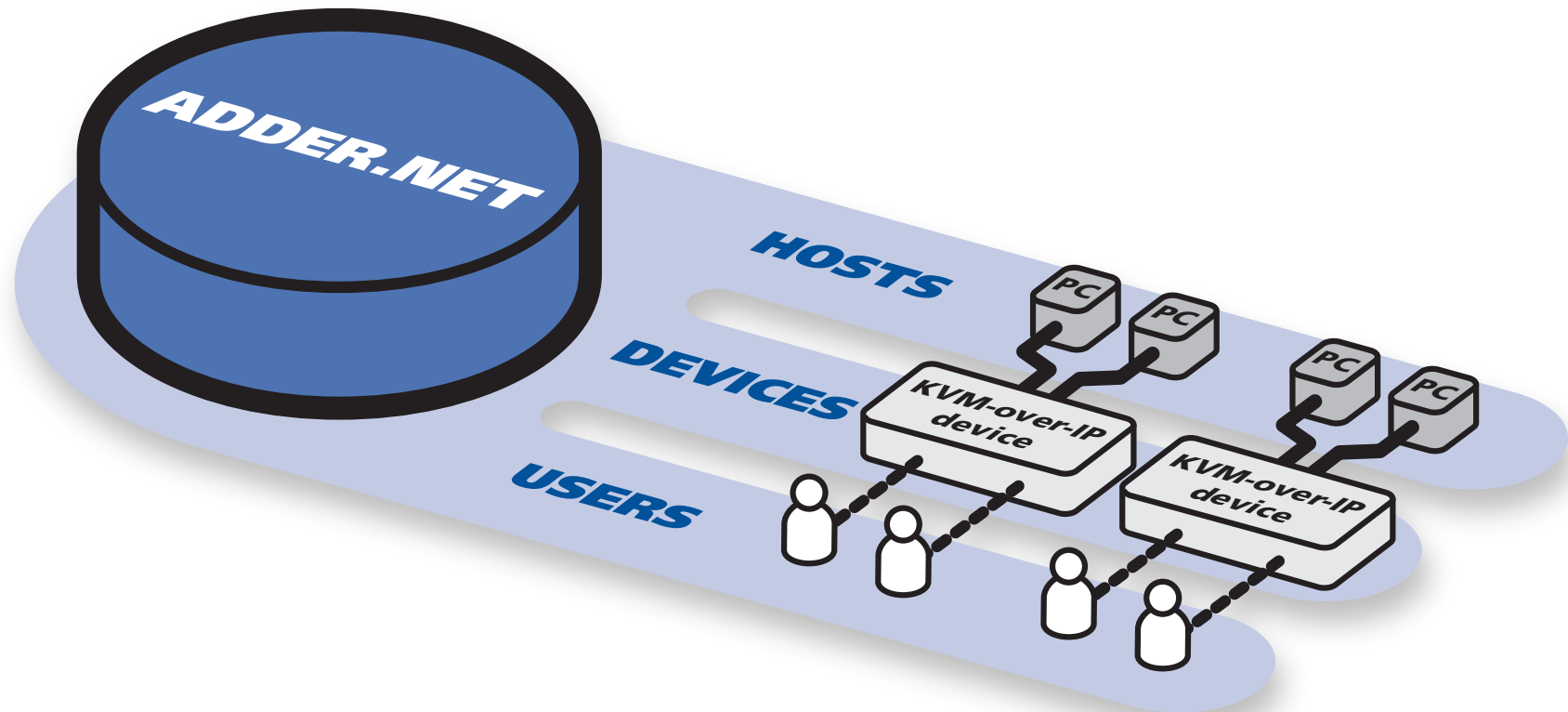




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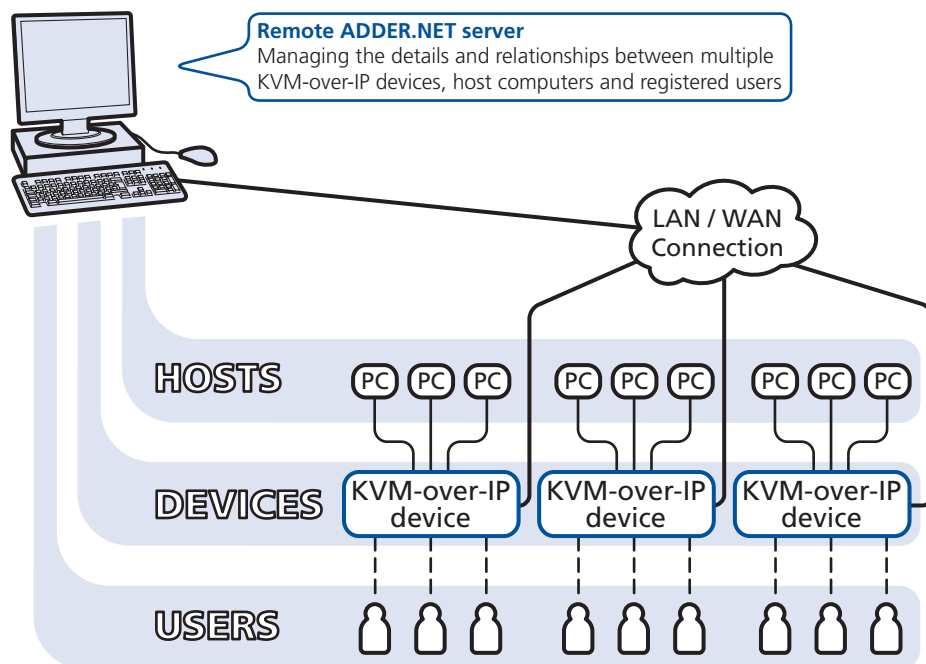
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Introduction

Adder KVM-over-IP devices provide the ability to control large numbers of host computers from remote locations. When controlling larger groups of dispersed computers using numerous KVM-over-IP devices, the major challenge becomes one of *management* – retaining active control over a complex mix of devices, host computers and registered users.

ADDER.NET has been developed as a common interface to help you to remotely manage any number of KVM-over-IP devices together with all of their connected host computers and the access rights of the users.



Security

To ensure maximum security, ADDER.NET does not retain any passwords within its database for the devices that it controls. Instead, a valid password is used once only to gain access to each device during the 'acquire' stage where ADDER.NET establishes a [Secure Ticket](#) with the device. In all subsequent accesses to each device, the relevant secure ticket is used to gain access.

A brief glossary of terms

Throughout the ADDER.NET application and also this guide, you will find the following terms used to describe the constituent parts of a typical KVM-over-IP system:

Device - Any KVM-over-IP apparatus that allows remote access to one or more computer systems (hosts).

Device cluster - KVM-over-IP devices can be grouped together to provide multiple redundant connections to computer systems - such groups of devices are called *Clusters*. Users are able to connect to the first available device in a cluster rather than a specific device.

Host - A computer system that is accessible remotely via a KVM-over-IP device. If a KVM-over-IP device serves a single host, then they are usually considered to be the same logical entity and there is no need to separately define the host.

Host group - A logical collection of host computers linked to the same or different KVM devices which can be managed collectively and represented by a single entry within ADDER.NET.

User - A registered user of the system who has a defined access rights profile.

User group - A logical collection of users who require the same access rights to devices and hosts within the system. They can be represented by a single entry within ADDER.NET and managed collectively.

Target - A target is anything that a user can make a connection to and that can have user rights allocated to it. A target may be a device, a host or a device cluster.

Manager - A user of the system with certain special privileges, in particular the ability to manage the database associated with ADDER.NET.

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ADDER.NET operation

ADDER.NET operates as a server application running on a system that can be completely separate from any of the KVM-over-IP devices – it merely requires an IP-network or Internet connection. ADDER.NET uses an intuitive HTML user interface which means that registered users can access and control it remotely using a standard web browser. Like all Adder KVM-over-IP products, ADDER.NET employs high specification security techniques to ensure that only authorised users may gain access.

ADDER.NET has two main modules: The *Manager* and the *Connector*.

The Manager

This module is accessible only to managers and is where details about all devices, hosts and users are configured and stored.



The Connector

This module can be used by registered users to allow quick access to all of the targets for which they have access rights. Targets may be devices, hosts or device groups, as appropriate.



Go to top		Name	Type	Description
Connect	★	Accounts	KVMoIP Host	Financial servers on 2nd floor
Connect	★	HP Laptop	KVMoIP Host	Host extracted from KVM device 1
Connect	★	Marketing 1	KVMoIP Host	Host extracted from KVM device 1
Connect	★	Marketing 2	KVMoIP Host	Host extracted from KVM device 1
Connect	★	Sales	KVMoIP Cluster	A Cluster
Connect	★	Sales	KVMoIP Host	Host extracted from KVM device 1
Connect	★	Technical	KVMoIP Host	Host extracted from KVM device 1



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Installation

ADDER.NET may be supplied on CD-ROM or as a self-installing application. There are two components to the installation of ADDER.NET - the ADDER.NET Server, and the ADDER.NET VNC-URI client.

In a typical installation, the ADDER.NET Server is installed just once, but the ADDER.NET VNC-URI client may be installed on any PC from which ADDER.NET Server needs to be accessed.

ADDER.NET Server requires a Windows 2000, Windows Server 2003, Windows XP Pro, Windows Vista or Windows 7 PC that has an IP LAN/WAN/Internet connection to the devices that it will be monitoring. ADDER.NET VNC-URI client is launched by a standard web browser.

There are three installation steps that are followed - Stage 1 will install the ADDER.NET Server and is typically performed just once. Stages 2 and 3 will install the ADDER.NET Client components and need to be carried out on each computer that will be used to access the ADDER.NET Server.

Note: Cookies are used by ADDER.NET to streamline installation and operation. You are recommended to allow cookies to remain intact within your browser to ensure that installation reminder messages are suppressed. If you prefer to delete cookies, you can use the 'Ignore the installation checks' link (once installation has taken place) and then bookmark that link. If you then use the bookmark to access ADDER.NET, the installation reminders will not be shown.

Stage 1: Installing the ADDER.NET server

To install the ADDER.NET server:

- 1 Insert the CD-ROM or run the install executable.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions. During the installation, you will be asked to select the link that you will normally use to access the system. Options are:
 - The host name (e.g. host1),
 - The fully qualified domain name (e.g. host1.yourcompany.local), or
 - The IP address (e.g. 192.168.1.22).

ADDER.NET's secure access method requires you to specify how you will address the ADDER.NET server when connecting through a browser. This ensures that the correct security certificates are generated.

The system will generate a security certificate which will avoid browser security warnings being displayed when you access the system - this will be installed during the next stage.

Stage 2: Installing the security key authority certificate

The Security key authority certificate provides your browser with the necessary reassurance that the software is from a known good source and as a result, you will not need to provide a security confirmation every time ADDER.NET is used.

Note: These instructions are specific to Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) running on Windows XP. The procedures for other browsers and operating systems will be similar but may vary. The procedure for IE on Windows Vista and 7 requires manual location of the certificate, detailed instructions for which are provided in the installation-page on-screen help.

To install the security key authority certificate

- 1 Within the ADDER.NET logon page, click the following link:
Install the key authority certificate on this PC
- 2 In the resulting dialog box, click the **Open** button.
- 3 In the next dialog box, click the **Install Certificate...** button and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Stage 3: Installing the VNC-URI client

The VNC-URI client is necessary to allow connections to be made from ADDER.NET to KVM-over-IP devices. The VNC URI client should be installed on all machines that will make use of ADDER.NET.

To install the VNC-URI client

- 1 Within the ADDER.NET logon page, click the following link:
Install the VNC-URI client for ADDER.NET on this PC
- 2 In the resulting dialog box, click the **Run** button.
- 3 If a subsequent security dialog gives a security warning, click the **Run** button to continue.
- 4 In the next dialog box, click the **Next >** button and then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Note: We recommend that you take regular back-ups of certain folders and files - please see [Appendix 3: Backing up and restoring](#).

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Specific device requirements

Due to the close working relationship between ADDER.NET and the devices that it controls, the various Adder KVM-over-IP devices must adhere to certain minimum specifications for their firmware revisions:

Device	Minimum firmware revision
AdderLink IP	v3.0
AdderLink IP Gold	v1.0
AdderLink iPEPS	v1.0
AdderView CATx IP	v2.1
AdderView CATxIP 1000	Any
AdderView CATxIP 5000	Any
Rose Ultralink 2	v1.0
Blackbox Servswitch DXS	v1.0

IMPORTANT

To ensure correct operation of ADDER.NET, no device is permitted to use the 'Force VNC Protocol 3.3' option. This is because ADDER.NET uses the advanced security features available in VNC protocol 4, and for this reason VNC Protocol version 3.3 is not supported.

Browser requirements

It is recommended that you use the later versions of the most popular browser applications. For best results please use the versions listed below:

Browser	Minimum version
Chrome	v5 or later
Firefox	v3.1 or later
Internet Explorer	v7 or later
Opera	v10 or later
Safari	v5 or later

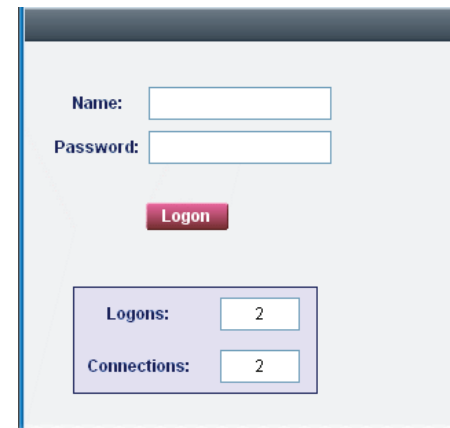
Logging on

The ADDER.NET server uses standard HTML to produce a user interface that can be viewed with any web browser. Before proceeding to log on to ADDER.NET, please ensure that JavaScript is enabled in your browser.

To log on to ADDER.NET

- 1 Open your web browser and use the link that you specified during the installation, e.g. host1, host1.yourcompany.local, 192.168.1.22, <http://localhost>, etc.

ADDER.NET will display the logon page:



- 2 [When accessing for the first time since installation]

Enter a valid user name and password and then click the **Logon** button.

*Note: The default administrator user name is **admin** and the default password is **adder**. Ensure that these are changed as a first step once ADDER.NET is running.*

The first time that you log-on as a Manager user you will be presented with the 'User Manager' page and be prompted to change the admin user password. Once this is done, future logons will begin with the Start Page that has been defined for each user. The defaults are: the 'Alert Browser' for the admin user and the 'How To...' page for newly created users.



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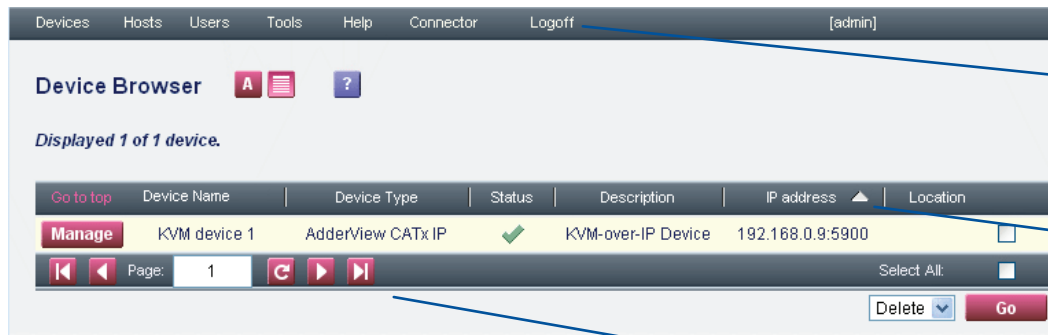
Using the Manager

Among its menus, the Manager has three main options to represent the three key areas of information that it holds:

- Devices (KVM-over-IP equipment),
- Hosts (computers), and
- Users.

