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About this document

Purpose and audience

This publication is written for Meridian SL-100 network administrators who connect the network to the switch and who are responsible for configuring and troubleshooting TCP/IP. This publication is also written for Meridian SL-100 switch technicians who need to know how Telnet and FTP work so that they can log in to the switch, datafill the tables, and transfer the files.

Structure

This document contains the following sections:

- **Overview of TCP/IP** – introduces the internet and TCP/IP.
- **Ethernet Interface Unit** – describes the Ethernet Interface Unit (EIU) and the functionality it provides.
- **TCP/IP on the Meridian SL-100 switch** – describes how to use TCP/IP on the Meridian SL-100.
- **Using FTP at the switch** – describes how to use FTP on the Meridian SL-100.
- **Using Telnet at the workstation** – describes how Telnet into the Meridian SL-100.
- **Table datafill** – describes how to datafill the tables required to configure the EIU.
- **Operations management** – lists pertinent operational measurements (OM), logs, and alarms.
- **Appendix A: Frequently asked questions** – provides frequently asked questions to help you get started.
- **Appendix B: SSLPP and FLIS** – describes the SSLPP/FLIS which is an alternative to a full link peripheral processor (LPP).
- **List of terms** – contains acronyms and abbreviations of terms used in this document.

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- *Meridian SL-100 Log Report Reference Manual*, 555-4031-840 (555-4021-840 for DSN customers)
- *Meridian SL-100 Log Product Guide*, 555-4001-103
- *Fiberized Link Interface Shelf Hardware Description Manual*
- *Fiberized Link Interface Shelf Provisioning Manual*



Overview of TCP/IP

Introduction to the Internet and TCP/IP

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) is a suite of communication protocols. Before TCP/IP is described in detail, it is appropriate to first present a short introduction to the Internet.

What is the Internet?

Originally, "Internet" was used only as the name of the network that was built upon the Internet Protocol (IP). It has since become a generic term used to refer to an entire class of networks.

The following are commonly accepted definitions:

- The generic term "internet" (with lowercase "i") refers to any collection of separate physical networks interconnected (linked) by a common protocol to form a single logical network.
- The "Internet" (with uppercase "I") refers to the worldwide collection of interconnected networks that grew out of the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (ARPANET) and that uses IP to link the various physical networks into a single logical network.
- Being "on the Internet" refers to using a computer that is connected to the worldwide collection of interconnected networks called "Internet." Every computer, from mainframe to personal computer, on the Internet must use TCP/IP for the communication protocol.

Internally, the Internet is composed of heterogeneous networks that use different message formats and protocols. Externally, the Internet appears as a single network with hosts on interconnected networks appearing as interconnected hosts; this appearance is possible through the use of gateways that convert formats and protocols between networks.

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In the remaining sections of this document, both “internet” and “Internet” refer to networks that are interconnected by TCP/IP. The Meridian SL-100 uses TCP/IP for communication over a local Ethernet, a type of internet. The TCP/IP protocols to access Ethernet are described in this document.

Important features of TCP/IP

The features that allow TCP/IP to meet worldwide data communication needs are as follows:

- open protocol nature, standards available to all
- computer hardware independence
- network hardware independence
- common addressing scheme
- standard high-level protocols

Open protocol nature, standards available to all

TCP/IP has an open protocol nature, meaning that everyone can find out about the protocol specifications through publicly available standards documents, and everyone is free to develop products to meet these open protocol specifications.

Computer hardware independence

The protocols are independent from any specific computer hardware or operating system. Because it is so widely supported, TCP/IP is ideal for communication between different hardware and software.

Network hardware independence

Being independent from any specific network hardware, TCP/IP can integrate many different kinds of networks, such as an Ethernet, a token ring, an X.25 net, a dial-up line, and virtually any other kind of physical transmission media.

Common addressing scheme

Any device, such as a computer or Meridian SL-100, can use TCP/IP to uniquely address any other device in the entire network, no matter how large the network. This is due to the use of a common addressing scheme.

Standard high-level protocols

Because they are standardized and high-level, TCP/IP protocols allow widely available, consistent user services.

TCP/IP protocol suite

TCP/IP is a suite of data communication network protocols. The suite gets its name from two of several protocols that belong to it: the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and the Internet Protocol (IP). TCP and IP protocols are covered in detail in [“TCP/IP on the Meridian SL-100 switch” on page 33](#).

Two other protocols, File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Telecommunications Network (Telnet), provide popular user services. FTP permits file exchange between hosts. FTP is covered in detail in [“Using FTP at the switch” on page 41](#). Telnet provides virtual terminal services for interactive access by terminal servers to hosts. Telnet is covered in detail in [“Using Telnet at the workstation” on page 51](#).

Other protocols in the TCP/IP suite are briefly introduced in this document; however, details of them are beyond the scope of this document. These protocols include Routing Information Protocol (RIP), Transport Layer Interface (TLI), User Datagram Protocol (UDP), Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), Address Resolution Protocol (ARP), Generic SubNet Interface (GNI), SubNetwork Access Point (SNAP), and Ethernet.

Note: The FTP and Telnet protocols can only be used if the user has some knowledge of the network; thus, all TCP/IP protocols are introduced in this document and are shown in the figures that describe the architecture. Some protocols, such as RIP, run without the user even knowing that they exist. The system administrator needs to be aware of all the applications and protocols in TCP/IP layers.



Ethernet Interface Unit

Overview

The Ethernet Interface Unit (EIU) functionality is comprised of hardware, software, and table datafill that includes IP addresses and specific Nortel Networks assigned Ethernet addresses for each EIU. This chapter describes how Ethernet LAN connectivity is established, lists the required software and hardware, and discusses address allocation. It presents the IP and media access control (MAC) addressing schemes. This chapter also summarizes EIU maintenance features. For details on table datafill, see [“Table datafill” on page 57](#).

The TCP/IP protocol follows a four-layered approach. Figure 1 shows how TCP/IP closely follows the Open System Interconnection (OSI) model.

Figure 1
TCP/IP and OSI protocol layers

OSI Reference Model	TCP/IP Protocol Layers	TCP/IP Layers
Layer 7 Application	FTP TELNET RIP	7 Applications
Layer 6 Presentation		
Layer 5 Session		
Layer 4 Transport	TCP UDP	4 Transport
Layer 3 Network	ARP IP ICMP	3 Network
Layer 2 Data Link	GNI	2 Data Link
Layer 1 Physical	SNAP Ethernet	(Subnet)

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TCP/IP is a set of protocols that allow multi-vendor computer networks to share and communicate data across a network. A common name for this set of protocols is Internet protocol suite. TCP and IP are two separate protocols in the suite that are implemented in the network/transport layer of the OSI model.

TCP breaks up the message into data packages, reassembles the data packets at the other end, resends the data packets that get lost, and arranges them in the right order.

After TCP sends the data packets, the IP assures that a route is found for the data packet and that the data packet arrives at the other end. IP protocol adds a header to the data packet with the source and destination.

At the application level of the TCP/IP model are some of the most important traditional features:

- File Transfer Protocol (FTP) allows users on any computer to access remote files on other computers. Sending and receiving files is supported.
- The Network Terminal Protocol (Telnet) allows users to log into remote computers. Commands can be executed as if the user was logged into the remote computer.
- Electronic Mail (E-MAIL) allows messages to be sent to and received from remote computers.

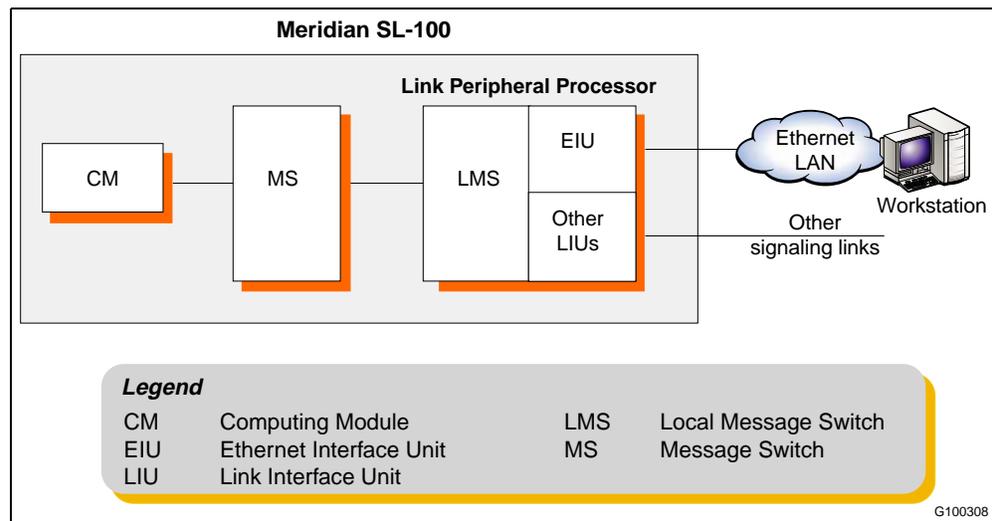
EIU applications

The EIU provides access to the MAP terminal from third party computing equipment (workstations, terminals, and printers) connected to the Meridian SL-100 by way of an external Ethernet LAN. Telnet is used to access the MAP terminal. The Telnet protocol runs on top of TCP/IP. The EIU will also permit the file transfer of OMs and logs using FTP programs. Future EIU applications will include advanced billing, operations, administration, maintenance, and provisioning (OAM&P), and directory assistance services.

Ethernet connectivity

A link peripheral processor (LPP) containing an EIU is deployed in a Meridian SL-100 to establish Ethernet connectivity by way of TCP/IP (see [Figure 2 on page 19](#)).

Figure 2
EIU on the Meridian SL-100 switch



An LPP is a frame that can hold up to a total of 36 link interface units (LIUs).

LIUs are devices that serve as termination points for a variety of signaling links such as Ethernet, CCS7, and frame relay.

You can have a maximum of four EIU cards allowed on a switch by switch basis; this reduces the number of LIUs you can have because there are EIUs in LIU slots.

Ethernet connectivity is considered sufficient connection for messaging between the Meridian SL-100 switch and any external node or hardware that has an address and responds to a standard communications protocol. An Ethernet node responds to Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) echo request messages and has an IP address.

Note: Users of smaller Meridian SL-100 systems that do not require as high a capacity as that provided by the LPP may require a more economical method of accessing EIU/LPP services. The single shelf link peripheral processor/fiberized link interface shelf (SSLPP/FLIS) fills this need. See [“Appendix B: SSLPP and FLIS” on page 77](#) for more information about the SSLPP/FLIS.

EIU software

The EIU, TCP/IP software, and FTP software packages are available in MSL07.

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The following EIU software load is required:

- ETC05BC EIU Telnet customer load

The following tables require datafill:

- **LIUINV** – This table describes the hardware configuration for all LIUs including EIUs.
- **IPNETWRK** – This table describes the computing module (CM) node and default EIU. It indicates whether or not messages should be screened out so they will not be accepted from certain nodes. This table is based on Table EXNDINV.
- **IPHOST** – This table is responsible for configuring DMS nodes as Internet hosts. It activates the TCP layer and its applications on those nodes.
- **IPROUTER** – This table contains the list of EIUs and corresponding parameters. This table is required for configuring an EIU as an Internet node.
- **IPPROTO** – This table is rarely used and normally does not need to be datafilled. If there is a serious performance problem, typically on very slow networks, then modification of this table may be considered.
- **IPTHRON** – This table contains IP throttling numbers.
- **RMCONFIG** – This table allows you to configure the number of simultaneous Telnet sessions on the switch.
- **ENSITES** – This table contains a complete list of all sites referenced in table EXNDINV with which the switch is allowed to communicate. If screening flag in table IPNETWORK is set to NO, this table is disregarded.
- **ENTYPES** – This table contains a complete list of all the types referenced in table EXNDINV with which a switch is allowed to communicate. If screening flag in table IPNETWORK is set to NO, this table is disregarded.
- **EXNDINV** – This table contains information about external nodes connected to the switch by way of the EIU. Each tuple contains node name, address, protocol, and other information pertaining to the nodes.

EIU hardware

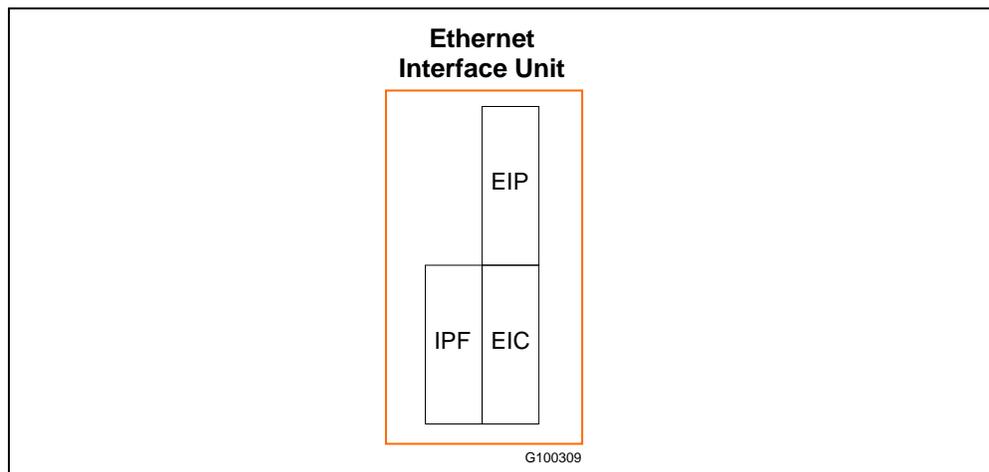
The EIU can only be provisioned on those switches that are SuperNode based. EIUs reside within the LPP cabinet alongside other application specific units (ASUs) such as the CCS7 link interface unit (LIU7) and the frame relay interface unit (FRIU). The EIU can be placed in the LPP cabinet or the SuperNode space enhanced (SNSE) link interface shelf (LIS).

