

Compaq StorageWorks

Release Notes

COMPAQ StorageWorks HSG80 Array Controller (ACS V8.5) for Novell NetWare

This document summarizes features and characteristics of the StorageWorks HSG80 Array Controller (Array Controller Software Version 8.5) for NetWare Server–Intel systems that are supported in the 8.5 release of the RA8000/ESA12000 Fibre Channel Solution Software for NetWare platform kit.

These *Release Notes* provide information for the HSG80 Array Controller Software (ACS) Version 8.5 not covered elsewhere in the documentation. This document should be used by individuals responsible for configuring, installing, and using the HSG80 Array controller.

NOTE

Read this entire document before installing or upgrading the software.

These release notes include the following sections:

- 1.0 Identifying Your ACS Software Revision Level
- 2.0 Hardware and Software Support

NOTE

Refer to this section for updates to SWCC Software revision levels.

- 3.0 New Features
- 4.0 Configuration Rules
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- 6.0 Saving Your Configuration
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NOTE

The part number information available for the Early Order Program is subject to change. Please check with your COMPAQ service representative for any updated information.

Release Package Contents

The HSG80 ACS Version 8.5 Solution Software kit consists of the following:

- A cover letter
- The HSG80 Array Controller documentation set:
 - *RA8000/ESA12000 Fibre Channel Solution Software V8.5 for Novell NetWare Installation Reference Manual*
 - *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Configuration and CLI Reference Guide*
 - *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Maintenance and Service Guide*
 - *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Illustrated Parts Map*
 - *HSG80 Solutions Software License*
 - *Registration Card*
 - *StorageWorks Warranty Booklet*

NOTE

The Warranty book uses DIGITAL and DIGITAL terminology. A COMPAQ Warranty booklet is not yet available. Please check with your COMPAQ service representative for any questions on warranty items.

- *Release Notes –COMPAQ StorageWorks HSG80 Array Controller ACS V8.5 for Novell NetWare (This document)*
- RA8000/ESA12000 Fibre Channel Solution Software V8.5 for Windows NT/Intel CD-ROM

Intended Audience

This document has been prepared for customers who have purchased the RAID Array 8000/ESA12000 Fibre Channel with an HSG80 controller and for COMPAQ Multivendor Customer Services personnel responsible for installing and maintaining systems that includes the HSG80 Array controller.

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Check our web for the latest drivers, technical tips and documentation for the HSG80 Array Controller. We can be found in the technical area of our web page:

www.compaq.com/products/storageworks

1.0 IDENTIFYING YOUR ACS SOFTWARE REVISION LEVEL

You can identify ACS Software Version 8.5 by entering the SHOW THIS_CONTROLLER command at the CLI prompt. The resulting display lists the software revision level as **V8 . 5F - 0**.

2.0 HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT

This section lists the hardware and software supported by ACS Version 8.5 for the 8.5 Novell Netware platform kit release.

2.1 Required Driver Revision

Driver Version (Both drivers needed)
CPQFC.HAM V2.3
CPQSHD.CDM V1.33

2.2 Operating System Support

ACS Version 8.5 on HSG80 controllers is used in conjunction with Novell Netware 4.2 , 5.0, and 5.1 Novell Cluster Server 1.0.

2.3 Host Adapter for Intel

The Compaq 64 bit, 66MHz and the 32 bit, 33 MHz Fibre Channel Host Adapter is supported by the NetWare Server operating system for HSG80 controllers.

2.4 Device Support

ACS Software Version 8.5 supports the devices listed in the Table 2 at the indicated hardware and microcode levels.

Table 2 Supported Disk Drives

Device	Capacity in Gigabytes	Spindle Speed (RPM)	Minimum Microcode Version	Minimum Hardware Version
DS-RZ1CB-VW	4.3	7,200	LYJ0 or 0656	A01
DS-RZ1CD-VW	4.3	10,000	0306	A01
DS-RZ1CF-VW 380691-B21	4.3	7,200	N1H1 or 1614	A01
DS-RZ1DB-VW	9.1	7,200	LYJ0 or 0307	A01
DS-RZ1DF-VW 380595-B21	9.1	7,200	N1H1, 0372, or 1614	A01
DS-RZ1DD-VW 380588-B21	9.1	10,000	0306	A01
DS-RZ1EF-VW 380694-B21	18.2	7,200	N1H1 or 0372	A01
DS-RZ1ED-VW 380589-B21	18	10,000	0306	A01
DS-RZ1DA-VW 147597-001	9	7,200	3B05	A01
DS-RZ1EA-VW 147598-001	18	7,200	3B05	A01
DS-RZ1FB-VW 147599-001	36	7,200	3B06	A01

NOTE

Additional disk drive information is available in the following Product Notes:

DEVICE	PRODUCT NOTE
DS-RZ1CB-VW/DS-RZ1DB-VW	EK-SM2DS-PN
DS-RZ1CD-VW	EK-RZ1CD-PN
DS-RZ1EF-VW	EK-RZ1EF-PN

2.5 StorageWorks Command Console

NOTE

The SWCC User Guide is titled, Command Console V2.2 for RAID Array 8000/ESA12000. V2.2 here refers to the entire software suite revision.

The StorageWorks Command Console (SWCC) Version 2.2 is included in this release. This provides a graphical user interface that can be used to configure and monitor your storage subsystem. Use of SWCC is highly recommended. Refer to the *Command Console V2.2 User's Guide* for information about installing and using SWCC.

2.5.1 Identifying Your SWCC Software Revision Level

The StorageWorks Command Console Client software suite for the HSG80 V8.5 consists of various components. The following SWCC components are included in this release of the Solution Software kit:

SWCC Command Console (storage window manager) (<i>swcc.exe</i>)	V2.1.0.155
SWCC CLI Window (<i>CliWindow\CLIWindow.exe</i>)	V2.0.0.33
HSG80ACS85 StorageWindow (<i>Hsg80ACS85Window\HSG80ACS85Window.exe</i>)	V2.2.0.10
HSG80 StorageWindow (<i>HsgWindow\HSG80Window.exe</i>)	V2.1.0.28
HSZ StorageWindow (<i>HszWindow\HszWindow.exe</i>)	V2.0.0.39
HSZ80 StorageWindow (<i>Hsz80Window\Hsz80Window.exe</i>)	V2.0.0.11
HSD StorageWindow (<i>HsdWindow\HsdWindow.exe</i>)	V2.0.0.5
HSJ StorageWindow (<i>HsjWindow\HsjWindow.exe</i>)	V2.0.0.5

In the above list, the name of each executable is given with its subfolder relative to the installation folder of the SWCC Client kit.

