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1 OVERVIEW

1.1 INTRODUCTION

EnviroPoint is a flexible and powerful environment monitoring system that is adaptable to monitoring several variables simultaneously from multiple points around the installation site. The power of *EnviroPoint* lies in its Scalability. *EnviroPoint* can be configured to measure from one point or, depending on which variation you have purchased, from hundreds of points making it an ideal system for use in both large and small area environments. EnviroPoint comes in three variations to provide high quality solutions to meet the needs of a wide range of customers. Table B1.1 in Appendix B outlines the features available in the three variations: Lite, Standard and Enterprise.

1.2 Documentation description

This document is the Administrators Manual written to accompany EnviroPoint Lite.

This Administrators Manual will guide the reader through the process of installing and configuring the system. This document should be read by anyone who is responsible for the administration of this system.

Documents included in this package are

- 1. EnviroPoint (LITE) Operators Manual
- 2. EnviroPoint (LITE) Administrators Manual

1.3 System Requirements

EnviroPoint requires the following minimum computer specifications:

1.3.1 <u>Hardware</u>

- Pentium 4 3.0GHz
- 1GB RAM
- 30GB HDD for Application Installation
- 1280x1024 (256 Colour) Display
- 1 x RS232 ports
- 1 x Full height PCI Extension Slot

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| 1.3.2 | Software |

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| | New Zealand |

| Operating System | Windows 2000 Server Edition (or equivalent) with SP4 | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Windows XP Professional (or equivalent) with SP2 | | | |
| | Microsoft Internet explorer 6.0 SP1 | | | |
| | Internet Information Services (IIS) 5.0 | | | |
| Additional components* | MSXML 6.0 | | | |
| | .NET Framework 2.0 | | | |

* EnviroPoint has been tested using the versions stated. Later versions of these components may be compatible with EnviroPoint

NOTE: Shaded items are not required for this variation. If you are unsure as to whether your system meets these requirements or for advice on upgrading please contact Technical Support (Section 1.5.).

1.4 Included Components – EnviroPoint Lite

- EnviroPoint Hardware
- EnviroPoint Software
- Accsense Gateway configuration utility

1.5 Contacting Technical Support

Please ensure your computer meets the minimum specifications before contacting technical support. If you are still experiencing difficulties, contact NVSI Technical Support:

NVSI Technical Support

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2 INSTALLATION

EnviroPoint comprises a fusion of hardware and software components.

- 1. A physical self-contained wireless network of environmental data-monitoring devices developed by Accsense, Inc.
- 2. A supervisory monitoring and control software package developed by Neo Vista Systems Integrators Pty Ltd.

EnviroPoint is designed for seamless integration with your existing network. By installing the *EnviroPoint* Software and using an Ethernet connection to connect to the *EnviroPoint* Hardware Devices, your existing network becomes a key part of *EnviroPoint*.

EnviroPoint may be considered as made up of many components working together to give you a clear picture of your environment. Figure 2.1 illustrates the connectivity of this network and the types of components involved.



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2.1 Installation summary

The following steps outline the recommended order that should be followed when installing EnviroPoint Lite. If you choose not to follow this order of steps you may encounter some difficulties. Please read the relevant sections in this manual before contacting technical support if you encounter any unexplained errors.

- 1. Make sure your server machine has all of the prerequisite components installed (Section 1.3)
- 2. Install & Run EnviroPoint Server Application
- 3. Configure your EnviroPoint System
- 4. Connect Gateways and run gateway configuration utility
- 5. Associate Pods with Gateways
- 6. Mount Pods and Gateways in position
- 7. Install external Sensors
- 8. Install and run EnviroPoint Monitor.

2.2 EnviroPoint Software

Prior to installing the EnviroPoint hardware network you must install the EnviroPoint Software on your Network Server. EnviroPoint Software covers three main applications

- 1. EnviroPoint Server
- 2. EnviroPoint Monitor
- 3. EnviroPoint Configuration

EnviroPoint Software also requires access to a Microsoft SQL 2005 Server installation. This is included in EnviroPoint Lite as part of EnviroPoint Server.

In the Standard and Enterprise variations, each of these three applications is installed separately. In EnviroPoint Lite the EnviroPoint Configuration application is included as part of EnviroPoint Server. Each application has an individual role in the system and should be installed on a network machine that is suitable to the application's role. Installation instructions and advice for each application can be found in the relevant sections below.

Section 2.2.4 outlines instructions on using the Accsense Gateway Configuration Utility, an additional utility created by AccSense, Inc. that is needed when installing the EnviroPoint Hardware Network.

2.2.1 <u>EnviroPoint Server</u>

The core component of an EnviroPoint System is the EnviroPoint Server. EnviroPoint Server must be installed on a network server machine that meets the minimum system requirements as listed in section 1.1.2. EnviroPoint Lite will automatically install this application with its own database on your Network Server.

EnviroPoint Server is responsible for communicating with the EnviroPoint Hardware, managing database transactions, relaying measurement data to monitoring applications and responding to changes in system configuration.

To install EnviroPoint Server Insert the EnviroPoint Server Installation CD. The setup program should run automatically. If this does not occur open "My Computer" Select your CD drive and run "Setup.exe".

Note: EnviroPoint Server must be installed and running prior to hardware installation.





2.2.2 <u>EnviroPoint Monitor</u>

EnviroPoint Monitor is a client application that may be installed on any/all machines in your network. This application acts as a mirror of the EnviroPoint Server. It is responsible for reporting the data received by the server from the EnviroPoint hardware and has some limited ability to interact with the EnviroPoint Server. The EnviroPoint Monitor application is intended for use by non administrative personnel and does not need to be installed prior to the hardware components. It is recommended that EnviroPoint Monitor be installed only after the rest of the system has been installed and verified.

NOTE: EnviroPoint Lite will allow a maximum of five monitoring programs to be used concurrently for each server.

To install EnviroPoint Monitor Insert the EnviroPoint Monitor Installation CD. The setup program should run automatically. If this does not occur open "My Computer" Select your CD drive and run "Setup.exe".

2.2.3 EnviroPoint Configuration

In EnviroPoint Lite the EnviroPoint Configuration Application is included as part of the EnviroPoint Server. This application is used to define your EnviroPoint Hardware Network and to configure the customisable settings for EnviroPoint Server. To access the Enviropoint Configuration application:

- 1. Login to Enviropoint Server as an Administrator.
- 2. Select "System Configuration" from the File menu

Section 4 of this document provides complete information on the use of the EnviroPoint Configuration Application.

2.2.4 Accsense Gateway Configuration utility

The Gateway Configuration Utility provided by Accsense, Inc. is required when connecting the Accsense Gateways to your existing Ethernet network. Your Accsense Gateway(s) will come configured with factory default settings for network connection properties. The EnviroPoint Server requires the use of fixed IP addressing. This means you will need to install the Gateway Configuration Utility to customize the network settings on each of the Gateways to suit your network.

The Gateway Configuration Utility requires the Java Virtual Machine to be installed prior to use. The Java Virtual Machine can be downloaded from the following internet address: <u>http://www.java.com/</u>.

To configure the gateway settings you must run the gateway configuration utility on a machine that has a direct network connection to the gateway.

The following steps outline the procedure for reconfiguring your Accsense Gateway(s).

- 1. Ensure you have connected your gateway(s) to the same Ethernet network as your machine. Make sure your gateway is appropriately powered and turned on. (See Section 2.3.1 for details)
- 2. Make sure you have the Java Virtual Machine installed on your machine. This can be downloaded from the Website listed above.