General page layout

Both the Manager and the Connector module pages use similar layouts, with a consistent menu bar and drop down menus:



Standard icons

On many ADDER.NET pages you will see one or more of the following icons:

- Click to display/hide contextual help on the displayed page items,
- Click to display list items in alphabetic form,
- Click to display list items in tabular form,
- Device is listed in your favourites,
- Device has been acquired,
- Device is not yet acquired,
- Device is not acquirable or does not need acquisition,
- [Green] Device is active, not in use, and available for access,
- [Orange] Device is active, in use, but in "Shared" mode and can be accessed,
- [Red] Device is active, in use, and in "Private" mode and cannot be accessed,
- [Grey] Device appears to be offline,
- [White] No information is available about the status of this device.

Getting started with the Manager

When commissioning a new installation, the starting point usually lies with the [Devices](#), although [Hosts](#) or [Users](#) may be added at any time. It is advantageous to begin with the Devices because once located, they can automatically provide information about their connected host computers, saving you time and effort.

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Logoff

Once you've finished interacting with the ADDER.NET server you should log out by clicking here.

Column sort order

Click a column heading to sort the list according to the contents of that column (a triangular arrow head will appear). When the white arrow is pointing up, the column is sorted alphabetically. Click the same column heading once more to invert the arrow and change to reverse alphabetic order.

Page selection controls

The controls given on the base bar are there to help you when there are many items listed and you need to view entries within other pages. You can control how many entries should appear in each page using the 'Page Size' parameter located within (Manager view) Tools > Configure ADDER.NET

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Devices

Devices are KVM-over-IP equipment (such as the AdderView CATx IP 5000) through which a remote connection can be made to one or more host computers.

The Devices menu provides access to the following items:



Browse – Displays the Device Browser page so that you can see a list of the registered devices, each one showing its name, type, status, description, IP address (including port) and location details. Click the Manage button for the required device to see further information.

Search – Allows you to enter various criteria on which to search for a particular device.

Scan Network – Allows you to define a range of IP address locations in which to seek new devices.

Add – Allows you to define the characteristics of a new device and add it to the list manually.

Browse Clusters – Displays the Cluster Browser page so that you can see a list of the registered device clusters. Click the Manage button for the required device cluster to see further information.

Search Clusters – Allows you to search for device clusters by name or description.

Add Cluster – Allows you to define the characteristics of a new device cluster and add it to the list manually.

Adding new devices

When adding new devices to ADDER.NET, you can choose to either:

- Instruct the Manager to find devices for you, or
- Add each new device manually.

To locate and add devices

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Scan Network** from the drop down list. The screen will show:

Enter the base IP address for your search (e.g. 192.168.0.0)

Unless the device for which you are searching has had its port number changed, leave this option at 5900. If a device port number has been altered, change this value to match.

Enter the number of IP addresses to check from the base address (or enter the final IP address)

- 2 Enter your search parameters and click the **Scan** button.

Notes:

Ensure that the KVM-over-IP device(s) that you seek are switched on, correctly configured and are connected to an IP network that can be accessed by ADDER.NET.

If the ADDER.NET server system is on the other side of a firewall from the device(s) that you seek, ensure that an exception is registered with the firewall for port 5900. Please see [Appendix 5 - Configuring firewalls](#) for more details.

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After a short delay (depending on how many addresses you requested to check) the page will show the results of the search. The results are grouped and colour coded depending upon the items found:

The screenshot shows the 'Scan Network' page with a navigation bar at the top containing: Devices, Hosts, Users, Tools, Help, Connector, Logoff. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Scan Network** (with a help icon):
 - Devices Found on Port 5900 (Scanned 10 devices starting at 192.168.0.0)**
 - VNC Servers (New Devices)**: A table with columns 'Address' and 'Add'. The first row shows '[192.168.0.9]' and 'KVM Device Type C' with a checkbox that is checked. Below the table is a red 'Add' button.
 - VNC Servers (Devices Already In The Database)**: Text says 'No addresses to display for this response type.'
 - Blacklisted Devices**: Text says 'No addresses to display for this response type.'
 - Other Device Types**: A table with columns 'Address'. The first row shows '[192.168.0.1]' and '[192.168.0.7]'.
 - Incompatible VNC Servers**: Text says 'No addresses to display for this response type.'
 - No Device At This Address**: A table with columns 'Address'. The first row shows '[192.168.0.0]', '[192.168.0.2]', and '[192.168.0.3]'. The second row shows '[192.168.0.5]', '[192.168.0.6]', and '[192.168.0.8]'.

- Click the checkbox(es) of the device(s) that you wish to add and click the **Add** button. The selected device(s) will be shown within the Device Browser page:

The screenshot shows the 'Device Browser' page with a navigation bar at the top containing: Devices, Hosts, Users, Tools, Help, Connector, Logoff. The main content area shows:

- Device Browser** (with a help icon)
- Displayed 2 of 2 devices.**
- A table with columns: Go to top, Device Name, Device Type, Status, Description, IP address, Location.

Go to top	Device Name	Device Type	Status	Description	IP address	Location
Manage	*192.168.0.9	KVM Device	X	KVM Device	192.168.0.9:5900	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manage	Server	Software Server			192.168.0.10:5900	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Below the table, there are navigation controls: Page: 1, and buttons for back, forward, and search. There is also a 'Delete' button and a 'Go' button.

Any new KVM-over-IP devices will be shown with a white background. Click the checkbox to mark the device for inclusion.



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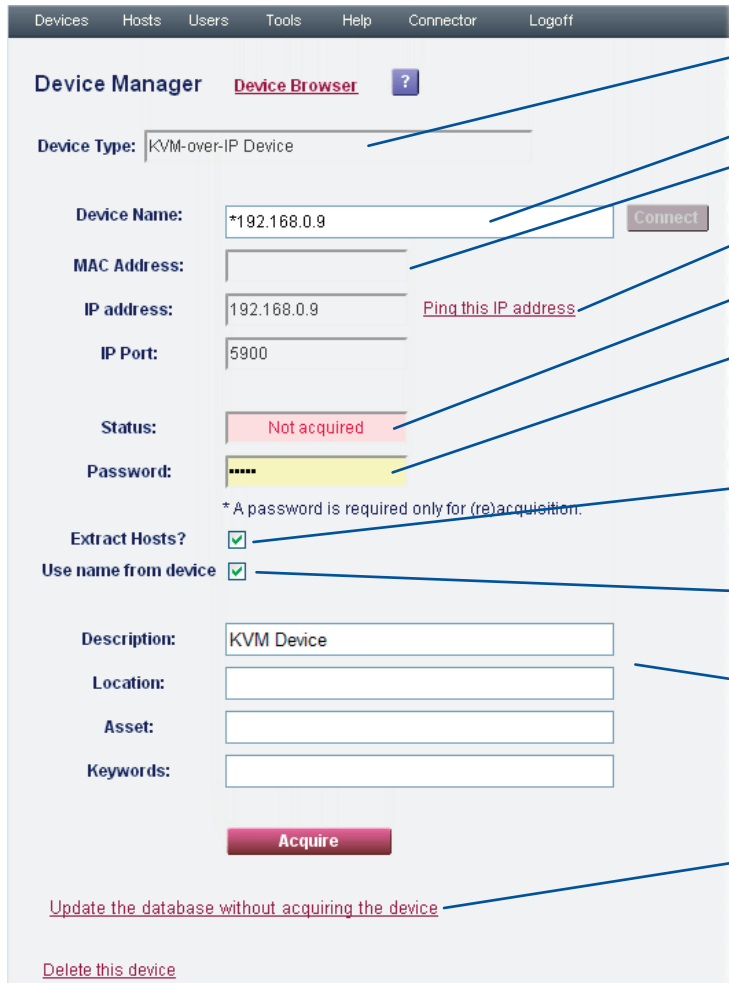
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- Click the **Manage** button of the newly discovered device that you wish to configure. The Device Manager page will display connection and control details for the selected device:



Indicates the device type as declared by the device itself.

If a DNS name is available it will be shown here, otherwise the IP address will be used.

If readable, lists the device's unique MAC address. Not shown for software servers.

Allows you to send a test IP packet to the device to ensure that it is responding correctly.

The Status window initially shows "Not acquired" until a secure ticket has been configured between ADDER.NET and the device. Not shown for software servers.

Enter the relevant admin password for the device. This password will be used once during the acquisition stage and then discarded from ADDER.NET in order to maintain security. If a password has not yet been configured within the device, the password entered here will be programmed into the device automatically as part of the acquisition process – blank passwords are not permitted. As a matter of course and good practice, please ensure that sufficiently complex and secure passwords are set on all devices. Not shown for software servers.

Extract Hosts: For KVM switches only, this checkbox determines whether ADDER.NET should extract and store the list of hosts from the device. Note: If this box is unticked and the hosts are not extracted at acquisition, ADDER.NET will overwrite the host list, permanently deleting any hosts which had been configured on the acquired device. Not shown for software servers.

Use name from device: If this box is ticked, ADDER.NET will attempt to retrieve the name stored within the device during acquisition. If none is found, or if this box is unticked, the name entered within the 'Device Name' field will be used. Not shown for software servers.

Optionally enter details for the device that will assist with recognition, physical location, asset status and also allow it to be located using a keyword search. These can be added or changed later.

Note: If you wish to store details within the ADDER.NET database, but not proceed with the acquisition at this stage, click this link.

- When all details have been completed, including a relevant (or new) password for the device, click the **Acquire** button to form the bond between the device and ADDER.NET.

If the acquisition process is successful, the Status box will change to a green background and show the word 'Acquired'. This means that a secure key link has been set up between ADDER.NET and the device.

If the acquisition fails, check:

- That the password is correct,
- That the device is switched on and responds to a ping operation,
- That the device does NOT have any "FORCE VNC protocol 3.3" option enabled.

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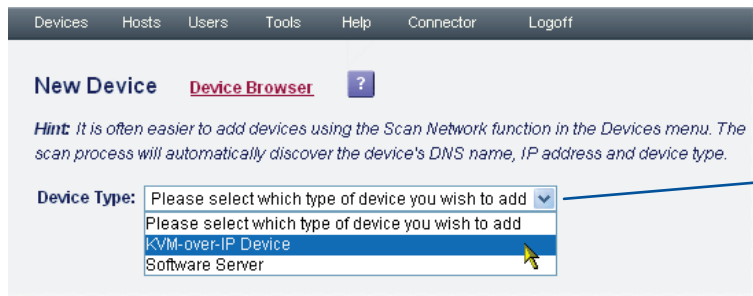
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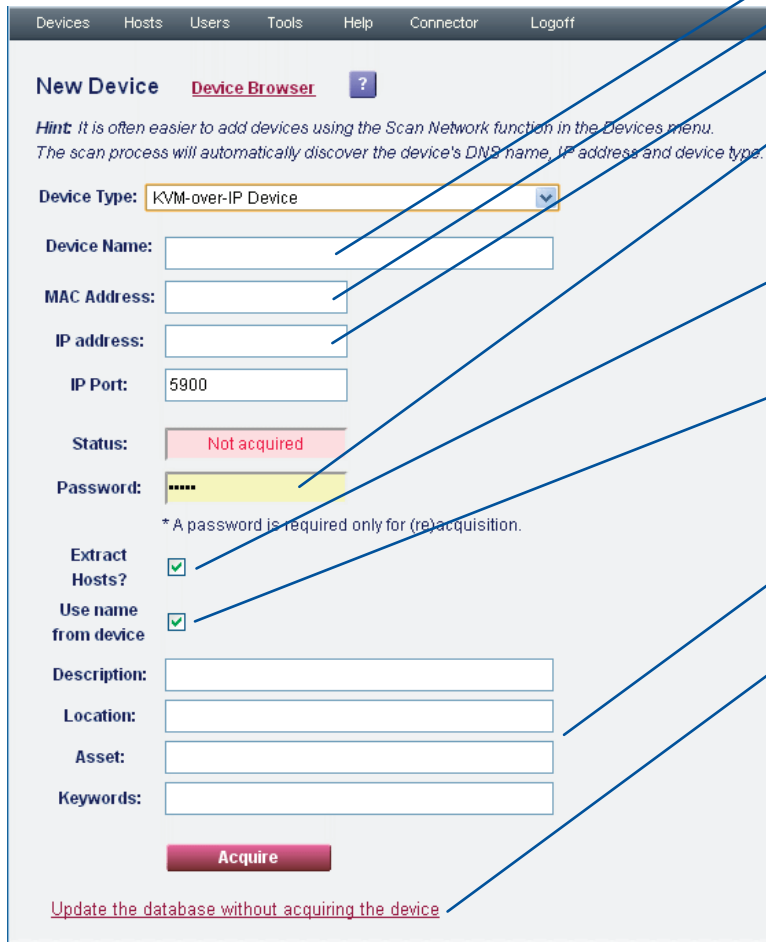
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To manually add a new device

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Add** from the drop down list. The screen will show:





Tips: Ensure that the KVM-over-IP device that you seek is switched on, correctly configured and is connected to an IP network that can be accessed by ADDER.NET. If the ADDER.NET server system is on the other side of a firewall from the device(s) that you seek, ensure that an exception is registered with the firewall for port 5900. Please see [Appendix 5 - Configuring firewalls](#) for more details.

First, choose the type of device that you wish to add.

Enter a name for the device (to aid identification).

If known, enter the device's unique MAC address. Not used for software servers.

Enter a valid IP address for the device.

Enter the relevant admin password for the device. This password will be used once during the acquisition stage and then discarded from ADDER.NET in order to maintain security. If a password has not yet been configured within the device, the password entered here will be programmed into the device automatically as part of the acquisition process – blank passwords are not permitted. As a matter of course and good practice, please ensure that sufficiently complex and secure passwords are set on all devices. Not shown for software servers.

Extract Hosts: For KVM switches only, this checkbox determines whether ADDER.NET should extract and store the list of hosts from the device. Note: If this box is unticked and the hosts are not extracted at acquisition, ADDER.NET will overwrite the host list. This will permanently delete any hosts which had been configured on the acquired device - you should therefore always extract hosts. Not shown for software servers.

Use name from device: If this box is ticked, ADDER.NET will attempt to retrieve the name stored within the device. If none is found, or if this box is unticked, the name entered within the 'Device Name' field will be used. Not shown for software servers.

Optionally enter details for the device that will assist with recognition, physical location, asset status and also allow it to be located using a keyword search. These can be added or changed later.

Note: If you wish to store details within the ADDER.NET database, but not proceed with the acquisition at this stage, click this link.

- 2 Enter the relevant details for the device and click the **Acquire** button.

After a short delay, if the acquisition process is successful, the Status box will change to a green background and show the word 'Acquired'. This means that a secure key link has been set up between ADDER.NET and the device.

If the acquisition fails, check:

- That the password is correct,
- That the device is switched on and responds to a ping operation,
- That the device does NOT have any "FORCE VNC protocol 3.3" option enabled.

Managing device entries

You can view and edit numerous details of any acquired device.

To manage a device entry

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Browse** from the drop down list. The Device Browser page will show a list of all devices registered within ADDER.NET. Where large numbers of devices are registered within ADDER.NET, you can use the [search facility](#) to quickly locate a particular device.
- 2 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the required device name to display the Device Manager page:

Devices Hosts Users Tools Help Connector Logoff

Device Manager Device Browser ?

Device Type: KVM-over-IP Device

Device Name: KVM device 1 Connect

MAC Address:

IP address: 192.168.0.9 Ping this IP address

IP Port: 5900

Status: Acquired Unacquire the device

Password: ***** Reacquire the device

* A password is required for (un)acquisition.

