bar and resynchronises the local and remote mouse pointers.

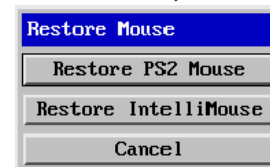
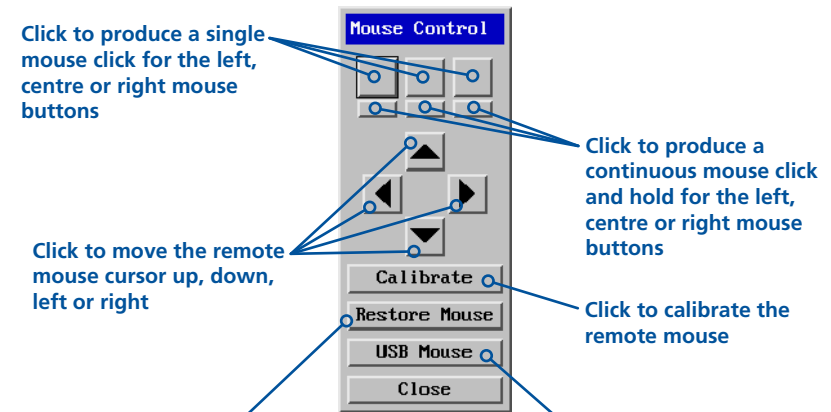
Refresh Screen

This option refreshes the whole screen image to remove any artifacts from moved screen items. This is useful when using very low refresh rates on slow speed communication links.

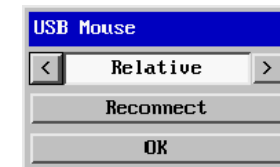
Mouse Control

This option displays a mouse control dialog and is useful when the remote cursor is failing to respond correctly to your mouse movements, even after using the Resync mouse option.

The mouse control dialog allows you to control the remote mouse cursor using a selection of buttons that you click with your local mouse.



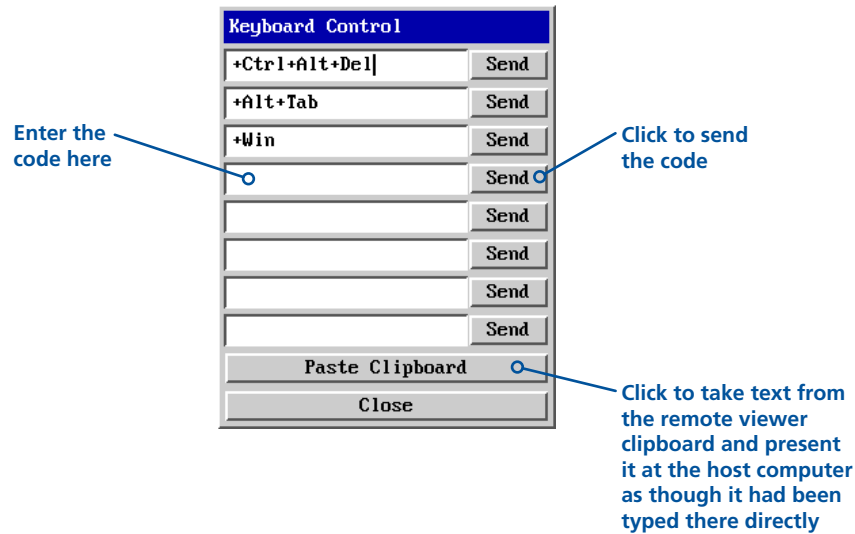
Allows you to reinstate a mouse that has failed to operate correctly. For advice on [which mouse type](#) to choose.



For a USB mouse, allows you to choose between Relative (standard) and Absolute positioning modes. For the latter, all connected host computers must support absolute positioning devices.

Keyboard Control

This option displays a keyboard control dialog and is useful for sending keyboard combinations (to the host) that are needed regularly or that are trapped by the AdderLink IP Gold.



When entering codes:

- + means press down the key that follows
- means release the key that follows
- +– means press down and release the key that follows
- * means wait 250ms (note: if a number immediately follows the asterisk, then the delay will equal the number, in milliseconds)

It is automatically assumed that all keys specified will be released at the end, so there is need to specify -Ctrl or -Alt if these keys are to be released together.

See [Appendix 8](#) for a list of key sequence codes that can be used.

Examples:

'Ctrl + Alt 12' would be expressed as: +Ctrl+ Alt+1–1+2

+N means press the 'N' key

+Scroll means press the Scroll lock key

+Space means press the space key

Video Settings

see [next page](#)

Sound control

This option provides a range of options related to the audio capabilities of the AdderLink IP Gold.

Sample rate

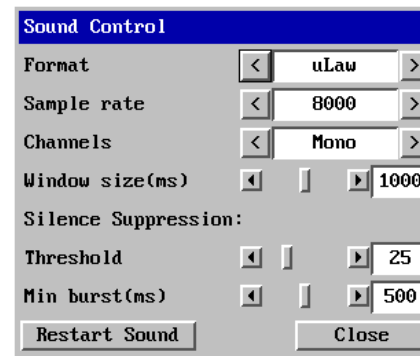
The number of audio samples per second (in Hz). 8000 produces less samples and hence minimised data. 48000 (48KHz) produces the best sound reproduction.

Channels

Allows you to choose between Mono and Stereo.

Window size (ms)

The time frame in which the unit requires an acknowledgement from the remote viewer when data is sent. If acknowledgements are not received, the unit will stop sending audio data - Click the Restart Sound button.



Restart Sound

Click to re-enable audio transmission following an automatic cutout. If cutouts occur regularly, try increasing the Window size setting.

Threshold

The level above which the audio level should be before it is considered to be not background noise and hence should be transmitted. A level of 25 means the audio input needs to be above 25% of the maximum before it is transmitted.

Min burst (ms)

The time period for which the audio input must fall below the threshold level before audio transmission ceases. Transmission will begin again as soon as the threshold level is once again exceeded.

Settings can be adjusted to suit transmission characteristics and audio quality requirements (unsuitable audio settings can affect video quality):

For use on slow links:

Format: uLaw
Sample rate: 8000
Channels: Mono

For maximum audio quality:

Format: Linear
Sample rate: 48000
Channels: Stereo

Where necessary, adjust the Window size, Threshold and Min burst settings until optimum audio output is obtained.

Video Settings

This dialog provides access to all of the key video settings that determine image quality and link performance.

Note: Calibration is not required for digital video sources.

Phase

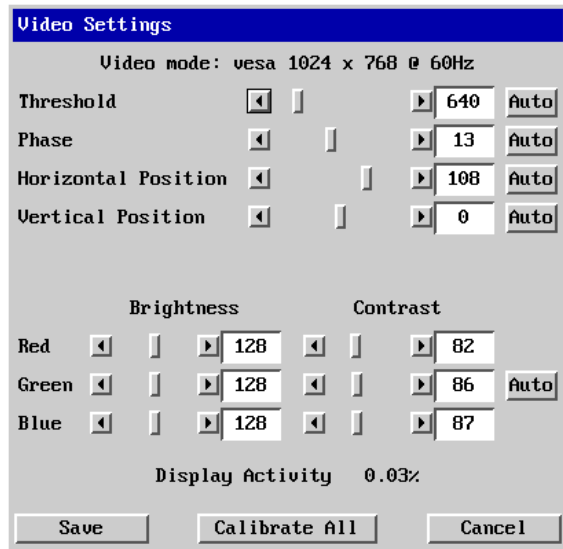
The phase setting adjusts the alignment of the host video output and the remote system video display to achieve the sharpest image.

Horizontal position

Determines the horizontal position of the host screen image within the viewer window.

Vertical position

Determines the vertical position of the host screen image within the viewer window.



Colour, brightness & contrast

Provides manual sliders and also an automatic setting button to optimise these important video constituents for the current host and connection speed.

Calibrate all

Click to determine the optimum settings for all aspects of video the video connection from the host system.

Display activity

Indicates the level of video activity currently in progress.

Threshold

The threshold is effectively a noise filter that differentiates between valid video signals and background noise or interference. This has the effect of reducing unnecessary video signals between the iPEPS and the remote system, thus improving performance.

Using automatic configurations

- Every setting can be individually subjected to an automatic configuration (click the appropriate 'Auto' button) and most can also be manually adjusted.
- Use the 'Calibrate All' button to automatically determine the optimum settings for all items.

Note: Before using the 'Calibrate All' option, if possible, remove on-screen display (OSD) elements generated by any connected KVM switches (such as a host name label or menu). These OSD elements use different video rates to those of the host system(s) and can affect the setting of the automatic threshold value. AdderLink IP Gold uses an improved calculation procedure to filter out the effect of these elements. However, best results are obtained when the screen contains only host system information.

Note: To maximise performance, the threshold level is automatically increased by 50% when a slow link is detected.

Note: When the AdderLink IP Gold is used with one or more CATx switches, the threshold needs to be higher than 32 due to the significant amounts of 'noise' that these switches introduce. The AdderLink IP Gold configuration should detect such noise and adjust the threshold accordingly.

Setting the Threshold manually

Occasionally it can be useful to manually adjust the Threshold setting, in order to achieve a setting that best suits your particular requirements.

- 1 Use the 'Calibrate All' function to ensure that all other settings are optimised.
- 2 Click the Threshold left arrow button to decrement the setting by one and observe the 'Display Activity' indicator.
- 3 Repeat step 2 until the Display Activity indicator suddenly rises to a much higher level (i.e. 50%). This will mean that you have reached the noise boundary. At this point, increment the Threshold value by 2 or 3 points to achieve an optimum setting.

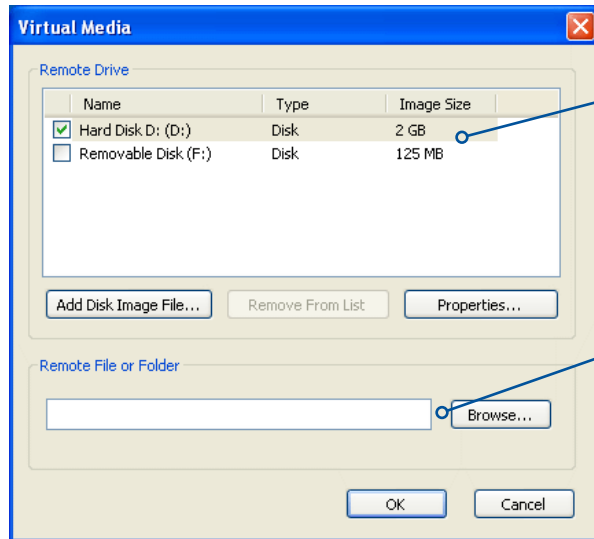
Virtual Media

The Adder Virtual Media feature allows you to remotely make files available to any host computer that is linked to the AdderLink IP Gold. Single files or collections of files and folders up to 2GB in size can be quickly transferred via the VNC link. This can prove to be an invaluable tool when upgrading host computers from remote positions.

In order to use the Adder Virtual Media feature, the VM link must be made between the AdderLink IP Gold and a USB port on the host computer or KVMA switch. See [Host computer links: Adder Virtual Media](#) for details.

To remotely transfer files to a host computer

- 1 On the remote system, log into the AdderLink IP Gold using the VNC viewer and select the required host computer in the usual manner.
- 2 Within the VNC viewer window (on the remote system), press **F8** and then **V** to display a Virtual Media dialog box similar to the following:



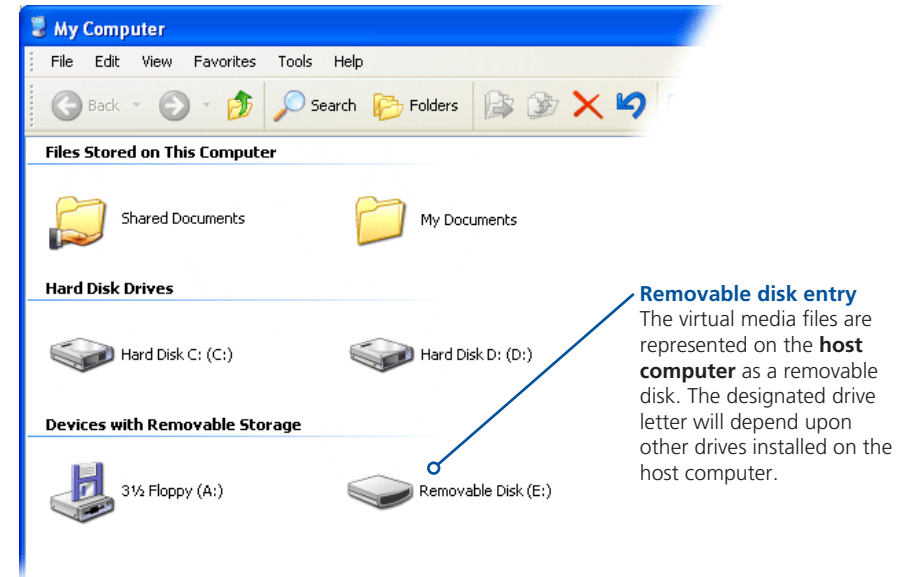
Remote Drive(s)
This section lists any located storage devices on the remote system that are 2GB or less, and which could be copied en masse to the host computer, if desired.