Verification of the individual components can be done with Explorer by right-clicking on the particular executable program in its folder and selecting the Properties option. In the resulting Properties window, click on the Version tab and select the Product Version to display the version of the program.

Compaq Insight Manager Integration

This release of the SWCC Client kit is not integrated with all versions of Compaq Insight Manager. Please check on Compaq's StorageWorks Storage Management Software website at:

www.compaq.com/products/storageworks/storage-management-software/swccdownload.html

for updates on Compaq Insight Manager integration.

SWCC Manual Refresh Rate

We recommend that you do not refresh SWCC windows more often than once every 30 seconds.

Storage Area Network (SAN) Configuration

In a SAN configuration, we recommend that only one SWCC Agent active at one time.

2.6 StorageWorks Command Console (SWCC) Netware Agent

1. After adding new devices when doing a list devices with raidcdm loaded you may see the following:

```
Error in getting device info
error in getting details about device
This is informational only.
```

2. After, "load the steam.nlm", the console screen displays the following:
Open\opt\steam\steam.log
Steamd config: Device Failover enabled
Steamd config: Bus Scanning enabled, forcing initial scan
Agent Version: 2.2 (Build 60)
GetStgParms>> Scanning the bus for devices

This screen will remain open as long as steam.nlm is loaded and is normal. You can tab back to the Netware console screen.

3. Do not unload RAIDCDM.CDM before unloading steam.

4. If you have trouble connecting, check the storage.ini and client.ini files.
 To recreate the storage.ini,
 unload steam
 rename the old storage.ini
 Load steam.nlm
 this will recreate the storage.ini file
5. In a shared storage configuration, install the SWCC Agent on
 only one of the systems accessing the RA8000
6. In order to load an agent, a LUN must be created and assigned an ID
 between 0 and 7.

3.0 NEW FEATURES

This section briefly describes features that are supported by the HSG80 controller. For more information on these features, see the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Configuration and CLI Reference Guide*.

3.1 External Cache Battery

COMPAQ recommends that you replace the ECB every two years.

If you are shutting down your controller for longer than one day, complete the additional steps in “Shutting Down the Subsystem” in the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Maintenance and Service Guide*. This will prevent the ECB from discharging during planned power outages.

3.2 CLI Commands

ADD CONNECTIONS and SET CONNECTIONS now support the following:

- TRU64_UNIX
- IBM
- SNI
- VMS
- WINNT
- SGI
- HP
- NetWare

3.3 Host Ports

Each controller has two host ports. Refer to the *COMPAQ StorageWorks RA8000/ESA12000 Quick Setup Guide* for information about unit numbering.

4.0 CONFIGURATION RULES

The following list outlines the configuration rules for the controller:

- Maximum 128 visible LUNs/200 assignable unit numbers
- Maximum 512 GB LUN capacity
- Maximum 72 physical devices
- Maximum 20 RAID-5 storagesets
- Maximum 30 RAID-5 and RAID-1 storagesets
- Maximum 45 RAID-5, RAID-1, and RAID-0 storagesets
- Maximum 8 partitions of a storageset or individual disk
- Maximum 6 members per mirrorset
- Maximum 14 members per RAID-5 storageset
- Maximum 24 members per Stripeset
- Maximum 48 physical devices per striped mirrorset
- Maximum 4 server per controller port.

5.0 OPERATING CONSTRAINTS

This section describes the operating constraints for ACS Software Version 8.5. An operating constraint is a limitation placed on the operation of the controller. Other constraints on host adapters or other system components may also apply. Keep these constraints in mind to avoid problems and to help achieve the maximum performance from your controller.

5.1 Using FRUTIL to Insert a New Controller

When using FRUTIL to insert a new controller in a dual-redundant controller configuration, the user will see a new set of instructions after the new controller has been inserted:

If the other controller did not restart, follow these steps:

1. Press and hold the other controller's reset button.

2. Insert the other controller's program card.
3. Release the reset button.

NOTE

Whenever you are running FRUTIL you must quiesce all I/O.

5.2 Dual External Cache Battery Failures

The HSG80 Array Controller cache policy provides for proper handling of a single ECB failure as described in Table 2-8 of the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Configuration and CLI Reference Guide*. For dual ECB failures, Table 2-8 states that no failover occurs. For this release, if a dual ECB failure is detected both controllers will be restarted.

5.3 Fault Management Utility (FMU)

For this release, the number of last failure entries maintained by FMU has been reduced from 16 to 4.

5.4 Disk Geometry Limitations

The Table 3 presents known limitations that certain operating systems have regarding storage unit size.

6.0 SAVING YOUR CONFIGURATION

6.1 Saving a Configuration to Previously Initialized Stagesets

When enabled, the `SAVE_CONFIGURATION` switch allows you to do the following on single-configurations only:

- Save a configuration to a disk or stageset. The configuration may be retrieved later and downloaded onto a replacement controller.
- Retain code patches to the operating software.

If any stageset within your configuration was previously initialized with the `INITIALIZE container-name SAVE_CONFIGURATION` command to save your configuration to disk, it will not be necessary to reconfigure your devices with a new controller. `SAVE_CONFIGURATION` also retains code patch information to the software. This option is supported on single controller configurations only.

ACS Software Version 8.5 saves any installed software patches on disks initialized with the `SAVE_CONFIGURATION` option. Should you need to replace a controller and restore the configuration from a disk, you will not have to reinstall any software patches.

NOTE

You must use the same software version when replacing the controller. You can also hold in port button 6 on the operator control panel, and press the reset button to restore the configuration.

Configuration information cannot be retrieved from storagesets created on other HSx controllers (for example, HSD, HSJ, or HSZ controllers). You can only restore a configuration from a configuration saved on this or another HSG80 array controller.

7.0 AVOIDING PROBLEM SITUATIONS

Under certain conditions, you may experience unusual controller behavior. This section presents information to help you avoid such situations and to recover from them if they occur.

7.1 Adding, Moving, and Changing Devices

The controller maintains a configuration map of a device's type and location. This map is used to communicate with devices. If you add, move, or change a device while the controller is powered off without first changing the controller configuration, the controller is not able to communicate with the changed device when it returns to service.

If a device is removed by mistake while the controller is off, delete all containers associated with the removed device after power has been restored to the controller.

If a device is replaced while the controller is off, remove the device before restoring power to the controller. Correctly remove the current device and add the new device after restoring power to the controller.

See the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Maintenance and Service Guide* for correct device removal and addition procedures.

