



QPSK Installation Instructions for System Release 2.7/3.7/4.2 and Earlier

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Important

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About This Guide

Introduction

This document provides procedures for installing the Quadrature Phase-Shift Keying (QPSK) software on the Model D9484 QPSK Modulator. This document also contains instructions for restoring the previous version of QPSK software in the unlikely event that the upgrade is not successful.

Important: Use this document in conjunction with the QPSK software release notes for the software version that you are installing. The software release notes provide information about the software, such as new features, compatibility with system releases, and the installation media and tools.

Scope

This document provides instructions for installing QPSK software on a QPSK Modulator. It does not provide instructions for installing a QPSK Modulator or QPSK Demodulator in your headend.

Notes:

- For instructions to install a QPSK Modulator in your headend, refer to *Model D9482 DAVIC QPSK Modulator Installation and Operation Guide* (part number 545607).
- For instructions to install a QPSK Demodulator in your headend, refer to *Model D9494 DAVIC QPSK Demodulator Installation and Operation Guide* (part number 4022032).

Audience

These instructions are written for headend technicians using the Model D9484 QPSK Modulator with either the SA Resident Application (SARA) or a third-party resident application.

These instructions are also written for Cisco® Services engineers and cable service provider personnel qualified in the following skills required to complete the upgrade process successfully:

- Working knowledge of UNIX vi editor or the text editor on your system
- Recognizing differences between system errors currently seen on your Digital Broadband Delivery System (DBDS) network and new DBDS network errors
- Troubleshooting for basic system errors
- Working knowledge of Solaris

Related Publications

You may find the following publications useful as resources when you implement the procedures in this document. For more information regarding these publications, visit our website:

<https://www.sciatl.com/subscriberextranet/techpubs>

You need a user name and password to access this website. If you do not have a user name and password, contact the representative who handles your account. You may need to install a PDF reader, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, on your system to view these documents.

- *Adding and Splitting QPSK Modulators for System Release 2.2 Service Pack 3 and Earlier* (part number 4004456)
- *Adding and Splitting QPSK Modulators for System Releases 2.5, 3.5, and 4.0* (part number 4002549)
- *Adding and Splitting QPSK Modulators for System Release 2.7/3.7/4.2 and Later Technical Bulletin* (part number 4015109)
- *Configuring Variable Length Subnet Masks in System Release 2.1 or 3.0 Upgrades* (part number 4000375)
- *Model D9482 DAVIC QPSK Modulator Installation and Operation Guide* (part number 545607)
- *Model D9494 DAVIC QPSK Demodulator Installation and Operation Guide* (part number 4022032)
- *Operations Alert Bulletin: Introducing the New Model D9494 QPSK Demodulator* (part number 4022034)
- *QPSK D9494 Demodulator Quick Reference* (part number 4022033)
- *QPSK Software Release Notes* (for the version of QPSK software that you are installing)

Document Version

This is the first formal release of this document.

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Upgrading the QPSK Software

Introduction

This chapter includes procedures to determine your current version of QPSK software and describes how to upgrade to the latest version of QPSK software.

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The Upgrade Process

Introduction

This section provides a timeline for each stage of the QPSK software upgrade and installation process. Read this section carefully; some of these procedures are not addressed in system release installation instructions.

Is Service Impacted During the Upgrade?

The service impact to subscribers will vary based on the applications installed on your system and how the applications react to a loss of both the forward and reverse QPSK data paths. For a subscriber not actively using an interactive application, the outage will most likely go unnoticed.

When the QPSK starts to load new software, all of the DHCTs will lose IP connectivity and the two-way mode. Depending on the system, these DHCTs may take a few minutes to several hours to reconnect. The DHCTs will be unable to use interactive services until they receive a new IP address.

Taking Advantage of the VLSM Feature

To take advantage of variable-length subnet masks (VLSM), you must have SR 2.x/3.x or later installed. SR 2.x/3.x and later utilize the Solaris 8 operating system (OS) that includes full support for VLSM. To optimize network configuration and to take advantage of VLSM network technology, we recommend that you modify all applicable network configuration files on both the Digital Network Control System (DNCS) and the Application Server when upgrading to SR 2.x/3.x or later.

How Much Time is Required to Install the New QPSK Software?

The initial monitoring of the system and installing the QPSK software requires approximately 2 hours. When installation is complete, continue to monitor the DHCT sign-on traffic for several hours. The following table provides a description and approximate time required for each stage of the QPSK upgrade and installation process.

Stage	Description	Time Required	Refer to
1	Monitor the available DNCS disk space. If the percentage of used disk space exceeds 80 percent, the DNCS is at risk of becoming full, which would cause the DNCS to stop abruptly.	5 minutes	<i>Monitor the DNCS Disk Space</i> (on page 6)

Stage	Description	Time Required	Refer to
2	Monitor the DHCT sign-on rates using the data produced by the signonCount utility. Review the signonCount utility Help window for an understanding of the procedure.	30 - 60 minutes	<i>Monitor DHCT Sign-on Rates</i> (on page 7)
3	Set the DNCS tracing levels to trace the maximum level of sign-on activity.	5 minutes	<i>Set DNCS Tracing Levels</i> (on page 9)
4	Display and interpret the data produced by the signonCount utility so you can take appropriate action.	30 - 60 minutes	<i>What to Look for in the signonCount Data</i> (on page 12)
5	Obtain the software either by ordering the software CD or by connecting to an FTP server maintained by Cisco Services.	5 minutes	<i>Obtain the Software</i> (on page 16)
6	Install the QPSK software onto the DNCS.	15 minutes	<i>Install QPSK Software onto the DNCS</i> (on page 18)
7	Reset a QPSK modulator. Allow the new QPSK software to download to the QPSK modulator. Verify that the software successfully downloaded to the QPSK modulator. Monitor DHCTs as they reconnect to the system.	15 minutes per unit, average	The following sections in this guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Download Software to the QPSK Modulators</i> (on page 22) ■ <i>Continue to Monitor the DHCT Sign-On Traffic</i> (on page 31)
8	After downloading the QPSK software to all modulators, continue to monitor the DHCT sign-on traffic for 10 to 48 hours. Note: You do not need to watch the sign-on traffic continuously for 10 to 48 hours. You should check occasionally during this time to ensure that the total number of responding DHCTs is returning to the pre-upgrade level.	10 - 48 hours	<i>Continue to Monitor the DHCT Sign-On Traffic</i> (on page 31)

Verify the Current Software Version on the DNCS

Introduction

Before attempting to upgrade to the latest QPSK software version, verify the number of configuration files in use and what QPSK software version is associated with each configuration file.

On occasion, for testing purposes, the configuration file for a test device or a set of test devices is changed to a non-standard value (for example `qpsk111.config` instead of `qpsk.config`). If your site has been involved in this type of testing (and you are now ready to use the released code again), you should update the configuration file setting for your test units to reflect the default values.

Note: The default configuration file for the QPSK is `/tftpboot/qpsk.config`.

Failure to correct a unit from using a unique configuration will result in the unit remaining in the uniquely specified configuration. Specifically, it will not load the new code and it will continue to load the code specified in the unique configuration file.

In extremely rare cases, the configuration file may have been specified in or may need to be specified in the `/etc/bootptab` file. In the event that a headend device fails to load the code you intended it to receive, you should check to see if a unique file was specified either through the DNCS GUI or in the `/etc/bootptab` file before contacting Cisco Services for assistance.