EIU hardware consists of the following two circuit cards and a paddleboard. An EIU AUI cable is also needed.

- NTEX22BB card: Integrated PBus and FBus card (IPF)
- NT9X84AA card: Ethernet Interface Card (EIC)
- NT9X85AA card: Ethernet Interface Paddleboard (EIP) card

The cards are shown in Figure 3 and described in the following paragraphs.

Figure 3
EIU hardware on an LPP



Integrated PBus and FBus card

The NTEX22BB IPF card is a processor board that contains the Motorola M68030 and 8 Mbyte of RAM. It also contains the PBus to FBus interface which connects the processor bus (PBus) with the frame bus (FBus) which in turn connects to the local message switch (LMS) through a rate adaptor. The IPF card is a common processor card used in most LIUs and runs the Support Operating System.

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The NT9X84AA EIC card has a local high-speed buffer and implements most of the MAC layer on a single chip. It has 384 kbytes of high-speed buffer for holding Ethernet packets.

Ethernet Interface Paddleboard card

The NT9X85AA EIP card provides the physical link to the LAN. The paddleboard implements an unshielded twisted pair AUI interface.

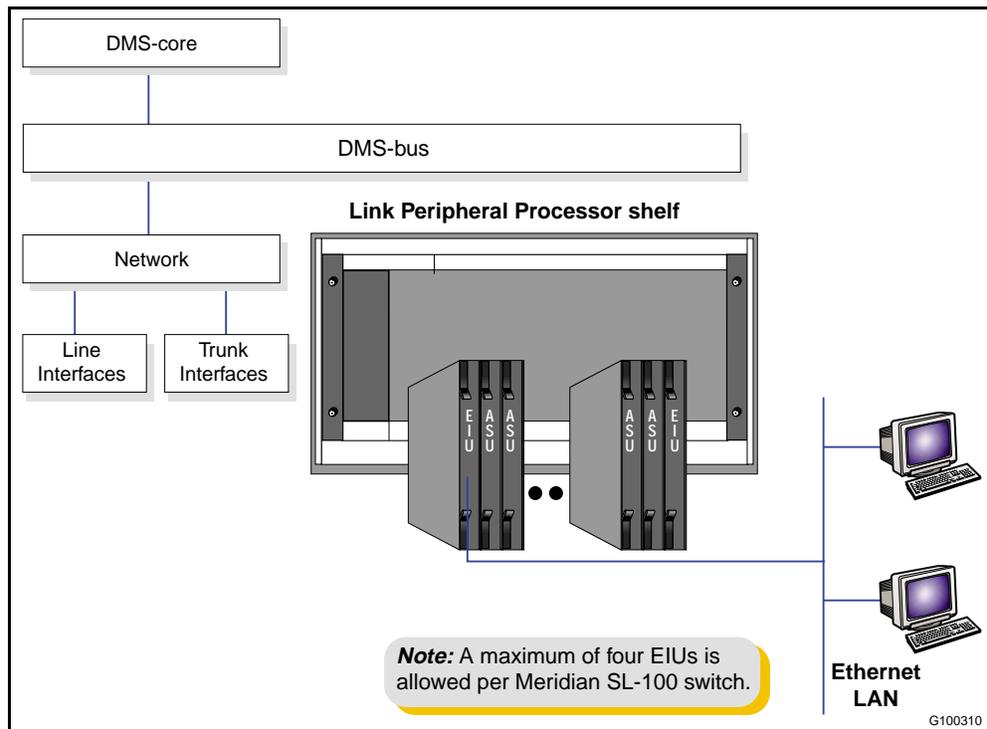
EIU configuration

A single EIU is required for each LAN connection to the switch. However, two EIUs for each LAN connection are recommended. When operating in a hot-standby mode, the two EIUs provide fault-tolerant communications to the LAN. In hot-standby, one EIU carries the full traffic load. If the active EIU fails, traffic is automatically shifted to the standby EIU.

The EIU uses two generic components, an attachment unit interface (AUI) cable and a media access unit (MAU), to physically link with the LAN. The AUI consists of four shielded twisted pair wires, with a 15 pin D-type connector at each end. The MAU transfers packets from the medium supporting the Ethernet LAN (thick wire, thin coax, unshielded twisted pair (UTP), or fiber optic) to the AUI cable. Both of these units are LAN-based equipment and are commercially available.

[Figure 4 on page 23](#) shows the EIU configuration.

Figure 4
EIU configuration



Address allocation

Within a single switch, multiple hosts and multiple applications within a single host can simultaneously request TCP/IP services. To provide for application address uniqueness across the network, the following TCP/IP address allocation scheme is used:

- TCP provides individual port numbers to distinguish between applications in the same host.
- Each host processor in the internet SuperNode switch is assigned a unique IP address. This is a logical address and, when concatenated with a TCP port number, forms a unique network end-point or “socket.”
- Within the network, each node is physically identified by its own unique subnetwork address. The logical IP address is translated to subnetwork address prior to datagram delivery to the destination node.
- Within the network, each node such as DMS-Core, file processor (FP), and EIU has a unique frame transport address (FTA) that uniquely identifies subnetwork node on the SuperNode. The EIU also has a MAC address (also called Ethernet address) which uniquely identifies it on the Ethernet LAN.

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The IP and MAC addressing schemes are described in detail in the following paragraphs. Both addressing schemes are needed. The MAC addressing scheme is needed to handle addressing for the subnet. The IP addressing scheme is needed to handle addressing on the network layer.

IP addresses

IP addresses are the means by which each host is uniquely identified, much like a street address. Composed of a network designation and a host designation, IP addresses are 32 bits long, but are typically displayed as four fields, one byte (0-255) each, separated by a period.

These four fields are interpreted differently based on which of three distinct network classification types the address represents.

Networks are classified as either class A, B, or C.

- Class A indicates a large number of hosts on a few networks.
- Class B indicates a balance between host and networks, both medium.
- Class C indicates a few hosts on many networks.

Note: The class D and E addressing schemes are not supported.

Accordingly, the first most significant byte of the IP address for class A can take on the values 0-127, class B values 128-191, and class C values 192-223. For example, a class A IP address might be 47.192.45.8.

Table 1 shows further details about IP address class structure.

Table 1
IP address class structure

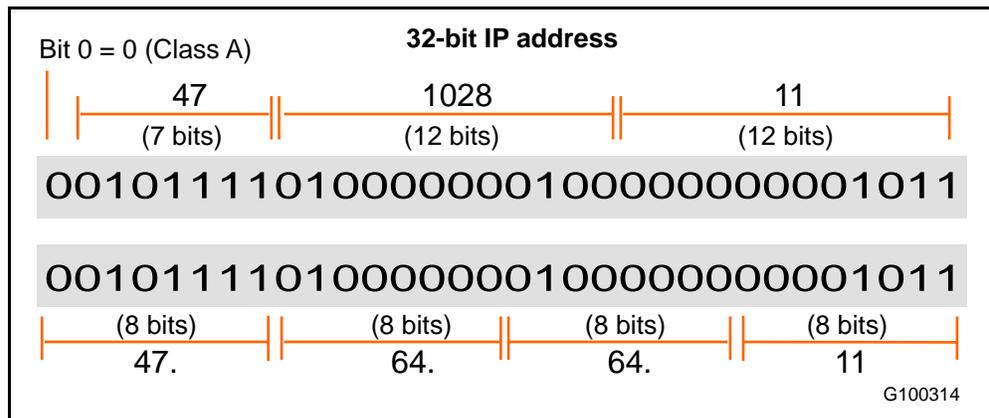
Class	Initial binary bits (first byte)	Number of net bits	Number of host bits	32-bit hex net mask
A	0	7	24	FF000000
B	10	14	16	FFFF0000
C	110	21	8	FFFFFF00

Suppose your site's network is designated class A. For example, given a site class A IP address 47.64.64.11 and an internal subnetwork with addresses 12 bits long, the network ID is 47, subnet ID is 1028, and host ID is 11. See Interpretation column in Table 2 and see Figure 5 for clarification.

Table 2
Example IP address interpretation

Decimal numbers	Number in binary bits	32 bits rearranged per number of subnet bits	Interpretation
47	00101111	(8 bits) 00101111	Network ID: 47
64	01000000	(12 bits) 010000000100	Subnet ID: 1028
64	01000000	(12 bits) 000000001011	Host ID: 11
11	00001011		

Figure 5
Clarification of example IP address 47.64.64.11



IP addresses are supplied by the customer. IP addresses for all Meridian SL-100 hosts are assigned by way of datafill in tables IPNETWRK, IPROUTER, and IPHOST.

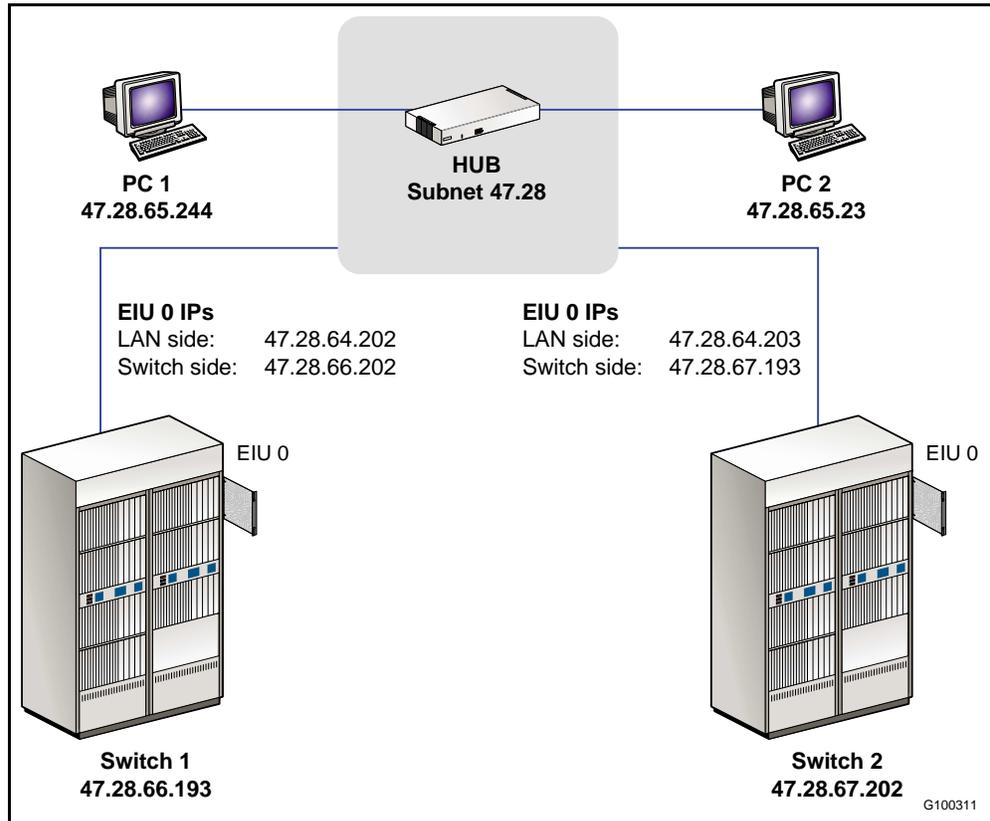
EIUs are assigned two IP addresses, one to address the switch-side subnet and the other to address the Ethernet LAN-side subnet. The EIU host application is addressed from within the switch or from external LAN workstations by addressing the EIU switch side IP address. However, the Routing Information Protocol (RIP) application addresses the EIU host application by way of the LAN-side IP address.

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IP addresses are datafilled entities on the Meridian SL-100. A number of methods are available for determining IP addresses on the switch. Three methods of IP address assignment are described in the following paragraphs.

Figure 6 shows an example of a physical layout.

