# **Hardware and Software Requirements**

NetMail/3000 requires an HP3000 computer. Any model (classic or HPPA), running MPE/V or MPE/iX, with the Image/TurboImage database system available. For a stand-alone mail system, this is all the hardware and software required.

For a networked mail system, you will also need the hardware to link the computers and system software to support it. For MPE/V systems, this requires a network interface card (LANIC or INP) and Lanlink/3000 software. For HPPA (MPE/iX) systems, a network interface card is also required, though if the operating system is at least version 3.1, you can use the LANIC interface that is used to support your DTCs for network connections. For older HPPA systems where network usage is anticipated to be very heavy, a second (dedicated) LANIC may be recommended. For HPPA systems, the system software required is the LanLink/iX software. This software comes with NS/3000 services or ARPA services, but can also be obtained separately (much cheaper) if the other capabilities of NS or ARPA are not required. MPE/iX versions 5.0 and later include the LanLink/iX software with FOS, so users on versions 5.0 or later have all the software they need to be fully net-functional.

NetMail/3000 supports any NS/3000 or ARPA/3000 compatible network links. This includes 802.3 or Ethernet LANs, point-to-point or Router links, or public data network X.25 or DDN X.25 links. (NS/3000 is the data communications software for the HP3000 computer systems, called Network Services). NetMail/3000 does not in fact use or interfere with either NS/3000 or ARPA Services products but uses the low-level procedures provided with the "Link" products, which normally come in combination with these products and network hardware.

NetMail/3000 must be resident on every HP3000 system that will be sending or receiving SMTP mail. NetMail/3000 with the HPDesk FSC gateway option (or the DeskLink FSC Gateway stand-alone package) must be present on at least one HP3000 system running HPDesk in a network where the SMTP gateway capability is required.

Though not required, HPPA systems are much more manageable and network capable if running on MPE/iX version 4.0 or better. As of release 4.0, MPE/iX supports a default gateway configured in NMMGR, as well as the utilization of an external Domain Name Server (DNS) if available to resolve system names to internet addresses. This takes a tremendous load off the HP3000 network administrator and allows a much more efficient and capable mail system.

# **Required System Configuration**

This information is not necessarily part of the NetMail/3000 installation, but is provided to aid you in communicating with other computer systems in general. Chances are, if you're not already planning to communicate with other systems, you will need to at some point. The following guidelines give you background information on getting your system to communicate with other systems. Once you've got the systems talking, e-mail will usually flow easily. Again, this information is not part of the required installation for the electronic mail system, so if all you are doing is the software installation, skip past to the section titled "Installation Process".

To communicate between an HP3000 computer system and any other computer system (HP3000 or not), the networking software on the HP3000 must know about the other system. Depending on the type of physical connection you have between the boxes, the complexity of defining the systems varies. An easy guideline however, is that if you can already communicate between the systems from your HP3000 (via DSLINE or DSCOPY or TELNET) then no additional data communications definitions are necessary for NetMail/3000. If you are not already communicating between the systems, the following basic guidelines may help you in setting up the configuration information you need. All data-communications definitions (aside from physically configuring INPs or LANICs) are done with HP's NMMGR program, and detailed instructions for actually performing the configurations are found in HP's Network Manager Reference Manual(s), and are beyond the scope of this manual.

#### **Local Area Networks**

If the system(s) you wish to communicate with are located on the same local area network segment (i.e. all have the same network address), AND the other system(s) support TCP/IP via ethernet or 802.3 then you likely will require no configuration of the system(s) at all on your HP3000. This is because when a user enters a mail address (with another system name in it), the Link (TCP/IP) software will try to find the proper system via low-level network protocols. For other HP systems (HP3000s or HP9000s), and even many other brands of systems, NetMail/3000 will have the LanLink software issue a "PROBE" command on the lan to retrieve the address for a machine name which anyone tries to send mail to. "PROBE" is a part of LAN protocol, and allows any compliant system to merely ask "MACHINE joe.admin.company - where are you?". Machines that support "PROBES" will respond to any probe that references their name and send back a response with their network address. In some cases, you may even designate a machine on your LAN to respond to probes for other machines on your LAN that don't know how to do it themselves. The HP3000 will perform this if you configure it to do so -- this is called "PROBE PROXY". See the Network Manager reference manual for details on how to do this.