- 3. Run the file "RemoteGWConfig2W.exe". This file is stored in the Gateway Configuration Utility folder on your EnviroPoint Server installation disk.
- 4. The gateway configuration utility window will open and after a brief pause you should see a list of MAC addresses appear in the box on the left hand side of the window.
- 5. Select the MAC address corresponding to the gateway you wish to configure. You can check this by reading the MAC address off the sticker underneath the gateway.
- 6. Ensure that "Obtain Network Address Automatically" is unchecked
- 7. Assign an unused IP address to your gateway
- 8. Make sure the Subnet Mask matches the other devices on your network
- 9. Enter the IP address of your Network Domain Name Server (optional) into DNS #1
- 10. DNS # 2 should be left blank
- 11. Default route is the IP address that the gateway will try to access directly.
- 12. Ensure Stream type is set to "Direct Stream" for EnviroPoint Lite
- 13. Enter the following Advanced Options
 - a. Port Number = 41234
 - b. Destination host is your server IP address

NOTE: Make sure your Network Firewall allows TCP/IP on this Port Number. Otherwise you will not be able to access the gateway.

14. Click "Submit Changes" to update the gateway with the new settings.

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| Accsense Remote Gateway Conf | iguration | matically | | |
| Gateway List (Frozen) 00:14:a0:01:00:2e 00:14:a0:01:00:44 00:14:a0:01:00:45 | IP Address 192.168.0.201 Subnet Mask | Submit Changes | | |
| | 255.255.255.0 DNS #1 | Cancel Changes/Resume Gateway Sec | | |
| | 192.168.0.1 DN5 #2 Default Route 192.168.0.1 | Stream Type Accsense Servers Direct Web Direct Stream | | |
| Hardware Version 1 Reset Reason Code Brownout/Power Switch Firmware Version 0.7.3.0-P2.14 | Last Error Message Gateway application successfully started | Advanced Options Port Number 41234 Destination Host | | |
| Naco | Remote Physical Sensing | 192,168.0.99 | | |

Figure 2.2: Accsense Gateway configuration Utility

2.3 EnviroPoint Hardware

2.3.1 <u>Connecting the Gateway</u>

All connections are accessed via the rear panel of the gateway as shown in Figure 2.2. For normal operation an Ethernet Cable and an appropriate AC Power Adaptor Cable must be connected. If you are unsure about these cables please contact your distributor.

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Figure 2.3 Gateway Connections [1]

2.3.2 <u>Activating the pods</u>

Sensor Pods can be powered either by three (3) AA type Batteries or by an appropriate 5V DC Power Adaptor (supplied by your distributor). It is recommended by Accsense [1] to install batteries as backup even when the DC adaptor is to be used as the primary power source.

Batteries can be installed as indicated in Figure 2.4. Accsense, Inc recommends [1] the use of Energizer type L91 AA or equivalent batteries for optimum battery life. Battery life will vary depending on how many sensors are used and the sample rate of the sensor pod. An approximate Battery Life Curve (Figure 2.5) shows how the sampling rate will affect the battery lifespan. Maximum life can be achieved by using no external sensors and a sampling time of 10min [1] or longer. Contact your distributor for further information.





Note: Backup batteries may discharge over an extended period of time and should be checked regularly.





Figure 2.4 Using a flathead screwdriver, open the battery bay and install 3 AA batteries on the underside of the Sensor Pod. Replace cover. [1]





External Battery Option

- 4V Rechargeable Battery
- Capacity 8 Amp Hours
- Dimensions 3.81" (L) x 2.13" (W) x 4.00" (H)
- Weight 0.74kG
- Contact your distributor for further details



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2.3.3 <u>The Network</u>

The Accsense Wireless Solution network is based on the IEEE 802.15.4 standard, unlike WiFi routers that are based on IEEE 802.11. The radio, which uses a 2.4 GHz ISM band, has 16 channels but utilizes the quietest channel based on a scan.

Because the Gateway communicates with up to sixteen Sensor Pods via radio frequency transceivers, it is important that the Gateway be located within range of at least one Sensor Pod. The Gateway and Sensor Pod(s) form a mesh network which enables each Sensor Pod to function as a repeater for others [(Figure 2.6)]. Pods can relay messages with a maximum transmit range of 80 meters (260 ft) between two Pods or the Gateway [assuming 2.2db antennas, a range of up to 300m can be achieved with a 9db antenna]. This distance may be shorter in places such as indoors or in an area with lots of radio noise.





Each Sensor Pod must be associated to a gateway to relay sensor information back to the network. Since the Sensor pods do not necessarily communicate directly with the gateway, each pod must establish a permanent identification with the gateway so the gateway can recognise which pod the information originated from. Each Gateway can form an association with up to a maximum of 16 Sensor Pods. Associations are formed by effectively introducing the pod to the gateway which it will report to, prior to placing the gateway in its physical network location.

Figure 2.7 gives details on how to associate a pod with its gateway.

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[1]



Figure 2.7 To associate the Gateway and Sensor Pod, first left-toggle the Sensor Pod's command button (top figure) for approximately 5 seconds until it blinks; release and immediately press the Gateway's red associate button once (bottom figure). [1]

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Sensor Pod LED Status Indicators



Figure 2.9 LED status indicators for Sensor Pod. [1]

| LED Status | Description |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| WNA and PS stay constantly lit for 9-30 seconds | Power on |
| PS stays lit for approx. 1 sec. (WNA may also flash) | Power off |
| WNA flashes at random rate | Wireless network activity |
| PS flashes on four times rapidly | Associate button held down for 4+ sec |
| PS flashes twice, rapidly | Associate button held down for less than 4 sec |
| PS flashes fast | Attempting to talk to Gateway "association" network |
| PS flashes medium | Attempting to join Gateway wireless network |
| PS flashes slow | Attempting to switch to Gateway network |
| WNA and PS both flash rapidly | Sensor Pod failed to join network |
| WNA and PS both stay lit constantly for 9-30 sec. | Sensor Pod succeeded in joining network |
| | NOTE: See "Power on" (above) |
| PS flashes twice, rapidly | Sensor pod unable to successfully send a message |

Table 2.1: LED Messages for Sensor Pod [1]

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2.3.5 Connecting External Sensors

Depending on your *EnviroPoint* configuration, some Sensor Pods are able to work with external sensors in conjunction with the pods' internal sensors. These pods feature an external terminal block which allows you to connect the external sensor to the pod.

Caution: Incorrect termination of external sensors may damage your equipment. Connection of external sensors to *EnviroPoint* should only be done by suitably qualified personnel.

There are many different types of external sensors that may be used. Please contact your distributor for help or further information.

Figure 2.10 describes how to connect sensor leads to the terminal connections. Figure 2.11 (next page) gives details of the Terminal Pinouts for external sensors.

Note: Pin 9 on A1-01, A1-04 and A1-07 (4-20mA loop Supply Voltage (+20VDC)) gives out 20V for 250ms after power on and then falls back to zero after taking a reading.

Note: Pin 3 on A1-01, A1-04 and A1-07 (+5V @ 25mA max Excitation Voltage) gives out 5V for 250ms after power on and then falls back to zero after taking a reading.