Figure 6
Example physical mapping of IP address



IP address assignment method 1

Table IPNETWRK, the second field, CMIPADDR, lists the computing module (CM) IP address. In the following example, the CM IP address is 47.76.137.82.

```
TABLE: IPNETWRK
KEYREF CMIPADDR SUBNET OPTION PARMAREA
-----
0 47 76 137 82 12 (EIU 208) (EIU 102) $ (SCRNFLAG N) $
```

IP address assignment method 2

Table IPHOST, the third field, NODEINFO-subfield SNADDR, lists the EIU IP address. In the following example, the EIU 208's switch side IP address is 47.96.192.68.

```
TABLE: IPHOST
INDEX NODENAME NODEINFO
-----
0 CM 0 16 2 2
1 EIU 102 47 96 192 67 47 177 75 4 8 2 2
2 EIU 208 47 96 192 68 47 177 75 5 15 0 0
3 EIU 109 47 96 192 69 47 177 75 6 8 2 2
```

IP address assignment method 3

Table IPROUTER, the third field, SNIPADR, lists the EIU IP address. In the following example, the EIU 109's switch side IP address is 47.96.192.69.

```
TABLE: IPROUTER
RKEY ROUTER SNIPADR ETHIPADR ETHARP ETHPARP
-----
0 EIU 102 47 96 192 67 47 177 75 4 YES YES
1 EIU 208 47 96 192 68 47 177 75 5 YES YES
2 EIU 109 47 96 192 69 47 177 75 6 YES YES
```

Media access control addresses

Each EIU has a MAC address (also called the Ethernet address) that uniquely identifies it on the Ethernet LAN. MAC addresses are 48 bits long on the Meridian SL-100. For example, 000075F00254 in hex. Table 3 shows the fields for the Ethernet address.

**Table 3
Ethernet address format**

Bit 0	Bit 1	Bits 2-23	Bits 28-31	Bits 24-27 and 32-47
I/G	U/L	Nortel Network's Vendor ID (in bits)	System (in bits)	System dependent field
IEEE assigned	IEEE assigned	00 0000 0000 0000 1010 1110 IEEE assigned	1111 (Nortel Networks selected)	

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The MAC addresses are administered by Nortel Networks Engineering: Nortel Networks assigns its addresses by way of datafill in table LIUINV. Nortel Networks Engineers can request an EIU Mac Address from the System Engineering Application Group by E-Mail.

	CAUTION
	Assigned EIU address must be obtained from Nortel Networks
	Before connecting the cable to the EIU circuit card, you must obtain the Ethernet address that was assigned by Nortel Networks.

Although Nortel Networks installs the EIU boards, your site provides the cable that connects to it. Your site administrator must know the assigned EIU address before connecting that cable.

It is not recommended to assign arbitrary Ethernet addresses to EIUs. It is the responsibility of Nortel Networks to distribute blocks of Ethernet addresses to its customers. If you do not have one assigned by Nortel Networks, or are not sure what it should be, contact Nortel Networks.

EIU maintenance

EIU maintenance is available through generic LIU maintenance which is CM resident. It provides for access to a MAP screen, logs, OMs, table control, EIU Manager, as well as messaging to the EIU resident local maintenance.

Local maintenance is split into node maintenance and EIC MAC layer maintenance. The MAC layer, a sublayer of the data link layer, dictates how a medium is shared by multiple nodes. Local maintenance principally ensures EIU operability despite CM failure.

Configuration specific data is stored in table LIUINV.

Summary of EIU features

The following features are grouped into central and local maintenance, MAC layer services, maintenance fault insertion test (FIT), data communications processor (DCP) central control, EIU protocols, IP throttling, Internet dynamic routing, LAN maintenance, LAN management from IOC MAP, and live office network datafill changes.

Central and local maintenance

The following EIU features are concerned with central and local maintenance and the MAC layer services of the EIU, formerly DCP. These features provide the following:

- CM resident maintenance for:
 - loading and initializing the EIU
 - manual command and control of EIU
 - interface to local maintenance
 - fault detection and handling
 - EIU manager
 - inventory table control
 - MAP display and commands by adding an EIU sub-level to the peripheral module (PM) level
- EIU resident local maintenance for:
 - processing CM maintenance requests and queries
 - supporting all restarts
 - interfacing to MAC layer
 - EIC initialization
 - EIC interrupt handlers

MAC layer services

The MAC layer services include the following:

- interrupt handling
- message buffering
- messaging services
- message byte ordering
- Ethernet address allocation scheme for the Meridian SL-100
- enhancement of
 - table LIUINV
 - MAP commands
 - CM to local maintenance interface
 - EIC initialization
 - EIC interrupt handlers

Maintenance Fault Insertion Test

The EIU maintenance Fault Insertion Test (FIT) features provide the following:

- additional diagnostics to increase FIT coverage for detecting, isolating, and recovering from faults in the EIC
- I/O interrupt throttling
- EIU overload controls
- internal data loopback
- in-service audits
- reports of excessive LAN faults to local maintenance
- migration to two-card LIU NEX22AA

DCP central control

The DCP central control feature enhances EIU maintenance to allow the raising of INServ trouble conditions for thresholded LAN transmissions and reception errors, as well as adopting the new name of EIU for the old DCP. The name EIU refers to the physical transmission media the peripheral employs, Ethernet.

EIU protocols

The EIU protocols feature provides the following:

- ICMP echo request and reply messages, as well as some error message generation for bad or undeliverable datagrams
- Remote Log System (RLS), which resides on the CM as a log server and on the CM or a remote node as a log client, to offload the DMS log system
- LOG group, ITN (InTerNet), which generates LOG messages for all protocol layers
- support to local applications
- improved performance, reliability, and recovery mechanism

Internet protocol throttling

The IP throttling feature implements a mechanism to avoid congestion on the DS30 links between the MS and the LMS caused by IP traffic to and from EIUs.

This feature ensures that non-IP traffic, such as CCS7 messaging, through the DS30 links do not experience message loss caused by an overload of IP traffic.

Internet dynamic routing

The Internet dynamic routing feature provides the following:

- dynamic routing to extend the Meridian SL-100 switch's ability to handle faults due to routing failures
- RIP, allows EIUs to exchange routing information with third party internet gateways
- ICMP in the area pertaining to message routing

LAN maintenance

The LAN maintenance feature provides the MAP operator with the ability to datafill and manipulate configuration data for external nodes reachable by way of the EIU. This feature provides the following:

- detailed information about external nodes as viewed from Table Control
- configuring external nodes as components of the system from the MAP terminal
- preparing work for datafill later

LAN management from IOC MAP terminal

This feature enhances the MAP monitoring and control capabilities for EXNDs. This feature

- provides an additional EXND sub-level to the PM MAP level
- raises a minor alarm when an EXND fails
- provides expandable base components to support other LAN technologies for future development

Live office network datafill changes

Functionality for allowing live office network datafill changes provides the ability to alter the following tables:

- LIUINV
- IPNETWRK
- IPHOST
- IPROUTER
- IPPROTO
- IPTHRON
- RMCONFIG
- ENSITES

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- ENTYPES
- EXNDINV

Functionality for allowing live office network datafill changes also provides the following functionalities:

- notification to appropriate applications when table data is modified
- transferring of control to applications, supporting them in determining consequences of changed data, and taking necessary actions to comply with changes
- downloading of instantly modified data to all nodes without waiting for restarts



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Benefits of using TCP/IP

Many customers have indicated they have a need for a dedicated physical port, because each asynchronous MAP session has caused maintenance and administration problems for them. Additionally, because ports are scarce, users tend to leave sessions up for long periods. The Telnet part of TCP/IP provides remote MAP terminal access which helps alleviate these problems.

Some customers are large organizations that frequently resell their network to other smaller organizations. This can cause a need for large and abrupt database changes. On occasion, a user might need to change 50,000 automatic number identifications (ANI) in one night or may want to DMOPRO 500,000 ANIs during a commissioning. The FTP part of TCP/IP helps alleviate these problems by providing high-speed manual file transfer capabilities to the workstation from the Meridian SL-100.

Features of TCP/IP

TCP/IP on the Meridian SL-100 provides the following features and service tools:

- TCP/IP allows communication between equipment connected to any number of heterogeneous networks including land-based, long-haul (X.25 public data networks), satellite, and high-speed LANs.
- IP datagrams can travel several hops and be processed by several intermediate nodes in going from an Internet source (a host computer or the Meridian SL-100) to an Internet destination (the Meridian SL-100 or a host computer). Additionally, on repeated messaging, the datagrams can take entirely different paths.
- A configurable number of TCP connections is supported for each node.

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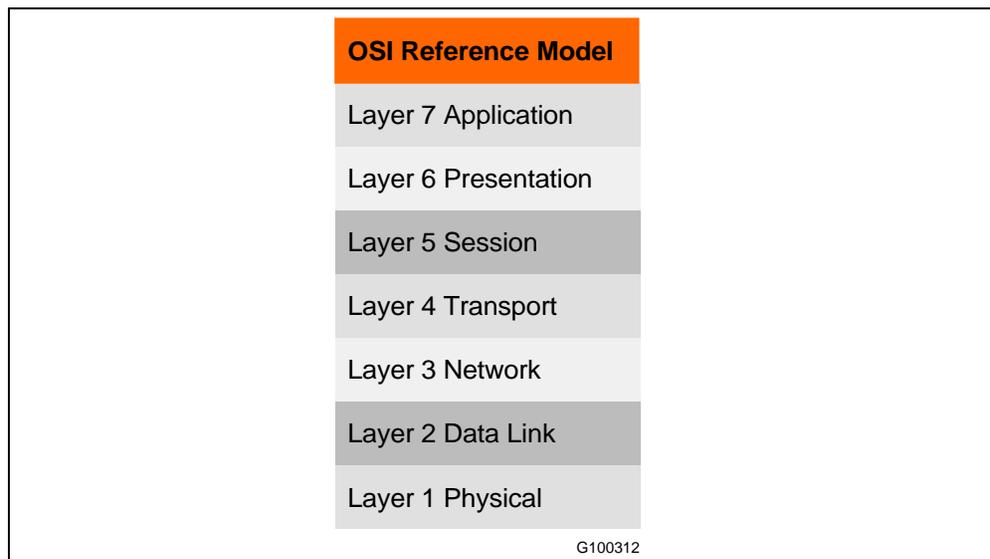
- Record marking with RFC 1006 header is available in TCP.
- The SuperNode ping tool is available for checking the status of remote nodes.

ISO data communications model

The services provided by the TCP/IP protocol suite can be broken down into layers that correspond to the International Standards Organization's (ISO) seven-layer Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) reference model.

Figure 7 shows an overview of the OSI reference model.

Figure 7
Seven layers of the OSI reference model



OSI reference model (seven layers)

The OSI reference model presents basic function blocks in terms of seven layers that should be provided by any networking system. These layers each build upon the lower ones in that each layer provides a particular kind of service to the layer above it and expects a particular kind of service from the layer below.

To provide a communication service between networks or devices, each layer must communicate with its peer layer in a different communications unit, typically called a host. In this document, a host could be a Meridian SL-100 or a remote computer. The communication between the two hosts requires protocols which are a set of rules that govern communication transactions between peer layers.

How TCP/IP relates to the seven OSI layers

Figure 8 shows the correlation between the seven layers of the OSI model and the four layers of the TCP/IP stack. Note that, although the term TCP/IP refers to the entire four-layer stack including applications, TCP and IP are also discrete protocols located in the transport layer and the network layer of the stack.

**Figure 8
Levels of the Meridian SL-100 TCP/IP protocol**

OSI Reference Model	Meridian SL-100 TCP/IP Protocol			TCP/IP Layers
Layer 7 Application				7 Applications
Layer 6 Presentation	FTP	Telnet	RIP	
Layer 5 Session				
Layer 4 Transport	TLI			4 Transport
	TCP		UDP	
Layer 3 Network	ARP	IP	ICMP	3 Network
Layer 2 Data Link	GNI			2 Data Link
Layer 1 Physical	SNAP	Ethernet		(Subnet)

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TCP/IP architecture (four layers)

The Meridian SL-100 supports the TCP/IP protocol suite in a four-layer architecture stack that contains several services and tools. These layers, shown in Figure 8, are described in the following paragraphs.

Application layer: FTP, Telnet, and RIP

The application layer includes FTP, Telnet, and Routing Information Protocol (RIP). These terms are described in the following paragraphs.

FTP

FTP is a protocol that allows files to be transferred to and from the Meridian SL-100 switch to a remote workstation at a host computer. FTP supports two types of data transfer: binary and text.

- Binary allows any kind of file to be transferred.
- Text restricts transfers to files that contain text only.

Telnet

Telnet is a terminal emulation protocol that lets you log in from a workstation on your host computer to the remote Meridian SL-100. Using Telnet, you can sit at your workstation and run programs that are resident on the remote Meridian SL-100 – just as if your workstation were attached to the switch. The MAP screen data from the switch is displayed on your computer screen. The commands and data you enter from your keyboard are sent across the network to the remote switch.

The Telnet tool is useful when you have a large amount of data on the switch that you need to process in some way. Rather than using FTP to transfer that large amount of data from the switch across the network for local processing on your computer. This operation could be a time consuming task that reduces the available network capacity for other users. Telnet lets you perform tasks on that data and do maintenance remotely.

RIP

RIP is a protocol that is used by network devices in the exchange of routing information. The industry standard RIP is implemented for an EIU to enable it to participate in the exchange of dynamic routing information with other IP routers on the Ethernet LAN. The dynamic routing information is required on the switch to be able to route datagrams to hosts on distant LANs.

This protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user.

Note: The FTP and Telnet protocols require the user to have some knowledge of the network. Details needed by the FTP and Telnet user are provided in this document. Other protocols, like RIP, for example, run transparent to the user. These protocols are introduced in this document and shown in some illustrations. Full details of the protocols are beyond the scope of this document. Unlike the FTP and Telnet user, the system administrator needs to be aware of all applications and protocols in TCP/IP layers and may need details provided in other documentation.