7.2 Moving Storagesets

Move only normal storagesets. Do not move storagesets that are reconstructing or reduced, or data corruption will result.

7.3 Adding, Moving, and Changing Controllers, Cache Modules, or External Cache Batteries

It is permissible to replace the controller, cache module, or external cache battery while the subsystem is shut down. However, you must enter the SHUTDOWN THIS_CONTROLLER command before shutting the subsystem down to make configuration changes. If two controllers are configured in a dual-redundant configuration, you must first enter the SHUTDOWN OTHER_CONTROLLER command.

These commands instruct the controllers to flush all unwritten data from the cache modules and discontinue all I/O activity. For more information regarding the SET controller command or maintenance and replacement of the controller, cache module, and external cache battery, see the HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Configuration and CLI Reference Guide.

7.4 Establishing a SWCC SCSI Direct Connection

Establishing a SCSI direct connection lists all available drives, including the system drive. You must select a drive that belongs to the HSG80 controller; otherwise the connection will fail.

7.5 Virtual Disk Wizard in Multiple-Bus Failover Mode

In Step 4 of 5 of the *Add Virtual Disk Wizard*, the default value for *host access* is “none.” You must change this to one of the host names provided; otherwise, the virtual disk you have just added will be inaccessible.

8.0 DOCUMENTATION UPDATE

8.1 Maintenance and Service Guide Corrections

The following corrections are for the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.5 Maintenance and Service Guide*.

Add the following part numbers to Table 1-1, The HSG80 Subsystem:

Table 1-1 The HSG80 Subsystem

Item	Description	Part Number
2	Cooling fan, gray	402602-001
14	Disk drive, 4 GB, 7200 Disk drive, 9 GB, 7200 Disk drive, 18 GB, 7200 Disk drive, 9 GB, 10K Disk drive, 18 GB, 10K	402153-001 400289-001 400290-001 402154-001 402229-001
3	Power cable kit, white	401916-001

Add the following part numbers to Table 1-2, HSG80 Fibre Channel Array Controller:

Table 1-2 HSG80 Fibre Channel Array Controller

Item	Description	Part Number
1	Gigabit Link Module (GLM)	402603-001
2	Program card	402604-001
4	Maintenance port cable	402605-001

Add the following part numbers to Table A-1, The HSG80 Subsystem:

Table A-1 The HSG80 Subsystem

Item	Description	COMPAQ Part Number	DIGITAL Part Number
2	Cooling fan, gray	402602-001	FC-BA35X-ML
14	Disk drive, 4 GB, 7200 Disk drive, 9 GB, 7200 Disk drive, 18 GB, 7200 Disk drive, 9 GB, 10K Disk drive, 18 GB, 10K	402153-001 400289-001 400290-001 402154-001 402229-001	FC-RZ1CF-VW FC-RZ1DF-VW FC-RZ1EF-VW FC-RZ1DD-VW FC-RZ1ED-VW
3	Power cable kit, white	401916-001	17-03718-10

Add the following part numbers to Table A-2, HSG80 Fibre Channel Array Controller:

Table A-2 HSG80 Fibre Channel Array Controller

Item	Description	COMPAQ Part Number	DIGITAL Part Number
1	Gigabit Link Module (GLM)	402603-001	70-GLMS1-02
2	Program card	402604-001	BG-RFNUA-BA
4	Maintenance port cable	402605-001	70-32873-02

The following corrections are for the *HSG80 Array Controller Illustrated Parts Map (355217-001/EK-HSG80-MP.A01)*

Correct the following part numbers in the Subsystem Components – Spares List

Item	Description	Spare Part Number
3	Power cable kit, white	401916-001 17-03718-10

8.2 Installation Reference Guide Corrections

Installation Reference Guide, Page 5-3, Section 5.2

Installation reference guide, page 5-3, section 5.2 *Installing the Agent and Configurator*, line 2 should read “From the RA8000_V85_NW\swcc\agent directory, run setup.exe.”

Installation Reference guide, page 5-11 and 5-12

The Edit Storage List Menu has been removed from the configurator. The storage.ini file is created by the Agent when it is loaded.

Installation Reference Guide, Figure 1-11, Page 1-14

You will not see any connection names until you create storagesets and load the CPQFC driver on the NETWARE server.

9.0. StorageWorks Command Console (SWCC)

This portion of the release notes provides application information on Version 2.2 of the Command Console HSG80 Client software suite. Command Console Client, HSG80 Storage Window 2.2 is a feature-rich graphical user interface (GUI) for StorageWorks HSG80, Fibre Channel controllers. This section of the release notes covers the Command Console Storage Manager and CLI Window modules. These modules are referred to within as “Client”.

Document Issues

The term “Command Console” can refer to the Storage Window Manager. It can refer to the entire Command Console product suite and all of its components, or as “the software”.

In this section, Storage Window Manager, paging, and automatic event notification issues are presented to cover situations that Command Console Clients have been installed under an installation that includes a Storage Window Manager.

9.1 Minimum System Configuration

Client requires the minimum system configuration shown in Table 3 to operate:

Table 3 Client Minimum System Configuration Requirements

Feature	Requirement
Architecture	Intel® 486, 66 MHz, 16 MB memory, 1 MB free disk space, CD-ROM drive OR Windows NT-compatible Digital Equipment Corporation Alpha® system, 1 MB free disk space, CD-ROM drive
OS	Windows NT version 4.0 (with Service Pack 5) OR Windows 95 (build 950 or later) or Windows 98 (Service Pack 1)
Monitor	15" VGA
Input devices	Keyboard, mouse
Modem	Hayes-compatible
Fibre channel adapter (for local connection via host bus only)	Fibre Channel PLDA host adapter. Special Windows NT device driver, HSZDISK.SYS, version 4.11 or later required.
Serial port (for connection via serial port only)	Standard, PC serial port capable of at least 9600 baud.
Network adapter	TCP/IP-compatible network card (for network connection only)
Controller compatibility	StorageWorks HSG80 controller running operating software Version 8.5

9.2 Installation Notes

Client Installation Claims System Files Are Out-of-Date, Even After Installing New Files

SWCC 2.x Client software requires at least version 2.20.0.0 of Microsoft's OLEAUT32.DLL file. If the version installed is older than version 2.20.0.0, the SWCC installation will show a dialog box with the following information:

- Systems files are out-of-date.
- It will install new system files.
- Rerun the installation after the system reboots.