Figure 2.10 External sensors are connected to the Sensor Pod via a plug-in connector at the top-rear. Insert wires and rotate connector screws clockwise to tighten wire lugs. [1]

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Figure 2.11 Pinouts for Sensor Pod external sensor connections. [1]

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Temperature Measurements on an Analog Pod Using a 100K Ohm Thermistor

Pod Choices: A1-01

A1-04 A1-07

Wire Connections: Thermistor Wire

Thermistor Wire

Pod's Pin 3 (+5V Source) Pod's Pin 2 (0-5V Input)

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2.3.7 Location & Mounting

Location

The location of your gateway is limited only to places with access to a power outlet and an Ethernet connection. Sensor Pods are limited only by the range and signal quality characteristics of wireless transmission protocols. The physical characteristics of wireless communications across the *EnviroPoint* Network will vary greatly between installations. In general terms each pod must be placed within 80 meters (260 feet) of its associated gateway or another pod associated with the same gateway. This distance assumes an outdoor installation with no physical obstructions between the equipment and using a 2.2db antenna. If your system uses 9db antennas the maximum range may be increased to 300m. Trees, structures, walls within structures, vehicles, people and many other permanent or temporary intrusions between equipment will act to reduce the effective range of wireless communication. Thus the physical location of each Sensor Pod in relation to both the measured variable and other *EnviroPoint* equipment must be carefully planned. It is recommended that you seek the advice of your distributor when planning the physical layout and consistency of your *EnviroPoint* Network.

You will find a series of documents included on your installation CD, under the directory entitled "Go with Product", which can be used as a guide. These documents do not act as an instruction manual but are merely intended to provide additional information and to highlight some of the issues that should be considered when planning the layout of a wireless communication network.

The sections below provide a brief account of the factors that may impact the effective communication range of your wireless devices and outline the steps that should be taken when designing your network layout.

Attenuation basics

Attenuation is simply a reduction of signal strength during transmission. You represent attenuation in decibels (dB), which is ten times the logarithm of the signal power at a particular input divided by the signal power at an output of a specified medium. For example, an office wall (i.e., medium) that changes the propagation of an RF signal from a power level of 10 milliwatts (the input) to 5 milliwatts (the output) represents 3 dB of attenuation. Consequently, positive attenuation causes signals to become weaker when travelling through the medium.

When signal power decreases to relatively low values, the receiving 802.11.4 radio will likely encounter bit errors when decoding the signal. This problem worsens when significant RF interference is present. The occurrence of bits errors causes the receiving 802.11.4 station to refrain from sending an acknowledgement to the source station. After a short period of time, the sending station will retransmit the frame. At worst case, signal power loss due to attenuation becomes so low that the system will lose connectivity to the network Gateway.

The signal strength indicator is the link quality Indication (LQI) measurement is based on the bit error rate [BER] of the current packet being received from the previous hop of the inbound route, so that it provides information specific to the link-layer connection to the neighbouring device relaying the current packet to the local device.

Causes of attenuation, both signal frequency and range between the end points of the medium, affect the amount of attenuation. As the range increases, attenuation increases. Attenuation in outdoor applications is based on straightforward and basic free space but indoor applications can be very complex to calculate. In both cases loss formulas can be used (see Equation 2-1 and Equation 2-2). The main reason for the indoor difficulty is that indoor signals bounce off obstacles and penetrate a variety of materials that offer varying effects on attenuation. (See

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Table 2.2 Obstacle attenuation)

Free space loss formulas

$$\lambda := \frac{c}{f}$$
 Range(PL) := $\frac{\lambda}{4 \cdot \pi} \cdot 10^{\frac{PL}{20}}$

Equation 2-1 Free space range

PathLoss(r) :=
$$20 \cdot \log \left(\frac{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r}{\lambda} \right)$$

Equation 2-2 Path loss

| Items to losses to be added | dB |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Human body | 3 |
| Cubicles | 3 to 5 |
| Marble | 5 |
| Window, Brick Wall | 2 |
| Glass Window (non tinted) | 2 |
| Clear Glass Window | 2 |
| Office window | 3 |
| Glass wall with metal frame | 6 |
| Metal Frame Glass Wall Into | |
| Building | 6 |
| Metal Frame Clear Glass Wall | 6 |
| Metal Screend Clear Glass | |
| Window | 6 |
| Wired-Glass Window | 8 |
| Brick Wall next to a Metal Door | 3 |
| Plasterboard wall | 3 |
| Cinder block wall | 4 |
| Dry Wall | 4 |
| Cinder Block Wall | 4 |
| Sheetrock/Wood Frame Wall | 5 |
| Sheetrock/Metal Framed Wall | 6 |
| Office Wall | 6 |
| Brick Wall | 2 to 8 |
| Concrete Wall | 10 to 15 |

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| Wooden Door | 3 |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Metal door | 6 |
| Metal Door in Office Wall | 6 |
| Metal door in brick wall | 12 to 13 |

Table 2.2 Obstacle attenuation

As a result, it's often necessary to perform an RF site survey to fully understand the behaviour of radio waves within a facility before installing wireless network gateways.

The ultimate goal of an RF site survey is to supply enough information to determine the number and placement of pods and wireless network gateways that provides adequate coverage throughout the facility. An RF site survey also detects the presence of interference coming from other sources that could degrade the performance of the system.

The need and complexity of an RF site survey will vary depending on the facility. For example, a small three room office may not require a site survey. This scenario can probably get by with a single wireless network gateway located anywhere within the office and still maintain adequate coverage. A larger facility, such as an office complex, apartment building, hospital or warehouse, generally requires an extensive RF site survey. Without a survey, the system may end up with inadequate coverage and suffer from low performance in some areas. When conducting an RF site survey, consider these general steps:

- 1. **Obtain a facility diagram.** Before getting too far with the site survey, locate a set of building blueprints. If none are available, prepare a floor plan drawing that depicts the location of walls, walkways, etc.
- 2. Visually inspect the facility. Be sure to walk through the facility before performing any tests to verify the accuracy of the facility diagram. This is a good time to note any potential barriers that may affect the propagation of RF signals. For example, a visual inspection will uncover obstacles to RF such as metal racks and partitions, items that blueprints generally don't show.
- 3. **Identify user areas.** On the facility diagram, mark the areas where fixed and mobile pods are to be placed. In addition to illustrating where mobile pods may be moved around, indicate where they will not go. You might get by with fewer wireless network gateways points if you can limit the roaming areas.
- 4. Determine preliminary access point locations. By considering the location of pods and range estimations between pods and gateways, approximate the locations of gateways to provide adequate coverage throughout the area (preliminary location). Be certain to consider mounting locations, which could be vertical posts or metal supports above ceiling tiles. Be sure to recognize suitable locations for installing the access point, antenna, data cable, and power line. Also think about different antenna types when deciding where to position access points. An access point mounted near an outside wall, for example, could be a good location if you use a patch antenna with relatively high gain oriented within the facility.
- 5. Verify access point locations. This is when the real testing begins. It's a two-person job. Install a wireless network gateway at each preliminary location and monitor the signal strength indicator readings by walking with a pod for varying distances away from the access point. Take note of data rates and signal readings at different points as the pod is moved to the outer bounds of the gateway's coverage. In a multi-floor facility, perform tests on the floor above and below the access

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point. Keep in mind that a poor signal quality reading likely indicates that RF interference is affecting the system. Based on the results of the testing, you might need to reconsider the location of some access points and redo the affected tests.

6. **Document findings.** Once you're satisfied that the planned location of access points will provide adequate coverage, identify on the facility diagrams recommended mounting locations. The installers will need this information.

These steps will point you in the right direction but experience really pays off. If you're new to wireless systems, you'll begin to build intuition about the propagation of radio waves after completing several RF site surveys.

RF interference is still plaguing wireless system deployments. The perils of interfering signals from external RF sources are often the culprit. As a result, it's important that you're fully aware of RF interference impact and avoidance techniques.