Checking for Multiple Config Files

- 1 From the DNCS Administrative Console, click **Utilities** and click **xterm**. The xterm window opens.
- 2 Type `dbaccess dnscsdb <<%` and press **Enter**.
- 3 Type `unload to qpskdata select qmod_name, configfile from davic_qpsk;` and press **Enter**.
- 4 Type `%` and press **Enter**. A result, similar to the following output, appears.

```
Database selected.  
  
5 row(s) unloaded.  
  
Database closed.
```

- 5 Type **more qpskdata** and press **Enter**. A result, similar to the following output, appears.

```

> more qpskdata
HUB1QPSK1|qpsk.config|
HUB2QPSK1|qpsk.config|
HUB3QPSK2|qpsk.config|
HUB4QPSK2|qpsk.config|
HUB1QPSKtest3|qpsk.test|
    
```

Notice that two different config files exist

- 6 Did more than one config file appear?
 - If **yes**, keep the xterm window open and go to step 7.
 - If **no**, go to *Checking the Software Version Associated with the config File* (on page 5).
- 7 Do you need to continue to run different versions of QPSK software on some QPSKs in your network?
 - If **yes**, refer to *Load Multiple Versions of QPSK Code* (on page 41).
 - If **no**, go to step 8.
- 8 Update the QPSKs to use the same config file by performing the following steps:
 - a From the DNCS Administrative Console, click **Network Element Provisioning** and click **QPSK**. The QPSK List window opens.
 - b Select the QPSK, click **File** and select **Open**. The Set Up QPSK window opens.
 - c Click **Advanced Parameters** and modify the configuration file, as needed.
- 9 Go to *Checking the Software Version Associated with the config File* (on page 5).

Checking the Software Version Associated with the config File

- 1 From the xterm window, type **cd /tftpboot** and press **Enter**. The tftpboot directory becomes the working directory.
- 2 For each unique config file identified in *Checking for Multiple config Files* (on page 4), type **grep Appl <config file name>** and press **Enter**.

Example: `grep Appl qpsk.config`

Result: A result, similar to the following output, appears.

```

flame:/export/home/dnacs$ >cd /tftpboot
flame:/tftpboot$ >grep A302 qpsk.config
setenv lbcfil A302 G08
flame:/tftpboot$ >
    
```

Indicates version G08 is in use with the qpsk.config file

- 3 Is the proper version of software installed?
 - If **yes**, type **exit** and press **Enter**. You do not need to upgrade the QPSK software.
 - If **no**, go to *The Upgrade Process* (on page 2).

Monitor the DNCS Disk Space

Introduction

The utilities used in monitoring the system while you are loading new software require that you enable the process tracing for some DNCS functions. This tracing may result in a significant increase in the size of the dncsLog file. If allowed to grow unchecked, the dncsLog file could, in rare cases, fill the hard disk and as a result cause the DNCS to stop functioning.

The procedures in this section describe how to monitor the DNCS disk space that is presently available. The procedures also indicate when to call Cisco Services to take action should the system start to run low on storage space. Use these monitoring procedures each time you are directed to check available disk space.

Monitoring Available Disk Space

- 1 From an xterm window, type **df -k** and press **Enter**. A list of DNCS files and disk space appears in the xterm window.

```

alvin:/export/home/dnCS$ >df -k
Filesystem          kbytes  used  avail capacity  Mounted on
/dev/md/dsk/d500    494235 275932 168880    63% /
/dev/md/dsk/d506    1018191 712840 244260    75% /usr
/proc                0         0         0     0% /proc
fd                   0         0         0     0% /dev/fd
mnttab               0         0         0     0% /etc/mnttab
/dev/md/dsk/d503    2056211 314733 1679792    15% /var
swap                1449184      24 1449160     1% /var/run
swap                1450496    1336 1449160     1% /tmp
/dev/md/dsk/d510    6947697 5055002 1823219    74% /disk1
/dev/md/dsk/d507    8497745 8412778      0 100% /export/home
cable:/tool_8       33306646 12877640 20095940    40% /tool_8
pigpen:/opt/SUNWspr 17408538 3871514 13362939    23% /opt/SUNWspr
/vol/dev/dsk/ct6d0/dnCS 14234 14234      0 100% /cdrom/dnCS
alvin:/export/home/dnCS$ >

```

- 2 Locate **/var** in the **Mounted On** column, and locate the **percentage** that relates to **/var** in the **Capacity** column.
- 3 Is the capacity of used disk space in **/var** less than 80 percent?
 - If **yes**, it is safe to set the tracing levels for DNCS processes. But first, go to *Monitor DHCT Sign-on Rates* (on page 7) to understand how the signonCount utility can facilitate the DHCT sign-on process.
 - If **no**, call Cisco Services for assistance in freeing up space.

Monitor DHCT Sign-on Rates

Introduction

When DHCTs download new software for the operating system and resident application, they lose the contents of their volatile memory. After the download, DHCTs sign back on to the network and their network configuration data is reloaded. The `signonCount` utility is useful in monitoring the rate at which DHCTs sign on to the network.

Because some DHCTs make repeated attempts to sign on to the network before they are successful, too many sign-on attempts by DHCTs contribute to network congestion. The `signonCount` utility can help system operators quickly identify those DHCTs that are having trouble signing on, and the utility can then be used to facilitate the DHCT sign-on process.

When to Use the `signonCount` Utility

The `signonCount` utility enables system operators and our engineers to monitor the rate at which DHCTs sign on to the network. This monitoring is required in the following circumstances:

- When the QPSK modulator and demodulator software is upgraded – in this case, the `signonCount` utility is used in the following two situations:
 - The first situation is to determine if the system is healthy enough to be upgraded. If it is not, the `signonCount` utility also provides a secondary mode of operation that can dramatically improve the health of the system prior to moving forward with the upgrade.
 - The second situation is to use the `signonCount` utility to provide more meaningful guidance regarding when you can move forward with upgrading the next QPSK modulator. Previous upgrade guides instructed you either to wait a little while between upgrading units or to monitor the log file, but they offered no real tools to help in this effort.
- When DHCTs download new software – DHCTs lose the contents of their volatile memory when the DHCT downloads new software for the operating system and resident application. DHCTs reconnect to the network after the download, and the memory that contained information about the DHCT network connection (IP address, transmit timing, and level) is re-loaded. For systems that are forced to rapidly load DHCT software, the `signonCount` utility is useful in determining when to trigger the next group of DHCTs to load code.

Two Modes of Operation

You can run the `signonCount` utility in two modes: **Fix Mode Off** and **Fix Mode On**. Both modes help system operators monitor the rate at which DHCTs are trying to sign on to the network:

- When run in *Fix Mode Off*, the utility takes no corrective action regarding DHCTs that are having difficulty signing on.
- When run in *Fix Mode On*, however, the utility reboots those DHCTs that have tried to sign on more than three times during a 10-minute period.

Note: By forcing DHCTs that are having trouble signing on to reboot, the memory in the DHCT is refreshed and the sign-on process is made easier.

Important: By default, the utility runs in *Fix Mode Off*. Because the utility interacts with the database when run in *Fix Mode On*, we recommend that you contact Cisco Services before switching modes.

Accessing the `signonCount` Help Window

The DNCS provides an online help window for the `signonCount` utility. The information in the help window may supplement the information and procedures in these instructions.

Note: If the `signonCount` utility is not currently installed on your system, call Cisco Services for assistance.

To access the `signonCount` utility help window, complete the following instructions.

- 1 Open an `xterm` window on the DNCS and then maximize the window.
- 2 Type `signonCount -h` and press **Enter**. The help window for the `signonCount` utility opens.
- 3 Press the **Spacebar** as often as necessary to page through the help window.

Set DNCS Tracing Levels

Introduction

Before you begin using the signonCount utility, you need to set the tracing levels of three DNCS processes to level 2. By setting the tracing levels for these processes to level 2, you ensure that the DNCS captures the maximum level of detail for these processes. The three DNCS processes are:

- hctmConfig
- hctmMac
- hctmProvision



CAUTION:

Activating the tracing process as described in this section could cause the dnsclog file to grow large enough to fill the hard disk. If this is allowed to happen, the DNCS will stop functioning. While gathering data, carefully monitor the disk usage.

