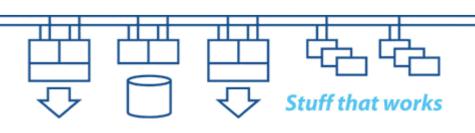




# **DECservers - demonstration and update**

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**09:30 - 10:00** Registration

**10:00** Start

11:00 - 11:15 Break

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

14:30 - 14:45 Break

16:00ish Finish

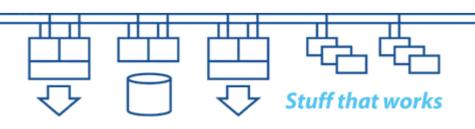
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#### Agenda



- Digital Networks products update
- Typical uses of terminal servers
- How terminal servers work
- Terminal server configuration and management
- VMS load host software
- PC load host software
- Discussion

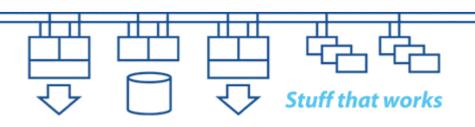


#### Seminar style



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We won't necessarily be able to answer all of your questions, so please be prepared to contribute and share your knowledge.

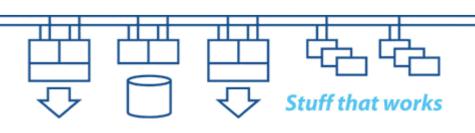




# Digital Networks products update

- DECserver current product range (900TM, 90M, 716/732 etc.)
- Management software (DNAS, Access Server Manager / Loader and clearVISN Web Suite)
- DEChub 90 / MultiSwitch 900 series products
- Stackable products
- MultiLayer products



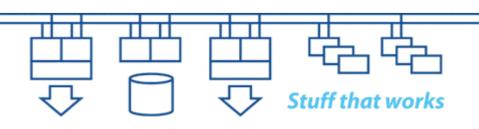




#### **Demonstration hardware**

- MultiChassis 900:
  - DECrepeater 90TS
  - DECserver 900TM (with flash card)
  - DECserver 90TL
  - DECserver 90M (with flash memory)
- DECserver 732 (stand-alone unit)
- OpenVMS Alpha V7.3 load host
- Windows 2000 load host

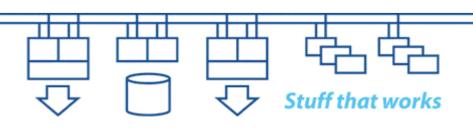




### Why DECservers?



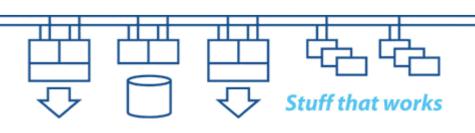
- Serial devices can be widely distributed and accessed via network (LAN or [with care] WAN)
- Offloads interrupt handling from systems
- Difficult to incorporate many serial I/O lines into systems
- May still need direct I/O for real-time systems



#### **DECserver basics**



- Originally designed for LAN use.
- Don't need to have TCP/IP protocols. LAT, MOP & Remote Console traditionally provides all you need to connect serial devices to VMS systems.
- Extra functionality is provided by TCP/IP protocol family (BOOTP, TFTP, SLIP, PPP etc.). This allows the use of DECservers in a predominantly IP environment.

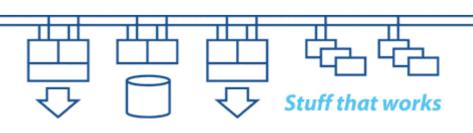




#### **Typical uses for DECservers**

- Providing terminal access to systems
- Connecting serial printers and other devices
- Connecting modems (e.g.: DSNlink, PPP)
- Connecting console ports (e.g.: GS series machines bundled with ConsoleWorks)



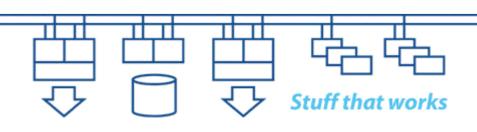


#### **How DECservers work**



- Protocols (LAT, TCP/IP etc. <u>not</u> DECnet)
- Firmware images and FlashRAM
- Configuration data and NVRAM
- Load hosts









- Server and physical port configuration
- Firmware load mechanisms (load hosts)
- Firmware update process (FlashRAM)
- 'Host' system and virtual port configuration



## **Installation and Configuration**

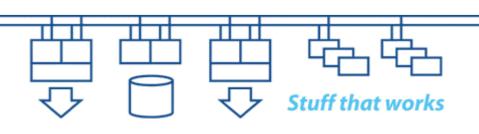
- Hardware (DECserver and network)
- DNAS software for VMS / UNIX / Wintel
- clearVISN Access Server Manager / Loader for Wintel systems
- TSM (now freeware) for VMS systems





- Need MAC address. Write address of DECserver 900TM on front of module!
- Configure load host with DECserver information
- Port 1 is 'console port', so look at messages during powerup and boot sequence.
- Set prompt & server name (privileged operations)
- Set server LAT announcement service (priv.)