Remote Files or Folders
Click Browse to search for and select single or multiple files/folders to be copied to the host computer.

- 3 You can select entire drives or individual files/folders:
 - **Select a disk drive:** Click the checkbox adjacent to the listed disk drive (if any) that you wish to copy to the host computer, or
 - **Select files or folders:** Click the Browse... button to display a file dialog box which will allow you to locate files, folders or complete drives (up to a maximum of 2GB) that you wish to transfer to the selected host computer. In the file dialog box, highlight the required file(s), folder(s) or drive and click the Open button. *Note: The Use Entire Folder button provides a quick way to select a whole folder while you are viewing its contents.*

- 4 In the Virtual Media dialog box, click the OK button to announce the availability of files to the host computer.

On the host computer, the new files will appear in the same way as any removable drive would on your computer. On a Windows XP computer, within the My Computer dialog box, you will see the following:



Removable disk entry
The virtual media files are represented on the **host computer** as a removable disk. The designated drive letter will depend upon other drives installed on the host computer.

Note: Remember, at this point the selected files/folders or drive have not yet been transferred to the host system, they still reside on the remote system.

- 5 On the host computer (either directly from AdderLink IP Gold local console or via the VNC viewer) locate the new virtual drive (shown as a Removable Disk) and copy the files to the required location on the host computer.

Connecting via dial up (modem or ISDN) link

When you use a modem or ISDN link to make the connection, the AdderLink IP Gold uses standard network protocols to create a private two-device network. This approach ensures consistency and allows you to use exactly the same VNC viewer or browser to view the hosts systems. This is achieved using PPP (Point to Point Protocol) and means that you need to use a dial-up networking method to initiate the connection. Such software is standard with operating systems such as Windows, Linux and Mac OS.

To initiate a dial up link

- 1 Using a system that has a modem or ISDN adapter installed, locate the dial-up networking option on your system. Please refer to your system documentation for more information.
- 2 Using the dial-up networking option, enter the telephone/ISDN number where the AdderLink IP Gold can be contacted.
- 3 Initiate the call and when the link is made, continue with either the standard [VNC viewer](#) or [browser connection](#).

Note: For the viewer network connection address, you must use the IP address that the admin user has set as the Server address (or PPP server IP address) within the Modem configuration screen.

Downloading VNC viewer from the AdderLink IP Gold

The AdderLink IP Gold has the ability to distribute its own VNC viewer application.

To download the VNC viewer

- 1 Open your Web browser.
- 2 Enter the network address where the AdderLink IP Gold is situated (in the form: <http://192.168.0.3>) and make the link.
- 3 In the opening AdderLink IP Gold screen, click the link that offers to download the secure VNC viewer 'from the unit'.
- 4 Save the download file (vncviewer.exe) to your system.
- 5 Select and run the downloaded file and then connect to the AdderLink IP Gold using the [VNC viewer application](#).

If you need to enter a port number

Usually, when you make a network connection to the AdderLink IP Gold (either using the VNC viewer or a Web browser) you simply enter the IP address, i.e. 192.168.0.3. However, if a special configuration is necessary, then you may be asked to specify a port number as well as the IP address.

[What is a port?](#)

To enter a port number in a Web browser

- 1 Enter the required IP address in the usual Address box, i.e. <http://192.168.0.3>
- 2 At the end of the IP address, add a single colon and then enter the port number (in this example, the required port number is 8000), i.e. <http://192.168.0.3:8000>
- 3 Continue with the standard [Web browser instructions](#).

To enter a port number in VNC viewer

- 1 Enter the required IP address in the usual 'Server' box, i.e. <http://192.168.0.3>
- 2 At the end of the IP address, add two colons and then enter the port number (in this example, the required port number is 115900), i.e. <http://192.168.0.3::115900>
- 3 Continue with the standard [VNC viewer instructions](#).

Viewer encryption settings

The web browser viewers and VNC viewers (of level 4.0b5S or higher) offer four encryption options. The resulting actions of certain options depend upon how the AdderLink IP Gold to which you are connecting is configured:

- **Always on** - This setting will ensure that the link is encrypted, regardless of the AdderLink IP Gold encryption setting.
- **Let server choose** - This setting will follow the configuration of the AdderLink IP Gold. If the AdderLink IP Gold has a preference to encrypt the link, then it will be so, otherwise the link will not be encrypted.
- **Prefer off** - This setting will configure an un-encrypted link if the AdderLink IP Gold will allow it, otherwise it will be encrypted.
- **Prefer on** - If the AdderLink IP Gold allows it, this setting will configure an encrypted link, otherwise it will be un-encrypted.

Whenever encryption does take place, the viewer will first need to create the necessary secure key before the connection process can continue.

Supported web browsers

The following web browsers have been tested and found to work correctly with AdderLink IP Gold.

Windows

- Internet Explorer 5.50 and above,
with Microsoft [Java] Virtual Machine (release 5.50).
with Java Runtime Environment 1.3 or above.

Linux

- Netscape 4.61 and above,
with Java Runtime Environment 1.1 or above.
- Opera,
with Java Runtime Environment 1.1 or above.



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Further information



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Getting assistance

If you are still experiencing problems after checking the list of solutions in the Troubleshooting section then we provide a number of other solutions:

- Adder Technology website – www.adder.com
Check the Support section of our website for the latest solutions and driver files.
- Email – support@adder.com
- Fax
 - in the UK: **01954 780081**
 - in the US: **+1 888 275 1117**
- Phone
 - in the UK: **01954 780044**
 - in the US: **+1 888 932 3337**

Troubleshooting

Remote network users are unable to contact the AdderLink IP Gold

- Check that the correct address is being used by the remote users.
- Check the [network settings](#). Check that the users network address has not been excluded in the [IP access control section](#).
- If the AdderLink IP Gold is situated behind a firewall, check that the relevant ports are being allowed [through the firewall](#) and are being correctly routed.
- Check the [front panel indicators](#), the LNK indicator should be on. If the network link is a 100Mbps connection, the 100 indicator should also be on.

The remote cursor is not correctly responding to my mouse movements

- [Recalibrate the mouse](#). When doing so, ensure that the host system does not have mouse cursor trails enabled and that the top left corner of the screen is clear of application windows.

When logging on using VNC viewer, I cannot enter a username

- Either, the VNC viewer is an old version ([download a new one](#)) or only the admin user has been configured on the AdderLink IP Gold.

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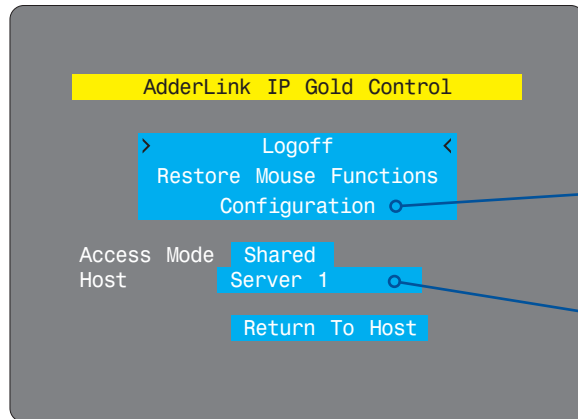
Appendix 1 - Local configuration menus

This section covers the control menus that are available when you are using the locally connected keyboard, video monitor and mouse.

To access the local configuration menus

- On the locally connected keyboard, simultaneously press **Ctrl** **Alt** **C**.

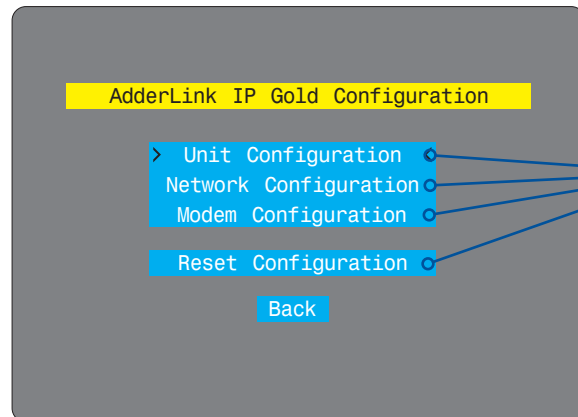
Note: If the standard hotkeys (CTRL + ALT) have been changed, then you need to use those keys together with C to access the menus.



If you are not logged on as the 'admin' user then the Configuration menu will not be available.

Use the Host entry to switch to the required host computer (when a KVM switch is used).

Select the 'Configuration' option to display:



Select the required option:

- [Unit configuration](#)
- [Network configuration](#)
- [Modem configuration](#)
- [Reset configuration](#)

Unit configuration

This page provides access to a selection of both basic and fundamental settings for the AdderLink IP Gold.

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Hardware | Rev 1 |
| Firmware | 1.0 |
| Keybd Layout | UK |
| Admin Passwd | [REDACTED] |
| Unit Name | [REDACTED] |
| Hot Keys | Ctrl+Alt |
| Screensaver | 10 mins |
| Time | 21 : 27 : 31 |
| Date | 15 Apr 2004 |
| Encryption | Prefer Off |
| Video Source | Digital |

Save Cancel

Keybd Layout

Use the arrow buttons to match the keyboard layout expected by the host system.

Admin Password

Enter the password that will be used to gain administrator access to the AdderLink IP Gold. There can only be one admin user and only that user is given access to the configuration menus. The admin password background will be red until a reasonably secure password has been entered, although this is only advisory as any password or no password may be entered.

Unit Name

The name entered here will be displayed on the local menus and the remote VNC/browser windows.

Hot Keys

Use the left and right arrow keys to select an appropriate hot key sequence for the locally connected keyboard. This sequence is used in combination with other keypresses to access the on-screen menus and to change between hosts. The options are: Ctrl+Alt (default), Ctrl+Shift, Alt+Shift, Alt Gr, Left + Right Alt, Left Ctrl + Alt or Right Ctrl + Alt.

To get here

- 1 Use the local keyboard and log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press **Ctrl** **Alt** **C** (hotkeys may be different).
- 3 Select 'Configuration'.
- 4 Select 'Unit configuration'.

Screensaver

Use the left and right arrow keys to select an appropriate period of inactivity on the local keyboard or mouse before a screensaver is displayed and the user is logged out. This setting applies to local users only and once the screensaver is displayed, for security purposes the user is required to log in again. The timeout period can be selected between 5 minutes and 1 day (24 hours), it cannot be disabled. *Note: The [Idle timeout](#) option serves a similar purpose for remote connections.*

Time and Date

Use the left and right arrow keys to select the correct time and date. The time entry uses the 24 hour clock notation. The internal real time clock will continue to run for roughly one week without power to the AdderLink IP Gold, after that it will be lost and require resetting. Use the up and down arrow keys to move between each of the sections within the time and date entries.

Encryption

Three options are available: Always on, prefer off, prefer on. The one to choose depends on the specific details of your installation - see [Encryption settings](#) for details. The use of encryption imposes a slight performance overhead of roughly 10% but is highly secure against third party intrusion.

Video Source

Determines the DDC video monitor information that is sent to the host computer. The host computer's video controller will use this information to determine how it should alter its output to suit a digital or analogue monitor. The AdderLink IP Gold performs automatic conversion between both video signal types.



Network configuration

This page allows you to configure the various aspects of the IP port and its relationship with the local network.

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| MAC Address | 00:0F:58:00:00:04 |
| Use DHCP | No |
| IP Address | 192.168.42.154 |
| Net Mask | 255.255.255.0 |
| Gateway | |
| VNC Port | 5900 |
| HTTP Port | 80 |

>Clear IP Access Control<

Save Cancel

MAC Address

Media Access Control address – this is the unique and unchangeable code that was hard coded within your AdderLink IP Gold unit when it was built. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons. A section of the MAC address identifies Adder Technology as the manufacturer, while the remainder is effectively the unique electronic serial number of your particular unit.

Use DHCP

DHCP is an acronym for 'Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol'. Its function is particularly useful when connecting to medium size or larger networks, such as the Internet. When this option is selected, your AdderLink IP Gold will attempt to locate a DHCP server on the network. If such a server is located, it will supply three things to the AdderLink IP Gold: an IP address, an IP network mask (also known as a Subnet mask) and a Gateway address. These are not usually granted permanently, but on a 'lease' basis for a fixed amount of time or for as long as the AdderLink IP Gold remains connected and switched on. [Discover allocations](#).

IP Address

This is the identity of the AdderLink IP Gold within a network. The IP address can be thought of as the telephone number of the AdderLink IP Gold. Unlike the MAC address, the IP address can be altered to suit the network to which it is connected. It can either be entered manually or configured automatically using the DHCP option. When the DHCP option is enabled, this entry is greyed out.

Net Mask

Also often called the 'subnet-mask', this value is used alongside the IP address to help define a smaller collection (or subnet) of devices on a network. In this way a distinction is made between locally connected devices and ones that are reachable elsewhere, such as on the wider Internet. This process helps to reduce overall traffic on the network and hence speed up connections in general.

To get here

- 1 Use the local keyboard and log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press **Ctrl** **Alt** **C** (hotkeys may be different).
- 3 Select 'Configuration'.
- 4 Select 'Network configuration'.