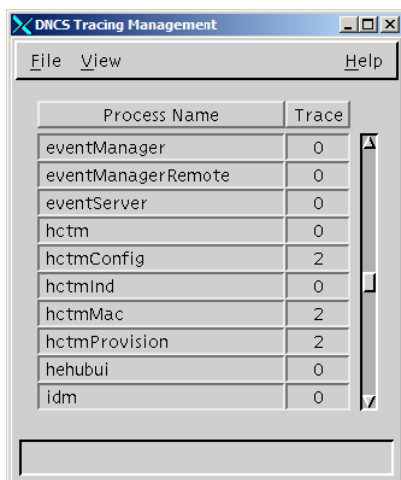
Once you begin the tracing process, do not leave the DNCS unattended. The disk space capacity must be closely monitored because it can change rapidly.

If the disk space capacity approaches or exceeds 80 percent, call Cisco Services immediately.

Setting the DNCS Tracing Levels

To set the tracing levels of the hctmConfig, hctmMac, and hctmProvision processes to level 2, complete the following instructions.

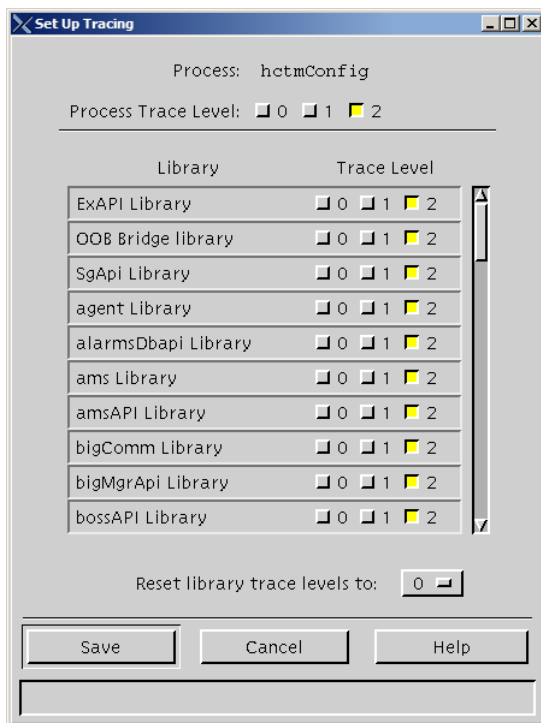
- 1 From the DNCS Administrative Console, select the **Utilities** tab.
- 2 Click **Tracing**. The DNCS Tracing Management window opens.
- 3 Scroll until the hctmConfig, hctmMac, and hctmProvision processes come into view.



- 4 Are the tracing levels, in the Trace column, for all three of these processes already set to 2?
 - If **yes**, go to *What to Look for in the signonCount Data* (on page 12).
 - If **no**, go to step 5 to begin setting the tracing levels.
- 5 Double-click one of the processes. The Set Up Tracing window opens.

Example: Double-click **hctmConfig**.

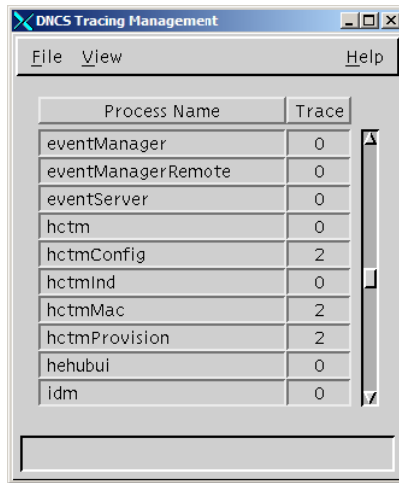
- 6 Select **2** in the **Process Trace Level** field and then click **Save**. The DNCS Tracing Management window updates with the new tracing level, and the Set Up Tracing window closes.



- 7 Repeat steps 5 and 6 to update the tracing level to 2 for the other two processes (if necessary).

Set DNCS Tracing Levels

- 8 When you are finished, the DNCS Tracing Management window should look like the following example. The tracing levels for the hctmConfig, hctmMac, and hctmProvision utilities are set to level 2.



- 9 Click **File** and select **Close** to close the DNCS Tracing Management window.
- 10 Go to *What to Look for in the signonCount Data* (on page 12).

What to Look for in the signonCount Data

Introduction

This section provides instructions on how to display the signonCount utility interface, provides an explanation of each field of the interface, and states which fields you should focus on first.

Displaying the signonCount Interface

To display the interface of the signonCount utility, complete the following instructions.

- 1 Open an xterm window on the DNCS.
- 2 Click and drag the edges of the xterm window to maximize the screen width. The signonCount utility fills the width of the screen with data.
- 3 Type **signonCount** and press **Enter**. The signonCount utility interface opens.
- 4 Look at the following example of the signonCount utility interface; then, go to *Understanding the signonCount Utility Data Fields* (on page 12).

signonCount Utility Example

The signonCount utility interface is similar to the following example.

```

xterm
$ signonCount
*****
<<----- SETTOP SIGNON STATUS ----->>
TIME      FIX Mode  Verified Rcvd Sent  DAVIC Made  UN-Config Rcvd Sent  DAVIC Lost  Threshold Exceeds Ver  UCfg  Inv DHCT HCT Wrng Type Mod  Total In-Srvc 2-Way  Total NonResponding w/o IP  Total DHCTs w/IP  Total DAVIC 2-Way  NUM of DHCT CHANGE  TOTAL PERCENT SIGN-ON  QPSK Reboots
Aug 01 14:04:41  OFF      0 0      0      0 0      0      0 0      0 0 0      9405 4337 103 4965 4965 0 52.79%
Aug 01 14:05:43  OFF      0 0      0      0 0      0      0 0      0 0 0      9405 4337 103 4965 4965 0 52.79%
Aug 01 14:06:44  OFF      0 0      0      0 0      0      0 0      0 0 0      9405 4337 103 4965 4965 0 52.79%
Aug 01 14:07:45  OFF      0 0      0      0 0      0      0 0      0 0 0      9405 4337 103 4965 4965 0 52.79%

```

Understanding the signonCount Utility Data Fields

This section provides an explanation of the meaning associated with each field of the signonCount utility.

TIME The system polls the communication link between the QPSK modulators and the DNCS every minute and records the date and time.

FIX Mode	<p>This field reveals whether the signonCount utility is configured to correct DHCT sign-on problems (Fix Mode On) or whether the utility is running in information-only mode (Fix Mode Off).</p> <p>Important: Do not change modes unless you have been instructed to do so by Cisco Services engineers.</p> <p>Note: By default, the utility runs in Fix Mode Off.</p>
Verified Rcvd	The QPSK modulator reports the number of DHCTs that have made sign-on requests.
Verified Sent	The DNCS has responded to this number of DHCTs.
DAVIC Made	The QPSK modulator reports the number of DHCTs that have connected to the QPSK modulator and are waiting for UN-Config information.
UN-Config Rcvd	<p>This number of DHCTs is requesting a UN-Config message from the DNCS.</p> <p>The UN-Config message contains information, like an IP address, that allows DHCTs to sign on to the network.</p>
UN-Config Sent	<p>The DNCS has sent this number of UN-Config messages to DHCTs, allowing the DHCTs to sign on to the network.</p> <p>At this point, the DHCTs are physically in two-way mode and have completed the sign-on process.</p>
DAVIC Lost	<p>This field indicates the number of DHCTs that have lost the communication link with the QPSK modulator.</p> <p>The QPSK modulator then sends a message to DHCTs that have lost the communication link. The message requests that the DHCTs recalibrate themselves with the modulator so the entire sign-on process can begin again.</p>
Threshold Exceeds Ver	The DNCS reports the number of DHCTs that simultaneously attempt to verify their configuration in excess of what the system queues allow. The numbers in this column should be zero.
Threshold Exceeds UCfg	The DNCS reports the number of DHCTs that simultaneously attempt to sign on to the system in excess of what the system queues allow. The numbers in this column should be zero.
Inv HCT Type	This field represents the number of DHCTs reporting a DHCT type that does not match the values presently in the database.