With some versions of OLEAUT32.DLL, the version check will fail and InstallShield will not overwrite with the newer file. This action will cause the install to always say that the system files need to be upgraded and to never allow you to install SWCC. To fix this, ensure that a proper version of OLEAUT32.DLL was installed by installing a clean version of the operating system.

Stand-Alone Installations

After doing a stand-alone install of a device-specific Client, exit Command Console before adding or accessing a system with that type of device. Command Console will then recognize the installation

SWCC 1.1B Client Will Not Work if Version 2.x Client Was Already Installed

SWCC 1.1b will malfunction if you already have SWCC 2.x on a Windows NT operating system. The Asynchronous Event Service that comes with SWCC 2.x uses the same port as SWCC 1.1b. SWCC 1.1b can be removed without impacting SWCC or ServerWORKS.

Perform the following to solve this:

1. Uninstall SWCC 1.1b. Ignore the error box that appears.
2. Reboot the computer. The integration for SWCC 1.1b will have been removed.
3. Integrate SWCC 2.x with ServerWORKS.

"There is no disk in the drive" Message

When you install the Command Console Client, the software checks the shortcuts on the desktop and in the Start menu. If you have Windows NT, the installation will check the shortcuts of all users for that computer, even if they are not currently logged on. You may receive an error message if any of these shortcuts point to empty floppy drives, empty CD-ROM drives, or removable disks that are no longer present. Do the following:

- Ignore the error message by clicking Ignore.
- Replace the removable disks, and place a disk in the floppy drive and a CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive. Then, click Retry.

9.3 Uninstall Notes

Command Console Client Uninstall Does Not Remove AsyncEventService Entries

Before uninstalling the Command Console Client, first remove the AsyncEventService entries. This prevents the computer from sending you messages during boot time about a service failing to start.

Under Windows 95 and Windows 98, go into Control Panel | Async Event Service and uncheck "Automatic startup on boot." Under Windows NT, change to the directory to which you installed the Command Console Client, type the following command and then press RETURN:

```
AsyncEventService -remove
```

Then, remove the Command Console Client.

9.4 Clarifications

This section presents clarifications on the behavior of the software in certain situations.

Integration Problems with SWCC and Insight Manager

Starting with Insight Manager version 4.23, the HSG80 controller can be monitored and managed from Insight Manager. Insight Manager includes the HSG80 controller and its status on the Insight Manager storage display. Insight Manager can also launch the SWCC HSG80 Storage Window to manage storage connected to the HSG80 controller.

When the HSG80 Storage Window is opened within Insight Manager, the Storage Window that supports ACS version 8.4 and earlier is launched. The Storage Window will work correctly as long as it is used with HSG80 controllers that have ACS 8.4 or earlier. The HSG80 Storage Window that opens within Insight Manager does not support ACS 8.5 or later. Undesirable results may occur if this Storage Window is used with HSG80 controllers that have ACS 8.5 or later.

Cautions When Configuring from a Configuration File

When reconfiguring a storage subsystem from a configuration file, the program prompts you to choose whether or not the program initializes your virtual disks. You must choose the appropriate option or you risk the loss of your data as the configuration file is loaded and your subsystem is reconfigured.

- Do not initialize virtual disks—Choose this option when your virtual disks contain valuable user data, and you wish to retain that data. You might, for instance, need to replace a failed subsystem component such as a controller or cache module. In this case, your subsystem configuration must be transferred to the new hardware, but you do not wish to change any information on your storage devices themselves.
- Initialize virtual disks—Choose this option when your virtual disks do not contain user data, or when you do not care if the data on them is lost. You might use this option when configuring a storage subsystem from scratch, to make it match the configuration in your configuration file.

Virtual Disk Recovery from a Configuration File

Note that when you delete a virtual disk, the disk's member drives are all reinitialized and any user data is lost. You cannot restore the virtual disk's data by reconfiguring your subsystem from a configuration file. A configuration file contains only information about the structure of a virtual disk and does not contain the disk's data itself.

Warning Message Windows

The controller software responds to problems in parsing and executing commands from Client and Agent by returning a message window entitled "Warning". The content of such messages may contain such indications as "Command Execution Error," along with pertinent detailed information.

These messages are simply passed through for display by Client and Agent and are normally associated with problems in the controller. However, sometimes "Command Execution Error" does indicate a problem with SWCC.

Virtual Disk Maximum Capacity

The maximum capacity of RAID-based virtual disks is determined by the capacity of the smallest member, not the largest.

- The maximum capacity of RAID 0 virtual disks is equal to the number of members times the capacity of the *smallest* member.
- The maximum capacity of RAID 1 virtual disks is equal to the capacity of the *smallest* member.
- The maximum capacity of RAID 0+1 virtual disks is equal to the number of members in one stripe times the capacity of the *smallest* mirrorset member.
- The maximum capacity of RAID 3/5 virtual disks is equal to the number of members minus one times the capacity of the *smallest* member.

Operating System Considerations

Client provides a graphical interface that replaces your controller's CLI interface. It cannot, however, perform all operating system configuration necessary to make your subsystem's virtual disks visible to the user in the operating system.

When you create or delete virtual disks using either the CLI or Client, you are adding or removing "disks" in the subsystem in a manner similar to plugging or unplugging physical disk drives on the host bus. In either case, there are certain operating system configuration actions you must perform to make these "disks" visible or invisible to the operating system's file system. Refer to your networkware's user guide for instructions on evaluation network partitions.

ServerWORKS Connections

You can manually configure any Agent to send SNMP traps to a host running Digital Equipment Corporation's ServerWORKS by editing the *client.ini* file. Edit the file to include the ServerWORKS host name and SNMP notification.

Running Client via Network Connections

You can operate Client over PPP, SLIP, or RAS network connections. Be aware though, that some restrictions on features exist. See *Operating Constraints*.

Display in VGA Mode

There are numerous issues involving the use of Client on a system with standard, VGA resolution. The Storage window requires a minimum amount of screen space to properly display its contents. When you use VGA display resolution, screen space becomes more limited. It is highly recommended that you use Client with a minimum of SVGA (800x600) display resolution.

If you must use VGA resolution, consider the following suggestions:

- If you are running under Windows 95, enable the Auto Hide feature for the Task Bar. This feature provides more screen space when the Task Bar is not being used.
- You may not be able to see the scroll bars on the bottom of the display. You can use the Storage window's menu settings to remove the toolbar from the display to make room for the bottom scroll bars.
- If you are using Client with a 24-device, high-availability enclosure, it may be easier to configure the subsystem if you set the system type to *Generic* for configuration purposes. Return the setting to *High-Availability 24-Device Pedestal* for monitoring and viewing.