Gateway

This is the address of the device that links the local network (to which the AdderLink IP Gold is connected) to another network such as the Internet. Usually this is a network switch or router and it will be used whenever a device to be contacted lies outside the local network.

VNC Port

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote VNC viewer will be channelled (see [What is a port?](#)). The default setting is 5900 which is a widely recognised port number for use by VNC software. However, in certain circumstances it may be advantageous to alter this number - see [Security issues with ports](#) for more details.

Note: The VNC port and HTTP port can be set to the same port number in order to simplify router and firewall configuration. If this is done then the AdderLink IP Gold will "listen" for both types of traffic on the single port.

HTTP Port

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote web browser will be channelled. The default setting of 80 is an established standard for web (HTTP – HyperText Transfer Protocol) traffic though this can be changed to suit your local network requirements.

Clear IP Access Control

This option removes all entries from the IP access control feature within the AdderLink IP Gold. The IP access control feature (configurable by a remote admin user) allows certain network address ranges to be denied access to the AdderLink IP Gold. If set incorrectly, it is possible to exclude all network users and so this option provides an emergency recovery point.



Modem configuration

This page allows you to configure the COM1 serial port located at the rear of the AdderLink IP Gold.

```
AdderLink IP Gold Modem Config

Server IP 192.168.3.1
Client IP 192.168.3.2
Baud Rate 115200
Init String ATZS0=1

Initialize Port
Restore Defaults

> Save <          Cancel
```

Server IP / Client IP

When a user dials into the AdderLink IP Gold via a modem or ISDN adapter, the AdderLink IP Gold sets up a temporary two-device network using PPP (Point to Point Protocol). For this purpose, both devices must have 'dummy' IP addresses so that they can communicate correctly. These two addresses can be almost anything expressed in the quad octet format (i.e. 192.168.3.1.). However, it is advisable not to make them the same as the real IP addresses used by either the remote system or the AdderLink IP Gold.

Baud Rate

This option configures the speed of the serial connection between the AdderLink IP Gold and a connected modem or ISDN terminal adapter. The default setting is 115200. The other communication settings are fixed as: No parity, 8 bit word, 1 stop bit.

To get here

- 1 Use the local keyboard and log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press **Ctrl** **Alt** **C** (hotkeys may be different).
- 3 Select 'Configuration'.
- 4 Select 'Modem configuration'.

Init String

The codes entered here are used to prepare the connected modem or ISDN terminal adapter for use with the AdderLink IP Gold. The default code is a Hayes-compatible string to configure auto answer mode and would be understood by the vast majority of modem/ISDN devices. The code is sent when the AdderLink IP Gold is first switched on or whenever the Initialize button is clicked.

Initialize Port

When selected, this option sends the characters entered in the 'Init string' field to the connected modem or ISDN terminal adapter.

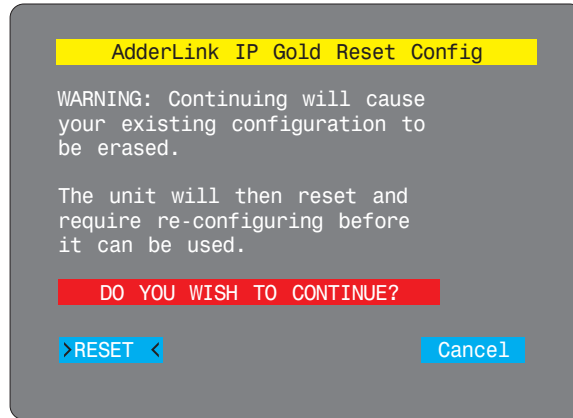
Restore Defaults

When selected, this option resets the 'Baud rate' and 'Init string' values to their original default settings.




Reset configuration

This option allows you to completely reset the AdderLink IP Gold.






WARNING: This process will remove all settings and return the unit to use its original state. A complete reconfiguration will be required before it can be used.

To reset the AdderLink IP Gold configuration

- 1 With the RESET option highlighted, press .
- 2 The first screen of the initial configuration process will be displayed. See [Initial configuration](#) for details.

To get here

- 1 Use the local keyboard and log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press    (hotkeys may be different).
- 3 Select 'Configuration'.
- 4 Select 'Reset configuration'.



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Clear IP access control

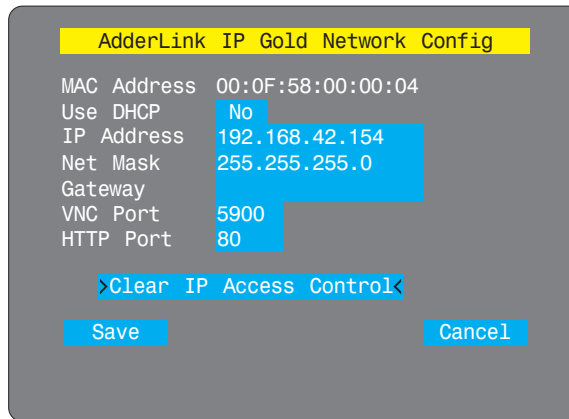
This option removes all entries from the IP access control feature within the AdderLink IP Gold.

What is IP access control?

The IP access control feature (configurable by a remote admin user) allows certain network address ranges to be denied access to the AdderLink IP Gold. If set incorrectly, it is possible to exclude all network users and so this option provides an emergency recovery point.

To clear IP access control

- 1 Use the local keyboard and log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press **Ctrl** **Alt** **C** (hotkeys may be set differently).
- 3 Select 'Configuration'.
- 4 Select 'Network configuration'.
- 5 Highlight the 'Clear IP access control' option and press **Enter**.

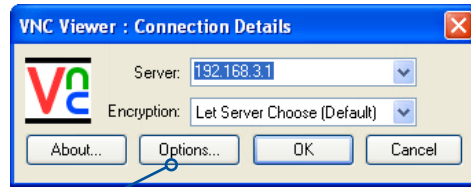


Appendix 2 - VNC viewer connection options

When you are connecting to the AdderLink IP Gold using the VNC viewer, a number of options are available.

There are six tabbed pages of options:

Click here to access the options



IMPORTANT: If you make any changes to the options given here and wish to retain them for successive connection sessions, you must save the changes. To do this, change to the 'Defaults' tab and click the 'Save as defaults' button.

Colour/Encoding

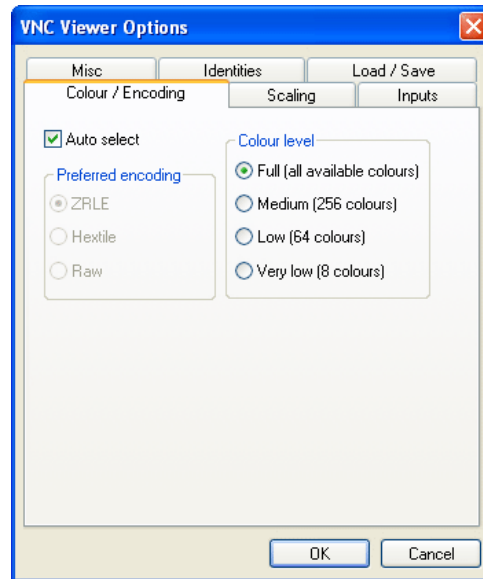
Auto select

When ticked, this option will examine the speed of your connection to the AdderLink IP Gold and apply the most suitable encoding method. This option is suggested for the majority of installations.

Preferred encoding

There are three manually selectable encoding methods which are accessible when the Auto select option is unticked.

- **ZRLE** – This is a highly compressed method that is best suited to slow modem connections.
- **Hextile** – This method offers better performance than the ZRLE when used over a high speed network because there is no need for the AdderLink IP Gold to spend time highly compressing the data.
- **Raw** – This is a primitive, uncompressed method that is mainly used for technical support issues. You are recommended not to use this method.



Colour level

This section allows you to select the most appropriate colour level for the speed of the connection to the AdderLink IP Gold. Where the connection speed is slow or inconsistent there will be a necessary compromise between screen response and colour depth.

- **Full** – This mode is suitable only for fast network connections and will pass on the maximum colour depth being used by the host system.
- **Medium (256 colours)** – This mode reduces the host system output to a 256 colour mode and is more suitable for ISDN and fast modem connections.
- **Low (64 colours)** – This mode is suitable for slower modem connections and reduces the host system output to 64 colours.
- **Very low (8 colours)** – This mode provides very rudimentary picture quality and hardly any speed advantage over the 64 colour setting. You are recommended not to use this mode.

Inputs

Enable all inputs

When selected, allows keyboard, mouse and clipboard data to be transferred between server and viewer systems.

Disable all inputs (view-only mode)

When selected, prevents control data being passed between server and viewer. Viewer can display the server output, but cannot control it.

Customise

Allows you to select which data can be transferred between server and viewer.

Send pointer events to server

When un-ticked, the VNC viewer will not send mouse movement or click data to the AdderLink IP Gold or host system.

Send keyboard events to server

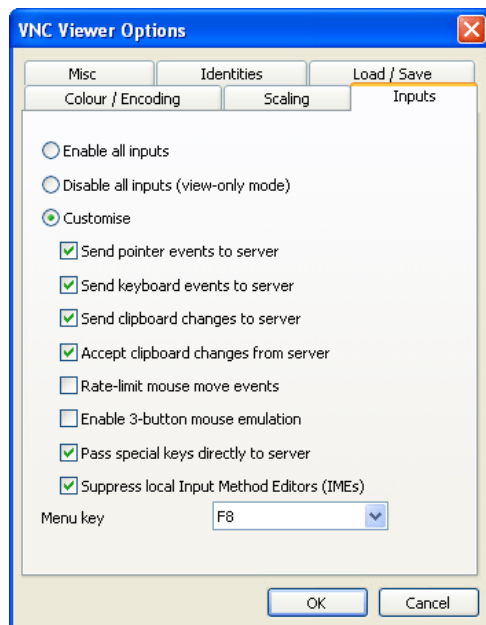
When un-ticked, the VNC viewer will not send keyboard information to the AdderLink IP Gold or host system.

Send clipboard changes to server

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderLink IP Gold installations.

Accept clipboard changes from server

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderLink IP Gold installations, except for retrieving the activity log as described in the logging and status section.



Rate-limit mouse move events

When ticked, this feature reduces the mouse movement information that is sent to the AdderLink IP Gold and host system. This is useful for slow connections and you will notice that the remote cursor will catch up with the local cursor roughly once every second.

Enable 3-button mouse emulation

This feature allows you to use a 2-button mouse to emulate the middle button of a 3-button mouse. When enabled, press the left and right mouse buttons simultaneously to create a middle button action. You are advised to generally use a 3-button mouse.

Pass special keys directly to server

When ticked, 'special' keys (the Windows key, the Print Screen key, Alt+Tab, Alt+Escape and Ctrl+Escape) are passed directly to the AdderLink IP Gold rather than being interpreted locally.

Suppress local Input Method Editors (IMEs)

This option does not apply to AdderLink IP Gold connections.

Menu key

This feature allows you to select which function key is used to display the VNC viewer options menu. The menu key is only way to exit from the full screen viewer mode.

IMPORTANT: If you make any changes to the options given here and wish to retain them for successive connection sessions, you must save the changes. To do this, change to the 'Defaults' tab and click the 'Save as defaults' button.



Scaling

No Scaling

No attempt is made to make the screen image fit the viewer window. You may need to scroll horizontally and/or vertically to view all parts of the screen image.

Scale to Window Size

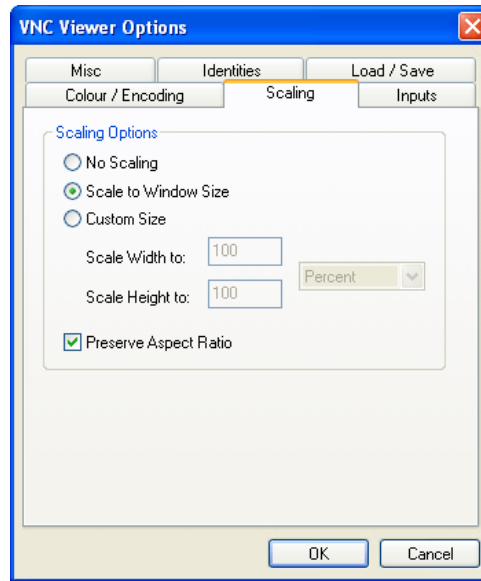
Adjusts the server screen image to suit the size of the viewer window.

Custom Size

Adjusts the server screen image according to the Width and Height settings in the adjacent fields. A drop box to the right of the fields allows you to define the image size by percentage or by pixels, as required.

Preserve Aspect Ratio

When ticked, maintains a consistent ratio between the horizontal and vertical dimensions of the screen image.



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Full-screen mode

When ticked, the VNC viewer will launch in full screen mode. Use the menu key (usually F8) to exit from full screen mode.

Full-screen mode matches server resolution

This option does not apply to AdderLink IP Gold connections.

Full-screen mode uses all monitors

This option does not apply to AdderLink IP Gold connections.

Render cursor locally

This option does not currently apply to AdderLink IP Gold connections.