IHCT Wrng Mod	This field represents the number of DHCTs that have responded through a QPSK modulator that differs from the modulator through which the DHCT responded in the past. Numbers in this column typically represent DHCTs that have been moved from one subscriber's home to another without having gone through the correct process.
Total In-Srvc 2-Way	The utility reports the number of DHCTs listed in the database with a status of In-Service 2-Way. These DHCTs should be capable of two-way communication.
w/o IP	This field represents the number of two-way DHCTs that have never connected to the network to receive an IP Address. These DHCTs should be capable of two-way communication, but they are listed as non-responders.
w/IP	This field represents the number of DHCTs that have connected at least once to the network and have an IP address, but they are presently not responding.
Total DAVIC 2-Way	This field represents the number of DHCTs that have physically signed on to the network with two-way communication ability.
NUM of DHCT Change	This field represents the number of DHCTs with two-way capability that have been added to or removed from the database during the last minute. Substantial numbers in this column usually indicate staging activity.
TOTAL PERCENT SIGN-ON	The DNCS reports the percentage of DHCTs with two-way capability that are signed on to your network.
QPSK Reboots	In the event that a QPSK modulator reboots, the name and ID of the modulator is listed in this column.

Concentrate on Three Fields

Allow the system to gather signonCount data for several minutes and then examine the numbers in the following fields:

- **Verified Rcvd** (Verified Received)
- **Verified Sent**
- **DAVIC Made**

These fields track the number of sign-on requests made by DHCTs (Verified Rcvd and Verified Sent), as well as the number of sign-on requests that were successful (DAVIC Made). Ideally, the numbers in the three fields should be equal.

When to Call Cisco Services for Assistance

If you notice that the numbers in the DAVIC Made column are regularly becoming less than the numbers in the Verified Rcvd and Verified Sent columns, your DHCTs may be having trouble signing on and may be contributing to network congestion. Contact Cisco Services. Cisco Services engineers may log in to your system and examine the logfiles associated with the hctmConfig, hctmMac, and hctmProvision processes. Additionally, Cisco Services engineers may instruct you to run the signonCount utility in Fix Mode On.

Important: Do not run the utility in Fix Mode On unless you have been instructed to do so by Cisco Services engineers.

If the TOTAL PERCENTAGE SIGN-ON number is less than 85 percent, contact Cisco Services. There are a number of possible reasons for low sign-on percentages. Most are easily remedied; however, they must be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Important: If your system is not currently operating in a typical manner, do not proceed with this upgrade. Instead, call Cisco Services.

Obtain the Software

Introduction

There are two ways to obtain the latest version of QPSK software. You can order the software CD or you can download the software by connecting to an FTP server maintained by Cisco Services. This section provides instructions for downloading the software from our FTP Server.

Downloading the QPSK Software from an FTP Server onto the DNCS

Access to the FTP server requires current FTP server site access information. Because many sites do not allow an open Internet connection to the DNCS for security reasons, the following procedure provides generic instructions to access the FTP server and download the software.

This procedure also assumes the software is in a TAR file format. The TAR file is a compressed image format that is the typical format of a software image released on CD. If you have any questions about this process, contact Cisco Services.

Accessing the FTP Server

Complete the following steps to access the FTP server.

- 1 Open an xterm window on the DNCS, if necessary.
- 2 Type **su root** and press **Enter** to log on as root user. The password prompt appears.
- 3 Type the root password and press **Enter**.
- 4 Do you have a directory created for downloaded files?
 - If **yes**, go to step 5.
 - If **no**, follow this procedure to create a directory.
 - a Type **mkdir /export/home/dncls/download/QPSK** and press **Enter**.
 - b Type **cd /export/home/dncls/download/QPSK** and press **Enter**.
 - c Go to step 7.
- 5 Clear the current contents of the download directory. First type **pwd** to confirm you are in the correct directory; then, type **rm -rfi ***.
- 6 You will be prompted to delete each file in the directory. Press **y** to delete each file.

- 7 Log on to the FTP server.

Notes:

- The address of the server is **ftp.sciatl.com** or **192.133.243.133**.

Note: The address for the FTP server is subject to change. If you are unable to reach the FTP server, please contact Cisco Services for the latest address.

- The username is **anonymous**.
- The password is the e-mail address of the person logging in.

- 8 Choose one of the following options to navigate to the directory in which the file is located:

- If you are *outside* our firewall, type **cd /pub/scicare/RELEASED/QPSK**
- If you are *inside* our firewall, type **cd /external_pub/scicare/RELEASED/QPSK**

- 9 Type **bin** and press **Enter**. The system sets the ftp transfer mode to binary.
- 10 Type **hash** and press **Enter**. The system configures itself to display hash marks that show file-transfer progress.
- 11 Type **prompt** and press **Enter**. The system indicates that interactive mode is off.
- 12 Type **get QPSKxx.tar.gz** (where *xx* represents the software version) and press **Enter**. The system begins copying the file (or files) from the FTP site to the current directory on your DNCS.

Example: If you are installing software version number G09, type **get QPSKG09.tar.gz** and press **Enter**.

- 13 Type **bye** and press **Enter** to log out of our FTP server.
- 14 Type **ls** and press **Enter**. Type the lower case of the letter L in this entry.
- 15 Verify the file was successfully downloaded to the DNCS from the FTP server.
- 16 Type **/usr/local/bin/gzip -d QPSKxx.tar.gz** (where *xx* represents the software version) and press **Enter**.

Example: If you are installing software version number G09, type **get QPSKG09.tar.gz** and press **Enter**.

- 17 Type **tar xvf QPSKxx.tar.gz** (where *xx* represents the software version) and press **Enter**. The system extracts the files.

Example: If you are installing software version number G09, type **tar xvf QPSKG09.tar.gz** and press **Enter**.

- 18 Go to *Install QPSK Software onto the DNCS* (on page 18).

Install QPSK Software onto the DNCS

Introduction

This section provides instructions for installing the latest version of QPSK software. You can install the software from either the FTP Server or from a CD.

Before You Begin

Locate and have available the CD with software version of QPSK currently installed on your system. In the unlikely event that you need to roll back to the current version of QPSK software, you will need to have that CD available.

Read Me

Please read all instructions before beginning the upgrade process. If you are uncomfortable with any of the procedures presented in these instructions, contact Cisco Services at 1-800-283-2636 for assistance.

Backing Up the Current QPSK Configuration File

Before installing the new QPSK software, make a backup file of the `qpsk.config` file currently installed on the DNCS by completing the following steps.

- 1 From an xterm window on the DNCS, log in as a **root** user.
- 2 Type `cd /tftpboot` and press **Enter** to change the directory.
- 3 Type `cp -p qpsk.config qpsk.config.old` and press **Enter** to make a backup copy of the current file.

Installing the New QPSK Software

Complete the following steps to install the QPSK software onto the DNCS.

- 1 Choose one of the following options:
 - If you are installing the software from a CD, insert the CD labeled **QPSK Mod/Demod xx** into the CD-ROM drive of the DNCS. The system automatically mounts the CD to `/cdrom/cdrom0` within 30 seconds.
Note: The letters `xx` represent the software version.
 - If you are installing the software from the FTP site, go to step 3.
- 2 Type `df -n` and press **Enter**. A list of the mounted file systems appears.
Note: The presence of `/cdrom` in the output confirms that the system correctly mounted the CD.

- 3 Depending on the location of the QPSK software, use one of the following commands to switch to the correct install directory:
 - If installing from a CD, type **cd /cdrom/cdrom0** and press **Enter**.
 - If installing from an FTP server, type **cd /export/home/download/QPSK** and press **Enter**.
- 4 Type **/usr/sbin/install_pkg SAIqpsk** and press **Enter**. A confirmation message appears.
- 5 Type **y** and press **Enter** to start the installation. The QPSK software installs.
- 6 Depending on the location of the QPSK software, use one of the following commands to switch to the correct install directory:
 - If installing from a CD, type **cd/; eject cdrom** and press **Enter**. The CD ejects.
 - If installing from an FTP server, type **rm -rf SAIqpsk *tar** and press **Enter**.
- 7 Type **exit** and press **Enter** to log out as root user.
- 8 Type **exit** and press **Enter** to close the xterm window.
- 9 Go to *Download Software to the QPSK Modulators* (on page 22).

