The DECserver 900TM is a 32-port network access server that connects asynchronous devices, including terminals, printers, modems, or PCs to an Ethernet local area network (LAN). It operates in a DEChub 900 MultiSwitch or as a standalone access server. The DECserver 900TM is configured with 32 MJ8 (RJ-45) connectors, and provides limited modem control with the 8-pin connectors. Each port supports 16 baud rates from 75 baud to 115.2 Kbaud. The DECserver 900TM includes 4 megabytes (MB) of standard memory, and can be expanded to 8 MB.
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Read the instructions for correct handling.
Front Panel

1) **Power LED.** Lights when the module has power.

2) **Module OK LED.** Lights when the module passes self-test. Flashes when a non-fatal error occurs on self-test. If the module fails self-test, the Module OK LED is off.

3) **Network Traffic.** Flashes or remains on depending on network activity.

4) **Network OK.** Lights when the module has an active network connection.

5) **Seven-Segment Display.** Provides error and status information.

6) **Flash RAM Slot.** Provides an opening in which to insert the Flash RAM card.

7) **Reset Switch.** Resets the module to factory defaults. To reset: while turning on the power, press and hold the reset switch until the Module OK LED flashes; or if the DECserver 900TM is in operational mode (the seven segment display shows the “race track” pattern), hold the switch in for 5 seconds. The module reboots with factory defaults.

8) **Serial Port Connectors.** Connect the asynchronous devices to the DECserver 900TM. The serial port connectors are labeled 1 to 32.
Installing the Module into a DEChub 900 MultiSwitch

You do not have to shut off the DEChub 900 MultiSwitch power when you install a module in the hub. The DECserver 900TM has a built-in hot-swap switch that allows quick and easy power-on installation and removal.

1. **Install the module into the DEChub 900 MultiSwitch.**
   - **a.** Check the Hub Manager Status Display to ensure that there is adequate power in the DEChub 900 MultiSwitch to accommodate this module’s power rating. You may have to add another power supply to the DEChub 900 MultiSwitch to accommodate this module without affecting other modules already in the hub.
   - **b.** Locate an available DEChub slot.
   - **c.** Place the module’s bottom mounting tab into the mounting slot on the hub.
   - **d.** Pivot the module on the mounting tab and align the connectors. You hear the release lever click when the module is seated.
   - **e.** Press down on the release lever to ensure that it is locked.
   - **f.** Seating the module initiates the power up sequence and self-test within 10 seconds if the available DEChub power is sufficient. Read the Hub Manager Status Display for the module status and power consumption.

The release lever is lifted and clicks back into place as the module is seated.

Mounting Tab
Installing the Module in a DEChub 900 MultiSwitch (continued)

2 Verify power.

- With power on in the DEChub, verify that the Power LED is on.
- Verify that the Module OK LED remains on after the module completes self-test.

3 Connect the port cables.

Connect the port cables to any available port connector on the module.

Notes:
Port 1 by default may be used as a console port.

The DECserver 900TM does not support the out-of-band management (OBM) port or the setup port on the DEChub ONE. No devices should be connected to these ports.

Module installation is complete.
Installing Flash RAM

If you using a Flash RAM card for loading the operational software, perform the following:

1. Insert the Flash RAM card into the Flash RAM slot on the front of the module.
   
a. The Digital label should be on the same side as the DECserver 900TM logo on the front panel of the module.

b. When properly inserted, the Flash RAM card protrudes from the front panel about 1/4 inch. The Flash RAM card is keyed and cannot be inserted improperly.

The Flash RAM card can be hot swapped and may be inserted or removed at anytime. If you are booting from the Flash RAM card, insert it before powering the module or during the self-test phase.

Once you boot the DECserver 900TM, the card may be left in place or removed.
Removing the Module from the DEChub 900 MultiSwitch

1. Disconnect the port connector cables from the module.

2. Remove the module from the DEChub.
   a. Lift the release lever on top of the hub slot.
   b. Pivot the module back on its bottom mounting tab until it disengages from the hub.
Cabling

Table 1 shows the maximum cable lengths for a number of data rates using DECserver 900TM supported line protocols.

