



NC Tip #17: Local Netscape Navigator

Customer Requirement

A customer is concerned with the slow performance from host-based Netscape Navigator applications that run on their undersized Unix servers.

Solution

The NCBridge/NC900 solution comes standard with a local Netscape Navigator that allows the user to access web servers on either a local intranet or the Internet.

Configuration Hints

The NC900 requires a minimum 48MB of memory to run the local Netscape Navigator browser and if the customer plans to execute Java applets, the N980-WW is recommended, which has a total of 80MB of memory.

The local Netscape Navigator browser is version 4.0.6 and it includes a version 1.1.5 Java virtual machine.

If the local Netscape Navigator browser is stored in the optional 16MB flash memory card, it only requires 15 seconds to start as opposed to up to one minute when the browser is downloaded from a host computer. Therefore, if a customer plans to use the local Netscape Navigator browser, purchasing the optional 16MB flash memory card, which has a product code N9F16FM, should be considered.

Note also that the local Netscape Navigator browser can be displayed in 24-bit color mode on the NC900 while simultaneously displaying other 8-bit color applications on the NC900 screen.

Plug-ins Support

The local Netscape Navigator browser does not support plug-ins at this time.

Benefits

A local client, such as the local Netscape Navigator, offers three major benefits:

1. It off-loads the host computer
2. It off-loads the network
3. It provides a consistent level of high performance since it does not have to timeshare with other user's browser or applications as in the case when the Netscape Navigator browser is running on a host computer.