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Preface

The information in this manual applies to the X.25 functionality provided by VSI X.25 for OpenVMS and VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS VAX. Note that the X.25 functionality in VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS VAX was formerly provided by VAX P.S.I. software.

Throughout this guide, the X.25 functionality by both VSI X.25 for OpenVMS and VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS VAX is referred to generically as X.25 for OpenVMS.

1. About VSI

VMS Software, Inc. (VSI) is an independent software company licensed by Hewlett Packard Enterprise to develop and support the OpenVMS operating system.

2. Intended Audience

This manual is for network managers who are familiar with networking concepts and DECnet-Plus Phase V.

This manual assumes that you understand and have some experience with:

- X.25 communications
- Local Area Networks (LANs)
- Wide Area Networks (WANs)
- Installation of software products on your system
- The DECnet-Plus software used on the X.25 system

The manual also assumes that:

- You are familiar with DECnet-Plus terminology
- You have read the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Management Guide* manual
- You have read the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Introduction and User's Guide*

3. Document Structure

The manual is divided into three parts and four appendices:

- *Part I, "Conceptual Information"* contains conceptual information on the components of an X.25 system.
- *Part II, "Managing an X.25 System"* contains task-oriented information showing how to manage an X.25 system and the management tools available.
- *Part III, "Monitoring an X.25 System"* contains information on the facilities that allow you to monitor an X.25 system.

- *Appendix A, "System-Wide Logicals Used By X.25 for OpenVMS"* describes each of the system-wide logicals used by X.25 for OpenVMS.
- *Appendix B, "General Optional PSDN Facilities Supported by X.25 for OpenVMS"* describes the optional facilities that may be offered by PSDNs.
- *Appendix C, "Optional Facilities of CUGs and BCUGs Supported by X.25 for OpenVMS"* describes the optional facilities of Closed User Groups (CUGs) and Bilateral Closed User Groups (BCUGs) supported.
- *Appendix D, "DTE Parameters Supported by X.25 for OpenVMS"* describes the DTE parameters supported by X.25 for OpenVMS.

4. Related Documents

The following sections describe VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS, VSI X.25 for OpenVMS, and VSI OpenVMS manuals that either directly describe the X.25 for OpenVMS software or provide related information.

VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Documentation

The following DECnet-Plus manuals contain information useful to X.25 for OpenVMS managers, users, and programmers:

- *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Introduction and User's Guide*

This manual provides general information on DECnet-Plus and describes the concept of packet switching data networks.

- *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration*

This manual describes how to install and configure VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS software. For OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, this manual also describes how to install X.25 for OpenVMS software. Details on configuring X.25 for OpenVMS on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems are provided in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual. For OpenVMS VAX systems, this manual also describes how to install and configure the X.25 functionality provided by VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS VAX.

- *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Management Guide*

This manual provides conceptual and task information about managing and monitoring a DECnet-Plus network. In addition, the manual devotes a section to the management of X.25 entities used by DECnet operating over X.25 data links.

- *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide*

This manual provides detailed information on the Network Control Language (NCL), which is used to manage X.25 for OpenVMS management entities.

VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Documentation

The following manuals make up the X.25 for OpenVMS documentation set:

- *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

This manual explains how to configure X.25 for OpenVMS software on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems.

- *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Security Guide*

This manual describes the X.25 Security model and how to set up, manage, and monitor X.25 Security to protect your X.25 for OpenVMS system from unauthorized incoming and outgoing calls.

- *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Problem Solving*

This manual provides guidance on how to analyze and correct X.25–related and X.29–related problems that may occur while using the X.25 for OpenVMS software. In addition, the manual describes loopback testing for LAPB data links.

- *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming*

This manual describes how to write X.25 and X.29 programs to perform network operations.

- *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming Reference*

This manual provides reference information for X.25 and X.29 programmers. It is a companion manual to the *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming*.

- *X.25 for OpenVMS Utilities*

This manual describes how to use and manage X.25 Mail and how to use and manage a host–based PAD to connect to a remote system. It also describes how to manage the X.29 communication links used for both of these functions. In addition, this manual explains how to use OpenVMS DCL SET TERMINAL/X29 commands to manage remote host–based or network PADs.

- *X.25 for OpenVMS Accounting*

This manual describes how to use X.25 Accounting to obtain performance records and information on how X.25 is being used on your system.

VSI OpenVMS Documentation

The following OpenVMS manuals contain information useful to X.25 for OpenVMS managers, users, and programmers:

- The current *HP OpenVMS New Features and Documentation Overview* manual
- *HP OpenVMS DCL User's Manual*
- *VSI OpenVMS DCL Dictionary*
- *HP OpenVMS System Management Utilities Reference Manual*
- *HP OpenVMS System Services Reference Manual*
- *HP OpenVMS Guide to System Security*

5. OpenVMS Documentation

The full VSI OpenVMS documentation set can be found on the VMS Software Documentation webpage at <https://docs.vmssoftware.com>.

6. VSI Encourages Your Comments

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7. Terminology

The terminology used in the VAX P.S.I. product has been replaced by the terminology used in the X.25 for OpenVMS product. *Table 1, "X.25 Terminology"* shows the correlation between VAX P.S.I. terms and their X.25 for OpenVMS counterparts.

Table 1. X.25 Terminology

VAX P.S.I.	X.25 for OpenVMS
VAX P.S.I.	X.25 for OpenVMS VAX
Access system	X.25 Client system
Native system	X.25 Direct Connect system
Multihost system	X.25 Connector system
Gateway system	X.25 Connector system

In addition to the terms shown in *Table 1, "X.25 Terminology"*, the X.25 for OpenVMS documentation set uses the following standard terms for client systems, server systems, relay systems, and the X.25 for OpenVMS management entities that represent these systems:

Table 2. X.25 for OpenVMS Client/Server Terminology

Client system	A client system of an X.25 Connector system (and therefore a client of the X25 Server management module on the X.25 Connector system.)
Relay Client system	A client system of an X.25 Relay system (and therefore a client of the X25 Relay management module on the X.25 Relay system.)
Relay–Client	A shorthand term for an X25 RELAY CLIENT management entity on an X.25 Relay system that contains management information about an actual Relay Client system.
Relay system	An X.25 Direct Connect or Connector system with the X.25 Relay module enabled.
Server Client system	Another term for a Client system.
Server–Client	A shorthand term for an X25 SERVER CLIENT management entity on an X.25 Connector system that contains management information about one or more actual X.25 Client systems.

For more information about clients, servers, and relays in X.25 for OpenVMS, refer to the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual and the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Management Guide*.

8. Conventions

The following conventions are used in the X.25 for OpenVMS documentation set:

Convention	Meaning
UPPERCASE and lowercase	The OpenVMS operating system does not differentiate between lowercase and uppercase characters. Literal strings that appear in text, examples, syntax descriptions, and function descriptions can be entered using uppercase characters, lowercase characters, or a combination of both. In running text, uppercase characters indicate OpenVMS DCL commands and command qualifiers; Network Control Language (NCL) commands and command parameters; other product-specific commands and command parameters; network management entities; OpenVMS system logical names; and OpenVMS system service calls, parameters, and item codes. Leading uppercase characters, such as Protocol State, indicate management entity characteristics and management entity event names. Leading uppercase characters are also used for the top-level management entities known as modules.
system output	This typeface is used in interactive and code examples to indicate system output. In running text, this typeface is used to indicate the exact name of a device, directory, or file; the name of an instance of a network management entity; or an example value assigned to a DCL qualifier or NCL command parameter.
user input	In interactive examples, user input is shown in bold monospaced print.
\$	In this manual, a dollar sign (\$) is used to represent the default OpenVMS user prompt.
CTRL/x	In procedures, a sequence such as CTRL/x indicates that you must hold down the key labeled Ctrl while you press another key or a pointing device button.
<i>italic text</i>	Italic text indicates variables or book names. Variables include information that varies in system input and output. In discussions of event messages, italic text indicates a possible value of an event argument.
bold text	Bold text indicates an important term or important information.
()	In a command definition, parenthesis indicate that you must enclose the options in parenthesis if you choose more than one. Separate the options using commas.
{ }	In a command definition, braces are used to enclose sets of values. The braces are a required part of the command syntax.
[]	In a command definition, square brackets are used to enclose parts of the command that are optional. You can choose one, none, or all of the options. The brackets are not part of the command syntax. However, brackets are a required syntax element when specifying a directory name in an OpenVMS file specification.

Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1. Facilities Provided by X.25 for OpenVMS

VSI X.25 for OpenVMS provides facilities for:

- Management
- Security
- Accounting
- X.25 and X.29 programming
- X.29 access
- X.25 mail
- Support of the DECnet-Plus Common Trace Facility (CTF)

These facilities are described further in Sections *Section 1.1.1, "Management"* to *Section 1.1.7, "Common Trace Facility (CTF)"*.

1.1.1. Management

X.25 for OpenVMS provides a comprehensive configuration utility that allows you to set up, modify, and maintain the network configuration parameters of your system. The utility can be used in one of two modes:

- **Basic Mode**, which is used to create a basic working configuration. This mode provides a mechanism for configuring a system without the need to have knowledge of, or understand, the entities and attributes used to manage X.25.
- **Advanced Mode**, which is used to create more complex working configurations. This mode of operation requires a good understanding and working knowledge of the entities and attributes used to manage X.25.

X.25 for OpenVMS provides a comprehensive configuration utility that allows you to set up, modify, and maintain the network configuration parameters of your system.

In addition the configuration facility, X.25 for OpenVMS supports the use of the DECnet-Plus Network Control Language (NCL), which can be used to make temporary changes to the configuration of a network.

The remainder of this manual provides an overview of the manageable entities within X.25 for OpenVMS and how to use the configuration program and NCL to manage these entities. Full details of the configuration utility for X.25 for OpenVMS on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, are provided in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual. Full details of the configuration utility for X.25 for OpenVMS on OpenVMS VAX systems, are provided in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* manual. Full details of the available NCL commands are provided in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual.

1.1.2. Security

X.25 for OpenVMS gives your system the ability to access many remote DTEs within a large global network. It also gives other users in the global network the ability to access your system. X.25 Security allows you to protect your system against misuse by:

- Protecting your system from unauthorized incoming calls
- Preventing unauthorized outgoing calls

For more details on how to secure X.25 for OpenVMS, see the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Security Guide*.

1.1.3. Accounting

X.25 Accounting allows you to record details of both outgoing and incoming X.25 calls. The statistical information provided by this utility can be used to:

- Charge users appropriately for their use of X.25 for OpenVMS
- Determine the users of X.25 for OpenVMS at any given time
- Record all calls and attempted calls

For details on the functionality, management, and use of the accounting utility, see the *X.25 for OpenVMS Accounting* manual.

1.1.4. X.25 and X.29 Programming

X.25 for OpenVMS allows you to write programs to:

- Set up connections to remote DTEs (establish virtual circuits)
- Exchange data using SVCs or PVCs
- End connections with remote DTEs (clear virtual circuits)

One of the following interfaces can be used:

- The X.25 interface (for communication with packet-mode DTEs)
- The X.29 interface (for communication with remote PADs)

For more information about these programming interfaces, see the *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming* and the *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming Reference* manual.

1.1.5. X.29 Access

X.25 for OpenVMS implements the CCITT X.3, X.28, and X.29 recommendations, which allow:

- Access to a remote system from an X.25 for OpenVMS host via the host-based PAD
- Configuration of the X.25 for OpenVMS host-based PAD when accessing a remote system
- Users to log in to, or to run an application on, an X.25 for OpenVMS host from an X.29 terminal via a remote PAD
- Configuration of the remote PAD on an X.25 for OpenVMS host when accessing the host via X.29 from another X.25 for OpenVMS host

The facilities provided by a PAD depend on which version (1984 or 1988) of the CCITT recommendation the PAD you are using complies with:

- If the PAD complies with the 1988 CCITT recommendation, all 22 PAD parameters are supported.
- If the PAD complies with the 1984 CCITT recommendation, only PAD parameters 1 to 18 are supported. In addition, some PSDNs may support PAD parameters 19 to 22.

If you are using a dial-in PAD, a full list of the PAD facilities supported can be obtained from your PSDN supplier.

X.25 for OpenVMS complies with the 1988 CCITT recommendation. Details of the PAD parameters supported by X.25 for OpenVMS are provided in the *X.25 for OpenVMS Utilities*.

1.1.6. X.25 Mail

X.25 Mail is an extension to OpenVMS Mail. X.25 Mail allows users to send mail to, and receive mail from, other systems that implement the Mail-11 protocol over X.25.

Details of using and managing X.25 Mail are provided in the *X.25 for OpenVMS Utilities*.

1.1.7. Common Trace Facility (CTF)

The Common Trace Facility (CTF) allows you to collect and display information about specific protocol exchanges between systems in a network. This information is often very useful when attempting to solve such problems as:

- Suspected configuration problems
- Failures while establishing or using network links
- Network overload
- Poor network performance

For information about using CTF, refer to the *DECnet/OSI for OpenVMS – Common Trace Facility Use* manual. For information about problem solving techniques for the X.25 for OpenVMS product, see the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Problem Solving*.

1.2. Introduction to X.25 Management

An X.25 for OpenVMS system will need little day-to-day management once X.25 for OpenVMS has been installed and configured. However, you may need to modify the configuration occasionally to meet changing circumstances. You also need to monitor the system to ensure that it is working correctly and providing the best service for its users. For example, you may need to add anew application to a Client system.

Note that throughout this guide, the following terms are used:

- **Direct Connect system** – a system that is connected directly to an X.25 network. A Direct Connect system was formerly known as a Native system in the VAX P.S.I. product.
- **Connector system** – a system that provides a connection to an X.25 network on behalf of one or more Client systems. Communication between a Connector system and each of the Client systems

it services is made using the DECnet Gateway Access Protocol (GAP). A Connector system was formerly known as a Multihost system in the VAX P.S.I. product. In the VAX P.S.I. product, the Connector system was also frequently referred to as a Gateway system. This term was usually reserved for dedicated hardware products that provided the functions of a Connector system.

- **Client system** – a system that uses a Connector system to access an X.25 network; a Client system **cannot** access an X.25 network directly. A Client system was formerly known as an Access system in the VAX P.S.I. product.

See *Section 2.5, "Example Configurations"* for a set of example configurations.

1.3. How to Use this Manual

Part I, "Conceptual Information" of this manual contains conceptual information on the parts of an X.25 for OpenVMS system. It details the X.25 Management Model (*Chapter 2, "The X.25 Management Model"*) and describes each part of an X.25 for OpenVMS system (*Chapter 3, "The Components of an X.25 for OpenVMS System"*). You should read *Part I, "Conceptual Information"* if you are new to X.25 for OpenVMS and need to know how the parts of an X.25 system interact.

Part II, "Managing an X.25 System" provides details on how to perform management tasks and the X.25 management tools available. *Part II, "Managing an X.25 System"* provides reference information that can be used whenever you need to carry out a network management task; it is not intended to be read from start to finish.

To use *Part II, "Managing an X.25 System"*:

1. Examine the Table of Contents to find the section that details the task you want to carry out.
2. Turn to the specified section and follow the instructions provided.

To complete some tasks (for example, defining a new application) you will need to carry out other tasks in *Part III, "Monitoring an X.25 System"*. If this is necessary, you will find cross-references to those secondary tasks.

Part III, "Monitoring an X.25 System" contains information on how to monitor an X.25 system using event logging and tracing.

X.25 Accounting is described separately in the *X.25 for OpenVMS Accounting* manual.

X.25 for OpenVMS also provides two other utilities that network managers need to manage and monitor, these being X.25 Mail¹ and support for X.29. The use and management of these utilities are detailed in the *X.25 for OpenVMS Utilities*.

¹On OpenVMS VAX systems, this utility was previously referred to as the VAX P.S.I. Mail utility.

Part I. Conceptual Information

This Part consists of two chapters:

- *Chapter 2, "The X.25 Management Model"*, describes how network management information is divided into a set of functional modules and associated entities, and details each of the modules and entities used by an X.25 for OpenVMS system.
- *Chapter 3, "The Components of an X.25 for OpenVMS System"*, describes how the major components of an X.25 system interact.

Chapter 2. The X.25 Management Model

2.1. Introduction

Any modification that you make to a VSI X.25 for OpenVMS system involves changing the network management information on the system.

The network management information is divided into a set of functional modules. Each module is divided into entities, each entity dealing with a part of that module's function.

For example, the Modem Connect module holds information on all the physical synchronous communications lines attached to a system. A MODEM CONNECT LINE entity in the Modem Connect module contains all the information (such as line speed and current state) on a specific synchronous communications line. A MODEM CONNECT LINE entity therefore needs to be defined for each synchronous communications line on the system.

To manage a system effectively, you need to know which module and associated entity contains the relevant management information. *Section 2.2, "Modules Used in an X.25 for OpenVMS System"* summarizes the modules and entities used in an X.25 for OpenVMS system and *Section 2.3, "Entities"* details the entities associated with each of the modules.

2.2. Modules Used in an X.25 for OpenVMS System

An X.25 for OpenVMS system uses the following modules:

- **Device module** – defines the management of physical devices that are attached to a network and which must load firmware from a host system. This module corresponds to part of the Physical Layer in the OSI reference model.
- **Modem Connect module** – defines the physical synchronous communication lines connecting a system to an X.25 network. This module corresponds to the Physical Layer of the OSI reference model.
- **LAPB module** – defines the data link protocol (Link Access Procedure, Balanced), which is used to exchange frames between a DTE and a DCE. Commonly known as a level 2 protocol in X.25 nomenclature, this module corresponds to the Data Link Layer of the OSI reference model.
- **CSMA-CD module** – defines the management of Ethernet or IEEE 802.3 Local Area Network devices. This data link offers access by carrier-sense and collision detection thus providing equal service to all stations regardless of load. This module, in conjunction with the LLC2 module, corresponds to the Data Link Layer of the OSI reference model.
- **FDDI module** – defines the management of devices conforming to the Digital Network Architecture (DNA) Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI). See the description of the FDDI module in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual for information about the specific ANSI and ISO standards supported by these devices. This module, in conjunction with the LLC2 module, corresponds to the Data Link Layer of the OSI reference model.

- **LLC2 module** – defines the data link protocol used on Local Area Networks (LANs, such as Ethernet) that conform to the LLC Type 2 standard. This allows systems on a LAN to communicate with each other using X.25. This module, in conjunction with either the CSMA-CD module or the FDDI module, corresponds to the Data Link Layer of the OSI reference model (and is an alternative level 2 protocol in X.25 nomenclature).
- **XOT module** – defines the management of data links using the X.25 over TCP/IP protocol. This protocol enables the transmission of X.25 packets over an existing TCP/IP network using methods described in RFC 1613. From the X.25 point of view, this module corresponds to the Data Link Layer of the OSI reference model (and is an alternative level 2 protocol in X.25 nomenclature). XOT provides a solution for users who may be migrating to a network backbone that supports only TCP/IP, but still have legacy X.25 applications that they must support. See the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Release Notes* and *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Software Product Description* for information about additional software and licensing requirements when using the XOT module.
- **X25 Protocol module** – defines the packet-level protocol, which is used to exchange packets between a DTE and a DCE. It defines the DTEs, PVCs, and CUGs recognized by an X.25 system. Commonly known as the X.25 level 3 protocol or Packet Layer Protocol (PLP) in X.25 nomenclature, this module, in conjunction with the X25 Access module, corresponds to the Network Layer of the OSI reference model.
- **X25 Access module** – defines the user interface to the X25 Protocol module. It defines:
 - The parameters that determine which application is to handle an incoming X.25 call
 - The default parameters for an outgoing call
 - The parameters that control security on the system

This module, in conjunction with the X25 Protocol module, corresponds to the Network layer of the OSI reference model. It does provide some additional services beyond the scope of the Network Layer that might be more properly classified as Session Control or Presentation Layer functions.
- **X25 Server module** – defines how a Connector system communicates with a Server Client system.
- **X25 Client module** – defines how a Client system is to operate, such as the maximum number of session control connections it can handle at any one time.
- **X25 Relay module** – defines how incoming calls from Relay Client systems are forwarded (relayed) to other Relay Client systems.

2.3. Entities

The following sections show which entities are used in each module and briefly describe the purpose of each entity. Full details of each of these modules and their associated entities are given in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual.

2.3.1. Device

The entities used in the Device module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
DEVICE UNIT	1 for each physical device on the local node that requires microcode downloading	Controls the loading and dumping of microcode for a specific communications device.

2.3.2. Modem Connect

The entities used in the Modem Connect module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
LINE	1 for each physical line	Defines the characteristics of that line, maintains statistics on its use, and maintains status information.
DATA PORT	1 for each modem connect line in use	Shows which LAPB entity is using a line, and the current state of that line.

2.3.3. LAPB

The entities used in the LAPB module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
LINK	1 for each modem connect line	Defines the characteristics of a LAPB link, maintains statistics on its performance, and maintains status information.
PORT	1 for each LAPB link in use	Shows which X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity is using the LAPB link.

2.3.4. CSMA-CD or FDDI

The entities used in the CSMA-CD and FDDI modules are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
STATION	1 for each LAN controller	Identifies the station to which a port is to be opened.
PORT	1 for each client	Shows which LLC2 SAP entity is sending and receiving frames through this port.

2.3.5. LLC2

The entities used in the LLC2 module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
SAP (Service Access Point)	1 for each CSMA-CD or FDDI STATION	Provides a means for links to be created between systems over the Ethernet.
LINK	1 for each remote station	Defines how the LLC2 protocol is used over a LAN link.

Entity	Occurrence	Description
PORT	1 for each link in use	Shows which X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity is using a link.

2.3.6. XOT (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

The entities used in the XOT module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
SAP (Service Access Point)	1 for each TCP/IP interface	Specifies the TCP/IP interface service access point (SAP) to use when connecting with another system.
LINK	1 for each remote system	Defines a remote TCP/IP system with which XOT can communicate.

2.3.7. X25 Protocol

The entities used in the X25 Protocol module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
DTE	1 for each data link (LAPB, LLC2, or XOT)	Defines the facilities supported by a DTE, the default information used to set up X.25 virtual circuits through the DTE, and the link service provider entity providing the level 2 services for a DTE.
PVC	1 for each PVC that uses a DTE	Defines the characteristics of a Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC) and defines the facilities it supports.
GROUP	1 for each CUG that the local DTE is part of	Defines the DTEs that make up an X.25 Closed User Group (CUG), and the type of group (normal, bilateral, or outgoing access).

2.3.8. X25 Access

The entities used in the X25 Access module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
APPLICATION	1 for each application	Defines the characteristics of an X.25 application and the filters it uses in the X25 Access module.
DTE CLASS	1 for each class	Defines which local DTEs handle particular outgoing calls on a Direct Connect or Connector system. The DTE class is specified by the application making the call. For remote DTE

Entity	Occurrence	Description
		classes, defines which Connector systems will be used.
FILTER	1 or more for each application that takes incoming calls	Defines the criteria for passing a call onto an application.
REACHABLE ADDRESS	1 for each NSAP address	Defines how an NSAP address provided by an application is converted into a DTE address.
PORT	1 for each virtual circuit	Shows the state of a virtual circuit in use.
REMOTE DTE	System dependent	Defines the security attributes of a remote DTE within a DTE class. This entity is a child entity of the SECURITY DTE CLASS entity.
SECURITY DTE CLASS¹	System dependent	Defines the security mechanisms used to control incoming and outgoing calls for a DTE class.
SECURITY FILTER¹	System dependent	Defines the security mechanisms that control access to X25 ACCESS FILTER entities.
TEMPLATE	System dependent	Defines the default parameters for making and accepting calls on the system.

¹This entity is described in detail in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Security Guide*.

2.3.9. X25 Server

The entities used in the X25 Server module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
CLIENT	1 for each Client system	Defines a set of values that a Connector system uses to associate incoming calls with one or more Client systems.
SECURITY NODES¹	1 for each set of Client Systems	Defines the rights identifiers attributed to a set of Client systems.

¹This entity is described in detail in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Security Guide*

2.3.10. X25 Client

The X25 Client module has a single entity, the X25 CLIENT entity, which defines:

- The maximum number of session control connections to Connector systems that the Client system can handle concurrently
- The session template to be used to handle incoming session control connections from a Connector system. (Although called the session template, this characteristic actually references an OSI TRANSPORT TEMPLATE entity).

2.3.11. X25 Relay (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

The entities used in the X25 Relay module are:

Entity	Occurrence	Description
CLIENT	1 for each Relay Client	Defines a set of default values used to set up a relay between an inbound and an outbound call.
PVC	1 for each pair of PVCs to be connected	Defines a set of values to use in establishing a connection between two PVCs.

2.4. Modules and Entities Used in Each Type of X.25 System

Each X.25 system uses a different combination of the modules and entities. *Table 2.1, "The Modules and Entities Used in Each Type of X.25 System"* lists these combinations.

Table 2.1. The Modules and Entities Used in Each Type of X.25 System

Module	Type of X.25 System			
	Client	Direct Connect	Connector	Relay ⁷
MODEM CONNECT ¹	—	LINE DATA PORT	LINE DATA PORT	LINE DATA PORT
LAPB ²	—	LINK PORT	LINK PORT	LINK PORT
CSMA-CD ³	—	STATION STATION	STATION STATION	STATION STATION
FDDI ³	—	STATION STATION	STATION STATION	STATION STATION
LLC2 ⁴	—	SAP LINK PORT	SAP LINK PORT	SAP LINK PORT
XOT ⁵	—	SAP LINK	SAP LINK	SAP LINK
X25 PROTOCOL	—	DTE PVC GROUP	DTE PVC GROUP	DTE PVC GROUP
X25 ACCESS	DTE CLASS FILTER TEMPLATE REACHABLE ADDRESS APPLICATION	DTE CLASS FILTER TEMPLATE REACHABLE ADDRESS APPLICATION	DTE CLASS FILTER REACHABLE ADDRESS APPLICATION PORT	DTE CLASS FILTER REACHABLE ADDRESS APPLICATION PORT

Module	Type of X.25 System			
	Client	Direct Connect	Connector	Relay ⁷
	PORT	PORT		
X25 SERVER	—	—	CLIENT SECURITY NODES	—
X25 CLIENT ⁶	Yes	—	—	—
X25 RELAY ⁷	—	—	—	CLIENT PVC

⁷Supported only on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems.

