NC Tip #9: Local Floppy Support

Customer Requirement
A customer wants his managers to have a floppy disk drive connected to their NC900 products so that the managers can copy files to a diskette and take the work home.

Solution
NCBridge supports a floppy disk drive connected to the NC900 optional parallel port. A user can transfer files between the local floppy disk and either a Windows NT server or a UNIX server. The local floppy disk uses a PC format.

Windows NT Support
Using the NC900 local ICA client, a user can copy files between the Windows NT hard drive and the local NC900 floppy disk.

UNIX Support
NCBridge provides a local floppy manager client that runs on the NC900 (see figure below). This client allows the user to transfer files back and forth between the local floppy disk and a hard disk on a UNIX host.

Configuration Hints
Note that both the optional parallel port (NCFPL) and the floppy disk drive (XPFD01) are required. The XPFD01 disk drive comes with a parallel cable and a N. American 110 volt power supply that outputs 9V DC, 500 ma. If a large opportunity presents itself from an International customer that requires a 220 volt power supply, contact the NC Product Manager.

Benefit
Some customers request a local floppy disk so that their users can take files away from the work site to work on at another site.