Transport layer: TLI, TCP, and UDP

The transport layer, includes transport layer interface (TLI), TCP, and User Datagram Protocol (UDP). Both TCP and UDP exist in the Meridian SL-100; however, one can exist without the other.

The transport layer interfaces are described in the following paragraphs.

TLI

This protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user. It is not described in this document.

TCP

TCP provides a connection-oriented, byte-stream service at the transport layer. It serves as the basis for reliable, orderly transmission of user data by handling, for example, detection of lost datagrams and automatic transmission.

The TCP part of the protocol suite separates the information you want to send across the Internet into smaller, easily managed pieces, which TCP numbers sequentially. The numbered information pieces are then sent across the Internet to their destination. As each piece of information arrives at the destination, TCP verifies it and puts the small, numbered pieces of information back together in the proper order. If a numbered piece of information is garbled or missing, TCP requests the originator to resend the specific garbled or missing piece. When TCP has assembled all the information in the correct order, TCP sends the information to the software program (application) using its services.

TCP allows you to send any kind and size of information, ranging from a brief E-mail text message to a complete encyclopedia of information with text, graphics, sound, video, and even software programs.

The process of using TCP, which happens at several thousand bits per second, is transparent to users. Most readers of this document, such as TCP/IP users, will be mainly interested in the Telnet and FTP sections. However, all sections will be of interest to the system administrator, who needs to configure and troubleshoot TCP/IP.

UDP

UDP is a protocol used by applications programs to provide direct, low-overhead, connectionless datagram delivery service between two peer Application layers. UDP is used for transaction-oriented applications. This is unlike TCP which provides connection-oriented data transport services.

This protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user.

Network layer: ARP, IP, and ICMP

The network layer includes Address Resolution Protocol (ARP), IP, and Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) protocols. These are described in the following paragraphs.

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ARP

ARP is a network access layer protocol that performs the translation of IP addresses to Ethernet addresses. This mapping of IP addresses to physical Ethernet addresses is done so that datagrams can be delivered between the host computer and the switch.

This protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user.

IP

All data flow in and out of the system goes through the IP. The IP delivers data from the network (by way of the Ethernet) to the correct transport service (TCP or UDP) and the IP delivers data from the upper layers to the network.

Thus, the IP provides transaction services or end-to-end datagram delivery service at the network layer. Additional functionality includes support for address identification by both network number and host node number as well as the fragmentation and reassembly of IP datagrams for transmission through a variety of networks.

The IP part of the TCP/IP protocol suite manages the addressing of the message – which is what the IP calls your information. The IP serves the same purpose as an addressed paper envelope that contains a message on paper that you want to mail to a friend by way of the U.S. Postal Service.

Consider how the paper mail gets routed from one person to another. A paper envelope contains both the return address of the sender and the destination address of the receiver. The return address is necessary in case the message cannot be delivered to the destination address and needs to be returned to the originator (you, the sender). You leave your envelope containing your paper message in the mailbox outside your home and put up the mailbox flag. Your local mail carrier retrieves the envelope from your mailbox and takes it by truck to your local post office. There, it is sorted and then sent on its way over a series of routes by truck, plane, or ship. The final resorting is done at a remote post office near your friend's address and, after final routing, the message is delivered by truck to its destination address and put into your friend's mailbox.

This is how electronic mail gets routed from you to another person. The networks that make up the Internet are connected by special-purpose computers called routers, because they determine how to route the information traffic on the Internet. These router computers are the network equivalent of the post offices which sort the paper mail and send it out on the correct (truck, plane, or ship) routes. Like a post office, each router computer knows the different available connections and which is the best next destination to get a message closer to its final destination. The router computers are physically connected by Ethernet networks and telephone lines which are the network equivalents of the U.S. Postal Service's use of trucks, planes, and ships.

ICMP

The ICMP protocol is the part of the Internet layer that sends messages that perform control, error reporting, and information functions for TCP/IP.

ICMP is part of the IP (network layer), but ICMP datagrams are sent using the IP. Therefore, it is encoded as if it were the transport layer. Nodes use ICMP to communicate IP status and errors. For example, ICMP could inform a source node that the intended destination node is unreachable or that there is network congestion.

This protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user.

Data link layer: GNI, SNAP, and Ethernet

The data link layer (sometimes referred to as subnet layer) detects and, where possible, corrects data transmission errors. It "hides" the layers listed in the heading from the physical functions of translating bits of data into a format suitable for data transmission or receiving a transmission and then translating it back into bits.

The data link layer includes Generic SubNet Interface (GNI), SubNetwork Access Point (SNAP), and Ethernet protocols. These are briefly described in following paragraphs.

GNI

The GNI provides a generic interface, hiding the actual interface-to-subnet layer from the IP. The subnet layer can be present or absent from a platform where IP is running. Messages are simply sent and received through the GNI layer, rather than through the actual subnet layer interface.

This protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user, and is not further described in this document.

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SNAP

The SubNetwork Access Point (SNAP) protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user, and is not described in this document.

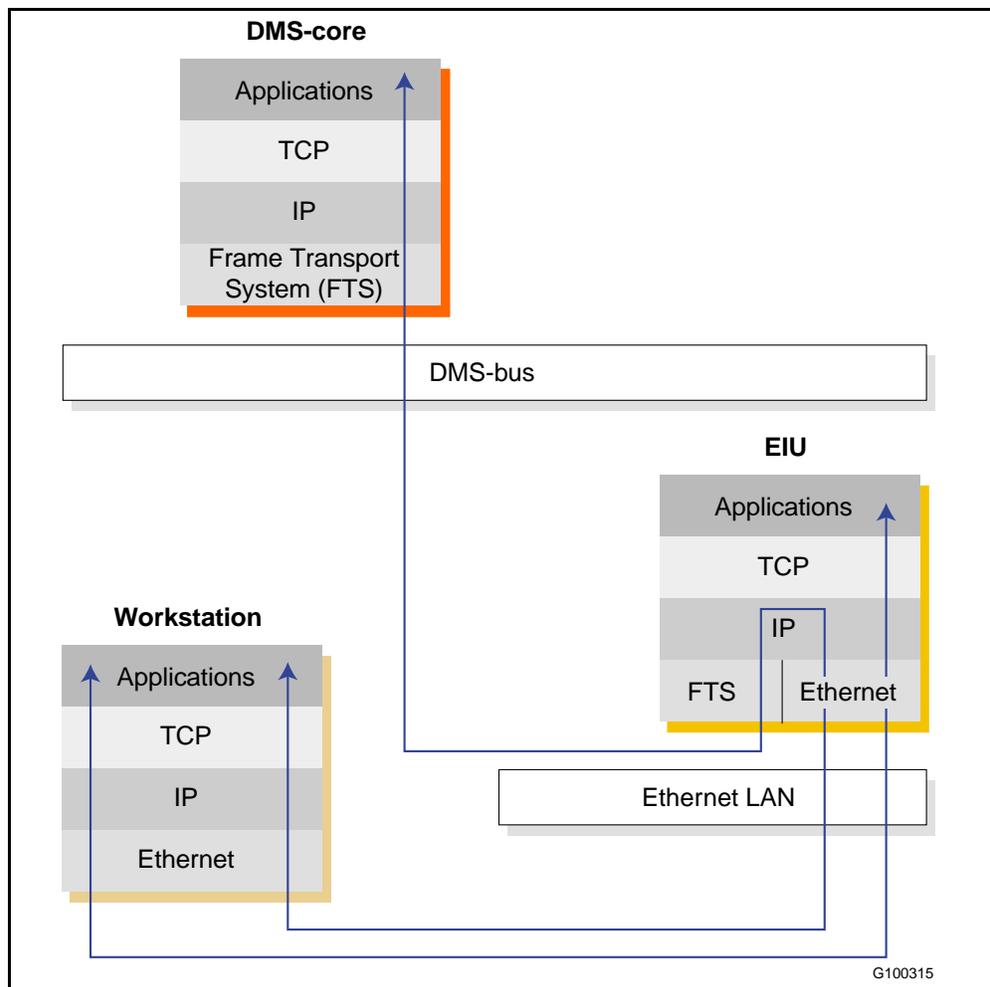
Ethernet

The functionality of the EIU, which establishes connectivity with the Ethernet network, is described in [“Ethernet Interface Unit” on page 17](#).

This protocol is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user who may want to skip [“Ethernet Interface Unit” on page 17](#). The system administrator, however, will find the information necessary.

Figure 9 is useful only to the system administrator. It shows what FTP and Telnet ride upon. This information is transparent to the FTP or Telnet user.

Figure 9
TCP/IP message flow





Using FTP at the switch

Who uses FTP?

File Transfer Protocol (FTP) is a standard protocol for a user at a MAP terminal on a Meridian SL-100. FTP provides high-speed file transfer capabilities between the Meridian SL-100 and a remote workstation at a UNIX host computer.

Note: A user at a UNIX host workstation who wants high-speed file transfer capabilities between that host workstation and a remote Meridian SL-100 must use Telnet (described in [“Using Telnet at the workstation” on page 51](#)).

Definition of FTP

FTP is an internationally accepted protocol for exchanging files between computing devices. The FTP implementation on the Meridian SL-100 conforms to industry standards. Therefore, files can be exchanged between the computing module (CM), file processor (FP), workstations, mainframes, and other computing platforms that have FTP implementations. The files can be of many formats and the computing devices can be hosts with different file systems.

FTP is a session-oriented tool. This means a session must be established through login before files can be exchanged. This implies the need for userids and passwords.

Client and server programs

The FTP software consists of the following two parts:

- a client program that resides on the accessing computer (switch)
- a server program that resides on the accessed computer (workstation)

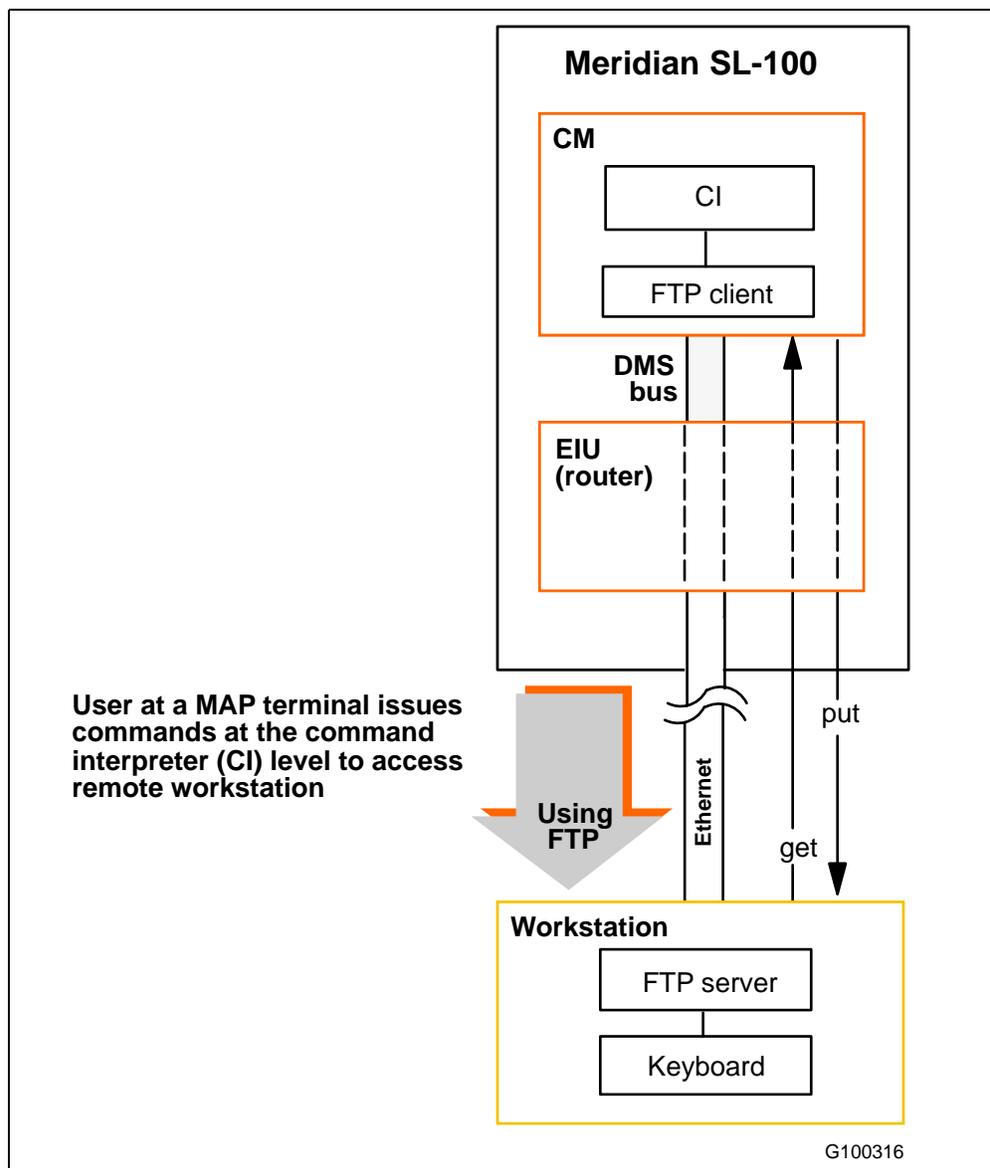
Server and client protocols are required for both ends of two cooperating application processes that are communicating across a network. The cooperating applications could be remote login, file transfer, or any arbitrary application.