¹Required if LAPB data links are present.

²Required if LAPB DTEs are present.

³Either CSMA-CD or FDDI is required if LLC2 data links are present.

⁴Required if LLC2 DTEs are present.

⁵Required if XOT DTEs are present. Supported only on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems.

⁶Yes in the X25 Client row means that the corresponding system uses that module.

2.5. Example Configurations

The following sections contain examples of the modules and entities used in X.25 configurations. These examples are not intended to be comprehensive; they are simply intended to give you an idea of the modules and entities used for a particular configuration. These examples will help you to determine what modules and entities will be required for your system configuration.

Note

Except as noted, the example configurations shown here are not related to one another.

2.5.1. X.25 Client System Configuration

X.25 for OpenVMS allows an X.25 Client system on a DECnet network to connect to PSDNs through one or more X.25 Connector systems, thereby enabling communication between the X.25 Client system and the remote DTEs. The DECnet Gateway Access Protocol (GAP) is used between the X.25 Client system and the X.25 Connector system.

The Connector system can be one of the following:

- X.25 for OpenVMS Connector system
- A dedicated Connector system (see the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Software Product Description* for supported systems).

Figure 2.1, "Example X.25 Client System Configuration" shows an example of two X.25 Client systems that are connected to a PSDN through an X.25 Connector system (that is, an X.25 for OpenVMS system configured as a Connector system).

X.25 for OpenVMS for OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems require a DECnet-Plus and an X.25 for OpenVMS license to be configured as a Client system. Both DECnet-Plus and X.25 for OpenVMS software must be installed.

X.25 for OpenVMS for OpenVMS VAX systems require only a DECnet-Plus license to be configured as a Client system. DECnet-Plus software must be installed. The VAX P.S.I. Access software option must be selected during DECnet-Plus installation.

2.5.1.1. Sample Client Configuration

Consider a Client system that is set up as follows (see the companion sample X.25 Connector system configuration in *Section 2.5.3, "Connector System Configuration"*):

- It runs three X.25 applications
- It uses one Connector system for access to one X.25 network
- The Connector system has one DTE class

Table 2.2, "Example of Modules and Entities in a Client System" shows the minimum number of modules and associated entities that such a system would need (not including the DECnet modules needed for Client–Connector communications).

Figure 2.1. Example X.25 Client System Configuration

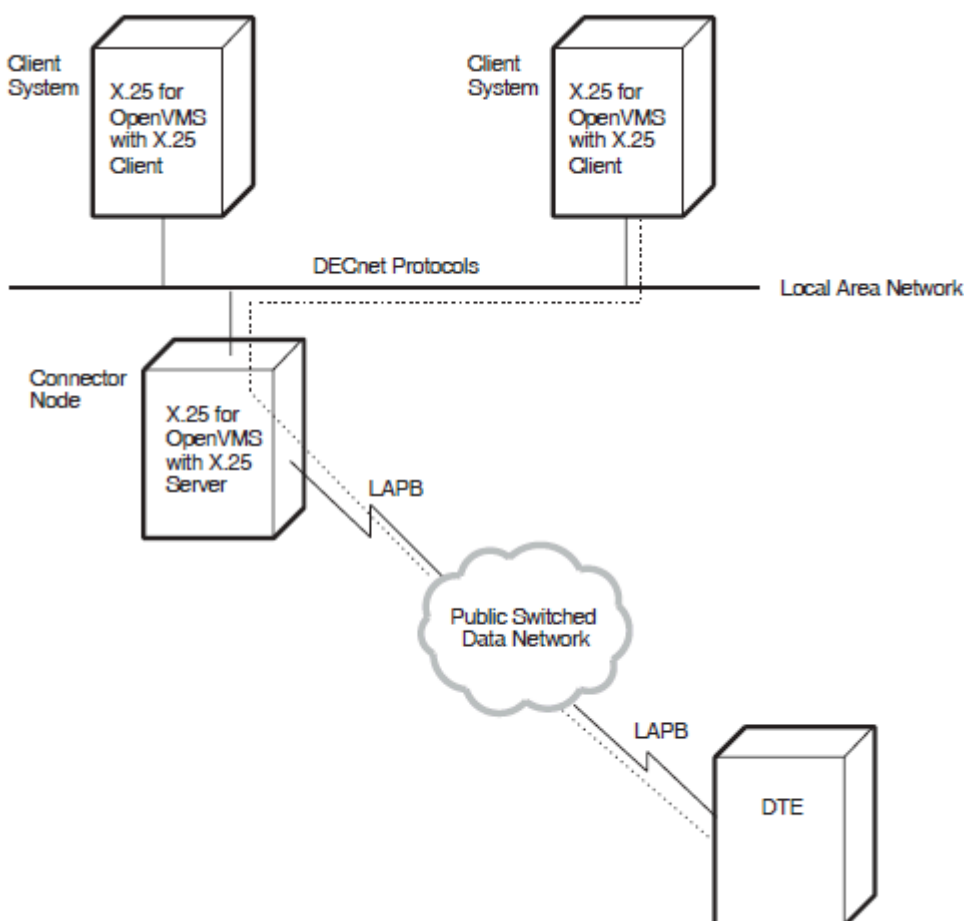


Table 2.2. Example of Modules and Entities in a Client System

Module	Entities	Comments
X25 ACCESS	X25 ACCESS	

Module	Entities	Comments
	3 APPLICATION	1 for each application
	3 FILTER	1 for each application
	1 DTE CLASS	1 for each DTE class on the Connector system
	1 TEMPLATE	1 for each DTE class
X25 CLIENT	X25 CLIENT	

2.5.2. X.25 Direct Connect System Configuration

Direct Connect systems support three configurations:

- Direct connection over LAPB to one or more PSDNs
- Direct connection over LLC2 to one or more DTEs (nodes) on a LAN
- Direct connection over XOT to one or more DTEs (nodes) on a TCP/IP network

X.25 for OpenVMS for OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems require a DECnet-Plus and an X.25 for OpenVMS license to be configured as a Direct Connect system. Both DECnet-Plus and X.25 for OpenVMS software must be installed.

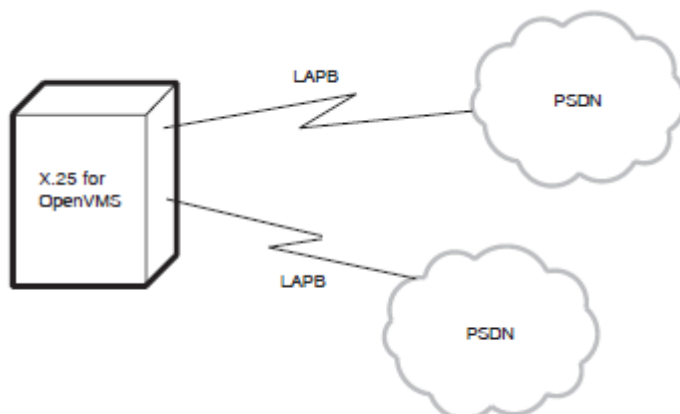
X.25 for OpenVMS for OpenVMS VAX systems require a DECnet-Plus and an X.25 license to be configured as a Direct Connect system. DECnet-Plus software must be installed. The VAX P.S.I. software option must be selected during DECnet-Plus installation.

2.5.2.1. Direct Connection Over LAPB

X.25 for OpenVMS allows the direct connection of a node to one or more PSDNs. To achieve this, the physical line between the X.25 for OpenVMS system and the PSDN uses the Link Access Procedure, Balanced (LAPB) link level protocol. This conforms to the CCITT X.25 recommendation and to ISO standards 7776 and 8208.

An example X.25 system connecting directly to two PSDNs is shown in *Figure 2.2, "Example X.25 Direct Connection System Configuration Using LAPB"*.

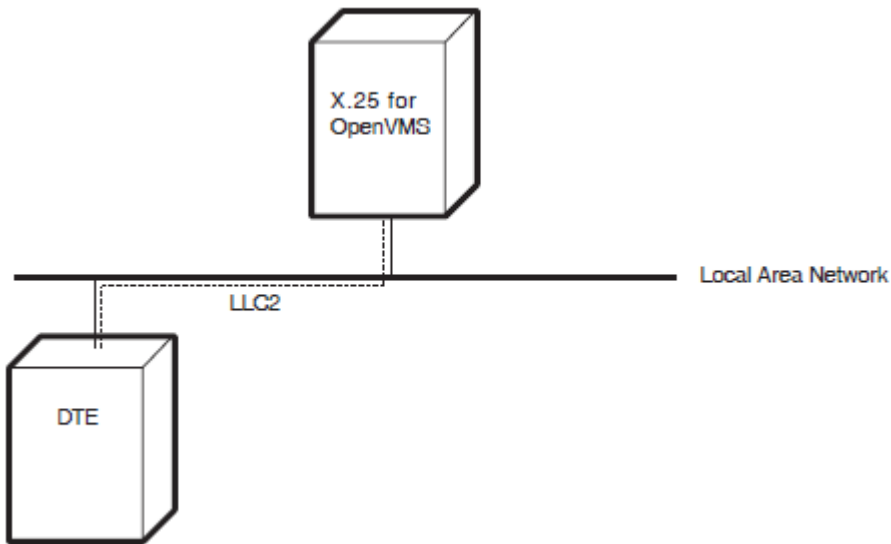
Figure 2.2. Example X.25 Direct Connection System Configuration Using LAPB



2.5.2.2. Direct Connection Over LLC2

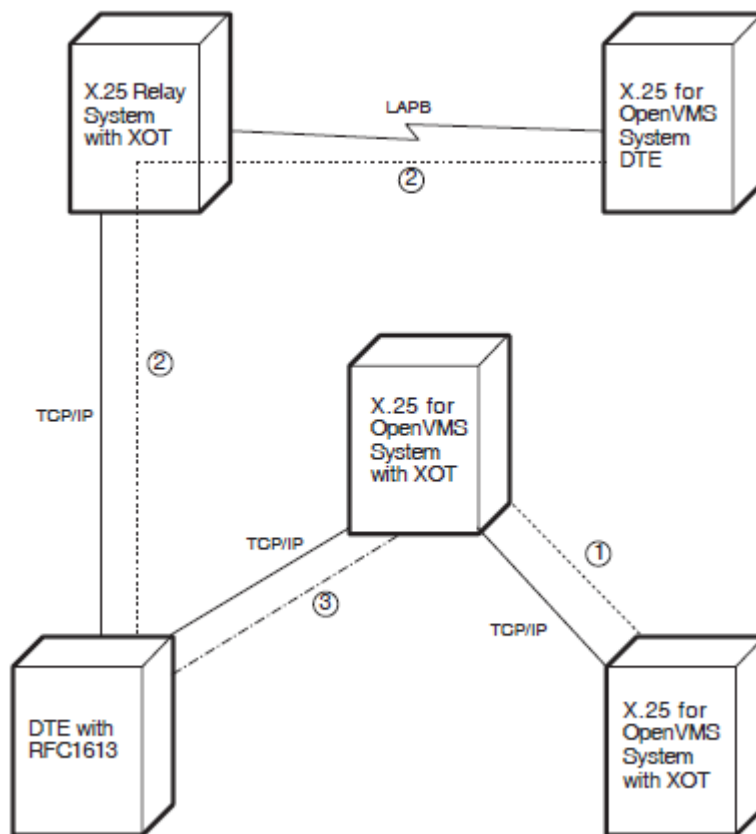
X.25 for OpenVMS can be configured to use the Packet Layer protocol described in ISO 8881 over IEEE 802.2 Logical Link Control, Type II (LLC2) to connect DTEs (nodes) on a LAN. An example showing an X.25 system acting in this mode is shown in *Figure 2.3, "Example X.25 Direct Connection System Configuration Using LLC2"*.

Figure 2.3. Example X.25 Direct Connection System Configuration Using LLC2



2.5.2.3. Direct Connection Over XOT (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

X.25 for OpenVMS can be configured to use the Packet Layer protocol described in ISO 8881 over a TCP/IP network. An example showing an X.25 system acting in this mode is shown in *Figure 2.4, "Example Direct Connection System Configuration Using XOT"*.

Figure 2.4. Example Direct Connection System Configuration Using XOT

Note

After installing the VSI TCP/IP software, you must run the product's configuration program and enable the PATHWORKS Internet Protocol (PWIP) driver. Refer to the VSI TCP/IP Services for OpenVMS documentation for information about running the configuration program and enabling the PWIP driver. Refer to the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Release Notes* and the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Software Product Description* for information about VSI TCP/IP Services for OpenVMS version and license requirements when using XOT data links.

Figure 2.4, "Example Direct Connection System Configuration Using XOT" shows several methods for using a XOT connection.

- Path 1 shows a XOT DTE on one X.25 for OpenVMS system accessing a XOT DTE on another X.25 for OpenVMS system in a TCP/IP network. Each system is configured as an X.25 Direct Connect system.
- Path 2 shows an local LAPB DTE on a X.25 for OpenVMS Relay Client system in a LAPB network accessing the X.25 Relay functionality on another X.25 for OpenVMS system to use a XOT DTE on the X.25 Relay system to reach a remote DTE with RFC1613 capability in a TCP/IP network. The two X.25 for OpenVMS systems are configured as X.25 Direct Connect systems.
- Path 3 shows a remote DTE with RFC1613 capability accessing a XOT DTE on an X.25 for OpenVMS Direct Connect system in a TCP/IP network.

2.5.2.4. Sample Direct Connect Configuration

Consider a Direct Connect system that is set up as follows:

- It runs two X.25 applications
- The system has only one DTE
- The DTE is a member of single Closed User Group

Table 2.3, "Example of Modules and Entities in a Direct Connect System" shows the modules and entities that such a configuration would need.

Table 2.3. Example of Modules and Entities in a Direct Connect System

Module	Entities	Comments
X25 ACCESS	X25 ACCESS	
	2 APPLICATION	1 for each application
	2 FILTER	1 for each application
	1 DTE CLASS	1 for the DTE
	1 TEMPLATE	
X25 PROTOCOL	X25 PROTOCOL	
	1 DTE	1 for access to the X.25 network
	1 GROUP	1 for each DTE
Link Service Provider (LAPB, LLC2, or XOT)	LINK	1 for each line

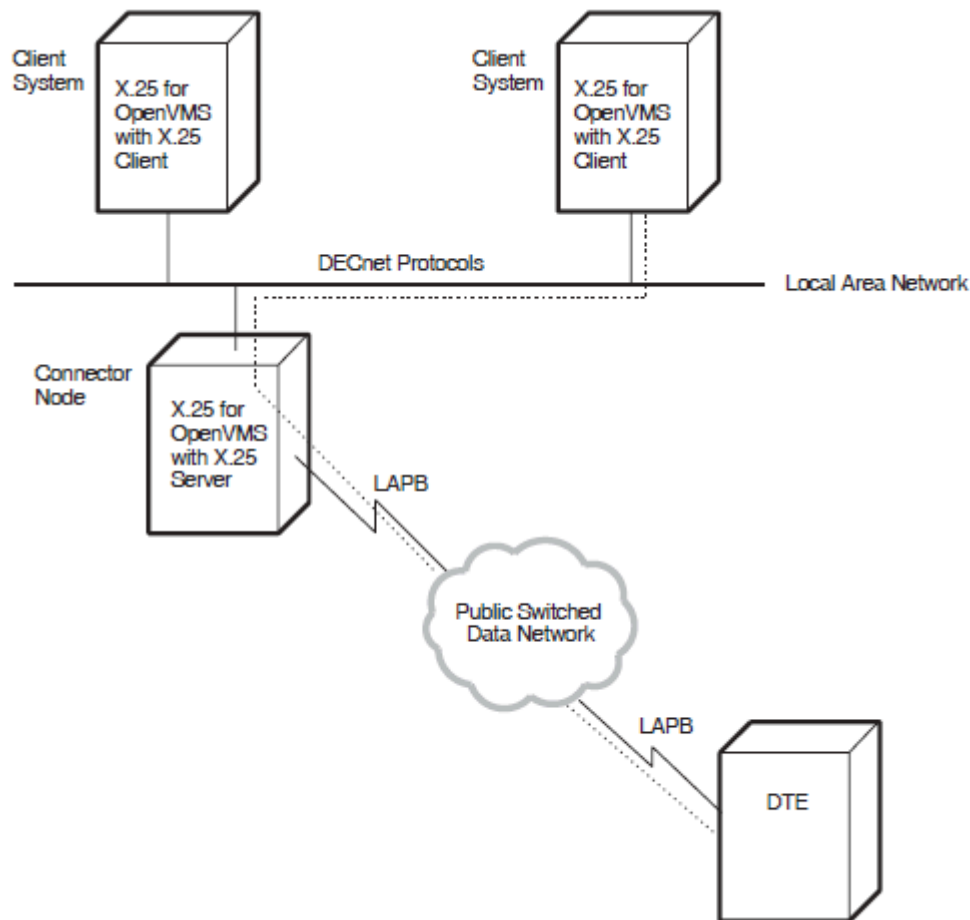
2.5.3. Connector System Configuration

An X.25 Connector system provides X.25 server capabilities, allowing a system with direct access to one or more PSDNs to act as a connector system for Client systems.

Using a variety of X.25 Client systems and X.25 Connector systems (which themselves can be Client systems to other Connector systems), many configurations can be created. One typical implementation of an X.25 Connector system is as a LAN node which provides PSDN access for all the X.25 Client systems on the LAN. *Figure 2.5, "Example X.25 Connector System Configuration"* shows an X.25 for OpenVMS system acting as an X.25 Connector system in this implementation.

X.25 for OpenVMS for OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems require a DECnet-Plus and an X.25 for OpenVMS license to be configured as a Connector system. Both DECnet-Plus and X.25 for OpenVMS software must be installed.

X.25 for OpenVMS for OpenVMS VAX systems require a DECnet-Plus and an X.25 license to be configured as a Connector system. DECnet-Plus software must be installed. The VAX P.S.I. software option must be selected during DECnet-Plus installation. The system should be configured as a Connector system.

Figure 2.5. Example X.25 Connector System Configuration

2.5.3.1. Sample Connector Configuration

Consider a Connector system that provides network access to two X.25 Client systems. *Table 2.4, "Example of Modules and Entities in a Connector System"* shows the modules and entities that such a system would need (see the companion sample X.25 Client system configuration in *Section 2.5.1.1, "Sample Client Configuration"*).

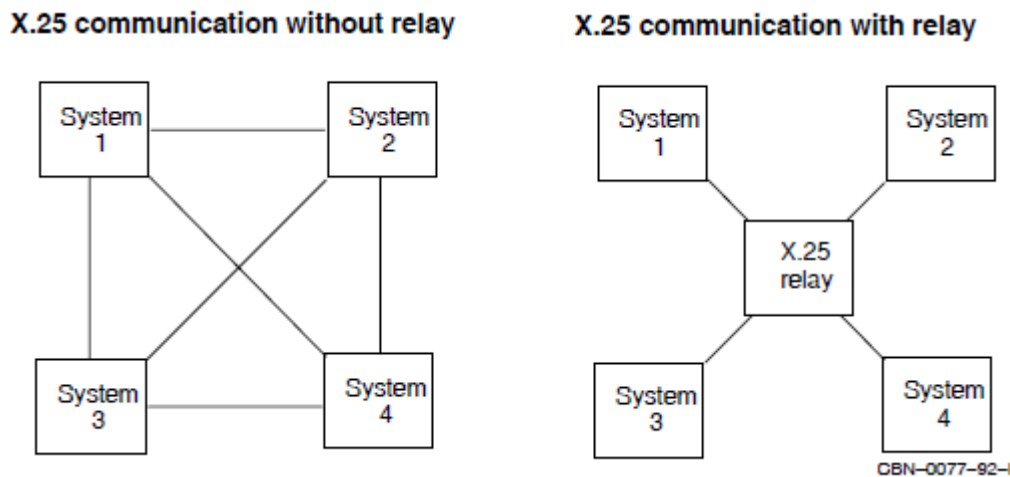
Table 2.4. Example of Modules and Entities in a Connector System

Module	Entities	Comments
X25 SERVER	X25 SERVER	
	2 CLIENT	1 for each Client system
X25 ACCESS	X25 ACCESS	
	2 FILTER	1 for each Client system
	1 DTE CLASS	
X25 PROTOCOL	X25 PROTOCOL	
	1 DTE	1 for access to the network
<i>Link Service Provider (LAPB, LLC2, or XOT)</i>	LINK	1 for each line

2.5.4. X.25 Relay System (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

An X.25 Relay system is used to relay (forward) calls from one DTE to another. *Figure 2.6, "Principles of X.25 Relay"* illustrates the principle of X.25 relay operation. Systems 1, 2, 3, and 4 wish to communicate using X.25 data links. In the left diagram, each system sets up a point-to-point X.25 link with every other system. In the right diagram, the same connectivity is achieved, using fewer lines and DTEs, by using an X.25 Relay system. Each system has just one point-to-point link (to the Relay system), and the Relay system switches calls between them as necessary.

Figure 2.6. Principles of X.25 Relay



For the purposes of call relaying, the calling or called DTE can be one of the following:

- A DTE connected to the X.25 Relay system by means of a Local Area Network (LAN) point-to-point LLC2 data link (or XOT data link on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems).
- A DTE connected to the X.25 Relay system by means of a Wide Area Network (WAN) point-to-point LAPB data link (or XOT data link on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems).
- A DTE connected to the X.25 Relay system by means of a LAPB connection to a PSDN.

The X.25 Relay system therefore allows calls to be relayed between the following:

- A LAN DTE and a WAN DTE
- Two WAN DTEs - one of which can be a PSDN connection. (However, X.25 Relay does not support relaying between two PSDNs; PSDN authorities require such connections to use X.75 connections).
- Two LAN DTEs

Typically, the X.25 Relay system is used to relay calls between a DTE connected by a LAN to the X.25 Relay system and a DTE attached to a PSDN or to relay calls between two DTEs attached to the X.25 Relay system by WANs. Consider the network configuration shown in *Figure 2.7, "Example X.25 Relay Configuration"*. This configuration allows the following:

- Calls to be relayed between LAN Client A or B and DTE D – a LAN-WAN configuration. Path “1” shows the path between LAN Client B and DTE D.

- Calls to be relayed between DTE C and DTE D – a WAN–WAN configuration. Path “2” shows the path between DTE C and DTE D.

Table 2.5, “X.25 Relay Configuration – Example Modules and Entities” shows the modules and entities that such a configuration would need. Note that this example assumes that the direct connect configuration discussed in Section 2.5.2, “X.25 Direct Connect System Configuration” has already been set up; the modules and associated entities given in Table 2.5, “X.25 Relay Configuration – Example Modules and Entities” are therefore **in addition to** the modules and associated entities required to configure the direct connect configuration. This example also assumes that communication takes place in both directions; that is, each DTE in the two paths shown wishes to be able to contact its partner DTE.

For an example of an X.25 Relay configuration using XOT DTEs, see Figure 2.4, “Example Direct Connection System Configuration Using XOT”.