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Upgrading the Software

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This chapter describes how to upgrade software on the QPSK.

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Download Software to the QPSK Modulators

Introduction

After installing the QPSK software on the DNCS, your next step is to upgrade the QPSK modulators.

When you reset a QPSK modulator, the DNCS downloads the new QPSK software to the QPSK modulator and, if needed, to the QPSK demodulator(s). Follow the instructions in this section to download the QPSK software to the QPSK modulators.

Important: We recommend that when you are downloading software to the QPSKs, begin with a test hub or a QPSK with the smallest DHCT population, so that you can confirm the system configuration without affecting subscribers.

Perform the procedures in this section for each QPSK being upgraded.

Downloading Software to Local QPSK Modulators

If your QPSK modulators are located nearby, complete the following steps to download the new software to the QPSK modulators.

Important: The following procedure contains steps that are time-sensitive. Read all of the procedure before beginning so that you are prepared to leave the modulator powered off for the proper amount of time. Failure to do so may affect whether or not QPSK database information persists.

- 1 Power off the QPSK modulator and any associated demodulators.
- 2 Do you want the information in the database to persist?
 - If **yes**, wait a few seconds, and power on the modulator *only*.
 - If **no**, wait at least 5 minutes, and then power on the modulator *only*.
 - If your system release does not support QPSK database persistence, or if QPSK database persistence is not turned on for this modulator, wait a few seconds, and power on the modulator *only*.
- 3 Wait until the power-on self-test sequence is completed and the LCD shows the power-on self test information. This process may take up to 10 minutes.
- 4 Press the **Status** button on the front panel of the QPSK modulator until the LCD displays **STATUS: Software Version**.

- 5 Does the LCD display include **A302_xx** (where *xx* represents the software version) on the bottom line?

Example: If you are installing software version G09, the display would read **A302_G09**.

- If **yes**, the software downloaded successfully. Power on the demodulators, and go to *Continue to Monitor the DHCT Sign-On Traffic* (on page 31).
- If **no**, go to the Set Up QPSK Modulator window on the DNCS administrative console and verify that the modulator is set to use `qpsk.config`. Also, make sure that there is no entry for this unit in the `bootptab` file. Then repeat this procedure. If the software does not download after the second attempt, call Cisco Services.

Downloading Software to Remote QPSK Modulators

If your QPSK modulators are *not* located nearby, complete the following steps to download the new software to the QPSK modulators.

- 1 In an xterm window on the DNCS, type `cd /dvs/dnCS/tmp` and press **Enter**.
- 2 Type `ls -ltr boot*` and press **Enter**. The window displays a list of files in the current directory whose filename begins with `boot`.
- 3 Look through the list of files and find the most recent file named **bootpd.###**.

Notes:

- The `###` extension is a 3-digit number that identifies each `bootpd` file. Whenever a file reaches its maximum size, the DNCS creates a new `bootpd` file with the next extension. For example, when the `bootpd.005` file is full, the DNCS creates `bootpd.006`.
 - When the `bootpd.999` file is full, the DNCS creates a new file called `bootpd.000` and overwrites the old `bootpd.000` file. The most recent file in the list will have the most recent timestamp.
- 4 Using the name of the most recent `bootpd.###` file, type `tail -f bootpd.### | awk '/qpsk/'` and press **Enter**.
Note: If the most recent file is `bootpd.065`, type `tail -f bootpd.065 | awk '/qpsk/'`.
 - 5 From the DNCS Administrative Console, select the **DNCS** tab.
 - 6 Select the **Element Provisioning** tab.
 - 7 Click **QPSK/CMTS**. The QPSK List window opens.
 - 8 From the QPSK List window, highlight the device you are upgrading.

- 9 Do you want the information in the database to persist?
 - If **yes**, select **File** and choose **Reset**. A confirmation message appears.
 - If **no**, select **File** and choose **Reset And Clear DB**. A confirmation message appears.
 - If your system release does not support QPSK database persistence, or if QPSK database persistence is not turned on for this modulator, select **File** and choose **Reset**. A confirmation message appears.
- 10 Click **Yes** on the confirmation message. A message appears stating that the QPSK has received the reset command.
- 11 In the xterm window, watch the bootpd file for confirmation that the QPSK has rebooted. The confirmation message contains the IP address of the QPSK modulator that you reset and looks like the following example:

```
found 172.20.1.17 (qpsk_172.20.1.17)
Jan 12 09:48:49 bootpd: info(6):  bootfile="/qpsk.config"
Jan 12 09:49:10 bootpd: info(6):  DNCS
QPSK[qpsk_172.20.1.17:ht=ethernet:sm=255.255.192.0:ip=172.20.1
.17:ha=0x0002DE9132E8:vm=rfc1048:gw=10.253.0.254:sa=dncsatm:bf
=qpsk.config:]
```
- 12 When this confirmation message appears, the QPSK has rebooted. Before downloading the software to the next modulator, go to *Continue to Monitor the DHCT Sign-On Traffic* (on page 31).

What Is the QPSK Range Extension Feature?

Introduction

With prior versions of software, the Model D9482 QPSK Modulator was capable of successfully connecting and operating DHCTs within a distance of approximately 128 km round trip (64 km each way when forward and reverse paths are equal).

Note: One kilometer equals 0.621 miles.

This distance limitation is mainly due to the width of the ranging slots defined in the Digital Audio-Visual Council (DAVIC) standard for operation over the hybrid fiber coax (HFC) plant.

The width of the ranging slots limits the maximum distance between DHCTs for successful connection and operation. Because the current modulator software assumes that the closest DHCT is at the same location as the QPSK modulator, an unnecessary limit is placed on the furthest distance that a DHCT can be located from that QPSK modulator.

Some cable service providers would prefer to physically locate the QPSK hardware in the headend and extend coverage to DHCTs that are farther from the QPSK modulator than the currently allowable maximum distance.

This optional feature for the Model D9482 QPSK Modulator allows Explorer DHCTs to sign on to the system and operate properly at extended distances from the QPSK modulator. (This feature provides the resolution to CR 6922.)

Using the front panel of the QPSK modulator, you can select one of nine different values of one-way range extension. The front panel displays the extension distance in kilometers.

Note: Though it is not possible to extend the maximum distance between the DHCTs, which must remain within 64 km, it is possible to delay the timing within the modulator such that the distance to all DHCTs can be extended. This software feature allows you to extend the distance to the closest DHCT from 0 km to 248 km, one way, in steps of 31 km.

Distance and Delay

The distance that appears on the front panel of the QPSK modulator is approximate and based on fiber with a propagation velocity of 68 percent of the speed of light in a vacuum.

Note: The modulator has no way of calculating how much coax or fiber is deployed between and to the DHCTs.

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If you anticipate that DHCTs will be deployed near the limits of the distance ranges, we recommend that you use delay numbers and translate the numbers to the actual length of fiber and/or coaxial cable deployed.

The delay numbers used in the modulator are as follows:

- With no extension, the modulator can range DHCTs to a distance corresponding to 628 microseconds round trip.
- Each front-panel step of 31 km (one way) corresponds to a round-trip delay extension of 300 microseconds.