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The FTP server is a passive logical entity located at the workstation that provides some type of specified service based upon the requirements of the application. It does not initiate any request or service; instead it waits (listens) for a request from a client.

The FTP client is an active logical entity located at the Meridian SL-100 that initiates requests to the server. The client could be viewed as a command that the user issues and the server could be viewed as the object that responds to the client command. Transferring files to and from a remote host workstation is illustrated in Figure 10.

Figure 10
Using FTP to transfer files to/from remote host workstation



Filename conventions

Filenames must adhere to the following conventions when using FTP on the Meridian SL-100:

- Full pathnames must start with the colon (:) character.
- Destination and source file names on the remote host can be in lowercase or uppercase. But, because the switch's CI will try to convert every letter on the command line to uppercase, single quotes must be placed around lowercase pathnames.

Meridian SL-100 supported FTP commands

The SuperNode FTP feature provides full file transfer capabilities between Meridian SL-100 nodes, as well as nodes external to the Meridian SL-100. The number of FTP connections is configurable for each node and provides a user interface plus CI for FTP client sessions.

Table 4 lists the commands that the Meridian SL-100 FTP client implementation supports. The commands are listed in alphabetic order.

Note: FTP clients are slightly different from one implementation to another. Some clients have more commands than others. The Meridian SL-100's client has a small command list, but it has the quote command feature that allows it to send any command "as is."

Table 4
FTP commands

Command	Description
ascii	changes the transfer to ASCII type
binary	changes the transfer to binary type
cd	changes the working directory
delete	deletes the file specified in the pathname
dir	lists the directory
ftpclose	closes the connections with the remote host
ftpdebug	sets debug messages on or off
ftpopen	establishes connection to remote host
ftpquery	prints file attributes
ftpquit	closes the connection
get	gets a file from the remote server

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Table 4
FTP commands

Command	Description
help	provides information on commands
lcd	changes the local working directory
lrecl	sends the SITE LRECL command
ls	lists the directory
mkdir	makes (creates) a new directory
noop	this is a NO-OP (no operation) command
pass	sends the password to remote host
put	sends the file to remote host
pwd	prints the working directory
quit	closes the connection and quits CI
quote	sends arguments as typed to the remote host
rename	renames a file
rmdir	removes (deletes) a directory
status	provides the remote status
user	sends the username to remote host

Using basic Meridian SL-100 FTP client functionality

At the Meridian SL-100 CI level, you can use the FTP client to establish a session with a workstation attached to another host. After a session is established, use the *get* and *put* commands to transfer files between the Meridian SL-100 and the remote host. The commands to perform this basic functionality are described next.

Establishing an FTP session from the Meridian SL-100

First, at the > prompt, enter FTP giving the CM IP address. An example is given in [Figure 11 on page 45](#).

Figure 11 Establishing FTP session from the switch

```
>ftp `47.12.0.2`  
Allocated a Session ID Successfully  
220 crchh93f FTP server (Version $Revision: 1.21 $ $Date:  
93/12/21 10:19:25 $)
```

Entering the host's userid and password

Second, enter the host's userid when prompted for it. In the example shown in Figure 12, the user id is "johnqdoe." When you are prompted for the password, enter it. The password will not be displayed on your screen.

Figure 12 Entering userid and password on the host

```
USERNAME:  
>johnqdoe  
331 Password required.  
PASSWORD:  
>  
230 User johnqdoe logged in.
```

At this point, you have logged into the host with IP address 47.12.0.2. You are placed in a default directory; in this case, the default directory is the HOME directory of the host.

Finding out where you are

To determine your current working directory, issue the command *pwd* (print working directory). In the example shown in Figure 13, user johnqdoe is shown to be working in the directory */bnr/users/u2/johnqdoe*.

Figure 13 Determining the current working directory (pwd)

```
>pwd  
251 ^/bnr/users/u2johnqdoe^ is the current working directory.
```

Determining which files are in your directory

To determine what files are in the current working directory, you can issue the command *ls* to get the file names (see [Figure 14 on page 46](#)) or the command *dir* to get the file names with file access privileges, file size, and other information (see [Figure 15 on page 46](#)).

Figure 14
Getting the file names in the current working directory using the ls command

```
>ls
EDMA_Mina_2
TEAM2
WS_FTP_D2
WS_FTP_S1
WS_FTP_S2
al255
```

Figure 15
Getting the file names with file access privileges, file size and other information using the dir command

```
>dir
total 2028
drwxr+x+++ 2 johnqdoe abcdef 1024 Jan 31 20:22 EDMS_Mina_2
-rw-r+++++ 1 johnqdoe abcdef 0 Jan 29 09:49 TEAM2
-rw-r+++++ 1 johnqdoe abcdef 1105 Jan 20 13:44 WS_FTP_D2
-rwxr+xr+x 1 johnqdoe abcdef 1142 Feb 6 10:32 WS_FTP_S1
-rwxr+xr+x 2 johnqdoe abcdef 1042 Feb 6 07:48 WS_FTP_S2
drwxr+x+++ 2 johnqdoe abcdef 1024 Jul 16 1991 al255
```

Changing to another directory at remote host

To go to another directory at the remote host, issue the command `cd` (change directory). Figure 16 shows an example of an error that occurs when the quote marks are not given around the directory pathname.

Figure 16
Example of error when using cd command

```
>cd /team/bin
**** error ****
```

The example in Figure 17 shows an error condition caused because the Meridian SL-100 CI will translate the command to become 'CD/TEAM/BIN' and /TEAM/BIN does not exist on the other host. To correct this error, use single quote marks around the path name. This is shown in Figure 17.

Figure 17
Changing the current working directory at remote host (cd)

```
>cd `/team/bin'
200 CWD command okay.
```

Changing to another directory locally

To go to another local directory at the Meridian SL-100, issue the command *lcd* (change local working directory). There are two ways to do this, as shown in Figure 18 and Figure 19. In these examples, notice the use of single quotes and uppercase letters. The quotation marks and all uppercase letters are used because disk drive unit (DDU) volumes are not supported in this load.

Figure 18
Changing the local working directory at the switch (*lcd*)

```
>lcd ` /S00DTMCE'
ftp: Local directory changed
```

Figure 19
Changing the local working directory (second *lcd* example)

```
>lcd :/S00DMTCE
ftp: Local directory changed
```

Getting an ASCII text file from the remote host

Figure 20 shows an example of transferring an ASCII file (named *trahelp.text*) from the remote host to the current local directory on the Meridian SL-100. Because the FTP default type is ASCII, specifying the type explicitly, as shown in this example, is optional.

Figure 20
Transferring a text file from remote host (*get*)

```
>ascii
200 Type set to A.
>get `trahelp.text' trahelp.text
226 Transfer complete.
12365 bytes transferred in 0hrs.0mins.4secs.110ms (3008 Bps)
```

Putting an ASCII text file onto the remote host

[Figure 21 on page 48](#) shows an example of transferring an ASCII file named *RECORDFILE* from the volume *S00DIMAGEREG* on the Meridian SL-100 to the current working directory on the remote host, renaming it to *jan18.log* on the remote host.

Note: Uppercase letters must be used when specifying Meridian SL-100 file and volume names, because DDU volumes are not supported in this load.

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Because the FTP default type is ASCII, specifying the type explicitly, as shown in this example, is optional.

Figure 21 Transferring a text file to remote host (put)

```
>ascii
200 Type set to A.
>put :/S00DIMAGEREG/RECORDFILE 'jan18.log'
226 Transfer complete.
12365 bytes transferred in 0hrs.0mins.4secs.110ms (3008 Bps)
```

Getting a LOAD68K binary file from the remote host

LOAD68K files are binary files with record length of 256 bytes. To get a LOAD68K file from the remote host, you must set the type to binary and the record length to 256, before transferring the file.

Figure 22 and Figure 23 show two ways of transferring a binary file named file1.68k in directory /load68k from the remote host to the local directory, S00IMAGE, on the Meridian SL-100. The file is renamed to FILE1\$LD on the switch.

Note: Figure 22 provides an example of an error situation.

Figure 22 Transferring a binary file from remote host (get)

```
>binary
200 Type set to I.
>lrecl `256'
500 `SITE LRECL 256 FIX' command not understood
****± Ignore the above error message.
>lcd `/S00DIMAGE'
>get `/load68k/file1.68k' file1$ld
```

Figure 23 Transferring a binary file (second get example)

```
>binary
200 Type set to I.
>get `/load68k/file1.68k' :/S00DIMAGE/file1$ld
```

Getting a UNIPLed SOSIMAGE binary file from the remote host

UNIPLed SOSIMAGE files are binary files with record length of 512 bytes. To get a UNIPLed SOSIMAGE file from the remote host, you must set the type to binary and the record length to 512 before transferring the file.

Figure 24 shows an example of transferring a UNIPLed SOSIMAGE binary file named file2.sosimage in directory /unipl from the remote host to the local directory, S00DIMAGEREG, on the Meridian SL-100. The file is renamed to FILE2IMAGE on the switch.

Figure 24
Transferring a UNIPLed SOSIMAGE file from remote host (get)

```
>binary
200 Type set to I.
>lrecl `512'
502 SITE command not implemented
****± Ignore the above error message.
>get `/unipl/file2sosimage' :/S00DIMAGEREG/FILE2IMAGE
```

Getting an IPLed SOSIMAGE binary file from the remote host

IPLed SOSIMAGE files are binary files with a record length of 1020 bytes. To get an IPLed SOSIMAGE file from the remote host, set the type to binary and the record length to 1020 before transferring the file.

Figure 25 is an example of transferring an IPLed SOSIMAGE binary file named file3.image in directory /ipl from the remote host to the local directory, S00DIMAGETST, on the Meridian SL-100. The file is renamed to FILE3IMAGE on the switch.

Figure 25
Transferring an IPLed SOSIMAGE file from remote host (get)

```
>binary
200 Type set to I.
>lrecl 1020
502 SITE command not implemented.
****± Ignore the above error message.
>get `/ipl/file3.image' :S00DIMAGETST/file3image
```

Putting an IMAGE or UNIPLed load to the remote host

Figure 26 on page 50 shows an example of transferring an image file named IMAGE1 from the volume S00DMTCE on the Meridian SL-100 to the current working directory on the remote host, naming it *image1* on the remote host. This figure also shows an example of transferring a file named FILE1_UNIPL from the volume S00DMTCE on the Meridian SL-100 to the current working directory on the remote host, naming it *file1_unipl* on the remote host.

Figure 26
Transferring IMAGE and UNIPL files to remote host (put)

```
>binary  
>put :/S00DMTCE/IMAGE1 `image1`  
>put :/S00DMTCE/FILE1_UNIPL 'file1_unipl'
```



Using Telnet at the workstation

Who uses Telnet?

Telecommunications Network (Telnet) is a standard protocol used by a user at a UNIX host workstation who wants to log in from that host workstation onto a remote Meridian SL-100.

Note: A user at a MAP terminal on a Meridian SL-100 who wants high-speed file transfer capabilities between that switch and a remote workstation must use FTP (see [“Using FTP at the switch” on page 41](#)).

Definition of Telnet

Telnet can be defined as an application-level service tool of the TCP/IP suite of protocols for communicating between remote computers. This service allows users to log onto a remote system without any knowledge of the lower-level network protocols. Your node is treated as if it were a local terminal on the switch.

Client and server programs

The Telnet software consists of the following two parts:

- a client program that resides on the accessing computer (workstation)
- a server program that resides on the accessed computer (switch)

The server program at the switch listens at a known port for connections from clients at workstations. After a connection is established, the client redirects all user keyboard input to the server. The server then passes it through to the accessed program (for example, a login, CI, or some other program). The server intercepts all program output and redirects it to the client. The client then prints it on the client machine's screen for the user.