A note for users of networked HP3000s that need to communicate with non-HP hosts; you will need to set the "ETHERNET ENABLED" flag in your network configuration. Failure to do this will prevent mail communication with some non-HP hosts, though you may still be able to communicate with HP hosts.

### **Router Links and Gateways**

To establish a "ROUTER" type connection between systems you will have to configure each end point system to know about the other. Having done this, NetMail/3000 will be able to route mail between the two systems without any further data entry or configuration modification. If, however, the other end of the "ROUTER" connection has network connections to other networks (of any type), you will need to designate that system as a "GATEWAY" to NS/3000 (see the Network Manager Reference Manuals). This information is required for any network service to access any remote system this system is connected to -- in this respect NetMail/3000 requires no additional configuration -- you need to do this anyway if you plan on talking to these systems at all.

Where you can save some time, however, is that NS/3000 does not need to know about EVERY single machine on that network if your HP3000 will not be otherwise communicating with them (PCs or non-HP CPUs for example). In these cases, all NS/3000 needs to know are the network portions of the addresses that it can get to.

For those unfamiliar with network addressing, any machine's address on a network is typically made up of four (4) parts, each part typically a number in the range of 0 to 255, and by convention addresses are written with a period (.) between the digits. For example:

10.0.0.1 or 126.18.0.109

Without getting too in-depth, usually either the first number, first two numbers, or first three numbers are the "network address", with the remaining numbers being left to define host systems on that network ("host addresses"). The rules for defining how much of an address is a network address, and how much is a host address are beyond the scope of this manual, but keep in mind that as you enter "reachable nodes" in NMMGR (see the Network Manager Reference manual), you need only define the network portion of the address (not each unique combination of network and host) \*IF\* you are only going to communicate via NetMail/3000 and not with other NS/3000 services. (This may not sound very useful, but if you are tied to a large public or private network this can be a tremendous time saver).

### X.25 Networks for MPE/iX 4.0+ systems

If your system is a 900 series (HPPA) system and you are running version 4.0 or later of MPE/iX, the operating system will support both a Domain Name Server (DNS) and a default gateway. If you have access to a system that will provide these services for you, then you will find that wide-area network communications (including electronic mail) will be quite painless.

A Domain Name Server is a computer (typically either a Unix system or a workstation or PC running a DNS package) which can dynamically "look up" the internet address for any valid internet-style computer name. MPE/iX systems running release iX 4.0 or later will automatically use such a computer to find computers on a network if it has been configured. (The service is con-

figured via a configuration file in the NET.SYS group which defines the name of your "domain" and the internet address of the machines that provide domain name services for your domain.) If you configure your HP3000 to use a DNS, then you don't need to configure any machines (except for systems which have mail redirected by MX records). The DNS resolver built into the HP3000 only finds "A" records.

Also, for iX 4.0 or later systems, a "default gateway" configuration in the NMMGR reachable networks is supported. Consult your NS/3000 configuration manuals (specifically the Network Planning and Configuration Guide) for details on how to set this up. Basically, this tells the 3000 to automatically route any outbound network communications through the specified system if the 3000 doesn't already know how to get to whatever destination system is specified. A "default gateway" can be a Unix system running BGP, HELLO, RIP, EGP, or similar protocols, or a dedicated router or some similar network device familiar with the network routing/resolution protocols.