Description: KVM-over-IP Device

Location:

Asset:

Keywords:

Submit Changes

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Accounts 1 (Host)
Accounts 2 (Host)
Marketing 2 (Host)

Manage

Page: 1

Filter: *

Sort order: A to Z

Refresh

Displays the current name for the chosen device. Any change to this name will be written to the device when the Submit Changes button is next clicked.

If available, lists the device's unique MAC address. Not shown for software servers.

Ping - Allows you to send a test IP packet to the device to ensure that it is responding correctly.

Indicates the IP address and IP Port – these items are not editable.

Shows the current ADDER.NET status for the device: Acquired (green highlight) or Not Acquired (red highlight). Not shown for software servers.

Click to delete the ticket authority for a device.

Allows you to optionally change the administrator's password for the device. This will be written to the device when the Submit Changes button is next clicked. Note that changing the administrator's password in this way will also result in all other users being removed from the internal database of the device. Not software servers.

In the event that a device has undergone a factory-reset, or has lost configuration data or had configuration data modified through some other means, the "Reacquire the device" link can be used. Clicking this link will re-send all the necessary settings to a device which has previously been acquired. Not shown for software servers.

Optional details for the device that will assist with recognition, physical location, asset status and also allow it to be located using a keyword search.

Click to update the ADDER.NET database and also, where necessary, store changes within the device.

Advanced control (Hardware Manager) - Allows you to view and alter other details related to the KVM device, extract details of all connected host computers and also to reboot the KVM device. See [Advanced Control \(Hardware Manager\)](#) for more details. Not shown for software servers.

View log – Downloads the status log from the device. Not for software servers.

Delete this device – Remove the device from the ADDER.NET database.

Allows you to access the details of any host computer connected to the KVM device (once the host details have been extracted using the 'Advanced Control/Hardware Manager function). Not shown for software servers.

- 3 When all details have been completed for the device, click the **Submit Changes** button. If a change is made to a device in ADDER.NET, but the device is currently inaccessible, the change will be stored in ADDER.NET and the device will be updated automatically at the earliest opportunity.



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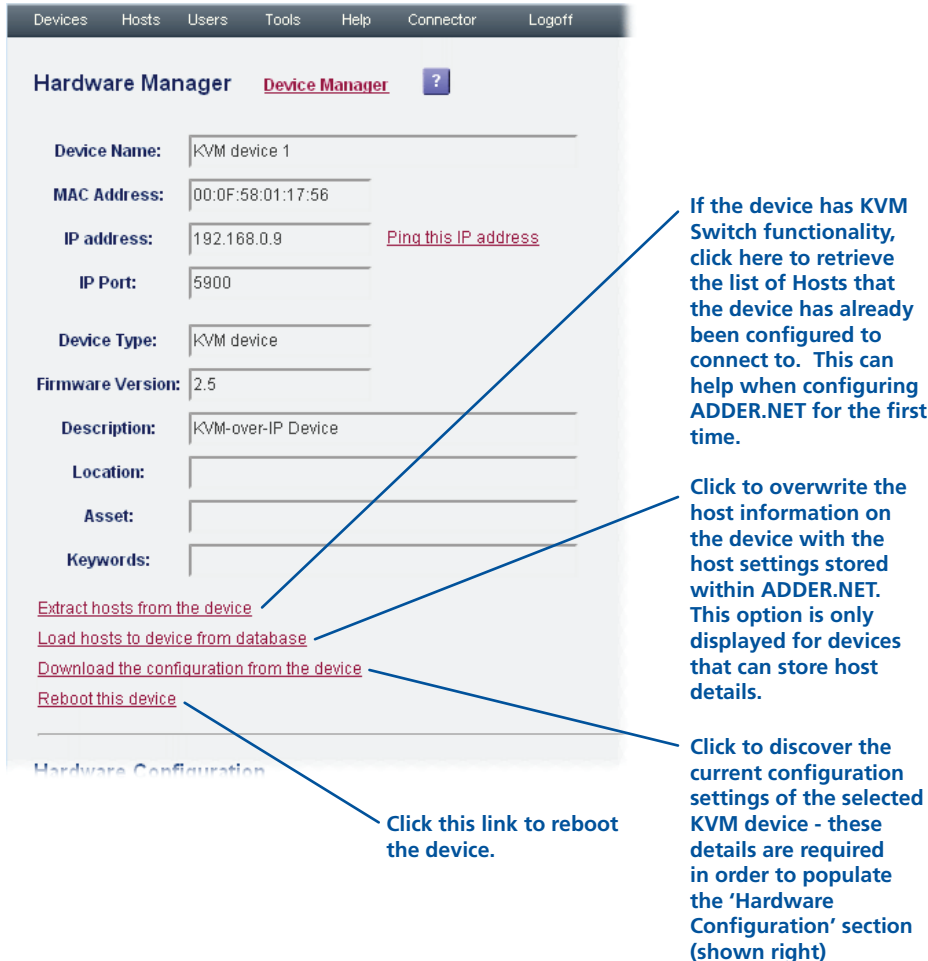
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Advanced Control (Hardware Manager)

The Hardware Manager allows you to view greater levels of detail for a chosen KVM device and permits changes to be made to various aspects of operation.

To use the Hardware Manager

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Browse** from the drop down list.
- 2 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the required device name to display the Device Manager page.
- 3 click the **Advanced Control** link (the device must have previously been acquired). The Hardware Manager page will be displayed:



Hardware Manager **Device Manager** ?

Device Name: KVM device 1

MAC Address: 00:0F:58:01:17:56

IP address: 192.168.0.9 [Ping this IP address](#)

IP Port: 5900

Device Type: KVM device

Firmware Version: 2.5

Description: KVM-over-IP Device

Location:

Asset:

Keywords:

[Extract hosts from the device](#)

[Load hosts to device from database](#)

[Download the configuration from the device](#)

[Reboot this device](#)

Hardware Configuration

[Reboot this device](#)

Hardware Configuration

HTTPPort: 80

IpAddress: 192.168.0.6

IpGateway:

IpNetMask: 255.255.255.0

Keys0: +Ctrl+Alt+Del

Keys1: +Alt+Tab

Keys2: +Win

Keys3:

Keys4:

Keys5:

Keys6:

Keys7:

ModemBaud: 115200

ModemInitSeq: ATSO=1

ModemResetSeq: ATZ

NTPServer: 192.168.16.24

SyslogServer: 192.168.16.24

UseDHCP: 0

UseGTF: 1

Send Changes

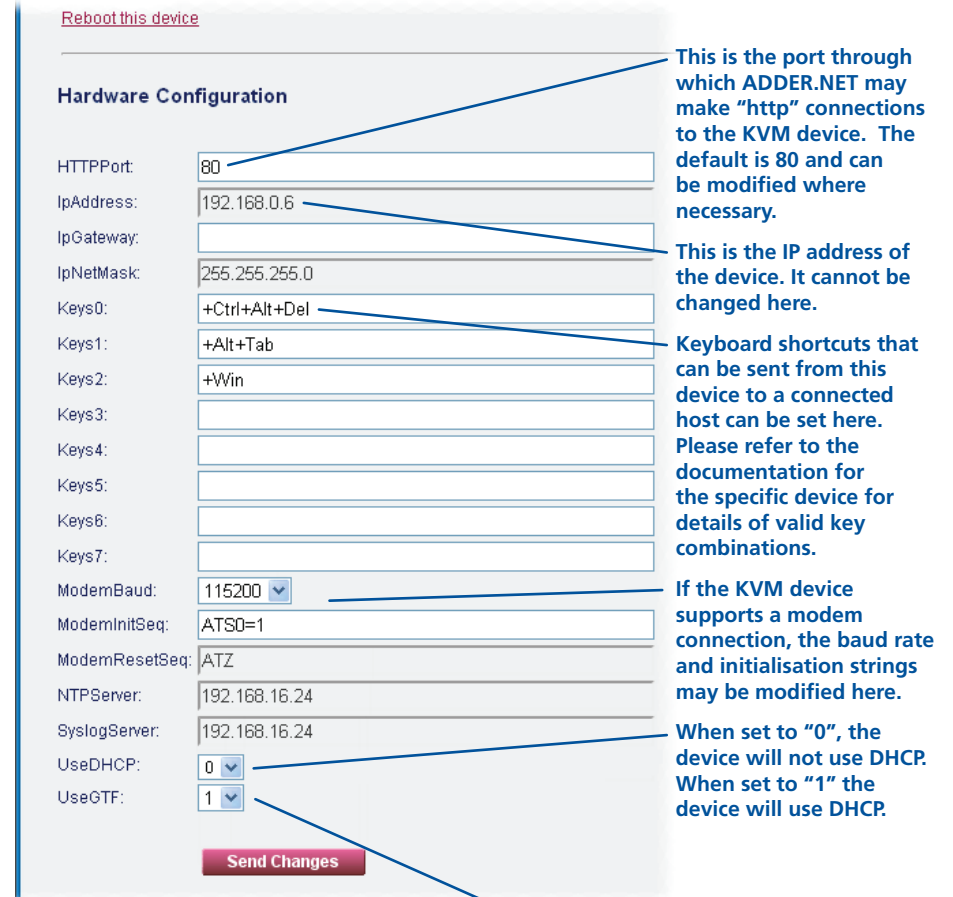
If the device has KVM Switch functionality, click here to retrieve the list of Hosts that the device has already been configured to connect to. This can help when configuring ADDER.NET for the first time.

Click to overwrite the host information on the device with the host settings stored within ADDER.NET. This option is only displayed for devices that can store host details.

Click to discover the current configuration settings of the selected KVM device - these details are required in order to populate the 'Hardware Configuration' section (shown right)

Click this link to reboot the device.

The Hardware Configuration section is populated every time the Hardware Manager is opened. If the device is on-line at the time, the configuration will be updated. It can be refreshed by clicking on the 'Download configuration from the device' option:



Hardware Configuration

HTTPPort: 80

IpAddress: 192.168.0.6

IpGateway:

IpNetMask: 255.255.255.0

Keys0: +Ctrl+Alt+Del

Keys1: +Alt+Tab

Keys2: +Win

Keys3:

Keys4:

Keys5:

Keys6:

Keys7:

ModemBaud: 115200

ModemInitSeq: ATSO=1

ModemResetSeq: ATZ

NTPServer: 192.168.16.24

SyslogServer: 192.168.16.24

UseDHCP: 0

UseGTF: 1

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This is the port through which ADDER.NET may make "http" connections to the KVM device. The default is 80 and can be modified where necessary.

This is the IP address of the device. It cannot be changed here.

Keyboard shortcuts that can be sent from this device to a connected host can be set here. Please refer to the documentation for the specific device for details of valid key combinations.

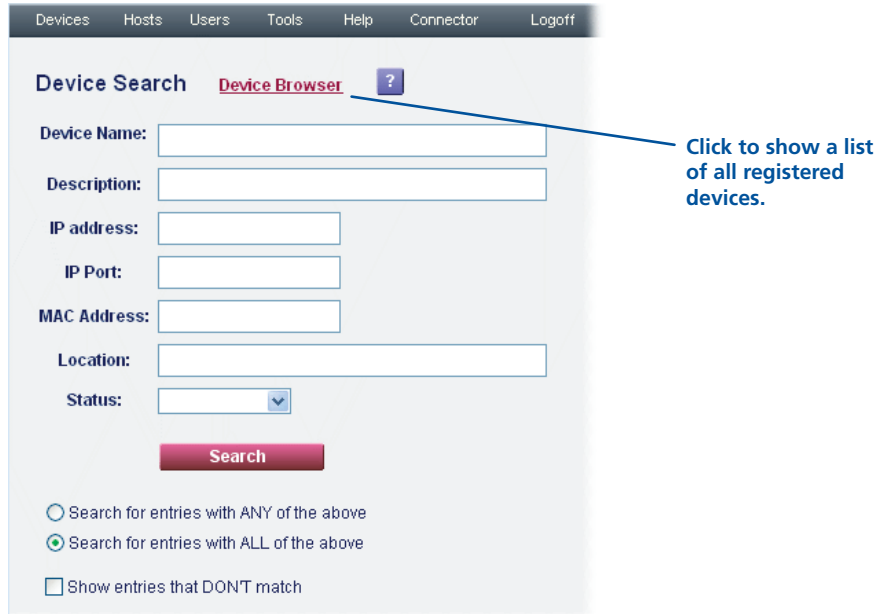
If the KVM device supports a modem connection, the baud rate and initialisation strings may be modified here.

When set to "0", the device will not use DHCP. When set to "1" the device will use DHCP.

When set to "1" the device will use the VESA Generalized Timing Formula to help identify the incoming video signals from the connected hosts, in order to correctly encode them. If UseGTF is set to "0", only a fixed internal look-up table will be used for this purpose.

To search for a device

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Search** from the drop down list. The 'Device Search' page will be displayed:



- 2 As required, enter one or more search criteria for the device:
 - The name of the device,
 - The description of the device,
 - The IP address of the device,
 - The IP Port number of the device,
 - The unique MAC Address of the device,
 - The location of the device.
 - The Status of the device, i.e. whether it has or hasn't been acquired yet.

Note: Any of these fields can use the '' wildcard character to give a wider match.*

- 3 Choose the search logic that you wish to apply:
 - Include devices that meet ANY of your search criteria,
 - Include devices that meet ALL of your search criteria,
 - Show devices that DON'T match your search criteria.
- 4 When all search criteria are in place, click the **Search** button. After a short delay the Device Search page will list all of the devices that match your criteria.
- 5 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the name of the required device to view the [Device Manager](#) page.

Device clusters

A *Device Cluster* consists of one or more KVM-over-IP devices that collectively provide multiple paths to the same set of host computers. The multiple paths are important because they provide redundancy within an overall system and allow more than one route to any single host computer. A device cluster may be created from any *Device* that has been previously *Acquired*. Once a device has been acquired, you can use the New Cluster page to create a cluster.

To create a device cluster

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Add Cluster** from the drop down list. The New Cluster page will be displayed ⇒
- 2 Enter a name and optional description for the new cluster.
- 3 Select the device(s) from which you would like to create the cluster (in the left hand field) and then click the **Add** button to create the cluster.

Cluster name – enter a unique name for the cluster.

Optionally use this field to add further identification information.

See the [next page](#) for more details

Devices may be added to the cluster in this section.

To add a device: Highlight the device name in the left hand box and click the 'Add' button.

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The Cluster Manager page will now be shown so that you can determine all aspects of the new cluster.



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The list of hosts that can be accessed through this cluster are displayed here. To view details, highlight a host name and click the adjacent Manage button.

Use this link to transfer all the hosts which are defined in ADDER.NET as being accessible through this cluster to all of the devices in the cluster. Under normal circumstances this will happen as the hosts are created or as devices are added to the cluster, but it may sometimes be necessary to bring all of the cluster devices up-to-date manually, which can be achieved with this link.

Use this section to determine which users and/or user groups should be permitted to access the devices and hosts within this cluster.

Highlight one or more items within the left hand box (hold down the CTRL key to select more than one item) - then click the Add button to transfer them to the right hand box.

When the list of available users/user groups is long, use the filtering tools to reduce the unwanted items within the list. The filter box allows the list to be constrained by a wildcard match (i.e. match the entered text except '*' which matches zero or more characters). The order in which the devices are displayed can also be selected.

- 4 When all details have been completed, click the **Submit Changes** button. The details will be stored within the ADDER.NET database. If a change is made to a device in ADDER.NET, but the device is currently inaccessible, the change will be stored in ADDER.NET and the device will be updated automatically at the earliest opportunity.