Distance Between DHCTs

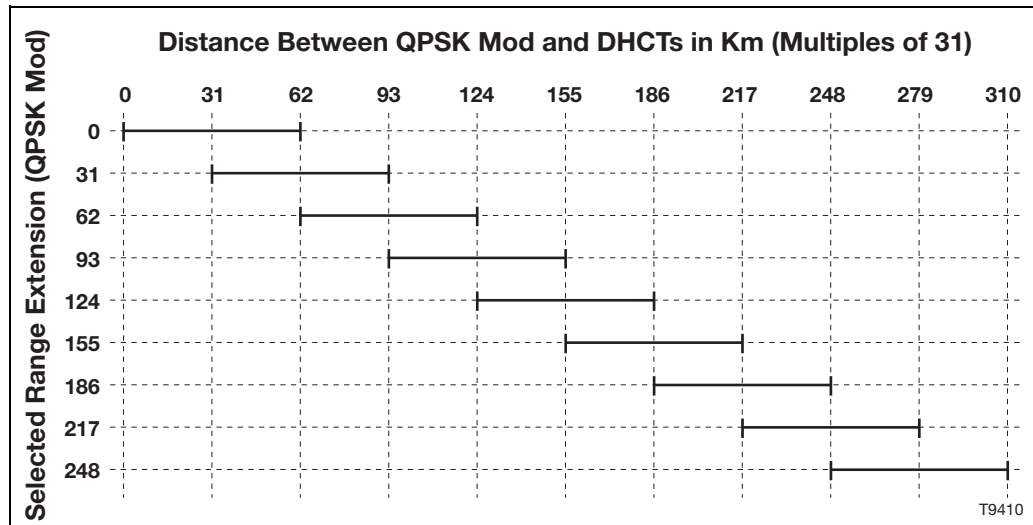
When the range extension mode is activated, the QPSK modulator expects a transmission delay that is equal to or greater than the distance value programmed into the QPSK modulator.

The distance between the closest and the furthest DHCT is still a maximum of 64 km. Thus, the closest a DHCT can be located is the distance programmed on the front panel of the QPSK modulator. The furthest a DHCT can be located from the headend is the sum of the programmed distance plus the 64 km ranging distance.

DHCTs operated outside these bounds may not be able to connect to the system and may also potentially interfere with the transmissions of other DHCTs. The programmed distance applies to all of the demodulators connected to that modulator.

Range Distance Settings Diagram

The following diagram illustrates the correct range distance settings.



Example: With 155 km set on the QPSK, the closest distance you could locate a DHCT to a QPSK modulator is 155 km. The furthest distance you could locate a DHCT to a QPSK modulator is 217 km.

Network Configuration Application Rules

Follow these application rules when configuring the network for the QPSK ranging-distance extension mode.

Rule	Description
1	The QPSK modulator operates normally when no delay value is configured.
2	Only four D9482 QPSK Demodulators can be connected to a QPSK modulator operating in delay mode. These demodulators must be connected to ATM-25 port locations 5, 6, 7, and/or 8. (Ports 1 through 4 may not be used in the range extension mode.) The configuration at the DNCS should reflect this requirement.
3	The programmed delay distance should be less than or equal to the sum of the transport cable to the hub, plus the shortest optical cable distance on any of the attached nodes.
4	The ranging radius is 0 km to 64 km, with 0 km set at the programmed cable length.

Rule	Description
5	Transport distances are in integer multiples of 31 km to a maximum of 248 km.
6	All four demodulators are delayed by the same value programmed in the QPSK modulator.
7	The distance ranges stated in this document are approximate and based on a velocity of propagation in fiber of 68 percent of the speed of light in a vacuum (3×10^8 meters per second). Corrections to the setting of the QPSKs should be made where these distances do not apply, as in coaxial cable.
8	DHCTs closer than the programmed distance value may not range and may interfere with other DHCTs.
9	The delay distances that appear on the front panel of the QPSK are one-way path distances and assume an equal distance path on the forward and reverse connection. It is not necessary for the forward and reverse path to be the same distance as long as the total propagation delay matches the equivalent time delay.
10	It will not be possible to use a co-located DHCT directly connected to the QPSK modem as a test device for QPSK link verification when the ranging extension mode is used. This connection violates rule 8. However, you can test for QPSK link verification with a DHCT directly connected to the QPSK as long as the reverse path is not active.

Activate the Range Extension Feature (Optional)

Introduction

This section provides instructions for changing the modulator-to-node distance settings for the QPSK modulators on your system.

Change the Distance Settings

If the modulator-to-node distance of the QPSK modulators on your system is more than 64 km, complete these steps to change the distance settings.

- 1 If the hub you are configuring supports existing customers, disconnect the **modulator RF output cable** for 15 minutes. Otherwise, go to step 2.

Note: While the QPSK is disconnected, the DHCTs on the hub are not fully functional.
- 2 See the *Range Distance Settings Diagram* (on page 27) to determine the QPSK range distance settings appropriate for your system setup. Then, complete the following steps to set the modulator-to-node distances.
 - a On the front panel of the QPSK modulator, press the **Options** button until the Mod-Node Dist option appears.
 - b Select a value of **optical fiber length** that is less than or equal to the sum of the actual optical cable length used for distribution to the remote hub, plus the minimum optical cable length used in the HFC network from the hub.
 - c Adjust the setting if the cable propagation velocity factor is not equal to 68 percent of the speed of light in a vacuum.
 - d Press the **up** and **down** buttons to choose the desired one-way fiber delay and then press **Enter**.

Results:

- The first time you change the modulator-to-node distance setting from 0 (zero) to xx, the QPSK will reboot.
 - The modified code is downloaded to the QPSK modulator and demodulator.
- 3 Reconnect the **cable** to force all DHCTs on the hub to reestablish a DAVIC connection with the appropriate time offsets.
 - 4 Place a DHCT at the closest possible location to where the HFC network transitions from optics to cable; then, boot the DHCT and press the **Power** button.

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- 5 Check the delay time on the DHCT diagnostic screen by choosing one of the following options:
 - For sites using the SA Resident Application (SARA), look at the RF Statistical Information diagnostic screen, and choose one of the following options:
 - If the delay value is *less* than 761, the delay time is correct. Go to step 6.
 - If the delay value is *more* than 761, the DHCT is "too close." Repeat step 2 and lower the modulator-to-node distance. Then, reboot the QPSK modulator.
 - For sites using the Pioneer resident application, call Pioneer for assistance in determining the current time delay.
- 6 Place a DHCT in the location with the maximum possible cable distance from the QPSK.
- 7 Again, check the delay time in the DHCT diagnostic screen by choosing one of the following options:
 - For sites using the SA Resident Application (SARA), choose one of the following options from the RF Statistical Information diagnostic screen:
 - If the delay values fall within the 134 and 761 microsecond delay-time bound, the programmed delay values are correct.
 - If the delay value is less than 134 microseconds, the overall delay between DHCTs is "too far." Call Cisco Services for assistance.
 - For sites using the Pioneer resident application, call Pioneer for assistance in determining the current time delay.

Continue to Monitor the DHCT Sign-On Traffic

Introduction

With the signonCount interface displayed, continue to monitor the signonCount utility output to determine the health of your system before downloading the latest version of QPSK software to the next QPSK modulator.

Monitoring the DHCT Sign-On Traffic

To determine when it is safe to download the latest version of QPSK software to the next QPSK modulator, complete the following steps.

- 1 Continue to monitor the DHCT sign-on traffic. Your system is healthy if the following conditions are true:
 - The values in the **Verified Rcvd**, **Verified Sent**, and **DAVIC Made** columns are the same.
 - The values in the **Un-Config Rcvd** and **Un-Config Sent** fields are approximately one fourth of the values in the **DAVIC Made** column.
 - The values in the **Threshold Exceeds Ver** and **Threshold Exceeds UCfg** columns are zero.
 - No QPSK modulators have rebooted.
- 2 Is your system healthy?
 - If **yes**, go to step 3.
 - If **no**, call Cisco Services. Do not continue with these instructions.
- 3 Wait approximately 15 minutes before resetting the next QPSK. Then, repeat the procedures in *Download Software to the QPSK Modulators* (on page 22) for each QPSK modulator you are upgrading.

Important: After resetting each QPSK modulator, continue to monitor the DHCT sign on traffic. As each QPSK modulator reboots, notice that the values in the signonCount utility interface increases. This is to be expected. Also notice that as DHCTs sign on to the system, the values decrease, and the system returns to its healthy state.