Other losses are:

Signal Fading

RF signal fading is caused by several factors including: Multipath Reception, Line of Sight Interference, Fresnel Zone Interference, RF Interference and Weather Conditions.

Multipath Reception – The transmitted signal arrives at the receiver from different directions, with different path lengths, attenuation and delays. An RF reflective surface, like a cement surface or roof surfaces, can yield multiple paths between antennas. The higher the antenna mount position is from such surfaces, the lower the multiple path losses. The radio equipment in the 802.11.4 specification utilizes modulation schemes and reception methods such that multiple path problems are minimized.

Line of Sight Interference – A clear, straight line of sight between the system antennas is absolutely required for a proper RF link for long distances outdoors. A clear line of sight exists if an unobstructed view of one antenna from the other antenna exists. A radio wave clear line of sight exists if a defined area around the optical line of sight is also clear of obstacles. Remember that the electric and magnetic fields are perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the RF wave. In setting up wireless networks in buildings, propagation of the RF signal through walls and other items is a fact of life. If you recall the signal attenuation discussion earlier, we can evaluate the related losses. The following table presents loss values for typical items through which we want our networks to transmit and receive.

Fresnel Zone Interference – The Fresnel (FRAY-nel) Zone is a circular area perpendicular to and centred on the line of sight. In radio wave theory, if 80% of the first Fresnel Zone is clear of obstacles, the wave propagation loss is equivalent to that of free space.

System Operating Margin (SOM)

SOM (System Operating Margin), also known as *fade margin*, is the difference of the receiver signal level in dBm minus the receiver sensitivity in dBm. It is a measure of the safety margin in a radio link. A higher SOM means a more reliable over-the-air connection. It is usually recommended to include a minimum of 10 dB to 20 dB SOM and in this system we recommend 18db.

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Shadowing

Shadowing is the effect that the received signal power fluctuates due to objects obstructing the propagation path between transmitter and receiver. These fluctuations are experienced on local-mean powers, that is, short-term averages to remove fluctuations due to signal fading.

To put this in contrast, in most papers on mobile propagation, only 'small-area shadowing' is considered: log-normal fluctuations of the local-mean power are measured when the antenna moves over a distance of tens or hundreds of metres. Marsan et al. reported a median of 3.7 dB for small area shadowing. Preller and Koch measured local-mean powers at 10 m intervals and studied shadowing over 500 m intervals. The maximum standard deviation experienced was about 7 dB, but 50% of all experiments showed shadowing of less than 4 dB.

For the EviroPoint system up to 100m we recommend 3.7dB

Link budget

A link budget is the accounting of all of the gains and losses from the transmitter, through the medium (free space, walls, etc.) to the receiver in this system. It takes into account the attenuation of the transmitted signal due to propagation, as well as the loss, or gain, due to the antenna. A simple link budget equation looks like this:

Received Power (dB) = Transmitted Power (dBm) + Gains (dB) - Losses (dB)



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NVSI provides an Excel spread sheet to assist with the calculation for each path loss in the RF mesh plus an example of the North Fort system.

| | | | Rx | | | | | | | |
|------|----------|--------|---------|------|------|------|------|--------|------|--------|
| | Distance | | Sens | Тх | Тх | Rx | Rx | Fading | | Link |
| Link | (m) | Tx Pwr | itivity | AntG | Coax | AntG | Coax | Margin | Loss | Budget |
| Α | 90.9 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 88 |
| В | 27.9 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 81 |
| С | 25.3 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 11 | 82 |
| D | 27.7 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 11 | 82 |
| E | 86.6 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 85 |
| F | 69.3 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 87 |
| G | 120 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 11 | 82 |
| Н | 65.4 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 85 |
| 1 | 94.1 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 88 |
| J | 57.7 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 88 |
| к | 72.4 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 85 |
| L | 39.6 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 90 |
| М | 63 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 85 |
| N | 38.5 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 83 |
| 0 | 102.2 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 85 |
| Р | 30.6 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 83 |
| Q | 59 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 85 |
| R | 52.1 | -1 | -94 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 83 |

| | Range | Margin | Margin | Shad | Link | Range | Margin | Margin |
|------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Link | (m) | (m) | (db) | owing | Budget | (m) | (m) | (db) |
| Α | 241.6 | 150.7 | 8.5 | 3.7 | 84.3 | 157.8 | 66.9 | 4.8 |
| В | 107.9 | 80.0 | 11.8 | 3.7 | 77.3 | 70.5 | 42.6 | 8.1 |
| С | 121.1 | 95.8 | 13.6 | 3.7 | 78.3 | 79.1 | 53.8 | 9.9 |
| D | 121.1 | 93.4 | 12.8 | 3.7 | 78.3 | 79.1 | 51.4 | 9.1 |
| E | 171.1 | 84.5 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 81.3 | 111.7 | 25.1 | 2.2 |
| F | 215.4 | 146.1 | 9.8 | 3.7 | 83.3 | 140.7 | 71.4 | 6.1 |
| G | 121.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 78.3 | 79.1 | -40.9 | -3.6 |
| н | 171.1 | 105.7 | 8.4 | 3.7 | 81.3 | 111.7 | 46.3 | 4.7 |
| 1 | 241.6 | 147.5 | 8.2 | 3.7 | 84.3 | 157.8 | 63.7 | 4.5 |
| J | 241.6 | 183.9 | 12.4 | 3.7 | 84.3 | 157.8 | 100.1 | 8.7 |
| κ | 171.1 | 98.7 | 7.5 | 3.7 | 81.3 | 111.7 | 39.3 | 3.8 |
| L | 304.2 | 264.6 | 17.7 | 3.7 | 86.3 | 198.7 | 159.1 | 14.0 |
| М | 171.1 | 108.1 | 8.7 | 3.7 | 81.3 | 111.7 | 48.7 | 5.0 |
| N | 135.9 | 97.4 | 11.0 | 3.7 | 79.3 | 88.7 | 50.2 | 7.3 |
| 0 | 171.1 | 68.9 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 81.3 | 111.7 | 9.5 | 0.8 |
| Р | 135.9 | 105.3 | 12.9 | 3.7 | 79.3 | 88.7 | 58.1 | 9.2 |
| Q | 171.1 | 112.1 | 9.2 | 3.7 | 81.3 | 111.7 | 52.7 | 5.5 |
| R | 135.9 | 83.8 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 79.3 | 88.7 | 36.6 | 4.6 |

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| Brick Wall | 5 | Shadowing is the effect that the received signal power fluctuates due to |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sheetrock/Metal Framed | | |
| Wall | 6 | objects obstructing the propagation path between transmitter and receiver. |
| Human body | 3 | |

Table 2.3 Link Strength Calculations

North Fort Environmental monitoring System Gateway = 1 • Pod A1-01 = 13 • Pod A1-03 = 2

O Aerial mounted outside = 8

RF Mesh Distances

A=90.9m, B=27.9m, C=25.3m, D=27.7, E=86.6, F=69.3m, G=120m, H=65.4m, 1=94.1m, J=57.7m, K=72.4m, L=39.6m, M=63m, N=38.5m, O=102.2m, P=30.6m, Q=59m, R=52.1m



Figure 2.12 - North Fort Example Installation Layout

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Mounting

Once the physical location of your equipment has been determined there are several methods available to mount the equipment in place.

Pods – Pods may be either set down on their base or fixed using a mounting clip (supplied by your distributor). Figure 2.13 gives details on how to use the mounting clips.

Tip: to prevent unauthorized removal of pods, a cable tie may be wound around the sensor pod and through the mounting clip before attaching to the wall.



