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About CommRedirector

The CommRedirector helps you in redirecting any of your local serial ports to an available server machine that is suitably configured. This in turn facilitates the sharing of modems over the network painlessly and transparently. You can sit at your workstation and use your favorite communication software using a remote modem.

How to Use

In Message Port Manager, configure one of the local comm ports for redirection. CommRedirector's main window shows the list of all the available servers on the network. You can choose an entry in the shared

modem log to connect to the modem at that server. Then use "Connect" () or "Queue"(


icon) to establish a connection with the modem server. The connection can also be established by double-clicking on the highlighted entry in the shared modem log. Use "Cancel" or (


icon) to disconnect from the shared modem.

Note: The status bar is at the bottom of the window. It provides help on the currently selected icon or menu item on the left side, the redirected local comm port at the center, and the status of the connect or queue request on the right.

Menu Options

The "MessagePort" pulldown menu has the following options:

Session

Options

Session

This pulldown menu has the following options:

Connect

Queue

Exit

Options

This pulldown menu has the following options:

Refresh

Cancel

Restore Columns

About

Select this option to get the details of the Message Port CommRedirector software you are currently running.

Exit

Exit the Message Port Redirector program. Any of the currently established connection will be lost.

Refresh

Reads the database for the current status of shared modems in the Message Port configuration database and displays it on the log screen.

Restore Columns

If you have modified the width of the log screen columns, this option will reset the column widths to default values.

Toolbar Icons

The Message Port Redirector's toolbar has the following icons:



Connect



Queue



Cancel Request

Connect

Connects to the selected modem server

Queue

Queues a request for the first available modem server

Cancel Request

Cancels request to connect to a modem server

Troubleshooting

For the most part the Redirector recovers from network errors. In some cases, the system may hang. You may need to reboot.

If you get the message "Cannot add name to name table", you may need to reboot your system. If this does not fix the problem, you may need to reboot the server workstation too.