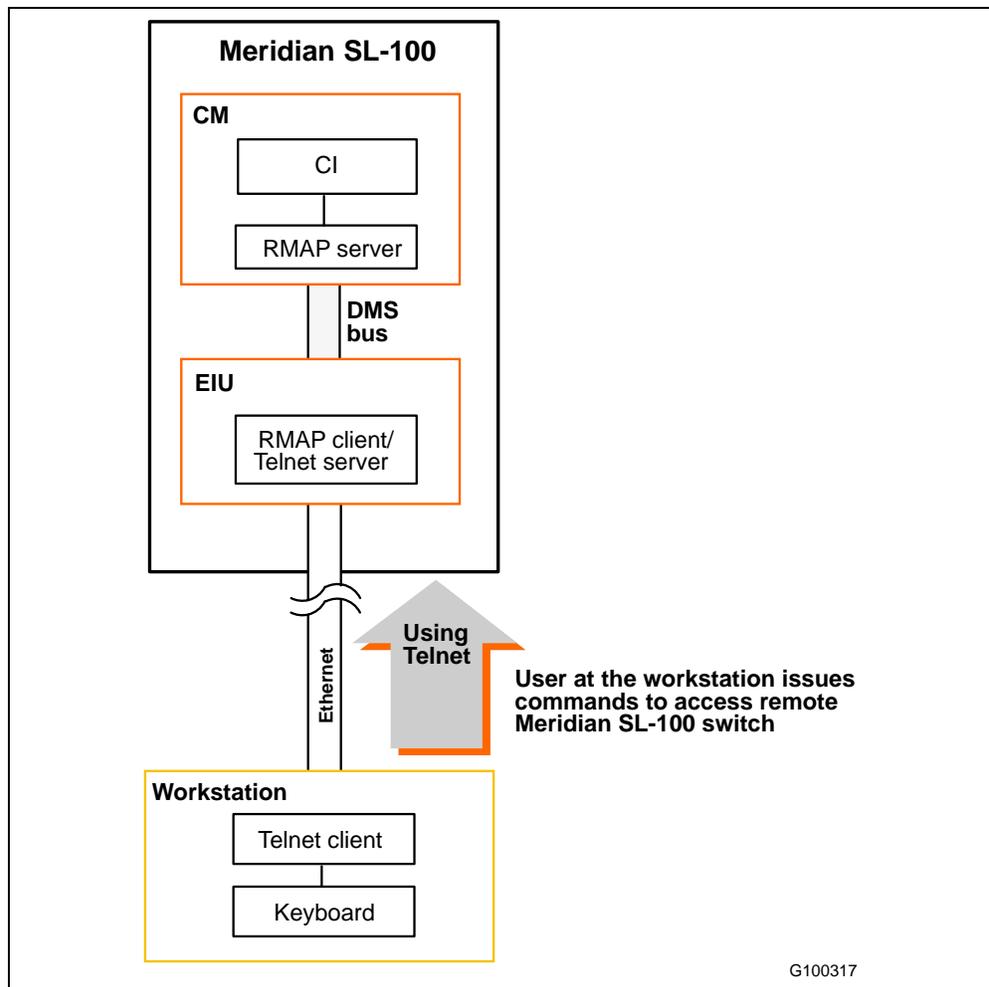
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In the Meridian SL-100, the main purpose of the Telnet server is to provide access to MAPCI from a workstation. MAPCI supports asynchronous output to both a scroll area and a “full screen” area. MAPCI input, however, is buffered in a line-by-line mode. The Telnet server performs remote echoing of the input characters back to the Telnet client and ultimately to the workstation.

Ethernet access through the EIU

To provide a reasonable response time to character input, the Telnet server is implemented on the Ethernet Interface Unit (EIU) that provides Ethernet access. The EIU handles echoing as a remote MAP (RMAP) client so it can offload the heavily loaded computing module (CM) processors. Then, an RMAP server is implemented on the CM. The CI and MAPCI output is passed to the EIU and entire lines of input are received from it (see Figure 27).

Figure 27
Using Telnet to access a remote Meridian SL-100



Telnet features

The RMAP access and EIU/Telnet enhancements features relating to Telnet are described in the following paragraphs.

Remote MAP access

RMAP access is provided through a Telnet server on the Meridian SL-100 switch. This feature implements an RMAP server on the CM that provides:

- a definition for the protocol between the RMAP server and RMAP client
- the RMAP implementation of a Physical File System (PFS)
- the implementation of a process for each Telnet session
- a known address to which an RMAP client sends connection requests
- management and auditing of processes
- an interface for different communication protocols between the RMAP server and RMAP client
- the Telnet server with CI and MAPCI updates

RMAP access is also provided through a Telnet server that resides on an EIU of the Meridian SL-100 that

- receives Logical File System (LFS) and MAP output from the RMAP server on the CM by way of standard utility routines
- receives keyboard input from a Telnet client program by way of standard utility routines
- provides Telnet access to the Meridian SL-100 from any VT100 compatible device that can access the Meridian SL-100 by way of TCP/IP. Line-by-line and full screen MAP access are supported.

Enhancements to the RMAP server allow

- support of a subset of the <BREAK> commands which include:
 - HELP, (outlines differences between Telnet MAP and normal MAP screen)
 - HT, (halts output to RMAP server, discarding output until next read request is received)
 - HX, (halts execution message to the RMAP server)
 - HXX (same as HX)
 - LOGIN, (sends a login message to the RMAP server to start a new CI session)

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- LOGOUT, (sends a logout message to the RMAP server to terminate session)
- MORE {# lines}, (turns on the “MORE...” prompt during scrolling. The number of lines default is 24 with a maximum of 999.)
- NOMORE, (turns off the “MORE...” prompt during scrolling)
- RT, (sends a continue output message to the RMAP server, restarting output)
- STOP (same as HX)
- more than one input file to be open at a time
- changes to the RMAP protocol to support new message types and changed message types

Note: When entering RMAP levels, extra characters appear on the command line upon depressing the carriage return <ENTER> key. In line mode (or line-by-line) all character processing is done by the Telnet client and Nortel Networks does not implement the client.

EIU/Telnet enhancements

EIU/Telnet enhancements provide

- a maximum number of 32 simultaneous Telnet sessions supported on the Meridian SL-100 switch with a default of eight sessions
- logs for statistical and error tracking information
- configurable number of Telnet sessions by way of table control, using table RMCONFIG

Using basic Meridian SL-100 Telnet functionality

At a UNIX host workstation, use Telnet to establish a MAP session with the Meridian SL-100. After a session is established, all standard Meridian SL-100 MAP commands can then be issued to the remote switch from the host workstation. The commands to perform this basic functionality are described next.

	CAUTION
	Adhere to filename conventions
	Uppercase letters must be used when specifying Meridian SL-100 file and volume names, because DDU volumes are not supported in this load.

Establishing a Telnet session from the workstation

First, at the \$ prompt on the UNIX host workstation, enter the Telnet tool. You can do this in one of two ways, as shown in Figure 28 and Figure 29. The Figure 28 example shows how to type *Telnet* with the IP address of the EIU node (destination) to which you want to be connected. The IP address format is ddd.ddd.ddd.ddd where d is a decimal number.

Figure 28 Establishing a Telnet session from the host (method 1)

```
crchh93f:/bnr/users/u2/johnqdoe $ Telnet 47.92.192.6
Trying...
```

Note: The IP addresses of EIU are datafilled in table IPHOST in field NODEINFO subfield SNADDR and in table IPROUTER in field SNIPADR.

The second way to establish a Telnet session is to type *Telnet* and omit the IP address of the EIU node (destination) to which you want to be connected. If you omit the IP address destination or if you specify an asterisk (*), you enter the Telnet command level and are prompted for a subcommand. In this case, issue the subcommand OPEN in response to the *telnet>* prompt. This is shown in Figure 29.

Figure 29 Establishing a Telnet session from the host (method 2)

```
crchh93f:/bnr/users/u2/johnqdoe $ Telnet
telnet>OPEN
Trying...
```

After you have specified a node, Telnet responds with a (“Trying...”) message telling you that it is attempting to make the connection (see Figure 28 and Figure 29). This is followed by a second message either telling you that the connection has been completed or reporting an error. There may be a pause while the network connection is attempted. This is normal.

Logging into Telnet

After a session is established (a connection to the Meridian SL-100 has been made), user login is requested. Log into the switch in the usual manner giving the username and password; you are connected to the switch just as though you were entering data at a MAP terminal (see [Figure 30 on page 56](#)).

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Figure 30 Logging into a Telnet session

```
Enter username and password
>ab ip
AB logged in on 1994/07/31 at 00:25:20.
94/07/24 14:58 **** mucs02bq_2501 datafill 2501 ****
>
```

At this point, any standard MAP command and operation can be executed and output should be a standard MAP response.

Logging out from Telnet

To log out from a Telnet session, enter *logout* at a CI prompt (see Figure 31).

Figure 31 Logging out from a Telnet session

```
>logout
BYE BYE
AB logged out on 1994/07/31 at 00:39:09.
Connection closed by foreign host.
crchh93f:/abc/users/u2/johnqdoe $
```



Table datafill

Datafill guidelines

The hardware interacts with the software through the use of the tables described in this chapter. An interdependence exists between several of these tables. Therefore, the tables must be datafilled in a certain order – as listed and described in this chapter. Be sure to consider the restrictions listed in [“Operations management” on page 71](#).

In preparing software to interact with the hardware, you must

- calculate the number of TCP connections needed and configure the computing module (CM) and Ethernet Interface Unit (EIU)
- datafill the tables (engineer the switch to do the datafill) which, in turn, activates the software

Calculate TCP connections and configure CM and EIU

Certain criteria must be considered when calculating the number of TCP connections you will need. The following are guidelines for calculating the maximum possible number of TCP connections:

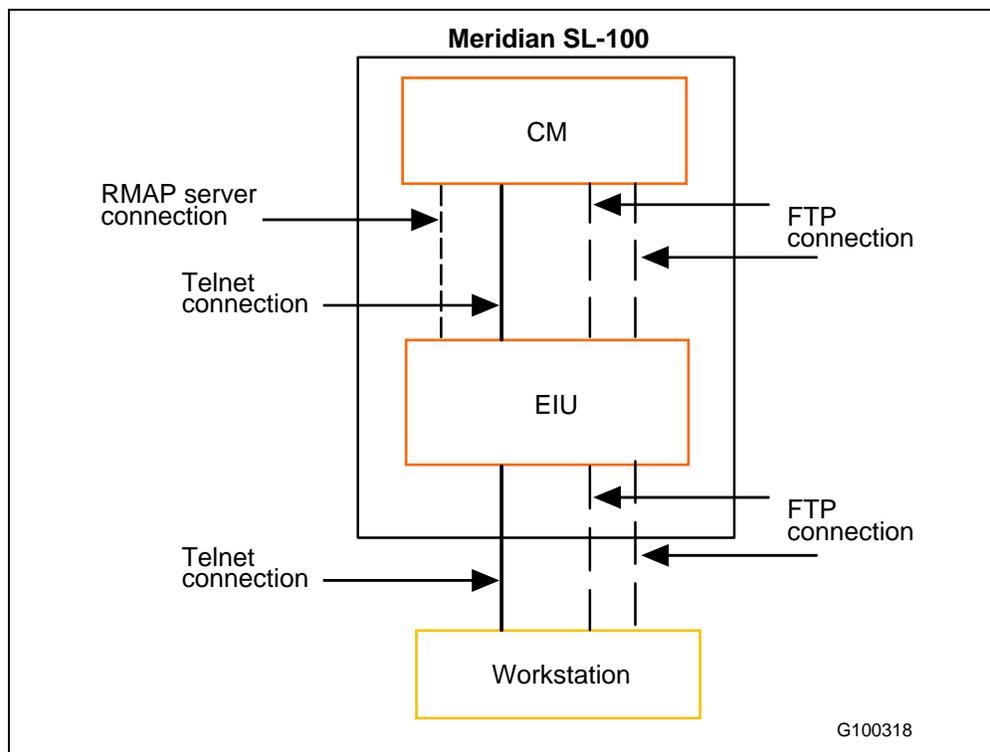
- The maximum number of TCP connections that can be made to a CM or EIU node is 32. The maximum number of Telnet sessions per EIU is 15.
- In table IPHOST, make sure there are enough FTP client and server TCP connections configured for the CM, as well as total TCP connections. Unless files are needed from the EIU, because you will be using the EIU only as a router it is not necessary to datafill FTP TCP connections for the EIU(s). However, it is necessary to datafill TCP connections for Telnet connectivity.
- In table RMCONFIG, make sure there are enough Telnet TCP connections configured for the CM and EIU(s).

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- In addition to current TCP usage, if you want “n” Telnet sessions, it is necessary to have “n+1” TCP endpoints on the CM and “2n+1” TCP endpoints on the EIU. The Remote MAP (RMAP) server connection takes up the “+1.” For example, three Telnet sessions require four ($3 + 1 = 4$) TCP endpoints on the CM and seven ($2 \times 3 = 6 + 1 = 7$) TCP endpoints on the EIU.
- TCP endpoints on the CM and EIU are datafilled in table IPHOST. In table RMCONFIG, ensure there are “n” (3, for example) configured for RMAPCONN on the CM and “n” (3, for example) configured for TELNCONN on the EIU.
- In addition to current TCP usage, if you want “n” FTP client sessions, there must be “n” FTPCLCON connections on the CM. These connections are datafilled in table IPHOST. Also, “2n” TCP connections for the CM should be datafilled in table IPHOST. For example, four FTP sessions require four FTPCLCON connections on the CM. Also, eight ($2 \times 4 = 8$) TCP connections are needed for the CM and sixteen ($4 \times 4 = 16$) TCP connections are needed for the EIU.

Figure 32 illustrates one FTP TCP connection and one Telnet TCP connection.

Figure 32
One FTP TCP and one Telnet TCP connection



Datafill sequence

To activate the software and provide TCP/IP functionality, the following tables must be datafilled in the order listed:

- LIUINV
- IPNETWRK
- IPHOST
- IPROUTER
- IPPROTO
- IPTHRON
- RMCONFIG
- ENSITES
- ENTYPES
- EXNDINV

The tables are described on following pages. Table datafill examples are given for each table.

Datafilling table LIUINV

The LIUINV table is datafilled first. This table describes the hardware configuration for all LIUs including EIUs. Currently, a maximum of four EIUs are allowed per Meridian SL-100. All four EIUs can be on a single link peripheral processor (LPP) or spanned across multiple LPPs.