Sensor Pod(s) Mounting Holes.

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Gateways – Gateways can be either set down on their base or they can be fixed using the mounting slots in the base of the gateway. Figure 2.14 shows details of the mounting slots.

Gateway Mounting Holes

The Gateway may be mounted to surfaces using mounting slots molded into its case





Figures 2.13 and 2.14 each contain templates showing Hole Spacings for mounting *EnviroPoint* equipment. These figures can be used to aid in designing a mounting solution for your installation. Please contact your distributor if you require assistance with mounting your hardware.

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3 ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

3.1 EnviroPoint System Setup - First Run

The first time you run EnviroPoint Server after you have completed the installation procedure, a series of prompts will guide you through a setup process to get your system running quickly and easily. This section will outline how to get the most out of this procedure. The setup prompts will guide you through four (4) activities.

- 1. User Language Selection
- 2. Licence agreement
- 3. Product Activation
- 4. System Creation

3.1.1 User Language Selection

EnviroPoint allows you to select a primary and secondary language for accessibility. EnviroPoint uses a language definition file format that provides the ability to adapt to any language. The default Primary Language is English.

| Primary language English | Path to primary langauge file picture (if empty a default flag will be used) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Use secondary language Secondary launguage Swedish | Path to secondary langauge file picture (if empty a default flag will be used) |
| | ОК |
| Figure 3.1: Defa | ult Language Settings |

shown.

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Select Language Dialog Path to primary langauge file picture (if empty a default flag will be used) Primary language English ¥ C:\Documents and Settings\Micke\Mina dokument\ _NVSI\Environ3\Environ\LanguageFiles\as.png 脹 Use secondary language Path to secondary langauge file picture Secondary launguage (if empty a default flag will be used) \sim OK

Figure 3.2: customised flag icon

You can also select a secondary language by checking the "Use secondary language" box. This allows the program to dynamically change between two languages while running. When this is chosen the flags for both languages will be displayed and users can click on the flag to easily move between languages. This is a useful option for organisations with multi-lingual employees.

| 📴 Select Language D | ialog | | × |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Primary language English | | Path to primary langauge file picture (if empty a default flag will be used) | |
| Use secondary language Secondary launguage Swedish | <u>▼</u> | Path to secondary langauge file picture (if empty a default flag will be used) | |
| | | ОК | |
| | Figure 3.3: Seconda | ry Language selected | |
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3.1.2 Licence Agreement

After you have selected your language settings you will be asked to review the licence agreement for EnviroPoint. You must accept the Licence Agreement to use the software. If you cancel this screen or do not accept the agreement, the application will close.

🔛 License Agreement **WVSI** License Agreement NVSI & MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENSE TERMS For: NVSI APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE AND SUB MODULES. MICROSOFT SQL SERVER 2005 EXPRESS EDITION. ATTENTION: PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS SOFTWARE. THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY USING THIS SOFTWARE (THE "END USER") AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS LICENSE. IF YOU USE ANY PART OF THIS SOFTWARE AND DO NOT AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS LICENSE, DO NOT USE THE SOFTWARE AND PROMPTLY RETURN ALL OF THE SOFTWARE TO LICENSOR, AND THE LICENSE PRICE WILL BE REFUNDED. The enclosed computer program(s) and the accompanying documentation (both "Software") are provided to the End User by Neo Vista System Integrators PTY LTD. ("Licensor") for use only under the following terms. Licensor reserves any right not expressly granted to the End user. The End User owns the disk on which the Software is recorded and the copy of the documentation, but Licensor retains ownership of all copies of the Software itself. 1. License. End User is granted a limited, non exclusive license to do only the following: A. Install and maintain the Software on only one computer at any time for use only in the End User's own business. This license right does not give the End-User the right to install the Software on a network which allows access by others. B. Make one copy in machine readable form solely for backup or archival purposes for the ~ computer which the Software is installed. The Software is protected by conviriant law As an I accept agreement I do not accept agreement Continue Cancel

Figure 3.4: Licence Agreement

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3.1.3 <u>Product Activation</u>

After accepting the licence agreement you will be shown the Product Activation Dialogue Box. Here you must enter your name, company, Country, and valid email address. Address Information is optional.

| Product Activation |
|-----------------------------------|
| Product Activation |
| Product key (xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx) |
| NVSI-NVSI-NVSI-NVSI |
| Full name |
| Mikael |
| Company |
| NVSI |
| Adress information |
| Country |
| Australia 💌 |
| Email-address |
| Retype Email-address |
| |
| << Back Next >> Cancel |

Figure 3.5: Product Activation Details

If you have not received an activation code and do not wish to activate your product at this time press "Cancel" to receive a trial activation. Trial activation will allow full use of the application for a period of 14 days. After this time the activation will expire and you will need a new activation code to continue using the application.



Figure 3.6: Trial Licence Activation

Click Next to view the options for Product Activation. Product Activation can be done automatically over the internet using our activation server, manually over the internet via an activation web site, by email, or by direct entry of a code supplied by other means. Depending on which option you select, clicking "Next" will take you to the appropriate page to enter your Activation details.

| Product Activation | |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Activation choice | |
| Automatically activate through a | an internet connection |
| Use a Web Browser to acquire a | an activation |
| Use a email client to acquire an | activation code |
| Use an activation code previosly for this computer | acquired |
| | |
| | |
| < Back No | ext >> Cancel |

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After following instructions on the screen and clicking Next you should see a screen confirming the activation of your product.

| 🖡 Produ | ict Activation | \times |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
| i) | ne application has been activated. | |
| | Continue | |

Figure 3.9: Activation Confirmation

If you make a mistake or press cancel during the activation process a trial period will be activated. You will be asked to activate the product each time you restart the server.

3.1.4 <u>System Creation</u>

Once your product is activated you will need to create a system on your EnviroPoint Server. This is required to initialise the database in preparation for data storage. The first screen will allow you to login to the Enviropoint Server using a default account. Press Login to accept the default setting.

| Built in system | n accounts |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Alexandra and a second and a second sec | in a second tex |
| Password | |
| ****** | |
| Login | Cancel |

Figure 3.10: Login Screen

At the next screen, enter the name of your system. Once configured this name cannot be changed. Enter the name of your database connection file. By default this is "EnviroPoint.udl". You can supply a database user name and password or leave these fields blank for integrated security. Press "OK" to continue.

| D NVSI NEQ VISTA SYSTEM INTEGRATORS | Australia |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| NEO VISTA SYSTEM INTEGRATORS | New Zealar |
| Configure database settings | |
| Database DSN name or udl EnviroPoint.udl | -file System name: EnviroPoint 1 |
| Database login user name | |
| Database login password na | ame OK Cancel |

Figure 3.11: Database Settings

Pressing Cancel in these screens will result in an error message and the application will restart or close.



Figure 3.12: Error Message

Once you have established your system name and the database to which it will send data, you are ready to define the external devices your server will communicate with. This dialogue allows you to add sensor pods (units) to your system. Enter the serial number for each pod; select its type from the drop down menu and press "Add Pod". The new pod will appear on the Pod list. If you enter a serial number incorrectly or choose the wrong pod type you can remove the pod from the list by selecting it and pressing "Remove selected pod". Once you are satisfied that all of your pods have been entered correctly press "Save settings" to continue.





| ly EnviroPoint System 1 | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | |
| od communication type | | |
| irect Stream 🛛 📉 | | |
| od list | | |
| AccSense-A1-01, 0014a | | ^ |
| AccSense-A1-01, 0014a | | ~ |
| AccSense-A1-01, 0014a0 AccSense-A1-03, 0014a0 | | ~ |
| AccSense-A1-01, 0014a0 AccSense-A1-03, 0014a0 Pod serial number 0014a00000010133 | 0000010133 | ~ ~ ~ |

Figure 3.13: System Creation Wizard

If you do not enter any pods into the system and you press cancel, the system will not be created.