Allow dynamic desktop resizing

When ticked, the viewer window will be automatically resized whenever the host system's screen resolution is altered.

Beep when requested to by the server

When ticked, your local system will beep in response to any error beeps emitted by the AdderLink IP Gold.

Offer to automatically reconnect

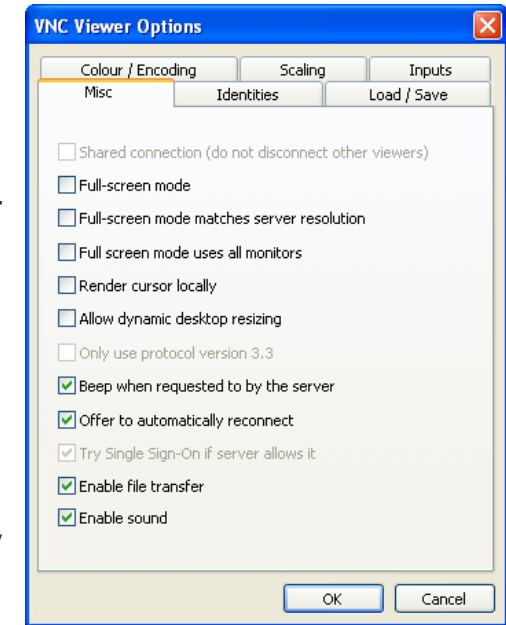
When ticked, the viewer will offer to restore a lost connection with the server.

Try Single Sign-On if server allows it

This option does not apply to AdderLink IP Gold connections.

Enable sound

When ticked, enables audio transmissions to the remote viewer.



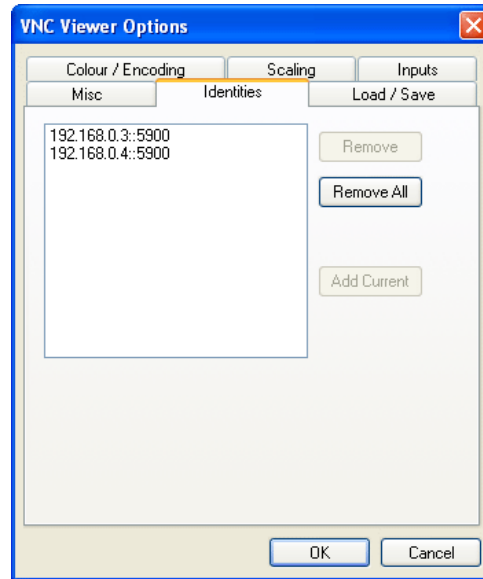
IMPORTANT: If you make any changes to the options given here and wish to retain them for successive connection sessions, you must save the changes. To do this, change to the 'Defaults' tab and click the 'Save as defaults' button.

Identities

This feature helps your VNC viewer to confirm that a revisited AdderLink IP Gold is genuine and not another device masquerading as an AdderLink IP Gold. The list given will retain the identities of all visited units (that have full security enabled).

When you first make a secure connection to the AdderLink IP Gold, the security information for that AdderLink IP Gold unit is cached within this Identities tab (i.e. the “identity” is known). The next time that you connect to the AdderLink IP Gold, its identity is checked against the stored version. If a mismatch is found between the current and the stored identities then a warning will be issued to you.

If an existing AdderLink IP Gold is fully reconfigured then it will need to be issued with a new identity. In this case the previous identity, listed in this tab, should be removed so that a new identity can be created on the next connection.



Load / Save

Configuration File - Reload

Allows you to load a configuration file saved from this, or another viewer.

Configuration File - Save

Allows you to save the current settings so that they can be copied from one viewer to another.

Configuration File - Save As...

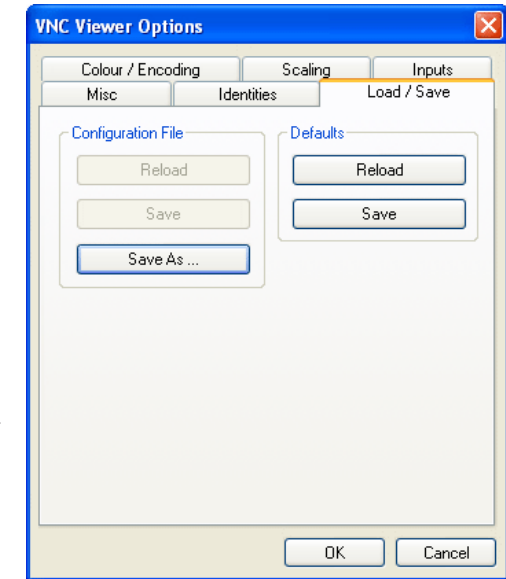
Allows you to save the current settings under a new name so that they can be copied from one viewer to another.

Defaults - Reload

When clicked, all connection options are returned to the default settings that are currently saved.

Defaults - Save

When clicked, saves the current connection options as the default set that will be used in all subsequent VNC connections.



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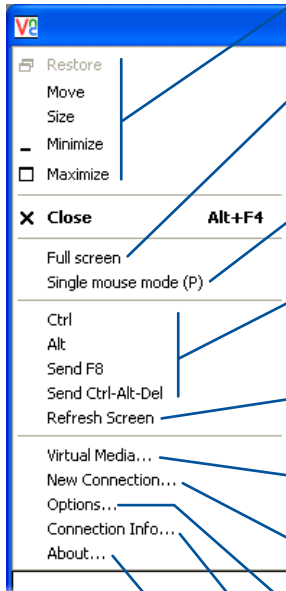
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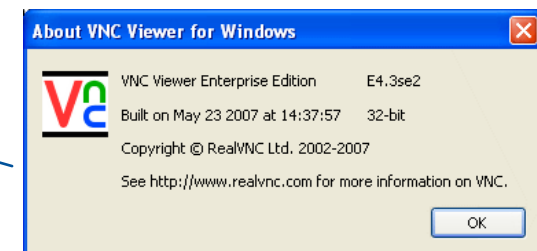
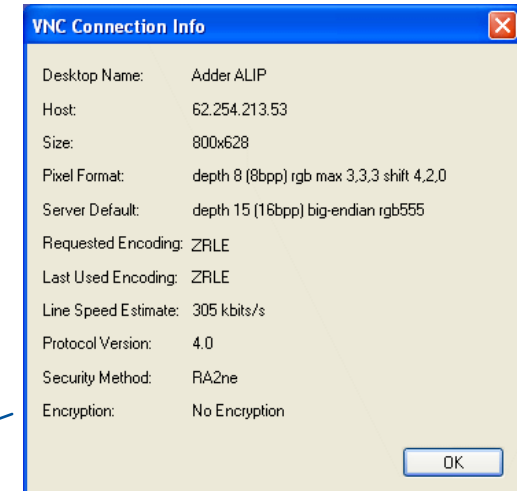
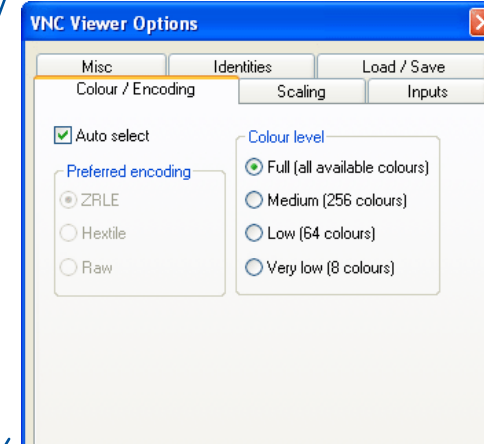
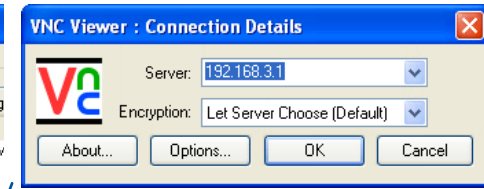
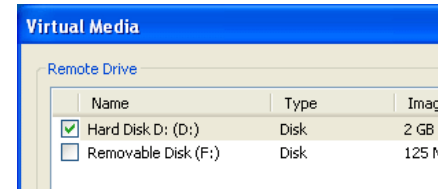
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Appendix 3 - VNC viewer window options

Click the VNC icon in the top left corner of the viewer window (or press F8) to display the window options:

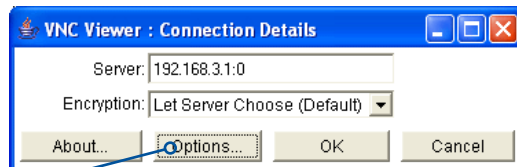


- **Standard window control items**
- **Full screen**
Expands the VNC viewer window to fill the whole screen with no visible window edges or toolbar. Press F8 to re-display this menu.
- **Single mouse mode (P)**
Used for fast network connections where a second, "predictor" cursor is not required.
- **Ctrl, Alt, Send F8, Send Ctrl-Alt-Del**
Sends the selected keypress(es) to the AdderLink IP and host system. This is necessary because certain keys and key combinations are trapped by the VNC viewer.
- **Refresh Screen**
Requests data from the server for a complete redraw of the screen image, not just the items that change.
- **Virtual Media...**
As part of the Adder Virtual Media feature, this dialog allows you to select a drive to be shared across the connection
- **New Connection...**
Displays the connection dialog so that you can log on to a different AdderLink IP or VNC server location.
- **Options...**
Displays the full range of connection options - see [Appendix 2](#) for more details.
- **Connection Info...**
Displays various connection and display details.
- **About...**
Displays information about your VNC viewer.



Appendix 4 - Browser viewer options

When you are connecting to the AdderLink IP Gold using a Web browser, a number of options are available.



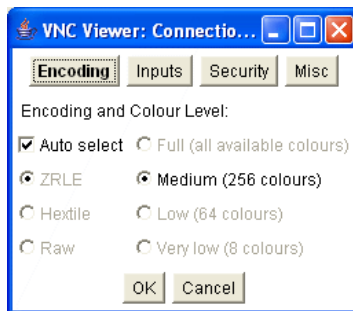
Click here to access the options

There are four options pages:

Encoding and colour level

Auto select

When ticked, this option will examine the speed of your connection to the AdderLink IP Gold and apply the most suitable encoding method. This option is suggested for the majority of installations.



Preferred encoding

There are three manually selectable encoding methods which are accessible when the Auto select option is unticked.

- **ZRLE** – This is a highly compressed method that is best suited to slow modem connections.
- **Hextile** – This method offers better performance than the ZRLE when used over a high speed network because there is no need for the AdderLink IP Gold to spend time highly compressing the data.
- **Raw** – This is a primitive, uncompressed method that is mainly used for technical support issues. You are recommended not to use this method.

Colour level

The colour level is fixed at Medium (256 colours) for almost all browsers.

Inputs

View only (ignore mouse & keyboard)

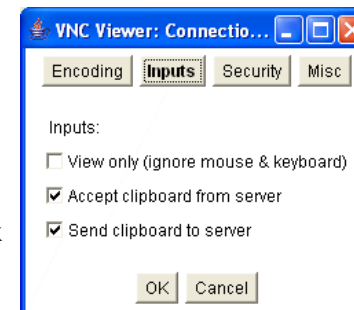
When ticked, the viewer will not send keyboard or mouse information to the AdderLink IP Gold or host system.

Accept clipboard from server

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderLink IP Gold installations.

Send clipboard to server

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderLink IP Gold installations.



Security

512 bits (low security)

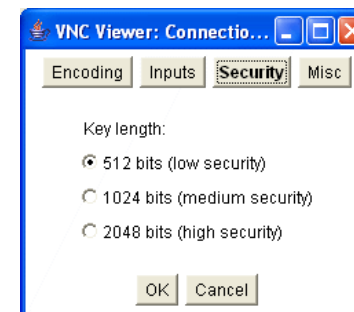
Selects the lowest level of encoding for communications between the browser and the AdderLink IP Gold.

1024 bits (medium security)

Selects the middle level of encoding for communications between the browser and the AdderLink IP Gold.

2048 bits (high security)

Selects the highest level of encoding for communications between the browser and the AdderLink IP Gold.



Misc

Shared (don't disconnect other viewers)

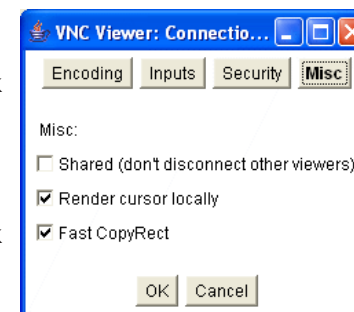
This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderLink IP Gold installations.

Render cursor locally

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderLink IP Gold installations.

Fast CopyRect

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderLink IP Gold installations.