Figure 2.7. Example X.25 Relay Configuration

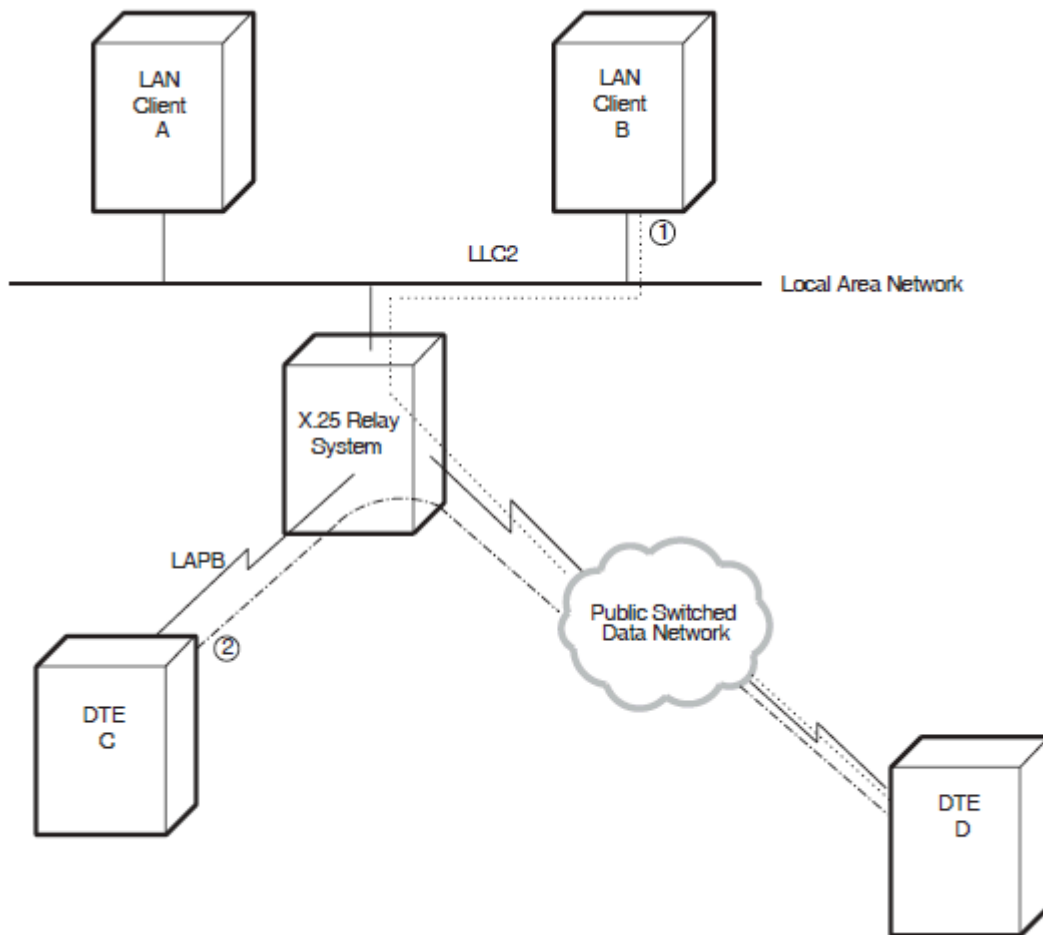


Table 2.5. X.25 Relay Configuration – Example Modules and Entities

Module	Entities	Comments
For the LAN–WAN Configuration:		
X25 RELAY	2 CLIENT	1 for each point-to-point connection or PSDN
X25 ACCESS	2 FILTER	1 for each Relay Client

Module	Entities	Comments
For the WAN-WAN Configuration:		
X25 RELAY	2 CLIENT	1 for each point-to-point connection or PSDN
X25 ACCESS	2 FILTER	1 for each Relay Client

2.5.5. Combination Systems

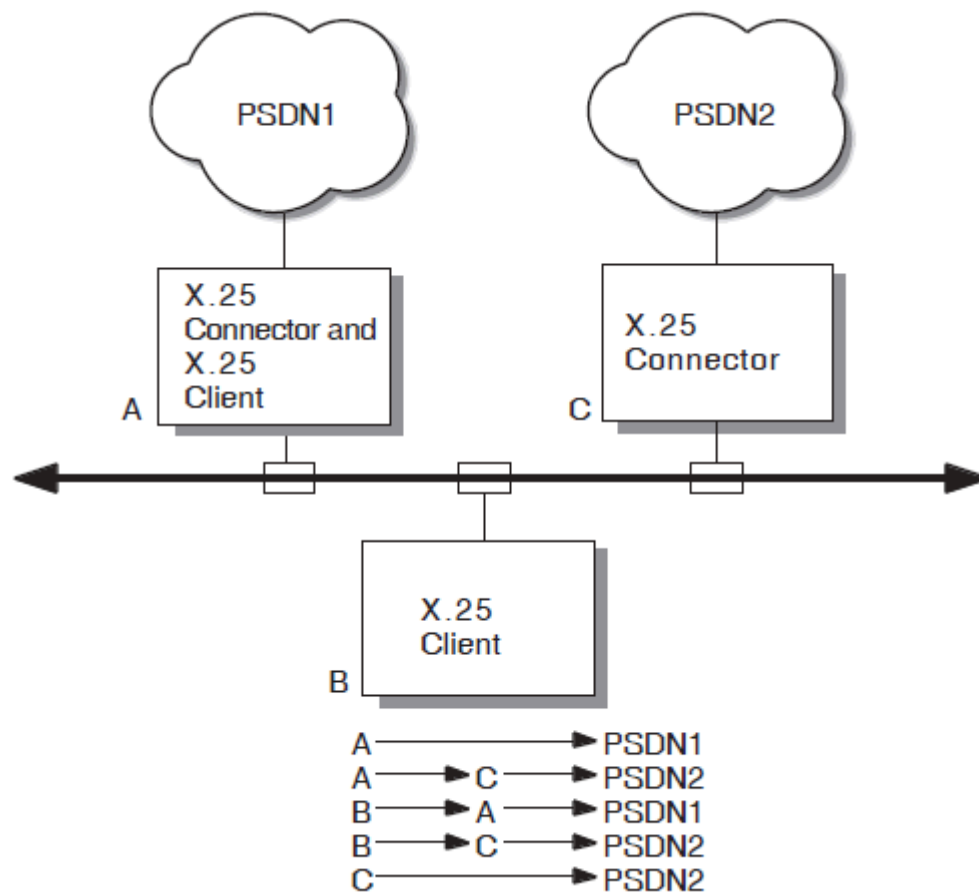
You can configure both Connector and Client functionality on one X.25 for OpenVMS system to attain a combination system. A combination system provides Connector, Direct Connect, and Client capabilities.

Figure 2.8, "Combination System " shows an X.25 for OpenVMS combination system. The following connections are possible:

- System A (acting as a Direct Connect system) accesses PSDN1 directly.
- System A (acting as a Client system) accesses PSDN2 through system C (acting as a Connector system).
- System B (acting as a Client) accesses PSDN1 through system A (acting as a Connector system).
- System B (acting as a Client) accesses PSDN2 through system C (acting as a Connector system).
- System C (acting as a Direct Connect system) accesses PSDN2 directly.

Note

You can also configure the X.25 Relay functionality in a Direct Connect or Connector combination system.

Figure 2.8. Combination System

Chapter 3. The Components of an X.25 for OpenVMS System

This chapter describes how the major components of a VSI X.25 for OpenVMS system interact. This information will help you set up and manage your system more effectively.

The information in this chapter assumes that you are familiar with the concepts explained in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Introduction and User's Guide*.

Section 3.1, "Summary of Call Handling" provides a summary of the way that an X.25 for OpenVMS system makes and receives calls. The rest of the chapter gives more detailed information about what each of the major components contains, and how each component is used in an X.25 for OpenVMS system. These sections include advice on how to design each component.

This chapter refers to the characteristic attributes of entities. For detailed information on each characteristic attribute, refer to the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual.

While designing your system configuration you should consider its security. For example, you may want to restrict outgoing calls and prevent unauthorized incoming calls. Full details on setting up the security of an X.25 system are provided separately in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Security Guide*.

3.1. Summary of Call Handling

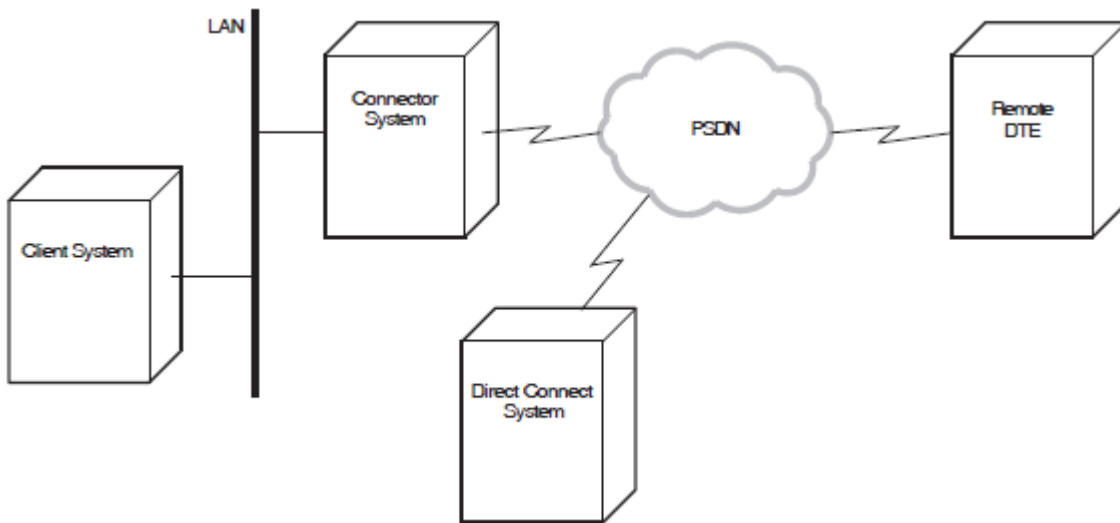
Applications communicate with one another over virtual circuits established between DTEs. When a pair of applications need to exchange information, one of them will set up the virtual circuit, but both can use it.

The following sections provide a summary of how calls are made and received by an X.25 for OpenVMS system:

- *Section 3.1.1, "Making a Call from a Direct Connect System"* and *Section 3.1.2, "Receiving a Call on a Direct Connect System"* describe call handling by X.25 for OpenVMS when being used as a Direct Connect system.
- *Section 3.1.3, "Making a Call from a Client System"* and *Section 3.1.4, "Receiving a Call on a Client System"* describe call handling by X.25 for OpenVMS when being used as a Client system.

When reading the descriptions of call handling you should refer to *Figure 3.1, "Example X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration"*.

Note that in the descriptions only switched virtual circuits (SVCs) are considered. Details on the use of permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) are provided in *Section 3.2.8, "PVCs"*. Details on X.25 Relay call handling are provided in *Section 3.8.2.1, "Overview of Call Relaying"*.

Figure 3.1. Example X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration

3.1.1. Making a Call from a Direct Connect System

When an application needs to communicate with another application, it issues a system service call asking a DTE to set up a virtual circuit between the two applications. To carry out this task, the X.25 system needs to obtain and use certain information. For example, it needs to know:

- The address of the destination DTE to which the call is to be made
- The size of packets to be exchanged over the virtual circuit
- The window size to be used in packet exchange

The application can supply all the necessary information. However, this means that if the application is used on a number of X.25 systems, separate versions of that application will need to be created so that information specific to each system can be included.

Another way of providing the information is through the X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE entity. By defining an X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE entity for each call destination, an application only needs to specify the name of the appropriate template to make the call.

To set up the call, the X.25 system (the calling DTE) sends a call request packet to the called DTE using the information in the specified template.

When the call has been set up with the remote DTE (and hence the remote application), information exchange can begin.

3.1.2. Receiving a Call on a Direct Connect System

When X.25 for OpenVMS receives an incoming request for an application, the call request packet is received at the destination DTE. The X.25 system then needs to find the appropriate application to process the call.

To do this, the X.25 system uses filters that have been defined on the system against which incoming call attributes are matched. Each filter is an instance of the X25 ACCESS FILTER entity, and contains values for various parts of the received call setup information. Each application that can receive calls has an X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity that defines the name of the application and the names of its associated filters.

Note

An application has the option of declaring itself a network process rather than relying on the static application definition found in a X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity. Network processes can use static filters already defined by existing X25 ACCESS FILTER entities or they can create dynamic filters. See the *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming* for more information about dynamic filters and network processes.

When a call request is received, the call parameters (for example, the remote DTE address) are matched against the attribute values in the locally-defined filters; only filters that are being listened to will be matched, and they will be matched in the order specified by the filters' Priority attributes. If a filter is found that matches the call parameters, the call request is passed to the application that is listening to that filter.

Each application that can receive calls must have at least one filter associated with it. The attributes of this filter must be distinct enough to ensure that the application gets called at the correct time. Filters cannot be shared between applications.

3.1.3. Making a Call from a Client System

A Connector system provides a connection to one or more X.25 networks on behalf of one or more Client systems. Communication between a Connector system and each of the Client systems it services is made using the DECnet Gateway Access Protocol (GAP). The Connector system therefore makes and receives calls on behalf of the Client systems it services.

When making a call from a Client system, it is the Connector system's responsibility to establish a virtual circuit to the requested remote DTE on behalf of the Client system. The Client system is responsible for passing the call parameters to the Connector system and for enforcing any security restrictions on the call.

Call parameters, such as the DTE class and destination address, must be specified for each call. Like calls from a Direct Connect system, such parameters can be supplied by the application requesting the call or in a template.

To set up the call, the Client system sends a call request packet to the Connector system. The DECnet Gateway Access Protocol (GAP) is used between the Client system and the Connector system. The Connector system then forwards the request to the called (remote) DTE using the information in the specified template.

When the call has been set up with the remote DTE (and hence the remote application), information exchange can begin.

3.1.4. Receiving a Call on a Client System

When a Connector system receives a call request packet from a remote DTE, it needs to determine which Client system to forward the call on to. To do this, the Connector system uses filters to determine which calls should be forwarded to which Client system. One or more filters can be associated with each Client system, however, each filter cannot be associated with more than one Client system.

The filter on the Connector system simply forwards an incoming call request to the appropriate Client system; the filter does not determine which application on the Client system should accept the call or whether there is any application to accept the call. It is the responsibility of the Client system to determine which calls it will accept and which application each accepted call is passed on to.

To do this, the Client system also uses filters. Each filter is an instance of the X25 ACCESS FILTER entity, and contains values for various parts of the received call setup information. Each application that can receive calls has an X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity that defines the name of the application and the names of its associated filters. (See the note in *Section 3.1.2, "Receiving a Call on a Direct Connect System"* for an alternative method of declaring applications and their filters).

When a call request is received, the call parameters (for example, the remote DTE address) are matched against the attribute values in locally-defined filters. The mechanism by which this is achieved is identical to that used when a call request is received on a Direct Connect system. Refer to the description of this mechanism in *Section 3.1.2, "Receiving a Call on a Direct Connect System"*.

3.2. DTE Classes, DTEs, Links, and Lines

A DTE is a connection point to an X.25 network. This connection can be to a PSDN, a LAN, or a TCP/IP network using data links that allow X.25 communication over these networks. X.25 Direct Connect and X.25 Connector systems support three types of data links:

- LAPB data links are associated with a physical line that connects the X.25 system to Data Circuit-terminating Equipment (DCE). The DCE is the point where all data enters and leaves the X.25 network. X.25 protocols operate over this physical line.
- LLC2 data links are associated with a point-to-point connection (using ISO8881) over a LAN using the LLC class II protocol (ISO8802-2).
- XOT data links are associated with a point-to-point connection (using ISO8881) over a TCP/IP network as defined in RFC 1613.

On X.25 systems, individual DTEs are grouped in **DTE Classes**. DTE classes make it easier for applications to make outgoing calls. This is because applications can reference all DTEs in a DTE class without having to be aware of the actual DTE configuration. This provides more flexibility in system configuration. Actual DTE definitions can change while the DTE class name remains unchanged.

An X.25 Client system does not directly support DTEs. Instead, it uses a special type of DTE class to designate the X.25 Connector system to use for X.25 access. See the description of a remote DTE class in *Section 3.2.1.2, "Remote DTE Classes"*.

A DTE can also belong to a Closed User Group (CUG). A CUG defines a group of DTEs located anywhere in the network that are allowed to communicate only with each other, rather than with any DTE in the network. A CUG therefore restricts calls to calls between CUG members. The identification of the CUG is determined by the network provider. Groups are associated with Direct Connect and Connector systems; not with Client systems.

DTEs can have Permanent Virtual Circuits (PVCs) associated with them. Such virtual circuits are set up permanently, that is, no call setup phase is required before data can be exchanged over a PVC. PVCs are associated with Direct Connect and Connector systems; not with Client systems.

The following sections explain in more detail the attributes and use of the following components:

- DTE classes
- DTEs
- LAPB links and their associated lines
- LLC2 links and their associated CSMA-CD and FDDI stations
- XOT links (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

- PVCs
- Groups

3.2.1. DTE Classes

On X.25 for OpenVMS systems, individual DTEs are grouped in DTE classes. DTE classes make it easier for applications to make outgoing calls. This is because a single template can be used for all the DTEs in a DTE class; applications therefore do not need to decide which DTE to use since the first DTE in the DTE class with available capacity is used. In many systems, each DTE class contains just one DTE, but a DTE class can contain many DTEs. In general, a DTE class is set up for each X.25 network that an X.25 system will access.

There are two types of DTE class:

- **Local DTE Classes** exist on X.25 systems that are connected directly to X.25 networks (or directly to other X.25 systems using LLC2 or XOT data links). Therefore, local DTE classes exist on Direct Connect and Connector systems.
- **Remote DTE Classes** exist on X.25 systems that are connected indirectly to X.25 networks, that is, the X.25 system is connected via another system to the X.25 network. Therefore, remote DTE classes exist on Client systems that gain access to an X.25 network via a Connector system.

Table 3.1, "Characteristic Attributes of an X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS Entity" describes the characteristics common to both types of DTE class. While the X.121 address mapping attributes (DNIC, International Prefix, Local Prefix, and Strip DNIC) would generally be defined at the Connector system in a local DTE class, they could also be defined at the Client system in a remote DTE class.

Table 3.1. Characteristic Attributes of an X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS Entity

Characteristic	Description
DNIC	Specifies first part of the network user address (NUA). Specify either a 4-digit data network identification code (DNIC) or a 3-digit data country code (DCC).
International Prefix	Specifies the first digit of an X.121 address to indicate an international or internetwork call.
Local Prefix	Specifies the first digit of an X.121 address to indicate a local call.
Strip DNIC	Specifies whether the first part of the network user address (NUA) (the DNIC or DCC as specified by the DNIC attribute) should be stripped for outgoing calls and stripped from the NUA presented to the local DTE for incoming calls.
Type	Specifies the type of DTE class. See the two subsection that follow for more information.

3.2.1.1. Local DTE Classes

Each local DTE class contains a list of one or more DTEs defined locally on an X.25 Direct Connect or Connector system. Each DTE is associated with its own physical device and its own Level 2 link used over the connection to the DCE.

The local DTE class is a variety of the X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity with its Type attribute set to `local`.

If the local DTE classes on a Connector system are used by Client systems to gain access to the X.25 network, a Server–Client is needed on the Connector system for each Client system that can use its local DTE classes. Refer to *Section 3.7, "Server–Clients"* for information on Server–Clients.

Table 3.2, "Characteristic Attributes of a Local X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS Entity" describes the characteristics of a local DTE class.

Table 3.2. Characteristic Attributes of a Local X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS Entity

Characteristic	Description
Local DTEs	Specifies the names of the X25 PROTOCOL DTE entities that belong to this DTE class. Note that if an X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity has its State status attribute set to <code>Running</code> when its name is added to the set of local DTEs, you must disable the DTE entity and enable it in order to make the DTE entity a member of the set of DTEs actively considered as members of this DTE class. If a local DTE class contains more than one DTE, the X.25 system needs to decide which DTE to use for each outgoing call that is made. The X.25 system selects at random an active DTE class member that has spare capacity.
Type ¹	Specifies the type of DTE class. For local DTE classes this must be set to <code>local</code> .

¹A value for this attribute may be specified when the entity is created. The value cannot be changed after the entity is created.

3.2.1.2. Remote DTE Classes

Each remote DTE class indicates the name of the DTE class and the Connector system or systems on which the DTEs in the class are defined. Using this information, the Client system can establish a connection to the correct Connector system to make an outgoing call.

A remote DTE class is a variety of the X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity with its Type attribute set to `remote`.

The name of the DTE CLASS entity specified must be one of the following:

- For **Phase IV** Connector systems, the name specified must be the name of the X.25 network to be used on the Connector system.
- For **Phase V** Connector systems, the name specified must be the same as a local X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity on the Connector system.

Table 3.3, "Characteristic Attributes of a Remote X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS Entity" describes the characteristics of a remote DTE class.

Table 3.3. Characteristic Attributes of a Remote X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS Entity

Characteristic	Description
Account	Specifies the account data to use when connecting to the X.25 Server on the X.25 Connector system.
Node	Specifies the node name of the X.25 Connector system on which the DTEs in this DTE class reside.
Outgoing Session Template	Specifies the name of an OSI TRANSPORT TEMPLATE entity to be used when connecting to the X.25 Server on the X.25 Connector system.

Characteristic	Description
Service Nodes	Specifies a set of records describing the nodes of the X.25 Connector systems on which the DTEs in this DTE class reside. Each record contains a node name and a rating. Values are entered using the syntax <code>[node=node-name, rating=integer]</code> . The rating equals the maximum number of Session Control connections to the Connector node.
Type ¹	Specifies the type of DTE class. For remote DTE classes this must be set to <code>remote</code> .
User	Specifies the user name to use when connecting to the X.25 Server on the X.25 Connector system.

¹A value for this attribute may be specified when the entity is created. The value cannot be changed after the entity is created.

3.2.2. DTEs

An X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity holds all the attributes for a DTE. One X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity exists for each DTE defined on an X.25 system. *Table 3.4, "Characteristic Attributes of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE Entity"* lists the characteristic attributes of a DTE (that is, those attributes that you can modify using NCL). For further details of these attributes, their values, and their default values, refer to the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual. Note that most of these values are defined in the network profile being used; you do not need to specify a value explicitly.

DTEs exist only on Direct Connect or Connector systems. However, applications on Client systems can request the use of DTEs on a Connector system by specifying a remote DTE class on the Client system.

Table 3.4. Characteristic Attributes of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE Entity

Characteristic	Description
Call Timer ¹	Specifies the elapsed time, in seconds, before which outgoing calls from the DTE that have received no response are cleared. The default is that the X.25 system waits indefinitely for a response and never clears the call.
CCITT Version	Specifies the version of the CCITT X.25 recommendations to which the DTE conforms.
Clear Timer ¹	Specifies the value of the retransmit timer for outgoing clear packets from the DTE.
Default Packet Size ¹	Specifies the default size (in bytes) of packets for all virtual circuits that the DTE handles.
Default Window Size ¹	Specifies the default size of the window for all virtual circuits that the DTE handles.
Description	Specifies the manufacturer, product name, and version of the hardware platform of the DTE. This characteristic cannot be modified.
Extended Packet Sequencing ¹	Determines whether the DTE will use modulo 128 packet sequencing instead of the normal modulo 8 sequencing. You can enable this attribute only if the X.25 network provides this facility and if you have subscribed to it.
Inbound DTE Class	Specifies the name of the X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity to be associated with all incoming calls on this DTE (refer to <i>Section 3.4, "Application Filters"</i> for information on how this value is used).

Characteristic	Description
Incoming List	Specifies a list of Logical Channel Numbers (LCNs) to use for incoming calls. The list can contain one or more ranges, and each range can contain a single LCN or a range of LCNs. The LCNs that you can use are determined by the X.25 network provider.
Interface Type	Determines whether the DTE operates as a DTE or a DCE. For connection to a PSDN, this value must be DTE. The values DCE and Negotiated are used only when X.25 protocols are used over a point-to-point link.
Interrupt Timer ¹	Specifies the value of the interrupt timer. This timer is started when an interrupt packet is sent. If no interrupt confirmation packet is received before the timer expires, a reset takes place. By default, the X.25 system waits indefinitely for the interrupt confirmation packet.
Link Service Provider	Specifies the name of the link level entity that the DTE uses. You must give this attribute a value before you enable the DTE entity. For DTEs configured over an LLC2 link, this attribute must specify an LLC2 SAP LINK entity. For DTEs configured over a LAPB link, this attribute must specify a LAPB LINK entity. For DTEs configured over a XOT link, this attribute must specify a XOT SAP LINK entity (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha).
Maximum Active Circuits ³	Specifies the maximum number of virtual circuits (SVCs and PVCs) that can be active at any time on the DTE.
Maximum Clear Attempts ¹	Specifies the number of times that a clear packet can be sent unsuccessfully on a virtual circuit on the DTE. By default a clear packet is sent only once; that is, there are no retries.
Maximum Packet Size ¹	Specifies the maximum size (in bytes) of packets for all virtual circuits that the DTE handles.
Maximum Reset Attempts ¹	Specifies the number of times the DTE attempts to send a reset packet.
Maximum Restart Attempts ¹	Specifies the number of times that any virtual circuit on the DTE attempts to send a restart packet.
Maximum Throughput Class ¹	Specifies the maximum rate of data transmission for any virtual circuit on the DTE.
Maximum Window Size ¹	Specifies the maximum size of the window for all virtual circuits that the DTE handles.
Minimum Packet Size ¹	Specifies the minimum packet size, in bytes, for all virtual circuits on the DTE.
Minimum Throughput Class ¹	Specifies the minimum rate of data transmission for any virtual circuit on the DTE.
Minimum Window Size ¹	Specifies the minimum window size for all virtual circuits on the DTE.

Characteristic	Description
Outgoing List	Specifies the Logical Channel Numbers (LCNs) to be used on the DTE for outgoing calls. The value is a list of one or more LCN sets, each set containing a single LCN or a range of LCNs. The LCNs that you can use are determined by the X.25 network provider.
Profile ²	Specifies the name of the profile. The profile contains the network characteristics of the PSDN that VSI is committed to support. It includes frame parameters, packet parameters, and optional facilities, as described in the <i>VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Introduction and User's Guide</i> . The values in the profile provide default values for many DTE attributes and set the minimum and maximum values that such attributes can have. For LLC2 and XOT DTEs, the profile name must be ISO8881. For LAPB point-to-point connections, the profile name must be ISO8208.
Reset Timer ¹	Specifies the value of the retransmit timer for outgoing reset packets from the DTE.
Restart Timer ¹	Specifies the value of the retransmit timer for outgoing restart packets from the DTE.
Segment Size	Specifies the size (in bytes) of data segments from this DTE. This attribute is only used for accounting purposes; it has no effect on the content or format of packets sent by the DTE.
X25 Address	Specifies the full address of the DTE. You must specify a value for this attribute before you enable the DTE entity.

¹The network profile provides the default value for this attribute.

³A value for this attribute may be specified when the entity is created. The value cannot be changed after the entity is created.

²A value for this attribute must be specified when the entity is created.

3.2.2.1. Designing DTEs

As the DTE is the connection point to the X.25 network, most of the values you need to define are determined by the network provider. These are:

- Default Packet Size
- Default Window Size
- Extended Packet Sequencing
- Incoming List
- Interface Type
- Maximum Packet Size
- Maximum Window Size
- Outgoing List
- X25 Address

The following attributes are mandatory; therefore you will not be able to enable the DTE until you set these attributes:

- Inbound DTE Class
- Link Service Provider
- X25 Address

A network profile **must** be specified when the X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity is created. The specified profile contains the subscription information for the X.25 network to which the DTE is connected. Profiles greatly simplify the setting up of X.25 systems. A profile generally contains the default, minimum, and maximum value that can be specified. You are not permitted to define a value outside the specified range. For example, if you attempt to define a window size greater than the maximum value defined in the profile, the window size is set its maximum value. See the description of the Profile attribute in *Table 3.4, "Characteristic Attributes of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE Entity"* for more information.

3.2.3. LAPB Links

A physical synchronous communication line between a Direct Connect or Connector system and the X.25 network uses the LAPB link level protocol. This is the link that a DTE uses to access the network. Each LAPB DTE on an X.25 system has its own LAPB link.

The X.25 system holds information on each link in the LAPB LINK entity. A LAPB LINK entity exists for each link (and hence for each LAPB DTE). *Table 3.5, "Characteristics of a LAPB LINK Entity"* lists the characteristic attributes of a LAPB link.