The screenshot shows the 'Cluster Manager' interface with the 'Cluster Browser' tab selected. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Devices', 'Hosts', 'Users', 'Tools', 'Help', 'Connector', and 'Logoff'. Below this, the 'Cluster Manager' section has a 'Cluster Browser' sub-tab and a '?' icon. It includes input fields for 'Cluster:' (Sales) and 'Description:' (A Cluster), with a 'Connect' button and a 'Submit Changes' button. The 'Devices in the cluster' section is divided into 'Other acquired devices of this type' (Showing 1 of 1) and 'Devices in this cluster' (Showing 2 of 2). The left list contains 'OperationsServer (Device)' and the right list contains '*192.168.16.182 (Device)' and 'SalesServer (Device)'. Between these lists are 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons. Below the lists are pagination controls (Page: 0) and a 'Refresh' button. The 'Accessible Hosts' section shows 'Sales Dept (Host)' and 'Technical Dept (Host)' with a 'Manage' button. It also has pagination controls and a 'Refresh' button. A link 'Load hosts to cluster devices from database' is present. The 'Groups/Users with access' section is divided into 'Other Groups/Users' (Showing 1 of 1) and 'Groups/Users with access' (Showing 1 of 1). The left list contains 'managers (User Group)' and the right list contains 'admin (User)'. Between them are 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons. Below the lists are pagination controls and a 'Refresh' button. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'User Groups' and 'Users', both of which are checked, and a 'Refresh' button. A 'Hide effective' link is also visible.

Devices may be added to and removed from the cluster in this section.

To add a device: Highlight the device name in the left hand box and click the 'Add' button.

To remove a device: Highlight the device name in the right hand box and click the 'Remove' button.

When the list of available devices/hosts is long, use the filtering tools to reduce the unwanted items within the list. The filter box allows the list to be constrained by a wildcard match (i.e. match the entered text except '*' which matches zero or more characters). The order in which the devices are displayed can also be selected.

The 'Groups/Users with access' provides a summary of users and user groups which directly or indirectly (via membership of another user group) have permission to access the devices and hosts within this cluster.

After each group/user name, the clusters to which they have access are listed. To view information for a user/user group, highlight the name and click the adjacent Manage button.

To manage a device cluster

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Browse Clusters** from the drop down list. The screen will show a list of all clusters registered within ADDER.NET:

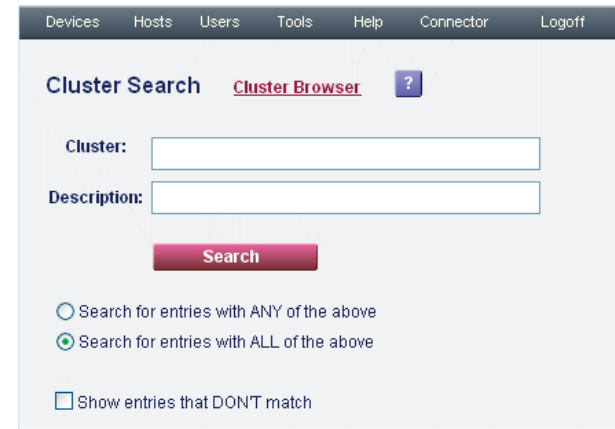


Where large numbers of clusters are registered within ADDER.NET, use the Cluster Search facility to quickly locate a particular cluster ⇨

- 2 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the required cluster name to display the [Cluster Manager](#) page.

To search for a device cluster

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Search Clusters** from the drop down list. The 'Cluster Search' page will be displayed:



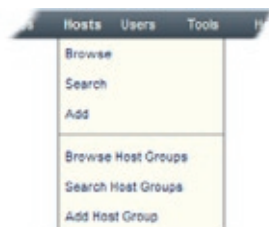
- 2 As required, enter one or more search criteria for the host group:
 - The name of the cluster,
 - The description of the cluster,
- 3 Choose the search logic that you wish to apply:
 - Include clusters that meet ANY of your search criteria,
 - Include clusters that meet ALL of your search criteria,
 - Show clusters that DON'T match your search criteria.
- 4 When all search criteria are in place, click the **Search** button. After a short delay the Cluster Search page will list all of the clusters that match your criteria.
- 5 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the name of the required cluster to view the [Cluster Manager](#) page.

Hosts

Hosts are computers that are linked to one or more KVM-over-IP devices.

Host Groups are logical collections of host computers (which may be connected to the same or to different KVM devices) so that common access rights to the host computers within the group can be given to individual users or user groups. If required, one or more Host Groups can be included within other Host Groups to create staged layers of groupings.

The Hosts menu provides access to the following items:



Browse – Displays the Host Browser page so that you can see a list of the registered host computers, each one showing its name, the device/cluster to which it is connected, its description and location details. Click the Manage button for the required host to see further information.

Search – Allows you to enter various criteria on which to search for a particular host.

Add – Allows you to define the characteristics of a new host computer and add it to the list manually.

Browse Host Groups – Displays the Host Group Browser page so that you can see a list of all registered host groups. Click the Manage button for the required host group to see further information and make changes.

Search Host Groups – Allows you to search for host groups by name or description.

Add Host Group – Allows you to create new host groups and to define the host computers to be included and the users/groups that should be permitted access to those hosts.

Adding new hosts

There are two main ways to add new hosts, you can either:

- Extract hosts from a device, or
- Add each new host computer manually.

Note: As a matter of course, hosts should always be extracted during acquisition of a device, otherwise the host list within the device will be overwritten by ADDER.NET. The extraction facility described below would then only be needed to learn about devices that have been added or changed since the acquisition took place. The process of adding hosts manually will normally overwrite any existing host definitions stored within the KVM-over-IP device that have not been previously extracted.

To extract hosts from a device

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Devices** and then choose **Browse** from the drop down list. The screen will show a list of all devices that are registered within ADDER.NET.
- 2 Click the **Manage** button of the appropriate device to display the Device Manager page.
- 3 Click the **Advanced Control** link to display the Hardware Manager page.
- 4 Click the **Extract hosts from the device** link and then confirm the popup dialog box. After a short delay the Host Browser page should be displayed with a list of all extracted host computers from the device. Each host computer entry can be individually viewed and edited by clicking the adjacent **Manage** button – see [Managing host entries](#).

Note: When a device is connected to just a single host, it is still necessary to extract the single host from the device.

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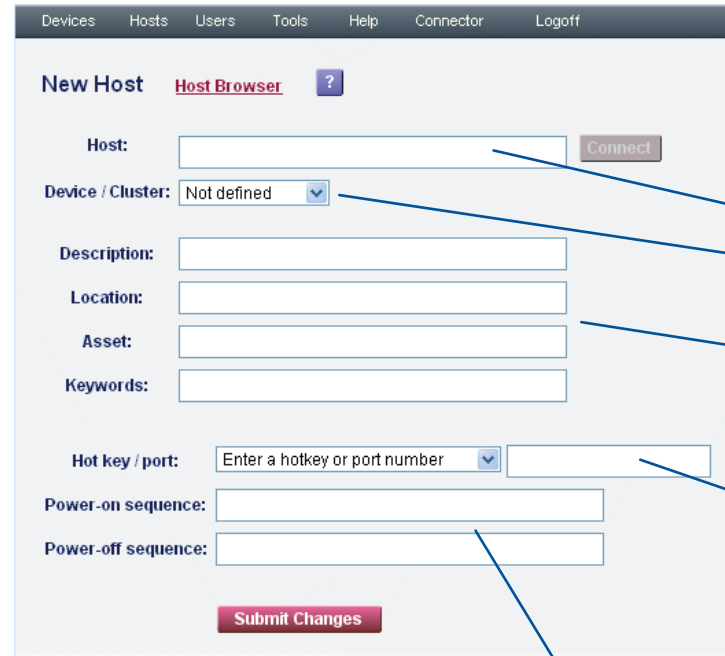
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To manually add a new host

When manually adding a host you need to know various connection details:

- The device to which the host is connected,
 - The port of the device (if applicable) to which the host is connected,
 - Optionally, the power on/power off sequence commands, if power switching is employed.
- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Add** from the drop down list. The screen will show the New Host page ⇨
 - 2 When all details have been completed, click the **Submit Changes** button. The details will be stored within ADDER.NET. Any device that can be updated at this time will be updated with the new information; all other devices in the cluster will be updated when they next become accessible to ADDER.NET.



Enter a name for the new host.

From the list, select the Device or Cluster to which the host is connected.

Optionally enter details for the device that will assist with recognition, physical location, asset status and also allow it to be located using a keyword search.

If the chosen device or cluster has more than one port, enter either the port number to which the host is connected or the hotkey sequence that will link to the host. Note: Certain devices will provide a list of valid port numbers in the right hand field for you to choose from. See the Hot key / port section below.

Optionally enter power switching sequences for the host, if power switching is employed on the device.

Hot key / port

The hot key / port setting depends on the device to which the host is connected:

- If a single port device or a VNC Server program is used, then no hot key / port number is required.
- If the device has multiple ports then simply specify the port number to which the host is connected as follows: 01, 02, 03...24.
- If the device is a combination of closely coupled units, then specify the port number to which the host is connected in square brackets as follows: [01], [02], [03]... [24].
- If the device is connected to a KVM switch that is controlled by hot keys, then specify the hot key that will access the host, e.g. +CTRL+ALT+1 +CTRL+ALT+2 +CTRL+ALT+3 +CTRL+ALT+24

For other hotkey combinations please refer to the manual of your KVM-over-IP device and/or KVM switch.

Managing host entries

You can view and edit numerous details of any registered host.

To manage a host entry

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Browse** from the drop down list. The screen will show a list of all hosts registered within ADDER.NET. Where large numbers of hosts are registered within ADDER.NET, use the [search facility](#) to quickly locate a particular host.
- 2 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the required host name to display the Host Manager page ⇨

Name of the host computer

Click to view/edit details about the Device Cluster to which this host belongs

Optional details for the device that will assist with recognition, physical location, asset status and also allow it to be located using a keyword search.

If the device has more than one computer port, this field will contain the port number to which the host is connected or the hotkey sequence that will link to the host. See the [Hot key / port](#) section.

Optional power switching sequences for the host, if power switching is employed on the device.

- 3 When all details in the upper section of the page have been completed, click the **Submit Changes** button. The details will be stored within the ADDER.NET database.

This section allows you to control which Users or User Groups should be granted access rights to the Host computer.

To add a user or group: Click on the user/group name in the left hand box and click the 'Add' button.

To remove a user or group: Click on the user/group name in the right hand box and click the 'Remove' button.

Note: To select more than one user or group to add or remove, hold down the CTRL key while clicking on each name.

If necessary, use the 'Filter' and 'Sort order' controls, plus the 'Refresh' button to locate the required user(s) within a long list.

The screenshot shows the 'Host Manager' page in the ADDER.NET Manager. The top navigation bar includes 'Devices', 'Hosts', 'Users', 'Tools', 'Help', 'Connector', and 'Logoff'. The user is logged in as '[admin]'. The main section is titled 'Host Manager' and 'Host Browser'. It contains a form for editing host details. The 'Host' field is 'Notebook'. The 'Device / Cluster' is 'KVM device 1 (Device)'. There are fields for 'Description', 'Location', 'Asset', and 'Keywords'. The 'Hot key / port' is set to 'Select a port'. There are fields for 'Power-on sequence' and 'Power-off sequence'. A 'Connect' button is present. Below the form is a 'Submit Changes' button and a 'Delete this Host' link. The bottom section is titled 'Groups/Users with access' and shows two boxes: 'Other Groups/Users' and 'Groups/Users with access'. The 'Other Groups/Users' box shows 'managers (User Group)'. The 'Groups/Users with access' box shows 'admin (User)'. There are 'Add', 'Add All', 'Remove', and 'Remove All' buttons between the boxes. At the bottom, there are 'Filter' and 'Sort order' controls, and a 'Refresh' button. A 'Show effective members' link is also present.

Host: Notebook

Device / Cluster: KVM device 1 (Device) [Manage this device/cluster](#)

Connect

Description:

Location:

Asset:

Keywords:

Hot key / port: Select a port

Power-on sequence:

Power-off sequence:

Submit Changes

Delete this Host

Groups/Users with access

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managers (User Group)

Groups/Users with access
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admin (User)

Add

Add All

Remove

Remove All

Page: 0

Filter: *

Sort order: A to Z

User Groups: ☒

Users: ☒

Refresh

Show effective members

To search for a host

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Search** from the drop down list. The screen will show the Host Search page:



Click to show
a list of all
registered hosts.

Note:

* can also be
used as a wildcard
character during
searches.

- 2 As required, enter one or more search criteria for the host:
 - The name of the host,
 - The Device or Cluster to which the host belongs,
 - The description of the host,
 - The location of the host.
- 3 Choose the search logic that you wish to apply:
 - Include hosts that meet ANY of your search criteria,
 - Include hosts that meet ALL of your search criteria,
 - Show hosts that DON'T match your search criteria.
- 4 When all search criteria are in place, click the **Search** button. After a short delay the Host Search page will list all of the hosts that match your criteria.
- 5 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the name of the required host to view the Host Manager page, as discussed in the section [Managing host entries](#).

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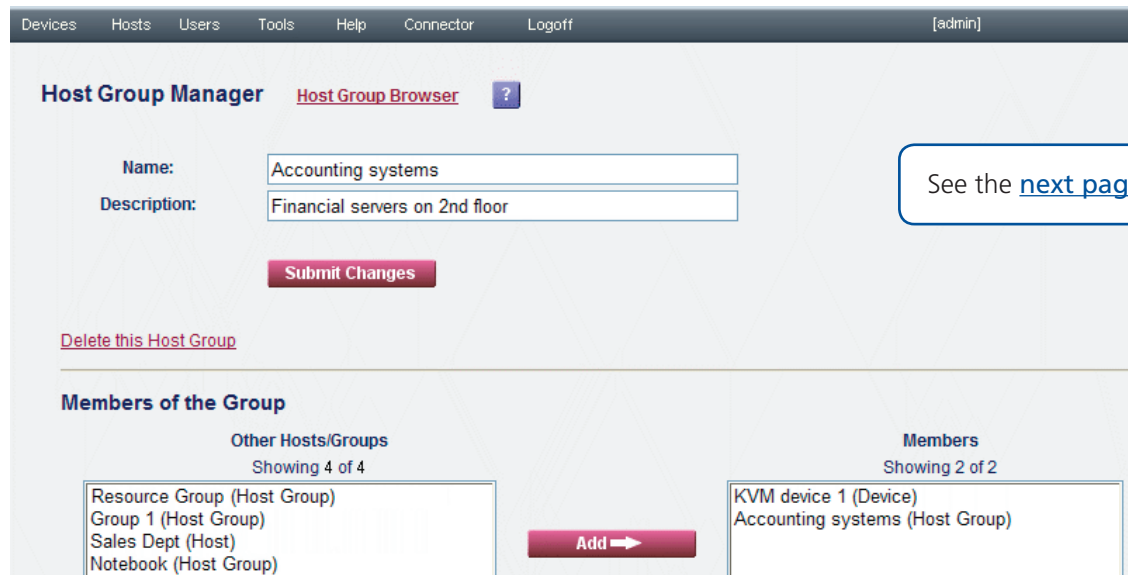
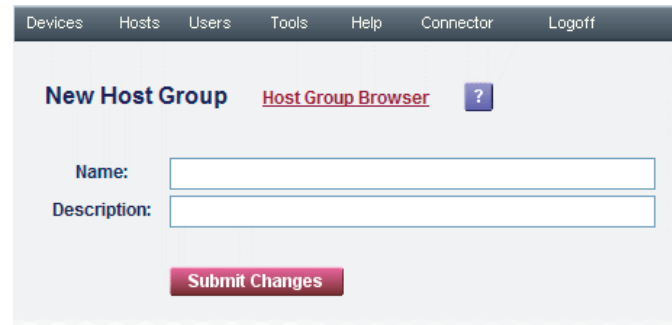
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Host groups

Host Groups are logical collections of host computers (which may be connected to the same or to different KVM devices) so that common access rights to the host computers within the group can be given to individual users or user groups. If required, one or more Host Groups can be included within other Host Groups to create staged layers of groupings.