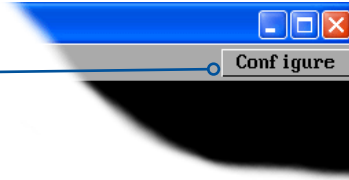


Appendix 5 - Remote configuration menus

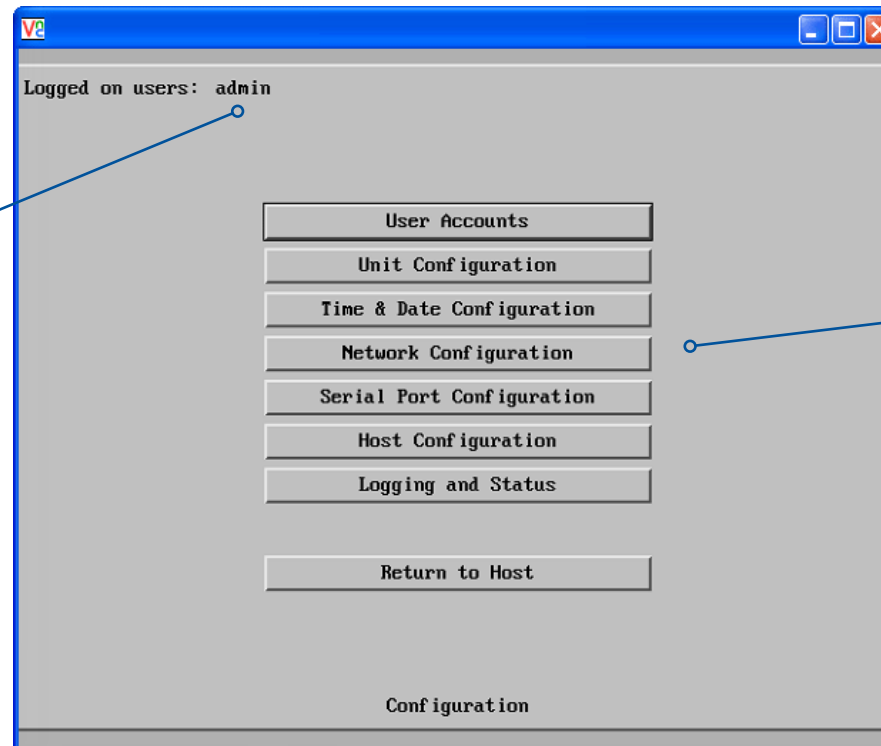
This section covers the configuration menus that are available to remote admin users using either the VNC viewer or the browser methods of access.

To access the remote configuration menus

- Click the Configure button in the top right corner of the window when logged on as the admin user.



Main configuration menu



Logged on users

Indicates the current users irrespective of whether they are connected locally, by modem/ISDN or via a network.

Click the required option

- [User accounts](#)
- [Unit configuration](#)
- [Time & Date Configuration](#)
- [Network configuration](#)
- [Serial port configuration](#)
- [Host configuration](#)
- [Logging and status](#)

User accounts

This section allows you to manage up to sixteen separate accounts.

The first of the sixteen accounts is the admin account and is the only account with access rights to the configuration menus. The user name and access rights are fixed for the admin account, the only change possible for this account is the password.

There are fifteen user account positions.

| User Name | Password | Local | Modem | Remote | Power |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| admin | ***** | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| user1 | *** | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| user2 | ***** | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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To create a new account

- 1 Enter the required User Name to activate that position (the Password and access tick box positions will become editable).
- 2 Optionally enter a password for the user account.
- 3 Tick/untick the Local, Modem, Remote and Power options that are appropriate to the user.
- 4 Click the Save button to register your changes.

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'User accounts' option.

User Name

All user names must consist of lower case characters or numbers only. No symbols or upper case characters are permissible. The user name can be between 1 and 16 characters in length.

Password

Passwords are case sensitive and can include certain keyboard symbols. The password can be between 1 and 16 characters in length. It is important to note, however, that the password background remains shaded in amber while the AdderLink IP Gold considers your entered password to be too easy to guess. A suitable password is best constructed using a mixture of more than 6 letters, numbers and punctuation characters.

Local

When ticked, the selected user can gain access using the local KVM console directly connected to the AdderLink IP Gold.

Modem

When ticked, the selected user can gain access via a modem or ISDN link (requires external modem/ISDN equipment to be connected to the AdderLink).

Remote

When ticked, the selected user can gain access via an IP network link, such as a local intranet or the wider Internet (depending on how the AdderLink IP Gold is connected).

Power

When ticked, the selected user will be permitted to control the power input to host systems (requires optional power control switch unit(s) to be fitted).



Unit configuration

This page provides access to a selection of both basic and fundamental settings for the AdderLink IP Gold. Many of the settings displayed here are also accessible through the on-screen menu on the locally attached keyboard, mouse and monitor.

Logged on users: admin

Hardware Version: Rev 2

Firmware Version: 1.6

Host Keyboard Layout: < UK >

Admin Password: [REDACTED]

Unit Name: AdderLink IP Gol

Local Hot Key Sequence: < Ctrl+Alt >

Screensaver Timeout: < 10 mins >

Menu Bar Toggle Hot Key: < None >

Display Menu Bar for New Connections:

Encryption: < Prefer On >

Advanced Unit Configuration

Save Unit Configuration Cancel

Hardware Version

Indicates the version of the electronic circuitry within the AdderLink IP Gold unit.

Firmware Version

Indicates the version of the hardwired software within the AdderLink IP Gold flash memory. This may be updated using the [flash upgrade procedure](#).

Host Keyboard Layout

Use the arrow buttons to match the keyboard layout expected by the host system.

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Unit Configuration' option.

Admin Password

Enter the password that will be used to gain administrator access to the AdderLink IP Gold. There can only be one admin user and only that user is given access to the configuration menus.

Unit Name

The name entered here will be displayed on the local menus and the remote VNC viewer/browser windows.

Local Hot Key Sequence

Use the arrow buttons to select an appropriate hot key sequence for the locally connected keyboard. This sequence is used in combination with other keypresses to access the on-screen menus and to change between hosts. The options are: Ctrl+Alt (default), Ctrl+Shift, Alt+Shift, Alt Gr, Left + Right Alt, Left Ctrl + Alt or Right Ctrl + Alt.

Screensaver Timeout

Use the arrow keys to select an appropriate period of inactivity before a screensaver is displayed and the user is logged out. This setting applies to local users only and once the screensaver is displayed, for security purposes the user is required to log in again. The timeout period can be selected between 5 minutes and 1 day (24 hours), it cannot be disabled.

Encryption

Three options are available: Always on, prefer off, prefer on. The one to choose depends on the specific details of your installation - see [Encryption settings](#) for details. The use of encryption imposes a slight performance overhead of roughly 10% but is highly secure against third party intrusion.



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Advanced unit configuration

Click this button to display advanced options that do not normally require alteration.

Logged on users: admin

Force UNC Protocol 3.3

Idle Timeout (minutes)

Protocol Timeout (seconds)

Mouse Latency Allowance (milliseconds)

Mouse Rate (milliseconds)

Background Refresh Rate

Single Mouse Mode Mouse Switch

Behaviour for admin connections when limit reached

Use VESA GTF

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Unit Configuration' option.
- 4 Click the 'Advanced Unit Configuration' option.

Force VNC Protocol 3.3

IMPORTANT: The use of this option is not recommended. Protocol 3.3 is a legacy version that does not offer any encryption.

Idle Timeout

Determines the period of inactivity on a remote connection before the user is logged out. The idle timeout period can be set to any time span, expressed in minutes.

Note: The [Screensaver](#) option serves a similar purpose for local connections.

Protocol Timeout

Sets the time period by which responses should have been received to outgoing data packets. If the stated period is exceeded, then a connection is considered lost and terminated.

Mouse Latency Allowance

This option is used during calibration to account for latency delays (caused as signals pass through a device) introduced by some KVM switches from alternative manufacturers.

During calibration, the AdderLink IP Gold waits for 40ms after each mouse movement before sampling the next. If a KVM device adds a significant delay to the flow of data, the calibration process can be lengthened or may fail entirely. The value entered here is added to (or subtracted from) the default 40ms sampling time.

Note: You can enter negative values (down to -40) in order to speed up the calibration process when using fast KVM switches. Use this option with caution as it can adversely affect the calibration process.

Mouse Rate

Defines the rate at which mouse movement data are transmitted to the system. The default option is 20ms, which equates to 50 mouse events per second. This default rate can prove too fast when passed through certain connected KVM switches from alternative manufacturers. In such cases, data are discarded causing the local and remote mouse pointers to drift apart. If this effect is encountered, increase the mouse rate to around 30ms (data are then sent at a slower rate of 33 times per second).

Background Refresh Rate

Use the arrow keys to alter the refresh rate for screen images via remote links. This allows you to tailor the screen refresh to suit the network or modem connection speeds. The options are: Slow, Medium, Fast or Disabled. When the disabled option is selected, the remote users will need to manually refresh the screen.

Note: When a low connection speed is detected, the background refresh is automatically disabled, regardless of the settings of this option.

Single Mouse Mode Mouse Switch

Allows you to select the mouse button combination that can be used to exit from single mouse mode (when active). Options are: *Disabled*, *Middle+Right Button*, *Middle+Left Button*.

Behaviour for admin connections when limit reached

Determines what should occur when four global connections already exist and a fifth, administrator connection attempt is made. Options are: *Replace oldest connection*, *Replace newest connection* and *Don't replace*. Only non-administrator connections can be terminated in this way.

Use VESA GTF

When ticked, the VESA Generalized Timing Formula will be used to help determine the correct input video resolution and timing details. See [Appendix 9](#) for a list of all supported video modes.

Upgrade firmware

Places the unit into upgrade mode. See [Performing a flash upgrade](#).



Time & date configuration

This page allows you to configure all aspects relating to time and date within the AdderLink IP Gold unit.

Logged on users: admin

Time And Date:

Timezone specifier (e.g. EST5):

Use NTP:

NTP Server IP address:

Time and Date

Use the arrow buttons to set the correct current time.

Use NTP

When this option is selected, the AdderLink IP Gold will synchronise its internal clocks using information from the (Network Time Protocol) server listed in the *NTP Server IP address* field.

NTP Server IP address

Optionally enter the IP address for a known Network Time Protocol server.

Set Time from NTP Server

Click to immediately use the time and date information from the listed NTP server.

Timezone specifier

Optionally enter a recognised timezone specifier related to the current position of the AdderLink IP Gold unit. When an NTP server is used, the specifier will be used to provide the correct real time.

The timezone specifier takes the following form:

std offset dst [offset], start[/time], end[/time]

The *std* and *offset* specify the standard time zone, such as GMT and 0, or CET and -1, or EST and 5, respectively.

The *dst* string and [*offset*] specify the name and offset for the corresponding Daylight Saving Time zone; if the *offset* is omitted, it defaults to one hour ahead of standard time.

The remainder of the specification describes when Daylight Saving Time is in effect. The *start* field is when Daylight Saving Time goes into effect and the *end* field is when the change is made back to standard time. The most common format used for the daylight saving time is: *mm.w.d*

Where: *m* specifies the month and must be between **1** and **12**. The day *d* must be between **0** (Sunday) and **6**. The week *w* must be between **1** and **5**; week **1** is the first week in which day *d* occurs, and week **5** specifies the *last d* day in the month.

The *time* fields specify when, in the local time currently in effect, the change to the other time occurs. If omitted, the default is **02:00:00**.

Typical examples are:

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| UK: | GMT0BST,M3.5.0/1,M10.5.0/2 |
| Central Europe: | CET-1CEST,M3.5.0/2,M10.5.0/3 |
| US Eastern (2006): | EST5EDT,M4.1.0/2,M10.5.0/2 |
| US Pacific (2006): | PST8PDT,M4.1.0/2,M10.5.0/2 |
| US Eastern (from 2007): | EST5EDT,M3.2.0/2,M11.1.0/2 |
| US Pacific (from 2007): | PST5PDT,M3.2.0/2,M11.1.0/2 |

For further details

- For details of timezone specifier formats, please refer to: http://www.gnu.org/software/libc/manual/html_node/TZ-Variable.html
- For details of the Network Time Protocol (main RFC number: 1305; the SNTP subset used as the basis for the AdderLink IP Gold: 4330) <http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html>

To get here

- Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- Click the 'Time & Date Configuration' option.



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Network configuration

This page allows you to configure the various aspects of the IP port and its relationship with the local network.

Logged on users: admin

MAC address: 00:0F:58:DD:EF:A0

Use DHCP

IP Address 192.168.0.5

IP Network Mask 255.255.255.0

IP Gateway

UNC Port 5900

HTTP Port (0=disabled) 80

IP Access Control

Add Remove Up Down Edit

+0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0

Save Network Configuration Cancel

MAC address

Media Access Control address – this is the unique and unchangeable code that was hard coded within your AdderLink IP Gold unit when it was built. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons. A section of the MAC address identifies Adder Technology as the manufacturer, while the remainder is effectively the unique electronic serial number of your particular unit.

Use DHCP

DHCP is an acronym for 'Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol'. Its function is particularly useful when connecting to medium size or larger networks, such as the Internet. When this option is selected, your AdderLink IP Gold will attempt to locate a DHCP server on the network. If such a server is located, it will supply three things to the AdderLink IP Gold: an IP address, an IP network mask (also known as a Subnet mask) and a Gateway address. These are not usually granted permanently, but on a 'lease' basis for a fixed amount of time or for as long as the AdderLink IP Gold remains connected and switched on. [Discover allocations.](#)

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Network Configuration' option.