Table 3.5. Characteristics of a LAPB LINK Entity

Characteristic	Description
Acknowledge Timer ¹	The maximum time (in milliseconds) to wait for acknowledgment of a message. If this time elapses without receiving an acknowledgment, the X.25 system starts error recovery action.
Holdback Timer	The time (in milliseconds) to wait before sending an acknowledgment to a received message.
Interface Type	This attribute determines local link operates as a DTE or a DCE. For connection to a PSDN, this value must be DTE.
Maximum Data Size ¹	The maximum size (in bytes) of an information field in any I-frame exchanged on the link.
Physical Line	The name of the MODEM CONNECT LINE entity for the physical line over which the LAPB link is to operate. You can modify this characteristic only when the LAPB LINK entity is disabled.
Poll Timer	The maximum period (in seconds) that can elapse without frames being exchanged on the Data Link. On expiration, an RR(P) is sent to elicit a response from the other end.
Profile	The name of the profile that contains subscription information for the network to which the device is connected. For point-to-point links, specify ISO8208. The value of this characteristic is the same as the profile argument specified when the entity is created. You cannot modify this characteristic.
Receive Buffers	The number of receive buffers allocated to the link.

Characteristic	Description
Retry Maximum ¹	The maximum number of times that a frame will be retransmitted before the X.25 system assumes that a fatal error has occurred. At this point, the X.25 system will reset the link and all active virtual circuits.
Sequence Modulus ¹	Specifies whether the link uses modulo 8 or modulo 128 frame sequencing. Change the value of this attribute only if your network supports both values, and if you have subscribed to the appropriate network facility.
Window Size	The size of the window used for sending and receiving I-frames on the LAPB link. The default value of this attribute is determined by the profile (and hence, the network provider). However, you can change it subject to limits of the X.25 network.

¹The value of these attributes is determined by the network profile.

3.2.3.1. Designing LAPB Links

The name of the LAPB link and the network profile **must** be specified when the entity is created.

An X.25 system can operate as a DTE or a DCE; the method in which it operates is specified in the Interface Type attribute. For connection to a PSDN the Interface Type attribute must be set to the value DTE. The value of this attribute should be set to DCE when X.25 protocols are to be used on a point-to-point link.

Define the name of the MODEM CONNECT LINE entity for the appropriate physical synchronous communication line as the value for the Physical Line attribute. The Physical Line attribute **must** be specified before enabling the LAPB LINK entity.

A network profile must be specified when the LAPB LINK entity is created. The specified profile contains the subscription information for the X.25 network to which the DTE is connected. Profiles greatly simplify the setting up of X.25 systems. A profile generally contains the default, minimum, and maximum value that can be specified. You are not permitted to define a value outside the permitted range. For example, if you attempt to define a window size greater than the maximum value defined in the profile, the window size is set to its maximum value. Define the network profile for the X.25 network as the value of the Profile attribute.

You can specify a value for the Window Size attribute, but it is subject to limits specified by the X.25 network and values defined in the network profile.

3.2.4. Physical Synchronous Communication Lines

LAPB links represent direct physical connections to the X.25 network using synchronous data lines. The MODEM CONNECT LINE entity defines the attributes for these physical lines. The MODEM CONNECT LINE entity is associated with a physical X.25 line. Lines are used by Direct Connect and Connector systems to associate a synchronous port on a communications device with a physical X.25 line. A MODEM CONNECT LINE entity defines attributes to control and monitor the physical X.25 line with which it is associated.

Table 3.6, "Characteristics of a MODEM CONNECT LINE Entity" lists the characteristic attributes of a MODEM CONNECT LINE entity that are important for X.25 systems.

Table 3.6. Characteristics of a MODEM CONNECT LINE Entity

Characteristic	Description
Communications Port	Specifies the communications port to which the line is connected.
Connection Type	Specifies whether the line is switched or non-switched. Should be set to non-switched.
Communications Mode	Specifies whether the X.25 line is synchronous or asynchronous. Should be set to synchronous.

3.2.4.1. Designing Lines

For each physical synchronous communication line on the node you must create a MODEM CONNECT LINE entity and specify the name of the communications port to which the line is connected, the communications method to be used on the link, and the connection type. For example, for communications port `myport`, enter the command:

```
ncl> create modem connect line line-id communications port myport,-
_ncl> communications mode synchronous, connection type non-switched
```

3.2.5. LLC2 Links

A DTE can be configured to run over a LAN using LLC2. The LLC2 module provides reliable point-to-point data links over a LAN using the LLC class II protocol (ISO8802-2). Two systems can communicate with each other over a LAN using X.25 level 3 over an LLC2 data link (ISO8881).

To set up an LLC2 link, you must first create an LLC2 SAP entity and then create an LLC2 SAP LINK entity. An LLC2 SAP entity is required so that a number of LLC2 links can use a single LAN station (for example, an Ethernet device). The LLC2 SAP entity represents a service access point to the LAN layer. *Table 3.7, "Characteristics of an LLC2 SAP Entity"* lists the characteristic attributes of the LLC2 SAP entity.

Table 3.7. Characteristics of an LLC2 SAP Entity

Characteristic	Description
LAN Station	Identifies the LAN station entity to which a port is to be opened. The value you give this should be the name of a CSMA-CD or FDDI STATION entity.
Local LSAP Address	Identifies the local link service access point (LSAP) address that LLC2 will use to identify X.25 traffic. The default value (7E) is the ISO standard value for X.25 over LLC2.

The LLC2 SAP LINK entity is a subentity of the LLC2 SAP entity. You must create an LLC2 SAP LINK entity for each remote system you want to communicate with. The characteristic attributes of the LLC2 SAP LINK entity are listed in *Table 3.8, "Characteristics of an LLC2 SAP LINK Entity"*.

Table 3.8. Characteristics of an LLC2 SAP LINK Entity

Characteristic	Description
Acknowledge Timer	The maximum time (in milliseconds) to wait for acknowledgment of a message. If this time elapses without receiving an acknowledgment, the LLC2 system starts error recovery action.

Characteristic	Description
Busy Timer	The time (in milliseconds) to wait for an indication of the clearance of a busy condition at the remote station.
Holdback Timer	The time (in milliseconds) to wait before sending an acknowledgment to a received message.
Maximum Data Size	The maximum size (in bytes) of an information field in any I-frame exchanged on the link.
Local Receive Window Size	The window size that the local end of the link uses for receiving frames.
Poll Timer	The time (in milliseconds) to wait for a response with the f-bit set.
Reject Timer	The time (in milliseconds) to wait for a reply to a REJ frame.
Remote MAC Address	Identifies the LAN address that the remote system is using.
Remote LSAP Address	Identifies the link service access point that the remote system is using to identify X.25 traffic. The default value (7E) is the ISO standard value for X.25 over LLC2.
Retry Maximum	The maximum times that a frame will be re-sent before the LLC2 system assumes that a fatal error has occurred. At this point, X.25 level 3 will reset all active virtual circuits.

3.2.5.1. Designing LLC2 Links

When designing LLC2 Links, ensure that:

- The Local LSAP Address matches the Remote LSAP Address at the remote end of the link. Use the default value of 7E.
- The Remote LSAP Address matches the Local LSAP Address at the remote end of the link. Use the default value of 7E.

3.2.6. LAN Stations

LLC2 data links represent connections to companion systems on a CSMA-CD or FDDI LAN. The CSMA-CD or FDDI STATION entity defines the attributes for LAN connections. The CSMA-CD or FDDI station connects nodes residing on the same LAN. The two point-to-point systems must be running the same data link protocol.

3.2.6.1. Designing CSMA-CD Stations

For each CSMA-CD station, you need to create the following:

- The CSMA-CD module
- A STATION entity that maps to an OpenVMS CSMA-CD controller

Table 3.9, "Characteristics of a CSMA-CD STATION Entity" lists the characteristic attributes of a CSMA-CD STATION entity that are important for X.25 systems.

Table 3.9. Characteristics of a CSMA–CD STATION Entity

Characteristic	Description
Communications Port	Specifies the communications port to which the line is connected.

To create a CSMA–CD STATION entity, use the following command:

```
ncl> create CSMA-CD STATION station-id communication port device-name
```

where:

- station-id* is the name of the station. Each station corresponds to a particular logical link control (LLC), media access control (MAC) and physical attachment.
- device-name* is the OpenVMS device name to assign to this station. The name must be in the format *ddc*, where *dd* is the device name prefix (refer to the current version of the *HP DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Release Notes* for a list of Ethernet devices) and *c* is the controller letter (A, B, C, and so on).

To determine which Ethernet device driver your system uses, enter the command:

```
$ show device
```

3.2.6.2. Designing FDDI Links

For each FDDI station, you need to create the following:

- The FDDI module
- A STATION entity that maps to an OpenVMS FDDI controller

Table 3.10, "Characteristics of a FDDI STATION Entity" lists the characteristic attributes of an FDDI STATION entity that are important for X.25 systems.

Table 3.10. Characteristics of a FDDI STATION Entity

Characteristic	Description
Communications Port	Specifies the communications port to which the line is connected.

To create an FDDI STATION entity, use the following command:

```
ncl> create FDDI STATION station-id communication port device-name
```

where:

- station-id* is the name of the station. Each station corresponds to a particular logical link control (LLC), media access control (MAC) and physical attachment.
- device-name* is the OpenVMS device name to assign to this station. The name must be in the format *ddc*, where *dd* is the device name prefix (refer to the current version of the *HP DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Release Notes* for a list of FDDI devices) and *c* is the controller letter (A, B, C, and so on).

To determine which FDDI device driver your system uses, enter the command:

```
$ show device
```

3.2.7. XOT Links (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

A DTE can be configured to run over a TCP/IP network using the specifications in RFC 1613. The XOT module provides reliable point-to-point data links over a LAN or WAN using the TCP/IP protocols. Two systems can communicate with each other over a TCP/IP network using an X.25 level 3 data link (ISO8881).

To set up a XOT link, you must first create a XOT SAP entity and then create a XOT SAP LINK entity. A XOT SAP entity is required so that a number of XOT links can use a single TCP/IP port. The XOT SAP entity represents a service access point to the TCP/IP network. *Table 3.11, "Characteristics of an XOT SAP Entity"* lists the characteristic attributes of the XOT SAP entity.

Table 3.11. Characteristics of an XOT SAP Entity

Characteristic	Description
Local IP Address	Identifies the TCP/IP interface on the host system. The default address of 0.0.0.0 specifies that any available TCP/IP interface may be used.
Local RFC1613 Port Number	Specifies which TCP port will accept inbound connections. RFC 1613 specifies a default value of 1998.

The XOT SAP LINK entity is a subentity of the XOT SAP entity. You must create a XOT SAP LINK entity for each remote system you want to communicate with. The characteristic attributes of the XOT SAP LINK entity are listed in *Table 3.12, "Characteristics of a XOT SAP LINK Entity"*.

Table 3.12. Characteristics of a XOT SAP LINK Entity

Characteristic	Description
Remote IP Address	Specifies the remote IP address of the target system with which the XOT link is allowed to communicate.
Remote RFC1613 Port Number	Specifies the remote TCP port to use.

3.2.7.1. Designing XOT Links

When designing XOT links, ensure that:

- The Remote IP Address attribute specifies a valid IP address of a system that implements RFC 1613.
- The Remote RFC1613 Port Number attribute specifies the TCP port where the remote RFC 1613 implementation is listening for inbound XOT connections.

3.2.8. PVCs

A PVC is a special form of virtual circuit that is permanently established between a pair of DTEs. The circuit is always open and therefore available for data communication.

PVCs exist only on Direct Connect and Connector systems. However, applications on Client systems can request the use of PVCs on a Connector system.

A PVC is defined as an X25 PROTOCOL DTE PVC entity. The entity allows you to set up the attributes of a PVC as supplied by your network provider. *Table 3.13, "Characteristics of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE PVC Entity"* describes the important characteristics of this entity.

Table 3.13. Characteristics of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE PVC Entity

Characteristic	Description
Channel	The channel number for the PVC as allocated by the network provider.
Packet Size	The size (in bytes) of packets exchanged over the PVC. This value must lie between the values of the Maximum Packet Size and Minimum Packet Size attributes of the parent DTE entity.
Window Size	The size of the window used on the PVC. This value must lie between the values of the Maximum Window Size and Minimum Window Size attributes of the parent DTE entity.

3.2.8.1. Designing PVCs

You can use PVCs only if you have subscribed to the PVC facility on your X.25 network. You need to determine the name of the PVC, and the network provider will provide the value of the Channel attribute.

You can set values for the Packet Size and Window Size attributes. However, these values must lie between the minimum and maximum values defined for the parent X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity. In addition, they will be subject to any limits imposed by the network provider.

3.2.9. Groups

Facilities are available on many X.25 networks to define DTEs as part of a Closed User Group (CUG) or a Bilateral Closed User Group (BCUG). A further type of group that permits access to DTEs outside the group, known as a Closed User Group with Outgoing Access (CUGOA), can also be defined.

Groups exist only on Direct Connect and Connector systems. However, applications on Client systems can request the use of groups on a Connector system.

Groups are defined by the X25 PROTOCOL GROUP entity. *Table 3.14, "Characteristics of an X25 PROTOCOL GROUP Entity"* describes the important characteristics of this entity.

Table 3.14. Characteristics of an X25 PROTOCOL GROUP Entity

Characteristic	Description
Members	A list of the DTEs on the local system that are part of the group. There is one entry in the list for each DTE. Each entry consists of: • The name of the X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity that defines the DTE • The number of the CUG (this is provided by the network provider) In a BCUG, this list has only one entry.
Type	The type of Group: CUG, CUGOA, or BCUG.

3.2.9.1. Designing Groups

The only attribute that you have to define for a Group is its name, which you specify when you create the entity. Use a name that reflects the function of the Group.

Most of the remaining information is determined by the network provider. The exception is the name of the DTE that appears in each entry in the Members attribute. This is the name of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity that has previously been defined.

3.3. Templates

A template contains the information necessary to make a call from the local X.25 system to another X.25 system. Templates can be defined only for Direct Connect and Client systems.

Generally, a system can contain as many templates as its applications need. At one end of the scale, a system may not have any applications that make outgoing calls. In this case, no templates are needed.

More commonly, the applications do make calls to one or more systems. The number of templates that a system needs will vary. In some cases, one template for each remote DTE will be all that is required. In other cases, multiple templates coping with different criteria such as Call Data, Network Service Access Point (NSAP) mapping, Fast Select, Expedited Data, and Window Size will be necessary.

Creating templates on your system simplifies the task of applications making calls and also simplifies the task of managing the system as a whole. If changes in the calling parameters are required, only the appropriate template needs to be modified, not the applications that use the template.

Each template is defined in an X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE entity. Each X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE entity contains a number of attributes that define the call parameters. *Table 3.15, "Characteristics of an X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE Entity"* lists these attributes.

Table 3.15. Characteristics of an X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE Entity

Characteristic	Description
Call Data	A hexadecimal string that identifies the type of call being established to a remote DTE. For the call to be identified, the Call Data value must match that in a filter at the remote X.25 system. The CCITT recommends that all X.29 calls use a Call Data value of %x01000000.
Calling Address Extension	The Network Service Access Point (NSAP) address of the calling DTE.
Charging Information	Specifies whether charging information is included in the call. Modify the value of this attribute only if you want charging information included.
Destination DTE Address	The full DTE address of the remote DTE. Define this attribute only if all calls using this template are to be sent to the same DTE.
DTE Class	The name of the X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity on the local system to be used to make the call. For Client systems, refer to <i>Section 3.2.1.2, "Remote DTE Classes"</i> .
End-to-End Delay	Specifies the limits of the acceptable delay to set up a call. The value of this attribute is a range that gives the preferred delay and the maximum delay. Both are decimal numbers that indicate the delay in milliseconds. This attribute is more often used by OSI applications running over X.25 links rather than pure X.25 applications.
Expedited Data	Determines whether expedited data is requested for the call.
Fast Select	Determines whether fast select is requested for the call. Values of this parameter allow Fast Select and Fast Select with Response to be specified. In addition, you can specify that Fast Select is not requested or not specified.

Characteristic	Description
Local Facilities	A hexadecimal string that identifies non-CCITT facilities available in the local DTE class. The string is copied into the call request packet. The interpretation of the string is the responsibility of the application.
Local Subaddress	A decimal number that is added to the calling DTE address to provide information on the origin of the outgoing call. For example, it could be used to identify the particular node that made the call. The use of this facility and the interpretation of the numbers is the responsibility of the calling and called X.25 systems.
Network User Identity	A hexadecimal string supplied by the network authority. This is included in the call request packet and is used by the X.25 network for accounting, security, and network management purposes.
NSAP Mapping	Determines whether the destination DTE address and the DTE class on the local system are held in an X25 ACCESS REACHABLE ADDRESS entity. In this case, the NSAP generated by the application is used to find an X25 ACCESS REACHABLE ADDRESS entity. The values in that entity provide the DTE class and destination DTE address values needed to make the call. If this facility is used there is no need to define the DTE Class and Destination DTE Address attributes in the template.
Packet Size	The size (in bytes) of packets used in the call. This value is used to determine the size of packets used if all of the following conditions are true: • The call uses packet size negotiation. • The maximum packet size of the DTE is not less than the value of this attribute. • The application making the call does not specify a packet size. If any one of these conditions is false, the value of this attribute is ignored.
Quality of Service	A hexadecimal string that identifies the quality of service required for the call. The content of the string and its interpretation is the responsibility of the two X.25 systems.
Reverse Charging	Determines whether reverse charging is requested for the call. That is, the remote X.25 system will be charged for the call by the network authority. Specify this attribute only if reverse charging is available and if you want to use it for all calls that use this template.
RPOA Sequence	A list of one or more Recognized Private Operating Agency networks that the call is to be routed through. Each network has a unique, 4-digit DTE address. If you use this attribute, define the networks in the order in which they will be used to route the call.

Characteristic	Description
Selected Group	The name of an X25 PROTOCOL GROUP entity that defines the CUG or BCUG to be used for the call. Use this attribute only if you want all calls using this template to use the appropriate group. In the case of BCUGs, there is no need to specify the Destination DTE Address attribute.
Target Address Extension	The NSAP address of the remote DTE. This value will be put in the call request packet and can be used at the remote system to match the call with a filter. This value is mainly used for templates that handle calls for OSI Transport.
Throughput Class Request	The data transmission rate (in bits/s) to be used for the call. The value of this attribute is a range. The first number is the lowest acceptable transmission rate. The second number is the maximum rate. The values that can be used here, and the actual rate employed will depend on the capabilities of the X.25 network. This information is contained in the network profile.
Transit Delay Selection	The transit delay (in milliseconds) that is acceptable for the call. The value of this attribute is a range. The first number is the minimum acceptable delay, and the second number is the target delay. This attribute will be ignored if the call is made through a DTE that does not have the transit delay selection facility.
Window Size	The size of the window for packets sent to and received from the X.25 network. The value of this attribute is used if the following conditions are true: • The call uses window size negotiation. • The value of this attribute is not greater than the maximum window size of the DTE. • The application making the call does not specify a window size. If any one of these conditions is false, the value of this attribute is ignored.

3.3.1. Predefined Templates

In addition to any templates that you define, the configuration program creates one or more predefined templates, depending on the options you choose as you configure the system. The sections that follow describe the predefined templates.

3.3.1.1. Default Template

The system always creates a template named `Default`. The `Default` template is used if an application does not specify a template. In this case, the X.25 system uses all the values that the application supplies and then obtains the remaining values from the `Default` template.

If required, the `Default` template can be modified to suit local conditions, that is, it can be tailored specifically for your system. The default template can also be deleted.

Caution

The decision to change or delete the `Default` template should not be taken lightly as its modification or removal will affect **every** application that does not specify a template.

3.3.1.2. OSI Transport Template (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

The configuration program always creates an additional predefined template called `OSI Transport`. This template is referenced by the `CONS` Template attribute of the `OSI TRANSPORT TEMPLATE` entity used when the OSI Transport module is using the `CONS` network service provided by X.25 for OpenVMS.

For more information about the use of this template, see the section on configuring X.25 services in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Management Guide* manual.

3.3.1.3. X.29 Templates (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

If you select X.29 support, the configuration program creates two additional templates named `X29Login` and `X29Server`.

The template `X29Server` is used in the definition of the application `X29_LOGIN`. This application services incoming X.29 login requests.

The template `X29Login` is used when a `SET HOST/X29` command is executed and defines the connection attributes for outbound connections to a remote `X29_LOGIN` application.

3.3.2. Designing Templates

You need to carefully choose the number of templates that are required for the applications on the X.25 system. This work should be performed in conjunction with the remote X.25 systems that your system is to call. Those systems will have filters that will accept the incoming call and pass it on to the correct application.

By careful design of the template and filter you can ensure that the correct system is called, that the remote system has all the information it needs to verify that the call originates from an authorized system, and that the call is forwarded to the correct application.

A template can be given any name **except for** the names used for the predefined templates (see *Section 3.3.1, "Predefined Templates"*).

The attributes defined in a template are used to:

- Specify the remote DTE that the call is to be made to, the DTE class on the local system to make the call, and whether the call is to be routed through one or more RPOAs.
- Specify any special facilities to be used in the call.
- Provide additional information to help the remote X.25 system correctly filter incoming calls.

The following sections explain which attributes of a template fulfill each of these functions. This information should help you design templates for your system.

3.3.2.1. Call Setup

One of the basic functions of a template is to indicate the remote DTE that is to be called and the DTE class on the local system to be used to make the call. There are three ways of doing this:

- Explicitly specify these items by using the Destination DTE Address and DTE Class attributes of the template.
- Set the NSAP Mapping attribute to `true`, and define the appropriate number of X25 ACCESS REACHABLE ADDRESS entities.
- Set the name of a BCUG in the Selected Group and DTE Class attributes.

The method used for any particular template depends on the type of application that will use it.

In simple cases, where an application always calls a particular remote system, and always uses a particular DTE class on the local system, the first method should be used.

NSAPs and X25 ACCESS REACHABLE ADDRESS entities are used only for those applications that generate NSAPs. In most systems this will be restricted to OSI TRANSPORT.

The final method is used only for BCUGs. In this case, you need to define the Selected Group attribute only. For ordinary groups, you need to define the Destination DTE Address attribute as well so that the correct DTE in the group is selected.

If the call is to be routed through one or more RPOAs, you will also need to specify the RPOAs in the RPOA Sequence attribute.

3.3.2.2. Special Features

Other attributes in the template define the features of the network that will be used for the call. Define these attributes as required:

- Charging Information
- End-to-End Delay
- Expedited Data
- Fast Select
- Network User Identity
- Packet Size
- Reverse Charging
- Throughput Class Request
- Transit Delay Selection
- Window Size

3.3.2.3. Additional Information for Filtering

The remaining attributes can be used by the remote system to assist in filtering the call, and by the pair of applications to help establish the correct service levels.

Determine the values for the following attributes in conjunction with the remote system and with the application developers:

- Call Data
- Calling Address Extension
- Local Facilities
- Local Subaddress
- Quality of Service
- Target Address Extension

For example, you can use the Call Data attribute to differentiate between various applications that are making calls. You can also use the Local Subaddress attribute to identify the system that has made the call. This is particularly useful where a number of Client systems share a single Connector system.

The Calling Address Extension and Target Address Extension attributes are used for applications that use NSAPs. They correspond to values in filters in the remote system.

3.4. Application Filters

Each call that a Direct Connect or Client system receives must be directed to an application. The system must determine the appropriate application to receive each call. The method of determining the recipient of a call is called **filtering**. To filter incoming calls the X.25 system uses the X25 ACCESS FILTER entity.

Each X.25 application that can receive calls has at least one filter associated with it. Filters provide the X.25 system with the information to identify which application should receive an incoming call. *Section 3.6, "X.25 Applications"* shows how a filter is associated with an application.

The X25 ACCESS FILTER entity has a number of characteristics that contain the filtering parameters. *Table 3.16, "Characteristics of an X25 ACCESS FILTER Entity"* lists these attributes.

Table 3.16. Characteristics of an X25 ACCESS FILTER Entity

Characteristic	Description
Call Data Mask	A bit mask (specified as a hexadecimal string) that the X.25 system applies to the call user data in the received call packet. The system performs a logical AND operation on the received call user data and this mask. The result of this operation is then compared byte by byte with the value of the Call Data Value attribute of the filter. The call will not be passed to the relevant application if these values do not match. To force the system to match the exact value in the Call Data Value attribute, make each digit in this attribute have the value F. To filter calls using call user data, you must specify a value for this attribute.
Call Data Value	A hexadecimal string to be matched by this filter. The value matched is the result of an AND operation between the received call user data and the Call Data Mask attribute.

Characteristic	Description
	To filter calls using call user data, you must specify a value for this attribute and for the Call Data Mask attribute.
Called Address Extension Mask	A bit mask (specified as a hexadecimal string) that the X.25 system applies to the called address extension (NSAP) specified in the call packet. The system performs a logical AND operation on the NSAP and the mask. The result is compared, byte by byte, with the value of the Called Address Extension Value attribute. The call will not be passed to the relevant application if these values do not match. To force the system to match the exact value in the Called Address Extension Value attribute, make each digit in this attribute have the value F. To filter calls using the called NSAP you must specify a value for this attribute and for the Called Address Extension Value attribute.
Called Address Extension Value	A hexadecimal string to be matched by this filter. The value compared with this attribute is the result of a logical AND between the Called Address Extension Mask attribute and the called NSAP specified in the call packet. To filter calls using called NSAP, you must specify a value for this attribute and for the Called Address Extension Mask attribute.
Group	The name of the CUG or BCUG to which the calling DTE belongs. If the calling DTE does not belong to the named group, the call is not passed on to the relevant application.
Inbound DTE Class	The name of the DTE class that contains the DTE that received the call. If the receiving DTE is not in the named class, the call is not passed on to the relevant application.
Incoming DTE Address	The incoming call packet contains a field called the Destination DTE Address. This attribute provides a value to be matched with that field. If the values are not identical, the call is not passed on to the relevant application.
Originally Called Address	If a call is redirected, the DTE address that it originally referenced is put in a field called the Originally Called Address. This attribute provides a value to be matched with that field. If the values are not identical, the call is not passed on to the relevant application. Use this attribute only if you have arranged call redirection facilities with the network provider. It is often used in conjunction with the Redirect Reason attribute.
Priority	The priority of the filter. Each filter on your system is assigned a priority value. The X.25 system uses these values to determine the order in which filters are searched for matching incoming calls. Matching starts with the filter having the highest priority value first (that is, the largest integer value) followed by the filter having the next highest priority value (that is, the next largest integer value).
Receiving DTE Address	The DTE address on the local system that actually received the call. If that is not the same as the value of this attribute the call is not passed on to the relevant application.