Tuning Fault Notification

For faster fault notification, remove any unused host system names in the *client.ini* file for each of your Agent programs. Inactive systems may force timeouts that slow Client response to your commands.

Also, ensure that you are not using event notification while using RAS connections. See "Delayed Event Notification on RAS Connections" in the next section, for more details.

Operating Parameters of Partition Virtual disks

Keep in mind that virtual disks based on partitions on any container are all closely related. They all share the same target and operating parameters of the container. If you change any of this information for one partition on the container, it automatically changes for all the partitions on that container.

9.5 Operating Constraints

This section describes the operating constraints for the software. An operating constraint is a limitation placed on the operation of the controller by the nature of its design. Keep these constraints in mind, to avoid problems and to help you to get the maximum performance from your controller.

Compatibility Among Product Versions

CAUTION
Pay particular attention to the instructions below for uninstalling existing Client and Agent components from your local system. Failure to remove existing components before installation may result in Windows Registry corruption.

Version 2.x software components are not compatible with Version 1.1 components, and operation with mixed components is not supported. You must uninstall your Version 1.1 software, including Clients and Agents, before you install Version 2.x components. Use the instructions that came with your Version 1.x software to uninstall it.

Before you install your new Client software, you must uninstall any existing version 2.x CLI Window. Use the Windows NT or Windows 95 “Add/Remove Programs” feature or the instructions that came with your existing software to uninstall it. The installation program will install a newer CLI Window version in your old version’s place.

Note that, in configurations with existing version 2.x components, you need not remove the Navigation Tree components. You also need not remove any Storage Window components other than one matching the one you wish to install. The installation program will install your new Client Storage and CLI Windows seamlessly under your existing Navigation Tree.

Failover Mode Set in CLI

Client is intended to be used to configure and monitor your storage only, and there are some functions available in the CLI that are not available in graphic form in the GUI. If you wish to use your controller’s multiple-bus failover mode, you must enable and control that function via the CLI.

Also, if you wish to use virtual disk preferencing in multiple-bus failover mode, you must set your virtual disk preferences via the CLI when you set the failover mode.

Some Features Dependent upon Connection Type

Because of the nature of the connections you can use between Client and your subsystems, the features available with each connection type vary slightly. Some connection types impose limitations on Client's features, as noted in Table 4

Table 4 Feature Limitations

Feature Connection Type	Create virtual disk	Delete virtual disk	Fault Events: Client Visual Notification	Fault Events: Paging Notification	Fault Events: NT Event Logging	Email Notification (UNIX/VMS only)
Local Serial Connection (Navigation Tree and Agent not used)	Supported	Supported	Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported
Local SCSI Bus Connection (Navigation Tree and Agent not used)	Supported	Supported	Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported
Local Network Connection (Client and Agent running on the same host)	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
Remote Network Connection (Client running on a PC remote from Agent on a host)	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
Remote RAS Connection (Client running on a remote PC with a dialup network connection)	Supported but not recommended. Followup operating system configuration cannot be performed remotely	Supported but not recommended. Followup operating system configuration cannot be performed remotely	Supported reliably only while RAS intact. Some events may be missed while dialup connection is broken.	Supported reliably only while RAS intact. Some events may be missed while dialup connection is broken.	Supported reliably at host end only. Some events may be missed at Client end while dialup connection is broken.	Supported

Delayed Event Notification on RAS Connections

Visual fault notification, paging, and NT Event Logging may be delayed significantly in situations where RAS connections are used for multiple Clients. An Agent with multiple Clients in its *client.ini* file must poll each Client whenever a fault occurs. Any Clients not currently network-connected significantly delay this process, because Agent must wait for their connections to time out before moving on to the other Clients.

To avoid this situation, set the *notification_method* parameter for each Client in the *client.ini* file to “0”, to defeat event fault notification.

CLI RUN Commands

Do not issue RUN commands in the CLI Window. Use only a maintenance terminal connection to issue RUN commands.

Creating Partition Units Across Targets or Ports

Be aware that the name you pick for a unit assigns it to a particular host bus target. If you create a unit from free space on a device, the program forces you use a unit name that puts the unit on the same host target as the other partitions on the device.

On dual-port controllers, partitions on the same device that are assigned to different host ports are not supported.

Maximum Members Dependent upon Virtual Disk Type

The maximum number of members allowed in a RAID-based virtual disk is dependent on the disk type. However, concatenated sets are now available for JBOD's, stripes and Raid 3/5 sets.

- JBOD virtual disks—maximum of one member. JBOD's may now be expanded to two disks if concatenated sets are used.
- Striped virtual disks—maximum of 24 members
- Mirrored virtual disks—maximum of 6 members
- Striped mirrored virtual disks—maximum of 48 members
- Parity virtual disks—maximum of 14 members

Maximum Number of Active Connections Limited

The controller maintains a table of host port connections that can contain up to 64 named connections. Only 8 of those connections can be active (that is, “on line”) at any time, however. Client shows only those connections that the controller recognizes as “on line”.

Avoiding Problem Situations

In certain situations and under specific conditions, you may experience unusual behavior with the software. This section presents information to help you avoid such situations and to recover from them if they occur.

Enable Read-ahead Cache Before Enabling Write-back Cache

The controller requires that read-ahead cache mode is enabled before you can enable write-back cache mode.

Incomplete Scans Cause Connection Loss

For proper display of subsystem status, Client performs a “scan” to collect information about your storage subsystems. The program displays scan progress screens while the process occurs. In some, rare situations, you may experience incomplete scans or scans that appear to hang. In these cases, the likely cause is that Client has lost its connection with the virtual disk it was using for communication with your subsystem.

This problem may show up with either local SCSI or network connections.

To remedy this situation, you must first restart both of your controllers, followed by restarting Client and Agent. If the system still does not operate properly, you must reboot your host system. If your host is running Windows NT®, you must ensure that the special device driver, HSZDISK.SYS, is installed and running properly after it is booted.

Mirrored Cache Mode Not Retained After Configuration Restore

If you restore your controller configuration from a configuration file, the mirrored cache setting may not be properly enabled. You must restore the mirrored cache setting manually, using a CLI Window.

Error Message on Exiting Storage Window

Under certain conditions, when you exit a Storage Window, you may experience an “Illegal Operation Error” message. You may ignore this message.

Inappropriate Error Message on Device Delete

If you select a disk, then chose Device/Delete, a dialog box may appear, asking “Are you sure?” If you choose the “NO” option, the message “Nothing selected to delete!” is displayed. You may ignore this message.