This completes the setup Process. EnviroPoint Server will now begin normal operation.





3.1.5 <u>Help – About</u>

Selecting "About" from the Help menu will open the About Screen. The About Screen displays a summary of the status of the Enviropoint software. This allows you to tell at a glance whether your software is installed and activated correctly as well as providing information about the software you have installed.

| About 🛛 | About |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| EnviroPoint Server Version: 1.0 Version type: Lite | EnviroPoint Server Version: 1.0 Version type: Lite |
| Not activated | |
| Licensed to: | Licensed to: 1 |
| License key: G888-GWEJ-6CL9-NCB4-39R4 | License key: G880-GWEJ-6CL9-NCB4-39R4 |
| Expires: 3/22/2007 | Expires: 2007-03-26 |
| System name: | System name: My EnviroPoint System 1 |
| System Settings ID: • | System Settings ID: 181 |
| Settings verified: FALSE | Settings verified: TRUE |
| Change Number: | Change Number: |
| Change description: | Change description: |

Figure 3.14: About Screens

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3.2 EnviroPoint Server Administration

The System section of EnviroPoint Server contains sections that should be accessible only to authorised personnel. To access these areas a user name and password are required. To Login to the system, choose Login from the File menu. Enter your user name and password and press "Login"

| Env | roPoint Login | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | User Name | |
| \mathcal{P} | admin | ~ |
| | Password | |
| | **** | |
| | Login | Cancel |
| | | · · · · · · |



If you have entered a valid user name and password with administrator privileges you will now have access to the Unit Verification and Language Setup areas. You will also be able to access the system configuration application from the file menu. For Details of the System configuration see section 4.

3.2.1 User Administration

Access to the Enviropoint Server and the Enviropoint Monitor applications is based on user profiles. The Server stores a list of Enviropoint users and each user's user ID, password and their access level. As system administrator you have the highest access level and the ability to manage the profiles of all users on the Server. This is done through the Users Dialogue Box. The User Dialogue Box will appear automatically if there are no user profiles defined. This will occur the first time the Enviropoint Server is run after activation. At any other time the Users Dialogue Box can be accessed by selecting "Administrate users" from the File menu.

Using the Users Dialog you can manage the profiles of all users with access to the Enviropoint System. Users can be added or deleted by a system administrator. Administrators can also change features such as passwords and access levels for individual users.

To add a user click "Add User" to open the Add User Dialogue Box.

- 1. Enter the new user ID
- 2. Enter a user name
- 3. Select the users access level from the drop down box
- 4. Enter a password
- 5. Re-type the password to verify you have entered it correctly

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| Users User ID | User name | User level | ~ |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| | | | Add user |
| | | | |
| | | | Edit user |
| | | | Delete user |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Figure 3.16: Users Dialogue

| Jser ID | User ID |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| admin | admin |
| Jser Name | User Name |
| Administrator | Administrator |
| Jser Level | User Level |
| Administrator 💌 | Administrator 😪 |
| Password | NoAccess Opeartor |
| Verify Password | Technician Administrator |
| | *** |
| OK Cancel | OK Cancel |

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3.2.2 Unit Verification

This screen allows you to place units in your system into verification mode. This mode forces the system to ignore alarm settings for this unit and to log data from this unit to an isolated table for the specified verification time period. The time period counts down and when it has elapsed, the system returns the unit to normal status. Verification mode can be used for testing purposes.



Figure 3.18: Unit Verification settings

3.2.3 <u>Report Creation</u>

From the View Reports page administrators will have the option to create reports by pressing "Create Report"

| W NVSI | View report | Create report | Edit report | Delete re | port | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|---|
| EnviroPoint NODE VALUES NODE VALUES NODE MAPS NODE TRENDS ALARMS ALARM | | Units/Sensors | | | Next periodic repor | t |
| | 3/7/2007 4:46:16 PM | | | | | |

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This will launch the create report dialogue box

| Report name | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| my report | |
| Available sensors | Selected sensors |
| | |
| | × |
| | |
| | |
| | << |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| Time frame Las | st month 💌 |
| Report template to use | my report template |
| Use periodic report generatio | nn |
| itart date/time | End date/time Run interval(days) |
| 4:35:30 PM | 12:00:00 AM |

Figure 3.20: Create Report Dialogue

The Report dialogue box allows you to specify a report name, select which sensors are recorded and the time frame of the report. You can choose to have your report generated periodically by checking the "Use periodic report generation" box. From the "Report template to use" drop down menu you can choose which type of report you wish to generate or you can "create a new template".

Report templates are created from HTML scripts using the report template dialogue box. This dialogue allows you to edit how your report will appear and provides a preview of the finished product. You can assign a name to your new template and save it for later use.





| Main report page | Header | Footer | Main report part | Report preview | Preview the report in an external browser |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| .eport name my report temp Aain report htm <html> <head></head></html> | ilate I text iiv="Contr vs-1252"> | ent-Type | e" content="text/html; | | vironmental report |
| | Add main | documen | t reference (MAIN) Cancel | | |

Figure 3.21: Create Reporting Template

3.2.4 Language Setup

This page allows you to modify the Language Settings for EnviroPoint Server in the same way as the Dialogues in Section 3.1.1.

| FURSE | Path to primary langauge file picture (if empty a default flag will be used) |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ~ | |
| | |
| | |
| 1000 | |
| | Path to secondary langauge file picture (if empty a default flag will be used) |
| × | |
| | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
| | |
| 1 | MIN AS AS AT |
| | |
| | - A AR |
| | Marth Star |
| | |
| | |

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3.3 Common Maintenance Operations

This section contains instructions for various common procedures.

3.3.1 Data Exporting

You can export data records as an excel spreadsheet file by selecting Data Export from the tree structure. See the Operators Manual for more details.

3.3.2 Pod Replacement for Calibration

If one of your sensor pods is due to be sent away for a calibration check or if a pod fails you can replace it with another pod in the same position and notify the system that it should use the replacement pod for readings from that position. This can be done by following these steps:

- 1. Log in to the EnviroPoint Server as an administrator (Section 3.3)
- 2. Select "Configure Systems" from the file menu
- 3. In the EnviroPoint Configuration Application Window that appears expand the system tree and select the Item Name corresponding to the pod that you wish to replace.
- 4. Enter the Unit Serial Number of the replacement pod
- 5. Associate the replacement pod with its gateway (Section 2)
- 6. Physically replace the pod



Figure 4.1 Main application screen

The main application screen for the *EnviroPoint* Configuration Application is split into two sections. The left hand side displays a tree structure which provides intuitive access to each of the application pages shown on the right hand side of the screen. For full details on how to operate the tree structure, please refer to the *EnviroPoint* operator manual.

Each Application Page is associated with a component of the *EnviroPoint* Network. The branches of the tree structure reflect the physical connectivity of the *EnviroPoint* Network components, with each level representing a component type.

- 1. System
- 2. Node
- 3. Sensor

Short-cut menus attached to each level of the tree structure allow you to create or destroy connected components of the subsequent component type (e.g. accessing the short-cut menu [*Right Mouse Button*] attached to a system will allow you to add nodes to that system). Please note that the system has a number of short-cut menus that can be accessed by using the Left and Right Mouse Button.



