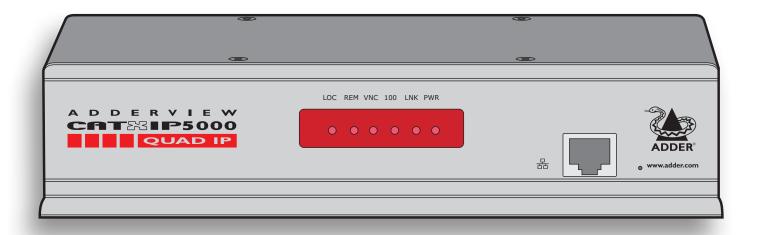


# AdderView CATxIP 5000 User Guide





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Global users

The unit can

support up to

four global users

at any one time.

link to any host

which they have

Each user can

computer for

permission.

based local network and from there onto the wider

Alternatively, the robust

AdderView CATxIP 5000

security system will allow

direct connection to the

outside world. Support for

IPv6 connections is included.

Internet.

# Introduction

Thank you for choosing the AdderView CATxIP 5000 from Adder Technology. This compact unit allows one local user plus four global users (located anywhere that has a network/internet connection) to view and take full control of multiple host computer systems.

Each global user simply requires a Real VNC client application which is supplied on CD and can also be downloaded from various locations, even from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit itself. Alternatively, the unit can guickly serve a Java applet to a global user, requiring only a standard internet browser to operate.

Like the other models within the highly successful AdderView CATx family, this unit takes full advantage of category 5, 5e or 6 structured cabling to provide flexible installation and configuration. Every connected computer is linked by up to ten metres of standard CATx cable and one of five types of CAM (Computer Access Module) according to the port arrangements on each computer.

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 can directly support up to sixteen computers, however, this total can be increased to a maximum of 256 by adding other AdderView units in cascade to provide a much larger network of

controlled computers. All AdderView CATx models provide full enterprise level security to restrict access to authorised personnel.

Through the use of Console CAMs the AdderView CATxIP 5000 also allows global users to make console connections to one or more specialist servers or network devices; thus extending the flexibility of the remote management facilities available.

Optional power switch control allows you to remotely perform a hard reset on any host system, no matter how badly it may have locked up.

#### **Optional power control**

You have the opportunity to attach one or more power switches. These control the supply to the system(s) and allow a remote user to hard reset any system that has suffered a failure.

#### Local user

One user can be connected directly to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. The local user has the same abilities and status as the global users.

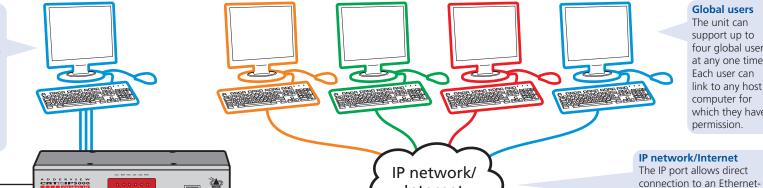
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#### ADDER.NET keeping control

Internet

For larger installations, the ADDER.NET application manages your hosts, devices and users to enable guick configuration and secure, flexible operation. A copy is included with every AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

#### Many computers

Each AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit can directly support sixteen computer

Each host system is linked using a Computer Access Module (CAM) and category 5, 5e or 6 cabling to a maximum distance of 10m (32 ft) from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

#### **CAM formats**

Power switch

The CAMs are available in different formats to support all common types of systems, which can easily be mixed within a multi-format configuration. Console CAMs use a serial connection only and link to specialist devices.

# Creating larger installations

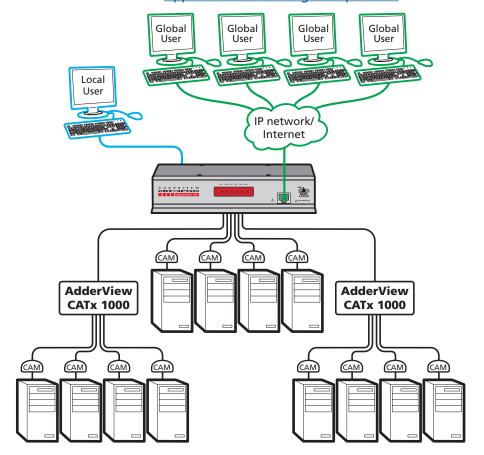
Alone, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 can support sixteen host computers and allow up to five users (four global and one local) to concurrently access any of those hosts. In many cases the number of hosts will exceed these numbers and that is when the flexibility of the Adder CATx range becomes apparent.

There are three main ways to increase the number of supported host computers:

- **Cascade**: Connect AdderView CATx 1000 units to the ports of the master AdderView CATxIP 5000, then connect the host computers to the '1000 units.
- Enterprise: Add further AdderView CATxIP 5000 units and spread the hosts.
- Enterprise+: Improved access for multiple global users and single local user.

#### Cascade installations

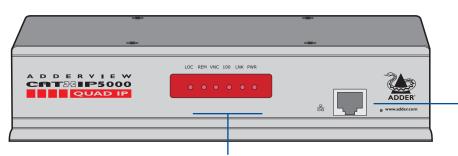
Cascade installations can support a maximum of 256 host computers, however, they impose the limitation that only a single host can be viewed by users at any time. For more details see Appendix 7 - Cascading multiple units.





### AdderView CATxIP 5000 features - front and rear

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 units pack a great deal of functionality into a compact space. It occupies half of a single 1U rack space and presents most of its connectors at the rear face. The smart front face features the network port and the operation indicators.



#### IP network port

The port by which global users are linked to the AdderView CATXIP 5000 unit. This intelligent Ethernet port can automatically sense whether it is attached to a 10Mb or 100Mb network.

#### **Indicators**

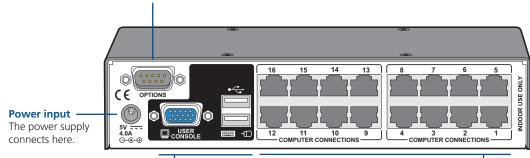
These six indicators clearly show the key aspects of operation:

- LOC Keyboard or mouse data are being received from the local console.
- **REM** Keyboard or mouse data are being received from the remote console.
- VNC Indicates that a global user is connected and active.
- 100 Indicates the Ethernet network speed (10/100Mbs).
- LNK Indicates that a network link is present.
- PWR Indicates that power is present.

#### **Options port**

This RS-232 serial port can separately support the following functions:

- <u>Console Server connection</u> allows remote access to the serial port of a connected device via the Telnet or SSH protocols.
- Power switching can be configured to control multiple power switching devices.
- Remote control switching commands can be received that will change the channel, as necessary.
- Synchronisation allows the actions of two or more AdderView CATxIP 5000 switches to be synchronised so that multiple computers/video screens can be switched and accessed



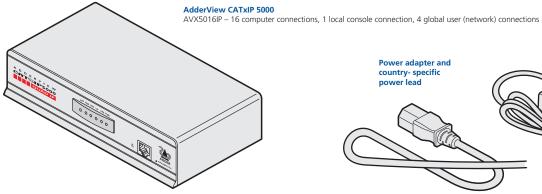
#### Local user port

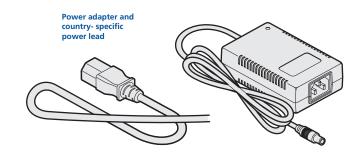
Connect a USB keyboard and mouse, plus a video monitor to these connectors. These allow you to perform the initial configuration of the AdderView CATxIP 5000. Additionally, you can use these to locally control the connected computer(s). Can also be used to cascade (via a CAM) to another AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

#### **Computer ports**

Each computer connects to one of these ports via standard category 5, 5e or 6 cabling. At the other end of the cabling a CAM (Computer Access Module) is used to provide the necessary keyboard, video and mouse (or RS-232 serial) connections.

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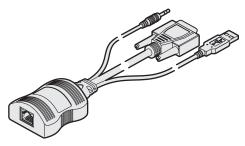




#### Information wallet

containing: Four self-adhesive rubber feet Safety document

# What you may additionally need



#### **Computer Access Modules**

One required per connected computer. There are four different formats, depending on the required computer connections:

Connectors: Analog video, PS/2-style keyboard and PS/2-style mouse. Part number: CATX-PS2

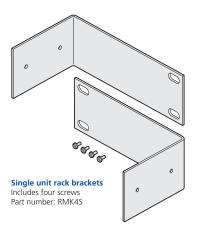
Connectors: Analog video and USB keyboard/mouse. Part number: CATX-USB

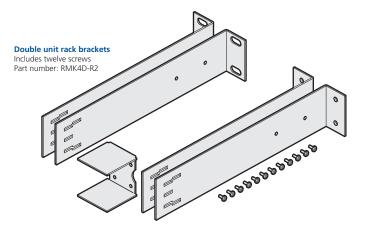
#### Sun with audio

Connectors: Analog video, Sun keyboard/mouse and 3.5mm audio jack. Part number: CATX-SUNA

#### Console CAM

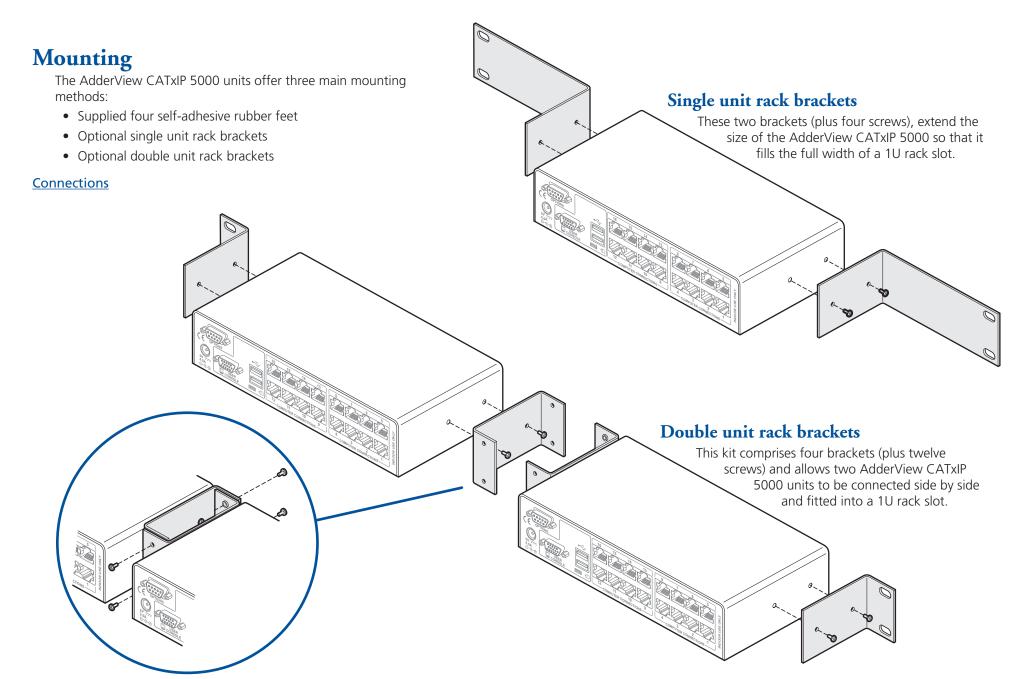
Connector: D-Sub 9-way female. Part number: CATX-CONSOLE





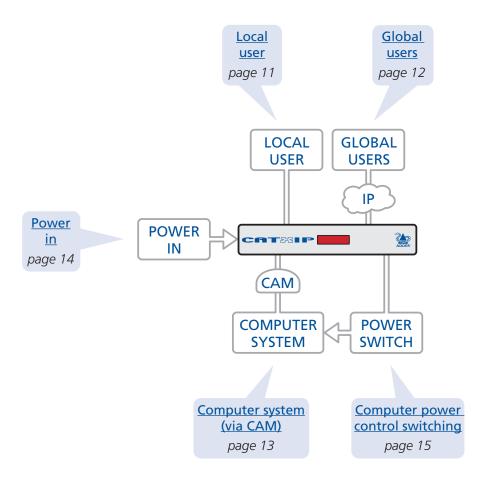
# Installation

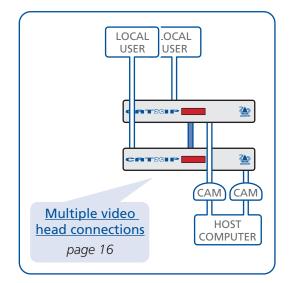


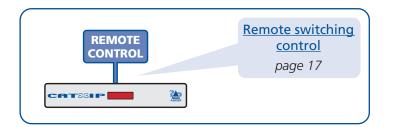


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The AdderView CATxIP 5000 provides a great deal of flexibility in its configurations. This chapter details the various connections that can be made to achieve the required installation.





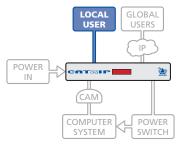


Connections do not need to be carried out in the order given within this guide, however, where possible connect the *power in* as a final step.

A locally connected video monitor, keyboard (and mouse) are required during the initial configuration. These are also useful during normal use to allow quick local control of any connected computer systems. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit directly supports USB style keyboards and mice.

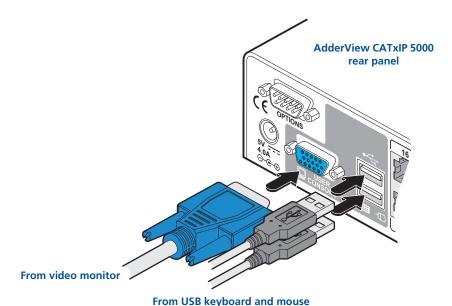
The local user port can also be used to cascade this unit to another AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit using a CAM. This allows many more hosts to be linked within a single installation. See <a href="Enterprise+ installations">Enterprise+ installations</a> for details.

Note: Rather than connecting a separate keyboard and mouse, you can alternatively attach a combined keyboard and mouse device (such as a KVM rack drawer) to just one of the USB ports. However, the switch will only support one logical keyboard device and one logical mouse device.



#### To connect the local user port

- 1 Position a suitable video monitor, keyboard and mouse in the vicinity of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit such that their cables will easily reach.
- 2 Attach the video monitor, keyboard and mouse connectors to the sockets, collectively labelled as USER CONSOLE, at the rear of the AdderView CATXIP 5000 unit.





INSTALLATION

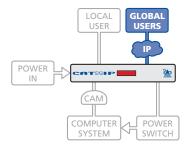
### Global users (IP network port)

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 provides an autosensing Ethernet IP port that can operate at 10 or 100Mbps, according to the network speed. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 is designed to reside quite easily at any part of your network:

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

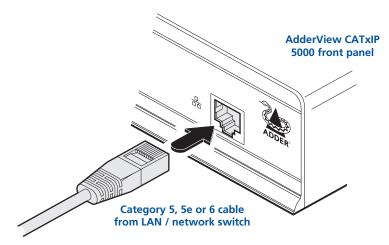
Wherever in the network the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is situated, you will need to determine certain configuration issues such as address allocation and/or firewall adjustment to allow correct operation. Please refer to <a href="Networking">Networking</a> <a href="Issues">Issues</a> within the Configuration chapter for more details.

IMPORTANT: When an AdderView CATxIP 5000 is accessible from the public Internet or dial up connection, you must ensure that sufficient <u>security measures</u> are employed.



#### To connect the IP network port for global users

- 1 Depending upon where in the network the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is being connected, run a category 5, 5e or 6 link cable from the appropriate hub or router to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.
- 2 Connect the plug of the link cable into the IP port on the front panel of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

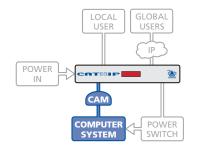


3 Configure the network settings as appropriate to the position of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 within the network - see <a href="Networking issues">Networking issues</a> for details.



Each computer system is connected to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit via a Computer Access Module (CAM) and standard category 5, 5e or 6 cabling. CAMs are available in various formats to suit differing computer system types and their particular connector styles.

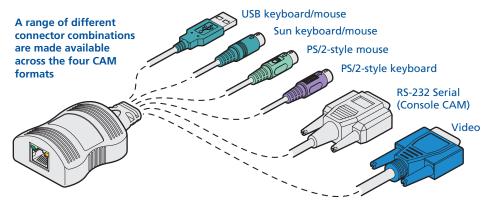
Each KVM CAM uses Adder Keep Alive technology to ensure that the keyboard and mouse inputs to the computer remain active,



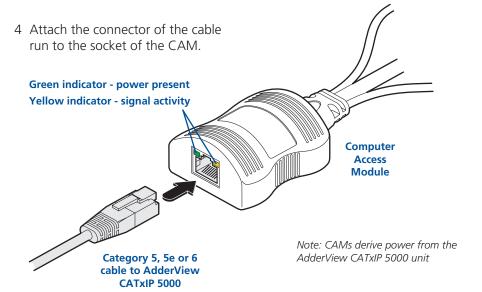
even when the particular channel is not selected. This action ensures that there are no connection delays or problems as the port is selected.

#### To connect a computer system

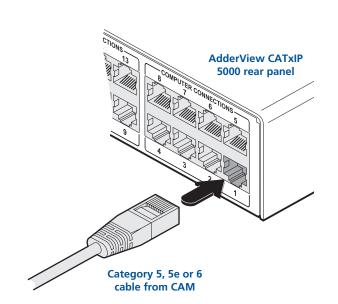
- 1 Ensure that power is disconnected from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit and the system to be connected.
- 2 Locate the required CAM (there are four types available) and attach its connectors to the relevant sockets on the computer system.



3 Lay a suitable length of category 5, 5e or 6 cabling between the computer system and the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit. The maximum length of the cable is 10 m (32 feet).



5 At the other end of the cable run, attach the cable connector to one of the sockets labelled **COMPUTER CONNECTIONS** on the rear panel of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

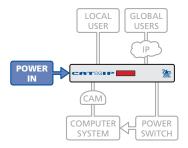


Note: Each CAM is specifically shaped so that it can be secured using a cable tie around its middle. In this way, two CAMs can also be neatly joined together, back-to-back.



#### Power in connection

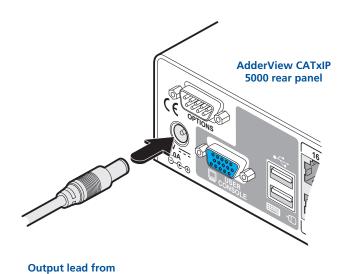
The AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit is powered by the supplied 5V power adapter. There is no on/off switch on the unit, so operation begins as soon as a power adapter is connected.



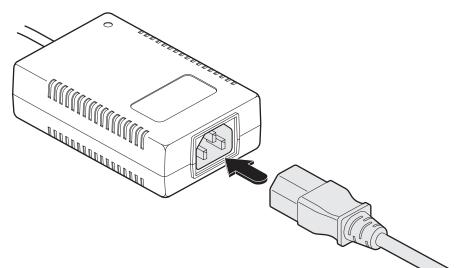
#### To connect the power supply

power adapter

1 Attach the output lead from the power adapter to the 5V socket on the rear panel of the AdderView CATxIP 5000.



2 Connect the IEC connector of the supplied country-specific power lead to the socket of the power adapter.

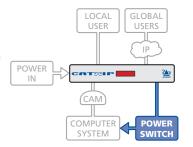


3 Connect the power lead to a nearby main supply socket.

Note: Both the AdderView CATXIP 5000 and its power supply generate heat when in operation and will become warm to the touch. Do not enclose them or place them in locations where air cannot circulate to cool the equipment. Do not operate the equipment in ambient temperatures exceeding 40 degrees Centigrade. Do not place the products in contact with equipment whose surface temperature exceeds 40 degrees Centigrade.

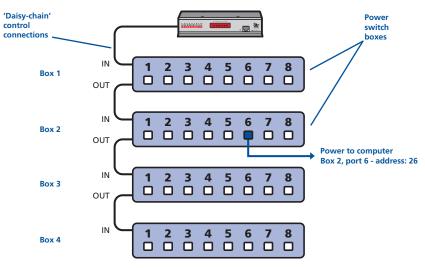
#### Power control port

The options port of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 can be used to connect to one or more optional power control units. This allows you to control the mains power being supplied to the connected computer(s) so that an authorised user can, if necessary, perform a complete remote cold reboot on a failed system.



The control connector of the first power switch is attached, via serial cable, to the rear panel of

the AdderView CATxIP 5000. Any additional power switches are then attached via a 'daisy-chain' arrangement to the first power switch. Each power switch box is then given a unique address and access to each power port (8 ports on each power switch box) is gained using a combination of the switch box address and the port number.