Characteristic	Description
	This attribute is provided for backwards compatibility with DECnet Phase IV applications. Phase V applications are recommended to use the Inbound DTE Class attribute to match DTE addresses on the local system.
Redirect Reason	The X.25 network can redirect a call for a number of reasons. This attribute specifies a particular reason that the application will handle. If the Redirect Reason field in the incoming call is not identical to the value of this attribute, the call is not passed on to the relevant application. Use this attribute only if you have arranged call redirection facilities with the network provider. It is often used in conjunction with the Originally Called Address attribute.
Security Filter	The name of a security filter used by the X.25 security system to verify the call. The <i>VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Security Guide</i> explains how this attribute is used.
Sending DTE Address	The Calling Address field in the incoming call contains the address of the DTE that made the call. If specified, the X.25 system compares the value of this attribute with the Calling Address field. If the values are not identical, the call is not passed on to the relevant application.
Subaddress Range	A set of values of subaddresses that this filter will use to validate a call. Each value in the set can be a single number or a range of addresses. Each of these values corresponds to a Local Subaddress attribute in a template. If specified, the X.25 system attempts to match the subaddress in the incoming call with the value of this attribute. If a match is found, the call is passed on to the relevant application. If no match is found, the call is rejected by the specified filter.

3.4.1. How Filters Are Used

For each incoming call, an X.25 system searches all its filters in order of filter priority. The system starts with the highest priority filter (that is, the filter whose Priority attribute has the largest integer value) and then works down to the lowest priority filter (that is, the filter whose Priority attribute has the smallest integer value).

To find the destination of a call, the X.25 system tries to match all of the attributes defined in the filter with those in the call packet. Any attribute not specified in the filter is considered to match the attributes in the call packet.

- If all the attribute values match, the call is passed on to the application associated with the filter.
- If any of the attributes do not match, the X.25 system finds the next filter and tries to match its attribute values with those in the call packet.

The X.25 system continues in this way until a match is found or until all filters have been searched. If the system cannot find a matching filter, it rejects the call.

3.4.2. Predefined Filters

The configuration program creates zero or more predefined filters, depending on the operating system and on the options you choose as you configure the system. The sections that follow describe the predefined filters.

3.4.2.1. OSI Transport Filter (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

The configuration program always creates a predefined filter called `OSI Transport`. This filter is referenced by the `CONS Filter` attribute of the `OSI TRANSPORT` entity and is used when the `OSI Transport` module is using the `CONS` network service provided by X.25 for OpenVMS.

For more information about the use of this filter, see the section on configuring X.25 services in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Management Guide* manual.

Note

If you intend to use the `CONS` network service on an OpenVMS VAX system, you must explicitly configure this filter.

3.4.2.2. X.29 Filter

If you select X.29 support, the configuration program creates a predefined filter named `X29` (on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems) or `X29_LOGIN` (on OpenVMS VAX systems). This filter is used in the definition of the application `X29_LOGIN`. This application services incoming X.29 login requests.

3.4.2.3. X.25 Mail Filter

If you select X.25 Mail support, the configuration program creates a predefined filter named `X25_MAIL` (on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems) or `PSI_MAIL` (on OpenVMS VAX systems). This filter is used in the definition of the application `X25_MAIL` (on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems) or `PSI_MAIL` (on OpenVMS VAX systems). This application services incoming X.25 Mail requests.

3.4.3. Designing Filters

The filters needed on your system must be designed with care to ensure that valid calls are passed on to the correct applications and to ensure that invalid calls (those calls that are unauthorized or unwanted) are rejected.

You must determine the specific needs of each application in conjunction with the information that valid calling systems can provide. In addition, you need to make sure that invalid calls from other systems on the X.25 network will not be accepted.

Filter priorities determine the order in which filters are matched against the incoming calls. As the X.25 system will pass on a call to the first filter that matches, you must ensure that a call for an application with a higher priority filter (that is, a larger integer value) is not accidentally passed onto an application with a lower priority filter (that is, a smaller integer value). This is why you need to carefully plan the filter values and work in conjunction with whoever is designing the templates for the systems making calls.

A filter can be given any name **except for** the names used for the predefined filters (see *Section 3.4.2, "Predefined Filters"*).

The attributes of a filter (except for its priority) can be divided into three groups:

- Addressing attributes

- Redirection attributes
- Application–dependent attributes

The following sections explain which attributes of a filter make up each of these groups. This information should help you design filters for your system.

3.4.3.1. Addressing Attributes

One of three types of addressing can be defined in a filter and used to match incoming calls:

- DTE addresses
- NSAP addresses
- Groups

The method used for any particular filter depends on the type of application that will use it.

For X.25 applications, you can verify the calling DTE address as well as the DTE class on the local system that receives the call. Specify either or both of the Sending DTE Address and DTE Class attributes as necessary. These attributes can be useful if the remote application always uses the same DTE and the call always arrives on a DTE in a particular DTE class on your system.

Applications that use NSAPs use the Called Address Extension Mask and Called Address Extension Value attributes, as well as various attributes of the OSI TRANSPORT entities.

For applications that communicate as part of a Closed User Group (CUG), only the Group attribute is required. However, it should be specified only if it is important to test for the group identification (for example, if there are particularly sensitive applications that must communicate only through a specific group).

3.4.3.2. Redirection Attributes

If you have arranged call redirection facilities with the network provider you can test for redirected calls in filters. You can use the Originally Called Address attribute to match calls that were originally directed at a specific address. You can also use the Redirect Reason attribute to match calls that were redirected for a specific reason.

For example, a system may have an application that runs only when a specific DTE is unavailable. This could return a message to the calling application notifying it of the failure and asking it to try again later. In this case, the application would have a low priority filter and would use the Originally Called Address and Redirect Reason attributes. The first attribute would specify the DTE address that it acts as messenger for, and the second would specify that it only handles calls if the other DTE has failed.

3.4.3.3. Application–Dependent Attributes

The remaining filter attributes are implementation dependent and need to be specified in conjunction with whoever is designing the templates on the calling systems. Those attributes are:

- Call Data Mask
- Call Data Value

- Subaddress Range^{DAG} (OpenVMS VAX)

The Call Data Mask and Call Data Value attributes correspond to the equivalent attributes in the template. Use these attributes as appropriate to differentiate calling systems or applications. For example, you could use a different call data value for each of your applications.

The Subaddress Range attribute^{DAG} corresponds to the Local Subaddress attribute in a template. You can use this to ensure that an application accepts calls from specific systems. In this case, each calling system would be given its own local subaddress. On the called system, each local subaddress of the calling systems that it will process calls for is included in the value of the Subaddress Range attribute.

3.4.3.4. Attribute Constraints

Call data and called address extension have both data and mask attributes. Data value and mask attributes must be the same length.

Call data and called address extension have both data and mask attributes. Valid mask and value combinations are constrained by the following:

- They must be of the same length
- Performing a logical AND on the value and the mask must result in the original value

For example:

Value (hex)	Mask (hex)	Valid
0010	ffff	yes
0010	0030	yes
0010	ff0f	no
11	f0ff	no
17af	ff	no

This means that the initial configuration of these attributes will have to be performed in the same NCL command. For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access filter myfilter call data value %x01, -  
_ncl> call data mask %xff
```

Once this is done you can set either attribute individually, provided that it complies with the above constraints.

3.5. Server–Client Filters

Server–Client filters are filters that are listened to by X25 SERVER CLIENT entities.

A Connector system makes and receives calls on behalf of one or more Client systems. When the Connector system receives a call it needs to know to which Client system to pass the call. (Note: On OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, one Server–Client can be used to direct calls to multiple Client systems based on ratings values you define).

^{DAG}Not implemented in X.25 for OpenVMS on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems – use the Incoming DTE Address attribute to filter incoming calls based on the Destination DTE Address field of the incoming call packet.

Each Connector system maintains information on the Client systems that it serves (refer to *Section 3.7, "Server–Clients"*). However, the Connector system needs additional information on which calls should be forwarded to each Client system.

Connector systems use filters to determine which calls should be forwarded to Client systems. These filters use the same attributes and need to have the same careful design as Application Filters (refer to *Section 3.4, "Application Filters"*).

One or more filters can be defined for each X25 SERVER CLIENT entity.

The Server–Client filter simply passes an incoming call on to a Client system. It does not determine which application on the Client system should accept the call or whether there is any application at all to accept the call. It is still the responsibility of the Client system to determine which calls it will accept and to which application each accepted call is passed.

3.5.1. Designing Server–Client Filters

You can use Server–Client filters in two ways:

1. **As a filter** that uses the destination DTE information to determine the Client system to forward each call to. In this case, the Connector system acts as little more than a switch. It is up to each Client system to carry out the verification of each call.
2. **As a security front–end processor** that carries out additional security validation and so forwards only those calls that are valid for any of its Client systems. In this case, the Connector system protects its Client systems by rejecting invalid (unauthorized) calls.

In the second case, the filters in the Connector system may try to match the exact source of the call, the call user data, the destination, and, on OpenVMS VAX systems, the incoming subaddress. In this way, only valid calls would need to be passed on to the appropriate Client. The filters on each Client system can then be made simpler as all they need to do is determine the correct application to pass the call on to (using call user data or, on OpenVMS VAX systems, the local subaddress).

3.6. X.25 Applications

X.25 applications can be specified for Direct Connect and Client systems.

To automatically activate an application when specific X.25 calls are received by the system, that application must be specified in an X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity. *Table 3.17, "Characteristics of an X25 ACCESS APPLICATION Entity"* describes the characteristic attributes of this entity.

Note

An application has the option of declaring itself a network process rather than relying on the static application definition found in a X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity. See the *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming* for more information about network processes.

If an X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity's Type attribute is X29 LOGIN, it must, at minimum, have a value set for its Filters attribute. When a call matches one of the filters, an X.29 login session is started for the call.

If an X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity's Type attribute is X25 or X29, it must, at minimum, have values set for its Filters and File attributes. When an incoming call matches one of the filters, the system executes the specified file, passing the details of the call to be processed.

The *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming* describes how to write an X.25 application program.

Table 3.17. Characteristics of an X25 ACCESS APPLICATION Entity

Characteristic	Description
Account	The name of the account under which the application is to be run.
Activation Data	Data required to start up the application.
File	The name of the command file on the X.25 system that starts the application. This characteristic is not used if the Type attribute is set to X29 LOGIN.
Filters	The names of the filters that the application uses.
Maximum Activations	The maximum number of concurrent activations of the application that can be supported.
Template	The name of the X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE entity that will be used by the application to accept an incoming call.
Type	The type of X.25 application. This can be: • X25 This type is used for application-to-application communication using the X.25 programming interface. • X29 This type is used for applications that use the X.29 programming interface where the remote X.29 terminal users are not required to log in before using the application. • X29 LOGIN This type starts an X.29 login session, allowing the caller to log in to the local system.
User	The user name of the account under which the application runs.

3.6.1. Designing Applications

Declaring an application to the system is straightforward. All you need to do is provide suitable values for attributes of the X25ACCESS APPLICATION entity. In particular, make sure that the Filters attribute has the names of the correct filters. In addition, make sure that the Type attribute is set to the correct value for the application.

Ensure that the name you give to the X25 ACCESS APPLICATION entity reflects the application to which it refers; this will help with future maintenance of your system.

3.7. Server–Clients

A Connector system provides a connection to one or more X.25 networks on behalf of a number of Client systems. This manual uses the term Server–Client to refer to the X25 SERVER CLIENT entity of the X.25 Server that represents the actual Client system (on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, a single X25 SERVER CLIENT entity can represent multiple Client systems).

For security and logistic reasons, the Connector system needs to know which Client systems can use it and how to access each of those systems. For example, a large LAN may have more than one Connector system available and the use of these systems will be divided between the various Client systems.

For each Client system, there is a corresponding X25 SERVER CLIENT entity defined on the Connector system. *Table 3.18, "Characteristics of an X25 SERVER CLIENT Entity"* lists the characteristic attributes of this entity.

Table 3.18. Characteristics of an X25 SERVER CLIENT Entity

Characteristic	Description
Application	Address information used by the SESSION CONTROL entity on the X.25 Client systems to select the process that will receive the connection request. This characteristic is always set to <code>Number = 36</code> .
Filters	A set of filter names that are used to filter calls for X.25 Client systems represented by this entity. These filters cannot be shared with any other Server–Client on the Connector system. For more information about Server–Client filters, see <i>Section 3.5, "Server–Client Filters"</i> .
Node	The full DNS node name of the X.25 Client system represented by this entity.
Password	The default password to be used for verification when connecting to the X.25 Client systems represented by this entity.
Service Nodes	A list of full DNS node names of the X.25 Client systems represented by this entity.
User	The default user identification to be used in access verification when connecting to the X.25 Client systems represented by this entity.

3.7.1. Designing Server–Clients

For each Server–Client you must define:

- The name of one or more filters that the server listens to in order to pick up an incoming call for the Server–Client.
- The name of at least one node identifying the X.25 Client system to which the incoming call is directed.

3.7.2. Overview of Server Call Handling

The following two subsections discuss call handling between the X.25 Server process on the Connector node and the X.25 Client process on the Client node.

Overview of Server Operation for Incoming Calls

Incoming calls are initiated by the remote DTE. This can be either as a result of a program using the programming interface or as a result of a transport layer entity requesting that the remote X.25 DTE begin operation. In either case, the following operations occur:

1. The remote DTE sends a Call message to the X25 ACCESS module supporting the X.25 Server.
2. The X25 ACCESS module notifies the X.25 Server of the incoming call.

3. Based on the existing Server–Client filters, the X.25 Server attempts to establish a DECnet connection with the X.25 Client system associated with the Server–Client with the matching filter.
4. If the X.25 Client system has been correctly defined and the Client system is willing, the Client system accepts the DECnet connection.
5. The X.25 Server sends an Incoming Call message.
6. The Client system processes the Incoming Call request and responds with an Outgoing Accept message.

At this point, both the X.25 Client and the X.25 Server have a circuit state of Running. Normal X.25 operations can now proceed.

Overview of Server Operation for Outgoing Calls

Outgoing calls are initiated on the X.25 Client system. This can be either as a result of a program using the programming interface or as a result of a transport layer entity requesting that the X.25 DTE begin operation. In either case, the following operations occur:

1. The X.25 Client system initiates a DECnet connection to the X.25 Server.
2. Session Control on the X.25 Server system informs the X.25 Server of an incoming connection.
3. Assuming sufficient resources, the X.25 Server accepts the connection.
4. The Client system sends an Outgoing Call message (including the requested DTE class which represents both a remote DTE class on the Client and a local DTE class on the Server).
5. The X.25 Server receives the Outgoing Call request and requests that the X25 ACCESS module make an outgoing call.
6. The X25 ACCESS module places the call using the facilities of the X25 PROTOCOL module (using the DTE class specified by the Client).
7. Assuming that the call succeeded, X.25 Server sends an Incoming Accept message to the Client system.

At this point, both the Client and the X.25 Server have a circuit state of Running. Normal X.25 operations can now proceed.

3.8. Relay–Clients (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

An X.25 Relay system acting as a Connector node allows calls to be relayed between DTEs.

Each Relay–Client listens to a particular filter and when a call arrives that matches this filter, an outbound call is made to the associated DTE. For each Relay–Client there is a corresponding X25 RELAY CLIENT entity. *Table 3.19, "Characteristics of an X25 RELAY CLIENT Entity"* lists the characteristics of this entity.

Table 3.19. Characteristics of an X25 RELAY CLIENT Entity

Characteristic	Description
DTE Class	The DTE class to use when making the outgoing call.

Characteristic	Description
Filters	The set of filters that are listened to by this Relay–Client. Each name is the name of an X25 ACCESS FILTER entity.
Template	The name of the template to be used for the outgoing call. This is the name of an X25 ACCESS TEMPLATE entity.

3.8.1. Designing Relay–Clients

Although Relay–Client design is very similar for WAN–WAN, LAN–WAN, and LAN–LAN configurations, there are slight variations.

WAN–WAN Configurations –

For **outgoing calls** you must define one X25 RELAY CLIENT entity for each DTE that is going to make calls to a specified DTE class.

For **incoming calls** you must define one X25 RELAY CLIENT entity for each DTE that is going to receive calls from a specified DTE class.

LAN–WAN and LAN–LAN Configurations –

For **outgoing calls** you must define one X25 RELAY CLIENT entity for each set of LAN clients (LLC2 links) that is going to make calls to a specified DTE class.

For **incoming calls** you must define one X25 RELAY CLIENT entity for each set of LAN clients (LLC2 links) that is going to receive calls from a specified DTE class.

Note that if both outgoing and incoming calls are to be handled, only one X25 RELAY CLIENT entity needs to be defined for each set of LAN clients.

Common Requirements –

The following tasks need to be performed whenever the configuration is being set up.

For each Relay–Client you must define:

- The name of one or more filters that the X.25 Relay system listens to in order to pick up an incoming call for the Relay–Client. See *Section 3.8.2, "Relay–Client Filters"* for more information about how the X.25 Relay system uses filters.
- The name of a DTE class that identifies the DTE to which the call is to be relayed.
- The name of a template to be used for the outbound call.

3.8.2. Relay–Client Filters

Each Relay–Client listens on a set of filters. Each Relay–Client that can receive calls has at least one filter associated with it. Filters provide the X.25 Relay system with information to distinguish which Relay–Client should receive an incoming call. You need to ensure that incoming calls are directed to the correct Relay Client.

The X.25 Relay system uses the X25 ACCESS FILTER entity to filter incoming calls. This entity has a number of characteristics that contain the filtering parameters.

3.8.2.1. Overview of Call Relaying

Call relaying is a two-stage process. In the first stage, an incoming call is received by the X.25 Relay system from the calling DTE. In the second stage, the received call is relayed to the called DTE.

A call initiated by the calling DTE is received by the X.25 Relay system by listening on a set of filters for specific incoming calls. Calls are received only if they match at least one of the filters.

A separate outgoing call is then initiated by the X.25 Relay system to relay the call to the called DTE. The outgoing call is made using the DTE class and template defined by the X.25 Relay–Client listening on the filter that matched the incoming call.

Call facilities specified in the incoming call are not interpreted by the X.25 Relay system but passed on to the called DTE. Any call facilities **not** specified in the original call, but specified in the template used to make the outgoing call, are added to the facilities requested in the outgoing call. If no template is specified, the `Default` template is used.

It is important to be aware that the incoming call from the calling DTE is accepted by the X.25 Relay system **only** when the outgoing call from the X.25 Relay system is accepted by the called DTE. If the called DTE does not accept the call, the incoming call to the X.25 Relay system is rejected.

3.9. X.25 Relay PVC (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

An X.25 Relay system acting as a Connector node may facilitate the connection of two PVCs. One of the PVCs will be a local PVC and the other a remote PVC. The permissible node configurations are the same as those for switched virtual circuits (SVCs).

A relay PVC opens two PVCs that are specified in the characteristics of the entity. Once the two PVCs have been opened and data synchronization has been achieved¹, any data received on one PVC will be relayed on the other. *Table 3.20, "Characteristics of an X25 RELAY PVC Entity"* lists the characteristics of this entity.

Table 3.20. Characteristics of an X25 RELAY PVC Entity

Characteristic	Description
Type	Specifies whether the relay PVC is of the type Local or Remote. For X.25 for OpenVMS, this field will always be Local. This is the default value on creation of the relay PVC and may not be modified after the entity is created.
Local PVC	The name of a local PVC to open. This characteristic must be present before the relay PVC can be enabled.
Relayed PVC	The name of a relayed PVC to open. This characteristic must be present before the relay PVC can be enabled.

3.9.1. Designing Relay PVCs

Relay PVC design is identical for WAN–WAN, LAN–WAN, and LAN–LAN configurations.

¹See the *X.25 for OpenVMS Programming Reference* manual for details of data synchronization on PVCs.

You must specify one X25 RELAY PVC entity for each pair of PVCs that you want connected. Additionally, the following tasks must be performed.

For each relay PVC you must define:

- The name of the local PVC. This is the name of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE PVC entity and by convention will be the PVC that uses the LAN, if such a PVC exists.
- The name of the relayed PVC. This is the name of an X25 PROTOCOL DTE PVC entity and by convention will be the PVC that uses the WAN, if such a PVC exists.

3.9.2. Overview of PVC Connection

For two PVCs to be connected by an X.25 Relay system, both PVCs must be opened. First, an attempt is made to open the local PVC. If this succeeds, an attempt is made to open the relayed PVC.

If the relayed PVC is successfully opened, the relay PVC will go into the On state. If either of the PVCs could not be opened, the relay PVC will go into the Failed state, and the Retry Reason Status field will be set to indicate the reason for failure. Additionally, an event will be logged indicating that the enable failed if event logging is enabled.

It is important to be aware that the successful enabling of the RELAY PVC entity does not mean that data transfer is possible. The other end of both PVCs must also be opened before data transfer will succeed. Also, data synchronization must be completed prior to the transmission of data. This is the responsibility of both user applications.

Part II. Managing an X.25 System

This Part contains three chapters:

- *Chapter 4, "Tools"*, describes the tools available to manage an X.25 system.
- *Chapter 5, "Management Tasks (NCL)"*, details how to perform common management tasks by issuing NCL commands interactively.
- *Chapter 6, "Management Tasks (Configuration Program)"*, details how to perform common management tasks by running the configuration program in advanced mode.

Chapter 4. Tools

4.1. Introduction

Two major tools are available for managing a VSI X.25 for OpenVMS system:

- NCL
- The configuration program

The following sections summarize each tool's capabilities and provide guidance on when one tool should be used in preference to another.

4.2. Network Control Language (NCL)

Network Control Language (NCL) is a command-based tool that allows you to set up, modify, and display information on any of the X.25 system's management entities. NCL commands can be issued interactively or defined in an NCL script.

Full details about each management entity and their associated attributes are provided in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual and example commands to perform typical management tasks are given in *Chapter 5, "Management Tasks (NCL)"*.

4.2.1. Interactive NCL

When you make changes to a system using NCL interactively, the changes become effective immediately, but last only until the system is rebooted. Interactive NCL is therefore useful only for **temporary** changes to a configuration.

Note: In the rest of this manual, interactive NCL is referred to simply as NCL.

To modify a configuration using NCL interactively:

1. Run the NCL utility on your local system.

Instructions on starting NCL are given in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual.

2. Enter the required NCL commands.
3. Forward all commands to the appropriate X.25 for OpenVMS system (if you are not logged in on that system).

If you are not logged in to the X.25 for OpenVMS system, and you need to enter a number of NCL commands, you can arrange for NCL commands to be forwarded to the X.25 for OpenVMS system without having to specify the node name of the X.25 for OpenVMS system in each NCL command. Refer to the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual for more information about how to forward NCL commands.

4. Update the appropriate NCL script files (if necessary).

If you have made changes to the configuration, and you want to make these changes permanent, use the configuration program(if possible) to update the systems. Refer to *Section 4.3, "Configuration Program"*.

If the configuration program cannot be used to make the changes, modify the appropriate NCL script file. Refer to *Section 4.2.3, "Modifying NCL Script Files"*.

4.2.2. NCL Scripts

An NCL script is an ASCII file of NCL commands. An NCL script is generated when the X.25 configuration program is run and can be edited to add features that are not covered by the configuration program. Details of the location of the NCL script are given in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* manual.

Further details about using the configuration program to generate the required NCL scripts are given in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* manual.

An NCL script is an ASCII file of NCL commands. Each X.25 system contains the following NCL script files:

- A single **master NCL script file**, which contains the NCL commands to create the X.25 configuration. This file is generated by running the configuration program in either basic or advanced mode and **should not** be edited. Details on how to generate the master NCL script file using basic and advanced modes of the configuration program are given in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual.
- Four **user NCL script files**, that contain additional NCL commands to augment the NCL commands in the master NCL script:

`SYS$STARTUP:X25$EXTRA_CREATE.NCL`

File containing additional, user-supplied NCL commands specific to **creating** entities.

`SYS$STARTUP:X25$EXTRA_ENABLE.NCL`

File containing additional, user-supplied NCL commands specific to **enabling** entities.

`SYS$STARTUP:X25$EXTRA_SECURITY.NCL`

File containing additional, user-supplied NCL commands specific to setting **security**.

`SYS$STARTUP:X25$EXTRA_SET.NCL`

File containing additional, user-supplied NCL commands specific to **setting** the values of entities.

By default, the user NCL script files do not contain any NCL commands. The user NCL script files are executed by the master NCL script file when the X.25 startup script is run.

4.2.3. Modifying NCL Script Files

For some tasks you will not be able to use the configuration procedure. If this is the case, you will need to add the required NCL commands to the appropriate NCL script file. To do this you need to be familiar with the entities used in an X.25 system, how they are used, and the available NCL commands. *Chapter 5, "Management Tasks (NCL)"* details how to perform each of the tasks in this chapter using NCL.

Modify the NCL script files only if:

- You cannot use the configuration program to carry out the task. One possible reason is that you do not want the configuration program to overwrite a script that you have already edited extensively.

- The feature you want to use is not available through the configuration program.

If you need to modify your system by modifying the NCL script files, begin by planning the changes that you need to make to the configuration. If possible, test the changes before you make them by entering the appropriate NCL commands interactively.

Once you have determined the changes that need to be made, use any suitable text editor to add the NCL commands to the NCL Script or modify existing NCL commands.

Note that any changes you make to the user NCL script files come into effect only after you reboot the system.

Note

When the configuration program is next run, the new NCL script generated by the configuration program will not contain the changes you have made to the script. If you want to retain the changes you will have to modify the new NCL script to include your changes.

Once you have determined the changes that need to be made, use any suitable text editor to add the NCL commands to the appropriate user NCL script file or modify existing NCL commands. Further details on modifying the user NCL script files are given in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual.

Note that any changes you make to the user NCL script files come into effect only after you reboot the system.

Note

Do not edit the master NCL script (which is generated by the configuration program). When the configuration program is next run, the new master NCL script generated by the configuration program will not contain the changes you have made to the script.

4.3. Configuration Program

X.25 for OpenVMS provides a configuration program that can be used to set up a working X.25 system. The configuration program is screen-based and produces an initialization file, known as an NCL script. The NCL script is maintained by the configuration program, which saves you having to verify the script by hand. The program also crosschecks the information you supply, to help eliminate incompatibilities.

You can also use the configuration program to modify an existing configuration and so generate a new NCL script. Modifications made in this way do not come into effect until the system is rebooted. The configuration program is therefore recommended for major changes or reconfigurations that need to exist beyond a system reboot.

Chapter 6, "Management Tasks (Configuration Program)" has detailed information on how to complete management tasks using the configuration program.

Full details on how to use the configuration program are provided in the *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual for OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems or the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* manual for OpenVMS VAX systems.

4.4. When to Use Each Tool

Table 4.1, "When to Use Each Tool" summarizes when each tool should be used.

Table 4.1. When to Use Each Tool

Tool	When to Use It
Interactive NCL	Use it for making temporary changes and for monitoring a running system.
NCL script files	Edit the NCL script file only if you need to include NCL commands that are not generated by the configuration program.
User NCL script files	Use the appropriate user NCL script file to add NCL commands that cannot be generated using the configuration program.
Configuration program	Use it to make permanent changes to a system configuration.

4.5. Security Considerations

PSDNs are public networks that are often connected together. Any system connected to a PSDN has the potential to connect to your X.25 system across the PSDN. X.25 Security allows you to control access to and from your X.25 system to protect it from unauthorized use.

X.25 Security allows you to:

- Protect your X.25 system from unauthorized incoming calls
- Prevent unauthorized outgoing calls

This is achieved by controlling access to:

- DTE Classes on your system
- Filters on your system
- PVCs on your Direct Connect or Connector system
- Groups on your Direct Connect or Connector system

Security needs careful planning. It needs to be effective, while leaving the system usable for authorized users.

When creating or modifying your configuration you should ensure that its security is set up correctly and/or maintained.

The *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Security Guide* details how to set up, manage, and monitor the security of an X.25 for OpenVMS system.

Chapter 5. Management Tasks (NCL)

5.1. Introduction

Whenever possible, use the X.25 configuration procedure to maintain your VSI X.25 for OpenVMS system. Using the configuration program ensures that any changes you make are maintained when the system is rebooted.

However, there may be occasions when you will have to use NCL interactively or add/modify the NCL commands in the NCL script file (OpenVMS VAX systems) or in one of the user NCL script files (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems). For example, you may want to use a feature not provided by the configuration procedure.

Remember

Avoid modifying the NCL script file (on OpenVMS VAX systems) and never modify the master NCL script file (on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems). Modifications to these files are not maintained in the new version of the script file created as a result of running the configuration program.

Changes made interactively by issuing NCL commands remain in effect only until the X.25 system is rebooted.

This chapter details what NCL commands are required to perform common management tasks. For example, it details how to add, modify, and delete each component of an X.25 system.

Note: The NCL commands used in the NCL script file (OpenVMS VAX systems) or master NCL script file and user NCL script files (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems) are the same as the NCL commands issued interactively. Therefore, this chapter only shows the interactive NCL commands.

Throughout this chapter certain naming conventions are used. *Section 5.2, "Conventions"* lists these conventions and what they mean.

For more information on changing the NCL script files refer to *Section 4.2.2, "NCL Scripts"*.

5.2. Conventions

The following sections use a number of names to denote variable information. To enter a command, replace the variable name with the appropriate information.

<i>addr-name</i>	The initial part of an NSAP that identifies a Reachable Address. It also serves as the name of a Reachable Address.
<i>application-name</i>	The name for an X.25 application.
<i>application-type</i>	The type of an X.25 application.
<i>channel-number</i>	The channel number of a DTE or PVC.
<i>characteristics</i>	The characteristic attributes of a component. Refer to <i>Chapter 3, "The Components of an X.25 for OpenVMS System"</i> .
<i>class-name</i>	The name of an X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity.

<i>client-name</i>	The name of an X25 SERVER CLIENT or X25 RELAY CLIENT entity.
<i>client-list</i>	A list of Client system names associated with an X25 SERVER CLIENT entity. Each entry in the list has the form [node= <i>client-node</i> , rating= <i>number</i>] where <i>client-node</i> is the name of a node hosting a client and <i>number</i> is a number ranking the node within in the set of nodes.
<i>client-node</i>	A Client system name associated with an X25 SERVER CLIENT entity.
<i>command-file</i>	The name of the command file that starts an application (including the directory path).
<i>connector-node</i>	The name of the connector node that provides a DTE class for a Client system.
<i>device-name</i>	The name of an OpenVMS communications device.
<i>dte-list</i>	A list of X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity instances.
<i>dte-name</i>	The name of the DTE.
<i>filter-list</i>	A list of X.25 ACCESS FILTER entity instances.
<i>filter-name</i>	The name of an application filter.
<i>group-name</i>	The name of a group.
<i>group-type</i>	The type of a group (CUG, BCUG, or CUGOA).
<i>instance</i>	The name of a local entity.
<i>ip-address</i>	An IP address in the form <i>nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn</i> .
<i>lan-address</i>	A LAN address.
<i>line-name</i>	The name of a MODEM CONNECT LINE entity.
<i>link-name</i>	The name of a link service provider SAP LINK entity.
<i>member-list</i>	The list of DTEs that belong to a group. Specify each with its CUG number.
<i>node-id</i>	The identification of the node that a component will be used on.
<i>nsap</i>	A Network Service Access Point (NSAP).
<i>packet-size</i>	The packet size of a DTE or X.25 call.
<i>port-name</i>	The name of an X.25 ACCESS PORT entity.
<i>port-number</i>	A TCP port number.
<i>profile-name</i>	The name of a PSDN profile.
<i>pvc-name</i>	The name of a PVC.
<i>rating</i>	An integer representing the maximum number of concurrent calls to the node specified.
<i>sap-name</i>	The name of a link service provider SAP entity.
<i>station-name</i>	The name of a CSMA-CD STATION or FDDI STATION entity.
<i>template-name</i>	The name of a template.
<i>window-size</i>	The window size of a DTE or X.25 call.

5.3. Tasks

Table 5.1, "Management Tasks using NCL" lists all the tasks involved in managing an X.25 system. To use the table, find the task to be completed in the left hand column, and then turn to the section listed under "Section" (middle column).

The right hand column indicates the type of X.25 system to which a task can apply.

Table 5.1. Management Tasks using NCL

Component and Task	Section	System Type
Remote DTE Classes		Client
Add a Remote DTE Class	<i>Section 5.3.1.1, "Add a Remote DTE Class "</i>	
Modify a Remote DTE Class	<i>Section 5.3.1.2, "Modify a Remote DTE Class "</i>	
Delete a Remote DTE Class	<i>Section 5.3.1.3, "Delete a Remote DTE Class "</i>	
DTEs and Lines (Local DTE Classes)		Direct Connect Connector
Add a Local DTE	<i>Section 5.3.2.1, "Add a Local DTE"</i>	
Modify a Local DTE	<i>Section 5.3.2.2, "Modify a Local DTE"</i>	
Delete a Local DTE	<i>Section 5.3.2.3, "Delete a Local DTE"</i>	
Add a Local DTE Class	<i>Section 5.3.2.4, "Add a Local DTE Class"</i>	
Modify a Local DTE Class	<i>Section 5.3.2.5, "Modify a</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>Local DTE Class"</i>	
Delete a Local DTE Class	<i>Section 5.3.2.6, "Delete a Local DTE Class"</i>	
LAPB Links		Direct Connect Connector
Add a LAPB Link	<i>Section 5.3.3.1, "Add a LAPB Link"</i>	
Modify a LAPB Link	<i>Section 5.3.3.2, "Modify a LAPB Link"</i>	
Delete a LAPB Link	<i>Section 5.3.3.3, "Delete a LAPB Link"</i>	
LLC2 DTEs		Direct Connect Connector
Add an LLC2 DTE and Its Associated Data Link	<i>Section 5.3.4.1, "Add an LLC2 DTE and Its Associated Data Link"</i>	
Modify an LLC2 DTE	<i>Section 5.3.4.2, "Modify an LLC2 DTE"</i>	
Delete an LLC2 DTE and Its Associated Data Link	<i>Section 5.3.4.3, "Delete an LLC2 DTE and Its Associated Data Link"</i>	
CSMA-CD or FDDI Stations		Direct Connect Connector
Add a CSMA-CD Station	<i>Section 5.3.5.1, "Add</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>a CSMA-CD Station"</i>	
Add an FDDI Station	<i>Section 5.3.5.2, "Add an FDDI Station"</i>	
XOT DTEs (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)		Direct Connect Connector
Add a XOT DTE and Its Associated Data Link	<i>Section 5.3.6.1, "Add a XOT DTE and Its Associated Data Link"</i>	
Modify a XOT DTE	<i>Section 5.3.6.2, "Modify a XOT DTE "</i>	
Delete a XOT DTE and Its Associated Data Link	<i>Section 5.3.6.3, "Delete a XOT DTE and Its Associated XOT Data Link"</i>	
PVCs		Direct Connect Connector
Add a PVC to a DTE	<i>Section 5.3.7.1, "Add a PVC to a DTE"</i>	
Modify a PVC	<i>Section 5.3.7.2, "Modify a PVC"</i>	
Delete a PVC	<i>Section 5.3.7.3, "Delete a PVC"</i>	
Groups		Direct Connect Connector
Add a Group	<i>Section 5.3.8.1, "Add a Group "</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
Modify a Group	<i>Section 5.3.8.2, "Modify a Group "</i>	
Delete a Group	<i>Section 5.3.8.3, "Delete a Group "</i>	
Add Members to a Group	<i>Section 5.3.8.4, "Add Members to a Group "</i>	
Remove Members from a Group	<i>Section 5.3.8.5, "Remove Members from a Group "</i>	
Templates		Direct Connect Client
Add a Template	<i>Section 5.3.9.1, "Add a Template "</i>	
Modify a Template	<i>Section 5.3.9.2, "Modify a Template "</i>	
Delete a Template	<i>Section 5.3.9.3, "Delete a Template "</i>	
Reachable Addresses		Direct Connect Client
Add a Reachable Address	<i>Section 5.3.10.1, "Add a Reachable Address "</i>	
Modify a Reachable Address	<i>Section 5.3.10.2, "Modify a Reachable Address "</i>	
Delete a Reachable Address	<i>Section 5.3.10.3, "Delete a</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>Reachable Address "</i>	
Applications		Direct Connect Client
Add an Application	<i>Section 5.3.11.1, "Add an Application "</i>	
Modify an Application	<i>Section 5.3.11.2, "Modify an Application "</i>	
Delete an Application	<i>Section 5.3.11.3, "Delete an Application "</i>	
Add a Filter to an Application	<i>Section 5.3.11.4, "Add a Filter to an Application "</i>	
Modify an Application's Filter	<i>Section 5.3.11.5, "Modify an Application Filter "</i>	
Delete a Filter from an Application	<i>Section 5.3.11.6, "Delete a Filter from an Application "</i>	
Server–Clients		Connector
Create a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.1, "Create a Server–Client"</i>	
Modify a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.2, "Modify a Server–Client"</i>	
Delete a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.3, "Delete a</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>Server–Client"</i>	
Add a Client System to a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.4, "Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"</i>	
Remove a Client System from a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.5, "Remove a Client System from a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"</i>	
Change the Name of a Client Associated with a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.6, "Change the Name of a Client Associated with a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"</i>	
Add a Filter to a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.7, "Add a Filter to a Server–Client"</i>	
Modify a Server–Client's Filter	<i>Section 5.3.12.8, "Modify a Server–Client Filter"</i>	
Delete a Filter from a Server–Client	<i>Section 5.3.12.9, "Delete a Filter from</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>a Server–Client</i>	
Relay–Clients (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)		Direct Connect Connector
Add a Relay–Client	Section 5.3.13.1, "Create a Relay–Client"	
Modify a Relay–Client	Section 5.3.13.2, "Modify a Relay–Client"	
Delete a Relay–Client	Section 5.3.13.3, "Delete a Relay–Client"	
Relay PVCs (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)		Direct Connect Connector
Add a Relay PVC	Section 5.3.14.1, "Create a Relay PVC"	
Modify a Relay PVC	Section 5.3.14.2, "Modify a Relay PVC"	
Delete a Relay PVC	Section 5.3.14.3, "Delete a Relay PVC"	

5.3.1. Remote DTE Classes

When adding or modifying remote DTE classes the correct X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS characteristic attribute (Node or Service Nodes) must be specified for the operating system being used:

- For X.25 systems running on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, use the Service Nodes attribute to specify the name of the Connector systems.
- For X.25 systems running on OpenVMS VAX systems, use the Node attribute to specify the name of the Connector system.

5.3.1.1. Add a Remote DTE Class

To add a remote DTE class to a Client system, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 access dte class class-name type remote
ncl> set x25 access dte class class-name -
_ncl> service nodes {[rating=rating,node=node-id]}
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access dte class Branch_link type remote ❶
ncl> set x25 access dte class Branch_link -
_ncl> service nodes {[rating=512,node=fred]} ❷
```