Figure 4.2 Short-cut menu

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4.1 System Configuration

The first time the system is to be configured the left menu tree will be blank. To add a new system, access the shortcut menu [*Right Mouse Button*] and select Create new system (see Fig 4.3). On the Right hand panel there are two Tabs to fill in the system information. In the System information Tab, before any Pods have been added you should add all the required information in the System configuration Tab except the Map and Group data. This data should be entered when all the Pods have been configured. To add a Pod to the system access the short-cut menu as per Fig 4.2 and create new units.



Fig 4.3 Create a new system

| INVSI | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Australian Museum Main exhibition | System Id Australian Museum | . The first | | |
| 4-20ma 0-5V | System information System configuration | freedom been | harden I all | the states |
| Digital 1 Digital 2 Counter | Map Names | Allov | v to send alarm details in Emails ani | d SMSs |
| Temperature Humidity | | Email Alias | | |
| Vibration Acoustic | | Allas | Email Address | ^ |
| Light Supply Voltage Mains power | Add Map Edit Map Delete Map | | | |
| Gignal strength ■ Storage room | Group Names | | | |
| | | | | ~ |
| | Add Group Edit Group Delete Group | Add Alias E-mail SMTP | | Edit Alias |
| | Alarm Blink | | -361 461 | |
| | Blink Speed(ms) 1000 📚 | Phone Number | | |
| | Audible alarms | Alias | Phone Number | ^ |
| | Unit Alarms Sound file (*.wav) | | | |
| | Sensor Alarms Sound file (*.wav) | | | |
| | Sound repeat time (s) | | | ~ |
| | Storage folder | | | |
| | | Add Alias | Remove Alias | Edit Alias |
| | | SmsServ | iceNo Com-pi | ort 0 😂 |

Fig 4.4 System Application Page

A System's application page allows you to configure the general settings and information for the system.

4.1.1 System ID

The Name of the system as it appears on the network. This value is set at the time of system creation.





4.1.2 System Information

System Information displays a page with fields allowing you to enter information about your company and the people responsible for administrating the system.

4.1.3 <u>Associated Maps</u>

The Map Names Box lists all of the available location maps assigned to the system.

| | Administrate EnviroPoint File Edit Help |
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| | CONSE Constant C |
| | Available unts Units selected Room 56 Units selected Room 58 Cancel |
| | Figure 4.5: Add Map Dialogue |
| Add map | opens the add map dialogue box that allows users to select *.jpg, *.bmp and *.png im- use as location maps. Users can also select which system nodes will appear on the I map; |
| Edit map | allows users to edit a map; |
| Delete map | will remove a map from the system. |
| 4.1.4 | Node Groupings |
| Group Names | box lists all the node groupings defined for this system. |
| Add group | allows users to create new groups and assign system nodes to the group; |
| Edit group | allows users to modify which nodes belong to an individual group; |
| Delete group | will remove a group definition from the system. |

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| O-SV Digtal Digtal Digtal Digtal Counter Temperature Humdky Viziation Acoustic Light Supply Volta; Mains power Roorm S8 | e Add Map Edit Map Delete M | |
| | Sensor Alarms Sound file (*.wav) | |
| Adm | Sound repeat time (s) 0 📚 | |

Figure 4.6: Node Grouping

4.1.5 <u>System Alarms</u>

| Alarm Blink | activates blinking alarm signals for this system; |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| | |

Blinking speed controls the speed of the blinking alarm signals;

Audible alarms activates a sound file when an alarm is registered.

Users can select which sound files are activated for both sensor alarms and system alarms (refer to operator manual) and how often the audible alarms are sounded.

4.1.6 File Storage Path

Some sensor types (e.g. web cameras) require the ability to store data as files. This option sets the path to the directory where the data files will be stored.

4.1.7 Email & SMS alerts

Users can elect to have alarm messages sent to key personnel by SMS or by email. You can set the security option of either sending the details or sending a request for the personnel to log in to a secure data link to view the details of the alarm. The Phone Number and Email alias lists show the contact details of personnel and you can set the communications settings for both forms of communication (email server or port number for SMS transmission service).



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4.3 Sensor Configuration

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Australian Museum Main exhibition Main exhibition O-SV Digital 1 Digital 1 Digital 2 Counter Temperature Humidity Vibration Acoustic Light Supply Voltage Main power | Sensor ID 30166 Sensor Type Analog Sensor name 4-20ma Sensor measurement unit mA Sensor for the sensor | Sensor active Calibration formula (0.0)+x*X*(0.0) Calibration reference Calibration Locked Factory calibrated Normal sampling rate(s) 30 Fast sampling rate(s), used when a sensor alarm is active |
| Signal strength | Spot:1 | 30 |
| Storage room | All and All and | Measurement times and sampling rates |
| | | Start time End time Normal rate Fast rate |
| | DisableTmeSMSAlarms(min) 600 DisableTmeEmallAlarms(min) 600 Sensor alarms | Add time Edit time Remove time |
| | Type High Low Hysteresis Delay(s) | ActiveTimes Trigger |
| | Add alarm Edit alarm Remove alarm | |

Fig 4.8 Sensor Application Page

Sensor application pages allow you to configure individual sensors.

4.3.1 Sensor ID

The sensor tag on the system.

4.3.2 <u>Sensor type</u>

The type of sensor measurement.

4.3.3 Sensor Name

The name of the sensor.

4.3.4 Sensor Measurement Unit

Units of measurement.

4.3.5 Sensor Active

Status of the sensor.

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4.3.6 Calibration Formula

Formula used to calibrate raw measured data to the correct measurement units.

4.3.7 <u>Calibration Reference</u>

Equipment used as reference when creating the calibration formula.

4.3.8 Normal Sampling rates

The sampling rate used for measurements when no alarm conditions are present.

4.3.9 Fast Sampling rates

The sampling rate used when an alarm is registered.

4.3.10 <u>Measurement times and sampling rates</u>

Can be used to program sensors to measure values at varying rates over a time period.

4.3.11 <u>Sensor Location</u>

Physical locations of the sensors.

4.3.12 Alarm settings

Programmable settings for alarms.

| Cost Digtal 1 Digtal 2 Counter Temperature Humdhy Vibration Aptic Supply Voltage Mans power Signal strength Room 58 | 0- 0.00 0. | r/alas Trigger sense Unit Unit Add sensor Unit Ro Sensor 4-2 | Sensor | M) hd samping rates is Normal rate Fast rate it time Remove time Trigger | cive |
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Figure 4.9: Alarm Settings Dialogue

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5 APPENDIX A – REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

5.1 Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Neo Vista Systems integrators Pty Ltd as the sole Australasian importer of hardware produced by Accsense, Inc. has applied to ACMA for recognition of compliance under S.182 of the Radiocommunications Act 1992. This compliance recognition is known as the C-Tick.