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

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

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

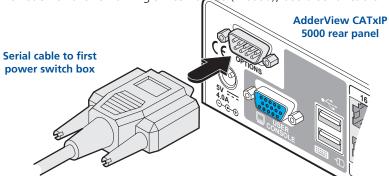
- Connect and address the switch boxes ⇒
- Configure the power strings
- Operate power switching via the VNC toolbar or the local Functions menu.

#### To connect and address the switch boxes

Note: The AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit can be powered on during this procedure, however, the switch boxes should be switched off. The configuration steps below may differ depending on the power switches used. Please refer to your power switch documentation.

- 1 Mount up to four switch boxes in positions where they are close to the computer systems that they will control and not too distant from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit (preferably within 2.5 metres).
- 2 Use a serial cable with an RJ9 and a 9-pin D-type connector (see <u>Appendix</u> 8 for specification). Attach the RJ9 plug to the socket marked IN on the first switch box. Attach the other end to the socket marked OPTIONS on the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

3 For each of the remaining switch boxes (if used), use a serial cable with RJ9



connectors at both ends (see <u>Appendix 8</u> for specification). Attach one end to the socket marked OUT of the previous box and the other end to the socket marked IN of the next box.

- 4 Set the addressing switches on each switch box using the two micro switches marked 'Slct' on the front panel. The box connected directly to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is Box 1 and so on, down the daisy-chain line to Box 4 at the end.
- 5 Attach IEC to IEC power leads between each port and the power input socket of each computer system that requires power switching. Carefully note to which power ports, on which boxes, each computer system

Вох	Switch 1	Switch 2
1	Off	Off
2	On	Off
3	Off	On
4	On	On

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

- is connected. If computer systems have multiple power inputs, then each input must be connected via separate ports, which can be on the same, or different boxes.
- 6 Connect each box to a suitable mains power input.

Now proceed to the configuration stage covered in the <u>Power switching</u> <u>configuration</u> section within the Configuration chapter.

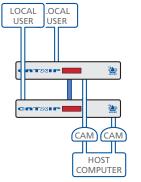


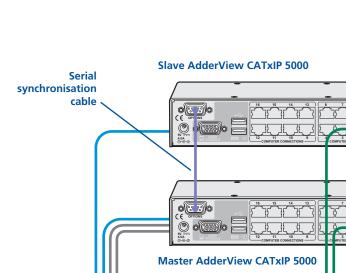
### Multiple video head connections

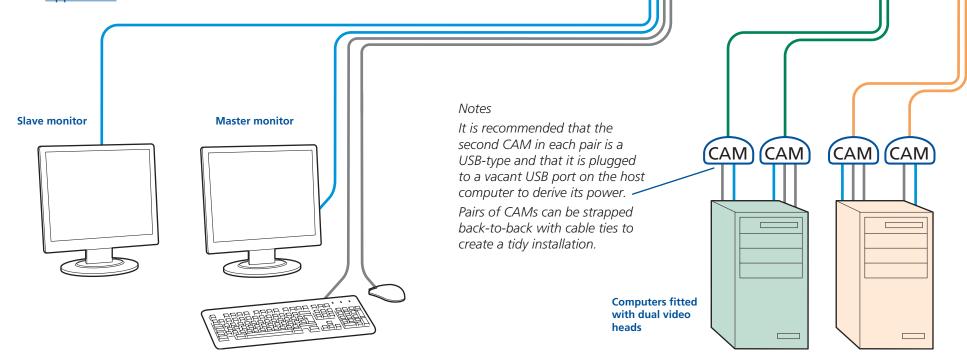
Two or more AdderView CATxIP 5000 units can be connected together so that they operate in a synchronised manner. Synchronised operation is useful for applications that require multiple video signals to be switched together. This type of operation is usually required where each computer is fitted with multiple video cards or video cards with multiple video heads. Whenever an AdderView CATxIP 5000 channel is switched, it sends an RS232 command out on its serial interface (marked OPTIONS on the rear panel). An AdderView CATxIP 5000 will switch its channel if it receives the same command on its serial interface. Consequently, by linking the serial interfaces, a master unit may be made to automatically switch one or more slave units as shown in the diagram.

Note: You must ensure that all AdderView CATxIP 5000 units have their Options serial ports set to 'Sync Units' and that their baud rates are identical. These settings can be made either via the <u>local</u> or <u>global</u> user configuration menus.

It should be noted that the synchronisation cable deliberately does not have the transmit pin of the Slave End connector linked to the receive pin of the Master End connector. To do so would cause the Slave unit to be able to switch the Master unit. This would setup an endless cyclical switching sequence that would prevent the AdderView CATxIP 5000 devices from operating correctly. For more details about the serial synchronisation cables, see Appendix 8.







The port switching functions of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit can be remotely controlled by an RS232 link to the **OPTIONS** port on the rear panel.

The sending device must use the following RS232



communication settings: Baud rate: 19200 bps

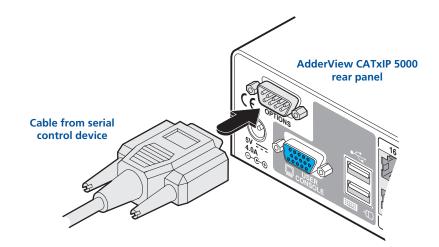
Data bits: 8 None Parity: Stop bits:

No handshaking is implemented, however, valid command characters will be echoed back to the sending device.

Note: You must ensure that the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit has it Options serial ports set to 'Sync Units'. This setting (together with the baud rate selection) can be made either via the local or global user configuration menus.

The value of the byte received via the serial link determines which computer port should be linked through to the user port. The table given here summarises the valid control codes:





Host computer port/channel

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	0 (video off)
Local user	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F	71



# Configuration



Almost all configuration and operational aspects of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit are controlled via on-screen menu displays.

# Overall initial configuration

When setting up a new installation, the following stages are recommended:

1 Enable the general 'Security' option.

With security disabled (default setting), a local or remote user attached to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will have full and unrestricted access to all computers and all AdderView CATxIP 5000 settings. In larger installations, you are strongly recommended to enable security and set up individual user accounts with access privileges.

2 Create an ADMIN (administration) password

All AdderView CATXIP 5000 units have a fixed user account that cannot be deleted or renamed, called ADMIN. If you intend to use security, then it is important to allocate a password to the ADMIN account.

Note: Usernames and passwords may only contain standard ASCII characters and numerals, accented characters are not accepted.

3 Create user accounts and allocate access rights.

Use the ADMIN account to add user profiles, passwords and access rights for each of the system users.

Note: Usernames and passwords may only contain standard ASCII characters and numerals, accented characters are not accepted.

4 Provide names for computers.

When numerous computers are attached, you are strongly advised to provide names for each, to assist with recognition.

5 Configure the required 'Setup Options' and 'Global Preferences' Use the ADMIN account to determine key AdderView CATxIP 5000 settings and timing characteristics.



# Initial configuration

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit provides an initial configuration sequence to assist you to make the necessary settings.

When the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is switched on for the first time, you should see the unit configuration screen, as shown here ⇒

# IMPORTANT: Complete the initial IP configuration and invoke security measures BEFORE the unit is connected to an open IP network.

If the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit has been previously configured, it will display either the Login dialog or the Select Host screen, as shown here  $\mbox{\em $\mathbb{Q}$}$ 



If the Login is shown, enter your 'admin' Username and Password - or press [1] twice if none have yet been defined.

Ú CATxIP 5000 Select Host Computer Port Computer 01 01 02 Computer 02 03 Computer 03 Computer 04 04 Computer 05 05 06 Computer 06 Computer 07 07 Computer 08 08 User Status admin Shared F1 - more menus F3 - Find ESC - Quit F4 - Logout Û

From the Select Host screen, press [1] to display the Main Menu. See Main Menu for more details.

CATXIP 5000 Main Menu

Functions
User Preferences
Global Preferences
Setup Options
Configuration
Edit Computers
Edit Users

Back

Within the Main Menu, use the and keys to highlight an option, then press to select.

The Configuration option provides access to separate Unit, Network and Serial Configuration screens that are similar in function to the first three setup screens shown on the right.

#### CATxIP 5000 Unit Config

AUTP5000 32M+32M Hardware Firmware 1.13.05 Keubd Lauput ∢UK Admin Passwd Set Password CATXIP 5000 Unit Name New Private 4No> 400):459):452) Time 426) 4Nov) 42009) Date Encryption ∢Always On ▶ Screen 1 of 5 Next

#### Admin password

Enter a password of at least six characters that has a mix of letters and numerals (standard ASCII characters only). The background colour provides an indication of password suitability and is initially red to indicate that the password is not sufficient. When a password with reasonable strength has been entered it will change to white.

#### **Time and Date**

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

#### **Encryption**

See **Encryption settings** for a description of the issues and the settings.

#### CATxIP 5000 Network Config

> 5900 80

2 IF Address Net Mask Gateway VNC Port HTTP Port

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Screen 2 of 5 Next

#### **View Protocol**

Choose whether the unit should use IPV4 or <u>IPV6</u>. Several options will change within this page when you select the IPV6 protocol - see <u>Network configuration (IPv6)</u> for IPv6 option details.

#### UseDHCP/IP address/Net Mask/Gateway

You need to either set the DHCP option to 'Yes' or manually enter a valid IP address, Net mask and Gateway. See <u>Networking issues</u>.

#### **VNC and HTTP ports**

These should remain set to 5900 and 80, respectively, unless they clash with an existing setup within the network. See <u>Networking issues</u>.

# CATXIP 5000 Serial Config

Options Port Power Control Doptions Band 9666

Screen 3 of 5 Next

#### Option port (serial) details

These two items control the use of the OPTIONS port on the rear panel of the unit. The port can either be used to control optional power switching devices, to synchronise the operation of two separate AdderView CATxIP 5000 units or to operate as a Console Server connection to link with other devices that are configured/monitored via their serial ports (see the Console Server Access section for details).

If none of these features are required, then you do not need to change anything on this screen.

#### CATXIP 5000 Secure Keys

Random data is required to generate encryption keys for secure VNC access. Please move the mouse or press keys until the bar becomes full.

#### Secure keys generation

With every mouse move and keypress, the single dash will move across the screen (unless the same key is pressed repeatedly). Periodically, a new star character will be added to the bar as the random data are accepted as part of the new encryption key. When the bar is full, the final encryption keys for your AdderView CATXIP 5000 will be created – this process takes roughly 30 to 40 seconds. Once the secure keys have been calculated the AdderView CATXIP 5000 will show either the Login dialog or Select Host screen.

Note: Screen 5 of 5 is displayed while the secure keys are being generated.



### Main menu

The main menu allows you to determine many aspects of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 capabilities. From here you can:

- Provide names for all connected computers to allow quick recognition,
- Set individual and global settings for users,
- Run various functions, such as mouse restore operation,
- Configure unit, network and serial port settings.

#### To access the main menu

1 If the select host menu is not already displayed, press and hold then press using a keyboard attached to a AdderView CATxIP 5000 user port.

The select host menu will be displayed:

			Green - accessible
	CATXIP 5000	Select Host	Red - inaccessible
Default names for each computer port	Computer Computer 01 Computer 02 Computer 03 Computer 04 Computer 05 Computer 06 Computer 07	Port 01 02 03 04 05 06	Blue - a Console CAM is connected to the port. No video connection is possible - More [+] Orange - represents a cascaded AdderView CATxIP 5000. Selecting this entry will provide access to the configuration menus of that unit - More [+]
	Computer 08	08	Port numbers
Your Login name	User admin	Status Shared	Connection status
	F1 - more menu ESC - Quit	s F3 - Find — F4 - Logout	Search for a particular computer name

2 Press 🗊 to display the main menu:



#### Menu layout

Availability of each

computer:

The various menu options are arranged as shown here ⇒ For a description of each option within the Configuration menus, see <a href="#">Appendix 1</a> for more details.

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Note: Ctrl and Att are the standard hotkeys and can be altered to avoid clashes with other devices or software. If you change the hotkeys, remember to use the new ones in place of Ctrl and Att when following the instructions in this guide.

#### Security

Main Menu -

Note: If the security option has beer enabled, you will be asked for a vali user name and password before the main menu can be displayed.

	CATxIP 5000 Login
7	
d	Username:
<u>ڊ</u>	Password:

IMPORTANT: When supplied, AdderView CATXIP 5000 units have their security features disabled, which means that any attached users have access to all connected computers and all AdderView CATXIP 5000 settings. You are strongly recommended to <a href="mailto:enable-the">enable</a> the 'Security' feature and set an access password for the ADMIN account.

Functions	Power Control Restore Standard Mouse Restore Intellimouse Show All Users Access Mode
User Preferences	Screen Saver Confirmation Box
Global Preferences	Mouse Switching Screen Saver OSD Dwell Time User Timeout
Setup Options	Security HotKeys Auto Logout
Configuration —	Unit Configuration Network Configuration Serial Configuration Reset Configuration
Edit Computers	-
Edit Users	

# General security and configuration steps

#### To enable general security

- 1 Display the Main menu.
- 2 Highlight 'Setup Options' and press [4].
- 3 Highlight 'Security' and press Space (or click one of the arrow buttons) to select 'Enabled'.
- 4 Now create a new password for the ADMIN user account see below.

#### To set an ADMIN password

- 1 Display the Main menu.
- 2 Highlight 'Configuration' and press [1].
- 3 Highlight 'Unit Configuration' and press 🗐
- 4 Using the cursor keys, move the cursor to the 'Admin Passwd' field.
- 5 Enter an appropriate password for the ADMIN user account with regard to the following:
  - The password can be up to 16 characters long.
  - The password can use letters, numerals and/or punctuation marks in any combination. Only standard ASCII characters and numerals are accepted, accented characters are not permitted.
  - The password is case sensitive.

Note: The field background colour will remain red until sufficient characters have been entered to form a reasonably robust password.

6 Once the password has been entered, you can navigate away from the menu page and it will be automatically saved.

What to do if the ADMIN password has been forgotten.

#### To change the hotkeys

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit uses and as its standard hotkeys. These can be changed if they clash with other software or hardware within the installation.

- 1 Display the Main menu.
- 2 Highlight 'Setup Options' and press [...].
- 3 Highlight 'Hotkeys' and press <code>Space</code> (or click one of the arrow buttons) to select the required hotkey combination. The options are: Ctrl+Alt, Ctrl+Shift, Alt+Shift, Alt Gr, Left+Right Alt, Left Ctrl+Alt or Right Ctrl+Alt.

# Registering users and host computers

All user and host computer registration is achieved solely via the global (network) connection to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit. See <u>Appendix 2 - Configuration pages via viewer</u> for details.

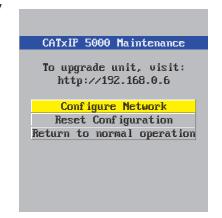
### What to do if the ADMIN password has been forgotten

If the ADMIN password becomes mislaid or forgotten, you will not be able to access the AdderView CATxIP 5000 to add or edit users and computer names, unless you have given other users admin privileges. This situation may be resolved by performing a complete reset to return the AdderView CATxIP 5000 to factory settings.

IMPORTANT: A complete reset erases all the user names and computer names that you have setup.

# To clear a password (and restore factory default settings)

- 1 Remove power from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.
- 2 Press and hold the reset button on the front panel (requires paper clip or similar).
- 3 Apply power and after a couple of seconds release the reset button. The Maintenance menu will be displayed ⇒
- 4 Highlight 'Reset Configuration' and press ☐. The Reset Config warning will be displayed ⇒
- 6 Remove power from the unit and then re-apply it.
- 7 You now need to go through the <u>initial</u> <u>configuration procedure</u> and reinstate all of the required settings.



#### CATxIP 5000 Reset Config

WARNING: Continuing will cause your existing configuration to be erased.

When the unit is returned to normal mode it will require re-configuring before it can be used.

#### DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE?

RESET

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# Clearing IP access control

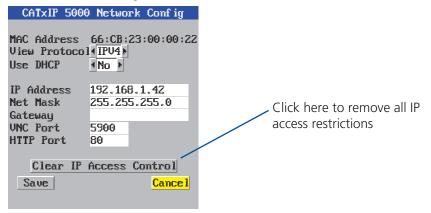
This option removes all entries from the IP access control feature within the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### What is IP access control?

The IP access control feature (configurable by a remote admin user) allows certain network address ranges to be denied access to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. If set incorrectly, it is possible to exclude all network users and so this option provides an emergency recovery point.

#### To clear IP access control

- 1 From a local keyboard (not accessible from a global keyboard), log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗗 to select the More Menus.
- 4 Select 'Configuration'.
- 5 Select 'Network Configuration'.



6 Highlight the 'Clear IP Access Control' option and press [...].



Configure

# Full configuration by global user

Once the basic features have been configured using the AdderView CATxIP 5000 configuration menus, further changes can be made by authorised global users via the VNC interface. There are two main ways to use the VNC interface to access the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit:

• <u>The VNC viewer</u> – a small application downloadable from the RealVNC website or even downloadable from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 itself.

or

Shaded items signify options that are not

configuration menus.

available via the standard

 A standard browser that supports Java – When a web browser makes contact, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 provides the option to download a Java application to it. This allows a viewer window to be opened and operation to commence just as it would with the VNC viewer application.

#### **User Accounts**

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

#### <u>Unit Configuration</u>

Allows you to alter both basic and fundamental settings within the unit.

#### **Time & Date Configuration**

Allows you to configure all aspects relating to time keeping within the unit.

#### **Network Configuration**

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

#### Serial Port Configuration

Lets you setup or alter the details concerning the OPTIONS serial port.

#### **Host Configuration**

Allows you to configure user access, hot key switching and power control codes for the connected host systems.

#### **Logging and Status**

Provides various details about the user activity on the unit.

#### **LDAP Configuration**

Allows you to configure settings which enable the unit to consult external databases in order to verify user details.

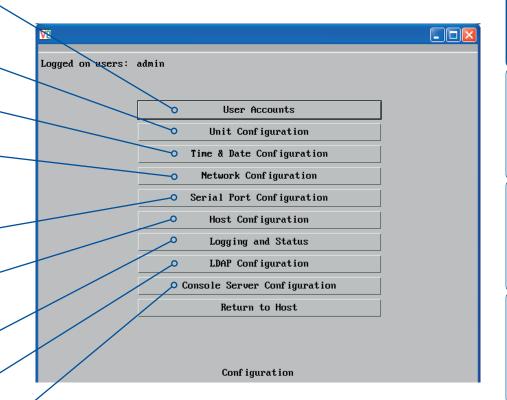
#### **Console Server Configuration**

Configures all settings concerned with serial port access to server systems.

See also the Console Server Access section for details.

#### To configure the unit from a global user location

- 1 Use either the VNC viewer or a standard web browser to make remote contact with the AdderView CATXIP 5000 – see <u>Global user access</u> for more details.
- 2 If the username entry is not blanked out, enter 'admin'. Then enter the admin password or the username / password of a user with admin privilege (if no password is set, then just press ). Once logged in, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will show the video output from the host system (if one is connected), or otherwise a 'No Signal' message.
- 3 Click the Configure button in the top right hand corner of the window to display the main configuration page ↓



For more information about each page, please see <u>Appendix 2 - Configuration pages via viewer</u> in the 'Further information' chapter.



# **Encryption settings**

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 offers a great deal of flexibility in its configuration and this extends equally to its encryption settings that are used to prevent unauthorised interception of signals. Due to the variety of situations in which the AdderView CATxIP 5000 might be used and the range of viewer applications that need to view it, a number of settings are available. The encryption settings to use depend upon how the potential global users will operate.

Important factors to consider when setting these options might be:

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

#### AdderView CATxIP 5000 encryption settings

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 configuration menu offers three encryption settings:

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

#### Viewer encryption settings

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

- Always on This setting will ensure that the link is encrypted, regardless of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 encryption setting.
- Let server choose This setting will follow the configuration of the AdderView CATxIP 5000. If the AdderView CATxIP 5000 has 'Always on' or 'Prefer on' set, then the link will be encrypted. If the 'Prefer off' setting is selected at the AdderView CATxIP 5000, then the link will not be encrypted.
- **Prefer off** This setting will configure an un-encrypted link if the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will allow it, otherwise it will be encrypted.
- **Prefer on** If the AdderView CATxIP 5000 allows it, this setting will configure an encrypted link, otherwise it will be un-encrypted.