For more information about cabling and configuring of local area networks (LANs) and using DECconnect system products, refer to the DECconnect System Planning and Configuration Guide.

Table 1 Maximum Cable Lengths

For cable type HB245-A or HB246-B, 24 AWG, 4 pair, twisted pair.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Line Protocol</th>
<th>Data Rate (Baud)</th>
<th>Cable Length</th>
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<tr>
<td>EIA–432–A/V1.0</td>
<td>4.8 K</td>
<td>500 m (1600 ft)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>9.6 K</td>
<td>280 m (900 ft)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>19.2 K</td>
<td>150 m (500 ft)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>38.4 K</td>
<td>85 m (280 ft)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>57.6 K</td>
<td>30 m (100 ft)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>115.2 K</td>
<td>12 m (40 ft)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEC 423</td>
<td>9.6 K</td>
<td>900 m (3000 ft)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>19.2 K</td>
<td>300 m (1000 ft)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>38.4 K</td>
<td>150 m (500 ft)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>57.6 K</td>
<td>60 m (200 ft)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>115.2 K</td>
<td>30 m (100 ft)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EIA–232–E/V28</td>
<td>9.6 K</td>
<td>60 m (200 ft)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>19.2 K</td>
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<td>57.6 K</td>
<td>6 m (20 ft)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>115.2 K</td>
<td>3 m (10 ft)</td>
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Cabling (continued)

Before connecting cables to the DECserver 900TM ports, you must verify supported modem signals with the person managing the DECserver 900TM. This information is necessary to determine what cables to use. For more information on the signals, refer to the Network Access Server Management manual.

Table 2 describes the cable connections that are compatible with the DECserver 900TM Ethernet and serial line connectors. Wiring diagrams of individual cables are shown on page 11.

Table 2 Cable Connections Compatible with the DECserver 900TM

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<tr>
<th>Cable Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>H8585-AC(^1) MJ8 to DB25 (male) modem adapter</td>
<td>Use this adapter with the BN25G cable to connect high-speed modems to the DECserver 900TM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H8585-AB(^1) MJ8 to DB25 (male) modem adapter</td>
<td>Use this adapter with the BN25G cable to connect low-speed modems to the DECserver 900TM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H8585-AA MJ8 to DB9 (female) null-modem adapter</td>
<td>Use this adapter with the BN25G cable to convert the DECserver 900TM connector to the DB9 connector for cabling to PC asynchronous ports.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H8584-AC MP8 to MMJ adapter</td>
<td>Use this adapter to convert a serial port to a DECserver 300 terminal server configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BN24H MP8 to MP6 office cable</td>
<td>Use this office cable to connect from the 6-pin MMJ port of a terminal or printer to the 8-pin MJ faceplate data connector. The BN24H is configured with one 6-pin modified modular plug, one standard 8-pin plug, and crossover wiring.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BN25G MP8 to MP8 equipment cable</td>
<td>Use this cable as either a patch cord or office cable. It is configured with standard 8-pin modular plugs, which connect four unshielded twisted pairs pin-to-pin.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\)Adapters H8585-AB and H8585-AC are not for connection to public works in Sweden, Germany, or Japan.
The DECserver 900TM uses an MJ8 connector on the serial ports, and can be configured by the software to support the pin signals indicated in Table 3.