### X.25 Networks for MPE/V or pre iX 4.0 systems

For X.25 networks or other wide area networks (such as the Internet) where your system is either a "classic" HP3000, or a HPPA system running an operating system prior to 4.0, you have to define all the remote systems with which you wish to access NS/3000 services in your NMMGR configuration. If you already have an existing network, you have probably already done this. Unlike LANs, X.25 networks don't support "PROBE's, so all systems need to be defined if you wish NS/3000 to be able to find them. However, as mentioned before, if the only communications path you will have with a given system is via NetMail/3000, you need not define its individual address to NS/3000. You will, however, have to enter the name and address of the system in NetMail/3000's database (which doesn't require any kind of network or system interruption). Note, however, that once a system calls your system, it's name and address is recorded for you, so that if a system contacts yours before you have entered its name and address, it will have been done for you.

For systems on a public network that require routing through some gateway on the public network, you will need to configure the gateway system in NS/3000, and define the network address on the list of "reachable nodes" in your NMMGR screens for that gateway.

If you communicate with a large number of remote systems via X.25, an undocumented feature of NS/3000 (available to most MPE/V as well as MPE/iX systems prior to 4.0) known as a "default gateway" is available. A default gateway configuration can save you from entering potentially thousands of network addresses in your system configuration. (As of this writing the feature is available on both MPE/V and MPE/iX but not documented in NS manuals. If you wish to find out about this feature, contact HP's response center or 3k Associates tech support.)

### **Installation Process**

All 3k software products install automatically by simply restoring one job stream from the installation tape, inserting appropriate passwords into it and streaming it. The installation job automatically determines whether you are in stalling the software for the first time or are updating to a new software release. The steps are:

Note: If this is an update (you already have existing NetMail/3000, Pop Server/3000, or DeskLink software) verify that there are no users accessing files in the THREEK account. Then mount a blank tape or DAT and :STORE @.@.THREEK before you begin the new installation.

- 1) Log on as MANAGER.SYS
- 2) Issue a file equation for your tape drive: **:FILE THREEK;DEV=TAPE** (for magnetic tape or DAT users) (or) **:FILE THREEK;DEV=CTAPE** (for cartridge tape systems)
- 3) :RESTORE \*THREEK;THREEKLD.PUB.SYS;SHOW (You should see one file restored.)
- 4)Use your favorite text editor and modify the first line of the file (THREEKLD.PUB.SYS) to include the appropriate passwords, -OR- simply remove the passwords from MANAGER.SYS,PUB for the duration of the installation process and replace them when done. If you have a third party security system installed, make sure you have enabled logon access for MGR.THREEK and MANAGER.SYS.
- 5) **:STREAM THREEKLD.PUB.SYS** (You will see informative messages on the console reporting the progress of the software installation or update.)

When the job(s) have completed, you will see a message reporting that the software was successfully installed. *If this is a DEMO version you downloaded over the Internet, you now need to ACTIVATE your software (see Step 7). DEMOs received on tape or DAT are already activated and ready to run at this point.* 

If you need to have your demo activated:

6) Call your 3k software distributor. See the table below for contact information. Your dis-
tributor will provide you with the instructions to validate your software over the phone, by fax, or
via e-mail. Let them know you have a NetMail/3000 product demonstration and need it validated.
Be sure to let them know whether you're using the HPDesk gateway (DeskLink) as well.

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#### **NOTE**

If this is a new installation, you will probably want to review some of NetMail/3000's

control settings and set them according to your site's preferences before "opening up" the mail system for your users. See section 3 for the various management options and settings.

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The installation process will restore all the files from the "THREEKX" account on your tape into the "THREEK" account on your system. If the "THREEK" account does not exist, the installation job will set it up with all the required attributes for you.

For new NetMail/3000 installations where <u>Security\*3000</u> from VESoft or <u>Security/Plus</u> from USS is installed you may want to run the appropriate auto-load program which will automatically create mailboxes for all users defined in those systems (saving you from creating them manually). See chapter 3 of the NetMail/3000 Administrators guide for assistance in running VE2MAIL (for Security\*3000 sites) or PMS2MAIL (for Security/Plus sites).