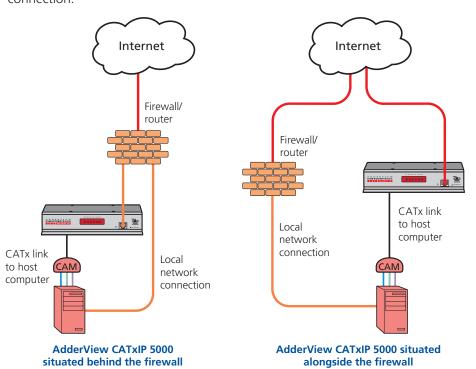
# Networking issues

Thanks to its robust security the AdderView CATxIP 5000 offers you great flexibility in how it integrates into an existing network structure. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 is designed to reside either on an internal network, behind a firewall/router or alternatively with its own direct Internet connection.



## Positioning AdderView CATxIP 5000 in the network

Every network setup is different and great care needs to be taken when introducing a powerful device such as the AdderView CATxIP 5000 into an existing configuration. A common cause of potential problems can be in clashes with firewall configurations. For this reason the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is designed to be intelligent, flexible and secure. With the minimum of effort it can reside either behind the firewall or alongside with its own separate Internet connection.



IMPORTANT: When the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is accessible from the public Internet connection, you must ensure that sufficient <u>security measures</u> are employed.

#### Placing AdderView CATxIP 5000 behind a router or firewall

A possible point of contention between the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and a firewall can occasionally arise over the use of IP ports. Every port through the firewall represents a potential point of attack from outside and so it is advisable to minimise the number of open ports. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 usually uses two separate port numbers, however, these are easily changeable and can even be combined into a single port.

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

#### **Port settings**

As standard, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 uses two **ports** to support its two types of viewer:

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

When these port numbers are used, VNC viewers and web browsers will locate the AdderView CATxIP 5000 correctly using only its network address. The firewall/router must be informed to transfer any traffic requesting these port numbers through to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### When a web server is also on the local network

Port 80 is the standard port used by web (HTTP) servers. If the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is situated within a local network that also includes a web server or any other device serving port 80 then, if you want to use the web browser interface from outside the local network environment, the HTTP port number of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 may need to be changed.

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

#### http://192.168.47.10:8000

(Note the single colon that separates the IP address and the port number). The firewall/router would also need to be informed to transfer all traffic to the

The firewall/router would also need to be informed to transfer all traffic to the new port number through to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### If you need to change the VNC port number

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



#### 192.168.47.10::11590

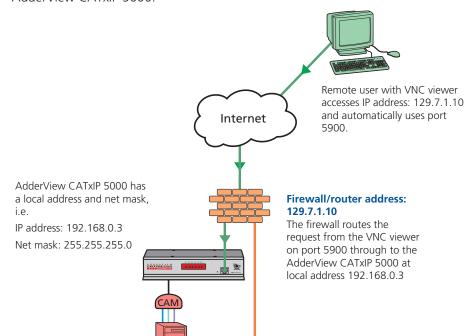
(Note the double colons that separate the IP address and port number).

The firewall/router would also need to be informed to transfer all traffic to the new port number through to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### Addressing

When the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is situated within the local network, you will need to give it an appropriate local IP address, IP network mask and default gateway. This is achieved most easily using the DHCP server option which will apply these details automatically. If a DHCP server is not available on the network, then these details need to be applied manually in accordance with the network administrator.

The firewall/router must then be informed to route incoming requests to port 5900 or port 80 (if available) through to the local address being used by the AdderView CATXIP 5000.



#### To discover a DHCP-allocated IP address

Once a DHCP server has allocated an IP address, you will need to know it in order to access the AdderView CATxIP 5000 via a network connection. To discover the allocated IP address:

- 1 In network section of either the <u>local configuration menus</u> or the <u>global configuration pages</u>, set the 'Use DHCP' option to 'Yes' and select 'Save'. Once the page is saved, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will contact the DHCP server and obtain a new address.
- 2 Re-enter the same 'Network configuration' screen where the new IP address and network mask should be displayed.

#### **DNS** addressing

As with any other network device, you can arrange for your AdderView CATxIP 5000 to be accessible using a name, rather than an IP address. This can be achieved in two main ways:

- For small networks that do not have a DNS (Domain Name System) server, edit the 'hosts' files on the appropriate remote systems. Using the hosts file, you can manually link the AdderView CATxIP 5000 address to the required name.
- For larger networks, declare the IP address and required name to the DNS server of your local network.

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



#### Placing AdderView CATxIP 5000 alongside the firewall

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 is built from the ground-up to be secure. It employs a sophisticated 128bit public/private key system that has been rigorously analysed and found to be highly secure. Therefore, you can position the AdderView CATxIP 5000 alongside the firewall and control hosts that are also IP connected within the local network.

IMPORTANT: If you make the AdderView CATxIP 5000 accessible from the public Internet, care should be taken to ensure that the maximum security available is activated. You are strongly advised to enable encryption and use a strong password. Security may be further improved by restricting client IP addresses, using a non-standard port number for access.

#### **Ensuring sufficient security**

The security capabilities offered by the AdderView CATxIP 5000 are only truly effective when they are correctly used. An open or weak password or unencrypted link can cause security loopholes and opportunities for potential intruders. For network links in general and direct Internet connections in particular, you should carefully consider and implement the following:

- Ensure that encryption is enabled.

  By local configuration menu or global configuration page.
- Ensure that you have selected secure passwords with at least 8 characters and a mixture of upper and lower case and numeric characters.

  By global configuration page.
- Reserve the admin password for administration use only and use a non-admin user profile for day-to-day access.
- Use the latest Secure VNC viewer (this has more in-built security than is available with the Java viewer). To **download the viewer**.
- Use non-standard port numbers.
- Restrict the range of IP addresses that are allowed to access the AdderView CATxIP 5000 to only those that you will need to use. To <u>restrict IP access</u>.
- Do NOT Force VNC protocol 3.3.
- Ensure that the computer accessing the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is clean of viruses and spyware and has up-to-date firewall and anti-virus software loaded that is appropriately configured.
- Avoid accessing the AdderView CATxIP 5000 from public computers.

Security can be further improved by using the following suggestions:

- Place the AdderView CATxIP 5000 behind a firewall and use the port numbers to route the VNC network traffic to an internal IP address.
- Review the activity log from time to time to check for unauthorised use.
- Lock your server consoles after they have been used.

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

#### **Ports**

In this configuration there should be no constraints on the port numbers because the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will probably be the only device at that IP address. Therefore, maintain the HTTP port as 80 and the VNC port as 5900.

#### Addressing

When the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is situated alongside the firewall, it will require a public static IP address (i.e. one provided by your Internet service provider).

More addressing information:

<u>Discover DHCP-allocated addresses</u> <u>DNS addressing</u>



## **Console Server Access**

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit supports Console Server access to multiple devices (such as dedicated specialist servers, Ethernet switches, IP routers, etc.) that are connected to it via their RS-232 serial ports. Authorised global users can switch to any of the connected devices and access them using either the Telnet or SSH (Secure SHell) protocols.

Global connections are limited to a total of four concurrent sessions and these can be all VNC sessions, all Console Server connections or a mixture of both. Global users logon to Console Server connections using the same username and password details as created for them for VNC global connections.

#### Linking console devices

Special Console CAMs are used to connect each console device to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit. Each Console CAM is connected to the unit using a CATx lead as usual. On its other side, each Console CAM has only a 9-way D-Sub female RS-232 serial connection to link it to the server device.

The Options port on the rear of the unit can also be used as a Console Server connection when it is configured to operate as such within the Serial Port page of either the local menu or the remote menu.

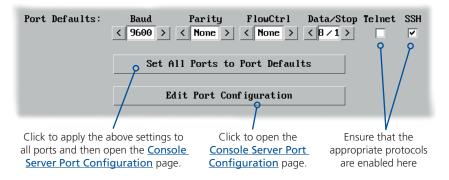
All 16 ports of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 can be used solely with Console CAMs, solely with KVM CAMs or a mixture of the two types, as follows:

- If the entire unit is used solely for console connections then all 16 ports can be used with Console CAMs. With the Options port also set into Console Server mode, that provides a total of 17 possible console connections.
- If at least one KVM CAM is also used, then the maximum number of Console CAMs that may be fitted falls slightly to a total of 13 (the Options port is still useable as an extra console connection).

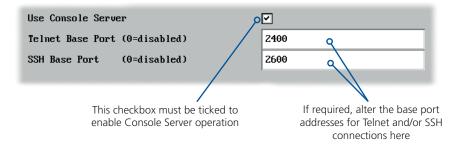
Note: If a KVM CAM is replaced by a Console CAM, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit must be rebooted or reset. This can be achieved either with a power cycle or remotely by using Unit Configuration > <u>Advanced Unit Configuration</u> > Reset Unit button.

### Setting serial connection parameters

The serial connection parameters are determined within the <u>Console</u> <u>Server Configuration</u> page of the remote configuration menu (accessible via VNC connection). Within that page you can apply a default set of serial communication parameters to all ports that will be used for console connections. Alternatively, the <u>Console Server Port Configuration</u> page allows you to adjust each console port individually.



Within the <u>Console Server Configuration</u> page there are two key settings which determine the base port addresses for Telnet and SSH connections into the AdderView CATxIP 5000. These are set to 2400 and 2600 respectively and will feature in all global links through the unit to the required console server device, as discussed next.





Authorised global users can use either Telnet or SSH (SSH is the preferable option because it creates secure connections) to connect with any of the console ports of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 using the command lines shown below.

#### **Accessing with Telnet**

Accessing console devices

Using a Telnet client on a globally connected system, use the following command line to access a required port on the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit:

telnet [IP address of the unit] [Telnet Base Port + Port Number]

2400 as standard- set within theConsole ServerConfiguration page.

0 to 16 (port 0 is the Options port).

The exact syntax will depend on the Telnet client being used. You will be prompted for a username and password - use the same username and password as configured for local port and VNC connections.

For example (to access port *04* on the AdderView CATxIP 5000 located at IP address *192.168.1.22*):

telnet 192.168.1.22 2404

#### Accessing with SSH

Using a SSH client on a globally connected system, use the following command line to access a required port on the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit:

ssh -p [SSH Base Port + Port Number] user@[IP address of the unit]

2600 as standard - set within the Console Server Configuration page. **0 to 16** (port 0 is the Options port).

**user** - enter the username as configured for local port and VNC connections.

The exact syntax will depend on the SSH client being used (the -p parameter indicates that a port number is being given). You will be prompted for a password - use the same password as configured for local port and VNC connections.

For example (to access port 08 on the AdderView CATxIP 5000 located at IP address 192.168.1.22 using the username sky123):

ssh -p 2608 sky123@192.168.1.22

When using console server access, there are a few error states which can occur if a port is accessed by more than one user, an invalid login is used or an accessed port is not suitably enabled. Relevant error messages are returned to the user via the Telnet or SSH client being used.

- Although there can be up to four concurrent global console server connections, only one connection can be made to a Console Server port at any one time (either using Telnet or SSH clients).
   If a second global user attempts to connect with a port that is already being accessed, a message such as 'Port already in use' will be displayed (the exact wording depends on the client being used) and that connection will be closed immediately after the username and password have been entered.
- If a global user attempts to connect with an invalid username and/or password, the connection will be refused with a "Permission denied" message (the exact wording depends on the client being used).
- If a global user attempts to connect to a port that is not enabled for console server operation or not enabled for the type of client being used, then a 'Connection refused' message will be shown (the exact wording depends on the client being used).

# Power switching configuration

Power switch configuration comprises two main steps:

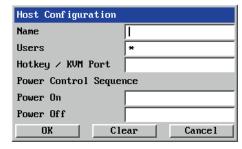
- Configure the **OPTIONS** serial port to the same speed as used by the power switch box(es), using the configuration menu.
- Configure power ON and OFF strings for each relevant host computer.

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

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

#### To configure the power sequences for each host computer

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Host configuration' option.
- 4 Click a host entry to display a Host configuration dialog:
- 5 If necessary, configure other parameters (Name, Users, Hot Keys MORE).



- 6 Enter the **Power control sequences** in the Power On and Power Off fields ⇒
- 7 Click OK to close the dialog and then click the Save button in the main Host Configuration window to store the details.

#### Power control sequences

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

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

# $Pxy=z\0D$

Where:

**x** is the switch box number,

**y** is the power port number.

z is '0' for OFF or '1' for ON, and

**\0D** represents Enter (or Carriage return).

Example 1

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

• Power sequence: P25=1\0D

Example 2

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

• Power sequence: P38=0\0D

For details about operating this feature, see **Power switching control** within the Operation chapter.

#### To control two or more ports simultaneously

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

P11=1\0D\\*P12=1\0D

# **Upgrading AdderView CATxIP 5000 models**

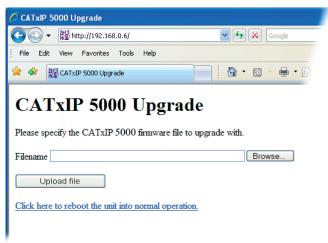
The AdderView CATxIP 5000 models are upgraded via global connection (through the IP network port). Upgrades are digitally signed by Adder using a secure key. This prevents unauthorised or altered firmware images being downloaded into the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### To upgrade AdderView CATxIP 5000 models

- 1 Download the latest firmware revision for the AdderView CATXIP 5000 from the Adder website and decompress the download file. View the decompressed files and make a note of the name and location of the .bin file that was part of the download file collection.
- 2 Make a global connection to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit and login as the admin user.
- 3 Once logged in, click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner of the window.
- 4 Click the 'Unit Configuration' button.
- 5 Click the 'Advanced Unit Configuration' button.
- 6 Click the 'Upgrade Firmware' button. This dialog will be displayed:



7 Click OK. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 is now ready to accept the upgrade files. Open your browser and connect to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 using the IP address that was confirmed in the dialog. Once connected, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will offer the following screen:



downloaded earlier. Click the 'Upload file' button. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 will next show the following screen:





9 Select which portion of the AdderView CATx IP that you wish to upgrade:

- Tick the 'Main' option to upgrade the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit itself.
- Tick one or more of the CAM options to include them in the upgrade process.
- 10 When ready, click the 'Perform upgrade' button. The upgrade will take place and its progress will be shown on screen.
- 11 When the upgrade is complete, click the link 'Click here to reboot the unit into normal operation'.

#### Recovering from a failed upgrade

If a problem is encountered while upgrading the AdderView CATxIP 5000, it is still possible to restart the unit and attempt a new upgrade process.

#### To invoke backup/recovery mode

- 1 Remove power, press and hold the reset button (insert a thin implement such as a straightened paper clip into the small hole next to the IP connector) and then re-apply power. Then, release the reset button
- 2 Access the AdderView CATxIP 5000 using a web browser on an IP connected system. When the upgrade page is displayed, follow the normal instructions, except after step 10, remove and replace the power on the unit.



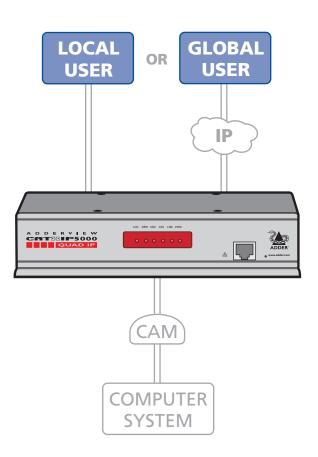
# Operation

# ADDER

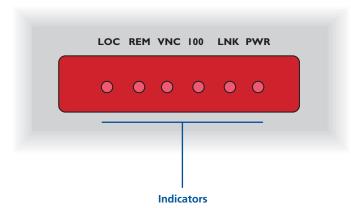
# Accessing the AdderView CATxIP 5000

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 provides two ways to gain access:

- Local user access, or
- Global user access via IP network link.



# The front panel indicators

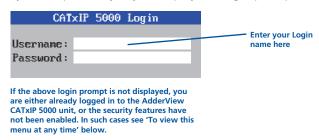


- LOC Keyboard or mouse data are being received from the local console.
- REM Keyboard or mouse data are being received from a remote (global) viewer.
- **VNC** Indicates that a global user is connected and active.
- 100 Indicates the Ethernet network speed (10/100Mbs).
- LNK Indicates that a network link is present.
- **PWR** Indicates that power is present.

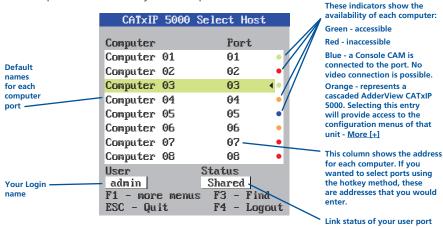
#### Local user access

#### To gain access as a local user:

1 From the local keyboard, press any key to display the login prompt:



2 Enter your username and password. Providing you have the correct permissions, the screen will display the Select Host menu, showing you a list of computers for which you have permission to access:



To view this menu at any time: Press and hold the hotkeys (usually Indian and Inally release all three keys.

Note: The and at keys when pressed in combination are called 'hotkeys' and they signal to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 that you wish to control it, rather than the host computer. However, if these particular hotkeys clash with another device or program, then your administrator may change them to a different combination. If the at M combination fails to work, then please contact your system administrator for details.

#### To move the menu (and login) box position

- 1 While viewing any menu, press and hold the hotkeys (usually and all).
- 2 Press the ☑, ①, ⊡ and ⊡ keys to move the menu to the required position.

  Note: The new menu position will be used until power is next re-applied.

#### Selecting a computer

There are three main ways for local users to select a specific computer channel:

- Using hotkeys (as described below) this is a good method if you continually access a small number of computers.
- <u>Using the Select Host menu</u> this is the best method when there are many connected computers.
- <u>Using mouse buttons</u> this is a good method for cycling between a small number of computers.

For all methods (if the <u>confirmation box option</u> is enabled), when the required port is selected, a pop up message will be displayed to confirm the computer name or number, and its status. Alternatively, an error message explaining why a connection is not possible (press of to cancel the latter type of message).

#### To avoid the 'hall of mirrors' effect

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

When controlling a host computer via the local user port if the host computer is networked it is possible to make the VNC viewer or a browser to create a link back to itself via the global (IP) capabilities of the unit. This will set up a 'hall of mirrors' effect, where the computer is viewing itself into infinity.

While technically possible, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit is not designed to withstand this treatment and could sustain damage.

#### To select a computer using hotkeys

- 1 Simultaneously press and hold ctrl and Att.
  - Note: The cm and Am keys when pressed in combination are called 'hotkeys' and they signal to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 that you wish to control it, rather than the computer. However, if these particular hotkeys clash with another device or program, then your administrator may change them to a different combination. If the cm Am combination fails to work, then please contact the system administrator for details.
- 2 While still holding Ctrl and Atl, press the first numeral of the required port address, then:
  - If the port address is a single character, release all of the keys.
  - If the port address is two or more characters, release the first numeral key and press the second repeat this procedure until all of the port address numerals have been entered, then release Ctrl and Att.

Note: The numbers on your keyboard's numeric keypad are not valid, use only the numeral keys above the QWERTY section.

Note: If your user port does not have authorisation to view the selected port then an 'Insufficient user rights' messages will be displayed.

Note: When using hotkeys, the leading zeros for all single digit port numbers (including all cascade levels) are optional, i.e. 01, 02...09.



Ctrl Alt 0

•

Ctrl Alt 1 then 0 Selects port 10

Note: When entering multiple digit addresses as above, keep and all pressed down until all other numbers have been entered.

Selects the next available port

Switches off the video signal – this will cause a power saving monitor to enter its standby mode. To awaken the monitor, simply select any fixed channel using any of the suggested

methods.

Logs out the current user (if security is enabled)

or selects port 0 to disable the video signal (if

security is disabled).

Ctrl Alt & ↓, ↑, ← or → Moves the currently displayed on-screen menu

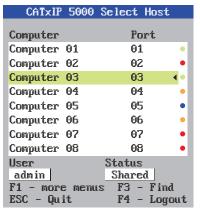
around the screen.

#### To select a computer using the Select Host menu

- 1 Display the Select Host menu in one of two ways:
  - By simultaneously pressing and then releasing Ctrl Att M, or
  - By pressing the middle and right buttons of a three button mouse.

    Note: The mouse switching option is usable only if the 'Mouse
    Switching' option is enabled. See Global preferences for more details.

At this point, depending on the security settings and the current log in situation, one of two things will be displayed, either the login screen, or the Select Host menu:



The Select Host menu – here you can select computers by name.