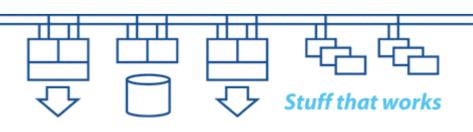




#### VMS load host (1)

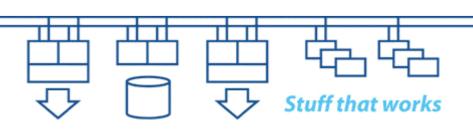


- DECnet IV need pseudo node entry and service enabled on circuit
- DECnet V / Plus need MOP client entry and MOP enabled
- LANCP allows MOP without DECnet
- Install DNAS software etc.
- Install TSM (see Freeware CD)





- Add DECserver to TSM database
- Old (DS90-TL etc.) databases (DSVCONFIG.DAT) can be converted to DNAS style command procedures (use DSVCONFIG\_CONVERT.COM)
- Load images are MNENG1 / WWENG1 / WWENG2 etc. referred to by MOM\$LOAD (DECnet IV) or MOP\$LOAD (DECnet V / Plus)





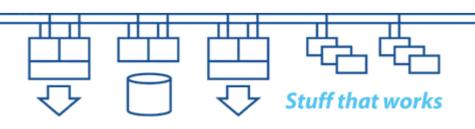


- Install DNAS Access Server Manager and Access Server Loader software
- Configure relevant databases (Access Server Manager needs DECserver to have an accessible TCP/IP address, MNENG1 [DECserver 90TL] not there by default)
- Can port existing TSM command files

# PC (Wintel) load host (2)



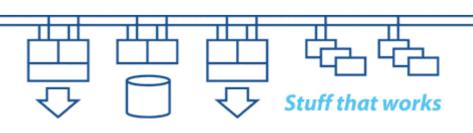
- Alternative for new DECservers (DECserver 716 & 732) is to use clearVISN Web Suite to integrate with existing Digital Networks management platform
- Needs clearVISN Web Suite V3.1-3 (or later)



#### LAT setup



- Configure physical port on DECserver (change port <n> access local etc.)
- Offer LAT service(s) from system(s) (modify LAT\$SYSTARTUP.COM on VMS)
- Connect <LAT\_service\_name> from DECserver
- Other features (menus, preferred and dedicated services etc.)

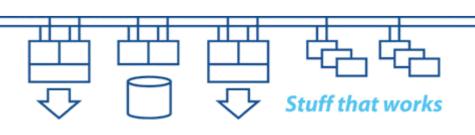


#### **Telnet setup**



- Configure physical port on DECserver (change port <n> access local etc.)
- Configure TCP/IP address and mask on DECserver (DHCP disabled, or static)
- TELNET <TCP/IP address> to target system (or <hostname> if DECserver is a DNS client)
- Other features (menus, preferred and dedicated services etc.)

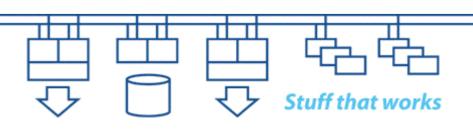




#### "Reverse LAT" setup



- Configure physical port on DECserver (change port <n> access remote etc.)
- Offer LAT service (mapped to physical port) from DECserver
- SET HOST /LAT <LAT\_service\_name> from VMS system

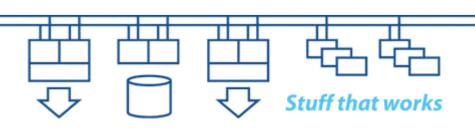


## "Reverse Telnet" setup



- Configure physical port on DECserver (change port <n> access remote etc.)
- Configure TCP/IP address on DECserver (DHCP disabled or static)
- Configure TELNET LISTENER on DECserver port (TCP/IP port number maps to physical port)
- TELNET <TCP/IP address> / PORT=<TCP/IP port number> from VMS system





#### LAT printing setup from VMS (1)

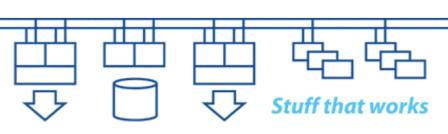
- Configure physical port on DECserver (change port <n> access remote etc.)
- Offer LAT service from DECserver if required
- Create LAT port on VMS system
- Set LAT port characteristics
- Create queue on VMS system (/PROCESSOR=LATSYM)
- Spool LAT device
- Start queue