❶ Specifies the name of the remote DTE class (*Branch_link*).

❷ Specifies the name of the Connector systems (*fred*).

Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 access dte class class-name type remote
ncl> set x25 access dte class class-name -
_ncl> node node-id
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access dte class Branch_link type remote ❶
ncl> set x25 access dte class Branch_link -
_ncl> node fred ❷
```

❶ Specifies the name of the remote DTE class (*Branch_link*).

❷ Specifies the name of the Connector system (*fred*).

5.3.1.2. Modify a Remote DTE Class

To change the name of the Connector system of a remote DTE class, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> set x25 access dte class class-name -
_ncl> service nodes {[rating=rating,node=node-id]}
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access dte class Branch_link -
_ncl> service nodes {[rating=128,node=joe]}
```

To change the name of the Connector system of a remote DTE class, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> set x25 access dte class class-name -
_ncl> node node-id
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access dte class Branch_link -
_ncl> node joe
```

To change the name of the class, you must define a new class:

1. Delete the existing class (*Section 5.3.1.3, "Delete a Remote DTE Class"*).
2. Add a new class with the new name (*Section 5.3.1.1, "Add a Remote DTE Class"*).

5.3.1.3. Delete a Remote DTE Class

To delete a remote DTE class, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 access dte class class-name
```

5.3.2. Local DTEs and DTE Classes

5.3.2.1. Add a Local DTE

To add a new local DTE, you must create an X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity and ensure that certain characteristics of the entity have a value before the DTE is enabled.

Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 protocol dte dte-name profile "PROFILE-NAME" (OpenVMS VAX)
ncl> create x25 protocol dte dte-name profile profile-name (OpenVMS I64/
Alpha)
ncl> set x25 protocol dte dte-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 protocol dte ozy_dte - ❶
_ncl> profile "PSS" ❷
or
_ncl> profile pss
ncl> set x25 protocol dte ozy_dte -
_ncl> link service provider lapb link ozy_link_1, - ❸
_ncl> inbound dte class ozy_class, - ❹
_ncl> outgoing list { {10..12},{20..22} },- ❺
_ncl> x25 address 123456781234 ❻
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the local DTE (*ozy_dte*).
- ❷ Specifies the network profile (*PSS*) used by the DTE. Note that on OpenVMS VAX systems, the profile name must be specified in uppercase characters and enclosed in quotes (").
- ❸ Specifies the name of the LAPB LINK entity used by this DTE (*ozy_link_1*).
- ❹ Specifies the name of the X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity of which this DTE is to be considered a member.
- ❺ Specifies the range of LCNs used for outgoing calls from this DTE.
- ❻ Specifies the full DTE address of this DTE (*123456781234*).

Other characteristics can take values from the network profile.

5.3.2.2. Modify a Local DTE

You must disable the DTE before you can change its characteristics.

To modify a local DTE, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set x25 protocol dte dte-name characteristics
```

For example, to change the name of the LAPB LINK entity used by the DTE:

```
ncl> set x25 protocol dte ozy_dte - ❶  
_ncl> link service provider lapb link ozy_link_2 ❷
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the DTE to be modified (*ozy_dte*).
- ❷ Specifies the name of the new LAPB LINK entity to be used by the DTE (*ozy_link_2*).

5.3.2.3. Delete a Local DTE

To delete a local DTE:

1. Ensure that the DTE is disabled.
2. Delete any PVCs associated with the DTE.
3. Delete the X25 PROTOCOL DTE entity.
4. Remove the DTE's name from the DTE class to which it belongs.

Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte dte-name  
ncl> delete x25 protocol dte dte-name pvc pvc-name  
ncl> delete x25 protocol dte dte-name  
ncl> remove x25 access dte class class-name -  
_ncl> local dtes {dte-name}
```

Delete the DTE class, templates, and filters if they are no longer required.

5.3.2.4. Add a Local DTE Class

To add a local DTE class, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 access dte class class-name -  
_ncl> type local  
ncl> set x25 access dte class class-name -  
_ncl> local dtes {dte-list}
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access dte class local_dte - ❶  
_ncl> type local  
ncl> set x25 access dte class local_dte -  
_ncl> local dtes {ozy_dte} ❷
```

- ❶ Creates the DTE class (*local_dte*), with type *local*.
- ❷ Specifies the local DTEs that belong to this DTE class.

5.3.2.5. Modify a Local DTE Class

To modify the Local DTEs characteristic of a local DTE class, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> set x25 access dte class class-name -  
_ncl> local dtes {dte-list}
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access dte class local_dte local dtes (reo_dte_2) ❶
```

- ❶ Specifies that the local DTE class (`local_dte`) now consists of the local DTE `reo_dte_2`.

5.3.2.6. Delete a Local DTE Class

To delete a local DTE class you must:

1. Disable all DTEs to which the DTE class refers.
2. Delete the X25 ACCESS DTE CLASS entity.

Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte dte-name
ncl> delete x25 access dte class class-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte reo_dte_2 ❶
ncl> delete x25 access dte class local_dte ❷
```

- ❶ Disables the DTE to which the DTE class refers.
- ❷ Deletes the DTE class.

5.3.3. LAPB Links

5.3.3.1. Add a LAPB Link

To add a LAPB link, follow the steps described below:

1. Create and enable the device as follows¹:

```
ncl> create device
ncl> create device unit device-name device device-name
ncl> enable device_unit device-name
```

2. Create the modem connect line, specifying the communication port and profile to be used as follows:

```
ncl> create modem connect
ncl> create modem connect line line-name communication -
_ncl> port device-name
```

The modem connect line is the name of the line used, such as `modem63`. The communications port is the name assigned to the communication device by either the OpenVMS operating system or by DECnet-Plus. The profile is the name of the profile to be used. Use `ISO8208` for point-to-point links.

3. Set the various modem control attributes for the line to indicate whether the interchange circuits are to be monitored and used. If the value of the Duplex characteristic is currently set to `half` it should be changed to `full`. For example:

¹This step is required only for devices which load microcode.

```
ncl> set node node-id modem connect line line-name modem control full
```

4. Enable the modem connect line as follows:

```
ncl> enable modem connect line line-name
```

5. Create the LAPB link:

```
ncl> create lapb link link-name - ❶  
_ncl> profile profile-name ❷
```

❶ Specifies the name of the link to be managed by this command.

❷ Specifies the name of the X.25 Level 2 profile.

5.3.3.2. Modify a LAPB Link

Before a LAPB link can be modified, it must be disabled. Therefore, to modify a LAPB link, enter the commands:

```
ncl> disable lapb link link-name ❶  
ncl> set lapb link link-name -  
_ncl> interface type dte ❷  
ncl> enable lapb link link-name ❸
```

❶ Disables the specified LAPB link.

❷ Specifies *dte* as the address mode for the specified link.

❸ Reenables the specified LAPB link.

5.3.3.3. Delete a LAPB Link

To delete a LAPB link, enter the commands:

```
ncl> disable lapb link link-name  
ncl> delete lapb link link-name
```

5.3.4. LLC2 DTEs and Their Associated LLC2 Data Links

5.3.4.1. Add an LLC2 DTE and Its Associated Data Link

To set up an LLC2 DTE and its associated data link:

1. Create an LLC2 SAP entity.
2. Create an LLC2 SAP LINK entity.
3. Create a DTE entity and associate it with the LLC2 SAP LINK entity.

Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create llc2 sap sap-name  
ncl> set llc2 sap sap-name lan station station-name
```

```
ncl> create llc2 sap sap-name link link-name
ncl> set llc2 sap sap-name link link-name -
_ncl> remote mac address lan-address
ncl> create x25 protocol dte dte-name -
_ncl> profile "ISO8881" (OpenVMS VAX)
or
_ncl> profile ISO8881 (OpenVMS I64/Alpha)
ncl> set x25 protocol dte dte-name
_ncl> link service provider link-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> create llc2 sap ozy_sap ❶
ncl> set llc2 sap ozy_sap lan station -
_ncl> csma-cd station csmacd-4 ❷
ncl> create llc2 sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❸
ncl> set llc2 sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link -
_ncl> remote mac address 01-22-22-33-11-00 ❹
ncl> create x25 protocol dte llc2_dte - ❺
_ncl> profile "ISO8881" (OpenVMS VAX) ❻
or
_ncl> profile ISO8881 (OpenVMS I64/Alpha)
ncl> set x25 protocol dte llc2_dte -
_ncl> link service provider llc2 sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❼
```

- ❶ Creates a SAP entity.
- ❷ Sets the LAN Station characteristic of the SAP entity (specify a CSMA-CD STATION or FDDI STATION entity).
- ❸ Creates a SAP LINK entity.
- ❹ Sets the Remote MAC Address attribute of the SAP LINK entity.
- ❺ Creates a DTE.
- ❻ Specifies the profile used by the DTE; LLC2 DTEs must use the profile `ISO8881`. On OpenVMS VAX systems, the profile name must be uppercase characters and enclosed in quotes (").
- ❼ Specifies the SAP LINK entity used by the DTE.

5.3.4.2. Modify an LLC2 DTE

To modify an LLC2 DTE, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte dte-name
ncl> set x25 protocol dte dte-name characteristics
ncl> enable x25 protocol dte dte-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte llc2_dte
ncl> set x25 protocol dte llc2_dte - ❶
_ncl> link service provider llc2 SAP ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❷
ncl> enable x25 protocol dte llc2_dte
```

- ❶ Disable the DTE so its attributes can be modified.

- ❷ Specifies the name of the DTE.

5.3.4.3. Delete an LLC2 DTE and Its Associated Data Link

To delete an LLC2 DTE and its associated LLC2 data link, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte dte-name
ncl> delete x25 protocol dte dte-name
```

Then delete the SAP LINK used by the LLC2 DTE. Note that the SAP entity associated with the deleted SAP LINK entity can also be deleted, but **only if** it is not used by other DTEs.

To delete the LLC2 SAP LINK entity, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete llc2 sap sap-name link link-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte llc2_dte          ❶
ncl> delete x25 protocol dte llc2_dte          ❷
ncl> delete llc2 sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❸
```

- ❶ Disables DTE llc2_dte.
- ❷ Deletes the DTE.
- ❸ Deletes the SAP LINK entity used by the DTE.

5.3.5. LAN Stations

5.3.5.1. Add a CSMA-CD Station

To create a CSMS-CD station:

1. Create the CSMA-CD module using the following command:

```
ncl> create csmacd
```

2. Create a link that maps to the driver as follows:

```
ncl> create csmacd station csmacd-0 communication port device-name
```

3. Enable the station

```
ncl> enable csmacd station csmacd-0
```

In this case, the *device-name* refers to the name assigned to the communication device by the OpenVMS operating system. To find the list of communications devices on your system, execute the SHOW DEVICE command.

5.3.5.2. Add an FDDI Station

To create an FDDI station:

1. Create the FDDI module using the following command:

```
ncl> create fddi
```

2. Create a link that maps to the driver as follows:

```
ncl> create fddi station fddi-0 communication port device-name
```

3. Enable the station:

```
ncl> enable fddi station fddi-0
```

In this case, the *device-name* refers to the name assigned to the communication device by the OpenVMS operating system. To find the list of communications devices on your system, execute the SHOW DEVICE command.

5.3.6. XOT DTEs and Their Associated XOT Data Links (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

5.3.6.1. Add a XOT DTE and Its Associated Data Link

To add a XOT DTE and its associated XOT data link, do the following:

1. Create a XOT SAP entity.
2. Create a XOT SAP LINK entity.
3. Create a DTE entity and associate it with the XOT SAP LINK entity.

Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create xot sap sap-name
ncl> set xot sap sap-name -
_ncl> local ip address ip-address -
_ncl> local rfc port number port-number
ncl> create xot sap sap-name link link-name
ncl> set xot sap sap-name link link-name -
_ncl> remote ip address ip-address -
_ncl> remote rfc1613 port number port-number -
ncl> create x25 protocol dte dte-name -
_ncl> profile ISO8881
ncl> set x25 protocol dte dte-name
_ncl> link service provider link-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> create xot sap ozy_sap ❶
ncl> set xot sap ozy_sap -
_ncl> local ip address 123.33.234.48 - ❷
_ncl> local rfc1613 port number 1998 ❸
ncl> create xot sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❹
ncl> set xot sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link -
_ncl> remote ip address 124.24.256.78 - ❺
_ncl> remote rfc port number 1998 ❻
ncl> create x25 protocol dte xot2_dte - ❼
_ncl> profile ISO8881
ncl> set x25 protocol dte xot2_dte -
_ncl> link service provider xot2 sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❽
```

- ❶ Creates a SAP entity.

- ❷ Specifies the local IP address on which the SAP entity exists.
- ❸ Specifies the local TCP port number on which the SAP listens for incoming calls.
- ❹ Creates a SAP LINK entity.
- ❺ Sets the remote IP address to which the link should connect.
- ❻ Sets the remote TCP port number to which the link should connect.
- ❼ Creates a DTE entity.
- ❽ Specifies the profile used by the DTE; XOT DTEs must use the profile ISO8881.

5.3.6.2. Modify a XOT DTE

To modify a XOT DTE, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte dte-name
ncl> set x25 protocol dte dte-name characteristics
ncl> enable x25 protocol dte dte-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte xot2_dte                                ❶
ncl> set x25 protocol dte xot2_dte -                                  ❷
_ncl> link service provider xot SAP ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❸
ncl> enable x25 protocol dte xot2_dte                                ❹
```

- ❶ Disable the XOT DTE so that it can be modified.
- ❷ Specifies the name of the DTE.
- ❸ Specifies a new SAP LINK to be used by the DTE.
- ❹ Reenable the XOT DTE.