2 Use the and keys (or the scroll wheel of an IntelliMouse) to highlight the required computer name. Alternatively (for large configurations), press to perform an alphabetical search for a particular port name. You can also use the PgUp and PgDn keys to move up or down a full page of list entries at a time, or press the Home and End keys to quickly move to the beginning or end of the list, respectively.

Note: If security has been enabled then only computers to which the current user has permission will be displayed.

3 Press to select the highlighted port.

Note: Pressing will select the highlighted port in shared mode (other users can also view the computer). To select the port in private mode, press and when choosing.

#### To select a computer using mouse buttons

Note: This procedure works only with three-button or IntelliMouse devices and only if the 'Mouse Switching' option has been enabled by your administrator.

- 1 Hold down the middle button (or scroll wheel) of the mouse.
- 2 Click the left mouse button to select the next computer port. When the correct port is reached, release the middle button.

Note: Clicking the left mouse button will select the highlighted port in shared mode (other users can also view the computer). To select the port in private mode, hold shift and then click the left mouse button.

Note: If security has been enabled then only computers to which you have permission will be displayed.

### To select a computer using mouse buttons – Advanced method

- 1 Select the on-screen menu by pressing the middle and right buttons of a three button mouse.
- 2 Use the scroll wheel to highlight the required computer port.
- 3 Then, select either:
  - Shared Use press the left mouse button This standard method allows other users to view the same computer port. Control of the port is given to one user at a time, on a first-come, first-served basis and is relinquished after a certain period of inactivity.
  - Escape without selecting a port press the right mouse button.

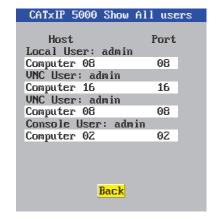
### **Show All Users**

At any time you can view a list of which users are logged-in and the host computers that they are currently accessing (and the manner in which they are accessing them: Local, VNC or Console connections). This can be particularly

useful if you find that the host to which you need access is already being viewed in private by another person.

#### To view the show all users list

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as a standard or 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl Att M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Functions' and press [1].
- 5 Select 'Show All Users' and press [...].



### Logging in and out

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 features a straightforward security system that helps to prevent unauthorised access to some, or all connected computers. If the security option has been selected by your administrator then you will be asked to enter a *User Name* and *Password* when you first access a user port. When you have finished using the computer, it is then good practice to logout, forcing any other users to authenticate themselves prior to use.

Note: If the security option has not been enabled then no login is required.

#### To log in

1 If it is not already displayed, move the mouse or press any key to display the log in screen.



- 2 Enter your designated *User Name* and press [1].
- 3 Enter your designated *Password* and press ... If both entries are correct then the selected port will be displayed.

Note: If either the User Name or Password are incorrect, the entries will be cleared to allow another attempt.

### To log out

Either:

• Press Ctrl Alt and L at any time to log out.

Or

- 1 Display the Select Host menu in either of two ways:
  - By simultaneously pressing and then releasing or At M.

    Note: The or and At hotkeys may have been changed. If the combination fails to work, then please contact the system administrator for details.
  - By pressing the middle and right buttons of a three button mouse, or
- 2 Press 4. You will be logged out and the screensaver will be displayed. Press a key or move the mouse to re-display the login window.

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 provides the option of a confirmation box that is displayed on screen for three seconds after a computer is selected. The confirmation box indicates the current user port and your user name, the selected computer and the connection status. You can enable or disable the confirmation box, as required.

CATxIP	5000	Status	
Computer Computer 01		Port 01	۹
User	St	tatus	
admin	5	Shared	

#### To enable/disable the confirmation box

- 1 Display the Select Host menu in one of two ways:
  - By simultaneously pressing and then releasing [CIT] [AIT] [M], or
  - By pressing the middle and right buttons of a three button mouse.

If you are not already <u>logged in</u>, do so now.

- 2 Press [1] to select 'More menus'.
- 3 Highlight the 'User Preferences' option and press [1] to select.
- 4 Highlight the 'Confirmation Box' option and press Space to select 'Enabled' or 'Disabled', as required.
- 5 Select the 'Save' button to return to the previous menu.

### User preferences and functions

In addition to enabling or disabling the confirmation box, you can also:

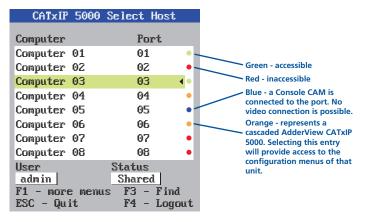
- Select the screen saver style,
- Restore mouse operation, or
- Perform power control functions.

All of these options are discussed within Appendix 1.



### Select Host menu dot colours

Within the Select Host menu, each listed host has a coloured dot associated with it to indicate its general status:



- Green shows that the host system is accessible.
- Red shows that the host system is not currently accessible.
- Blue indicates a Console CAM connection which uses only a serial port, thus no video connection is possible.
- Orange signifies that this entry is a cascaded AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit that can provide access to other host systems. When you select such an entry, you will then be shown the main menu of the cascaded unit, allowing access to the configuration menus of that unit.

Note: On older AdderView CATxIP 5000 units, with firmware less than 1.14, the orange marker represented an error relating to cascaded hosts. This function has now been superseded by the orange dot function explained above.



### Global user access

Global users access the AdderView CATxIP 5000 using a viewer and a network/internet link. There are three main types of connection: a standalone VNC viewer, a VNC Java application used within a standard web browser, or a console server connection (used to access specialist server devices).



Select the required connection type

### What will I see when I first login to a VNC session?

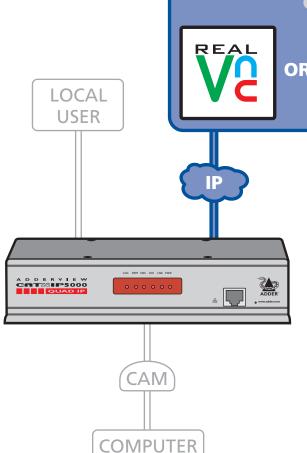
When you login to a VNC session, the result that you first see will depend on the status of your username account:

- If you are using your username for the first time then no host will be initially selected. Click the Hosts button to view a list (see <a href="Host selection">Host selection</a> for details).
- If you have previously been logged in, the last host computer that you viewed will be shown.
- If your username is already logged in at another location, then the host computer currently being viewed in the existing session will be shown.

### How do multiple users coexist?

Each of the four global users and also the local user can view any host computer for which they have permission. More than one user can view the same host and potential conflicts are arbitrated in the following ways:

- If a user views a host in private mode and then switches to a new host, then the new host will also be viewed in private.
- If a user is viewing a host in shared mode when another user chooses the same host but in private mode, the first user's view will be blanked and a message indicating that another user has taken private access will be given.
- If a user views a host in private mode and another user chooses the same host, the second user will see a message indicating that the host is already being viewed in private mode.
- If multiple users are viewing the same host and one switches to another host then only that user moves to the new host, all other users are unaffected.



**SYSTEM** 

### Global user access via VNC viewer

The VNC viewer is a compact application that runs on your IP-connected 'global' system and allows you to view and use the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and its host computer(s). VNC viewer is readily available from a number of different sources:

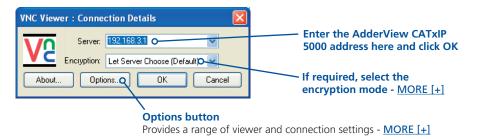
- from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 installation CD
- from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 itself
- from the RealVNC website

#### To access via the VNC viewer

1 Locate and select the VNC viewer icon ⇒



A connection details dialog will be displayed:



2 In the 'Server:' entry, type the address of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 as follows:

### v.w.x.y

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

- If you have been asked to also enter a port number.
- 3 Click the OK button. Depending on the options selected, you may need to confirm certain items. A connection attempt will be made and if successful, an authentication dialog will be displayed:



4 Enter your Username and Password. The <u>viewer window</u> should now open and show the current host computer. *Note: If the Username entry is blanked out then only admin user account is currently defined and only a password is required.* 

### Downloading VNC viewer from the AdderView CATxIP 5000

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 has the ability to distribute its own VNC viewer application.

#### To download the VNC viewer

- 1 Open your Web browser.
- 2 Enter the network address where the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is situated (in the form: http://192.168.0.3) and make the link.
- 3 In the opening AdderView CATxIP 5000 screen, click the link that offers to download the secure VNC viewer 'from the unit'.
- 4 Save the download file (vncviewer.exe) to your system.
- 5 Select and run the downloaded file and then connect to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 using the VNC viewer application.

IMPORTANT: During login, if you see a warning message similar to the one shown here, then **stop** and do not proceed.



This message is displayed if an AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit that your viewer has previously visited, has had a change of security keys. This is not uncommon if a unit is reset for some reason. However, it could also mean that your trusted unit is being spoofed and you may not be connecting to the system that you think you are.

Do not click the Yes button until you have checked with your administrator that the trusted AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit has been recently reset for some reason.

### Global user access via web browser

You can use a standard Web browser (<u>supported versions</u>) to gain access to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and its host computer(s). As soon as you make contact with the AdderView CATxIP 5000 it will begin downloading a small Java application to your browser, which will be used only for the duration of your connection.

#### To access via your web browser

- 1 Launch your standard Web browser as usual.
- 2 In the Address section, type the address of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 as follows:

### http://v.w.x.y

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

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



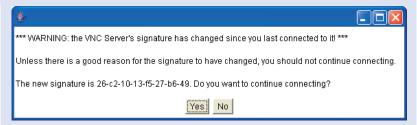
Provides a range of viewer and connection settings - MORE [+]

- 5 Make any necessary option/encryption changes and click the OK button to proceed. Depending on the options selected, you may need to confirm certain items.
- 6 A second connection attempt will be made and if successful, an authentication dialog will be displayed:

🍨 VNC Auth	nentication [No Encryption]	
Username:		
Password:		

7 Enter your username and password. The <u>viewer window</u> should now open and show the current host computer. *Note: If the Username entry is blanked out then only admin user account is currently defined and only a password is required.* 

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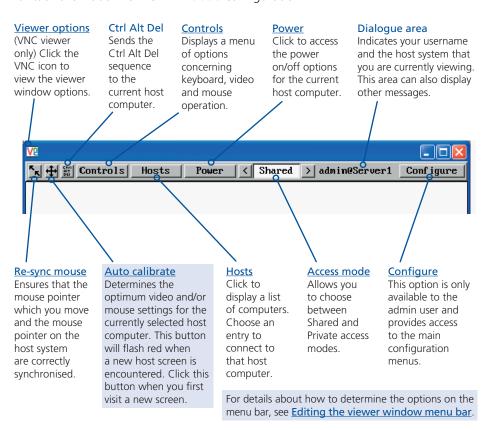
Do not click the Yes button until you have checked with your administrator that the trusted AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit has been recently reset for some reason.

### Using the viewer window

The viewer window gives you the ability to view and control the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and its host computer(s). Its operation is almost identical regardless of whether you used the VNC viewer or your Web browser to display it.

#### The menu bar

The viewer window presents a menu bar similar to that shown below. Certain items within the toolbar are displayed depending upon your access permissions and/or the AdderView CATxIP 5000 configuration.



IMPORTANT: Optimal performance of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is dependant on the calibration of the video for each host computer. For this reason, if you view an uncalibrated host, the unit will invoke an automatic calibration after a pause of roughly twenty seconds.

If the video is not calibrated the unit can operate slower than expected and will affect all users. If you experience a drop in performance on the VNC viewers, try recalibrating your viewer as a first step. Click the Auto calibrate button or access the Video settings option from the 'Controls' button.

### When using the viewer window

#### What is the best screen resolution to use?

The best resolution for your computer is one that is larger than the screen of the host computer that you are viewing. This will allow you to see everything without scrolling around. Alternatively, the VNC viewer can be set to scale the image to fit your screen, but remember that some pixel dithering effect will be seen when scaling is used.

#### How do I navigate around a larger screen?

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

#### How do I escape from full screen mode?

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

### Why is the **button flashing red?**

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

### How do I change between host computers?

You can either click the 'Hosts' button to select a host by name (see <u>Host selection</u>) or use hotkey presses to choose a host by its port number (see <u>VNC Hotkey selection</u>).

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

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

#### How do I make the most of a slow connection?

The VNC viewer is slightly better suited to slower connections than the browser viewer because it offers more options. Click the <u>Options</u> button of the VNC viewer when entering the AdderView CATxIP 5000 address during log on.

### Adjust the Threshold setting

Ensure that the video <u>Threshold setting</u> is set higher than the automatic setting suggests. Tweak this setting manually to ensure the best setting.

#### Fewer colours

Select the <u>Low (64 colours)</u> mode. The Very low option offers hardly any improvement and looks a lot worse.

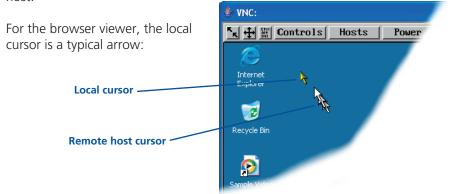
#### Rate limit mouse events

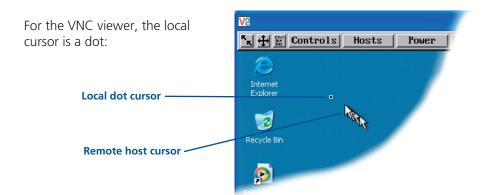
When selected, this mode greatly reduces the mouse movement data that are sent to the host computer. When you move the local mouse, the remote cursor will catch up roughly once per second.



### Mouse pointers

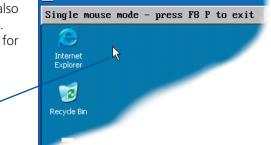
Both viewers provide a double mouse cursor to help overcome any delays caused by slow connections. When you move your mouse you will see two mouse cursors, a local one that responds immediately to your movements and a second, slower moving, cursor that represents the current mouse position at the host.





Additionally, for fast network connections, the VNC viewer also provides a single mouse mode. See <u>Controls - Single Mouse</u> for details.

Single local cursor



### Host selection

The Hosts button on the menu bar provides the quickest and most efficient way to switch between host computers. This is because the button is close at hand, but also because the screen calibration details for each host are reused when this method of switching is used. The alternative is to use <a href="https://host.ncb/hosts/hos

#### To select a host

- 1 Click the Hosts button to display a list of computers.
- 2 Click the required computer name to view and control it. You can use the List Order option to determine whether the hosts are listed by their entry number or alphabetically.

See <u>Appendix 2 - Host</u> <u>configuration</u> for details about programming new hosts into the AdderView CATxIP 5000 ('admin' user status required).

#### **Key to dot colours**

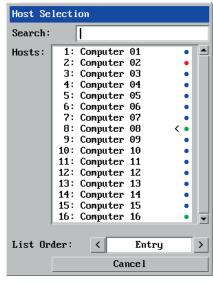
Green - accessible

Red - inaccessible

Blue - a Console CAM is connected to the port. No video connection is possible. More [+]

Orange - represents a cascaded AdderView CATxIP 5000. Selecting this entry will provide access to the configuration menus of that unit. More [+]





### **Configure**

This option is displayed only when you are logged on as the 'admin' user. When selected it provides access to a wide range of AdderView CATXIP 5000 settings. See Appendix 2 - Configuration pages via viewer for more details.

### Auto calibrate 🖶

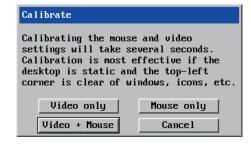
When you visit a host computer for the very first time, your viewer needs to determine the optimum video and mouse settings for that particular computer. The button will remind you to click it by flashing red when a new computer screen is encountered. Performing this step is important because it can help to decrease unnecessary video information being sent across the link, thus improving overall performance.

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

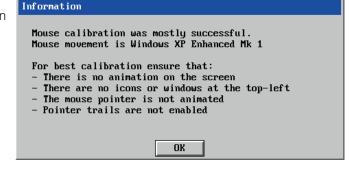
Note: When performing an auto calibration, ensure that the screen image is static (no moving images) and also try to remove any on-screen displays generated by KVM switches (such as host names or menus). This is because they can affect the calibration process and result in a lower overall performance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

#### To auto calibrate the screen and/or mouse

- 1 Use the Hosts button to select the required computer.
- 2 Click the ⊕ button to display the Calibrate options dialog:
- 3 Click the required action.
  A progress indicator will be displayed while the necessary calculations are made.



Upon completion an information dialog will explain the results:



### Re-synchronise mouse 📉

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



#### To re-synchronise the mouse

- 1 Use the Hosts button to select the required computer.
- 2 Click the \( \) button and then click OK in the subsequent pop-up message.

  Note: If you find that this doesn't work, you may need to perform a mouse calibration again.

### Access mode - shared/private

Up to five users can be simultaneously logged-in (four global users plus one local) and all can view the same or different hosts according to their permission status. If you need to perform a sensitive task that should not be viewed by other users, you can change the access mode to Private. This action blanks the viewer window for any user attempting to view the same host.

Note: For the courtesy of other users, this mode should be used sparingly. The admin user (or any user who has been given IsAdmin status - see <u>User accounts</u>) has the ability to overrule the private setting.

### To change the access mode

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



### Power switching

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

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

### To switch a system on or off

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



### Editing the viewer window menu bar

If required, you can customise the menu bar of the viewer window to ensure that it contains only the necessary options.

The menu bar can be edited locally by each user or edited singly by the admin or alternatively, the admin can globally alter the menu bar for all users.

### To edit the menu bar locally

- 1 Login remotely via VNC viewer and display the viewer window.
- 2 Place the mouse pointer on the menu bar and click the right mouse button. A popup will be displayed:



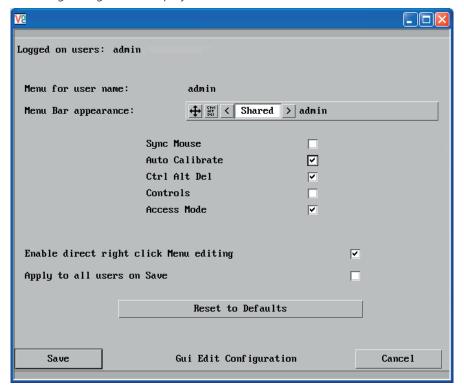
- 3 Click on any option within the popup to add it to or remove it from the menu bar.
- 4 When all changes have been made, click anywhere else within the viewer window.

Changes made in this way will affect the individual user only.

Note: The local menu bar edit popup shown above will only appear if the *Enable direct right click Menu editing* option is ticked within the Gui Edit
Configuration screen (for that user) as shown right.

#### To edit the menu bar via admin

- 1 Login remotely via VNC viewer as admin user and display the viewer window.
- 2 Click the *Configure* button in the top right corner of the viewer window.
- 3 Click the User Accounts button to display **User Accounts** button.
- 4 Against the entry for the required user, click the Menu Bar **Edit** button. The following dialog will be displayed:



- 5 Select/deselect the items that you wish to appear on the menu bar. As you do so, the *Menu bar appearance* image will show how the bar will look using your edited settings.
- 6 Optional: To globally apply your changes, tick the *Apply to all users on Save* option.
- 7 Click the Save button.



#### Controls

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

### **Single Mouse Mode**

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

To quit from single mouse mode, press F8 and then P. Alternatively, enable and use the mouse button escape sequences - see <u>Advanced unit configuration</u> for details.

The single mouse mode does not require calibration.

#### **Resync Mouse**

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

#### **Refresh Screen**

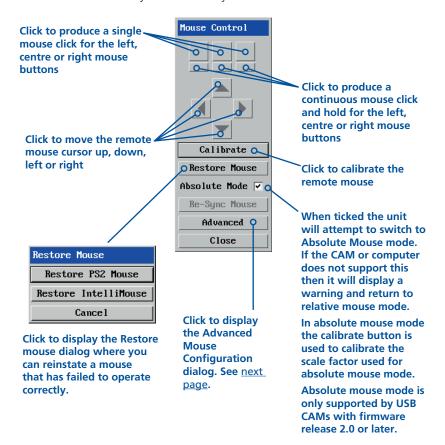
This option refreshes the whole screen image to remove any artefacts from moved screen items. This is useful when using very low refresh rates on slow speed communication links.



#### **Mouse Control**

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

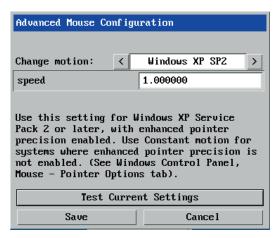
The mouse control dialog allows you to control the remote mouse cursor using a selection of buttons that you click with your local mouse.