![PIN 1 to 8 connector diagram]

### Table 3  DECserver 900TM Serial Line Ports

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pins</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>7</th>
<th>8</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Signal Name</td>
<td>RXD GND</td>
<td>RXD</td>
<td>TXD GND</td>
<td>CTS or RI</td>
<td>RTS or DSR</td>
<td>TXD</td>
<td>DTR</td>
<td>DSR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(Selected by software)</td>
<td>(Selected by software)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(Selected by software)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Software Default¹</td>
<td>RXD GND</td>
<td>RXD</td>
<td>TXD GND</td>
<td>CTS</td>
<td>RTS</td>
<td>TXD</td>
<td>DTR</td>
<td>DSR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Software Alternative¹</td>
<td>RXD GND</td>
<td>RXD</td>
<td>TXD GND</td>
<td>RI</td>
<td>DSRS</td>
<td>TXD</td>
<td>DTR</td>
<td>DCD</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

¹ To change default values, refer to the Network Access Server Management manual.
Cabling (continued)

The following wiring diagrams illustrate the cable connections that are compatible with the DECserver 900TM Ethernet and serial line connectors:

**H8585-AC MJ8 to DB25 Modem Adapter**

- **8-Pin Modular Jack**
  - DSR
  - DTR
  - TXD
  - RTS
  - CTS
  - TXD GND
  - RXD GND

- **DB25 Plug**
  - 8
  - 7
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
  - 3
  - 2
  - 1
  - 20
  - 19
  - 18
  - 17
  - 16
  - 15
  - 14
  - 13

**H8585-AB MJ8 to DB25 Modem Adapter**

- **8-Pin Modular Jack**
  - DSR
  - DTR
  - TXD
  - RTS
  - CTS
  - TXD GND
  - RXD GND

- **DB25 Plug**
  - 8
  - 7
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
  - 3
  - 2
  - 1
  - 20
  - 19
  - 18
  - 17
  - 16
  - 15
  - 14
  - 13

**H8585-AA MJ8 to DB9 Null-Modem Adapter**

- **8-Pin Modular Jack**
  - DSR
  - DTR
  - TXD
  - RTS
  - CTS
  - TXD GND
  - RXD GND

- **DB9 Jack**
  - 8
  - 7
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
  - 3
  - 2
  - 1

**H8584-AC MP8 to MMJ Adapter**

- **8-Pin Modular Plug**
  - DSR
  - DTR
  - TXD
  - RTS
  - CTS
  - TXD GND
  - TXD GND

- **6-Pin Modular Jack**
  - 8
  - 7
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
  - 3
  - 2

**BN24H MP8 to MP6 Office Cable**

- **8-Pin Modular Plug**
  - DSR
  - DTR
  - TXD
  - RXD GND
  - RXD
  - TXD GND
  - DTR

- **6-Pin Modular Plug**
  - 8
  - 7
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
  - 3
  - 2

**BN25G MP8 to MP8 Equipment Cable**

- **8-Pin Modular Plug**
  - RXD GND
  - RXD
  - TXD GND
  - DTR

- **8-Pin Modular Plug**
  - 8
  - 7
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
  - 3
  - 2

*Software selectable*

Twisted pairs

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### Problem Solving

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If ...</th>
<th>Then ...</th>
<th>Do This ...</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Power LED is off.</td>
<td>Module does not have power.</td>
<td>Verify that the outlet has power. Check the power connection to the server. Replace the power supply. Replace the module.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Module OK LED is off.</td>
<td>Fatal error.</td>
<td>Return the the unit to Digital Equipment Corporation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Module OK LED is flashing.</td>
<td>Non-fatal error.</td>
<td>See the error message on the console port.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seven-segment display is flashing &quot;C,&quot; &quot;d,&quot; or &quot;n.&quot;</td>
<td>Memory failure.</td>
<td>Return the unit to Digital Equipment Corporation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seven-segment display is flashing.</td>
<td>Fatal error.</td>
<td>Return the unit to Digital Equipment Corporation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seven-segment display shows a &quot;3.&quot;</td>
<td>Downline loading problem exists.</td>
<td>See the error message on the console port.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Problem Solving (continued)