Table 5 describes the fields in table LIUINV.

Table 5
Table LIUINV field descriptions

Field	Description
LIUNAME	Unique name for the EIU present in the LPP.
LOCATION	Physical location of the EIU by link interface module, shelf, and slot number.
LOAD	Software load name of the load in EIU.
PROCINFO	The product engineering code (PEC) of the particular processor circuit card.
CARDINFO	The PECs (EIC and EIP) of the EIU circuit cards.

Table 5
Table LIUINV field descriptions

Field	Description
HEARTBEAT	This value (YES or NO) indicates whether or not the EIC is to expect a heartbeat indication from the media access unit (MAU) on the Ethernet LAN. YES is allowed only if the MAU supports heartbeat of signal quality error (SQE). If HEARTBEAT = YES, the SQE dip switch on the MAU must be set to ON. If HEARTBEAT = NO, the MAU SQE dip switch must be set to OFF. If the HEARTBEAT and MAU SQE dip switch do not match as described here, the EIU does not come into service.
MAC_ADDRESS	Media access control address for the EIU. This address is represented in hexadecimal format without any spaces. It must be of the form 000075Fxxxxx.

Figure 33 provides an example datafill for table LIUINV.

Figure 33
Example datafill for table LIUINV

```

TABLE:LIUINV
LIUENAME LOCATION LOAD PROCINFO CARDINFO
-----
EIU 102 LIM 0 1 10 ETC05BC NTEX22BA NT9X84AA NT9X85AA YES 000075F00253
EIU 109 LIM 0 3 10 ETC05BC NTEX22BA NT9X84AA NT9X85AA YES 000075F00257
EIU 208 LIM 0 2 22 ETC05BC NTEX22BA NT9X84AA NT9X85AA YES 000075F00254
    
```

Datfilling table IPNETWRK

The IPNETWRK table describes the CM node and default EIU and indicates whether or not messages should be screened out so they will not be accepted from certain nodes, based on table EXNDINV.

Table LIUINV must be datafilled before table IPNETWRK. Changes made to the IP address component in table IPNETWRK force automatic reconfiguration of the IP address components of all nodes listed in tables IPHOST and IPROUTER.

Table 6 describes the fields in table IPNETWRK.

Table 6
Table IPNETWRK field descriptions

Field	Description
KEYREF	Unique number entry for CM. Currently, only 0 is allowed.
CMIPADDR	IP address of the Meridian SL-100 CM.

Table 6
Table IPNETWRK field descriptions

Field	Description
SUBNET	Subnet bit size of the Meridian SL-100 subnet.
OPTION	Name and number of default EIU to handle messaging.
PARMAREA	Screen Flag. If the flag is set to NO, accept messages without checking table EXNDINV. If the flag is set to YES, accept messages only from nodes datafilled in EXNDINV; otherwise, discard.

Figure 34 provides an example datafill for table IPNETWRK.

Figure 34
Example datafill for table IPNETWRK

TABLE : IPNWETWRK										
KEYREF	CMIPADDR	SUBNET	OPTION	PARMAREA						
0	47	96	192	66	12	(EIU 208)	(EIU 102)	\$	(SCRNFLAG N)	\$

Datafilling table IPHOST

The IPHOST table is responsible for configuring DMS nodes as Internet hosts. It activates the TCP layer and its applications on those nodes.

Table IPNETWRK must be datafilled before table IPHOST. IPHOST and IPRouter are interdependent on each other, as well as on table IPNETWRK. Whenever a tuple in IPHOST is modified, the corresponding tuple, if any, for the same EIU is also modified and automatically configured in table IPRouter. The changes to both tables is propagated immediately to all in-service nodes. Similarly, changes made to the IP address component in table IPNETWRK forces automatic reconfiguration of the IP address components of all nodes listed in tables IPHOST and IPRouter.

Table 7 describes the fields in table IPHOST.

Table 7
Table IPHOST field descriptions

Field	Description
INDEX	Unique number of table entry.
NODE	Node name and number for EIU or CM. This must match table LIUINV and IPNETWRK.

Table 7
Table IPHOST field descriptions

Field	Description
SNADDR/ SOSADDR	Meridian SL-100 switch side address. Must match table IPRouter if EIU is datafilled as node and host.
LANADDR	LAN side IP address of EIU.
TCPCONN	Maximum number of TCP connections you plan to use.
FTPSVCON	Maximum number of FTP server sessions allowed.
FTPCLCON	Maximum number of FTP client sessions allowed.
UNIXADDR	Optional UNIX side IP address for a file processor.

Figure 35 provides an example datafill for table IPHOST.

Figure 35
Example datafill for table IPHOST

TABLE: IPHOST													
INDEX	NODENAME	NODEINFO											
<hr/>													
0	CM	0	16	2	2								
1	EIU	102	47	96	192	67	47	177	75	4	8	2	2
2	EIU	208	47	96	192	68	47	177	75	5	15	0	0
3	EIU	109	47	96	192	69	47	177	75	6	8	2	2

Datfilling table IPRouter

Table IPRouter contains the list of EIUs and corresponding parameters. This table is required for configuring an EIU as an Internet node.

Table IPNETWRK must be datafilled before table IPRouter. IPHOST and IPRouter are interdependent on each other, as well as on table IPNETWRK. Whenever a tuple in IPHOST is modified, the corresponding tuple, if any for the same EIU, is also modified and automatically configured in table IPRouter. The changes to both tables are propagated immediately to all in-service nodes. Similarly, changes made to the IP address component in table IPNETWRK force automatic reconfiguration of the IP address components of all nodes listed in tables IPHOST and IPRouter.

Table 8 describes the fields in table IPROUTER.

Table 8
Table IPROUTER field descriptions

Field	Description
ROUTER	Name and number of EIU. This must match table LIUINV and IPNETWRK.
SNIPADR	Meridian SL-100 switch subnet side IP address for EIU. It must match the entry in table IPHOST if EIU is configured as both the node and host.
ETHIPADR	Ethernet LAN subnet side IP address for EIU.
ETHARP	Determines ARP activation/deactivation. ARP implements the Address Resolution Protocol that provides dynamic binding between an IP address and a subnet address.
ETHPARP	Determines Proxy ARP activation/deactivation. This provides for simple IP load balancing between EIUs on the same LAN.

Figure 36 provides an example datafill for table IPROUTER.

Figure 36
Example datafill for table IPROUTER

TABLE:IPROUTER												
RKEY	ROUTER	SNIPADR	ETHIPADR	ETHARP	ETHPARP							
0	EIU	102	47	96	192	67	47	177	75	4	YES	YES
1	EIU	208	47	96	192	68	47	177	75	5	YES	YES
2	EIU	109	47	96	192	69	47	177	75	6	YES	YES

Datfilling table IPPROTO

This table is rarely used and normally does not need to be datafilled. If there is a serious performance problem, typically on very slow networks, then modification of this table might be considered.

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Table 9 describes the fields in table IPPROTO.

Table 9
Table IPPROTO field descriptions

Field	Description
IPRSMTMO	The IP reassembly timeout sets the time when IP reassembly gives up reassembling a message packet. By default, the IP reassembly timeout is 10 seconds. The timeout can be modified to improve performance in extreme network conditions. On extremely slow networks, this may be increased to give reassembly a better chance to reassemble before the timeout occurs.
ARPRFTMO	On slow networks, the ARP cache timeout can be increased from the default of 1. Increasing the timeout too much can cause an excessively large ARP cache, thereby reducing the network performance.

Figure 37 provides an example datafill for table IPPROTO.

Figure 37
Example datafill for table IPPROTO

TABLE : IPPROTO
IPPKEY IPRSMTMO ARPRFTMOO

0 10 1

Datafilling table IPTHRON

Table IPTHRON contains IP THROtTLing numbers. The IP message flow from switch hosts requires throttling to control message congestion in the bandwidth-limited shared communication resources between the local message switch (LMS) and message switch (MS). The IP throttling numbers datafilled in this table derive the level of such throttling to and from each of the IP hosts.

An application running on an LPP constitutes a load. Loads must be engineered in such a manner that overloading of shared resources (FBus, TBus, and DS30 links) is prevented. It is especially important to ensure this where CCS7 traffic is present, because an overload of shared resources can currently cause an outage of the LPP and all applications running on it.

Throttling is a control mechanism for TCP/IP traffic across the DS30s between the MS and the LMS of the LPP. The throttling algorithm keeps track of the number of bytes to be transmitted during a 12.5 ms window. There is no credit accumulated from one window to another. This traffic is throttled to values (in kbyte/s) set in table IPTHRON for both the Transmit (Tx) and Receive (Rx) directions. Traffic from one application service unit to another on the same LPP is not throttled. The IPOMSCIO group indicates when throttling begins.

See “Restrictions” on page 72 for additional information.

The EIU must first be datafilled in table LIUINV before it is allowed in table IPTHRON. This is because as EIUs are automatically datafilled in table LIUINV, a tuple with default values is automatically entered into table IPTHRON.

	<p>CAUTION</p> <p>Throttling capacity fields should not be zeros</p>
<p>The IP throttling numbers default to zero (100% throttling) for all EIUs datafilled in table LIUINV. If the throttling capacity numbers are not datafilled to non-zeros values, the EIU cannot communicate to destination nodes across DS30 links.</p>	

The default IPTHRON tuple contains zeros for the transmit and receive capacity fields. Features that use the IP protocol through the EIU require correct datafill with non-zero fields. The numbers must be changed to be greater than zero so the EIU can communicate properly.

The EIU is also automatically deleted from table IPTHRON if it is deleted from table LIUINV. The actual values for the fields in this table must be determined carefully with consideration to LPP engineering rules.

Table 10 describes the pertinent fields in table IPTHRON.

Table 10
Table IPTHRON field descriptions

Field	Description
LMSNODE	Key to table entry. The IP capable node located on the LIS; this is the EIU and a valid node index in the range 0 to 750.

Table 10
Table IPTHRON field descriptions

Field	Description
TXCAPCT	Total IP transmit capacity in kbyte/s to all switch hosts across the LMS/MS from the LMSNode. One kbyte is 1024 bytes.
RXCAPCT	Total IP receive capacity in kbyte/s to all switch hosts across the LMS/MS from the LMSNode. One kbyte is 1024 bytes.

Figure 38 provides an example datafill for table IPTHRON.

Figure 38
Example datafill for table IPTHRON

TABLE : IPTHRON				
LMSNODE	TXCAPCT	RXCAPCT	OPTION	
EIU 102	32000	32000	\$	
EIU 109	32000	32000	\$	
EIU 208	32000	32000	\$	

Datfilling table RMCONFIG

Table RMCONFIG allows you to configure the number of simultaneous Telnet sessions on the Meridian SL-100 switch by means of table control.

Note: Table RMCONFIG is not going to be used in CSP05 and will be manufacture discontinued in CSP08.

Table 11 describes the fields in table RMCONFIG.

Table 11
Table RMCONFIG field descriptions

Field	Description
INDEX	Unique key.
NODE	CM and/or EIU. One entry for the CM defining the number of RMAP servers on it and a separate entry for each EIU connected to the system defining the number of Telnet servers on it.
SESSIONS	Number of Telnet sessions allowed; maximum 32 for each entry.

Figure 39 provides an example datafill for table RMCONFIG.

Figure 39
Example datafill for table RMCONFIG

TABLE:RMCONFIG			
INDEX	NODE	SESSINS	
0	CM	30	
1	EIU	102	30
2	EIU	109	30
3	EIU	208	30

Datafilling table ENSITES

Table ENSITES contains a complete list of all the sites referenced in table EXNDINV with which a Meridian SL-100 is allowed to communicate. If the screening flag in table IPNETWRK is set to NO, this table is disregarded.

Table ENSITES must be datafilled before table EXNDINV.

Table 12 describes the fields in table ENSITES.

Table 12
Table ENSITES field descriptions

Field	Description
ENSITE	Unique key for site. This is a character string, maximum 12 letters, naming the location (usually a building) in which the node is housed.

Figure 40 provides an example datafill for table ENSITES.

Figure 40
Example datafill for table ENSITES

TABLE:ENSITES
ENSITE
RICH

Datafilling table ENTYPES

Table ENTYPES contains a complete list of all the types referenced in table EXNDINV with which a Meridian SL-100 is allowed to communicate. If the screening flag in table IPNETWRK is set to NO, this table is disregarded.

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Table ENTYPES must be datafilled before table EXNDINV.

Table 13 describes the fields in table ENTYPES.

Table 13
Table ENTYPES field descriptions

Field	Description
ENTYPE	Unique key. This is a character string, maximum 12 letters, for freeform entry of type of node (such as HP or NCS, for example).

Figure 41 provides an example datafill for table ENTYPES.

Figure 41
Example datafill for table ENTYPES

TABLE : ENTYPES
ENTYPE

NCD_WS

Datafilling table EXNDINV

The EXNDINV table contains information about external nodes connected to the Meridian SL-100 switch by way of an EIU. Each tuple in the table contains node name, address, protocol, and various other information about a node.

This table must be datafilled last.

Table 14 describes the fields in table EXNDINV.