### Advanced mouse configuration

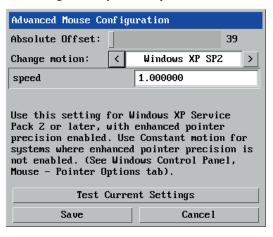
This dialog allows the mouse acceleration to be configured according to the operating system in use and also permits manual fine tuning for situations where problems are encountered with the Calibrate function.

For best results, choose the appropriate *Change motion:* entry to match the host in use (e.g. Windows XP SP2, Vista, Windows 7 etc.)



The available Change Motion schemes are: Constant, XFree86, Windows Pre-XP, Windows XP, Windows XP SP2, OS/2, Solaris, Solaris 9 and Mac OSX. Most of these offer the Speed setting as the only option, however, the Windows Pre-Xp and XFree86 options contain many other parameters.

When the *Absolute Mode* option is ticked in the main <u>Mouse Control</u> menu, this dialog allows you to adjust the *Absolute Offset* scale:



#### Info

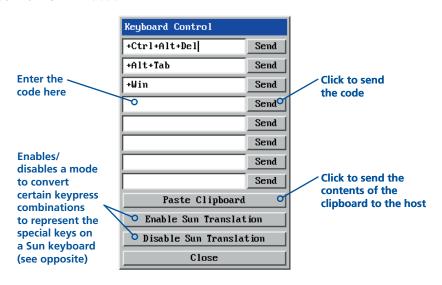
When selected, this option displays an information dialog showing the current logged on users, the current host, its video mode and its mouse motion details.





### **Keyboard Control**

This option displays a keyboard control dialog and is useful for sending keyboard combinations (to the host) that are needed regularly or that are trapped by the AdderView CATxIP 5000.



#### When entering codes:

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

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

See Appendix 9 for a list of key sequence codes that can be used.

### Examples:

- 'Ctrl + Alt 12' would be expressed as: +Ctrl+ Alt+1-1+2
- +N means press the 'N' key
- +Scroll means press the Scroll lock key
- +Space means press the space key

#### **Enable Sun Translation**

When enabled, this mode translates certain keyboard sequences to represent the special keys that are present on Sun keyboard. Use this when using a standard keyboard while connecting to a Sun system.



#### Notes:

The Enable/Disable status of the Sun translation mode is retained, so this mode selection only needs to be done once per host.

The mode selection only affects the host being viewed, so can be set differently for different hosts.

Standard keyboard	Sun keyboar
Right-[Ctrl] [F1]	Stop
Right-[Ctrl] [F2]	Again
Right-[Ctrl] [F3]	Props
Right-[Ctrl] [F4]	Undo
Right-[Ctrl] [F5]	Front
Right-[Ctrl] [F6]	Сору
Right-[Ctrl] [F7]	Open
Right-[Ctrl] [F8]	Paste
Right-[Ctrl] [F9]	Find
Right-[Ctrl] [F10]	Cut
Right-[Ctrl] [1]	Mute
Right-[Ctrl] [2]	Volume -
Right-[Ctrl] [3]	Volume +
Right-[Ctrl] [4]	Power*
Right-[Ctrl] [H]	Help
	Right-[Ctrl] [F1] Right-[Ctrl] [F2] Right-[Ctrl] [F3] Right-[Ctrl] [F4] Right-[Ctrl] [F5] Right-[Ctrl] [F6] Right-[Ctrl] [F7] Right-[Ctrl] [F8] Right-[Ctrl] [F9] Right-[Ctrl] [F10] Right-[Ctrl] [1] Right-[Ctrl] [2] Right-[Ctrl] [3] Right-[Ctrl] [4]

<sup>\*</sup> Certain PS/2 keyboards have a power key which will be mapped to perform the same function for a Sun system.

### **Video Settings**

see <u>next page</u>

#### **Video Settings**

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

#### **Threshold**

The threshold is effectively a noise filter that differentiates between valid video signals and background noise or interference. This has the effect of reducing unnecessary video signals between the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and the remote system, thus improving performance.

#### Phase

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

#### **Horizontal Position**

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

#### **Vertical Position**

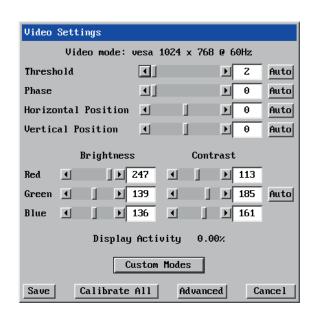
Determines the vertical position of the host screen image within the viewer window.

#### **Custom Modes**

See the next page.

#### **Advanced**

See the next page.



#### **Brightness & Contrast**

The red, green and blue constituents of the brightness and contrast can be set individually. Alternatively, use the Auto button on the right side to automatically optimise these for the current host and connection speed.

#### Calibrate All

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

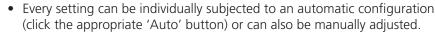
### Display activity

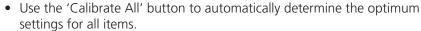
Indicates the level of video activity currently in progress.

IMPORTANT: Optimal performance of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is dependant on the calibration of the video for each host computer. For this reason, if you view an uncalibrated host, the unit will invoke an automatic calibration after a pause of roughly twenty seconds.

If the video is not calibrated the unit can operate slower than expected and will affect all users. If you experience a drop in performance on the VNC viewers, try recalibrating your viewer as a first step.

### Using automatic configurations





Note: Before using the 'Calibrate All' option, if possible, remove on-screen display (OSD) elements generated by the AdderView CATxIP 5000 (such as a menu). These OSD elements use different video rates to those of the host system(s) and can affect the setting of the automatic threshold value. AdderView CATxIP 5000 uses an improved calculation procedure to filter out the effect of these elements. However, best results are obtained when the screen contains only host system information.

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

Note: When the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is used with one or more other switches, the threshold needs to be higher than 32 due to the signal 'noise' that these switches introduce. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 configuration should detect such noise and adjust the threshold accordingly.

### Setting the Threshold manually

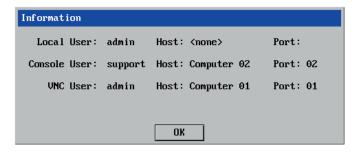
Occasionally it can be useful to manually adjust the Threshold setting, in order to achieve a setting that best suits your particular requirements.

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



#### **Show All Users**

Select this option to display a list of all users who are currently logged into the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit together with the host computer (and port) that they are currently viewing and the type of connection: Local, VNC or Console.



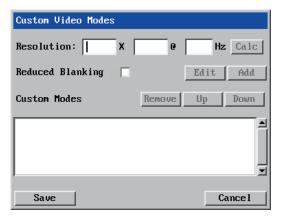
#### **Custom Video Modes**

This option allows you to define non-standard video resolutions and refresh rates to suit your display characteristics.

Enter the horizontal and vertical pixels counts together with the refresh rate and, optionally the Reduced Blanking option (see below), then click the Calc button. Then click the Add button to include the new mode within the list. If you calculate the setting for a mode that has too high a resolution to be displayed full width, this dialog will calculate the values for a half-width version instead.

#### Reduced Blanking

The Reduced Blanking option can be enabled when using flat panel display monitors and helps to save bandwidth without any loss of performance. The blanking period is present in all standard video signals and is a small time delay to allow the beam of cathode ray tube displays to return to the top left corner of the screen. As flat panel displays do not have a beam, the blanking period can be removed.



#### **Advanced Video Settings**

This option contains video signal settings that do not normally need to be adjusted.

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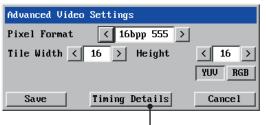
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#### **Pixel Format**

Determines the colour depth and data required to represent each video pixel.

#### YUV / RGB

Determines the colour space used by the unit.

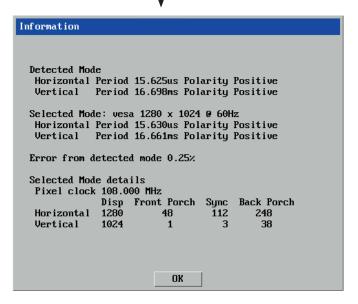


#### Tile Width and Height

Determines the size of the sample areas into which the source video screen is divided for examination purposes. Smaller sizes result in more areas to sample, larger areas result in more frequent screen area refreshes.16 is considered to be the optimum size for both the width and height settings.

#### **Timing Details**

Click this button to display information that is useful when debugging video problems.



### **VNC** hotkey selection

During a VNC session, you can use hotkey presses to guickly display the Host selection menu or to choose a host by its port number:

### To select a computer using hotkeys

Simultaneously press and hold ctrl and Atl.

Note: The cm and lat keys when pressed in combination are called 'hotkeys' and they signal to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 that you wish to control it, rather than the computer. However, if these particular hotkeys clash with another device or program, then your administrator may change them to a different combination. If the [CIII] Alt combination fails to work, then please contact the system administrator for details.

Note: VNC hotkeys are set separately to the hotkeys used by the locally connected keyboard. For details about changing the VNC Viewer hotkeys, see Appendix 2: Unit Configuration.

- 2 While still holding and at, press the first numeral of the required port address, then:
  - If the port address is a single character, release all of the keys.
  - If the port address is two or more characters, release the first numeral key and press the second – repeat this procedure until all of the port address numerals have been entered, then release [Ctri] and [Att].

Note: The numbers on your keyboard's numeric keypad are not valid, use only the numeral keys above the QWERTY section.

Note: If you do not have authorisation to view the selected port then a message will be displayed to explain your lack of access rights.

Note: When using hotkeys, the leading zeros for all single digit port numbers (including all cascade levels) are optional, i.e. 01, 02...09.



The range of hotkey combinations are as follows:

Note: If your hotkeys have been changed, substitute them for and at in the examples given here.

Ctrl Alt 1 Selects port 1 Ctrl Alt 2 Selects port 2

Ctrl Alt 1 then 0

Note: When entering multiple digit addresses as above, keep and are pressed down until all

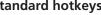
other numbers have been entered.

Ctrl Alt 0 Selects no host

Ctrl Alt M Displays the Host Selection menu so that you

Selects port 10

may choose a host by name.





### If you need to enter a port number

Usually, when you make a network connection to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 (either using the VNC viewer or a Web browser) you simply enter the IP address, i.e. 192.168.0.3. However, if a special configuration is necessary, then you may be asked to specify a port number as well as the IP address.

### What is a port?

### To enter a port number in a Web browser

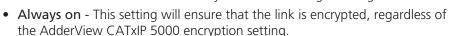
- 1 Enter the required IP address in the usual Address box, i.e. http://192.168.0.3
- 2 At the end of the IP address, add a single colon (:) and then enter the port number (in this example, the required port number is 8000), i.e. http://192.168.0.3:8000
- 3 Continue with the standard Web browser instructions.

#### To enter a port number in VNC viewer

- 1 Enter the required IP address in the usual 'Server' box, i.e. http://192.168.0.3
- 2 At the end of the IP address, add two colons (::) and then enter the port number (in this example, the required port number is 8000), i.e. http://192.168.0.3::8000
- 3 Continue with the standard **VNC viewer instructions**.

### Viewer encryption settings

The web browser viewers and VNC viewers (of level 4.0b5S or higher) offer four encryption options. The resulting actions of certain options depend upon how the AdderView CATxIP 5000 to which you are connecting is configured:



- Let server choose This setting will follow the configuration of the AdderView CATxIP 5000. If the AdderView CATxIP 5000 has a preference to encrypt the link, then it will be so, otherwise the link will not be encrypted.
- **Prefer off** This setting will configure an un-encrypted link if the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will allow it, otherwise it will be encrypted.
- **Prefer on** If the AdderView CATxIP 5000 allows it, this setting will configure an encrypted link, otherwise it will be un-encrypted.

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

### Supported web browsers

The following web browsers have been tested and found to work correctly with AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### Windows

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

#### Linux

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



# Further information



This chapter contains a variety of information, including the following:

- Getting assistance see below
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  - Appendix 1 Configuration menus
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  - Appendix 6 Addresses, masks and ports
  - Appendix 7 Cascading multiple units
  - Appendix 8 Cable specifications
  - Appendix 9 Hotkey sequence codes
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- End user licence agreement

# Getting assistance

If you are still experiencing problems after checking the information contained within this guide, then please refer to the Support section of our website:

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## **Troubleshooting**

#### Global network users are unable to contact the AdderView CATxIP 5000

- Check that the correct address is being used by the remote users.
- Check the <u>network settings</u>. Check that the users network address has not been excluded in the **IP** access control section.
- If the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is situated behind a firewall, check that the relevant ports are being allowed <u>through the firewall</u> and are being correctly routed.
- Check the <u>front panel indicators</u>, the LNK indicator should be on. If the network link is a 100Mbps connection, the 100 indicator should also be on.

### The remote cursor is not correctly responding to my mouse movements

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

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

• Either, the VNC viewer is an old version (<u>download a new one</u>) or only the admin user has been configured on the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

# Appendix 1 – Local setup menus

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 local setup menus allow a range of settings to be made both to the installation as a whole and to parts of the system accessed by each user.

### To access the local setup menus

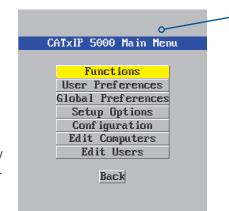
- 1 On the locally connected keyboard/mouse, select the Select Host screen in one of two ways:
  - By simultaneously pressing and then releasing Ctrl Alt M, or
  - By pressing the middle and right buttons of a three button mouse.

If you are not already logged in, do so now. What to do if the ADMIN password has been forgotten.

- 2 Press 🗊 to display the Main Menu.
- 3 Use the following keys:

  - Space or arrow buttons to change values.
  - to quit and save the changes.

The full set of options are only available to the Admin user. All other users will see only the Functions and User Preferences options.

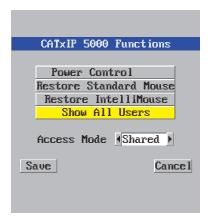


The following items and menus are available in the Main Menu screen:

- Functions
- User Preferences
- Global Preferences
- Setup Options
- Configuration
- Edit Computers (Hosts)
- Edit Users

### **Functions**

The Functions menu contains a collection of procedures that affect various aspects of AdderView CATxIP 5000 operation.



### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as a standard or 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press [1] to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Functions' and press

#### **Power Control**

The options within this section are usable only when the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is used in conjunction with one or more external power switch units and when valid power switching strings have been registered for the currently selected host. For more details see: power switching connections, configuration or operation (via menu)

### Switch Computer ON

Select this option to power on one or more computers.

### Switch Computer OFF

Select this option to power off one or more computers.

#### **Restore Standard Mouse**

This option is used to resume standard mouse operation if it has ceased to operate, for instance, if it has been connected without rebooting the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### **Restore Intellimouse**

This option is used to resume Microsoft Intellimouse operation if it has ceased to operate, for instance, if it has been connected without rebooting the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

#### Show All Users

This option displays a list of all users who are currently logged into the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit together with the host computer (and port) that they are currently viewing.



**User Preferences** 

The User Preferences are system operating parameters that are independently selectable for each user and affect only their screen.

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as a standard or 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'User Preferences' and press [4].



#### **Screen Saver**

Settings: Blank, Moving Logo

You can select the type of screen saver. If you select BLANK then the screen will blank completely. If you select Moving Logo then a small Adder logo will bounce around the screen.

#### **Confirmation Box**

Settings: Disabled, Enabled

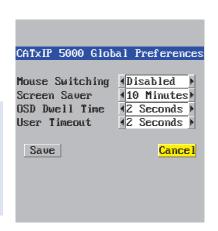
When enabled, a confirmation box is displayed on screen for three seconds after a computer is selected. The confirmation box indicates the current user port and user name, the selected computer and the connection status.

### **Global Preferences**

Global preferences are available only to the Admin user and allow settings to be made that affect all users attached to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗗 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Global Preferences' and press [1].



### **Mouse Switching**

Settings: Enabled, Disabled

The computer channel can be switched using a three button mouse or IntelliMouse. Pressing the central button or wheel button together with the left hand mouse button will cause the AdderView CATxIP 5000 to switch to the next available computer.

When mouse switching is enabled, you can still use the middle button on its own to control applications. Only when its pressed with the left or right button is it interpreted by mouse switching, otherwise it is passed on to the host application. The rotation action of an IntelliMouse wheel is not affected and is always available to the computer application.

#### Screen Saver

Settings: Disabled; 2, 5, 10,15 or 20 Minutes

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 can be set to blank the screen after no keyboard or mouse activity has been detected for a selected timeout period. If preferred, the user can blank the screen manually by selecting channel '0' using the keyboard hotkeys or by pressing ESC from the login screen.

#### **OSD Dwell Time**

Settings: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 Seconds

After a successful computer channel change the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will display a confirmation message for a few seconds. The length of time that this confirmation message dwells on the screen may be changed.

#### **User Timeout**

Settings: 1, 2, 5, 10, 30 Seconds, 1, 5, 10 Minutes

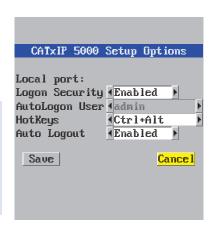
When no keyboard or mouse data has been received from an active user port for the user timeout period, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will relinquish the control of that user port in order to allow other users to access the host computer. The new port then becomes the active port until it too times out. To avoid confusion between users it is desirable to set the timeout period to be sufficiently long so that user's work is not needlessly interrupted by other users and sufficiently short to ensure good overall system efficiency.

### **Setup Options**

Setup options are available only to the Admin user.

#### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl Alt M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Setup Options' and press [...].



### **Logon Security**

Settings: Disabled, Enabled

When this option is enabled, users are required to logon to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. Each user is allocated access rights to computers by the system administrator and they are only able to see the computers that they have access to on their on-screen menu.

If this option is disabled there is no requirement for users to log-in to the system. All users will have the access rights as defined by the user account selected within the AutoLogon User option (see below).

### **AutoLogon User**

This option allows you to choose a default user name (from the list of configured users) to be used whenever the *Logon Security* option is disabled.

If you do not set the AutoLogon User entry to admin (whenever Logon Security is set to Disabled), an option will be given during logoff to enter a username and password to logon in normal way or allow the user to press Esc to auto logon as the specified AutoLogon User. This means that there is always a way to logon as the admin if the AutoLogon user is not set to admin, thus avoiding a possible lockout situation.

#### **HotKeys**

Settings: Ctrl+Alt, Ctrl+Shift, Alt+Shift, Alt Gr, Left+Right Alt, Left Ctrl+Alt, Right Ctrl+Alt

The keyboard hotkeys are special combinations of keys that, when used together with certain keyboard "command keys", perform special AdderView CATXIP 5000 functions. For example, pressing the hotkeys together with the "M" key will cause the on-screen menu to be displayed on your monitor. Other hotkey combinations allow you to query which computer you are connected to and to move the on-screen menu around the screen. You can also use the hotkeys together with the port number to select a particular connected computer.

### **Auto Logout**

Settings: Disabled, Enabled

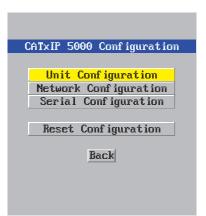
The AdderView CATxIP 5000 enables you to restrict access to your computers on a login basis. If a user forgets to logout when they have finished accessing the AdderView CATxIP 5000 then the user console may unintentionally be left with full access to all the computers. The AdderView CATxIP 5000 can be set to automatically logout unattended user consoles when the screen saver kicks in. This reduces the risk of security problems by preventing user consoles remaining in a permanent "logged-in" state when there is no keyboard or mouse activity. The automatic logout feature is only enabled when the screen saver feature is active (i.e. not disabled).

### Configuration

Available only to the Admin user, the configuration section menu allows you to determine settings that relate directly to the global (IP) user aspects of the unit.

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl Alt M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Configuration' and press [1].



- <u>Unit Configuration</u>

  IP admin password, encryption settings, etc.
- Network Configuration

  IP address, net mask, VNC port, etc.
- <u>Serial Configuration</u> Options port usage and Baud rate.
- Reset Configuration Completely resets the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

### **Unit Configuration**

This page provides access to a selection of both basic and fundamental settings for the AdderView CATXIP 5000.

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl Alt M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Configuration' and press [...].
- 5 Select 'Unit Configuration' and press



#### Hardware

Indicates the version of the internal circuitry.

#### **Firmware**

Indicates the version of the internal software.

#### **Keybd Layout**

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

#### **Admin Passwd**

Enter the password that will be used to gain administrator access to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. There can only be one admin user and only that user is given access to the configuration menus. The admin password background will show red until you enter a reasonably secure password, although this is only advisory as any password or no password may be entered.