- After downloading the QPSK software, continue to monitor the DHCT sign-on traffic for 10 to 48 hours. It is not necessary to watch the sign-on traffic continuously, but you should check occasionally during this time to ensure that there are no problems.
- In the QPSK Reboots column of the signonCount Interface, you may notice that a QPSK modulator reboots automatically. If this occurs, wait 15 minutes before resetting (rebooting) the next QPSK.

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- 4 When you have completed upgrading all QPSK modulators on your system, select **File** from the QPSK List window, and choose **Close**. The QPSK List window closes. Also, the latest version of QPSK software is loaded and the range extension default setting is 0 km.
- 5 You have completed the QPSK software installation.

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Customer Information

Introduction

This chapter provides contact information to obtain product support and return products for service.

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Customer Support

If You Have Questions

If you have questions about this product, contact the representative who handles your account for information.

If you have technical questions, telephone your nearest technical support office at one of the following telephone numbers.

The Americas

United States	Cisco® Services Atlanta, Georgia	Technical Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ For <i>Digital Broadband Delivery System</i> products only, call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Toll-free: 1-800-283-2636 – Local: 770-236-2200 – Fax: 770-236-2488 ■ For all products <i>other than</i> Digital Broadband Delivery System, call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Toll-free: 1-800-722-2009 – Local: 678-277-1120 – Fax: 770-236-2306 Customer Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Toll-free: 1-800-722-2009 ■ Local: 678-277-1120 ■ Fax: 770-236-5477
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The United Kingdom and Europe

Europe	European Technical Assistance Center (EuTAC), Belgium	Product Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Telephone: 32-56-445-444 Technical Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Telephone: 32-56-445-197 or 32-56-445-155 ■ Fax: 32-56-445-061
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Asia-Pacific

China	Hong Kong	Technical Support <p>Telephone: 011-852-2588-4745</p> <p>Fax: 011-852-2588-3139</p>
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Australia

Australia	Sydney	Technical Support
		Telephone: 011-61-2-8446-5374
		Fax: 011-61-2-8446-8015

Japan

Japan	Tokyo	Technical Support
		Telephone: 011-81-3-5322-2067
		Fax: 011-81-3-5322-1311

Additional Information

Access your company's extranet site to view or order additional technical publications. For accessing instructions, contact the representative who handles your account. Check your extranet site often as the information is updated frequently.

Return Products for Repair

You must obtain a return material authorization (RMA) number before you send products to us for repair or upgrade. To return a product for repair or upgrade, complete the following steps.

- 1 Obtain the following information about the product that you want to return for repair or upgrade:
 - The name and model number (if applicable) of the product and the quantity of returns
 - A reason for the return, such as upgrade or failure symptom
 - Your company name, contact, telephone number, email address, fax number, repair disposition authority, and any service contract details
 - A purchase order number

Notes:

- If you are unable to issue a purchase order at the time you request an RMA number, a proforma invoice will be sent to you at the completion of repair. This invoice lists all costs incurred.
- We must receive a purchase order within 15 days of receipt of proforma.

Important: In-warranty products can accrue costs through damage or misuse, or if no problem is found. Products incurring costs will not be returned to the customer without a valid purchase order.

- 2 Telephone or fax Factory Services at one of the following numbers to request an RMA number:
 - From North America, call:
 - Tel: 1-800-722-2009
 - Fax: 770-236-5477
 - From Europe, Middle East, or Africa, call:
 - Tel: 32-56-445-444
 - Fax: 32-56-445-051
 - From Latin America, call:
 - Tel: 1-770-236-5662
 - Fax: 1-770-236-5888
 - From Asia Pacific, call:
 - Tel: 852-2588-4746
 - Fax: 852-2588-3139

Result: The customer service representative will provide the RMA number and the shipping instructions to you.

Note: RMA numbers are only valid for 60 days. You must contact a customer service representative to revalidate your RMA numbers if the number is older than 60 days. After the RMA number is revalidated, you can return the product.

- 3 Pack the product in its original container and protective packing material.

Important:

- If the original container and packing material are no longer available, pack the product in a sturdy, corrugated box and cushion it with packing material that is appropriate for the method of shipping.
- You are responsible for delivering the returned goods to us safely and undamaged. Improperly packaged shipments, which may have caused additional damage, may be refused and returned to you at your expense.
- Do not return any power cords or accessories.

- 4 Write the following information on the outside of the container:

- Your name
- Your complete address
- Your Telephone number
- RMA number
- Problem description (for product failures)

Important: Absence of the RMA number may delay processing your product for repair. Include the RMA number in all correspondence.

- 5 Ship the product to the address you receive from the customer service representative.

Important: We do not accept freight collect. Be sure to prepay all shipments.

A

Verify the Install Package Exists on the DNCS

Introduction

For system releases that do not include the pre-packaged install tool, we recommend that you verify whether or not the tool exists on your DNCS; because, the tool is required to load new software onto the DNCS. This appendix provides procedures for checking for the install tool, as well as procedures for retrieving it from our FTP site.

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Check for the Install Tool on the DNCS

Important: If you are using SR 2.7/3.7/4.2, this procedure is not required because the install tool (install_pkg) is pre-packaged within the software.

Checking for install_pkg on the DNCS

- 1 From an xterm window, type **cd /usr/sbin** and press **Enter**.
- 2 Type **ls** and press **Enter**.
- 3 Is the install_pkg file present on the DNCS?
 - If **yes**, resume your installation procedures.
 - If **no**, go to step 4.
- 4 Log on to our FTP server.

Notes:

- The address of the server is **ftp.sciatl.com** or **192.133.243.133**.

Note: The address for the FTP server is subject to change. If you are unable to reach the FTP server, please contact Cisco Services for the latest address.
 - The username is **anonymous**.
 - The password is the email address of the person logging in.
- 5 Choose one of the following options to navigate to the directory in which the file is located:
 - If you are *inside* our firewall, type **cd /external_pub/scicare/RELEASED/SR2.2Patches**.
 - If you are *outside* our firewall, type **cd /pub/scicare/RELEASED/SR2.2Patches**.
 - 6 Type **bin** and press **Enter**. The system sets the ftp transfer mode to binary.
 - 7 Type **hash** and press **Enter**. The system configures itself to display hash marks that show file-transfer progress.
 - 8 Type **get install_pkg** and press **Enter**. The system begins copying files into the /export/home/dnCS/download/directory on your DNCS.
 - 9 Type **get install_pkg README_3.0.1.3p2EP1.txt** and press **Enter**. The system begins copying files into the /export/home/dnCS/download/directory on your DNCS.
 - 10 Type **bye** and press **Enter** to log out of our FTP server.
 - 11 Continue with the installation procedures.

B

Load Multiple Versions of QPSK Code

Introduction

The recommended upgrade process for QPSKs is based on a goal of getting all the units upgraded within a short period of time (typically one day). In some cases a site may choose to upgrade the QPSKs over time or may desire to load a unique version of code onto a single QPSK for extended testing. This appendix describes how to accomplish either of these goals.

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Loading Multiple Versions of QPSK Code

Note: If you need to determine which config files are being used by each QPSK, refer to *Checking for Multiple Config Files* (on page 4) for details. For this procedure, we will assume that `qpsk.config` is the current configuration file.

- 1 Go to the `/tftpboot` directory on the DNCS and rename the current `qpsk.config` file as **qpsk.current**.
 - 2 Install the new version of QPSK software that you intend to use using *Install QPSK Software onto the DNCS* (on page 18).
 - 3 From the `/tftpboot` directory on the DNCS, rename the new `qpsk.config` file as **qpsk.new**.
 - 4 From the `/tftpboot` directory on the DNCS, rename the original backup file (for example, rename `qpsk.current` to `qpsk.config`).
 - 5 From the QPSK List window on the DNCS, open the entry for the QPSK that should download the new code.
 - 6 Click the **Advanced Parameters** tab, and change the configuration file name from `qpsk.config` to **qpsk.new**.
 - 7 Click **Apply**.
 - 8 From the QPSK List window on the DNCS, reset the QPSK to which you want to download the new code.
 - 9 Repeat steps 6 through 8 for each QPSK to which you want to download the new code.
 - 10 When you are ready to load code to all of your QPSKs, perform one of the following approaches:
 - **Preferred Approach**
 - a Go to the `/tftpboot` directory and rename `qpsk.new` as **qpsk.config**.
 - b From the QPSK List window on the DNCS, reset all the QPSKs that are using the `qpsk.config` file.
 - c From the QPSK List window on the DNCS, change the configuration file value for all QPSKs that currently use `qpsk.new` to **qpsk.config**. These units do not need to be reset.
 - **Alternative Approach**
 - a From the QPSK List window, change the configuration file value for all modulators using `qpsk.config` to use **qpsk.new**.
 - b Reset the changed QPSKs.
- Note:** Units that were already using `qpsk.new` as their configuration file do not need to be reset.