5.3.6.3. Delete a XOT DTE and Its Associated XOT Data Link

To delete a XOT DTE, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte dte-name
ncl> delete x25 protocol dte dte-name
```

Then delete the SAP LINK entity used by the XOT DTE. Note that the SAP entity associated with the deleted SAP LINK entity can also be deleted, but **only if** it is not used by other DTEs.

To delete the XOT SAP LINK entity, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete xot sap sap-name link link-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte xot2_dte                                ❶
ncl> delete x25 protocol dte xot2_dte                                ❷
ncl> delete xot sap ozy_sap link ozy_sap_link ❸
```

- ❶ Disables DTE xot2_dte.

- ❷ Deletes the DTE.
- ❸ Deletes the SAP LINK entity used by the DTE.

5.3.7. PVCs

5.3.7.1. Add a PVC to a DTE

To add a PVC to a DTE, enter the following command:

```
ncl> create x25 protocol dte dte-name pvc pvc-name -  
_ncl> channel channel-number, -  
_ncl> packet size packet-size, -  
_ncl> window size window-size
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 protocol dte ozy_dte_1 PVC ozy_pvc - ❶  
_ncl> channel 16, packet size 1024, window size 8
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the PVC to be created.

5.3.7.2. Modify a PVC

To change any of the attributes of a PVC, do the following:

1. Delete the existing PVC (*Section 5.3.7.3, "Delete a PVC"*).
2. Create a new PVC with the appropriate attribute values (*Section 5.3.7.1, "Add a PVC to a DTE"*).

5.3.7.3. Delete a PVC

To delete a PVC associated with a DTE, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 protocol dte dte-name pvc pvc-name
```

5.3.8. Groups

5.3.8.1. Add a Group

To add a group, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 protocol group group-name  
ncl> set x25 protocol group group-name -  
_ncl> members {member-list}, -  
_ncl> type group-type
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 protocol group ozy_group ❶  
ncl> set x25 protocol group ozy_group -  
_ncl> members {[dte=ozy_dte_1,index=12], [dte=ozy_dte_2,index=18]}, - ❷  
_ncl> type cug ❸
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the group.

- ❷ Specifies the names and group numbers of the DTEs in the group.
- ❸ Specifies that the group is a Closed User Group (CUG).

5.3.8.2. Modify a Group

To modify the type of group, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set x25 protocol group group-name -  
_ncl> type group-type
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 protocol group ozy_group type bcug ❶
```

- ❶ Specifies that the group is a BCUG. Note that a BCUG consists of only one member.

5.3.8.3. Delete a Group

To delete a group, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 protocol group group-name
```

5.3.8.4. Add Members to a Group

To add one or more members to a group, enter the following command:

```
ncl> add x25 protocol group group-name -  
_ncl> members {member-list}
```

Note

The DTE to be added to a group **must be** disabled before using the add command.

For example:

```
ncl> disable X25 protocol dte ozy_dte* ❶  
ncl> add x25 protocol group ozy_group - ❷  
_ncl> members {[dte=ozy_dte_1,index=12], -  
_ncl> [dte=ozy_dte_2,index=18]} ❸  
ncl> enable X25 protocol dte ozy_dte* ❹
```

- ❶ Disables the protocol DTEs ozy_dte_1 and ozy_dte_2.
- ❷ Specifies the name of the group to which DTEs are to be added (ozy_group).
- ❸ Specifies the name of a DTE to be added to the group (ozy_dte_2).
- ❹ Enables the protocol DTEs ozy_dte_1 and ozy_dte_2.

5.3.8.5. Remove Members from a Group

To remove one or more members from a group, enter the following command:

```
ncl> remove x25 protocol group group-name -  
_ncl> members {member-list}
```

Note

Make sure that any DTE you wish to remove from a group is disabled before using this command.

For example:

```
ncl> disable x25 protocol dte ozy_dte* ❶
ncl> remove x25 protocol group ozy_group - ❷
_ncl> members {[dte=ozy_dte_1,index=12], [dte=ozy_dte_2,index=18]} ❸
ncl> enable x25 protocol dte ozy_dte* ❹
```

- ❶ Disables the protocol DTEs `ozy_dte_1` and `ozy_dte_2`.
- ❷ Specifies the name of the group from which DTEs are to be removed.
- ❸ Specifies the names of the DTEs to be removed from the group.
- ❹ Enables the protocol DTE `ozy_dte_1` and `ozy_dte_2`.

5.3.9. Templates

5.3.9.1. Add a Template

To add a template, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 access template template-name
ncl> set x25 access template template-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access template pss_outgoing ❶
ncl> set x25 access template pss_outgoing -
_ncl> dte class pss_fast, - ❷
_ncl> packet size 1024, - ❸
_ncl> window size 127, - ❹
_ncl> destination dte address 1023456789 ❺
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the template.
- ❷ Specifies the name of the DTE class to be used for a call.
- ❸ Specifies the packet size.
- ❹ Specifies the window size.
- ❺ Specifies the destination DTE address.

5.3.9.2. Modify a Template

To modify a template, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set x25 access template template-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access template pss_outgoing - ❶
```

```
_ncl> dte class pss_access ❷
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the template.
- ❷ Specifies the new value for the DTE Class attribute.

5.3.9.3. Delete a Template

To delete a template, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 access template template-name
```

5.3.10. Reachable Addresses

5.3.10.1. Add a Reachable Address

To add a reachable address, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 access reachable address addr-name address prefix nsap  
ncl> set x25 access reachable address addr-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access reachable address ra_40 address prefix /37 ❶  
ncl> set x25 access reachable address ra_40 -  
_ncl> mapping x.121, - ❷  
_ncl> address extensions true ❸
```

- ❶ Specifies the first part of the NSAP which enables addresses to be matched. It also serves as the name of the REACHABLE ADDRESS entity.
- ❷ Specifies X.121 mapping.
- ❸ Specifies that NSAP information be included in the outgoing packets.

5.3.10.2. Modify a Reachable Address

To modify a reachable address, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set x25 access reachable address addr-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access reachable address RA_40 - ❶  
_ncl> dte class ozy_dtes ❷
```

- ❶ Specifies the name RA_40 of the Reachable Address.
- ❷ Specifies a value ozy_dte for the DTE Class characteristic.

5.3.10.3. Delete a Reachable Address

To delete a reachable address, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 access reachable address addr-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> delete x25 access reachable address ra_40
```

5.3.11. Applications

5.3.11.1. Add an Application

To add an application, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 access application application-name
ncl> set x25 access application application-name -
_ncl> file command-file, -
_ncl> filters {filter-list}, -
_ncl> type application-type
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access application enquiry_database ❶
ncl> set x25 access application enquiry_database -
_ncl> user "system", file user$disk:[application]enq_dbase, - ❷
_ncl> filters {enquiry_database}, - ❸
_ncl> type x25 ❹
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the application in network management.
- ❷ Specifies the user name of the account under which the application is to be run the command file that starts the application and the location (USER\$DISK: [APPLICATION] ENQ_DBASE) of the application.
- ❸ Specifies the list of filters that the application uses.
- ❹ Specifies the type of X.25 application.

5.3.11.2. Modify an Application

An application must be disabled before it can be modified. Therefore, to modify an application, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 access application application-name
ncl> set x25 access application application-name characteristics
ncl> enable x25 access application application-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> disable x25 access application enquiry_database ❶
ncl> set x25 access application enquiry_database -
_ncl> type x29 ❷
ncl> enable x25 access application enquiry_database ❸
```

- ❶ Disables the application enquiry_database.
- ❷ Sets a new value for the Type characteristic of the application enquiry_database.
- ❸ Enables the application enquiry_database.

5.3.11.3. Delete an Application

To delete an application, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> disable x25 access application application-name
ncl> delete x25 access application application-name
```

Then, delete any filters that the application uses (*Section 5.3.11.6, "Delete a Filter from an Application"*).

5.3.11.4. Add a Filter to an Application

To add a filter to an application, enter the following commands. Note that the application associated with the filter must be disabled before the filter can be added to the list of filters.

```
ncl> create x25 access filter filter-name
ncl> disable x25 access application application-name
ncl> add x25 access application application-name filters {filter-list}
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access filter enquiry_database_filter ❶
ncl> set x25 access filter enquiry_database_filter -
_ncl> dte class Branch_link, -                               ❷
_ncl> priority 100                                           ❸
ncl> disable x25 access application enquiry_database        ❹
ncl> add x25 access application enquiry_database -
_ncl> filters {enquiry_database_filters}                     ❺
```

- ❶ Create the filter (*enquiry_database*).
- ❷ Specifies the name of the DTE class (*Branch_link*) to be used by the filter.
- ❸ Specifies the priority (100) of the filter.
- ❹ Disables the *enquiry_database* application.
- ❺ Adds the filter *enquiry_database_filters* to the *enquiry_database* application.

5.3.11.5. Modify an Application Filter

To modify an application filter, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set x25 access filter filter-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access filter enquiry_database ❶
_ncl> priority 200                                         ❷
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the filter.
- ❷ Specifies a new value for the Priority characteristic.

5.3.11.6. Delete a Filter from an Application

To delete a filter from an application, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 access filter filter-name
```

Then modify the application (*Section 5.3.11.2, "Modify an Application"*) so that its Filters attribute no longer includes the deleted filter.

5.3.12. Server–Client

5.3.12.1. Create a Server–Client

To create a new Server–Client, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 server client client-name
ncl> set x25 server client client-name -
_ncl> filters {filter-list} -
_ncl> service nodes {client-list} (OpenVMS I64/Alpha)
_ncl> node client-node (OpenVMS VAX)
```

You should define the necessary filters before creating the Server–Client. In addition, you must provide values for the Filters and Service Nodes characteristics before you enable the Server–Client.

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 server client ozy_client ❶
ncl> set x25 server client ozy_client -
_ncl> filters {ozy_client_filter} - ❷
_ncl> service nodes {[node=parrot,rating=5]} (OpenVMS I64/Alpha) ❸
_ncl> node parrot (OpenVMS VAX)
```

- ❶ Creates an X25 SERVER CLIENT entity having the name `ozy_client`.
- ❷ Specifies a filter to be used to filter calls for the specified Client system.
- ❸ Specifies the name of the node (`parrot`) that hosts the X.25 Client to which a connection is established when a call is accepted at the Connector system.

5.3.12.2. Modify a Server–Client

To modify a Server–Client, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> set x25 server client client-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 server client ozy_client - ❶
_ncl> service nodes {[node=TONYXX,ratings=6]} (OpenVMS I64/Alpha) ❷
_ncl> node TONYXX (OpenVMS VAX)
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the Server–Client to be modified.
- ❷ Specifies the new node name (`TONYXX`) for the specified Server–Client. Note that this value overrides any existing value. On OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, you can add a node to the list, see *Section 5.3.12.4, "Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"*.

5.3.12.3. Delete a Server–Client

To delete a Server–Client, enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 server client client-name
```

Then delete all the filters that the deleted Client system used (*Section 5.3.12.9, "Delete a Filter from a Server–Client"*).

For example:

```
ncl> delete x25 server client ozy_client
```

5.3.12.4. Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

Client systems are identified to the Connector system using the Service Nodes characteristic. To add one or more new Client systems to an existing Server–Client, enter the following command:

```
ncl> add x25 server client client-name -  
_ncl> service nodes {client-list}
```

For example:

```
ncl> add x25 server client ozy_client -  
_ncl> service nodes {[node=parrot,rating=5],[node=lorikeet,rating=6]} ❶ ❷
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the Server–Client to which two Client systems (parrot and lorikeet) are to be added.
- ❷ Specifies the names and ratings of the Client systems to be added to the Server–Client.

5.3.12.5. Remove a Client System from a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

To remove a Client system from a Server–Client, enter the following command:

```
ncl> remove x25 server client client-name -  
_ncl> service nodes {client-list}
```

For example:

```
ncl> remove x25 server client ozy_client -  
_ncl> service nodes {[node=parrot,rating=5],[node=lorikeet,rating=6]} ❶ ❷
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the Server–Client.
- ❷ Specifies the names of Client systems to be removed from the Server–Client.

5.3.12.6. Change the Name of a Client Associated with a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

To change the name of a Client system associated with a Server–Client, you must remove the old name and add the new name. Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> remove x25 server client client-name -  
_ncl> service nodes {old-client-name}  
ncl> add x25 server client client-name -  
_ncl> service nodes {new-client-name}
```

For example:

```
ncl> remove x25 server client ozy_client -  
_ncl> service nodes {[node=parrot,rating=5]} ❶ ❷  
ncl> add x25 server client ozy_client -  
_ncl> service nodes {[node=lorikeet,rating=6]} ❸ ❹
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the Server–Client.
- ❷ Specifies the name of the client to be removed.
- ❸ Specifies the name of the client to be added.

5.3.12.7. Add a Filter to a Server–Client

To add a filter to a Server–Client, begin by creating the filter. Enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 access filter filter-name
ncl> set x25 access filter filter-name characteristics
```

Then, modify the Server–Client so that it includes the new filter. Enter the following command:

```
ncl> add x25 server client client-name -
_ncl> filters {filter-list}
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 access filter ozy_client_filter ❶
ncl> set x25 access filter ozy_client_filter -
_ncl> inbound dte class client_class ❷
ncl> add x25 server client ozy_client - ❸
_ncl> filters {ozy_client_filter}
```

- ❶ Creates a filter.
- ❷ Sets the filter characteristics.
- ❸ Adds the filter name to the Server–Client.

5.3.12.8. Modify a Server–Client Filter

To modify a Server–Client filter, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set x25 access filter filter-name -
_ncl> characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 access filter ozy_client_filter - ❶
_ncl> priority 200 ❷
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of the filter.
- ❷ Modifies the Priority characteristic of the filter.

5.3.12.9. Delete a Filter from a Server–Client

To delete a filter from a Server–Client, begin by deleting the filter. Enter the following command:

```
ncl> delete x25 access filter filter-name
```

Next, modify the Server–Client so its Filters attribute no longer includes the deleted filter. Enter the following command:

```
ncl> remove x25 server client client-name -
```

```
_ncl> filters {filter-list}
```

For example:

```
ncl> delete x25 access filter ozy_client_filter ❶  
ncl> remove x25 server client ozy_client -  
_ncl> filters {ozy_client_filter} ❷
```

- ❶ Deletes the filter.
- ❷ Removes the association between the filter and the Server-Client.

5.3.13. Relay-Clients (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

5.3.13.1. Create a Relay-Client

To create a new Relay-Client, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create x25 relay client client-name  
ncl> set x25 relay client client-name filter {filter-list},-  
_ncl> dte class class-name template template-name  
ncl> enable x25 relay client client-name
```

For example:

```
ncl> create x25 relay client relay_lapb_host1 ❶  
ncl> set x25 relay client relay_lapb_host1 filter {myfilter},- ❷  
_ncl> dte class lambda template iota ❸  
ncl> enable node tau x25 relay client relay_lapb_host1 ❹
```

- ❶ Creates a X25 RELAY CLIENT entity called `relay_lapb_host1`.
- ❷ Specifies the name of the filter that is listened to by this client when relaying incoming calls. The filter specified (name of the X25 ACCESS FILTER entity) must exist and must not be associated with another Relay-Client.
- ❸ Sets the DTE class and template for the specified X25 RELAY CLIENT entity.
 - The DTE class **must** be specified as it determines where incoming calls are relayed to.
 - The template is optional; it should be used only if facilities in the original call need to be changed or if specific facilities are required in the outgoing call.
- ❹ Enables the CLIENT entity. If the entity has already been enabled this command has no effect.

5.3.13.2. Modify a Relay-Client

To modify a Relay-Client, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set x25 relay client client-name characteristics
```

For example:

```
ncl> set x25 relay client myclt template mytpl ❶
```

- ❶ Specifies the name of a new template.

Note

Filters cannot be modified while the Relay–Client is enabled.

5.3.13.3. Delete a Relay–Client

To delete a Relay–Client, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> show X25 relay client client-name all status ❶
ncl> disable x25 relay client client-name ❷
ncl> clear x25 access port port-name, with client
_ncl> x25 relay client client-name ❸
ncl> delete x25 relay client client-name ❹
```

- ❶ This command displays the status of the specified Relay–Client. If the STATUS is ON issue the second command to disable the entity. If the Relay–Client has active connections, issue the third command to clear the connections.
- ❷ This command will cause the specified Relay–Client to stop listening for calls.
- ❸ Before deleting the Relay–Client make sure that the number of current active connections is 0. If this number is greater than 0 you will not be able to delete the specified Relay–Client. This command clears all the active connections associated with the specified Relay–Client.

5.3.14. Relay PVCs

5.3.14.1. Create a Relay PVC

To create a new Relay PVC, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> create [node node-id] x25 relay pvc pvc-name
ncl> set [node node-id] x25 relay pvc pvc-name local pvc pvc-name, -
_ncl> relayed pvc pvc-name
ncl> enable [node node-id] x25 relay pvc pvc-name
```

where *pvc-name* is the name of the X25 RELAY PVC entity.

For example,

```
ncl> create node node_a x25 relay pvc relay_pvc1 ❶
ncl> set node node_a x25 relay pvc relay_pvc1 -
_ncl> local pvc llc2_pvc, - ❷
_ncl> relayed pvc lapb_pvc ❸
ncl> enable node node_a x25 relay pvc relay_pvc1 ❹
```

- ❶ This command creates a relay PVC called `relay_pvc1` on node `node_a`.
- ❷ This command specifies the name of the local PVC that will be used by this relay PVC. The local PVC must exist and must not already be associated with another relay PVC.
- ❸ This command specifies the name of the relayed PVC that will be used by this relay PVC. The relayed PVC must exist and must not be associated with another relay PVC.
- ❹ This command enables the X25 RELAY PVC entity. If the PVC has already been enabled, then this command has no effect.

5.3.14.2. Modify a Relay PVC

To modify a relay PVC, enter the following command:

```
ncl> set node node_id x25 relay pvc pvc-name characteristics
```

For example, the following command specifies the name of the new local PVC:

```
ncl> set node node_a x25 relay pvc relay_pvc1 local pvc lan_pvc
```

5.3.14.3. Delete a Relay PVC

To delete a relay PVC, enter the following commands:

```
ncl> show node node_id x25 relay pvc pvc-name all status  
ncl> disable node node_id x25 relay pvc pvc-name  
ncl> delete node node_id x25 relay pvc relay-pvc
```

For example,