#### **Unit Name**

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

#### **New Private**

Allows you to determine whether new local or VNC connections should be set up as private (when set to Yes) or as shared (when set to No).

#### **Time and Date**

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

### **Encryption**

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

### **Network Configuration (IPv4)**

This page allows you to configure network details that are mainly related to the use of the IPv4 protocol.

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Configuration' and press
- 5 Select 'Network Configuration' & press 4

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#### **MAC Address**

Media Access Control address – this is the unique and unchangeable code that was hard coded within your AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit when it was built. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons. A section of the MAC address identifies the manufacturer, while the remainder is effectively the unique electronic serial number of your particular unit.

#### **View Protocol**

Allows you to change between options for IPv4 and <u>IPv6</u>. See the <u>next page</u> for details about IPv6 options.

#### **Use DHCP**

DHCP stands for 'Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol'. Its function is particularly useful when connecting to medium size or larger networks. When this option is selected, your AdderView CATxIP 5000 will attempt to locate a DHCP server on the network. If such a server is located, it will supply three things to the AdderView CATxIP 5000: an IP address, an IP network mask (also known as a Subnet mask) and a Gateway address. These are not usually granted permanently, but on a 'lease' basis for a fixed amount of time or for as long as the AdderView CATxIP 5000 remains connected and switched on. Discover allocations.

### **IP Address**

This is the identity of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 within a network. It can either be entered manually or configured automatically using the DHCP option. When the DHCP option is enabled, this entry is unavailable. See **IP** addresses.

#### Net Mask

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

#### **Gateway**

This is the address of the device that links the local network (to which the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is connected) to another network such as the Internet. Usually this is a network router and it will be used whenever a device to be contacted lies outside the local network.

#### **VNC Port**

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

Note: The VNC port and HTTP port can be set to the same port number in order to simplify router and firewall configuration. If this is done then the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will "listen" for both types of traffic on the single port.

#### **HTTP Port**

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

### **Clear IP Access Control**

This option removes all entries from the IP access control feature within the AdderView CATxIP 5000. The IP access control feature (configurable by a global admin user) allows certain network address ranges to be denied access to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. If set incorrectly, it is possible to exclude all network users and so this option provides an emergency recovery point.



### **Network Configuration (IPv6)**

This page allows you to configure network details that are mainly related to the use of the IPv6 protocol.

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press [1] to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Configuration' and press
- 5 Select 'Network Configuration' & press
- 6 Change 'View Protocol' option to 'IPV6'.

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Use DHCPU6	(No.)
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IPV6 gateway	1:100:1021/81
UNC Port	5900
HTTP Port	3344
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#### **MAC Address**

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#### View Protocol

Allows you to change between options for IPv4 and IPv6. See the previous page for details about IPv4 options.

#### **Enable IPV6**

Change this option to Yes only if the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit is connected to an IPV6 compliant network.

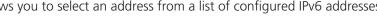
#### Use DHCPV6

When this option is set to Yes, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will attempt to locate a DHCPv6 server on the network to derive a unique IPv6 address for itself as well as an address for the IPv6 Gateway. These are not usually granted permanently, but on a 'lease' basis for a fixed amount of time or for as long as the AdderView CATxIP 5000 remains connected and switched on. Discover allocations.

If this option is set to No, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will use the **Stateless** Address Auto Configuration protocol to determine its own IPv6 address. This will be shown in the IPV6 Address field and can be edited if necessary.

#### **IPV6 Address**

Allows you to select an address from a list of configured IPv6 addresses.



#### Add

Adds the selected IPv6 address to the IPV6 Address section.

#### Rem

Deletes the selected IPv6 address.

#### **IPV6 Address**

This section shows the current IPv6 address for the AdderView CATxIP 5000. This can be derived either from a DHCPv6 server (if that option is selected); from the use of the Stateless Address Auto Configuration to determine its own address or by manual entry of an IPv6 address.

#### **IPV6 Gateway**

Allows the IPv6 Gateway address to be edited.

#### **VNC Port**

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

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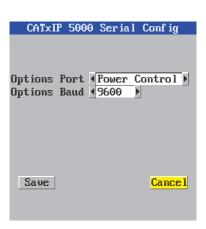


### **Serial Configuration**

This page allows you to configure the OPTIONS serial port located at the rear of the AdderView CATXIP 5000

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Configuration' and press
- 5 Select 'Serial Configuration' & press [1].



### **Options Port**

Settings: Power Control, Sync Units, Console Server

Determines whether the OPTIONS port at the rear of the unit will be used for connection to power control switches ('Power Control'), to synchronise the operation of two AdderView CATXIP 5000 units ('Sync Units') or to operate as a 'Console Server' connection to link with other devices that are configured/monitored via their serial ports.

### **Options Baud**

Settings: 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200

Determines the communication speed of the OPTIONS port when the above setting is configured to 'Power Control'. The other communication settings are fixed as: No parity, 8 bit word, 1 stop bit.

#### Notes:

When 'Options Port' is set to 'Sync Units', the baud rate will be automatically changed to 19200.

When the 'Options Port' is set to 'Console Server', the baud rate and other parameters are set within the Console Server Configuration page for Port 0.

### **Reset Configuration**

This option allows you to completely reset the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

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

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl Alt M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗇 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Configuration' and press
- 5 Select 'Reset Configuration' and press [1].

#### CATxIP 5000 Reset Config

WARNING: Continuing will cause your existing configuration to be erased.

The unit will then reset and require re-configuring before it can be used.

#### DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE?

RESET

Cancel

### To reset the AdderView CATxIP 5000 configuration

- 1 From a local or remote (not accessible from a global keyboard), log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl Alt M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to select 'More menus'.
- 4 Select 'Configuration'.
- 5 Select 'Reset Configuration'.
- 6 Highlight the 'Reset' option and press [...].
- 7 After a short period, you should see the first of five initial configuration screens. See <u>Initial configuration</u> for details.



### **Edit Computers (Hosts)**

This page allows basic changes to computer/host entries such as adding, name/port edit or deletion. For more advanced changes see <u>Host configuration</u> (via remote link) for details.

### To get here

- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as a standard or 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🔁 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Edit Computers' and press [...].

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Computer 02	02
Computer 03	03
Computer 04	04
Computer 05	05
Computer 1301	1301
Computer 1302	1302
Computer 1303	1303
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### To add an entry

Press the Ins key and enter the new host name and port number.

### To edit an entry

Move the highlight bar to cover the required entry and then press Enter. Edit the host name and port number as required and then click the Save button to store the change(s).

### To delete an entry

Move the highlight bar to cover the required entry and then press the Del key. Confirm your action to remove the selected entry.

This page allows you to add, edit or delete usernames and passwords as appropriate.

Note: It is not possible to use this page to change the user type (Admin/User) or to delete the admin entry (or change the admin user name. For such changes, use configuration via the viewer - see <u>User accounts</u> for details.

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- 1 From a local keyboard, log on as a standard or 'admin' user.
- 2 Press Ctrl M (hotkeys can change).
- 3 Press 🗊 to show the Main Menu.
- 4 Select 'Edit Users' and press [...].

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Ins - Add	Del - Delete
ESC - Exit	F3 - Find

#### To add a user

Press the Ins key and enter the new username and corresponding password.

### To edit an entry

Move the highlight bar to cover the required username and then press Enter. Edit the username name and/or password as required and then click the Save button to store the change(s). See note above.

Note: Usernames and passwords may only contain standard ASCII characters and numerals, accented characters are not accepted.

### To delete an entry

Move the highlight bar to cover the required entry and then press the Del key. Confirm your action to remove the selected user entry. See note above.



# Appendix 2 - Configuration pages via viewer

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

### To access the remote configuration pages

- 1 Make a <u>global connection</u> to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit and login as the admin user.
- 2 Once logged in, click the Configure button in the top right corner of the window.

Logged on users
Indicates the current users

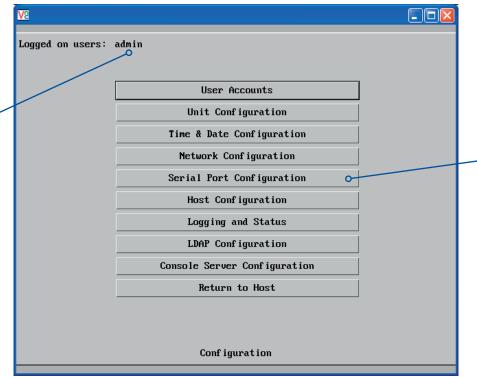
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irrespective of whether they

are connected locally or via a



#### Main configuration page



Click the required option

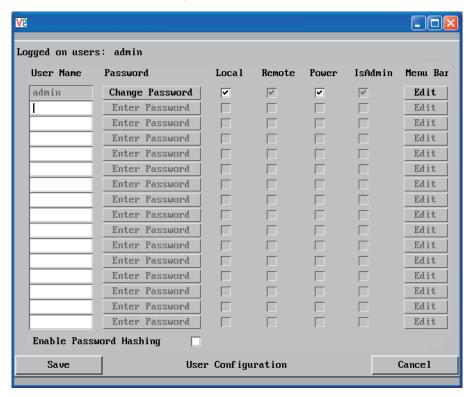
- User Accounts
- Unit Configuration
- <u>Time & Date Configuration</u>
- Network Configuration
- <u>Serial Port Configuration</u>
- Host Configuration
- Logging and Status
- LDAP Configuration
- Console Server Configuration

#### User accounts

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

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

There are fifteen user account positions.



#### To create a new user account

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

### To disable the admin user

If necessary it is possible to disable the admin user account:

- 1 Create an alternative user account.
- 2 Tick IsAdmin for that user.
- 3 Log on as that user.
- 4 Untick the Local and Remote boxes for the admin user.

### To get here

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

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#### **User Name**

All user names must consist of lower case characters or numbers only. No symbols or upper case characters are permissible. The user name can be between 1 and 32 characters in length but cannot contain foreign characters.

#### **Enter/Change Password**

Click the adjacent button to add or edit a password. Passwords are case sensitive and can include certain keyboard symbols but cannot contain foreign characters. The password can be between 1 and 16 characters in length. A suitable password is best constructed using a mixture of more than 6 letters, numbers and punctuation characters.

#### Local

When ticked, the selected user can gain access using the local KVM console directly connected to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

#### Remote

When ticked, the selected user can gain access via an IP network link (such as a local intranet or the wider Internet, depending on how the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is connected) and/or Console Server access.

#### **Power**

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

#### IsAdmin

When ticked, the selected user will be given access to the administrator level configuration menus and will also have the ability to force a host computer connection to be shared if another user has selected a private session.

#### Menu Bar

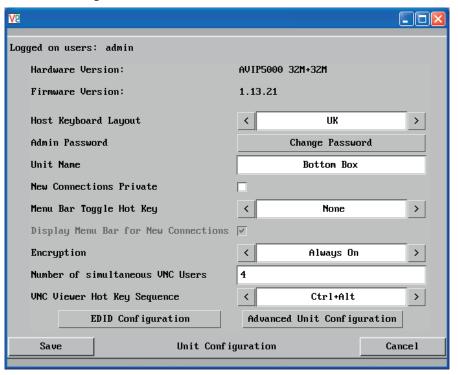
Allows the contents and position of the buttons in the Menu bar (top of screen) to be configured on a per user basis. See <u>Editing the viewer window menubar</u> for more details.

### **Enable Password Hashing**

This enables the storing of passwords in an encrypted format, which provides added security. It is particularly useful in combination with adder.net as it allows adder.net to set the password for users directly in its encrypted format.

### Unit configuration

This page provides access to a selection of both basic and advanced settings for the AdderView CATxIP 5000. Many of the settings displayed here are also accessible through the on-screen menu.



#### **Hardware Version**

Indicates the version of the electronic circuitry within the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.

#### **Firmware Version**

Indicates the version of the internal software within the AdderView CATxIP 5000 flash memory. This may be updated using the <u>flash upgrade procedure</u>.

### **Host Keyboard Layout**

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

### Admin (Change) Password

Click this button to enter/edit the password that will be used to gain administrator access to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

### To get here

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



#### **Unit Name**

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

#### **New Connections Private**

Allows you to determine whether new local or VNC connections should be set up as private (when ticked) or as shared (when unticked).

### Menu Bar Toggle Hot Key

Determines the function key that can be used to display/hide the menu bar within the VNC screen.

#### **Encryption**

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

### **Number of simultaneous VNC Users**

Allows you to restrict the number of concurrent VNC sessions. The maximum number (and the default setting) is 4.

### **VNC Viewer Hot Key Sequence**

When using the VNC Viewer, you can use key press combinations to select host computers and also to display the host selection menu. This option allows you to choose which keys should be used to form the hotkeys that will precede a switching command. The default setting is CTRL + ALT, so as an example when you press the CTRL ALT and 2 keys, the viewer will change to the host located at port 2.

### **EDID Configuration**

### **Advanced Unit Configuration**

### **EDID** configuration

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

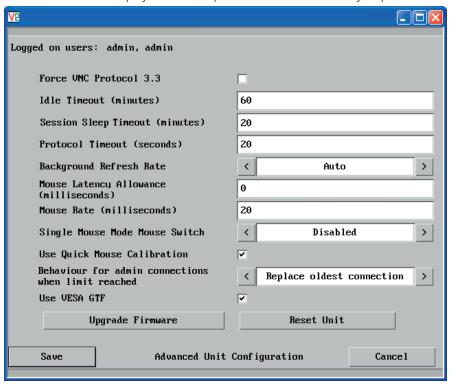
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This page allows you to edit the contents of the EDID records that are used to inform the computer of the supported modes. The default EDID should be sufficient for the vast majority of situations. If necessary, use the Edit Preferred and Standard Timing button fine tune settings to support specific situations. When you click the Save button, the EDID information within the CAM modules will be updated. As the EDID is usually only read from the CAM modules when a computer is booted, it will be necessary to power cycle the computers to make them re-read the new EDID.



### Advanced unit configuration

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



#### Force VNC Protocol 3.3

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

#### **Idle Timeout**

Determines the period of inactivity on a global connection before the user is logged out. The idle timeout period can be set to any time span, expressed in minutes. Note: The <u>Screensaver</u> option serves a similar purpose for local connections.

### **Session Sleep Timeout**

Determines the period of inactivity before the viewer screen will blank and a message is displayed. When no hosts are being viewed either because of this time out or if no viewers are active then parts of the video circuitry are powered down reducing power consumption by up to a third.

#### **Protocol Timeout**

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

### **Background Refresh Rate**

Use the arrow keys to alter the refresh rate for screen images via remote links. This allows you to tailor the screen refresh to suit connection speeds. The options are: Slow, Medium, Fast, Auto or Disabled. The Auto option automatically varies the refresh rate when multiple VNC sessions are active to provide a balance between the sessions. When the disabled option is selected, remote users must manually refresh the screen.

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

#### **Mouse Latency Allowance**

This option is used during calibration to account for latency delays that may be caused as signals pass through a device.

During calibration, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 waits for 40ms after each mouse movement before sampling the next. If a device adds a significant delay to the flow of data, the calibration process can be lengthened or may fail entirely. The value entered here is added to (or subtracted from) the default 40ms sampling time.

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

#### **Mouse Rate**

Defines the rate at which mouse movement data are transmitted to the system. The default option is 20ms, which equates to 50 mouse events per second. This is used to slow down the rate in exceptional circumstances but normally requires no adjustment.

### **Single Mouse Mode Mouse Switch**

Select the mouse button combination to exit from single mouse mode (when active).

### **Use Quick Mouse Calibration**

Invokes optimised calibration techniques that handle the majority of mouse types.

#### Behaviour for admin connections when limit reached

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

### **Use VESA GTF**

When ticked, the VESA Generalized Timing Formula will be used to help determine the correct input video resolution and timing details. See <u>Appendix</u> 10 for a list of all supported video modes.

### **Upgrade firmware**

Places the unit into upgrade mode. See <u>Upgrading AdderView CATxIP 5000 models</u>.

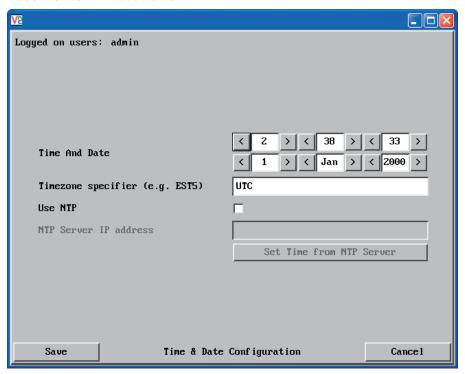
#### **Reset Unit**

Performs a complete cold boot of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.



# Time & date configuration

This page allows you to configure all aspects relating to time and date within the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.



### **Time and Date**

Use the arrow buttons to set the correct current time.

### **Use NTP**

When this option is selected, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will synchronise its internal clocks using information from the (Network Time Protocol) server listed in the NTP Server IP address field.

### **NTP Server IP address**

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

### **Set Time from NTP Server**

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

# To get here

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

### **Timezone specifier**

Optionally enter a recognised timezone specifier related to the current position of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit. When an NTP server is used, the specifier will be used to provide the correct real time.

The timezone specifier takes the following form:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Typical examples are:

UK: GMT0BST,M3.5.0/1,M10.5.0/2
Central Europe: CET-1CEST,M3.5.0/2,M10.5.0/3
US Eastern: EST5EDT,M3.2.0/2,M11.1.0/2
US Pacific: PST5PDT,M3.2.0/2,M11.1.0/2

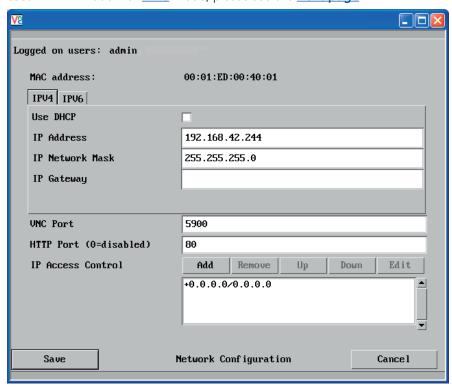
### For further details

- For details of timezone specifier formats, please refer to: <a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/libc/manual/html">http://www.gnu.org/software/libc/manual/html</a> node/TZ-Variable.html
- For details of the Network Time Protocol (main RFC number: 1305; the SNTP subset used as the basis for the AdderView CATxIP 5000: 4330) http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html



# Network configuration (IPV4)

This page allows you to configure the various aspects of the IP port when it is used in IPV4 mode. For IPV6 mode, please see the next page.



### MAC address

Media Access Control address – this is the unique and unchangeable code that was hard coded within your AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit when it was built. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons. A section of the MAC address identifies the manufacturer, while the remainder is effectively the unique electronic serial number of your particular unit.

### **Use DHCP**

DHCP is an acronym for 'Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol'. Its function is particularly useful when connecting to medium size or larger networks. When this option is selected, your AdderView CATxIP 5000 will attempt to locate a DHCP server on the network. If such a server is located, it will supply three things to the AdderView CATxIP 5000: an IP address, an IP network mask (also known as a Subnet mask) and a Gateway address. These are not usually granted permanently, but on a 'lease' basis for a fixed amount of time or for as long as the AdderView CATxIP 5000 remains connected and switched on. Discover allocations.

### To get here

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

# 3 Click the 'Network Configuration' option.

### IP Address

This is the identity of the AdderView CATxIP 5000 within a network. The IP address can be thought of as the telephone number of the AdderView CATxIP 5000. Unlike the MAC address, the IP address can be altered to suit the network to which it is connected. It can either be entered manually or configured automatically using the DHCP option. When the DHCP option is enabled, this entry is greved out.

### **IP Network Mask**

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

### **IP Gateway**

This is the address of the device that links the local network (to which the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is connected) to another network such as the wider Internet. Usually the actual gateway is a network router and it will be used whenever a required address lies outside the current network.

### **VNC Port**

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

### **HTTP Port**

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

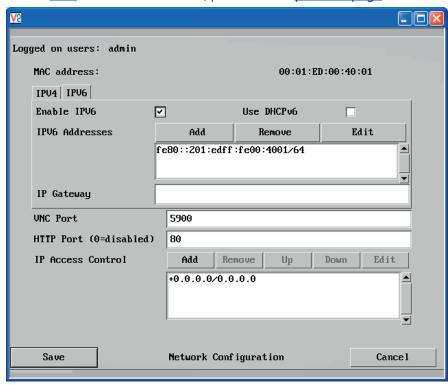
### **IP Access Control**

This section allows you to optionally specify ranges of addresses which will or won't be granted access to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. If this option is left unchanged, then the default entry of '+0.0.0.0/0.0.0' ensures that access from all IP addresses will be permitted. See Setting IP access control for details.