To contact your 3k distributor:

#### **Table 2: 3k Associates Distributors**

North America: 3k Associates, Inc. Ph: 1 800 Net-Mail or +1 703 569-9189 Fax: +1 703 451-3720 Hours: 9AM-8PM Eastern US Time E-mail: support-us@3k.com	Europe: Entrix Computing, Ltd. Ph:+44 (1480) 414 131 Fax: +44 (1480) 414134 Hours: 8:30AM-5:30PM GMT E-Mail: support-europe@3k.com
Pacific Rim: Elmtree Software Pty Ltd. Ph: +61 3 247 4263 Fax: +61 3 247 4263 E-Mail: support-pacific@3k.com	All Other Countries: 3k Associates, Inc. Ph: 1 800 Net-Mail or +1 703 569-9189 Fax: +1 703 451-3720 Hours: 9AM-8PM Eastern US Time

# Starting the Mailman Job

To allow inter-system electronic mail transfers, local mailing list processing, and/or the other ARPA services that NetMail/3000 supports, you will need to launch the "NET-MAIL.JOB.THREEK" job stream or if you are using the DeskLink gateway, you stream "DESKLINK.JOB.THREEK" instead. This job logs on as "NETMAIL,SERVER.THREEK" or "DESKLINK,SERVER3K.HPOFFICE" (if you are using the DeskLink HPDesk FSC gateway option), and will need to be logged on at all times while any of the above services might be used (shutting down the job for system backups is a good idea however so that the mail database gets backed up).

You will need to copy this job to a secure location and insert the proper passwords if you do not have a system security package that allows submission of job streams without embedded passwords. Also be sure to add this job to any system start-up procedures you may have at your site so the job will be launched whenever the system is restarted. Remember, when NetMail/3000 installs on your system, it places random passwords on all the users and groups it creates, so be sure to look up the necessary passwords (or change them) so you will be able to stream the background job and possibly log on as MGR.THREEK.

Also note that there are several settings in the job stream that you may want to adjust before starting the job. Settings that affect the job priority, audit information that is printed, and other options can be controlled by various options (job control words) within the job. See the job stream itself for descriptions of those options.

Though this job stream will be active almost all the time your system is up, you will find that it uses very little cpu time. This is by design, as the NetMail/3000 processes are interrupt driven, so they stay "asleep" most of the time waiting for an external action to awaken them.

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#### **NOTE**

An important note for users with a network link: for the background job to operate properly, you must have a "LOOPBACK" network interface configured and started. NetMail/3000 uses the "LOOPBACK" service to shut down its network drivers (when you run the SHUT-DOWN.SYS.THREEK program). If it is not configured, the job will not shut down (it would have to be aborted, which while usually safe, may interrupt any mail processing in progress).

To configure a "LOOPBACK" interface, consult your NMMGR reference manual.

# Stopping the Mailman Job

When you need to stop the mailman job, use the program supplied: SHUT-DOWN.SYS.THREEK. This program will halt the background job without interrupting any active process (if a mail message is coming in, the job will wait until the complete message is process.)

### : RUN SHUTDOWN.SYS.THREEK

The background job may take a few minutes to log completely off, as it does complete whatever transaction is in progress before shutting down.

Running the shutdown program requires that you have "SM", "OP", "PM", "NA" or "NM" capability, or be logged on as MGR.THREEK.

Note: This should become part of your system shutdown and full backup procedures. The DeskLink gateway should normally be shut down during full backups (you should really shut down the network services on your system during a full backup so your network configuration files get backed up -- the DeskLink job will abort if network services are shut down while it is logged on). Running the shutdown program will start an orderly shutdown process of the background job and all its son processes, insuring the integrity of its data structures and database.

To automate the shutdown process, run the shutdown program in a batch job. Follow it with a pause of up to 2 minutes (:PAUSE 120) to allow the background job to terminate normally. Then follow that with your network shutdown commands (NSCONTROL and NETCONTROL stop commands) if required. If the background job is stuck for any reason, shutting down the network software will cause it to terminate immediately. Following the backup or during system start-up procedures, re-stream the background job (AFTER the network services have been restarted).