Storage Window Corruption After Making/Removing Spare Device

If you select a disk and make it a spare (using either menu or context menu options), then remove the device as a spare, some information in the Storage Window may be left corrupted. To reconstruct the window, you must exit the window and open a new one.

Cache Policy Not Shown in Controller Properties Sheet

The controller cache policy may not be properly shown in the controller properties sheet. The field may be blank. You must use a CLI Window to obtain the cache policy setting.

Incorrect Capacity Shown in Add Virtual Disk Wizard

In some circumstances, in Step 3 of the Add Virtual Disk Wizard, if you specify a capacity greater than the available disk capacity, an error message results. If you back up to Step 2 of the Wizard and return to Step 3, the correct capacity is then displayed. An attempt to move to Step 4 of the Wizard at this point, however, results in the same error message, even though the correct capacity is shown.

To complete your virtual disk, you must exit the Wizard and attempt to recreate the virtual disk.

Storage Window Corruption While Deleting a Virtual Disk

In some circumstances, if you delete and confirm deletion of a RAID-based virtual disk, a “Subsystem Connection Status” window may be displayed, and the Storage Window goes blank. The Storage Window may remain blank for several seconds until the “Subsystem Connection Status” window disappears.

Application Errors When Restarting Agent

You may experience an “application error” error when attempting to restart Agent after manually changing the Agent configuration files. Either of the following issues may be the cause:

- The *client.ini* file must end with a carriage return. If any other character terminates the file, it may cause an application error.
- The *storage.ini* file must not end with a carriage return. If a carriage return terminates the file, it may cause an application error.

Client Access Changes Not In Effect

After manually editing or changing the Agent *client.ini* file with a configurator program, you may notice that your Clients’ access has not changed. To place your changes in effect, you must restart Agent after editing any of the Agent configuration files.

Reconfiguration After Controller Replacement

If you replace either of the controllers in your subsystem, you must reconfigure your Agent *storage.ini* file to match the serial numbers of the new hardware. See your Agent documentation for details on reconfiguring your *storage.ini* file.

Storage Window Won’t Open

If you cannot open a Storage Window from the Navigation Tree or in standalone mode, the *client.ini* ACCESS_ALLOWED parameter for your Client is probably set to “0”, disabling Storage Window access. Use the Agent configuration script or edit the *client.ini* file to enable access to the subsystem.

Configuration File Deleted on Reinstallation or Upgrade

Make sure to save a copy of the current *swcc2.mdb* file to another directory if you intend to reinstall or upgrade Client. If you uninstall the program, you may inadvertently delete the *swcc2.mdb* file. This file contains your configuration of host systems and storage subsystems used in the Navigation Tree window display.

To reinstate your current Navigation Tree window configuration after installing a new version of Command Console, copy your saved *swcc2.mdb* file back to the directory in which you installed Command Console.

Invalid Network Port Numbers During Installation

During Client or Agent installation, you may experience an error if the installation program cannot find an acceptable pair of network port numbers.

Your Client uses Windows sockets (sometimes called “network ports”) to communicate with its Agents. The socket numbers at the Client and Agent ends must match for network communication to occur.

In Windows NT, the socket numbers are assigned in the *services* file in the *\winnt\system32\drivers\etc* subdirectory. In Windows 95 and Windows 98, the socket numbers are assigned in the *services* file in the *\windows* directory. In UNIX-based systems, the socket numbers are assigned in the *services* file in the */etc* subdirectory. In the unlikely event that you experience a conflict with the socket numbers, you may edit the file manually.

There are two default socket numbers, one for Command Console (4998) and the other for the HS series Client and Agent (4999). If you are installing either Client or Agent and these numbers are already taken by another application; the installation program prompts to warn you that you must choose another pair.

To select another pair for Client, open the file containing the sockets in an ASCII editor, after you have installed Client. Pick two numbers above 1023 that are not already used in the file, and add the following two lines:

```
spgui          number1/tcp # StorageWorks® Command
Console
spagent        number2/tcp # StorageWorks® Command
Console
```

Note that the port numbers that you select must match the port numbers used by all of the Clients to which you wish to connect your Agent.

Error on First Attempt to Make Connection

You may experience a system error such as a “Command Execution Error” on your first attempt to make a network connection using the Storage Window. If this happens, try the connection again, and it will succeed.

Client Hangs when Virtual Disk Deleted

If Client is monitoring a particular subsystem, and you delete the virtual disk being used to communicate with that subsystem, the program may hang. To delete the virtual disk Client is using for communications with an Agent, you must first reassign another virtual disk as the communications LUN, using the

Agent configurator.

If you are using the Command Console LUN (CCL) as your communications LUN, and you disable it, Client may lose its connection with your subsystem. If you wish to disable the communication LUN, you must first reassign another virtual disk as the communications LUN.

Missing Tabs in Search Menu in Help

When you select the Search button in Command Console Help, Windows Help may not display an Index or Find Tab.

To prevent this problem, delete any hidden files with a .GID extension that are in the Command Console directory. The WinHelp engine uses .GID files to construct the Index and Find Tabs. If the files are corrupted, the engine may not display one or both of the tabs. Deleting the files causes the engine to reconstruct the .GID files.

Invalid Cache Errors

Your controller module, cache module, and subsystem devices all contain configuration information used to keep their activity synchronized. This data is called *metadata*. The controller software reports an invalid cache error on the affected controller in situations in which there is a mismatch between the metadata in the controller module and a cache module containing unwritten data. This mismatch can result in loss of the unwritten cache data if the error is not cleared properly.

CAUTION

Use extreme care in responding to the Command Console invalid cache error prompt. If you inappropriately instruct the program to delete unwritten cache data, you may lose valid user data.

Client displays a message and prompt box when an invalid cache error occurs. You must tell the program whether or not to delete unwritten cache data as the error is cleared. If you are not familiar with the proper treatment of unwritten cache data, see the information in the on-line Help documentation under the topic "Invalid Cache Errors."

Communications Failure on Power up with Low Batteries

If the battery in your cache is discharged when you power up the controller, the controller may produce an invalid cache error. If you are using Client as your controller interface at that time, the error may prevent communication with the controller. In this case, the controller status bar in Client changes to yellow, and the program displays a window containing error information.

To clear the error, you must exit Client and use a normal controller maintenance terminal to issue the `CLEAR ERRORS INVALID_CACHE` command before you can use the controller. See your controller documentation for instructions on use of the `CLEAR ERRORS INVALID_CACHE` command.