IP Address

This is the identity of the AdderLink IP Gold within a network. The [IP address](#) can be thought of as the telephone number of the AdderLink IP Gold. Unlike the MAC address, the IP address can be altered to suit the network to which it is connected. It can either be entered manually or configured automatically using the DHCP option. When the DHCP option is enabled, this entry is greyed out.

IP Network Mask

Also often called the [subnet-mask](#), this value is used alongside the IP address to help define a smaller collection (or subnet) of devices on a network. In this way a distinction is made between locally connected devices and ones that are reachable elsewhere, such as on the wider Internet. This process helps to reduce overall traffic on the network and hence speed up connections in general.

IP Gateway

This is the address of the device that links the local network (to which the AdderLink IP Gold is connected) to another network such as the wider Internet. Usually the actual gateway is a network switch or router and it will be used whenever a required address lies outside the current network.

VNC Port

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote VNC viewer will be channelled (see [What is a port?](#)). The default setting is 5900 which is a widely recognised port number for use by VNC software. However, in certain circumstances it may be advantageous to alter this number - see 'Security issues with ports' for more details.

HTTP Port

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote web browser will be channelled (see [What is a port?](#)). The default setting of 80 is an established standard for web (HTTP – HyperText Transfer Protocol) traffic though this can be changed to suit your local network requirements.

IP Access Control

This section allows you to optionally specify ranges of addresses which will or won't be granted access to the AdderLink IP Gold. If this option is left unchanged, then the default entry of '+0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0' ensures that access from all IP addresses will be permitted. See [Setting IP access control](#) for details.

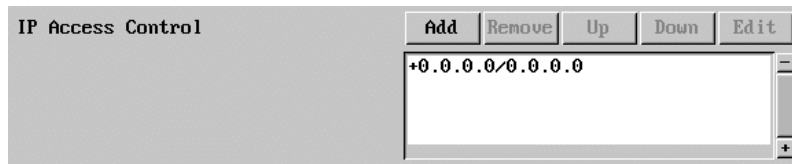


Setting IP access control

The golden rule with this feature is 'Include before you exclude' or to put it another way 'Arrange *allowed* addresses in the list *before* the *denied* addresses'.

This is because the positions of entries in the list are vitally important. Once a range of addresses is denied access, it is not possible to make exceptions for particular addresses within that range. For instance, if the range of addresses from A to F are denied access first, then the address C could not be granted access lower down the list. Address C needs to be placed in the list before the denied range.

IMPORTANT: This feature should be configured with extreme caution as it is possible to deny access to everyone. If such an error occurs, see [Clear IP access control](#) for details about how to regain access.



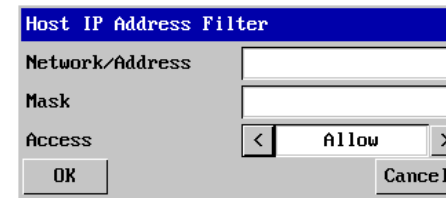
In the list, access control addresses prefixed by '+' are allow entries while those prefixed by '-' are deny entries.

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Network Configuration' option.

To define a new IP access control entry

- 1 Click the Add button to display a popup dialog:



Network/Address

Enter the network address that is to be allowed or denied access. If a range of addresses is being specified then specify any one of the addresses within the range and use the Mask entry to indicate the size of the range.

Mask

Enter an IP network mask that indicates the range of addresses that are to be allowed or denied access. For instance, if only a single specified IP address were to be required, the mask entry would be 255.255.255.255 in order to specify a single location. See [Calculating the mask for IP access control](#) for details.

Access

Use the arrow buttons to select either 'Allow' or 'Deny' as appropriate.

- 2 Enter the base [network address](#), the [mask](#) and select the appropriate access setting.
- 3 Click the OK button.

To reorder access control entries

IMPORTANT: When reordering, ensure that any specific allowed addresses are listed higher in the list than any denied addresses. Take care not to invoke any deny access settings that would exclude valid users.

- 1 In the access control list, click on the entry to be moved.
- 2 Click the Up or Down buttons as appropriate.

To edit/remove access control entries

- 1 In the access control list, click on the appropriate entry.
- 2 Click either the Edit or Remove button as appropriate.

Serial port configuration

This page provides all access to settings concerned with the two serial ports (modem and power control) that are situated at the rear of the AdderLink IP Gold.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Serial Configuration" with a status bar at the bottom indicating "Logged on users: admin". The window is divided into two main sections: "Modem Port" and "Power Control Port".

Modem Port settings:

- PPP Server IP Address: 192.168.3.1
- PPP Client IP Address: 192.168.3.2
- Baud Rate: 115200
- Initialization Sequence: ATZHS0=1
- Buttons: Initialize, Restore Defaults

Power Control Port settings:

- Baud Rate: 9600
- Buttons: Save, Cancel

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Serial Port Configuration' option.

Modem port

PPP Server IP Address / PPP Client IP Address

When a user dials into the AdderLink IP Gold via a modem or ISDN adapter, the AdderLink IP Gold sets up a temporary two-device network using PPP (Point to Point Protocol). For this purpose, both devices must have 'dummy' IP addresses so that they can communicate correctly. These two addresses can be almost anything expressed in the quad octet format (i.e. 192.168.3.1.). However, it is advisable not to make them the same as the real IP addresses used by either the remote system or the AdderLink IP Gold.

Baud Rate

This option determines the speed of the serial connection between the AdderLink IP Gold and a connected modem or ISDN terminal adapter. The default setting is 115200. The other communication settings are fixed as: No parity, 8 bit word, 1 stop bit.

Initialization Sequence

The codes entered here are used to prepare the connected modem or ISDN terminal adapter for use with the AdderLink IP Gold. The default code is a Hayes-compatible string to configure auto answer mode and would be understood by the vast majority of modem/ISDN devices. The code is sent when the AdderLink IP Gold is first switched on or whenever the Initialize button is clicked.

Initialize

When clicked, this option sends the characters entered in the Initialisation sequence field to the connected modem or ISDN terminal adapter.

Restore Defaults

When clicked, this option resets the Baud rate and Initialisation sequence values to their original default settings.

Power control port

Baud Rate

This option configures the speed of the serial connection between the AdderLink IP Gold and a connected power control unit. The default setting is 9600 as used by the majority of power units. The other communication settings are fixed as: No parity, 8 bit word, 1 stop bit.



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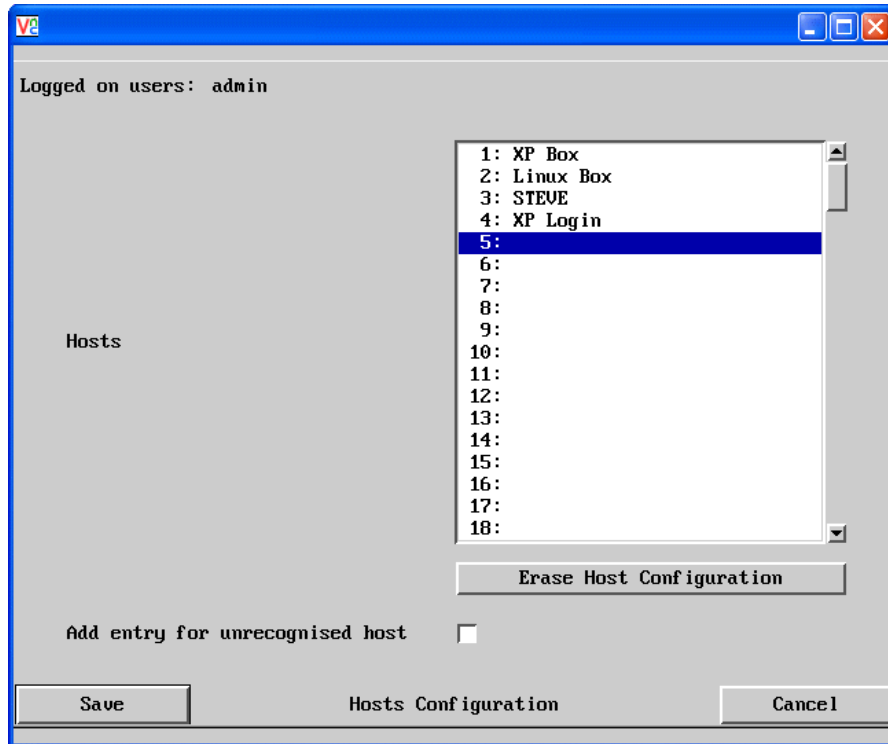
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Host configuration

This page provides the opportunity to configure various details for each of the host systems that may be connected to the AdderLink IP Gold via one or more KVM switch units. There are 128 entries, each of which can be configured with a name, the permitted users, the hot key combinations required to switch to it and, if required, appropriate power control commands.



Add entry for unrecognised host

When selected, any systems visited that are not specified in the Hosts list, will be added to the list. Use with care when visiting complex cascaded systems.

Erase Host Configuration

Removes all hosts from the list.

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Host Configuration' option.

To create a new host entry

- 1 Click one of the host entries to reveal a Host configuration dialog.

Name

Enter the name that will be displayed in the viewer window when you click the Host button.

Users

Select the users that will be permitted to connect to this host. Either enter * to allow all users or a list of users separated by commas (e.g. admin,nigel,andy,steve).

Hotkey / KVM Port

Declare the hot key sequence, or Adder Port Direct address that will cause the KVM switch to link with the required host system. Adder Port Direct addresses must be entered within square brackets. See [Hotkey sequences and Adder Port Direct](#) for details.

A list of valid hotkey codes are given in [Appendix 8](#).

Power On

Enter the code required to make an attached power control unit apply power to the selected host. See [Power switching configuration](#) for details.

Power Off

Enter the code required to make an attached power control unit remove power from the selected host. See [Power switching configuration](#) for details.

- 2 Enter the required information in each field.
- 3 Click the OK button.

Hotkey sequences and Adder Port Direct

AdderLink IP Gold allows you to enter commands suitable for any KVM switch in order to choose from up to 128 host systems. These switching commands can take the form of hotkey sequences that emulate standard keypress combinations or, for KVM switches that support the *Adder Port Direct* format, merely basic port numbers.

Hotkey sequences

Almost any combination of keypresses can be emulated using the following notations:

- + means press down the key that follows;
- means release the key that follows
- +– means press and then release the key that follows
- * means add a delay. The standard delay period is 250ms, however, if a number immediately follows the asterisk, this will define an alternate delay period (in milliseconds)

A list of permissible keypresses and information about how to abbreviate them are given in [Appendix 8](#).

Notes

- *The entries are not case sensitive.*
- *It is not necessary to specify all keys to be released at the end because they are all released automatically after the last code.*
- *A number of KVM switches from alternative manufacturers use hot key sequences that begin with a press/release of either the Scroll Lock or Ctrl keys. These often require a delay between the initial key press and the channel number to allow the switch to respond. A 500ms delay is usually sufficient.*

Examples

To send the command *Ctrl + Alt 4* you should use the following: `+Ctrl+Alt+4`.

To send the command *Ctrl + Alt 12* you should use the following: `+Ctrl+ALT+–1+2`

(the ‘+–1’ entry causes the 1 key to be pressed and released before the 2 key is pressed).

To send the command *Scroll lock 1 + Enter* (with a 500ms delay) you should use the following: `+–Scr*500+1+Ent`

Adder Port Direct

Adder Port Direct is totally transparent communication system that allows supporting KVM switches and remote access devices to communicate with each other. Using the keyboard connections that link each device, Adder Port Direct allows:

- A controlling device to provide address details of the required port, the user’s name and access rights, mouse calibration and video mode information.
- A controlled device to confirm the address and other details of the current port.

Such communication simplifies both the configuration and selection of systems, especially within a complex cascade structure. Adder Port Direct also allows the AdderLink IP Gold *Hosts* option to directly control the connected KVM switches and then apply the appropriate video capture and mouse scaling settings. Adder Port Direct provides excellent security control to prevent users from accessing systems for which they do not access rights (‘sideways movement’) because each unit is fully informed of each user’s precise access rights.

Port/host addressing using Adder Port Direct

When adding new computers to the Hosts list, the option ‘*Add entry for unrecognised host*’ is provided to automatically add new entries if a port is visited that does not already have a matching host entry. This is a useful option for simple KVM switch configurations, but should be used with care when complex cascades of switches are being used as it may lead to more host entries being added than are strictly necessary.

Additionally, you can specify the port number of the required system using the same format as if controlling the KVM switch directly. Port numbers MUST be entered within square brackets and can be specified to a maximum of four cascaded levels.

Examples

[16] selects port 16 and is equivalent to the hotkey sequence `+CTRL+ALT+–1+6`

[4105] selects port 5 on a KVM switch that is cascaded through port group 41 (see your KVM switch manual for more details on cascade port numbering).

Note: AdderView Matrix and SmartView XPro KVM switches support Adder Port Direct when used with firmware versions 2.06 and higher



Logging and status

This screen provides various details about the user activity on the AdderLink IP Gold.

Note: The log has a maximum capacity of 1000 event lines. After 1000 entries, the oldest entries are overwritten. If log data are important to your installation, ensure a regular backup procedure or use the Syslog Server IP Address option to send log information automatically to another system.