Table 14
Table EXNDINV field descriptions

Field	Description
EXNDKEY	Unique identifier for external node; this is the EXND plus node index in range 0-29.
ENNAME	Unique string name for external node; maximum 12 letters.
ENADDR	Node address type and address. The addrtype may be External IP (ENIP) or External X.25 (ENX25). The IP address is expressed as 4 bytes each ranging from 0 to 255. The X.25 address is a multiple of 4 to 14 digits.
ENFNAME	External node filename; maximum eight characters.

Table 14
Table EXNDINV field descriptions

Field	Description
ENSITE	Character string naming the location (usually a building) in which the node is housed. This is the key field of the ENSITES table.
ENLOCN	The location of the node within a building. The three subfields are floor, row, and position.
ENTYPE	A freeform field that contains the type of the node (HP, NCD). This is the key of table ENTYPES.
ENINFO	A freeform field that can be used to store any additional information about the node.
ENPROCSR	Set of processor types with which the EXND is allowed to communicate; either CORE, EIU, ALL, or NONE (defaults to CORE).
ENPROTCL	Set of protocols with which the EXND is allowed to communicate with the Meridian SL-100 switch; either ICMP, UDP, TCP, ALL, or NONE (defaults to ICMP).
EN0LKALM	Link Alarm for Link 0. Alarm raised if no link available; either NA, MN, MJ, or CR.
EN1LKALM	Link Alarm for Link 1. Alarm raised if no link available; either NA, MN, MJ, or CR.
ENALMSPT	External Node Alarm Scan Point information.

Figure 42 provides an example datafill for table EXNDINV.

Figure 42
Example datafill for table EXNDINV

```
TABLE:EXNDINV
EXNDKEY ENNAME ENADDR ENFNAME ENSITE ENLOCN ENTYPE ENINFO ENPOCSR
ENPROTCL EN0LKALM EN1LKALM ENALMSPT
-----
EXND 0 JOHN1 (ENIP 47 122 71 118) $ JOHN2 RICH 2 A 21 NCD_WS
`GREAT' ALLTCP ICMP UDP $ MM NA Y OAU 0 24 0 1 2 DSISIG
```




Operations management

This chapter lists pertinent operational measurements (OM), logs, and alarms. It also lists some restrictions that should be considered when preparing software to interact with hardware. For more information about OMs and logs, refer to the *DSN Operational Measurements Reference Manual*, *Commercial Systems Operational Measurements Reference Manual*, *DSN Log Report Reference Manual*, and the *Commercial Systems Log Report Reference Manual*.

OMs

If failure of any test occurs, the following OM information is collected:

- PM1 group
- NCMCPUST group
- EIUETHER group
- LIUFBUS group

Logs

The following logs may be produced:

- ITN201-206 TCP
- ITN207-208 TCP/PING
- ITN299 TCP
- ITN300-306 IP
- ITN310-313 IP
- ITN399 IP
- ITN400-406 ICMP
- ITN499 ICMP
- ITN501 FTP
- ITN599 FTP
- PM102-106 LAN/EIU

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- PM128 EIU
- PM181 LAN/EIU
- RMAP100 Telnet
- TELN100 Telnet
- TELN110 Telnet
- TELN120 Telnet
- TELN130 Telnet
- TELN140 Telnet

Alarms

The following alarm should be investigated if it appears at the EXND MAP sublevel:

- EXND

Restrictions

The following restrictions should be considered when preparing software to interact with hardware:

- An EIU can be datafilled to operate as an IP router, an IP end host, or both. However, an EIU engineered for both functions is not generally desirable for performance reasons.
- An FTP session can only be originated from the Meridian SL-100 switch. It cannot be originated from the workstation.
- The maximum number of TCP connections is 32 per node. Therefore, the maximum number of Telnet sessions per EIU is 15.
- Limited control over EXNDs is provided by way of monitoring and screening. Loading and rebooting of EXND is not provided.
- Screening and subsequent discarding of messaging is done to any EXND not datafilled in table EXNDINV or OFFLine or both when the screen flag is set to YES in table IPNETWRK.
- Screening and subsequent discarding of messaging is done on the basis of protocol and processor class as specified in table EXNDINV.
- All protocol messages required for LAN management will always be delivered regardless of screening. All ICMP messages are delivered to the CM for LAN management maintenance.
- A maximum of 30 EXNDs can be managed from the MAP terminal. This limit was designed for ease of implementation.

- The IP expects all other IP implementations on third-party equipment to be able to handle datagrams of 1500 bytes including the IP header.
- The maximum number of Meridian SL-100 end hosts is 64.
- Any one Meridian SL-100 switch cannot be logically partitioned into multiple subnets.
- A Meridian SL-100 end-host can have, at most, two IP addresses.
- The Meridian SL-100 RIP limits destination networks or subnets to 15 hops.
- Certain network topology may take longer than two minutes before traffic is rerouted.
- The Meridian SL-100 PING timing is limited in accuracy depending on which node the user is pinging from: CM +/- 1.0 ms, EIU 12.5 ms.
- PING does not give round trip delay time if the packet size is less than 16 bytes.
- An input buffer length restriction of 2048 bytes is imposed by the Meridian SL-100 for messages on the DMS bus.
- The Ethernet frame length is limited to 1460 bytes of data and is chosen as the fragment size on the Meridian SL-100 switch to avoid refragmentation by the EIU when sending messages out to Ethernet.
- The Buffer Management System (BMS) buffer limit is 16 kbyte words. This restricts the maximum size of a reassembled message that can be delivered to an upper level protocol.
- Throttle limits are determined from the smallest message lengths in both Tx and Rx directions for each application and consideration of the impact each application makes to overall traffic. The smallest message length for Telnet is 1 byte in both directions. FTP sends its messages in 1 kbyte blocks.

In an example configuration, one EIU is dedicated to FTP. Therefore, throttling is done for FTP apart from Telnet. The other EIU allows Telnet access. Because the Telnet sessions are used for MAP access, a data rate of 2.5 kbyte/s should suffice. For ten Telnet sessions, Rx = 25 kbyte/s. Because keyboard input is used for transmitting, Tx = 25 kbyte/s. Table IPTHRON will be datafilled with values of Tx = 32 kbyte/s and Rx = 32 kbyte/s.

- The upper limit on the number of concurrent file transfers for a given node is governed by the number of FTP and TCP connections datafilled.

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- The number of FTP connections should not be more than half of the total number of TCP connections.
- Usernames cannot be added using the FTP tool.
- No wild cards are allowed in FTP filenames or paths.
- An FTP user can have three attempts in two minutes to successfully login, after which the connection is dropped.



Appendix A: Frequently asked questions

This appendix contains a group of frequently asked questions with answers. In some cases, the answers are pointers back into the documentation.

What is TCP/IP?

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) is a suite of communications protocols including, for example, File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Telecommunications Network (Telnet). Although the term, TCP/IP refers to the entire four-layer stack including applications, TCP and IP are also discrete protocols within the transport layer and the network layer, respectively. See [“TCP/IP on the Meridian SL-100 switch” on page 33](#) for details on the TCP/IP architecture and for an overview of FTP, Telnet, and other TCP/IP protocols covered in this document.

When do I use FTP and when do I use Telnet?

Use FTP when you need to make a file exchange between hosts. See [“Using FTP at the switch” on page 41](#) for FTP details.

Use Telnet when you want to log in to the switch from a remote location. Telnet allows your workstation to act like a MAP terminal, allowing you to enter MAP commands just as though you were at the switch. See [“Using Telnet at the workstation” on page 51](#) for Telnet details.

Why do I need to have both a MAC address and an IP address?

Each Ethernet Interface Unit (EIU) has a media access control (MAC) address (also called the Ethernet address) that uniquely identifies it on the Ethernet LAN. The MAC addressing scheme handles addressing at the Link layer while the IP addressing scheme handles addressing at the Network layer. For details on addressing, see [“Ethernet Interface Unit” on page 17](#).

Who administers the MAC addresses?

The operating company contacts the Nortel Networks program manager for MAC address assignment. Although Nortel Networks installs the EIU boards, the operating company provides the attachment unit interface (AUI) cable that connects to it. Before connecting the cable, the site administrator must know the assigned EIU address (MAC address).

How is the TCP/IP functionality activated?

To activate the software and provide TCP/IP functionality, the following tables must be datafilled in the following order:

- LIUINV
- IPNETWORK
- IPHOST
- IPROUTER
- IPPROTO
- IPTHRON
- RMCONFIG
- ENITES
- ENTYPES
- EXNDINV

For details on table datafill, see [“Table datafill” on page 57](#).

Can I use FTP to upload table information from a remote workstation?

Example: Can I upload ANI information to table ANISCUSP?

Yes, provided the FTP session is initiated from the Meridian SL-100 switch. In this application, you use the *get* command. See [“Using FTP at the switch” on page 41](#) for FTP details.



Appendix B: SSLPP and FLIS

General

Users of smaller Meridian SL-100 systems that do not require as high capacity as the LPP discussed in the main body of this manual require a more economical method of accessing EIU/LPP services. The SSLPP/FLIS is an alternative to a full link peripheral processor (LPP) where:

- The number of link interface unit (LIU7) application specific units (ASU) desired does not make the full LPP a cost effective option.
- Offices lacking floor space near the core processor make it impossible to install an LPP cabinet.

For more information about the FLIS, refer to the *Fiberized Link Interface Shelf Hardware Description Manual* and the *Fiberized Link Interface Shelf Provisioning Manual*.

Hardware components

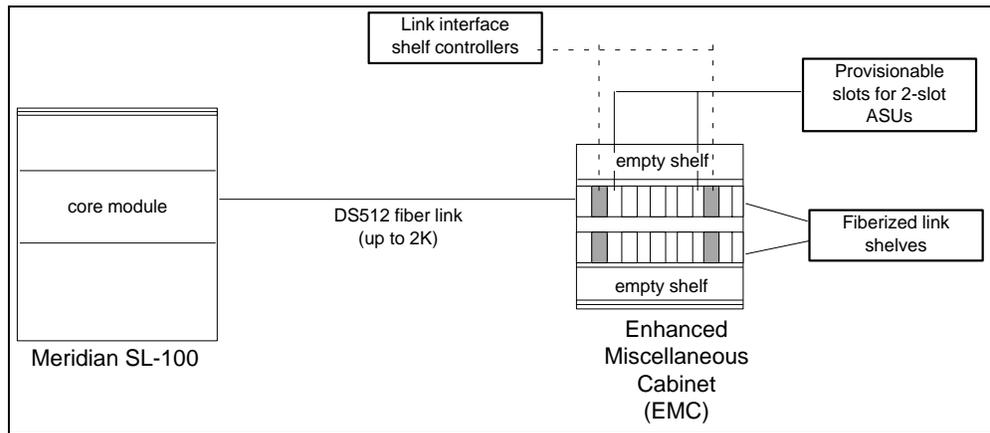
Hardware components of the FLIS include:

- link interface shelf (LIS)
- LIS FBus controller LFC
- LIS fiber interface (LFI)

The controlling entity for the LIS is composed of the MS (in the core), the LFC, and the LFI. The LFC contains the firmware required to initialize the board and it receives the downloaded software required to maintain its messaging paths.

Figure 43 illustrates two FLIS shelves within the enhanced multipurpose cabinet (EMC). The integral FLIS hardware components are indicated in this diagram. A single shelf configuration can also be provisioned.

Figure 43
SSLPP/FLIS configuration



Hardware requirements are:

- DTC7 card on the XPM (for CCS7 only)
- LIU7 (on the peripheral module)
- EIU (on the peripheral module)

Software

The FLIS software consists of central software, DMS-bus software, and LFC software.

Connectivity

The FLIS is installed in an EMC and connected to the core via DS512 fiber links. These fiber links allow the EMC cabinet to be located up to 2 kilometers from the core processor.



List of terms

AFT	automatic file transfer
ANI	automatic number identification
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol
ARPANET	Advanced Research Projects Agency Network
ASCII	American Standard Codes for Information Interchange
AUI	application user interface
BMS	Buffer Management System
CCS7	Common Channel Signaling 7
CI	command interpreter
CM	computing module
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DCP	data communication processor

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DDU	disk drive unit
DTC	digital trunk controller
EIC	Ethernet Interface Card
EIP	Ethernet Interface Paddleboard
EIU	Ethernet Interface Unit
EXND	external node
FBus	Frame Transport Bus
FIT	fault insertion test
FLIS	Fiberized link interface shelf
FP	file processor
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FTS	Frame Transport System
GNI	Generic subNet Interface
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol
IOC	input/output controller
IP	Internet Protocol

IPF	Integrated Processor and Fbus
LIU	link interface unit
LIUINV	LIU inventory table
LMS	local message switch
LPP	link peripheral processor
MAC	media access control
MAU	media access unit
MS	message switch
OM	operational measurement
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
PBus	processor bus
PEC	product engineering code
PFS	Physical File System
PM	peripheral module
RAM	random access memory
RIP	Routing Information Protocol

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RMAP	remote MAP software as implemented in this feature
ROM	read only memory
Rx	receive
SNAP	subnetwork access point
SQE	signal quality error
SSLPP	Single Shelf Link Peripheral Processor
TBus	transactor bus
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (suite of protocols)
Telnet	Telecommunications Network (protocol)
TLI	transport layer interface
Tx	transmit
UDP	User Datagram Protocol

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