If the battery remains low, the invalid cache error may reappear. In this case, you can operate your controller with reduced capability, or you can change its cache policy to get around its built-in battery protection, although at some risk to your data. Refer to your controller documentation for details on its cache policy controls.

After you have cleared the invalid cache error, you can use either a normal maintenance terminal or Client as your controller interface.

Lost Connections Cause Invalid or Missing Fault Displays and Event Logs

Client receives notification for most types of changing subsystem fault conditions on the next monitor interval after they occur. You may experience invalid or lost notifications in situations in which Client's connection with its subsystems is broken. Any Windows NT Event Logs that might have occurred while the connection was broken are also lost.

If the connection between Client and its subsystems is broken for any reason, Client may continue to display faults that are cleared while the connection is broken. Similarly, faults that occur while the connection is broken are not displayed at all.

To avoid lost fault indications, make sure that Client's connections with its subsystems are monitored and maintained. To reestablish a connection with a storage subsystem, you must exit and restart Client.

Broken connections can occur for a variety of reasons:

- For RAS connections—It is the nature of a RAS connection that it is not a full-time connection. Events that occur during a period when the RAS connection is not made are not logged to Windows NT's Event Logging facility.

- For serial controller connections—Bad or missing serial cable. To repair this situation, plug in or replace the cable.
- For host port SCSI connections—Bad or missing SCSI host cable, no LUNs configured on controller on Client startup.
- For network connections—Agent missing or not running, network discontinuity, Agent not properly configured for your Clients.
- THIS controller halted, reset or hung—To repair this situation, restart or replace THIS controller.
- The virtual disk being used for communications with the storage subsystem is no longer available.

No Agent Notification Causes Invalid or Missing Fault Displays

For some types of faults, Agent does not send Client notification of changes in status as they occur. Client displays whatever fault information it last received. Following are three situations in which a fault can occur without immediate display in Client:

- The OTHER controller fails or is shut down.
- A cache battery on either controller fails or goes low.
- A cache module fails.
- A fan fails
- A power supply fails

In all of these cases, you can get current status by viewing the subsystem in question using the REFRESH option in the View menu.

Incompatibility with Windows 95 Monitor Energy Saver Mode

If you are using Windows 95, do not use the “energy saver” (low power) monitor mode available with some monitors and graphics adapters. Your system may lock up with a blank screen when the energy saver mode is activated. You may use any screen saver you wish with Command Console.

Manual Restart Required in Some Situations

In some situations in multiple-bus mode, both controllers must be restarted to properly continue subsystem operation. In most cases, this function is automatically performed by the software. If only one controller in a dual-redundant pair restarts, however, you must manually restart the other controller.

Reservation Conflict

Agent will discard reserved LUNs from its list of devices to be statused. The reservation conflict will be recorded for each reserved LUN in the system error log. A notification will appear in the log for each LUN reserved. In addition to the system's binary error log (Tru64 UNIX), an error message will also be recorded in the daemon.log file. An example of the error message is "Device *lunName* is reserved and cannot be statused by steamd." This only applies to Agent during its current run. If Agent is restarted without either a) releasing the reservation or b) rescanning the bus, the reservation conflict will be recorded again each time Agent is restarted.

For **prior Agent releases**, to avoid filling the binary error log, Agent must be stopped and restarted with bus scan enabled. Agent will not record the reserved LUN in the storage.ini file, and will not status the reserved LUN.

Multi-agent Functionality

With the current Agent and the direct SCSI connect Client, several Agents and direct connect Clients can talk to the same controller. Only one will access the controller at a time, with the others being blocked until the current request is serviced. The multi-agent functionality will work with any controller with ACS version 8.5+. This functionality is provided by the controller which the Agent software takes advantage of.

Problems will still be encountered if running in a heterogeneous environment, for example, running multiple agents or communicating with a combination of HSZ70 and HSG80s. It is recommended that only one Agent be running in such a heterogeneous configuration. The multi-agent functionality is not available in the Novell Netware Agent.

Switching SCSI Modes

When switching HSG80 controllers from SCSI-3 to SCSI-2 mode, the host system should be rebooted after the change is made. This will clear any unclaimed SCSI-3 CCL devices from the system. Failure to clear devices can cause erratic Agent behavior or crash the NT system (BSOD). It is also recommended that you reboot when changing from SCSI-2 to SCSI-3 mode.

Add Virtual Disk Wizard Cache Functionality

The Add Virtual Disk Wizard allows you to try to add a unit that has readahead cache enabled while read cache is disabled. This is an invalid action. The controller will not allow the “add unit” to execute. The result is a storageset without an attached unit. This “orphaned” storageset may be used to create a new unit by returning to the Add Virtual Disk Wizard and adding a unit of the same redundancy level as the failed unit.

Ensure that you do not check Enable readahead cache if Enable read cache is unchecked. Refer to Step four of the Add Virtual Disk Wizard.

Add Virtual Disk Wizard – Partitioned Units and Ports Functionality

The Add Virtual Disk Wizard allows you to choose a port when adding a unit based upon a partitioned set that is different from the port of a current unit that is using the same partition.

Ensure that you use a LUN Id that corresponds to units that have already been used for a partitioned storageset. For example, if a unit using a partitioned set has a LUN Id below 100 (e.g., D55), then the subsequent units should also be below 100. Likewise, if a LUN Id is 100 or above, subsequent LUN Ids should also be above 100.

LUN Id is set on Step 4 of the Add Virtual Disk Wizard.

Host Non-descriptive Error Message

If the host machine running the Storage Window is not in the client.ini file of an Agent and attempts to access that Agent, a non-descriptive error message is returned. For example, “Cannot establish communication with ‘77FORD’ ”. [Socket message is incorrect type.]

Multiple Connections in Controller Properties Connections Tab

When paging through more than 8 connections in the Controller Properties window Connections Tab and then pressing the Previous button to return to previous pages, some of the host id & adapter id labels may disappear. This will not affect functionality.

Selecting Disk Drives When Creating Snapshots

When creating a snapshot, if you select disk drives of different sizes, Storage Windows reports the size erroneously. Storage Window adds all selected devices together for selected capacity. The selected capacity is actually the smallest drive multiplied by the quantity of drives selected. Storage Windows will allow you to proceed when you have inadequate storage selected. When you select drives of different sizes, you should calculate the selected storage by multiplying the smallest drive by the quantity of drives selected. If you select drives of the same size, this feature functions properly.

Client DNS Setup Application Error

You must ensure that your client DNS is set up correctly. In some situations, Storage Window will get an application error if the Host of the Agent exists but cannot be reached directly by the Client machine.