The screenshot shows a window titled 'Logging and Status' with a scrollable log area and several control buttons. Callouts point to specific elements:

- Date and time the event occurred:** Points to the first column of the log entries.
- Type of event, user name and access method or remote IP address:** Points to the second column of the log entries.
- Click to clear all log entries:** Points to the 'Clear Log' button.
- Click to refresh the list:** Points to the 'Refresh' button.
- Optionally enter an IP address to which the status log should be sent:** Points to the 'Syslog Server IP Address' text box.
- Click to return to the main menu:** Points to the 'Cancel' button.

The log entries include:

```
01 Jan 00 01:32:40 UTC Logoff admin, 192.168.0.2
01 Jan 00 01:35:47 UTC accepted: 192.168.0.2::1244
01 Jan 00 01:35:48 UTC Logon admin, 192.168.0.2, no auth
01 Jan 00 01:35:50 UTC Switch to host Computer 2
01 Jan 00 01:35:53 UTC Switch to host Server 1
01 Jan 00 01:37:18 UTC Logoff admin, local
01 Jan 00 01:37:18 UTC Logon failure admin, local, password
01 Jan 00 01:37:22 UTC Logon admin, local, no auth
01 Jan 00 01:37:45 UTC closed: 192.168.0.2::1244 (Client does not support desk
01 Jan 00 01:37:45 UTC Logoff admin, 192.168.0.2
01 Jan 00 01:38:05 UTC accepted: 192.168.0.2::1245
01 Jan 00 01:38:06 UTC Logon admin, 192.168.0.2, no auth
01 Jan 00 01:42:51 UTC Access mode private, admin, 192.168.0.2
01 Jan 00 01:42:57 UTC Access mode shared, admin, 192.168.0.2
01 Jan 00 01:43:04 UTC Access mode private, admin, 192.168.0.2
01 Jan 00 02:36:54 UTC closed: 192.168.0.2::1245 (Disconnection by client)
01 Jan 00 02:36:54 UTC Access mode shared, admin, 192.168.0.2
01 Jan 00 02:36:54 UTC Logoff admin, 192.168.0.2
01 Jan 00 02:37:02 UTC accepted: 192.168.0.2::1274
01 Jan 00 02:37:03 UTC Logon admin, 192.168.0.2, no auth
```

Buttons: Clear Log, Refresh, Save, Cancel. Text box: Syslog Server IP Address.

To copy and paste the log

You can copy the information listed within the log and paste it into another application.

- 1 While viewing the log screen, press Ctrl and C, to copy the data into the clipboard.
- 2 In a text application (i.e. Word, WordPad, Notepad) press Ctrl and V, or right mouse click and 'Paste'.

Syslog Server IP Address

Logging information can optionally be sent, as it occurs, to a separate system using the standard Syslog protocol. Enter the IP address of a suitable system in the field provided.

For further details

- For details of the Syslog protocol (RFC number: 3164) <http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html>

To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Logging and Status' option.

Appendix 6 – Addresses, masks and ports

IP address, network masks and ports are all closely linked in the quest for one device to find another across disparate network links.

IP addresses

As a rough analogy, consider how you use the telephone system. The phone number for Adder Technology in the UK is **0044 (0)1954 780044**. This number consists of three distinct parts:

- **0044** connects from another country to the UK
- **(0)1954** selects the main telephone exchange in the Bar Hill area of Cambridgeshire, and
- **780044** is the unique code for Adder Technology within Bar Hill.

The important parts of the whole number depend on where you are. If you were based in the same local area as Adder Technology, there would be no point in dialling out of the UK, or even out of the area. The only part of the whole number that you are interested in is the final part: 780044.

In a similar way to the various parts of the telephone number, the four sections (or *Octets*) of every IP address have different meanings or “weights”. Consider the following typical IP address:

192.168.142.154

192 is the most global part of the number (akin to the *0044* of the phone number) and **154** is the most local (similar to the *780044* unique local code of the phone number).

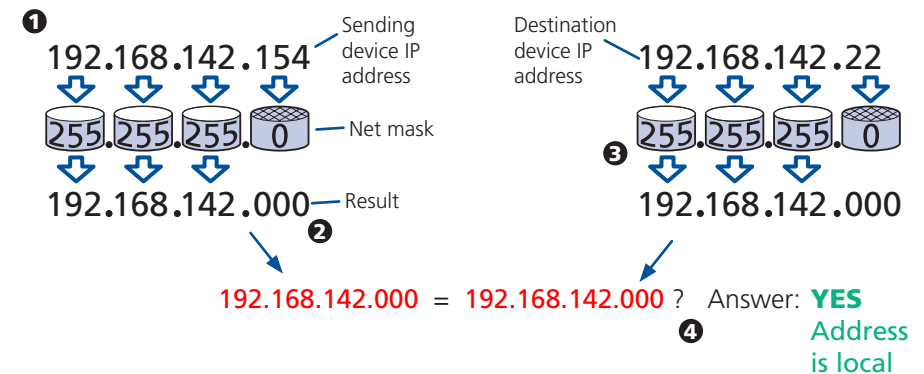
When two network devices communicate with each other, they always “dial the whole number” regardless of their respective locations in a network. However, they still need to know whether the other device is local to them or not, and this is where the net mask comes into play.

Net masks

The net mask (or sub-net mask) informs a device as to its own position within a network. From this it can determine whether any other device is within the same local network or is situated further afield.

Taking the telephone number analogy given in the IP address section, in order to use the telephone system efficiently, it is vital for you to know your location relative to the person you are calling. In this way you avoid dialling unnecessary numbers.

When one network device needs to talk to another, the first thing that it will do is a quick calculation using its own IP address, the other device’s IP address and its own net mask. Suppose a device with address **192.168.142.154** and net mask **255.255.255.0** needed to communicate with a device at address **192.168.142.22**. The sending device would perform several calculations:



- 1** The net mask is used to determine the local and global parts of the sender’s IP address. Where there is 255 in the mask, the corresponding address slips through, where there is a 0, it is blocked.
- 2** Where the net mask was 0, the corresponding part of the result is also zero - this section is now known to be the local part of the IP address.
- 3** The same process is carried out for the destination address, again using the sender’s net mask. Now the local parts of both addresses have been equalised to zero, because their values are not important in determining whether they are both in the same local network.
- 4** The results of the two net mask operations are now compared, if they match, the destination is local. If not, then the sender will still use the same full destination IP address but will also flag the message to go via the local network gateway and out into the wider world.

The reason for doing this? It makes the network, as a whole, much more efficient. If every message for every recipient was shoved straight out onto the Internet, the whole thing would grind to a halt within seconds. Net masks keep local traffic just that - local.

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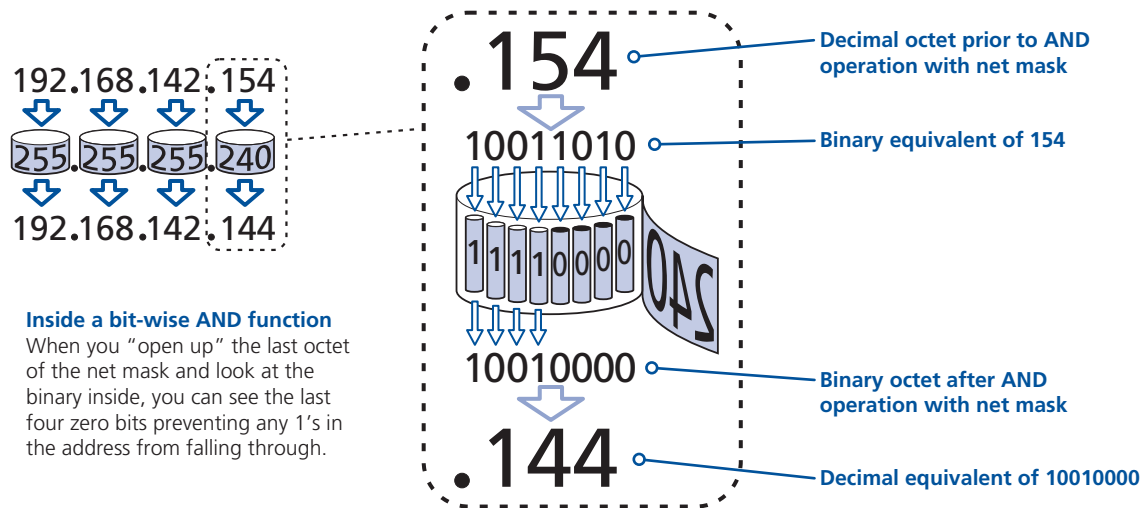
Net masks - the binary explanation

To really understand the operation of a net mask it is necessary to delve deeper into the life blood of computers – *binary*; this is native digital, where everything is either a 1 (one) or 0 (zero), on or off, yes or no.

The net mask operation described on the [previous page](#) is known as a ‘bit-wise AND function’. The example of 255.255.255.0 is handy because the last octet is completely zero and is “clean” for illustrative purposes. However, actual net mask calculations are carried out, not on whole decimal numbers, but bit by bit on binary numbers, hence the term ‘bit-wise’. In a real local network, a net mask might be 255.255.255.240. Such an example would no longer be quite so clear, until you look at the net mask in its binary form:

11111111.11111111.11111111.11110000

In this case, the four zeroes at the end of the net mask indicate that the local part of the address is formed by only the last four bits. If you use the diagram from the previous example and insert the new net mask, it will have the following effect on the final result:



Thus, when 154 is *bit-wise ANDed* with 240, the result is 144. Likewise, any local address from 192.168.142.144 through to 192.168.142.159 would produce exactly the same result when combined with this net mask, hence they would all be local addresses. However, any difference in the upper three octets or the upper four bits of the last octet would slip through the mask and the address would be flagged as not being local.

Calculating the mask for IP access control

The IP access control function uses a standard IP address and a net mask notation to specify both single locations and ranges of addresses. In order to use this function correctly, you need to calculate the mask so that it accurately encompasses the required address(es).

Single locations

Some of the simplest addresses to allow or deny are single locations. In this case you enter the required IP address into the 'Network/Address' field and simply enter the 'Mask' as **255.255.255.255** (*255 used throughout the mask means that every bit of the address will be compared and so there can only be one unique address to match the one stated in the 'Network/Address' field*).

All locations

The other easy setting to make is ALL addresses, using the mask **0.0.0.0**. As standard, the IP access control section includes the entry: **+0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0**. The purpose of this entry is to *include* all IP addresses. It is possible to similarly *exclude* all addresses, however, take great care not to do this as you instantly render all network access void. There is a [recovery procedure](#) should this occur.

Address ranges

Although you can define ranges of addresses, due to the way that the mask operates, there are certain restrictions on the particular ranges that can be set. For any given address you can encompass neighbouring addresses in blocks of either 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, etc. and these must fall on particular boundaries. For instance, if you wanted to define the local address range:

192.168.142.67 to 192.168.142.93

The closest single block to cover the range would be the 32 addresses from:

192.168.142.64 to 192.168.142.95.

The mask needed to accomplish this would be: **255.255.255.224**

When you look at the mask in binary, the picture becomes a little clearer. The above mask has the form: **11111111.11111111.11111111.11100000**

Ignoring the initial three octets, the final six zeroes of the mask would ensure that the 32 addresses from .64 (01000000) to .95 (01011111) would all be treated in the same manner. See [Net masks - the binary explanation](#) for details.

When defining a mask, the important rule to remember is:

There must be no 'ones' to the right of a 'zero'.

For instance, (ignoring the first three octets) you could not use a mask that had **11100110** because this would affect intermittent addresses within a range in an impractical manner. The same rule applies across the octets. For example, if you have zeroes in the third octet, then all of the fourth octet must be zeroes.

The permissible mask values (for all octets) are as follows:

| Mask octet | Binary | Number of addresses encompassed |
|------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 255 | 11111111 | 1 address |
| 254 | 11111110 | 2 addresses |
| 252 | 11111100 | 4 addresses |
| 248 | 11111000 | 8 addresses |
| 240 | 11110000 | 16 addresses |
| 224 | 11100000 | 32 addresses |
| 192 | 11000000 | 64 addresses |
| 128 | 10000000 | 128 addresses |
| 0 | 00000000 | 256 addresses |

If the access control range that you need to define is not possible using one address and one mask, then you could break it down into two or more entries. Each of these entries could then use smaller ranges (of differing sizes) that, when combined with the other entries, cover the range that you require.