This section shows the codes that appear on the seven-segment display during the server internal self-test when the module goes through a power up and initialization. The first column indicates a horizontal view (standalone). The second column indicates a vertical view (hub) of the codes. The third column describes the codes.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Off</th>
<th>Off</th>
<th>No power or display broken</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Initial power on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>Initialization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>DECserver 900 internal test</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d</td>
<td>d</td>
<td>SIM 1 test</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>SIM 2 test</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>DECserver 900 internal test</td>
</tr>
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<td>a</td>
<td>a</td>
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<tr>
<td>d</td>
<td>d</td>
<td>Network interface external test</td>
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<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Software loading from Flash RAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Requesting load</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Load request backoff</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Loading</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Requesting dump</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Dumping</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Hardware revision # incompatible with firmware revision #</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>No SIMs, or wrong type SIMs installed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>DECserver 900 is operating correctly. The rotating code is referred to as the “race track” pattern.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rotating</td>
<td>Rotating</td>
<td></td>
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MIBs and RFCs

Obtaining RFCs and Digital Private MIBs: Using ftp

You can obtain Requests for Comments (RFCs) and up-to-date DEChub Management Information Base (MIBs) from Digital using anonymous ftp.

Digital offers Internet anonymous ftp access to private MIB information, in ASCII text form, at GATEKEEPER.DEC.COM, with up-to-date documents stored in the directory /private/mib. Check the index file and the readme file for the current contents. To use anonymous ftp to copy files, follow these instructions:

1. Use the Internet application ftp to connect to gatekeeper.dec.com (the Internet address is 16.1.0.2).
2. Log in as user anonymous.
3. Use your electronic mail address as the password.
4. Use the cd command to get to the directory /private/mib
5. Use the ascii command to specify that you are retrieving ASCII text files.
6. Use the get command to get the file or files that you require.
7. When you are finished, use the quit command to log out.

Note that user input is case sensitive; you must type it as shown (user input is shown in boldface type).

Here is an example of copying the readme file from the repository.

```
% ftp gatekeeper.dec.com
Connected to gatekeeper.dec.com
220 GATEKEEPER.DEC.COM FTP Service Process
Name: anonymous
331 ANONYMOUS user ok, send real ident as password.
Password: milano@netman.stateu.edu
ftp> cd /private/mib
331 Default name accepted. Send password to connect to it.
ftp> ascii
220 Type A ok.
ftp> get readme
200 Port 19.54 at host nnn.nn.nn.nn accepted.
150 ASCII retrieve of /PRIVATE/MIB/README started.
226 Transfer completed. 40239 (8) bytes transferred.
40239 bytes received in 23.65 seconds (5.8 Kbytes/s)
ftp> quit
%
```
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<th>Product Specification</th>
<th>DECserver 900TM</th>
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<td>Height</td>
<td>44.45 cm (17.5 in)</td>
<td>44.45 cm (17.5 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>4.45 cm (1.75 in)</td>
<td>4.45 cm (1.75 in)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depth</td>
<td>5.25 cm (6 in)</td>
<td>25.4 cm (10.0 in)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>1.8 kg (4 lb)</td>
<td>3.4 kg (7.5 lb)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating temperature</td>
<td>5° C to 50° C (41° F to 122° F)</td>
<td>5° C to 50° C (41° F to 122° F)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relative humidity</td>
<td>10% to 95% non-condensing</td>
<td>10% to 95% non-condensing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Altitude</td>
<td>Sea level to 4900 m (16,000 ft)</td>
<td>Sea level to 4900 m (16,000 ft)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power</td>
<td>20W @+5Vdc, 7W@ +15Vdc</td>
<td>20W @+5Vdc, 7W@ +15Vdc</td>
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1 For high altitude sites, decrease the operating temperature specification by 1.8° C (35.2° F) for each 1000 m (3200 ft).
2 Current values for specific configurations are available from Digital Equipment representatives. 1 B = 10 dBA.
3 Aktuelle Werte für spezielle Ausrüstungsstufen sind Über die Digital Equipment Vertretungen erhältlich. 1 B = 10 dBA.
## Associated Documents

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<td>DEChub ONE Installation</td>
<td>Provides installation and operation guidelines for single-slot hub configuration, including rack-mount options and cabling.</td>
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<td>Describes how to install the network access server software onto VMS systems.</td>
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<td>Network Access Server Management manual</td>
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