NVSI Supplier Code as listed with ACMA is: N16909

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APPENDIX B – ENVIROPOINT VARIATION DESCRIPTION

Product Function Description

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Note: each Node is a Pod or other Unit type such as a Web Cam.

| EnviroPoint Function | Lite | Standard | Enterprise* |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| EnviroPoint Server | XP SP2 | MS Server 2003 | MS Server 2003 |
| Operating System | | MS Server 2000 | Enterprise |
| EnviroPoint Server | Express SP1 | Express SP1 with | Enterprise Edition. |
| Database | (Max data | Advanced Services. | |
| MS SQL Server 2005 | 4GByte) | Standard Edition. | |
| requirement | | Enterprise Edition. | |
| Run as a service | - | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| (PC not required to be logged in) | | | |
| FDA 21 CFR part 11 | - | - | Open System |
| Server License | Per computer | Per server | Per data centre |
| | | | cluster |
| Server Installation requirements | Single installer | Requires SQL to be set | Requires SQL to be se |
| · | Ŭ | up & Certificates | up & Certificates |
| EnviroPoint Monitor | XP SP2 | XP SP2 | XP SP2 |
| Operating System | | | |
| Monitor Licenses | 5 | Unlimited Per | Unlimited Per |
| (Concurrent Users) | | Site | Organisation (limited |
| () | | (limited by SQL user | by SQL user CALs) |
| | | CALs) | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Monitor Installation requirements | Single installer | Single installer | Single installer |
| Max Number of Nodes | 32 | 65,536 [†] | 1,048,576† |
| Max Number of Gateways | 32 | 65,536 [†] | 65,536† |
| Software plug-ins for other types of | - | | |
| Sensor (i.e. Web Cam) | | | |
| Web Cam | - | | |
| Node output control | - | | |
| (On Pod type A1-08 to A1-10) | | | |
| Remote Nodes using | - | | \checkmark |
| G3 Mobile connection | | | |
| Network Security | - | | |
| SSL encryption data links | | | |
| Encrypted Database Tables | - | - | |
| Gateway Connection | Direct Stream | Direct Web | Direct Web |
| Gateway Configuration | Accsense Config | Accsense Config Utility | Inbuilt |
| - , | Utility | | |
| Pod history data with a network | Nil | Limited by | Limited by |
| outage | | Gateway memory | Gateway memory |
| | | Sateria; monory | |
| Multiple Systems monitored | - | | \checkmark |

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| (each system could be a different | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| division of an organisations) | | | |
| Location Name is master reference for | | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| data | | | |
| (this enables pods to be exchanged | | | |
| for each location, i.e. during | | | |
| calibration) | | | |
| Location of Sensor | | | N |
| Node enable/disable | | √ | |
| Node channel selection | - | \checkmark | |
| (Log only selected channel data rates | | | |
| to calibrated data tables) | | | |
| Validation mode for sensors | - | √ | N |
| Node Channel Calibration | | | |
| External Sensor Calibration | - | | |
| (Calibration factors for both the Pod | | | |
| input plus the sensor) | | | |
| Pod & Sensor Drift Correction | - | √ | √ |
| All raw data stored | | | |
| All calibrated data stored | | | |
| Selectable data sample rates per | \checkmark | \checkmark | |
| channel | | | |
| Fast sample rate on alarm | | | |
| Channel sample data can be started | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| and stopped by time of day at different | | | |
| sample rates | | | |
| EnviroPoint Monitor number of | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| displays screens | | | |
| User Logon Control | | | |
| Digital Signatures | - | - | \checkmark |
| Remote System Configuration | - | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Multi-lingual Support | \checkmark | \checkmark | |
| Node data & info display | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Number of nodes able to be displayed | 32 | 160 (2x 80) | 320 (4x 80) |
| on the monitors at one time | | | |
| Node set to a Group | \checkmark | \checkmark | |
| Node Group data & info display | \checkmark | | |
| Node Chart Display | | | |
| Chart Display Printing | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Group Node Maps | \checkmark | | |
| Group Node Maps type | .jpg .bmp .png | .jpg .bmp .png | .jpg .bmp .png .dfx |
| Alarms | | | |
| Alarm Threshold Delay Time | \checkmark | | |
| Alarm Hysteresis | \checkmark | | \checkmark |
| Different Alarm limits for selected | | | |
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|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| times of the day | | | |
| Multi Level Alarms | - | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Group Node Maps Display Alarms | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Node Timeout Alarm | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Signal Strength Node Alarms | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Supply Voltage Node Alarms | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Mains Power Node Alarms | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Email Alarm Notifications | - | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| SMS Alarm Notifications | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Active Sensor Alarm Listing | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Old Sensor Alarm Listing | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Active Unit Alarm Listing | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| (Node functions) | | | |
| Old Unit Alarm Listing | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| (Node functions) | | | |
| Alarm Acknowledgement by Operator | \checkmark | | |
| System Logs | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Audit Logs | - | SQL Triggers | Full |
| Report Generation | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Periodic Report Generation | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Digital Signed Reports | - | - | \checkmark |
| Printer Selection | Only default | Selectable | Selectable |
| Server Web reporting using | - | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Reporting Services | | | |
| Database Data Tables Full Text | - | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Search capable | | | |
| Online Help | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Support Information | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| | | | |

[†] Limited by the SQL server system resources and system network.

* Not yet released



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APPENDIX C - MANUAL INSTALL PROCEDURE OF ENVIROPOINT

- 1. Install EnviroPoint Server Run the EnviroPoint_Server_Installer.msi
- 2. **Install MsSQL Server** (if not one already exists) Use option a or b for installing the database.
 - a. The MsSQL 2005 Edition installation guides is found here: <u>http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/express/sql/download/</u> Install either the one with or without advanced services
 - Install the Dot Net Framework 2 (if not installed) Run the dotnetfx.exe (Download if from: <u>http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=0856eacb-4362-</u> 4b0d-8edd-aab15c5e04f5&displaylang=en)

Install MsSQL 2005 Express Edition http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=65212

3. Install the EnviroPoint database on the MsSQL Server

- a. Open the "Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio Express"
- **b.** Open the "DbCreateScript.sql" file
- c. Modify the folder path (if wanted/needed) on row 4 and 6 in the script file.
- d. Execute the script (Ctrl-E)

4. Configure the Gateways

The gateways that you would like to receive data from should be configured for "direct stream" connection on port 41234. The IP address should be your computers IP address (use a static IP on your computer if possible).

5. Run the EnviroPoint Server Application

- a. First the application will ask you to select language
- The license agreement and product activation comes next. If you press cancel here, you can run the application for 14. The key "G880-GWEJ6CL9-NCB4-39R4", will expire 2007-05-31
- c. The application will now create an udl-file in the application folder. Depending on the MsSQL server setup this will or may not grant the application access to the database (if you are using the default settings for the MsSQL server it will work).

 d. To configure the database connection and SystemID, a password has to be applied. If no users /connection could be established to the database a build in user account will be used. The password for this account is: \$jq950 09j6

| - | User Name | |
|---|--------------------------------------------|---|
| 9 | <built account="" in="" system=""></built> | × |
| 1 | Password | |

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- e. A dialog appears to select/change the database connection to use (e.g. to use another udl-file), and also to select the SystemID to use.
- f. The SystemID defines the system in the database that the application should report data to (several systems could be using the same database).

| Configure database settings | X |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2• —— ● | |
| Database DSN name or udi-file | System name: |
| EnviroPoint.udl | EnviroPoint 1 |
| | |
| Database login user name | |
| Database login password name | |
| Data base connection active. Click here to modify settings. | OK Cancel |

- g. Type in a system id e.g. "MySystem-01".
- h. Now (if the SystemID wasn't found in the database), it's time to configure the Pods/Units to use in the system.
 - i. Enter Pods SN
 - ii. Enter Pod type
 - iii. Press "Add pod"

Repeat step i-iii for every pod to use, then press "Save settings".

| System name | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| MySystem-01 | |
| Pod communication type | |
| Direct Stream 🛛 💌 | |
| Pod list | |
| | |
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| | |
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| | |
| | |
| | 3 |
| Pod serial number | Pod type |
| Pod serial number | Pod type AccSense-A1-01 |

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