Expand Option Not Implemented

The Expand Unit option is not implemented in ACS Version 8.5.

Agent Failure using Multiple Storage Windows

If the Agent fails while you have multiple Storage Windows connected to different subsystems, you may not be able to close the Storage Window. When this occurs, close the Storage Window by using Windows Task Manager.

Windows 98 Message

When using the Storage Window with Windows 98, you may see the following message: could not acquire SWCC.MGR.1 object.

This message will continue to appear after each scan during your Windows session. You can continue using the Storage Window because the message does not affect functionality. However, to avoid getting this message again, you can reboot Windows 98. This problem is rare and is limited to Windows 98.

9.7 Command Console Client Troubleshooting

Authorization Error when Adding the Server to the SWCC Navigation Tree

If you receive an authorization error when you add an agent system to the Navigation Tree, your client system may be missing from the Agent's list of client system entries. If you have more than one type of Agent installed on that agent system, the name of your client system must be on each Agent's list of client system entries.

Help Files Still Appear After Uninstall

After you have uninstalled a storage subsystem Client, its help files will still appear. Delete the CCONSOLE.GID file, which may be hidden (Windows Explorer|View|Options|View). This file will regenerate the next time you use the Client's help files.

Some Graphics Do Not Scale Well with Large Fonts

It is recommended that small fonts be displayed when using the SWCC client software on Windows 95 and Windows NT. Some of the graphics do not scale as well when large fonts are used.

Windows 95 Memory Leak

When you run SWCC on Windows 95, the operating system will gradually increase its use of memory, especially when SWCC opens and closes a large number of sockets. Microsoft has released an upgraded version of kernel32.dll that corrects this situation. This file is available from the following website:

www.microsoft.com/windows95/downloads/contents/wuadmintools/s_wunetworkingtools/w95kernel32/default.asp

The following is the name of the file:

kernel32.dll version 4.00.951 (7/29/97, 337016 bytes) or later

NOTE:

Microsoft may not support the Kernel32 upgrades on all versions of Windows 95. Check Microsoft's website to determine if it is supported for your operating system revision and language kit. Do not install the kernel32 upgrade unless Microsoft supports it.

9.8 Troubleshooting Connection and Access Problems

This section documents known connection problems and suggests some solutions. SWCC is a TCP/IP socket-based application. As a result, SWCC requires that each node running a SWCC Client or Agent must have access to a valid hosts file or Domain Name Service (DNS) server. The valid hosts file must include at least the system itself and any other systems running a SWCC Client or Agent that it will connect to.

Dynamic Internet Protocol Address Allocation Not Supported

SWCC will not work properly if the client systems or agent systems are obtaining an IP address dynamically. This is because the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is not supported. RAS servers and IP tunneling servers are supported only if they are configured to nondynamic IP addresses.

WINS Not Supported

Windows Internet Name Service (WINS) is a name resolution service available for Windows NT, Windows 98, and Windows 95. SWCC does not support WINS. Each system, using SWCC, must have access to either a DNS server or a valid hosts file.

Access Denied Problem

This section covers some of the most common reasons for a Client to receive an "Access Denied" message when it attempts to add an agent system to the Navigation Tree.

Client System Not on Agent's List

The client system is probably not on the authorized client system list for the Agent. For information on how to add the client system to an Agent's list of client system entries, please refer to the User Guide.

Multiple Agents

If the agent system is running multiple SWCC Agents (for example, to support different controller types) then the client system must be authorized for all Agents. If the client system is missing from any authorized Client list of an Agent, then that Agent cannot be added to the Navigation Tree.

Aliases Not Checked

When SWCC Agents scan the Client authorization list, they do not check aliases. The entry in the Client authorization list must match that returned by a `gethostbyaddr` call in the hostent `h_name` field. SWCC will not walk the hostent alias list to check if an alias may match the Client authorization list.

Entry in the Client Authorization List Does Not Match

Generally, the entry in the Client authorization list for an Agent must match what `gethostbyaddr(<client IP address>)` will return in the hostent `h_name` field when `gethostbyaddr(<client IP address>)` is executed on the Agent system. If hosts files are not exactly the same on all systems, the `h_name` returned may vary on different Agent systems. For example,

```
xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx    client.somewhere.com  client
will return client.somewhere.com in the h_name field, but
xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx    client                client.somewhere.com
will return client in the h_name field.
```

In some situations, you can configure the way a system uses DNS and its local hosts file. Please refer to your system documentation to find how your system is configured. Some systems may be configured to do the following:

- Check its local hosts file first, then go to DNS.
- Go to DNS first, then check its local hosts file.
- Ignore DNS even if configured.
- Ignore the local hosts file.

The best way to verify what needs to be used for a Client name in the Client authorization list is to write a program that runs on the agent system and prints the `h_name` field returned by `gethostbyaddr(<client IP address>)`. Remember the dynamic IP address allocation is not supported.

Add New System by Using Internet Protocol Address Crashes

The SWCC Client may crash when you attempt to add a system by using the agent system's Internet protocol (IP) address rather than the agent system's node name. This occurs when the client system does not have a DNS server configured that knows the agent system, and the agent system is not in the client system's hosts file. To correct this situation, add the agent system to the hosts file on the client system.

If you receive an "Invalid host" or "Host not known" message when you attempt to connect to an agent system, the solution is not to try the IP address. Fix your DNS server configuration, or if that is correct, confirm the DNS server knows the agent system. If you are not using DNS, make sure the agent system is in the client system's hosts file. Remember, WINS is not supported by SWCC.

Running" Message When Adding System to the Navigation Tree

When trying to add a new system to the Navigation Tree, you may receive a message, stating "No Agent running on specified system." This message can appear for several reasons. The error most likely occurred as a result of one of the following:

- Wrong system name was entered.
- Agents were not installed on the entered system.
- Agents were installed on a system that stopped functioning.
- The specific Client required to support the Agents, running on the agent system, was not installed. For example, if the agent system only has a Fibre Channel Interconnect Agent and the client system has only a HSZ22 Client, the "No Agent Running" message will appear.

To check if Client support for an Agent had been installed, look at the following registry key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\DigitalEquipmentCorporation\Command Console\AppletManager

You should see a series of keys for supported products.

- Port names and numbers in the services file may be missing or may not match between Client and Agent. This may occur if the default value for a SWCC port was already in use.

If you change the network card on a computer running Windows 98 or Windows 95, your services file may be deleted and replaced by the version on the Windows 98 or Windows 95 distribution kit. In this case, you will need to add the entries required for SWCC.