To create a host group

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Add Host Group** from the drop down list. The New Host Group page will be displayed ⇨
- 2 Enter a name for the new host group and optionally provide a description.
- 3 Click the **Submit Changes** button to display the full Host Group Manager page ⇩



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Use this section to determine which host computers, host groups and/or devices/device clusters should be included within this host group.

Highlight one or more items within the left hand box (hold down the CTRL key to select more than one item) - then click the Add button to transfer them to the right hand box.

When the list of available hosts/host groups is long, use the filtering tools to reduce the unwanted items within the list. The filter box allows the list to be constrained by a wildcard match (i.e. match the entered text except '*' which matches zero or more characters). The order in which the devices are displayed can also be selected. The checkboxes allow you to further refine the search to show only specific types of entries.

Use this section to determine which users and/or user groups should be permitted to access this host group.

Highlight one or more items within the left hand box (hold down the CTRL key to select more than one item) - then click the Add button to transfer them to the right hand box.

When the list of available users/user groups is long, use the filtering tools to reduce the unwanted items within the list. The filter box allows the list to be constrained by a wildcard match (i.e. match the entered text except '*' which matches zero or more characters). The order in which the devices are displayed can also be selected. The checkboxes allow you to further refine the search to show only specific types of entries.

Host Group Manager [Host Group Browser](#) ?

Name:

Description:

[Submit Changes](#)

[Delete this Host Group](#)

Members of the Group

Other Hosts/Groups
Showing 4 of 4

Resource Group (Host Group)
Sales Dept (Host)
Notebook (Host Group)

[Add](#) [Add All](#) [Remove](#) [Remove All](#)

Members
Showing 2 of 2

KVM device 1 (Device)
Accounting systems (Host Group)

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KVM device 1 (Device)
Group 1 (Host Group)
Accounting systems (Host Group)
*192.168.0.5 (Device)
Accounting systems (Host Group)
*192.168.0.7 (Device)
Accounting systems (Host Group)

[Manage](#)

Groups/Users with access

Other Groups/Users
Showing 1 of 1

managers (User Group)

[Add](#) [Add All](#) [Remove](#) [Remove All](#)

Groups/Users with access
Showing 1 of 1

admin (User)

[Groups/Users with access](#) [Hide effective members](#)

admin (User)
Accounting systems (Host Group)

The 'Effective List of Members' provides a summary of the hosts which are directly or indirectly (via the inclusion of another host group, device or cluster) members of this host group.

The 'Groups/Users with access' (Effective Members) list provides a summary of the users who are directly or indirectly (via the inclusion of a user group) permitted to access this host group.

To manage a host group entry

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Browse Host Groups** from the drop down list. The screen will show a list of all host groups registered within ADDER.NET:

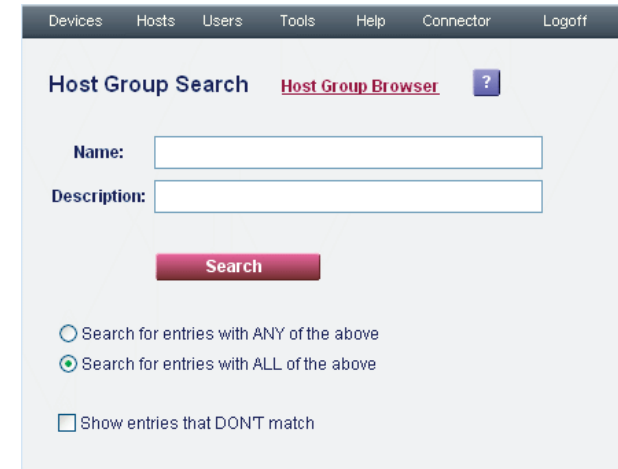


Where large numbers of host groups are registered within ADDER.NET, use the Host Group Search facility to quickly locate a particular host group ⇒

- 2 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the required host group name to display the [Host Group Manager](#) page.
- 3 When all details have been completed, click the **Submit Changes** button. The details will be stored within the ADDER.NET database.

To search for a host group

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Search Host Groups** from the drop down list. The 'Host Group Search' page will be displayed:



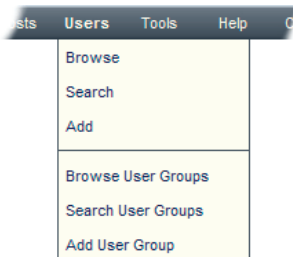
- 2 As required, enter one or both search criteria for the host group:
 - The name of the host group,
 - The description of the host group,
- 3 Choose the search logic that you wish to apply:
 - Include host groups that meet ANY of your search criteria,
 - Include host groups that meet ALL of your search criteria,
 - Show host groups that DON'T match your search criteria.
- 4 When all search criteria are in place, click the **Search** button. After a short delay the Host Group Search page will list all of the groups that match your criteria.
- 5 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the name of the required host group to view the [Host Group Manager](#) page.

Users

The Users section allows you to determine which devices, device clusters and host computers each user is permitted to access.

User Groups provide a simplified means to administer access rights collectively to any number of individual users. Where necessary, one or more User Groups can be included within other User Groups to create staged layers of grouping.

The Users menu provides access to the following items:



Browse – Displays the User Browser page so that you can see a list of all registered users, each showing the name, user type and description. Click the Manage button for the required user to see further information.

Search – Allows you to enter various criteria on which to search for a particular user.

Add – Allows you to define the characteristics of a new user and add them to the list.

Browse User Groups – Displays the User Group Browser page so that you can see a list of all registered user groups. Click the Manage button for the required user group to see further information and make changes.

Search User Groups – Allows you to search for user groups by name or description.

Add User Group – Allows you to create new user groups and to define the devices and hosts that they should be permitted to access.

Adding new users

To add a new user

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Users** and then choose **Add** from the drop down list. The New User page will be displayed:
- 2 When all details have been completed for the new user, click the **Submit Changes** button. The details will be stored within the ADDER.NET database. ADDER.NET will then display the User Manager for the new user, from where it is possible to set up and modify the access privileges of the new user.

A screenshot of the 'New User' form in the ADDER.NET Manager. The form is titled 'New User' and has a 'User Browser' link. It contains several fields and a 'Submit Changes' button. Annotations with arrows point to the following fields:

- User:** Enter the name of the new user.
- Password:** Enter and confirm the password for the new user.
- Confirm Password:** Enter and confirm the password for the new user.
- User Type:** Choose whether the new user will have access to all areas of ADDER.NET (Manager) or only to the Connector section.
- Start Page:** If the User Type is set to Manager, select the initial page that the new user will see when first logging into ADDER.NET.
- Description:** Optionally enter a description for the new user.
- Selected language:** Choose the language in which the ADDER.NET menus, entry labels, error messages, defined values, etc. should be presented to the user.
- Most-recent list size:** Determines the number of entries possible in the list of Targets Accessed Most Recently (visited host computers) shown within the Connector section.



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Managing user entries

You can view and edit numerous details for any registered user.

Note: You cannot edit your own user entry while logged in (as yourself), however, you can edit other user entries even when they are logged in.

To manage a user entry

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Users** and then choose **Browse** from the drop down list. The screen will show a list of all users registered within ADDER.NET. Where large numbers of users are registered within ADDER.NET, you can use the [search facility](#) to quickly locate a particular user.
- 2 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the required user name to display the User Manager page ⇨

Name of the user.

The characters of the password are not shown. You can change the password for the user by overwriting this entry (then click the Submit Changes button).

Determines whether the user can see all areas (Manager) or just the Connector

Determines which page the user will see when they first log in.

Optional description for the user.

Indicates which targets the user has selected as "Favourites."

Choose the language in which the ADDER.NET menus, entry labels, error messages, defined values, etc. should be presented to the user.

Determines the number of entries possible in the list of Targets Accessed Most Recently (visited host computers) shown within the Connector page.

- 3 When all details in the upper section of the page have been completed, click the **Submit Changes** button. The details will be stored within the ADDER.NET database.

This section allows you to control which targets this user can access.

To add a target: Click on the target name in the left hand box and click the 'Add' button.

To remove a target: Click on the target name in the right hand box and click the 'Remove' button.

Note: To select more than one user or group to add or remove, hold down the CTRLkey while clicking on each name.

If necessary, use the 'Filter' and 'Sort order' controls, plus the 'Refresh' button to locate the required user(s) within a long list. The checkboxes allow you to further refine the search to show only specific types of entries.

The screenshot displays the 'User Manager' interface with the 'User Browser' tab selected. The top navigation bar includes 'Devices', 'Hosts', 'Users', 'Tools', 'Help', 'Connector', and 'Logoff'. The main form contains the following fields and controls:

- User:** Text input field containing 'admin'.
- Password:** Text input field.
- Confirm Password:** Text input field.
- User Type:** Dropdown menu set to 'Manager'.
- Start Page:** Dropdown menu set to 'Alert Browser'.
- Description:** Text area containing 'Initial system user - delete or change password AS'.
- Favourites:** Text area containing 'There are no favourites.'
- Selected language:** Dropdown menu set to 'English'.
- Most-recent list size:** Dropdown menu set to '4'.
- Submit Changes:** Red button.

Below the form are two lists of 'Accessible Targets':

- Other Targets (Showing 7 of 7):** A list box containing 'Accounting systems (Host Group)', 'Accounts 1 (Host)', 'Accounts 2 (Host)', 'HP Laptop (Host)', 'Marketing 1 (Host)', 'Marketing 2 (Host)', and 'Technical support (Host Group)'.
- Accessible Targets (Showing 1 of 1):** A list box containing 'Accounting sys (Host)'.

Between the two lists are four buttons: 'Add', 'Add All', 'Remove', and 'Remove All'. At the bottom of the interface are controls for 'Page' (set to 1), 'Filter' (set to *), 'Sort order' (set to A to Z), and checkboxes for 'Devices / Clusters' (unchecked), 'Hosts' (checked), and 'Host Groups' (checked). A 'Refresh' button is also present. A link labeled 'Show effective members' is located at the bottom right.



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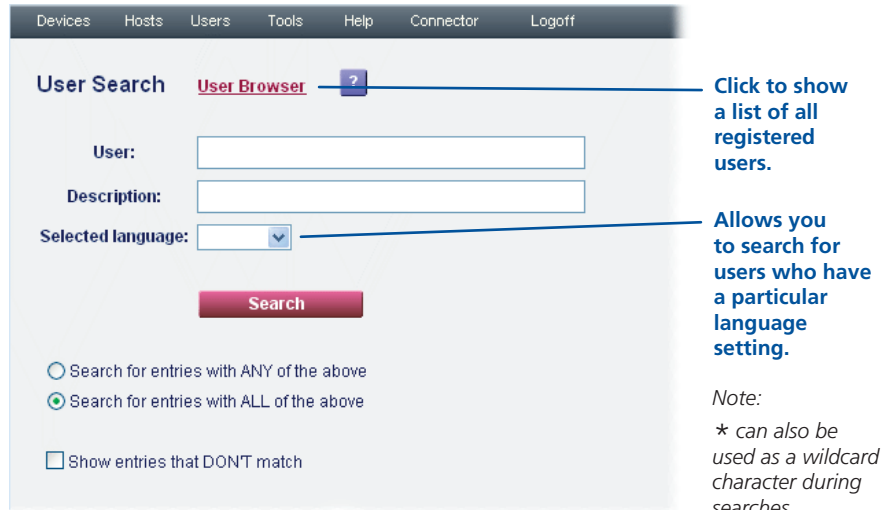
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To search for a user

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Users** and then choose **Search** from the drop down list. The User Search page will be displayed:



Click to show a list of all registered users.

Allows you to search for users who have a particular language setting.

Note:
* can also be used as a wildcard character during searches.

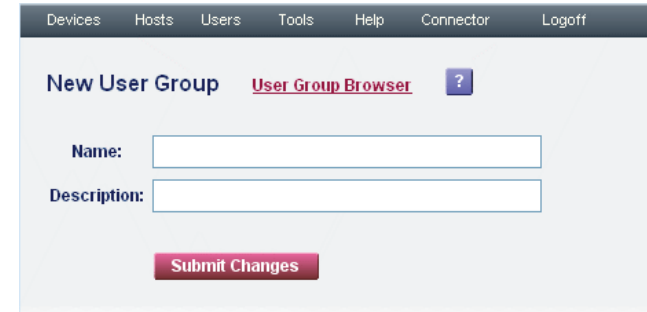
- 2 As required, enter one or more search criteria for the user:
 - The name of the user,
 - The description of the user,
 - The language used by the user.
- 3 Choose the search logic that you wish to apply:
 - Include users that meet ANY of your search criteria,
 - Include users that meet ALL of your search criteria,
 - Show users that DON'T match your search criteria.
- 4 When all search criteria are in place, click the **Search** button. After a short delay the User Search page will list all of the users that match your criteria.
- 5 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the name of the user to view the [User Manager](#) page.

User groups

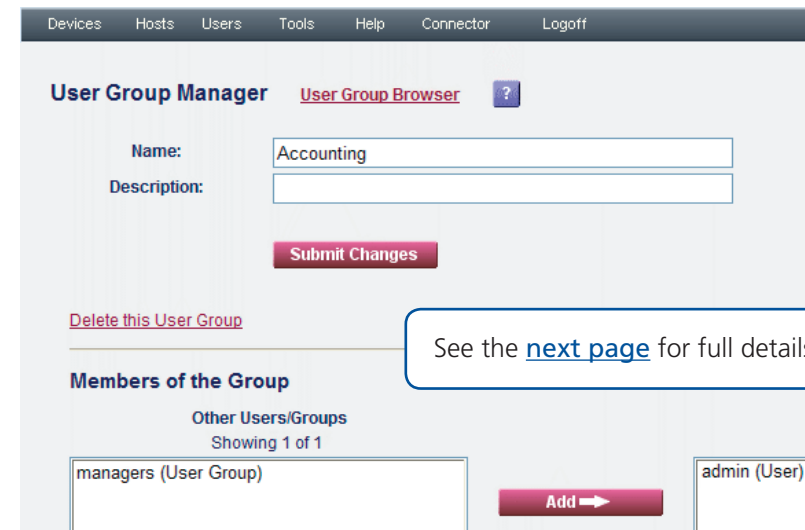
User Groups provide a simplified means to administer access rights collectively to any number of individual users. Where necessary, one or more User Groups can be included within other User Groups to create staged layers of grouping.

To create a user group

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Users** and then choose **Add User Group** from the drop down list. The New User Group page will be displayed:



- 2 Enter a name for the new user group and optionally provide a description.
- 3 Click the **Submit Changes** button to display the full User Group Manager page ↴



See the [next page](#) for full details

To create (and manage) a user group *continued*



Click to save any changes to the Name or Description fields.

Use this section to determine which users and/or user groups should be included within this user group.

Highlight one or more items within the left hand box (hold down the CTRL key to select more than one item) - then click the Add button to transfer them to the right hand box.

When the list of available users/user groups is long, use the filtering tools to reduce the unwanted items within the list. The filter box allows the list to be constrained by a wildcard match (i.e. match the entered text except '*' which matches zero or more characters). The order in which the devices are displayed can also be selected. The checkboxes allow you to further refine the search to show only specific types of entries.