C

Roll Back to the Previous Version of QPSK Software

Introduction

This appendix contains instructions for restoring the previous version of QPSK software should you encounter problems after upgrading to the latest version of QPSK software. Follow the instructions in this appendix only after Cisco Services directs you to restore the previous version of software.

Important: If after downloading the QPSK software you encounter problems, contact Cisco Services at 1-800-283-2636 for assistance. In the event that Cisco Services directs you to download the previous version of software to QPSKs, follow the procedures in this appendix while working with Cisco Services.

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Restore the Previous Version of QPSK Software

Note: To restore the previous QPSK executable files, restore the configuration backup file that you saved in *Backing Up the Current QPSK Configuration File* (on page 18).

- 1 Open an xterm window on the DNCS and log on as the **root** user. The root prompt appears.
- 2 Type **cd /tftpboot** and press **Enter**. The root prompt appears.
- 3 Type **pwd** and press **Enter**. The text /tftpboot appears at the prompt. This text indicates you are in the correct directory.
- 4 Type **cp -p qpsk.config qpsk.config.yyy** and press **Enter**. The configuration file named qpsk.config, which contains the latest QPSK software version configuration settings, is saved to a file named qpsk.config.yyy.

Note: The yyy represents the QPSK software version number you just installed.

- 5 Type **cp -p qpsk.config.old qpsk.config** and press **Enter**. The configuration file named qpsk.config.old, which contains the previous list of QPSK configuration files, is copied to a configuration file named qpsk.config.
- 6 Type **ls -l** and press **Enter**. A list of files displays. The files **qpsk.config.old**, **qpsk.config**, and **qpsk.config.bakyyy** appear in the list.

Note: The "l" used in **ls** and **-l** is a lowercase letter L.

- 7 Confirm that the date and size of **qpsk.config** matches those of **qpsk.config.old**.
- 8 Type **exit** and press **Enter**.
- 9 Download the previous version of software to QPSKs by rebooting the modulators. For detailed procedures, go to *Download Software to the QPSK Modulators* (on page 22).

D

Troubleshoot Constant Reboots

After you install new code on a previously functioning QPSK, you may occasionally find that the QPSK will reboot continuously. This appendix contains a procedure to troubleshoot that situation.

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Troubleshooting Constant Reboots

If a previously functioning QPSK continues to reboot after an attempt to install new code, follow these steps to diagnose the situation.

- 1 Open an xterm window on the DNCS.
- 2 Type **su** and press **Enter** to switch to the super user mode. When prompted, enter the root password.
- 3 Type **tracert** **[qpsk ip address]** and press **Enter**. You should see a message similar to the following:

Example:

```
tracert to 172.20.1.1 (172.20.1.1), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
 1 switch (10.253.0.254) 3.443 ms 3.224 ms 4.279 ms
 2 172.20.1.1 (172.20.1.1) 3.919 ms 0.483 ms 0.584 ms
```

The IP address shown in bold here is the interface that the QPSK traffic is going out from on the DNCS.

- 4 Type **ifconfig -a** and press **Enter** to determine which interface is on the network carrying the QPSK traffic.

Note: In this example the interface is ci0.

Example:

```
lo0: flags=1000849<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 8232 index 1
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask ffffffff broadcast 127.0.0.1
hme0: flags=1000843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 1500 index 2
inet 192.168.1.1 netmask fffffff0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
hme1: flags=1000843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 1500 index 3
inet 192.168.2.1 netmask fffffff0 broadcast 192.168.2.255
ci0: flags=1000843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 9180 index 4
inet 10.253.0.1 netmask fffffc00 broadcast 10.253.63.255
ether 0:20:48:40:1a:32
[Sys 2 5.1.523 Lab] $
```

- 5 Type **snoop -d [interface] between [qpsk IP address]** and press **Enter**. This step shows the traffic between the DNCS and the QPSK. The following is an example of normal traffic.

Example:

```
Using device /dev/ci (promiscuous mode)
dnscsatm -> 172.20.1.1 RPC C XID=1143855649 PROG=805306881 (?) VERS=1
PROC=1506
172.20.1.1 -> dnscsatm RPC R (#1) XID=1143855649 Success
172.20.1.1 -> dnscsatm RPC C XID=2240127 PROG=805306625 (?) VERS=1 PROC=1001
dnscsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TCP D=1024 S=57455 Ack=128230 Seq=1829802840 Len=0
Win=24656
dnscsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TCP D=717 S=60909 Ack=192058 Seq=1829995505 Len=0
Win=36984
dnscsatm -> 172.20.1.1 RPC R (#3) XID=2240127 Success
172.20.1.1 -> dnscsatm TCP D=57455 S=1024 Ack=1829802868 Seq=128230 Len=0
Win=4096
^C# snoop -d ci0 between 172.20.1.1
Using device /dev/ci (promiscuous mode)
172.20.1.1 -> dnscsatm TFTP Read "/qpsk.config" (octet)
dnscsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TFTP Data block 1 (512 bytes)
172.20.1.1 -> dnscsatm TFTP Ack block 1
dnscsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TFTP Data block 2 (512 bytes)
172.20.1.1 -> dnscsatm TFTP Ack block 2
```

```

dnccsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TFTP Data block 3 (512 bytes)
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm TFTP Ack block 3
dnccsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TFTP Data block 4 (512 bytes)
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm TFTP Ack block 4
dnccsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TFTP Data block 5 (166 bytes) (last block)
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm TFTP Ack block 5
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm PORTMAP C GETPORT prog=805306625 (?) vers=1 proto=TCP
dnccsatm -> 172.20.1.1 PORTMAP R GETPORT port=57455
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm TCP D=57455 S=1024 Syn Seq=192001 Len=0 Win=4096
dnccsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TCP D=1024 S=57455 Ack=128230 Seq=1829802868 Len=0
Win=24656
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm TCP D=57455 S=1024 Rst Seq=128230 Len=0 Win=4096
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm PORTMAP C GETPORT prog=805306625 (?) vers=1 proto=TCP
dnccsatm -> 172.20.1.1 PORTMAP R GETPORT port=57455
172.20.1.1 -> dnccsatm TCP D=57455 S=1025 Syn Seq=320001 Len=0 Win=4096
dnccsatm -> 172.20.1.1 TCP D=1025 S=57455 Syn Ack=320002 Seq=3671790772 Len=0
Win=24656 Options=<mss 9140>

```

The key things to note in this example are the QPSK read of the qpsk.config file and the TFTP traffic that follows. Following these lines, the QPSK either provisions or attempts to load software (indicated by additional TFTP requests for the various files). The most common failure is a TFTP error due to network traffic or other problems.

TFTP Error Code	Definition
0	Not defined, see error message (if any).
1	File not found.
2	Access violation.
3	Disk full or allocation exceeded.
4	Illegal TFTP operation.
5	Unknown transfer ID.
6	File already exists.
7	No such user.

In most cases, errors are due to one of the following situations:

- An incorrectly performed install of the QPSK code
 - An incorrect IP address in the configuration file being used by the QPSK
 - Some network layer type of problem
- 6 If you encounter errors that you cannot resolve, contact Cisco Services at 1-800-283-2636.



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