# Network configuration (IPV6)

This page allows you to configure the various aspects of the IP port when it is used in IPV6 mode. For IPV4 mode, please see the previous page.



### MAC address

Media Access Control address – this is the unique and unchangeable code that was hard coded within your AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit when it was built. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons. A section of the MAC address identifies the manufacturer, while the remainder is effectively the unique electronic serial number of your particular unit.

### **Enable IPV6**

Change this option to Yes only if the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit is connected to an IPV6 compliant network.

### **IPV6 Addresses**

This section is used to hold the IPv6 addresses for the AdderView CATxIP 5000. A link local IPv6 address is automatically added using the <u>Stateless Address</u> <u>Auto Configuration</u> protocol. Use the Add, Remove, Edit buttons to alter the address as necessary.

# To get here

- 1 Using VNC viewer or a browser, log on as the 'admin' user.
- 2 Click the 'Configure' button in the top right corner.
- 3 Click the 'Network Configuration' option.
- 4 Click the 'IPV6' tab.

### Use DHCPv6

When this option is set to Yes, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will attempt to locate a DHCPv6 server on the network to derive a unique IPv6 address for itself as well as an address for the IPv6 Gateway. These are not usually granted permanently, but on a 'lease' basis for a fixed amount of time or for as long as the AdderView CATxIP 5000 remains connected and switched on. <u>Discover allocations</u>.

If this option is set to No, the AdderView CATxIP 5000 will use the <u>Stateless</u> <u>Address Auto Configuration</u> protocol to determine its own IPv6 address. This will be shown in the IPV6 Addresses field and can be edited if necessary.

### **IP Gateway**

This is the address of the device that links the local network (to which the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is connected) to another network such as the wider Internet. Usually the actual gateway is a network router and it will be used whenever a required address lies outside the current network.

### **VNC Port**

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

### **HTTP Port**

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

### **IP Access Control**

This section allows you to optionally specify ranges of addresses which will or won't be granted access to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. If this option is left unchanged, then the default entry of '+0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0' ensures that access from all IP addresses will be permitted. See <u>Setting IP access control</u> for details.



# Setting IP access control

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

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

IMPORTANT: This feature should be configured with extreme caution as it is possible to deny access to everyone. If such an error occurs, see <u>Clearing IP</u> access control for details about how to regain access.



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

# To get here

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

### To define a new IP access control entry

1 Click the Add button to display a popup dialog:



### Network/Address

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

### Mask

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

### Access

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

- 2 Enter the base <u>network address</u>, the <u>mask</u> and select the appropriate access setting.
- 3 Click the OK button.

### To reorder access control entries

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

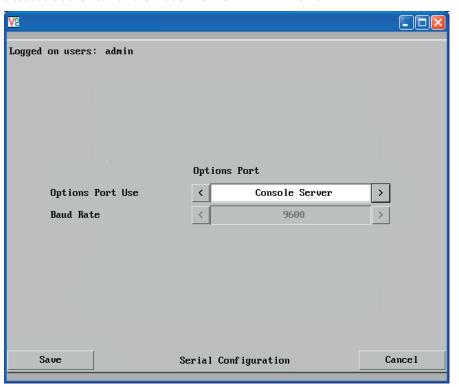
- 1 In the access control list, click on the entry to be moved.
- 2 Click the Up or Down buttons as appropriate.

### To edit/remove access control entries

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

# Serial port configuration

This page provides all access to settings concerned with the OPTIONS port that is situated at the rear of the AdderView CATXIP 5000 unit.





# To get here

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

### **Options Port Use**

Determines whether the OPTIONS port at the rear of the unit will be used for connection to power control switches ('Power Control'), to synchronise the operation of two AdderView CATxIP 5000 units ('Sync Units') or to operate as a 'Console Server' connection to link with other devices that are configured/monitored via their serial ports.

### **Baud Rate**

Determines the communication speed of the OPTIONS port when the above setting is configured to 'Power Control'. The other communication settings are fixed as: No parity, 8 bit word, 1 stop bit.

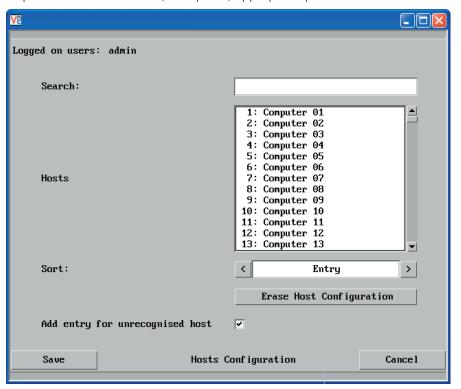
### Notes:

When 'Options Port Use' is set to 'Sync Units', the baud rate will be automatically changed to 19200.

When the 'Options Port Use' is set to 'Console Server', the baud rate and other parameters are set within the Console Server Configuration page for Port 0.

# Host configuration

This page provides the opportunity to configure various details for each of the host systems that may be connected to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. Each entry can be configured with a name, the permitted users, the hot key combinations required to switch to it and, if required, appropriate power control commands.



### Add entry for unrecognised host

When selected, any systems visited that are not specified in the Hosts list, will be added to the list. It is useful to tick this option when cascaded systems are first added to the installation.

### Sort

Allows you to reorder the list of hosts either alphabetically or by entry number.

### **Erase Host Configuration**

Removes all hosts from the list.

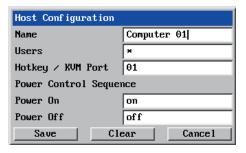
### To get here

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

### To create a new host entry

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

Note: Host computers connected to a cascaded AdderView unit will appear within the list (providing the 'Add entry for unrecognised host' option is ticked) and you can easily discern them from directly connected systems because their addresses will be four digits, rather than two.



### Name

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

### Users

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

### Hotkey / KVM Port

Declare the numeric sequence that is pressed together with the hotkeys (usually Ctrl + Alt) to select this host system, which is the same value as the KVM port number.

### Power On

Enter the code required to make an attached power control unit apply power to the selected host. See <u>Power switching configuration</u> for details.

### Power Off

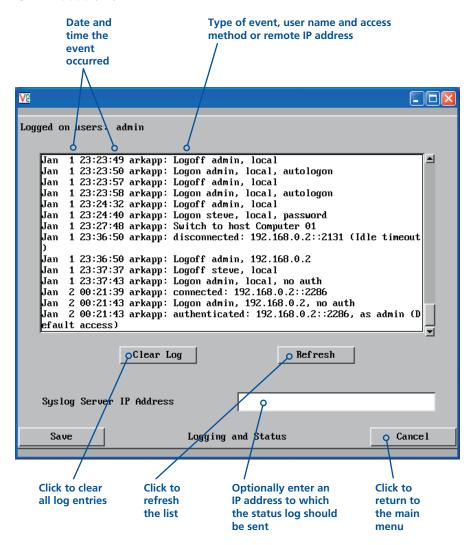
Enter the code required to make an attached power control unit remove power from the selected host. See <u>Power switching configuration</u> for details.

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



# Logging and status

This screen provides various details about the user activity on the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit.



### To copy and paste the log

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

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

### **Syslog Server IP Address**

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

### For further details

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

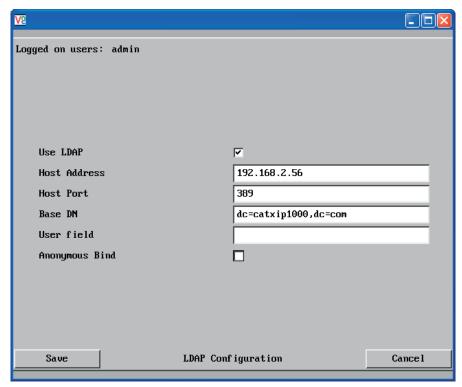
### To get here

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



# LDAP configuration

The AdderView CATxIP 5000 can optionally use the industry standard LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) to allow user authentication to occur in conjunction with an externally held database. This screen allows you to configure details related to the creation of an LDAP link to an external directory service, such as an Active Directory server.



### To get here

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



### **Use LDAP**

Tick this option to enable the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol features of the unit.

### **Host Address**

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

### **Host Port**

The standard port address for LDAP links is 389 and this should not need to be changed unless special circumstances exist.

### Base DN

This field allows you to enter the top level of the LDAP directory tree at which to start an LDAP search. An example Base DN value might be: "dc=catxip1000,dc=com"

### User field

Enter the LDAP database field that will be used to match each user name against. The details entered here will depend on the specific LDAP database being used - 'uid' or 'cn' are commonly used values.

# **Anonymous Bind**

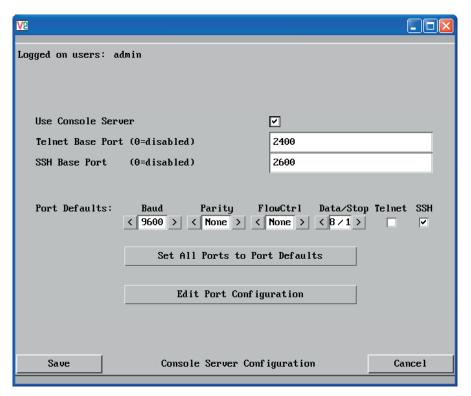
If left unchecked then bind requests are sent with username (Base DN) and password (more suitable for Active Directory applications).

If checked, bind requests are anonymous (more suitable for Linux LDAP implementations).

# Console server configuration

The Console Server feature allows connections to be made to multiple devices that use RS-232 serial links for configuration and reporting, such as specialist servers, ethernet switches, etc.

You can configure a maximum of seventeen serial ports; one of which uses the OPTIONS port, while the others require Console CAMs to be attached to the various standard ports. The ports can be universally configured using the 'Port Defaults' settings or can be set individually using the Edit Port Configuration button.



# To get here

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

### **Use Console Server**

Tick this option to enable the Console Server features of the unit.

### **Telnet Base Port**

Sets the base value for the IP port used by Telnet to connect to a particular port on the unit. The port use is Base Port + Port Number (Port Number is 0..16). Set this to 0 to completely disable Telnet access to the Console Server ports.

### **SSH Base Port**

Sets the base value for the IP port used by the SSH (Secure Shell) protocol to connect to a particular port on the unit. The port use is Base Port + Port Number (Port Number is 0..16).

Set this to 0 to completely disable SSH access to the Console Server ports.

### **Port Defaults**

Using these settings, you can determine a standard set of parameters which can be applied to all ports that are using the Console Server feature.

If you have a mixture of settings to apply to the ports, but most adhere to a particular common format, use these Port Defaults (and then the 'Set All Ports to...' button) to first apply the common format to all and then use the 'Edit Port Configuration' button to alter the exceptions to the applied defaults.

### **Set All Ports to Port Defaults**

Click to apply the current Default Port setting to all ports and then display the <u>Console Server Port Configuration</u> page. This allows all ports to be quickly configured to a common set of values and then individual changes to be made as required.

# **Edit Port Configuration**

Click this button to display the <u>Console Server Port Configuration</u> page (shown on next page) where serial parameters and protocol settings can be applied to each port individually.

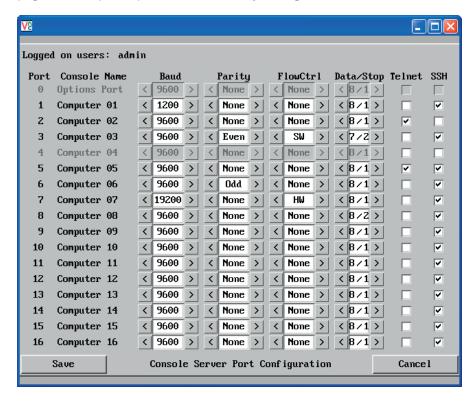


# Console server port configuration

This extra sub-screen allows you to adjust the serial port settings for any of the ports that are using Console CAMs or the OPTIONS port when it is configured as a 'Console Server' connection.

### Notes:

If a port has neither the Telnet or SSH support options selected, it is greyed out. Port 0 (the Options Port) will remain greyed out if the <u>Serial Configuration</u> page has its Options port use to set to any setting other than 'Console Server'.



### To get here

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



### Baud

Available baud rates for each port: 1200, 9600 or 19200.

### **Parity**

Available parity settings: None, Odd or Even.

### FlowCtrl

Available flow control options: None, Hardware (RTS/CTS) or Software (XON/XOFF).

### Data/Stop

Available data word and stop bit combinations: 7/1, 7/2, 8/1 or 8/2.

### **Telnet**

Determines whether the associated port can be connected to using the Telnet protocol. If neither this nor the SSH box are ticked for a port, then the port will remain greyed out.

### SSH

Determines whether the associated port can be connected to using the SSH (Secure SHell) protocol. If neither this nor the Telnet box are ticked for a port, then the port will remain greyed out.

# Appendix 3 - VNC viewer connection options

When you are connecting to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 using the VNC viewer, a number of options are available.



Click here to access the options

There are four tabbed pages of options:

- Display
- Inputs
- Connection
- Expert

You can also reduce this to one tab containing only the most commonly used options by clicking the <u>Basic...</u> button in the lower left corner.

Note: If you make any changes to the options given here and wish to retain them for successive connection sessions, ensure that the option 'Use these settings for all new connections' is ticked.

# **Display**

# Scaling

# **No Scaling**

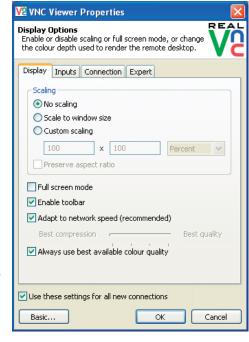
No attempt is made to make the screen image fit the viewer window. You may need to scroll horizontally and/or vertically to view all parts of the screen image.

### **Scale to Window Size**

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

### **Custom Size**

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



### **Preserve Aspect Ratio**

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

# Other options

### Full screen mode

When ticked, opens the VNC Viewer in full screen mode.

### **Enable toolbar**

When ticked, the VNC toolbar will be displayed whenever you hover your mouse near the top centre of the VNC window.

### Adapt to network speed

When ticked, VNC will automatically adjust the image quality to suit the connection speed. When unticked, a slider allows you to choose the balance manually.

### Always use best available colour quality

When ticked, the VNC Viewer will aim to maximise performance while still maintaining a full colour display (even on slower network connections) by affecting other aspects of operation. For instance, by reducing the amount of information sent about the mouse cursor position (which may make the mouse cursor movements appear jerky).

# Inputs

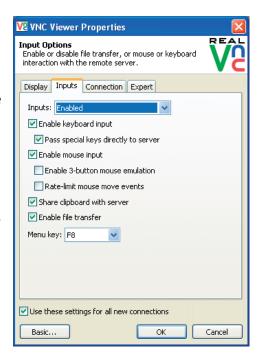
### Inputs:

When set to 'Enabled', all primary options below are ticked. The 'Disabled' setting unticks all of the primary options (causing 'view-only mode' where no control data may be sent to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. The 'Custom' setting is shown if you choose your own combination of options.

### **Enable keyboard input**

Allows keyboard data to be transferred to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

Pass special keys directly to server When ticked, 'special' keys (the Windows key, the Print Screen key, Alt+Tab, Alt+Escape and Ctrl+Escape) are passed directly to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 rather than being interpreted locally.



# **Enable mouse input**

Allows mouse data to be transferred to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

### Enable 3-button mouse emulation

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

### Rate-limit mouse move events

When ticked, this feature reduces the mouse movement information that is sent to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and host system. This is useful for slow connections and you will notice that the remote cursor will catch up with the local cursor roughly once every second.

### Share clipboard with server

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderView CATxIP 5000 installations, except for retrieving the activity log as described in the logging and status section.

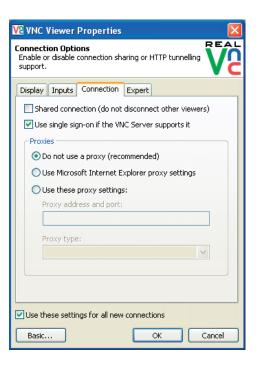
### **Enable file transfer**

This option does not apply to AdderView CATxIP 5000 connections.

### Menu key

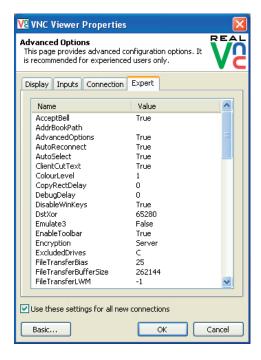
This feature allows you to select which function key is used to display the VNC viewer options menu. The menu key is the only way to exit from the full screen viewer mode.

The options on this page are not relavent to AdderView CATxIP 5000 connections and should be left in their default states.



# **Expert**

The options within this section work correctly with AdderView CATxIP 5000 in their default states and should not require alteration except in special circumstances.





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# **Display**

### Scale to window size

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

### Full screen mode

When ticked, opens the VNC Viewer in full screen mode.

### **Enable toolbar**

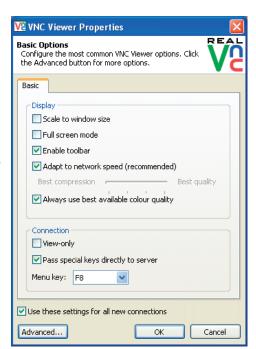
When ticked, the VNC toolbar will be displayed whenever you hover your mouse near the top centre of the VNC window.

### Adapt to network speed

When ticked, VNC will automatically adjust the image quality to suit the connection speed. When unticked, a slider allows you to choose the balance manually.

# Always use best available colour quality

When ticked, the VNC Viewer will aim to maximise performance while still maintaining a full colour display (even on slower network connections) by affecting other aspects of operation. For instance, by reducing the amount of information sent about the mouse cursor position (which may make the mouse cursor movements appear jerky).



### Connection

### View-only

When ticked, no control data (from keyboard or mouse) are sent to the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

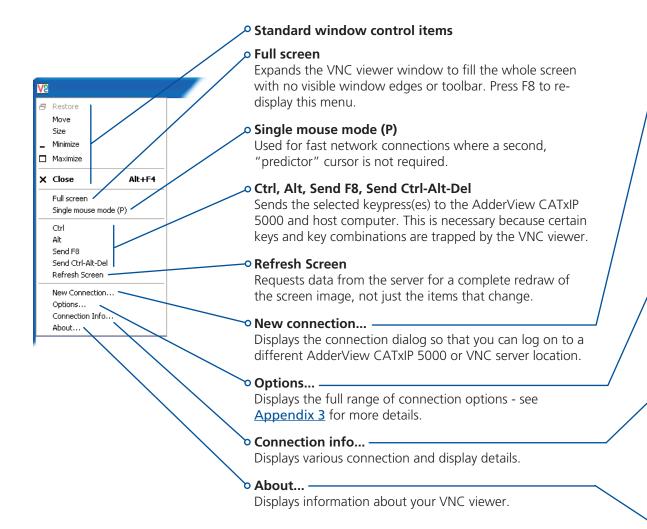
### Pass special keys directly to server

When ticked, 'special' keys (the Windows key, the Print Screen key, Alt+Tab, Alt+Escape and Ctrl+Escape) are passed directly to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 rather than being interpreted locally.

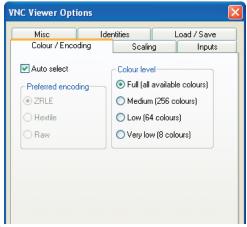
### Menu key

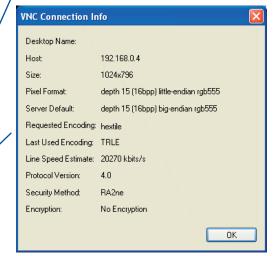
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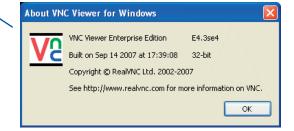
Click the VNC icon in the top left corner of the viewer window (or press F8) to display the window options:













Server: 192.168.3.1:0

Encryption: Let Server Choose (Default)

About...

Options...

OK

Cancel

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Auto select | C Full (all available colours)

Medium (256 colours).

C Low (64 colours)

Cancel

C Very low (8 colours)

Click here to access the options

There are four options pages:

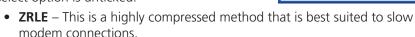
# Encoding and colour level

### Auto select

When ticked, this option will examine the speed of your connection to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and apply the most suitable encoding method. This option is suggested for the majority of installations.