Use this section to determine which targets (devices, device clusters, hosts and/or host groups) the members of this user group should be permitted to access.

Highlight one or more items within the left hand box (hold down the CTRL key to select more than one item) - then click the Add button to transfer them to the right hand box.

When the list of available targets is long, use the filtering tools to reduce the unwanted items within the list. The filter box allows the list to be constrained by a wildcard match (i.e. match the entered text except '*' which matches zero or more characters). The order in which the devices are displayed can also be selected. The checkboxes allow you to further refine the search to show only specific types of entries.

The screenshot shows the 'User Group Manager' interface with the 'Accounting' user group selected. The interface is divided into three main sections: 'Members of the Group', 'Accessible Targets', and 'Effective List of Members/Targets'.

User Group Manager Header:

- Navigation: Devices, Hosts, Users, Tools, Help, Connector, Logoff
- User: [admin]
- Section: User Group Manager | [User Group Browser](#) | ?

Name and Description Fields:

- Name: Accounting
- Description: (empty)
- Submit Changes button
- [Delete this User Group](#) link

Members of the Group:

- Other Users/Groups:** Showing 1 of 1. List: managers (User Group).
- Members:** Showing 1 of 1. List: admin (User).
- Buttons: Add, Add All, Remove, Remove All, Manage.
- Filter: * (with a dropdown arrow).
- Sort order: A to Z.
- Checkboxes: User Groups: ☒, Users: ☒.
- Refresh button.

Accessible Targets:

- Other Targets:** Showing 3 of 3. List: Accounting systems (Host Group), Notebook (Host), Technical support (Host Group).
- Accessible Targets:** Showing 3 of 3. List: Resources (Host Group), Sales Dept (Host), Notebook (Host Group).
- Buttons: Add, Add All, Remove, Remove All, Manage.
- Filter: * (with a dropdown arrow).
- Sort order: A to Z.
- Checkboxes: Devices / Clusters: ☐, Hosts: ☒, Host Groups: ☒.
- Refresh button.

Effective List of Members:

- Link: [Hide effective members](#)
- List: admin (User), Accounting (User Group).
- Page: 1

Effective List of Accessible Targets:

- Link: [Hide effective targets](#)
- List: Sales Dept (Host), Accounting (User Group), Technical support (Host Group).
- Page: 1

The 'Effective List of Members' provides a summary of users (not groups) who are directly or indirectly (via membership of another user group) members of this user group. After each user, the groups of which the user is a member are listed. To view information for a user group, highlight the group name and click the adjacent Manage button.

The 'Effective List of Accessible Targets' provides a summary of the targets to which members of this user group are directly or indirectly (via the membership of another user group, or via a target's membership of a host group) permitted access. After each target, the groups to which the target is permitted are listed. To view information for a user group, highlight the group name and click the adjacent Manage button.

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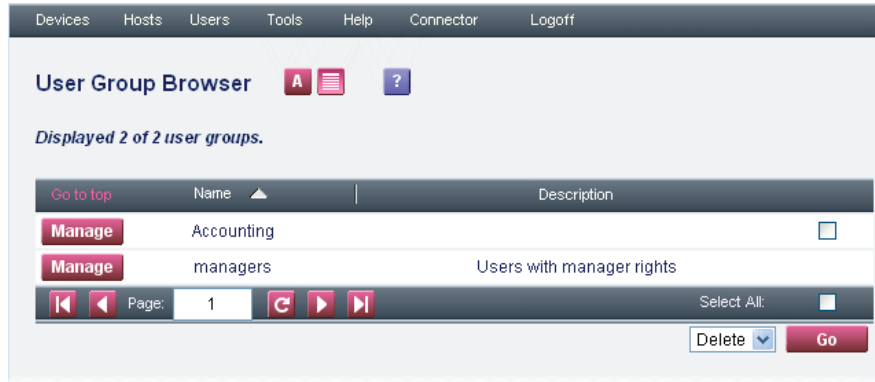
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To manage a user group

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Browse User Groups** from the drop down list. The screen will show a list of all user groups registered within ADDER.NET:

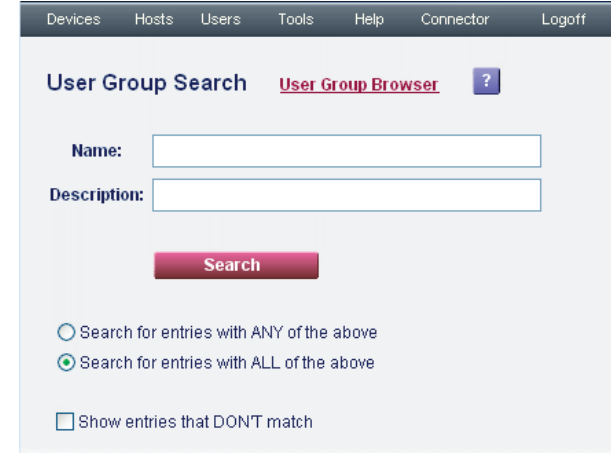


Where large numbers of user groups are registered within ADDER.NET, use the User Group Search facility to quickly locate a particular user group ⇒

- 2 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the required user name to display the [User Group Manager](#) page.

To search for a user group

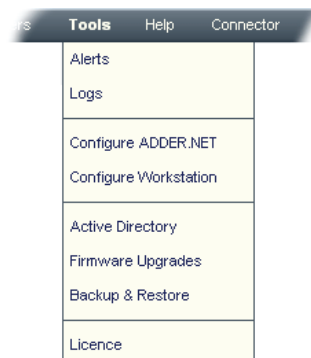
- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Hosts** and then choose **Search User Groups** from the drop down list. The 'User Group Search' page will be displayed:



- 2 As required, enter one or both search criteria for the user group:
 - The name of the user group,
 - The description of the user group,
- 3 Choose the search logic that you wish to apply:
 - Include user groups that meet ANY of your search criteria,
 - Include user groups that meet ALL of your search criteria,
 - Show user groups that DON'T match your search criteria.
- 4 When all search criteria are in place, click the **Search** button. After a short delay the User Group Search page will list all of the user groups that match your criteria.
- 5 Click the **Manage** button adjacent to the name of the required user group to view the [User Group Manager](#) page.

Tools

The Tools menu provides access to various items:



Alerts – This options displays a complete list of all operational alerts that have been generated by the ADDER.NET server in response to events and states which may require attention. Individual alerts are also presented within the various relevant sections of ADDER.NET.

Logs – Allows you to define various criteria in order to search and display the complete status log or any part thereof. The defined log can be viewed within the application or saved to a CSV file, as required. See [Using Logs](#)

Configure ADDER.NET – Displays the base configuration details for ADDER.NET (see below).

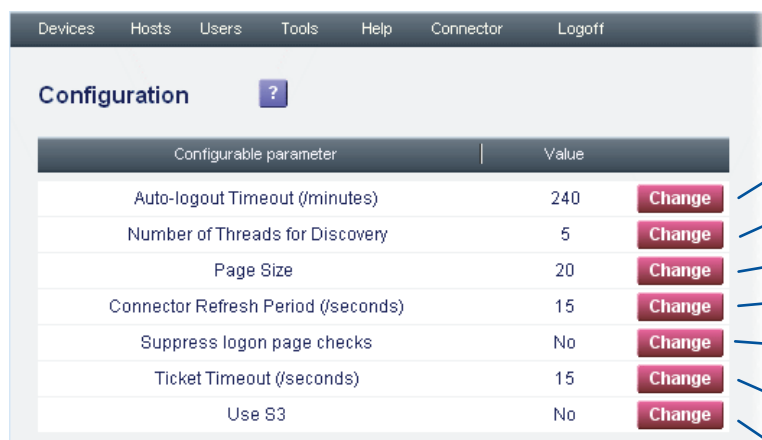
Configure Workstation – Allows you to install the VNC-URI client and/or the key authority certificate on the local computer (these options are normally only offered during initial configuration).

Active Directory – Displays the [Active Directory Import](#) page to allow you to define links between ADDER.NET and an external directory server.

Firmware Upgrades – Presents the list of upgrades contained in the firmware directory on the server which are applicable to known devices on the system and allows the user to upgrade acquired devices. See [Appendix 4](#).

Backup & Restore – Allows you to restore database data from a backup file and to maintain backup files on the server or in alternative locations, such as in a directory which is regularly backed-up to tape. See [Appendix 3](#).

Licence – Displays licence and system information for the ADDER.NET server installation and allows you to add further licences to the installation.



Determines the time period (in minutes) of inactivity after which ADDER.NET will automatically logout for security purposes.

Determines the number of concurrent threads that can occur while searching for new devices. You should not increase this value unless requested to do so by technical support.

Determines the number of lines displayed within list tables.

Determines the interval for ADDER.NET to wait before updating availability icons on any ADDER.NET page.

This option allows the ADDER.NET manager to prevent the client logon checks from appearing on all client logon screens – this means that individual clients won't need to set cookies but also that the warnings won't appear on PCs with incomplete client installations.

ADDER.NET uses a Secure Ticketing mechanism to provide authorised access to hosts. Tickets are issued by ADDER.NET, and will remain valid for this time. You should not need to change this value. See [Appendix 1](#) for details about the Secure Ticket feature.

Offers an alternative authentication mechanism for devices which overcomes deficiencies in real time clocks. Certain requirements must be met before S3 authentication can be used. See [Appendix 2](#) for details.



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Active Directory Import

ADDER.NET can use the industry standard LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) to import user and user group information from an external directory service, such as an Active Directory server. Additionally, ADDER.NET can use the external directory service as a means of authenticating user access to hosts and devices, and can also maintain synchronisation with changes to the directory service. *Note: We recommend that you take regular back-ups of certain folders and files - please see [Appendix 3: Backing up and restoring](#).*

To access the Active Directory controls

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Tools** and then choose **Active Directory** from the drop down list. The Active Directory Update page will be displayed. From this page you can configure the main parameters that determine access to the external Active Directory:

Using SSL (LDAPS and Windows)

When the 'Use SSL' option is selected, ADDER.NET requires that your Domain Controller be set-up to use secure-LDAP [LDAPS]. Windows servers do not have this feature enabled by default. For further details on this involved procedure, please refer to Microsoft's advice at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/321051>.

The 'Import Status' indicator shows the status of import from the directory service. A grey box () shows that no import has yet been attempted. A red cross (X) indicates that an import attempt has failed. A green tick (✓) indicates that the most recent import was successful. An orange ellipsis (⋮) indicates that an upload is in progress.

Enter the IP address or name of the LDAP server that holds the required directory service.

Leave blank to use the standard port number of 389 or enter an alternative port number.

Tick this only if the directory service is running as an LDAPS (secure) service (see above).

Specify the base Distinguished Name for the top level of the directory service database from which you wish to import users and groups.

The domain specified here will be passed to the directory service to identify the users and groups that you wish to import.

Click to configure which data will be used from the Active Directory. See next page.

Click to schedule repetitive updates at short intervals or over periods daily, weekly or monthly, i.e. at the specified time every day.

Bind as Current User - With this option selected, ADDER.NET will use the credentials of the machine on which the ADDER.NET service was installed as the means of binding to the directory service. In most installations, where the ADDER.NET server machine is registered with directory service, this option should be sufficient.

Bind with username and password - If the 'Bind as Current User' option does not work for any reason, select this option to specify a username and password that can be used to bind to the external directory service. When selected, a user name and password entry section will be displayed:

- 2 When all details have been entered, click the **Submit Changes** button.

LDAP Binding

Bind as current user: ☐

Bind with user-name and password: ☒

User name:

Password:



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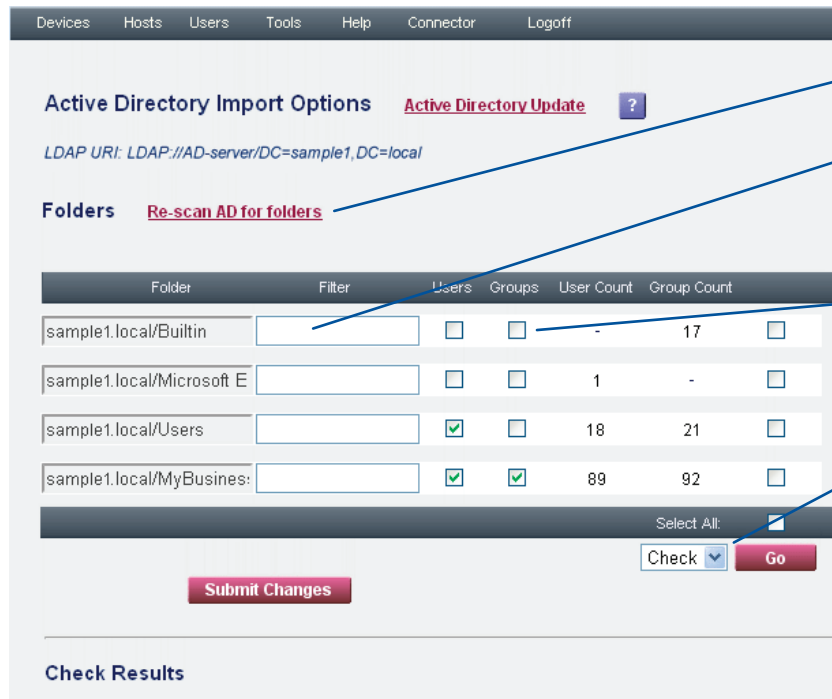
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Active Directory Import Options

This page lists a summary of all folders found during a scan of the registered Active Directory. It also allows you to specify which Users and User Groups ADDER.NET should import and maintain synchronisation from the external Active Directory. This is done by specifying particular Folders within the Active Directory from which to import Users and User Groups, and further refining this with the use of LDAP Filters. When this page is displayed for the first time, ADDER.NET will scan the external Active Directory for folders and save/display what it finds.

To display this page, click the **Import options** link in the Active Directory Update page. *Note: The 'Import options' link is only displayed once valid LDAP server details have been entered.*



Folder	Filter	Users	Groups	User Count	Group Count	
sample1.local/Builtin		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-	17	<input type="checkbox"/>
sample1.local/Microsoft E		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
sample1.local/Users		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	21	<input type="checkbox"/>
sample1.local/MyBusines:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	89	92	<input type="checkbox"/>

Select All: ☐

Check

Check Results

Click here to refresh the list - *Note: This will reinstate all available folders, including any that were previously deleted from the ADDER.NET list.*

Each Filter field allows the specification of a subset of the entries in a particular folder to be included in the update. Only entries which match a filter are included. The filters require standard LDAP notation. A bad filter will cause the filter to be shown with a red background. A modified row (including changes to the Filter and Users and Groups selection) will show the filter with a blue background until "Submit Changes" is clicked so that pending changes can be seen.

The Users and Groups checkboxes allow you to decide whether users and/or groups respectively from the folders that match the corresponding filter are updated. Within the User Count and Group Count, ADDER.NET will display how many Users and Groups would be imported from this Folder.

The Check/Delete drop down box works in association with the check boxes that are located directly above. You can use the 'Select All' option to include every folder.

- When 'Check' is selected, click the Go button to preview the results of an import procedure as determined by the folders that are selected. The preview results are presented in the User Count and Group Count columns and also in the Check Results section in the lower portion of the screen.
- When 'Delete' is selected, click the Go button to remove the folders that are selected. *Note: The delete option is provided to allow you to declutter the list by removing folders that will never be used. Folders are not removed from the Active Directory, only from ADDER.NETs list. The deleted folders can be re-instated collectively (but not individually) by re-scanning the Active Directory for folders.*

When all settings have been made, click **Submit Changes**.