#### LAT printing setup from VMS (2)

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- > change server name xd900tm
- > change server prompt "xd900tm > "
- > change port 8 access remote
- > logout port 8
- \$ create port lta101:
- \$ set port lta101: /application /port=port\_8/node=xd900tm
- \$ copy tt: lta101:
- \$ initialize/queue/processor=latsym/on=lta101:/nostart /device=terminal xd900tm\_port8\_print
- \$ start/queue xd900tm\_port8\_print





# TCP/IP printing setup from VMS (1)

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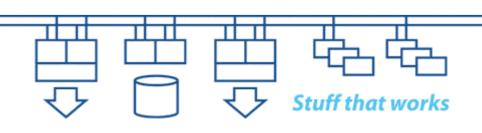
- Configure physical port on DECserver (change port <n> access remote etc.)
- Configure TCP/IP address on DECserver (DHCP disabled or static)
- Configure TELNET LISTENER on DECserver port (TCP/IP port number maps to physical port)
- Enable TELNETSYM client service on VMS system (TCPIP\$CONFIG.COM)



#### TCP/IP printing setup from VMS (2)

- Set up TELNETSYM logical names to control behaviour (see TCP/IP documentation for details):
  - TCPIP\$TELNETSYM\_RAW\_TCP
  - TCPIP\$TELNETSYM SUPPRESS FORMFEEDS
  - TCPIP\$TELNETSYM\_STREAMS
  - etc.
  - Note: UCX\$TELNETSYM... are equivalent
- Create queue on VMS system (/PROCESSOR=TCPIP\$TELNETSYM)
- Start queue





## TCP/IP printing setup from VMS (3)

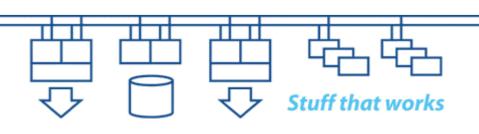
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- > change internet address 10.255.255.101 mask 255.255.0.0
- > change port 7 access remote
- > change port 7 input flow control disabled
- > logout port 7
- > change telnet listener 2007 port 7 enable
- > change telnet listener 2007 connection enable

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$ telnet 10.255.255.101 /port=2007
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- \$ initialize/queue/processor=tcpip\$telnetsym /on="10.255.255.101:2007"/nostart -
  - /device=terminal xd900tm\_port7\_print
- \$ start/queue xd900tm\_port7\_print





#### Firmware updates



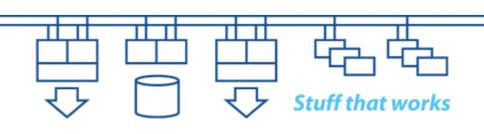
- Ensure that everything is powered through a UPS
- Put new firmware image in place on load host (MNENG1, WWENG2 etc.) and save previous load image
- Restart the DECserver ensuring that it loads from the network
- For DECservers with FlashRAM then first test the new load image, then when it's proven in your environment restart the DECserver and reload the FlashRAM with the new firmware image



#### clearVISN V3 Web Suite features

- Web server based provides:
  - Consistent management view across several Browser based management clients
  - Stand-alone (portable) configuration tools.
- New module support (DECserver 716 / 732 etc.)
- New channel types on backplane (Fast Ethernet, Full Duplex)
- Does not support older hardware:
  - DEChub 90
  - MultiSwitch 600 family

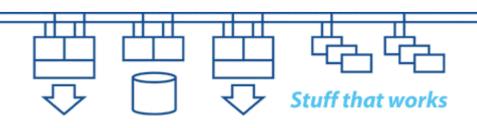




#### clearVISN Web Suite - Installation

- Only need to install server components
- Per server licensing
- Server runs on Windows 98 / NT4 / 2000, UNIXes etc.
- Server components require Web Server (PWS, IIS, Apache etc.)
- Clients use Web Browser with Java VM

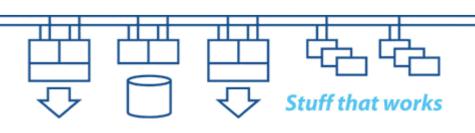
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- Use TSM on VMS load hosts it's free and makes life a lot easier to reconfigure DECservers
- Use LAT printing / terminal access if possible
- Use TCPIP\$TELNETSYM for TCP/IP printing, avoid LPR/LPD if possible







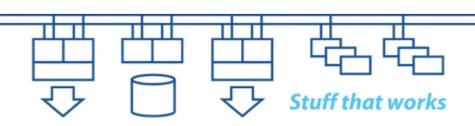
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Q & A



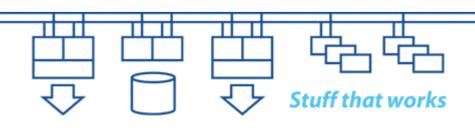




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