### **Preferred encoding**

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



- Hextile This method offers better performance than the ZRLE when used over a high speed network because there is no need for the AdderView CATxIP 5000 to spend time highly compressing the data.
- Raw This is a primitive, uncompressed method that is mainly used for technical support issues. You are recommended not to use this method.

### Colour level

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

# Inputs

### View only (ignore mouse & keyboard)

When ticked, the viewer will not send keyboard or mouse information to the AdderView CATxIP 5000 or host computer.

### **Accept clipboard from server**

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderView CATXIP 5000 installations.

# WNC Viewer: Connectio... □ X Encoding Inputs Security Misc Inputs: □ View only (ignore mouse & keyboard) ✓ Accept clipboard from server ✓ Send clipboard to server OK Cancel

### Send clipboard to server

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderView CATXIP 5000 installations

# Security

### 512 bits (low security)

Selects the lowest level of encoding for communications between the browser and the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

### 1024 bits (medium security)

Selects the middle level of encoding for communications between the browser and the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

# Encoding Inputs Security Misc Key length: • 512 bits (low security) C 1024 bits (medium security) C 2048 bits (high security) OK Cancel

### 2048 bits (high security)

Selects the highest level of encoding for communications between the browser and the AdderView CATxIP 5000.

### Misc

### Shared (don't disconnect other viewers)

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderView CATxIP 5000 installations.

### **Render cursor locally**

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderView CATxIP 5000 installations.

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### Fast CopyRect

This feature is restricted to software server versions of VNC and has no effect on AdderView CATXIP 5000 installations



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IP address, network masks and ports are all closely linked in the quest for one device to find another across disparate network links. For IPv6 details, please see here.

### IPv4 addresses

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

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

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

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

### 192,168,142,154

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

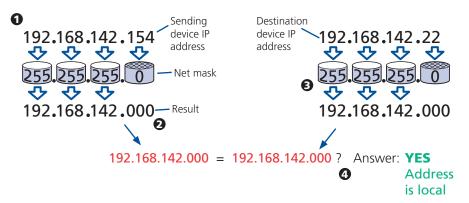
When two network devices communicate with each other, they always "dial the whole number" regardless of their respective locations in a network. However, they still need to know whether the other device is local to them or not, and this is where the net mask comes into play.

# Net masks (Subnet masks)

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

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

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



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

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

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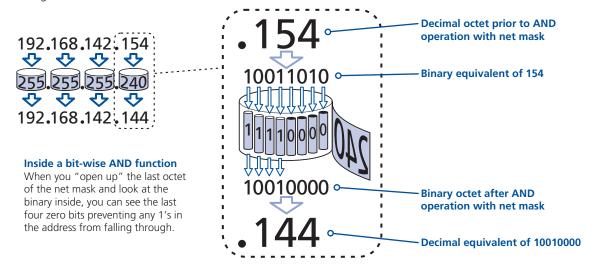
# Net masks - the binary explanation

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

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

### 11111111.111111111.11111111.11110000

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



Thus, when 154 is *bit-wise ANDed* with 240, the result is 144. Likewise, any local address from 192.168.142.**144** through to 192.168.142.**159** would produce exactly the same result when combined with this net mask, hence they would all be local addresses. However, any difference in the upper three octets or the upper four bits of the last octet would slip through the mask and the address would be flagged as not being local.



### Calculating the mask for IP access control

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

### **Single locations**

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

### **All locations**

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

### **Address ranges**

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

192.168.142.67 to 192.168.142.93

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

192.168.142.64 to 192.168.142.95.

The mask needed to accomplish this would be: 255.255.255.224

details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

192.168.142.67 to 192.168.142.93

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

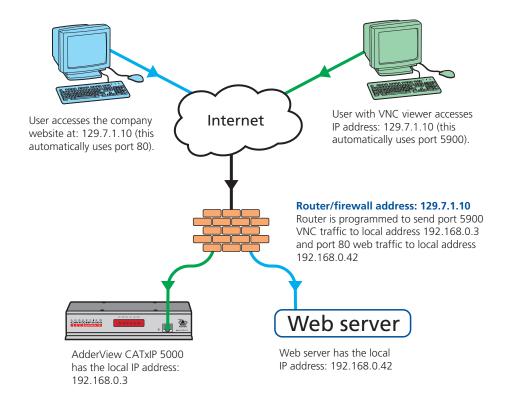
Network/address entry	Mask entry	
192.168.142.67	255.255.255.255	defines 1 address (.67)
192.168.142.68	255.255.255.252	defines 4 addresses (.68 to .71)
192.168.142.72	255.255.255.248	defines 8 addresses (.72 to .79)
192.168.142.80	255.255.255.248	defines 8 addresses (.80 to .87)
192.168.142.88	255.255.255.252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

### **Ports**

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

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

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



# Security issues with ports

The settings of port numbers become important when the AdderView CATxIP 5000 is situated behind a network firewall. In order for a remote VNC viewer or web browser to make contact with your AdderView CATxIP 5000, it is necessary for the firewall to allow communication through a particular numbered port to occur.

One specific function of firewalls is to restrict access to ports in order to prevent malicious attackers using them as a route into your network. Every new port that is opened offers a new possibility for hackers and so the number of accessible ports is purposefully kept to a minimum. In such cases, it may be advantageous to change one or both AdderView CATxIP 5000 ports to use the same number. The other alternative is to place the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit outside the firewall and take full advantage of its secure operation features – see Networking issues for details.

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



### An introduction to IPv6

During the initial design of the Internet, 4.3 billion seemed like an impossibly large number of device addresses, possibly more than would ever be needed. It took nearly forty years, but finally the last remaining vacant address blocks within the current Internet Protocol scheme (called *IPv4*) were assigned in February 2011.

The Internet Protocol is a crucial element of Internet operation and the eventual exhaustion of unique addresses was predicted and acted upon many years ago. The replacement for IPv4 is known as *IPv6* and was defined in December 1998. Since then its uptake has been slow (reportedly used for less than 1% of Internet traffic in 2008) although this will increase rapidly as places within the incumbent system are exhausted.

# Vastly increased address space

The most notable feature of IPv $\hat{6}$  is the size of its address space, put simply: It's massive. By using 128 bits to define each IPv $\hat{6}$  address (rather than the 32 bits used in IPv $\hat{4}$ ), there are now 340 x 10<sup>36</sup> unique addresses (that's 340 trillion trillion or as it is correctly known, 340 undecillion).

The larger address size of IPv6 requires a different manner of notation. Instead of the four decimal numbers separated by dots used for IPv4 (e.g. 192.168.0.1), IPv6 addresses consist of eight groups of four hexadecimal digits that are separated by colons (e.g. 2002:00a2:67be:0000:0000:0e82:8723:a144) — each group of four digits represents 16 bits of the address. By necessity, IPv6 addresses are quite long and so there are a couple of techniques to help reduce this in certain cases:

- Where a group has one or more leading zeroes, these can be omitted. In the above example *00a2* and *0e82* can be written *a2* and *e82*, respectively.
- Where one or more consecutive groups consist solely of zeroes, they can be replaced with a double colon (::). In the above example, the fourth and fifth groups could be replaced with the double colon, so that the whole line could be reduced to: 2002:a2:67be::e82:8723:a144. It is easy to return any such shortened address to the full version by replacing the double colons with sufficient groups of zeroes until the total number of groups is returned to eight. For this to work it is essential that only one set of consecutive zero groups within an address are replaced with a double colon.

### Standard subnet size

Thanks to the new huge address space, IPv6 does not need to wring every last drop out of each address range and so it handles address allocation in a different manner than its predecessor. Whereas IPv4 uses subnets of varying sizes (using the **Subnet Mask** entry to define the size of each subnet), IPv6 subnets are (almost) all set to a standard size. A full 64 bits are used to define each subnet, which means that every standard IPv6 subnet has use of an address space that is the square of the entire IPv4 address space (that's 1.8 x 10<sup>19</sup> addresses per subnet). In those subnets, all addresses are valid host locations; gone are special address formats for particular uses, such as broadcast traffic. Also, now that all standard subnets are the same size, the subnet mask is another item that is made redundant under IPv6.

### Address allocation

Every device attached to an IPv6 network usually has more than one address type. The two most common types are called a *link-local address* and a *global address* and these can be assigned in a number of ways.

In IPv4, device addresses are most commonly assigned either manually or by using a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol server (DHCP). IPv6 also offers manual addressing and DHCP (now called DHCPv6 and fully supported by the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit), but also allows devices to automatically configure their own addresses using a series of steps defined as *StateLess Address AutoConfiguration* (or *SLAAC*). The key parts of the SLAAC procedure occur roughly as follows:

- The IPv6 compliant device creates a *tentative local identifier* which is usually derived from its fixed unique hardware identifier (or MAC address). The local identifier is 64 bits in length (the lower half of the full 128 bit address) and this is one of the advantages of having a fixed subnet size; it is very straightforward to automatically figure out the boundaries and contents of the local network. This is exactly what the device does next with its tentative local identifier.
- The device uses the *Neighbor Discovery Protocol* (part of the *Internet Control Message Protocol* suite *IMCPv6*) to check within the local network whether its tentative local identifier is being used by any other device. If it is, then the device will create a new one and start the process again. If the local identifier is unique within the local network, it is then combined with the standard link-local prefix (*fe80::*) to form a valid link-local address. At this stage the address is valid only for communication within the local network. The next stage is to replace the link-local prefix with a global prefix and then carry out a similar procedure in order to prevent address duplication, resulting in a validated global address.



# Mixing IPv4 and IPv6

Although IPv6 is based upon, and shares a number of similarities with IPv4, there are great differences in their address spaces and other key details which mean that they are not directly compatible. This means that while computers and their operating systems can support both types, IPv4 and IPv6 networks exist essentially as two parallel, independent entities with numerous cross over points (known as *relay routers*). For the foreseeable future, while both versions coexist, exchanging traffic between them will require many relay routers and various transition techniques.

One such technique involves *IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses*. These are used in operating systems and applications that transparently support both IP formats. In such cases IPv6 will be the native format with IPv4 fully supported whenever necessary. When an IPv4 address must be incorporated, it is placed into a special IPv6 address that has its first 80 bits set to zero and the next 16 bits set to one. The remaining 32 bits are where the IPv4 address is embedded. When written, the address is an amalgam of the two network types - ::ffff:192.0.2.128



# Appendix 7 – Cascading multiple units

When you need to control more than sixteen host computers using AdderView CATxIP 5000 units, there are two main ways to achieve this:

- The preferred method is to use multiple AdderView CATxIP 5000 units to control groups of sixteen hosts and then use the ADDER.NET utility to manage the interactions of multiple users with those hosts. This method is described in the section <u>Creating</u> <u>larger installations</u>.
- The alternative method is to cascade
   AdderView CATx 1000 units from the ports of
   the original AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit. Up
   to sixteen hosts can then be linked to each of
   the secondary AdderView CATx 1000 units.
   The combination of AdderView units can be
   arranged two levels deep forming a tree, or
   cascade arrangement, with computer systems
   situated at either level within that cascade
   tree.

The limitation of the latter method is that the local and global users linking into the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit can all only view one host system at a time due to the single pathways formed by the connections between the AdderView units.

This section details the configuration and operation of a cascade system for completeness.

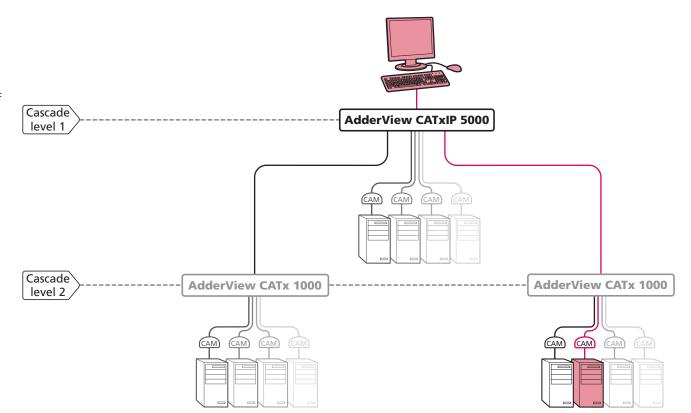
Note: It is not possible to cascade two AdderView CATxIP 5000 units together because they do not have a Remote User Port on their front panels. The lower units must always be the non-IP AdderView CATx 1000 variants.

### See also

- Connecting units in cascade
- Addressing computers in a cascade

### The cascade tree

The diagram shows how an AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit and multiple AdderView CATx 1000 units can be cascaded to two levels. Computer systems can be connected at any level. The local or global users can access computer systems situated anywhere within the cascade tree.



# Connecting units in cascade

The method for cascading AdderView CATxIP 5000 and AdderView CATx 1000 units is straightforward and requires no hardware settings or lengthy configuration process.

The method of linking units is the same regardless of the cascade level, or number of devices attached. Put simply:

 A single cascade link is made by connecting a COMPUTER CONNECTIONS socket of the ADDERVIEW CATXIP 5000 unit to the REMOTE USER PORT socket of the ADDERVIEW CATX 1000 unit below it.

Please consider the following when making cascade connections between units.

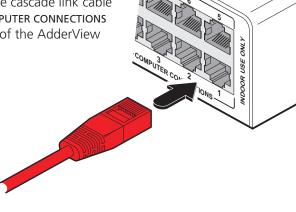
### Tips for successful cascading

- The maximum number of levels for a cascade is two.
- For each cascade link, use a standard category 5, 5e or 6 twisted-pair cable, terminated at each end with an RJ45 connector. There must be no crossover connections within the cable. The cascade link cables can be up to 10m (32 feet) in length providing that the total length from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 or AdderView CATx 1000 to any CAM also does not exceed 10m.
- The procedure given opposite may be carried out in any order but for clarity the instruction will begin at the AdderView CATxIP 5000 unit. The procedure remains the same regardless of exactly which cascade levels are being connected. The basic rule is that each link is made by connecting a COMPUTER CONNECTIONS port of the ADDERVIEW CATxIP 5000 (upper switch) to the REMOTE USER PORT (on the front panel) of the ADDERVIEW CATx 1000.

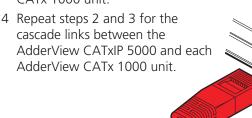
### To connect units in cascade

1 Ensure that power is disconnected from the AdderView CATxIP 5000 and all other units to be connected.

2 Connect one end of the cascade link cable to an appropriate **COMPUTER CONNECTIONS** port on the rear panel of the AdderView CATxIP 5000.



3 Connect the other end of the cascade link cable to the remote user port (RJ45 socket) on the front panel of the AdderView CATx 1000 unit.



Once the units and computers have been connected, you can edit their names to make it much easier to locate them. See the <u>To create a new host entry</u> section in the 'Host configuration' page of <u>Appendix 2</u> for more details.

### See also

• Addressing computers in a cascade

# Addressing computers in a cascade

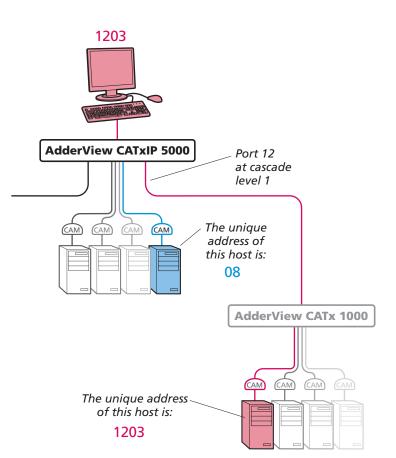
Computer systems connected within a cascade arrangement are addressed using up to four digits, two for each cascade level. The pairs of digits specify which of the COMPUTER CONNECTIONS ports on each of the AdderView CATx 1000 units must be enabled to reach a specific computer. In the diagram given here, a portion of the previous cascade diagram indicates how the routes to two particular computers are formed and addressed.

Each cascade level requires two digits, hence the computer marked in red requires a longer address (1203) as it is situated at cascade level 2, compared to the blue computer at the top level with its two digit port number.

The first time that you make a connection between an AdderView CATxIP 5000 and an AdderView CATx 1000, the master unit will detect this and ask (via the on screen menu) if you want to automatically add computers. If you choose 'Yes' then the ports on the cascade will be automatically added to the on screen menu.

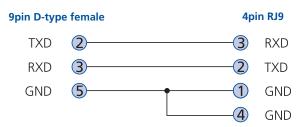
# Using cascaded computers

In use, cascaded computers can be accessed using exactly the same methods as for those connected directly to the AdderView CATxIP 5000. However, by far the easiest way is to use the on screen menu. This is because it displays the computer names and does not require any knowledge of port addresses. See either <u>Selecting a computer</u> (for local user access) or <u>Host selection</u> (for global user access) for more details.

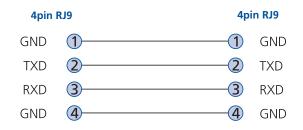




# AdderView CATxIP 5000 to power switch cable

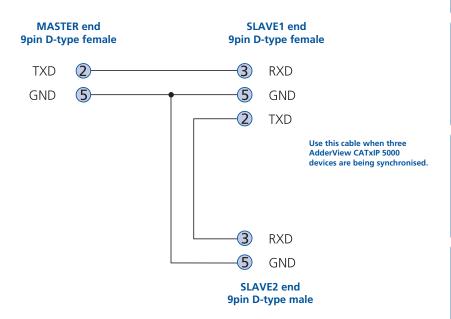


# Power switch to power switch daisy chain cable



# Multi-head synchronisation cable





# Appendix 9 – Hotkey sequence codes

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

# Permissible key presses

Main control keys (see 'Using abbreviations')

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

Math operand keys (see 'Using abbreviations')

Add (Plus) | Subtract (Minus) | Multiply

**Central control keys** (see 'Using abbreviations')

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

**Keypad keys** (see 'Using abbreviations')

KP Insert | KP Delete | KP Home | KP End | KP PageUp

KP PageDown | KP Up | KP Down | KP Left | KP Right | KP Enter

KP\_Add | KP\_Subtract | KP\_Divide | KP\_Multiply

KP 0 to KP 9

### **Function kevs**

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

### **ASCII** characters

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

# Codes with special meanings

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

Note: Hotkey sequences are not case sensitive.

# Creating macro sequences

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

- +SCROLL-SCROLL
- +-SCROLL
- +SCROLL-

### Example:

+-SCROLL+-SCROLL+1+ENTER

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

# Using abbreviations

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

Note: Hotkey sequences and abbreviations are not case sensitive.

For information about where to enter these codes, please see the section Keyboard control.



The following video modes are supported and can be automatically configured by the AdderView CATxIP 5000 units. Support for VESA GTF (Generalized Timing Formula) is available and can be enabled via the Advanced Unit Configuration screen.

The support for VESA modes conforming to GTF is up to 1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz although video modes above 1600 x 1200 @ 60 Hz are instead displayed as half-width modes. The half width video modes capture every other pixel. These are not generally recommended for normal use but may be used for emergency access to high resolution, high frequency system screens. Half width screens can be expanded to normal width using the scaling features of the viewer.

vesa 720 x 400 @ 85Hz vesa 640 x 480 @ 60Hz vesa 640 x 480 @ 72Hz vesa 640 x 480 @ 75Hz vesa 640 x 480 @ 85Hz vesa 800 x 600 @ 56Hz vesa 800 x 600 @ 60Hz vesa 800 x 600 @ 72Hz vesa 800 x 600 @ 75Hz vesa 800 x 600 @ 85Hz vesa 1024 x 768 @ 60Hz vesa 1024 x 768 @ 70Hz vesa 1024 x 768 @ 75Hz vesa 1024 x 768 @ 85Hz vesa 1152 x 864 @ 75Hz vesa 1280 x 960 @ 60Hz vesa 1280 x 1024 @ 60Hz vesa 1280 x 1024 @ 75Hz vesa 1600 x 1200 @ 60Hz vesa 720 x 400 @ 70Hz\*

sun 1152 x 900 @ 66Hz sun 1152 x 900 @ 76Hz sun 1280 x 1024 @ 67Hz apple 640 x 480 @ 67Hz apple 832 x 624 @ 75Hz apple 1152 x 870 @ 75Hz 1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz\*\*

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

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The AdderView CATxIP 5000 runs an embedded version of the Linux operating system, licensed under the GNU General Public License. To obtain the source code for the open-source components of the system visit:

http://www.adventig.com/products/ARQ3/gpl.html



<sup>\*\*</sup> This mode is displayed as a half width video mode via a VNC viewer.

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