For details about LDAP Filters, and their syntax, please refer to the Microsoft® Active Directory documentation. ADDER.NET will pass the LDAP Filters specified here to the Active Directory – this can be used to further refine the specific Users and User Groups to be imported from a particular folder.

Active Directory Synchronisation

Using the Active Directory Import Schedule facility, you can determine how often ADDER.NET should maintain synchronisation with the Active Directory. You can specify separate synchronisation intervals that range from minutes to months, as appropriate. Once in action, the schedule will re-import the Users and User Groups from the specified Active Directory in order to ensure consistency between its own database and that of the external directory.

To create or edit an update schedule

- 1 Within the [Active Directory Import](#) page, click the **Schedule automated imports** link.

If one or more import schedules already exist, they will be listed. Either click the **Edit...** button to change an existing schedule or click the **Add...** button to create a new schedule. The page shown right will be displayed.

If there are no existing schedules, the page will show only an empty list and an **Add...** button.

- 2 When all changes have been made, click the **Submit Changes** button.

The screenshot shows the 'Active Directory Import Schedule Manager' interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Devices, Hosts, Users, Tools, Help, Connector, and Logoff. Below this is a header with 'Active Directory Import Schedule Manager' and a link to 'Active Directory Import Schedules' with a help icon. The main area contains a 'Description:' label with a text input field. To the left is an 'Import Options' panel with radio buttons for 'Short Interval', 'Daily' (selected), 'Weekly', and 'Monthly'. Below these is a 'Submit Changes' button and a 'Delete this schedule' link. To the right of the 'Daily' option is a 'Daily' configuration box with 'Every day at:' followed by two time input fields (00 : 00). Below the 'Short Interval' option is a 'Short Interval' box with 'Every:' followed by '00 hour(s)' and '00 minute(s)'. Below the 'Weekly' option is a 'Weekly' box with 'Day:' set to 'Monday' and 'At:' followed by '00 : 00'. Below the 'Monthly' option is a 'Monthly' box with 'Date:' set to '1' and 'At:' followed by '00 : 00'. Callouts point to the 'Active Directory Import Schedules' link, the 'Description' field, the 'Daily' box, the 'Short Interval' box, the 'Weekly' box, and the 'Monthly' box.

Click here to view the overall list of import schedules

Enter/edit a description for this import schedule

The timing box changes depending upon the type of import interval. Use the appropriate box to specify how often synchronisation should take place with the external directory.

Using logs

ADDER.NET provides a status logging system where messages generated by all registered devices can be viewed centrally. This feature saves you having to access each device individually.

To view logs

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Tools** and then choose **Logs** from the drop down list:

Use the Date ranges to define a suitable time period

The device filter section can be used in two ways:

- Specify a range of IP address ('from' and 'to') to display logs from all qualifying devices.
- Specify an IP address in the 'from' box only, using the wildcard character '*' to display logs from all devices within the range e.g. 192.168.*.42 will display logs from addresses 192.168.0.42 to 192.168.255.42

Use the Message Filter to specify the contents of the message (e.g. typing 'accepted' will match any message which contains "accepted") Wildcard characters can be used (e.g. 'c*d' will match terms such as 'accepted', 'closed', 'ABCDE', etc.)

The category can be selected to match the category column.

Use this control to limit the number of log entries per page (10 to 1000).

- 2 Use the various controls within the Search Criteria section in combination to narrow down the number of log entries to be displayed.
- 3 Click the **Search** button.
In the resulting display screen, use the arrow buttons to move through multiple page lists.
- 4 If required, click the 'Save the filtered logs as a CSV file' link at the top of the page to create a file that can be used independently of ADDER.NET for further analysis or reporting.

Depending on the browser version this may bring up a dialog box asking you to save the file or the browser may produce a textual display of the data (which can be saved and then opened later).

The Connector



The ADDER.NET Connector module provides access to all hosts, devices and device clusters according to your access rights.

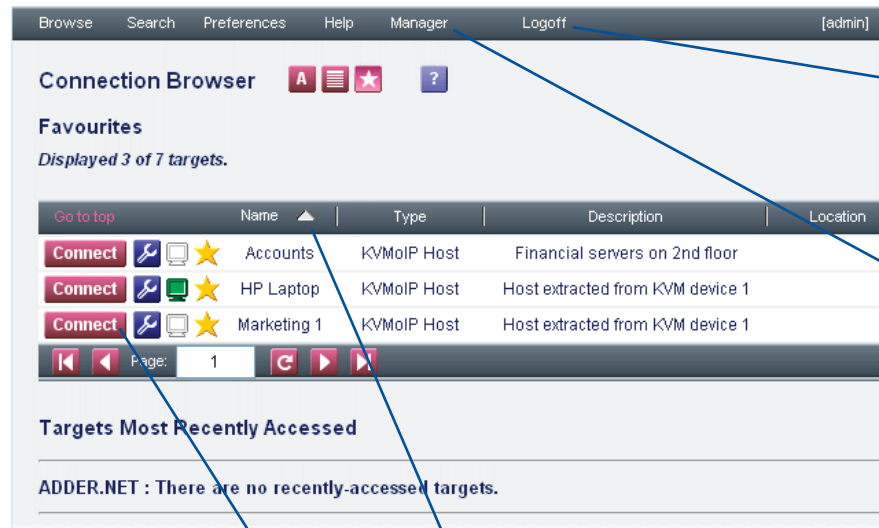
Accessing the Connector

To access the Connector module

The Connector is accessible in two main ways, either:

- Directly from the logon page if you are not authorised to view the ADDER.NET Manager module, or
- From within the Manager module: Click the **Connector** option from the Manager menu bar.

When you first enter the Connector module, you will see a list of available targets for which you have access rights:



Once you've finished interacting with the ADDER.NET server you should log out by clicking here.

Manager users may click "Manager" to switch from the Connector module to Manager module.

'Connect' or 'SSH'
Click to link with the host. Opens either a VNC window (for a KVM connection) or a PuTTY window (for a secure serial connection via a Console CAM) as appropriate to view/control the host.

Column sort order
Click a column heading to sort the list according to the contents of that column (a triangular arrow head will appear). When the white arrow is pointing up, the column is sorted alphabetically. Click the same column heading once more to invert the arrow and change to reverse alphabetic order.

To return to the Manager module

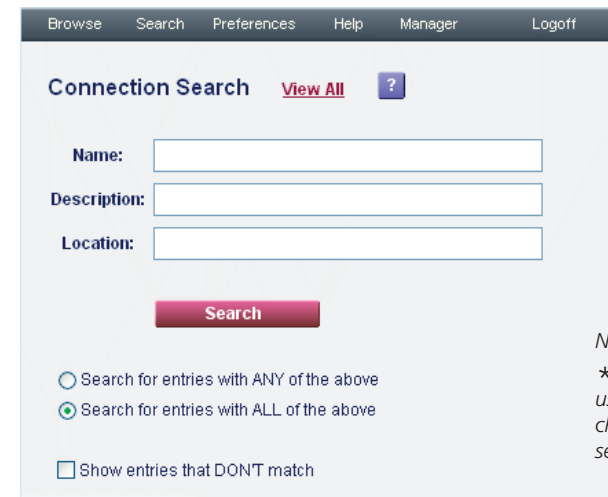
- 1 On the ADDER.NET Connector menu bar, choose the **Manager** option.

Note: If you're not authorised to access it, the Manager option will not appear on the menu bar.

Searching for hosts, devices or clusters

To search for a host, device or cluster

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Connector menu bar, choose the **Search** option. The Connection Search page will be displayed:



Note:

** can also be used as a wildcard character during searches.*

- 2 As required, enter one or more search criteria for the connection:
 - The name of the host, device or cluster,
 - The description of the host, device or cluster,
 - The location of the host, device or cluster.
- 3 Choose the search logic that you wish to apply:
 - Include items that meet ANY of your search criteria,
 - Include items that meet ALL of your search criteria,
 - Show items that DON'T match your search criteria.
- 4 When all search criteria are in place, click the **Search** button. After a short delay the search page will list all of the items that match your criteria.

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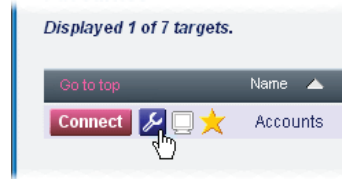
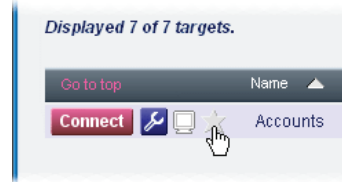
- 1 Locate the required host, device or cluster, either:
 - Click the View All link,
 - From your Favourites list,
 - From the Targets Accessed Most Recently, or
 - By using the [search facility](#).
- 2 Click the Connect button adjacent to the required host or device cluster entry. A new VNC window will be opened to allow you to view the current output of the selected host.

To add an item to your favourites list

- 1 Locate the required host, device or cluster entry within the Connector page.
- 2 Click the ★ icon.

To view information about a host, device or cluster

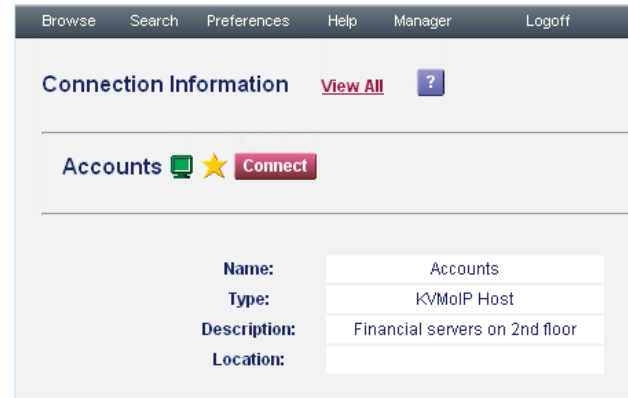
- 1 Locate the required host, device or cluster entry within the Connector page.
- 2 Click the 🖥️ icon.



Connect or SSH

Click Connect/SSH button to link with the host. Opens either a VNC window (for a KVM connection) or a PuTTY window (for a secure serial connection via a Console CAM) as appropriate to view/control the host.

The screen will show information about the selected item:



Here you can view a summary of the item and/or connect to it. The connection status is represented by the monitor icon:

- 🖥️ Device is active, not in use and available for access,
- 🖥️ Device is active, in use within "Shared" mode and can be accessed,
- 🖥️ Device is active, in use within "Private" mode and cannot be accessed,
- 🖥️ Device appears to be offline,
- 🖥️ No information is available about the status of this device.

Connector preferences



To access the Connector preferences

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Connector menu bar, choose the **Preferences** option.
The Preferences page will be displayed:

Preference	Value
Language to use for display	English Change
Number of items in the Most Recently Accessed List	4 Change

- 2 Click the **Change** button adjacent to the required option. The chosen option will now allow you to alter its value:

Preference	Value
Language to use for display	English Change
Number of items in the Most Recently Accessed List	4 Save Cancel

- 3 Alter the value of the option and click the **Change** button to store it.
- 4 Select any other option from the menu bar to leave the Preferences page.

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Troubleshooting

If you experience problems when installing or using ADDER.NET, please check through this section for a possible solution. If your problem is not listed here and you cannot resolve the issue, then please refer to the 'Getting assistance' section.

My browser issues a security warning when first accessing ADDER.NET.

- Use the link that you selected when installing the software (either the name, the fully qualified name or the IP address).

My browser issues repeated "website certified by an unknown authority" messages.

- Install the key authority certificate on your computer - a link to this is given on the ADDER.NET login page.

I cannot make a connection to the required host.

- Ensure that you have installed the VNC-URI client on your computer.

How do I backup the installation?

- ADDER.NET takes daily backups automatically. You can also take separate backups (to any destination) at any time. Please see [Appendix 3: Backing up and restoring](#).

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**

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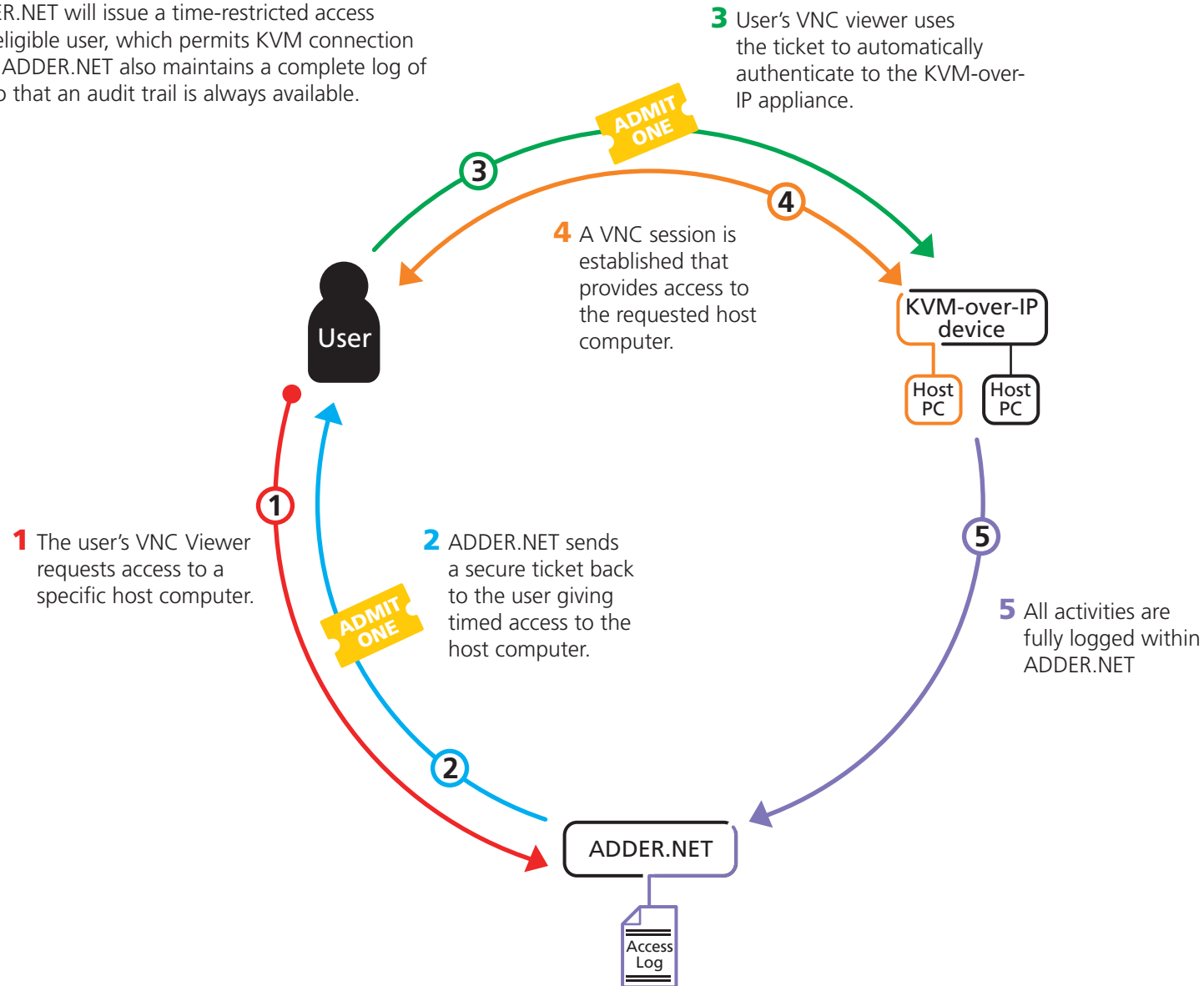
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Appendix 1 - What are Secure Tickets?