For instance, to accurately encompass the range in the earlier example:

192.168.142.67 to 192.168.142.93

You would need to define the following six address and mask combinations in the IP access control section:

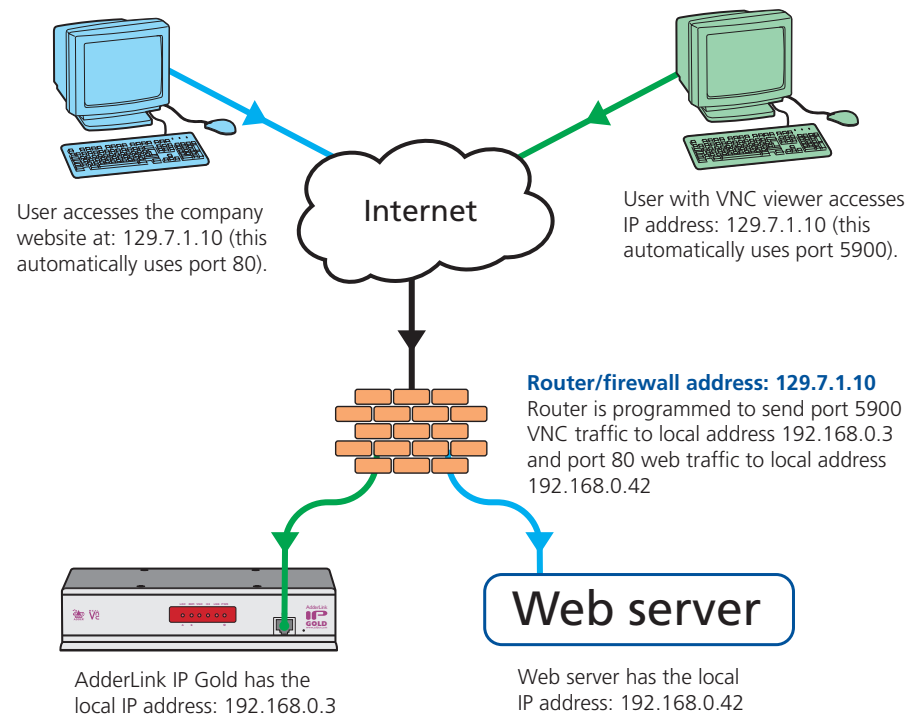
| Network/address entry | Mask entry | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 192.168.142.67 | 255.255.255.255 | defines 1 address (.67) |
| 192.168.142.68 | 255.255.255.252 | defines 4 addresses (.68 to .71) |
| 192.168.142.72 | 255.255.255.248 | defines 8 addresses (.72 to .79) |
| 192.168.142.80 | 255.255.255.248 | defines 8 addresses (.80 to .87) |
| 192.168.142.88 | 255.255.255.252 | defines 4 addresses (.88 to .92) |
| 192.168.142.93 | 255.255.255.255 | defines 1 address (.93) |

Ports

If you accept the analogy of [IP addresses](#) being rather like telephone numbers, then think of ports as extension numbers. In a company of any size, you generally wouldn't expect the accounts department to share the same telephone with the technical department. Although their calls may all be related to the same company, they concern very different aspects of that company.

It is the same with IP network connections. Although you have only one network link into your computer and only one IP address (phone number), you are probably performing many different tasks through that one link, often at the same time. Thus, when you browse the web your outgoing requests and the incoming information are all channelled through port 80. When you send an email, it travels through port 25 and when you transfer files you are, without knowing it, using port 20.

At the "border crossing" between the wider Internet and every local network attached to it, there is a router that is usually combined with a firewall. One of its main tasks is to direct incoming traffic to the correct place within its local network. A key piece of information to help it do this is the port number:



Security issues with ports

The settings of port numbers become important when the AdderLink IP is situated behind a network firewall. In order for a remote VNC viewer or web browser to make contact with your AdderLink IP Gold, it is necessary for the firewall to allow communication through a particular numbered port to occur.

One specific function of firewalls is to restrict access to ports in order to prevent malicious attackers using them as a route into your network. Every new port that is opened offers a new possibility for hackers and so the number of accessible ports is purposefully kept to a minimum. In such cases, it may be advantageous to change one or both AdderLink IP Gold ports to use the same number. The other alternative is to place the AdderLink IP Gold unit outside the firewall and take full advantage of its secure operation features – see [Networking issues](#) for details.

IMPORTANT: The correct configuration of routers and firewalls requires advanced networking skills and intimate knowledge of the particular network. Adder Technology cannot provide specific advice on how to configure your network devices and strongly recommend that such tasks are carried out by a qualified professional.



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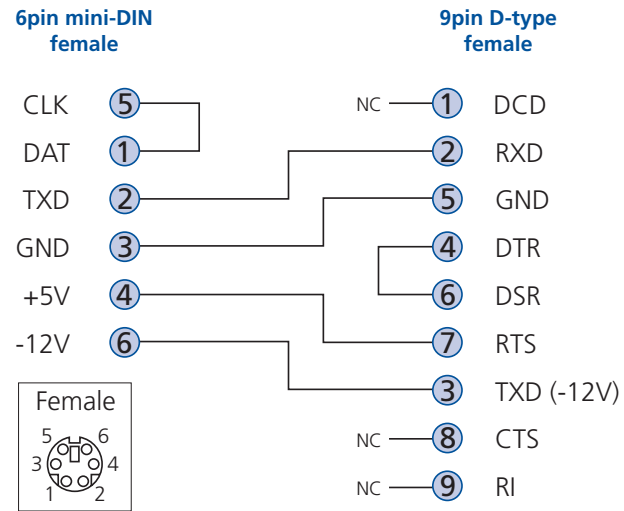
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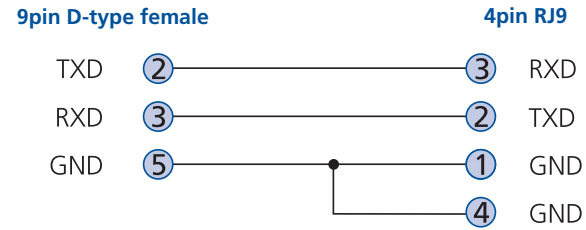
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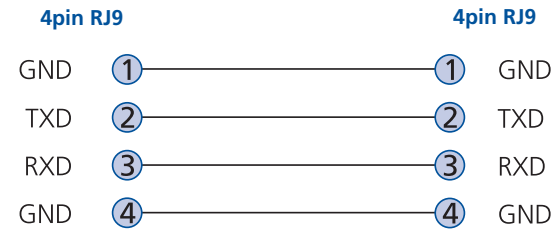
RS232 serial mouse to PS/2 converter cable



AdderLink IP Gold to power switch cable



Power switch to power switch daisy chain cable



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Appendix 8 – Hotkey sequence codes

These codes are used when defining hotkey switching sequences (macros) for host computers and allow you to include almost any of the special keys on the keyboard.

Permissible key presses

Main control keys (see 'Using abbreviations')

Backspace | Tab | Return | Enter | Ctrl | Alt | Win | Shift | LShift | RShift
LCtrl | RCtrl | LAlt | AltGr | RAlt | LWin | RWin | Menu | Escape | Space
CapsLock | NumLock | PrintScreen | Scrolllock

Math operand keys (see 'Using abbreviations')

Add (Plus) | Subtract (Minus) | Multiply

Central control keys (see 'Using abbreviations')

Insert | Delete | Home | End | PageUp | PageDown
Up | Down | Left | Right | Print | Pause

Keypad keys (see 'Using abbreviations')

KP_Insert | KP_Delete | KP_Home | KP_End | KP_PageUp
KP_PageDown | KP_Up | KP_Down | KP_Left | KP_Right | KP_Enter
KP_Add | KP_Subtract | KP_Divide | KP_Multiply
KP_0 to KP_9

Function keys

F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | F5 | F6 | F7 | F8 | F9 | F10 | F11 | F12

ASCII characters

All characters can be entered using their ASCII codes, from 32 to 126 (i.e. A,B,C, ... 1,2,3 etc.) with the exception of the special characters '+', '-', '+-' and '*' which have special meanings, as explained below.

Codes with special meanings

- + means press down the key that follows
- means release the key that follows
- +– means press down and release the key that follows
- * means wait 250ms (note: if a number immediately follows the asterisk, then the delay will equal the number, in milliseconds)

Note: Hotkey sequences are not case sensitive.

Creating macro sequences

Hot key macro sequences can be up to 256 characters long. All keys are assumed to be released at the end of a line, however, you can also determine that a key is pressed and released within a sequence. Any of the following three examples will send a command that emulates and a press and release of the Scroll Lock key:

```
+SCROLL-SCROLL  
+-SCROLL  
+SCROLL-
```

Example:

```
+-SCROLL+-SCROLL+1+ENTER
```

Press and release scroll twice, press 1 then enter then release all keys (equivalent definition is +SCROLL-SCROLL+SCROLL-SCROLL+1+ENTER-1-ENTER)

Using abbreviations

To reduce the length of the key definitions, any unique abbreviation for a key can be used. For example: "scroll", "scr" and even "sc" all provide an identifiable match for "ScrollLock" whereas "en" could not be used because it might mean "Enter" or "End" ("ent" would be suitable for "Enter").

Note: Hotkey sequences and abbreviations are not case sensitive.

For information about where to enter these codes, please see the sections [Host configuration](#) or [Keyboard control](#).



Appendix 9 – Supported video modes

The following video modes are supported and can be automatically configured by the AdderLink IP Gold. If a recognised video mode cannot be found, the AdderLink IP Gold will gradually change some of the key parameters to discover whether a video lock can be achieved. Support for VESA GTF (Generalized Timing Formula) is available and can be enabled via the [Advanced Unit Configuration](#) screen.

The half width video modes capture every other pixel. These are not generally recommended for normal use but may be used for emergency access to high resolution, high frequency system screens. Half width screens can be expanded to normal width using the scaling features of the viewer.

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| vesa 720 x 400 @ 85Hz | vesa 720 x 400 @ 70Hz* |
| vesa 640 x 480 @ 60Hz | sun 1152 x 900 @ 66Hz |
| vesa 640 x 480 @ 72Hz | sun 1152 x 900 @ 76Hz |
| vesa 640 x 480 @ 75Hz | sun 1280 x 1024 @ 67Hz |
| vesa 640 x 480 @ 85Hz | apple 640 x 480 @ 67Hz |
| vesa 800 x 600 @ 56Hz | apple 832 x 624 @ 75Hz |
| vesa 800 x 600 @ 60Hz | apple 1152 x 870 @ 75Hz |
| vesa 800 x 600 @ 72Hz | |
| vesa 800 x 600 @ 75Hz | |
| vesa 800 x 600 @ 85Hz | |
| vesa 1024 x 768 @ 60Hz | |
| vesa 1024 x 768 @ 70Hz | |
| vesa 1024 x 768 @ 75Hz | |
| vesa 1024 x 768 @ 85Hz | |
| vesa 1152 x 864 @ 75Hz | |
| vesa 1280 x 960 @ 60Hz | |
| vesa 1280 x 1024 @ 60Hz | |
| vesa 1280 x 1024 @ 75Hz | |
| vesa 1600 x 1200 @ 60Hz | |
| vesa 1600 x 1200 @ 65Hz half-width | |
| vesa 1600 x 1200 @ 70Hz half-width | |
| vesa 1600 x 1200 @ 75Hz half-width | |
| vesa 1600 x 1200 @ 85Hz half-width | |

* Not actually a VESA mode but a common DOS/BIOS mode



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Other products in the Adder range

The following complementary KVM switch devices are available:

- SmartView 4XPRO 16 port (part code: SV4X16)
- SmartView 2XPRO 8 port (part code: SV2X8)
- SmartView 2XPRO 4 port (part code: SV2X4)
- AdderView Matrix 208 (part code: AVM208)
- AdderView Matrix 108 Multiplatform (part code: AVM108MP)
- AdderView Matrix 208 Multiplatform (part code: AVM208MP)
- AdderView Matrix 216 (part code: AVM216)
- AdderView Matrix 216 Multiplatform (part code: AVM216MP)
- AdderView CATx 16 (part code: AVX4016)
- AdderView CATx 24 (part code: AVX4024)
- AdderView CATx IP 16 (part code: AVX4016IP)
- AdderView CATx IP 24 (part code: AVX4024IP)

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- For use in dry, oil free indoor environments only.
- Warning - live parts contained within power adapter.
- No user serviceable parts within power adapter - do not dismantle.
- Plug the power adapter into a socket outlet close to the module that it is powering.
- Replace the power adapter with a manufacturer approved type only.
- Do not use the power adapter if the power adapter case becomes damaged, cracked or broken or if you suspect that it is not operating properly.
- If you use a power extension cord with the AdderLink IP Gold, make sure the total ampere rating of the devices plugged into the extension cord does not exceed the cord's ampere rating. Also, make sure that the total ampere rating of all the devices plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed the wall outlet's ampere rating.
- Do not attempt to service the AdderLink IP Gold yourself.

Safety considerations when using power switches with AdderLink IP Gold

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when setting up and using power switching products.
- Always ensure that the total ampere rating of the devices plugged into the power switching product does not exceed the power switching product's ampere rating. Also, make sure that the total ampere rating of all the devices plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed the wall outlet's ampere rating.

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All other interface cables used with this equipment must be shielded in order to maintain compliance with radio frequency energy emission regulations and ensure a suitably high level of immunity to electromagnetic disturbances.

European EMC directive 89/336/EEC

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class A computing device in accordance with the specifications in the European standard EN55022. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions may cause harmful interference to radio or television reception. However, there is no guarantee that harmful interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment on and off, the user is encouraged to correct the interference with one or more of the following measures: (a) Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna. (b) Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver. (c) Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected. (d) Consult the supplier or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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