The ADDER.NET application has been created to achieve a sensible balance between usability, flexibility and security. It needs to provide a quick and easy method for registered users to access a wide range of host computers while maintaining complete enterprise-level security. One of the unique solutions employed to make this possible is the system of Secure Tickets. On request, ADDER.NET will issue a time-restricted access permission to an eligible user, which permits KVM connection to a specific host. ADDER.NET also maintains a complete log of access attempts so that an audit trail is always available.



Appendix 2 - What are S3 connections?

ADDER.NET allows an alternative mechanism, called S3, to be used for authenticating to devices. Using S3, ADDER.NET contacts the device to inform it directly that the connection is authorised and then passes matching credentials to the client's VNC viewer. The credentials time-out after a few seconds. This has the following advantages:

- Unlike tickets, which (if the device's clock can be set into the past) can be re-used by an attacker, stale credentials can never be used.
- Where there are clock synchronisation problems, devices can become inaccessible with all tickets being reported as out of date. As this method is independent of clock setting, it is immune to problems of this type.

However using S3 does require all firmware and software to be up-to-date. All of the following are necessary:-

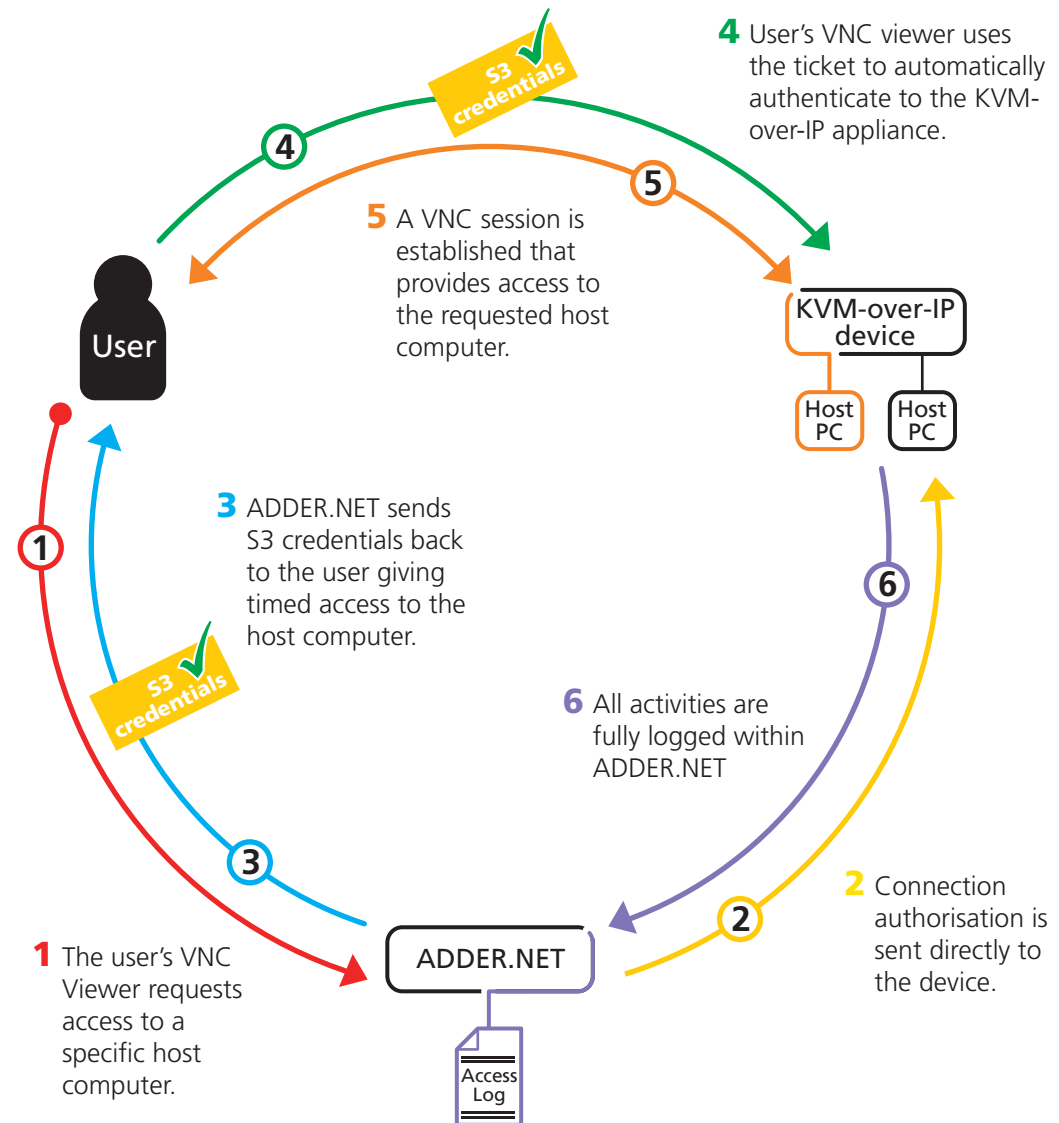
- ADDER.NET 1.7 or later must be used.
- The devices must have firmware that supports S3, as listed below:

S3 support within Adder units

Device type	First S3 version
AdderLink IP	v3.8
AdderLink IP Gold	v2.1
AdderView CATxIP	v2.3
AdderView CATxIP 1000	not yet released
AdderLink iPEPS	not yet released
AdderView CATxIP 5000	v1.11

Other devices can still be connected to but tickets will always be used.

- Client PCs must have ADDER.NET v1.7 or later VNC-URI Client software. The ADDER.NET v1.6 (and earlier) VNC-URI Client software will not work. It typically connects to the device but without authentication so the user is prompted for a password.
- The configuration parameter [Use S3](#) within ADDER.NET must be switched on. This is disabled by default due to an incompatibility with v1.6 client-side software.

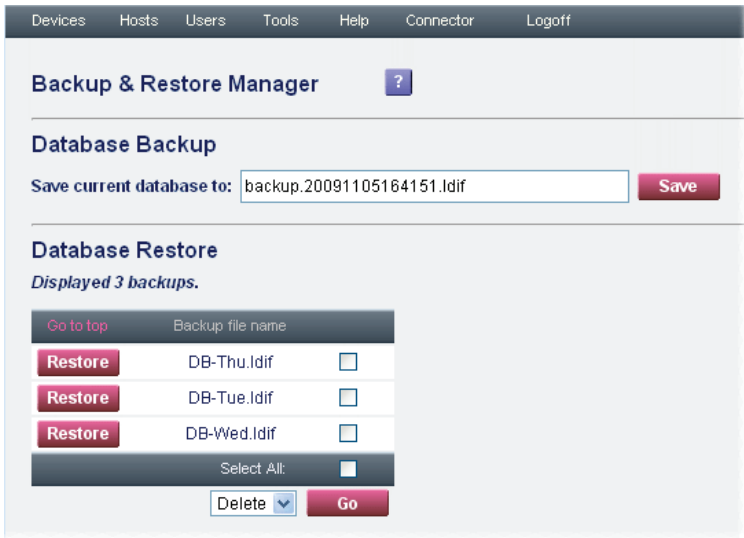


Appendix 3 - Backing up and restoring

ADDER.NET performs an automatic daily database backup procedure and also allows you to create additional backups on demand. You can restore any automatic backup from the last seven days using a straightforward selection process.

To access the backup and restore controls

- 1 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Tools** and then choose **Backup & Restore** from the drop down list:



Backups

ADDER.NET copies its database every day, immediately after midnight. The resulting backup files are named DB-Mon.lidif to DB-Sun.lidif respectively.

Additional backups can be made at any time by providing a destination file name at 'Save current database to' and clicking the 'Save' button. The database file name can be any valid file name. As such it is possible to save files on different disks and on remote systems.

For example:

`name.lidif` *saves a file in the backup directory of the ADDER.NET server.*

`\\documents\\name.lidif` *saves file in the specified directory on server.*

`\\computer\\directory\\name.lidif` *saves file on a remote computer in specified directory.*

ADDER.NET does not maintain a list of manual backup files, it just provides access to the default backups directory. As such, the last two examples above are not directly accessible for the restore function and would need to be manually copied into the backups directory before they could be used.

To enable a complete recovery of the server, it is also necessary to take a backup of the server's cryptographic keys. This is the complete contents of the directory keys directory (typically \\Program files\\adder.net\\keys\\). The cryptographic keys do not change after installation so they do not require regular backing up.

Note that with these keys, it would be possible to control all of the devices that have been acquired by the ADDER.NET server. You may wish to take considerably greater care to ensure that these files do not fall into the wrong hands, than you would take with the database backups.

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Restore

The restore section of the page lists all the database backup files located within in the 'backups' directory. Files located within sub-directories of the backup directory are not shown in the page.

To restore a file, click the Restore button to the left of the file name. *Note: The restore action will overwrite the active database and can potentially cause problems (see 'Potential loss of admin access' right). You will be asked to confirm the action.*

To delete a file, click the check-box to the right of the file name and then click the 'Go' button (with Delete visible in the selection box). You will be asked to confirm the action (which cannot be undone).

Disaster Recovery

To have all of the files necessary to recover your server to its current state you need:

- The original installer application.
- The database file (typically C:\program files\adder.net\db.ldif). It is always called db.ldif, the directory may vary if you installed in a non-default location.
- The cryptographic keys, these are all the files in the keys directory (typically C:\program files\adder.net\keys).

To fully recover an ADDER.NET installation, the following steps are necessary:

- 1 Install ADDER.NET
- 2 Stop ADDER.NET
- 3 Replace the complete keys directory with the backed-up keys directory.
- 4 Copy the backed-up database file into the backups directory.
- 5 Start ADDER.NET
- 6 Login as admin
- 7 Use the Backup & Restore page to select and recover the main database file.

Potential loss of admin access

The process of restoring an old database involves completely replacing the database, including the user information. It follows that if the user executing this operation is not a user in the historic database, they will become logged out.

Should anyone restore to a database for which they have forgotten the admin user passwords, it may be very difficult for them to gain access to the system again.

It is possible to recover from this by re-installing with an empty database and then restore to another version. However re-establishing access to a historic back-up where the corresponding admin user passwords have been lost is difficult. It is possible, but it requires editing the back-up file - contact Technical Support for details.

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Appendix 4 - Firmware upgrades

ADDER.NET allows you to remotely upgrade the firmware of any suitable KVM-over-IP device under its management. To use this feature, you need to obtain the relevant firmware update files for the device(s).

To upgrade the firmware of a device

- 1 Obtain the firmware update file(s) for the device(s) to be upgraded (valid upgrades consist of a .bin *binary* file accompanied by a .sfd *Signed Firmware Definition* file). Contact Technical Support for details.

- 2 Place the file(s) into the ADDER.NET firmware directory (typically C:\program files\addernet\firmware).

Note: Files may be directly in this directory, or any sub-directory of it which has 'firmware' in its name. The directories may be nested to any depth provided all the directories have 'firmware' in their names. Other directories are ignored.

- 3 Once all of the firmware files are stored, restart the ADDER.NET server (the definition files are only read at start-up).

- 4 On the ADDER.NET Manager menu bar, place your mouse pointer over **Tools** and then choose **Firmware Upgrades** from the drop down list:

The screenshot shows the ADDER.NET Firmware Upgrades interface. The menu bar includes 'Devices', 'Hosts', 'Users', 'Tools', 'Help', 'Connector', and 'Logoff'. The 'Firmware Upgrades' section is active, displaying 'Available Upgrades' and 'Upgradable Devices'. The 'Available Upgrades' list includes 'AdderLink IP 3.6', 'AdderLink IP 3.8b4', 'AdderLink IP Gold 2.0', 'AdderView CATx IP 2.5' (selected), 'AdderLink ipeps 2.50', and 'AdderLink ipeps 2.70'. A callout for 'AdderView CATx IP 2.5' shows 'Description: Latest', 'Date: 11:33:38, 05/02/10', and 'File Name: avip-upgrade-2.5.bin'. The 'Upgradable Devices' section shows 'Displayed 1 device.' and a table with one device: 'KVM device 1' with firmware version '2.5' and IP address '192.168.0.9'. Below the table are navigation controls, including a 'Go' button. A callout points to the 'Go' button with the text 'Click the Go button to commence the upgrade process'. At the bottom, there is a link 'Refresh Upgrade Progress' with a callout pointing to it: 'Click this link to refresh the page in order to view progress'.

The page will list all the available upgrades (listed by device type and version number) that are applicable to the devices registered within the database

- 5 Select the required upgrade(s). The page will display information about the upgrade and will also list all of the registered devices to which this upgrade is applicable. If an upgrade is not applicable to a device, that device will not be shown in the list. This may be because the current firmware in the device is incompatible with the upgrade, for example, it is usually unacceptable to load an older version of firmware into a device.

- 6 Choose the device(s) that you wish to upgrade using the selection boxes at the right-hand end of the table and click the Go button. The 'Select All' box will select all the displayed devices. ADDER.NET will proceed to upgrade the devices as a background task, allowing normal operation to take place.

Upgrade progress will be displayed in the second table. To refresh the page, click the refresh link at the top of this table. Such manual refreshes allow you to instigate further upgrades without the risk of a page refresh resetting the page.

Any issues with upgrades are reported as alerts. Once an upgrade is completed, the progress entry is removed from the second table and an alert (success) is reported (see alerts page).

Note: There is no way to cancel an upgrade once it is started.



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Appendix 5 - Configuring firewalls

If a Windows Firewall is enabled (with a default configuration) on the system running ADDER.NET, you will need to carry out the following procedure to open special ports and scopes within the firewall to allow all ADDER.NET traffic to pass.

For each port that you add to the firewall, you will need to determine the scope that will be applied to it. Windows offers three choices: *Any computer* (i.e. no restriction - the default setting), *My network* (local subnet) or *Custom list*. The latter is the most secure method as it restricts passage of traffic to a defined set of IP addresses that encompass the systems of your users and the devices used.

CAUTION: *Great care should be taken when adding ports to a firewall as each one could potentially open a point of attack from exterior sources. For this reason, it is advisable to use the custom list scope in order to limit access to particular IP addresses.*

To open ports within a Windows firewall

- 1 Go to *Start Menu > Control Panel* or *Start Menu > Settings > Control Panel*
- 2 Start *Windows Firewall*. Depending on the version, it may be necessary to click on *Change Settings*.
- 3 Select the *Exceptions* tab. In this tab, you need to add a total of five new ports, each using the following procedure:
- 4 Click the *Add port...* button.
- 5 Fill in *Name* and *Port number* (as listed in the table opposite).
- 6 Select either *TCP* or *UDP* (as listed in the table opposite).
- 7 Click on *Change scope...*
- 8 In *Change Scope* panel, select the appropriate scope, either: *Any computer* (i.e. no restriction, *My network* (local subnet) or *Custom list*.
If you select *Custom list*, use the address field to enter a list of IP addresses, subnets or both, separated by commas in order to define the allowable range of systems and devices.
- 9 Click the *OK* button (in the *Change Scope* panel).
- 10 Click the *OK* button (in the *Add Port* panel).
- 11 Repeat steps 4 to 10 for each port listed in the table opposite.
- 12 When all ports are complete, click the *OK* button in the *Windows Firewall Settings* panel to exit.

Five ports that need to be added

Name	Port Number	Protocol	For	Reason
HTTP	80 *	TCP	Users	Unencrypted web access
HTTPS	443 *	TCP	Users	Encrypted web access
NTP	123	UDP	Devices	Device clock synchronisation
syslog	514	UDP	Devices	Device status (if in-use) information
KVMVIP	1132	TCP	Devices	Devices connecting to ADDER.NET

** If ADDER.NET has been installed using non-standard ports, then the ports actually in use, rather than 80 and 443 need to be opened.*



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