```
ncl> show node node_a x25 relay pvc relay_pvc1 all status ❶  
ncl> disable node node_a x25 relay pvc relay_pvc1 ❷  
ncl> delete node node_a x25 relay pvc relay_pvc1
```

- ❶ This command displays the status of the relay PVC. If the Status attribute has the value ON, issue the second command to disable the entity.
- ❷ This command will cause the specified relay PVC to terminate the connection between the local and relayed PVCs.

Chapter 6. Management Tasks (Configuration Program)

6.1. Overview

This chapter provides an overview of how to use the X.25 configuration program to add, modify, and delete some of the major components of a VSI X.25 for OpenVMS system.

For more information on how to add, modify, and delete other X.25 components using the X.25 configuration program, refer to one of the following manuals:

- *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems)
- *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* (OpenVMS VAX systems)

6.2. Assumptions

This chapter assumes that:

1. Your X.25 system is already installed and configured.
2. The system is operational.
3. You are aware of which features you need to add, modify, or delete from your system.

If you have not completed these tasks, refer to the following manuals:

- *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* provides details of how to install the X.25 software.
- *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* provides details of how to configure an X.25 system on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems. *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* provides details of how to configure an X.25 system on OpenVMS VAX systems.

6.3. Tasks

Table 6.1, "Management Tasks for an X.25 for OpenVMS System" lists some of the tasks involved in managing an X.25 system. The tasks are grouped in the same way as they are in the configuration program.

The **Section** column contains the number of the section in this chapter that gives instructions on how to carry out the task using the configuration program.

To use the table, find the task you need to carry out in the left hand column. Then refer to the section specified in the **Section** column.

Note

The configuration program cannot be used to create the required NCL commands for Relay PVCs. If Relay PVCs are required, the relevant NCL commands must be added to the NCL script. Details of

the required commands are given in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Control Language Reference Guide* manual.

Table 6.1. Management Tasks for an X.25 for OpenVMS System

Component and Task	Section	System Type
Remote DTE Classes		Client
Add a Remote DTE Class	<i>Section 6.3.4.1, "Add a Remote DTE Class"</i>	
Modify a Remote DTE Class	<i>Section 6.3.4.2, "Modify a Remote DTE Class"</i>	
Delete a Remote DTE Class	<i>Section 6.3.4.3, "Delete a Remote DTE Class"</i>	
DTEs and Lines (Local DTE Classes)		Direct Connect Connector
Add a Local DTE	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify a Local DTE	<i>Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"</i>	
Delete a Local DTE	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
LLC2 DTEs		Direct Connect Connector
Add an LLC2 DTE	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify an LLC2 DTE	<i>Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"</i>	
Delete an LLC2 DTE	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
XOT DTEs (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)		Direct Connect Connector

Component and Task	Section	System Type
Add an XOT DTE	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify an XOT DTE	<i>Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"</i>	
Delete an XOT DTE	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
PVCs		Direct Connect Connector
Add a PVC to a DTE	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify a PVC	<i>Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"</i>	
Delete a PVC	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
Groups		Direct Connect Connector
Add a Group	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify a Group	<i>Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"</i>	
Delete a Group	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
Applications		Direct Connect Client
Add an Application	<i>Section 6.3.5.1, "Add an Application"</i>	
Modify an Application	<i>Section 6.3.5.2, "Modify an Application"</i>	
Delete an Application	<i>Section 6.3.5.3,</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>"Delete an Application"</i>	
Add a Filter	<i>Section 6.3.5.4, "Add a Filter to an Application"</i>	
Modify a Filter	<i>Section 6.3.5.5, "Modify a Filter Associated with an Application"</i>	
Delete a Filter	<i>Section 6.3.5.6, "Delete a Filter Associated with an Application"</i>	
Relay–Clients (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)		Direct Connect Connector
Add a Relay–Client	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify a Relay–Client	<i>Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"</i>	
Delete a Relay–Client	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
Filters (For User–Written Applications)		Direct Connect Client
Add a Filter	<i>Section 6.3.6.1, "Add a Filter to an Application"</i>	
Modify a Filter	<i>Section 6.3.6.2, "Modify a Filter of an Application"</i>	
Delete a Filter	<i>Section 6.3.6.3, "Delete a Filter"</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>from an Application"</i>	
Templates		Direct Connect Client
Add a Template	<i>Section 6.3.7.1, "Add a Template"</i>	
Modify a Template	<i>Section 6.3.7.2, "Modify a Template"</i>	
Delete a Template	<i>Section 6.3.7.3, "Delete a Template"</i>	
Reachable Addresses		Direct Connect Client
Add a Reachable Address	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify a Reachable Address	<i>Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"</i>	
Delete a Reachable Address	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
Server–Clients		Connector
Add a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"</i>	
Modify the Name of a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.8.1, "Modify the Name of a Server–Client"</i>	
Delete a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"</i>	
Add a Client to a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.8.2, "Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS 164 and</i>	

Component and Task	Section	System Type
	<i>OpenVMS Alpha)</i> "	
Remove a Client from a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.8.3, "Delete a Client System from a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"</i>	
Modify the Name of a Client Associated with a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.8.4, "Modify the Name of a Client Associated with a Server–Client"</i>	
Associate a Filter with a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.8.5, "Add a Filter to a Server–Client"</i>	
Modify a Filter Associated with a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.8.6, "Modify a Filter Associated with a Server–Client"</i>	
Delete a Filter Associated with a Server–Client	<i>Section 6.3.8.7, "Delete a Filter Associated with a Server–Client"</i>	

6.3.1. Add an Item

To add an item a similar procedure to creating an item is used. The general procedure is:

1. Gather the information that you need for the item. The *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual provides details about information required to configure an X.25 system on OpenVMS I64 and

OpenVMS Alpha systems. The *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* manual provides details about information required to configure an X.25 system on OpenVMS VAX systems.

2. Run the configuration program (*Section 4.3, "Configuration Program"*).
3. Select the *Modify an Existing Configuration* option.
4. Select the appropriate major component from the Sections Menu.
5. Select the *Add ...* option from the component menu.
6. Complete the screens that are displayed with the relevant information.

For example, the following configuration program menus are used to add a template:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Templates
Options menu	Add a new Template

6.3.2. Modify an Item

To modify an existing item:

1. Gather the information that you need for the item. The *VSI X.25 for OpenVMS Configuration* manual provides details about information required to configure an X.25 system on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems. The *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Installation and Configuration* manual provides details about information required to configure an X.25 system on OpenVMS VAX systems.
2. Run the configuration program (*Section 4.3, "Configuration Program"*).
3. Select the *Modify an Existing Configuration* option.
4. Select the appropriate major component from the Sections Menu.
5. Select the *Modify ...* option from the component menu.
6. Select the appropriate item from the list on the screen.
7. Modify the relevant information on the screens displayed.

For example, the following configuration program menus are used to modify a template:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Templates
Options menu	Modify a Template

6.3.3. Delete an Item

To delete an item:

1. Run the configuration program (*Section 4.3, "Configuration Program"*).
2. Select the *Modify an Existing Configuration* option.
3. Select the appropriate major component from the Sections Menu.
4. Select the *Delete ...* option from the component menu.
5. Select the appropriate item from the list on the screen.
6. Reply to the confirmation screen.

For example, the following configuration program menus are used to delete a template:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Templates
Options menu	Delete a Template

6.3.4. Remote DTE Classes

6.3.4.1. Add a Remote DTE Class

Use the configuration program to add a Remote DTE Class to a Client system. Refer to *Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"*.

If the Client system has not previously used the Connector system, run the configuration program on the Connector system do **one** of the following:

1. Add the Client system to a new Server–Client. Refer to *Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"*.
2. Add the Client system to an existing Server–Client. Refer to *Section 6.3.8.2, "Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"*.

Note

When you add a Remote DTE Class to the Client system, you must also add a Local DTE Class of the same name to the Connector system.

6.3.4.2. Modify a Remote DTE Class

Use the configuration program to modify a Remote DTE Class on a Client system. Refer to *Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"*.

If you changed the name of the Connector system, run the configuration procedure on that system and verify that it has the Client system defined in one of its Server–Clients. If not, do **one** of the following on the Connector system:

1. Add the Client system to a new Server–Client. Refer to *Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"*.

2. Add the Client system to an existing Server–Client. Refer to *Section 6.3.8.2, "Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"*.

6.3.4.3. Delete a Remote DTE Class

Use the configuration program to delete a Remote DTE Class from a Client system. Refer to *Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"*.

If the Client system uses no other DTE Classes on the appropriate Connector system, run the configuration program on the Connector system, and do **one** of the following:

1. Remove the Client system from an existing Server–Client. Refer to *Section 6.3.8.3, "Delete a Client System from a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"*.
2. Remove the Server–Client if it contains only the specified Client system. Refer to *Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"*.

6.3.5. Applications

6.3.5.1. Add an Application

To add an application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Applications
Options menu	Add a new Application

2. Enter the name of the application to be added.

It may be necessary to add one or more new templates (*Section 6.3.7.1, "Add a Template"*) if no existing templates are suitable for the applications being added.

6.3.5.2. Modify an Application

To modify an application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Applications
Options menu	Modify an Application

2. Choose the appropriate application from the list on the screen.
3. Modify the information on the screen that follows.

6.3.5.3. Delete an Application

To delete an application and its filters, refer to *Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"*.

Also, remove any templates that were specific to that application (*Section 6.3.7.3, "Delete a Template"*).

6.3.5.4. Add a Filter to an Application

To add a filter to an application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Applications
Options menu	Modify an Application

2. Choose the appropriate application from the list on the screen.
3. Choose the *Add an Application Filter* option from the menu options.
4. Enter the values for the filter.

6.3.5.5. Modify a Filter Associated with an Application

To modify a filter associated with an application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Applications
Options menu	Modify an Application

2. Choose the appropriate application from the list on the screen.
3. Choose the *Modify an Application Filter* option from the menu options.
4. Choose the appropriate filter from the list on the screen.
5. Modify the values as appropriate.

6.3.5.6. Delete a Filter Associated with an Application

To delete a filter associated with an application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Applications

From this menu ...	Select ...
Options menu	Modify an Application

2. Choose the appropriate application from the list on the screen.
3. Choose the *Delete an Application Filter* option from the menu options.
4. Choose the appropriate filter from the list on the screen.
5. Reply to the confirmation screen.

An application must have at least one filter. If you want to delete all existing filters and replace with one or more new ones:

1. Add the new filters (*Section 6.3.5.4, "Add a Filter to an Application"*).
2. Delete the old filters.

6.3.6. Filters

The Filters section of the configuration program allows you to create filters to be used with user-written applications, rather than those filters being associated with a specific application.

6.3.6.1. Add a Filter to an Application

To add a filter associated with a user-written application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Filters
Options menu	Modify a Filter

2. Enter the values for the filter.

6.3.6.2. Modify a Filter of an Application

To modify a filter associated with a user-written application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Filters
Options menu	Modify a Filter

2. Choose the appropriate filter from the list on the screen.
3. Modify the values as appropriate.

6.3.6.3. Delete a Filter from an Application

To delete a filter associated with a user-written application:

1. Run the configuration program:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Filters
Options menu	Delete a Filter

2. Choose the appropriate filter from the list on the screen.
3. Reply to the confirmation screen.

Note that an application must have at least one filter. If you want to delete all the existing filters and replace them with one or more new filters:

1. Add the new filters (*Section 6.3.6.1, "Add a Filter to an Application"*).
2. Delete the old filters.

6.3.7. Templates

6.3.7.1. Add a Template

To add a template, refer to *Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"*.

If the template uses NSAP mapping, create any additional Reachable Address components as necessary. Refer to *Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"*.

6.3.7.2. Modify a Template

To modify a template, refer to *Section 6.3.2, "Modify an Item"*.

If the template now uses NSAP mapping, create any new Reachable Address components as necessary. Refer to *Section 6.3.1, "Add an Item"*.

6.3.7.3. Delete a Template

To delete a template, refer to *Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"*.

If the template used NSAP mapping, remove any redundant Reachable Address components. Refer to *Section 6.3.3, "Delete an Item"*.

Note

Do not delete the `Default` template (refer to *Section 3.3.2, "Designing Templates"*).

6.3.8. Server–Clients

6.3.8.1. Modify the Name of a Server–Client

To modify the name of a Server–Client:

1. Run the configuration program on the X.25 system:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Server Clients and Filters
Options menu	Modify a Server Client

2. Choose the appropriate Server–Client from the list on the screen.
3. Modify the name as required; leave all other information unchanged.

To modify the name of a Server–Client:

1. Delete the existing Server–Client.
2. Add a new Server–Client with the new name.

6.3.8.2. Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

To add a Client system to an existing Server–Client:

1. Run the configuration program on the X.25 system:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Server Clients and Filters
Options menu	Modify a Server Client

2. Choose the appropriate Server–Client from the list on the screen.
3. Add the name of the new Client system when prompted.
4. Return to the Server Client options menu by selecting *Continue to Modify Server Client* from the filter options menu.

6.3.8.3. Delete a Client System from a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)

To delete a Client system from an existing Server–Client:

1. Run the configuration program on the X.25 system:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Server Clients and Filters
Options menu	Modify a Server Client

2. Choose the appropriate Server–Client from the list on the screen.
3. Delete the Client system from the list displayed on the screen.
4. Return to the Server Client options menu by selecting *Continue to Modify Server Client* from the filter options menu.

Each Server–Client must have at least one Client system.

6.3.8.4. Modify the Name of a Client Associated with a Server–Client

To modify the name of a Client system associated with a Server–Client:

1. Add the new system name (*Section 6.3.8.2, "Add a Client System to a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"*).
2. Delete the old system name (*Section 6.3.8.3, "Delete a Client System from a Server–Client (OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha)"*).

6.3.8.5. Add a Filter to a Server–Client

To add a filter to an existing Server–Client:

1. Run the configuration program on the X.25 system:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Server Clients and Filters
Options menu	Modify a Server Client

2. Choose the appropriate Server–Client from the list on the screen.
3. Accept the information displayed on the screens that follow.
4. On OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, choose the *Add a Filter* option from the menu options. On OpenVMS VAX systems, choose the *Add a Server Client Filter* option from the menu options.
5. Fill in the information on the screens that follow.

6.3.8.6. Modify a Filter Associated with a Server–Client

To modify a filter for an existing Server–Client:

1. Run the configuration program on the X.25 system:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Server Clients and Filters
Options menu	Modify a Server Client

2. Choose the appropriate Server–Client from the list on the screen.
3. Accept the information on the screens that follow.
4. On OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, choose the *Modify a Filter* option from the filter menu options. On OpenVMS VAX systems, choose the *Modify a Server Client Filter* option from the filter menu options.
5. Modify the information on the screens that follow.

6.3.8.7. Delete a Filter Associated with a Server–Client

To delete a filter from an existing Server–Client:

1. Run the configuration program on the X.25 system:

From this menu ...	Select ...
Main menu	Modify
Sections menu	Server Clients and Filters
Options menu	Modify a Server Client

2. Choose the appropriate Server–Client from the list on the screen.
3. Accept the information on the screens that follow.
4. On OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems, choose the *Delete a Filter* option from the filter menu options. On OpenVMS VAX systems, choose the *Delete a Server Client Filter* option from the filter menu options.
5. Reply to the confirmation screen.

A Server–Client must have at least one filter. The configuration program will not let you delete the last filter. If you want to remove all existing filters and replace them with one or more new ones:

1. Add the new filters (*Section 6.3.8.5, "Add a Filter to a Server–Client"*).
2. Delete the old filters.

Part III. Monitoring an X.25 System

This Part contains a single chapter, *Chapter 7, "Facilities for Monitoring an X.25 System"*, which describes the facilities available to network managers to monitor an X.25 system.

Chapter 7. Facilities for Monitoring an X.25 System

This chapter describes the facilities available to monitor and detect problems on a VSI X.25 for OpenVMS system.

7.1. Event Logging

An **event** is an occurrence of a normal or abnormal condition detected by a network management entity.

Event logging is a mechanism that allows you to monitor what is happening within your network and to identify problems that may be occurring.

Many events are informational; they simply record changes to network components. Other events report potential or current problems in the physical parameters of the network. The event records reported help you to track the status of network components.

A full description of the concepts of event logging and details on how to set it up are provided in the *VSI DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS Network Management Guide* manual.

7.2. Common Trace Facility (CTF)

CTF is an OpenVMS utility that assists in network problem solving. CTF allows you to collect and analyze information about specific protocol exchanges between systems in a network. This information is often very useful when attempting to solve such problems as:

- Suspected configuration problems
- Failures while establishing or using network links
- Network overload
- Poor network performance

The tracepoints from which data can be collected depend on the product being traced. As not all products support tracepoints, refer to the Software Product Description (SPD) of the product you are using to determine whether it supports CTF.

For information about using CTF, refer to the *DECnet/OSI for OpenVMS Common Trace Facility Use* manual.

7.3. X.25 Accounting

If you are running X.25 for OpenVMS, you can use X.25 Accounting¹ to monitor the system.

X.25 Accounting is a utility similar to OpenVMS Accounting, that allows you to record statistics about the way X.25 for OpenVMS is being used. You can use these statistics to:

- Charge users appropriately for their use of X.25

¹On OpenVMS VAX systems, this utility is referred to as VAX P.S.I. Accounting

- Determine who was using X.25 at any given time (including details of the remote DTE involved)
- Record all calls, including failed calls, and all access to PVCs on X.25 systems

Full details on how to use X.25 Accounting are provided in the *X.25 for OpenVMS Accounting* manual.

Appendix A. System–Wide Logicals Used By X.25 for OpenVMS

Table A.1, "System–Wide Logicals" describes each of the system–wide logicals used by VSI X.25 for OpenVMS. The logicals are listed in alphabetical order. Further details about each of these logicals and examples of their use are provided in the *X.25 for OpenVMS Utilities*.

Table A.1. System–Wide Logicals

Logical Name	Purpose
OpenVMS VAX	
PSI\$MAIL_PACKET_SIZE	Packet size for X.25 Mail
PSI\$MAIL_WINDOW_SIZE	Window size for X.25 Mail
PSI\$MAIL_LOCAL_SUBADDRESS	Local subaddress for X.25 Mail
PSI\$MAIL_RPOA	RPOA sequence for X.25 Mail
OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha	
PSI\$MAIL_TEMPLATE	Template for outgoing mail
OpenVMS IA-64/Alpha/VAX:	
PSI\$NETWORK	DTE class to use if one is not specified - can be used for X.25 Mail, X.29, and applications
PSI\$PAD_INIT	File containing startup commands for PAD initialization
PSI\$PAD_LOG	File type (NETWORK or TERMINAL) of log used to store details of a SET HOST/X29 session
PSI\$PAD_PROFILES	File containing PAD profiles
PSI\$X29_BREAK	Break action
PSI\$X29_HANGUP_TEMPLATE_PARAMETER	Hangup template parameters
PSI\$X29_HOLD_TIMER	Hold timer
PSI\$X29_HOST_ECHO_PARAMETER_TEMPLATE	Host echo parameter template
PSI\$X29_INTERRUPT	Interrupt action
PSI\$X29_LOCAL_ECHO_PARAMETER_TEMPLATE	Local echo parameter template
PSI\$X29_PARAMETERS	PAD parameters
PSI\$X29_TERMINAL_CHARACTERISTICS	X.29 terminal characteristics

For compatibility with the X.25 functionality provided in DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS VAX, the following logicals have been provided (but commented out) in

```
SYS$STARTUP:X25$STARTUP.COM:
```

```
$!  
$! define /system/exec psi$accounting    x25$accounting  
$! define /system/exec psi$configure    x25$configure  
$!
```

To use these logicals, remove the comment characters that precede them.

Note

X.25 for OpenVMS on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems continues to support the following logicals; however, the information provided by these logicals has been superseded by the information provided in the template referenced by the PSI\$MAIL_TEMPLATE logical:

```
PSI$MAIL_PACKET_SIZE  
PSI$MAIL_WINDOW_SIZE  
PSI$MAIL_LOCAL_SUBADDRESS  
PSI$MAIL_RPOA
```

Appendix B. General Optional PSDN Facilities Supported by X.25 for OpenVMS

Table B.1, "Optional Facilities Supported by PSDNs" outlines the optional facilities that may be offered by PSDNs. Some facilities must be specifically requested when you subscribe to a PSDN, other facilities can be requested at the time the call is set up.

Table B.1, "Optional Facilities Supported by PSDNs" also details optional CCITT-specified DTE facilities which are passed unchanged by PSDNs.

Table B.1. Optional Facilities Supported by PSDNs

Facility	Available by Subscription or Per Call	Description
Call redirection	Subscription	Allows the network to redirect calls to an alternative DTE when the called DTE is out of order or busy.
Call redirection notification	Subscription	This facility is used by the DCE to indicate the reason for call redirection in an Incoming Call packet for a redirected call.
Called address extension ^{DAG}	Per call	Allows the called Network Address (NSAP) to be passed transparently in a Call Request or Incoming Call packet.
Called line address modified notification ¹	Per call	Used by the DCE when the address in the Call Connected or Clear Indication packet is different from that specified by the DTE; allows the DCE to tell the DTE why the addresses are different.
Calling address extension ^{DAG}	Per call	Allows the calling Network Address (NSAP) to be passed transparently in a Call Request or Incoming Call packet.
Charging information	Subscription	Allows the DTE to request information regarding charges to the DTE on a per call basis.
D-bit modification ²	Subscription	Intended for DTEs implemented before the <i>D-bit procedure</i> was introduced for operation on public data networks that support end-to-end P(R) significance; allows these DTEs to continue to operate with end-to-end P(R) significance within a national network.
Default throughput class assignment	Subscription	Allows the default throughput classes to be selected. Each throughput class guarantees a minimum rate of data transmission across a network. For details of throughput classes

Facility	Available by Subscription or Per Call	Description
		supported by a particular PSDN, consult the PSDN authority.
End-to-end Transit Delay Negotiation ^{DAG}	Per call	This facility allows the calling DTE to include the cumulative transit delay of the Packet Layer and lower layer protocols in the DTE (including the effects of the access line transmission rate). In addition to the cumulative transit delay, the calling DTE may optionally specify the required (target) value for the end-to-end transit delay. If specified, the calling DTE may optionally specify a maximum acceptable value for the end-to-end transit delay.
Expedited Data Negotiation ^{DAG}	Per call	This facility allows the calling DTE to specify whether it wants to use the expedited data-transfer procedures, that is, to use the interrupt procedures.
Extended frame sequence numbering ¹	Subscription	Allows the DTE to increase the maximum number of frames it sends to the DCE before receiving an acknowledgment.
Extended packet sequence numbering	Subscription	Allows the DTE to use a window size of up to 127. If the DTE does not subscribe to this facility, the window size can be no more than 7.
Fast select	Per call	Allows the DTE to make a special call with up to 128 bytes of user data in the call request.
Fast select acceptance	Subscription	Requests that the PSDN delivers fast select calls to the subscribing DTE.
Flow control parameter negotiation	Subscription	Permits negotiation of packet sizes and window sizes at the DTE-DCE interface on a per call basis.
Hunt group	Subscription	Allows the PSDN to distribute incoming calls across a designated group of DTE-DCE interfaces.
Incoming calls barred	Subscription	Prevents incoming calls from being presented to the DTE, but still allows the DTE to originate outgoing calls.
Local charge prevention	Subscription	Prevents the local DTE being charged for calls.
Minimum Throughput Class Negotiation ^{DAG}	Per call	Allows the calling DTE to indicate a minimum acceptable value for the throughput class for <i>each</i> direction of data transmission.
Network user identification	Per call	Enables the DTE to provide information to the network for accounting, security, or network management.

Facility	Available by Subscription or Per Call	Description
Non-standard default packet size	Subscription	Allows selection of a non-standard default packet size from the list of packet sizes supported by the network. The standard default packet size is 128.
Non-standard default window sizes	Subscription	Allows selection of a non-standard default window size from the list of window sizes supported by the network. The standard default window size is 2.
One-way logical channel incoming	Subscription	Allows the user to restrict the use of a group of LCNs to incoming calls.
One-way logical channel outgoing	Subscription	Allows the user to restrict the use of a group of LCNs to outgoing calls.
Online facility registration ²	Subscription	Permits the DTE at any time to request registration of facilities or obtain current values of facilities.
Outgoing calls barred	Subscription	Requests that the PSDN does not allow outgoing calls from the DTE.
Packet retransmission ³	Subscription	Allows the DTE to request retransmission of one or more consecutive data packets by the DCE or the network.
Priority ^{DAG}	Per call	Allows the calling DTE to specify the required (target) and lowest acceptable values for the priority of data on a call, priority to establish a call, and priority to maintain a call.
Protection ^{DAG}	Per call	Allows the calling DTE to specify the required (target) and lowest acceptable values for protection.
Reverse charging	Per call	Allows the calling DTE to request that the called DTE accept the charge for the call.
Reverse charging acceptance	Subscription	Requests that the network delivers incoming calls that request reverse charging.
RPOA selection	Per call	Allows the DTE to route calls through one or more RPOA (Recognized Private Operating Agency) networks to the final destination.
Throughput class negotiation	Subscription	Allows the throughput class to be selected on a per call basis. Each throughput class guarantees a minimum class of data transmission across the network.
Transit delay selection and indication	Per call	Allows the transit delay for a call to be selected, and indicates the value of the transit delay to both the calling DTE and the called DTE.

^{DAG}This is an optional CCITT-specified DTE facility.

¹Not supported on OpenVMS I64 and OpenVMS Alpha systems.

²Not supported by DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS.

³Not supported on DECnet-Plus for OpenVMS VAX.

Appendix C. Optional Facilities of CUGs and BCUGs Supported by X.25 for OpenVMS

Table C.1, "CUGs: Optional Facilities " and Table C.2, "BCUGs: Optional Facilities " detail the optional facilities related to Closed User Groups and to Bilateral Closed User Groups to which you can subscribe. All the CUG and BCUG facilities defined by CCITT X.25 (1988) are supported by X.25 for OpenVMS.

Table C.1. CUGs: Optional Facilities

Facility	Available by Subscription or Per Call	Description
Closed User Group (CUG)	Subscription	Allows the DTE to belong to one or more CUGs.
CUG with incoming access	Subscription	Allows the DTE to belong to one or more CUGs. It also allows the DTE to receive incoming calls from DTEs in the open part of the network and from DTEs belonging to CUGs with outgoing access.
CUG with outgoing access	Subscription	Allows the DTE to belong to one or more CUGs while still being able to make virtual calls to DTEs in the open part of the network and to DTEs belonging to other CUGs with incoming access capability.
Incoming calls barred within CUG	Subscription	Bars (prevents) the DTE from receiving incoming calls from other DTEs within the CUG, but permits the DTE to make virtual calls to DTEs within the CUG.
Outgoing calls barred within CUG	Subscription	Bars (prevents) the DTE from making virtual calls to other DTEs within the CUG, but permits the DTE to receive virtual calls from DTEs within the CUG.
Closed User Group selection	Per call	Allows the calling DTE to specify the CUG to be selected for a virtual call, and allows the DCE to indicate the CUG selected to the called DTE.
CUG with outgoing access selection	Per call	Allows the calling DTE to specify the CUG selected for a virtual call to indicate that outgoing access is required. It also allows the DCE to indicate to the called DTE the CUG selected for a virtual call, and that outgoing access applied at the calling DTE.

Table C.2. BCUGs: Optional Facilities

Facility	Available by Subscription or Per Call	Description
Bilateral Closed User Group	Subscription	Enables the DTE to belong to one or more BCUGs.
BCUG with outgoing access	Subscription	Enables the DTE to belong to one or more BCUGs. It also allows the DTE to originate virtual calls to other DTEs in the open part of the network.
BCUG selection	Per call	Allows the calling DTE to specify the BCUG to be selected for a virtual call. It also indicates to the called DTE, the BCUG selected for a virtual call.

Appendix D. DTE Parameters Supported by X.25 for OpenVMS

Table D.1, "Packet Control Parameters" details the parameters that can be used to control the packet-level operation of a DTE.

Table D.2, "Frame Control Parameters (LAPB LINK Entity)" and Table D.3, "Frame Control Parameters (LLC2 SAP LINK Entity)" detail the parameters that can be used to control the frame-level operation of your DTE.

In these tables, each CCITT/ISO parameter and its corresponding entity characteristic attribute are given together with the CCITT/ISO description of that parameter.

Table D.1. Packet Control Parameters

CCITT/ISO Parameter Description	Corresponding Characteristic of X25 PROTOCOL DTE Entity	Description
Clear request retransmission count (R23)	Maximum Clear Attempts	This parameter controls how many times the DTE will transmit a clear request before abandoning the clear request.
DTE Call request timer (T21)	Call Timer	When the DTE makes a call, it waits to receive a call connected or clear indication. The call timer controls how long the DTE will wait before deciding the call has failed and transmitting a clear request.
DTE Clear request timer (T23)	Clear Timer	When the DTE sends a clear request to the DCE, it waits for a clear confirmation or clear indication from the DCE. The clear timer controls how long the DTE will wait before retransmitting the Clear packet.
DTE Reset request timer (T22)	Reset Timer	When the DTE sends a reset request to the DCE, it waits for a reset confirmation or reset indication from the DCE. The reset timer controls how long the DTE will wait before retransmitting the Reset packet.
DTE Restart request timer (T20)	Restart Timer	When the DTE sends a restart request to the DCE, it waits for a restart confirmation, or restart indication, from the DCE. The restart timer controls how long the DTE will wait before retransmitting the Restart packet.
Extended Packet Sequence Numbering	Extended Packet Sequencing	This parameter allows you to subscribe to a packet sequence numbering of modulo 128.
Incoming LCNs	Incoming List	The set of channel number ranges that define the order in which LCNs are to be allocated for incoming calls.

CCITT/ISO Parameter Description	Corresponding Characteristic of X25 PROTOCOL DTE Entity	Description
Interrupt Timer (T26)	Interrupt Timer	When the DTE sends an Interrupt packet it waits for an interrupt confirmation from the DCE. The interrupt timer controls how long the DTE will wait before it sends a Reset packet.
Outgoing LCNs	Outgoing List	The set of channel number ranges that define the order in which LCNs are to be allocated for outgoing calls.
Packet size	Default Packet Size Minimum Packet Size Maximum Packet Size	These parameters control the size of the packet (in bytes) transmitted between the DTE and the DCE. Default Packet Size is the locally defined default packet size for a DTE. This value must be the same as the subscribed default packet size. Minimum Packet Size is the locally defined minimum packet size for a DTE. Maximum Packet Size is the locally defined maximum packet size for a DTE. The value must not be greater than the maximum packet size supported by the network.
Reset request transmission count (R22)	Maximum Reset Attempts	This parameter controls how many times the DTE will transmit a reset request before abandoning the request.
Restart request retransmission count (R20)	Maximum Restart Attempts	This parameter controls how many times the DTE will transmit a restart request before abandoning the request.
Throughput Class	Minimum Throughput Class Maximum Throughput Class	A throughput class requests a rate of data transmission. Minimum Throughput Class is a locally defined minimum rate for virtual circuits on a DTE. Maximum Throughput Class is a locally defined maximum rate for virtual circuits on a DTE. The minimum and maximum rates must be in the range supported by the network.
Window size	Default Window Size Minimum Window Size Maximum Window Size	These parameters control the number of packets that can be transmitted between the DCE and the DTE before acknowledgement is required. Default Window Size is the locally defined default window size for a DTE. This value must be the same as the subscribed default window size.

CCITT/ISO Parameter Description	Corresponding Characteristic of X25 PROTOCOL DTE Entity	Description
		Minimum Window Size is the locally defined minimum window size for a DTE. Maximum Window Size is the locally defined maximum window size for a DTE. The value must not be greater than the maximum window size supported by the network.

Table D.2. Frame Control Parameters (LAPB LINK Entity)

CCITT/ISO Parameter Description	Corresponding Characteristic of LAPB LINK Entity	Description
Timer T1	Acknowledge Timer	When the DTE transmits a frame to the DCE, it waits for an acknowledgement. In the absence of an acknowledgement, it will transmit an RR/P or poll the DTE. The acknowledge timer governs how long the DTE waits before deciding a frame has been lost. The acknowledge timer, T1, is related to the holdback timer, T2, such that T1 is always greater than or equal to twice T2.
Parameter T2	Holdback Timer	When the DTE acknowledges receipt of a frame from a DCE, it can send the acknowledgement in a data frame, or in an explicit acknowledgement frame. The holdback timer governs how long the DTE waits to send the acknowledgement. The holdback timer, T2, is related to the Acknowledge Timer T1, such that T2 is always less than or equal to half of T1. It is normally adequate for T2 to be a third of T1.
Maximum number of bits in a frame (N1)	Maximum Data Size	The maximum data size is the maximum number of bytes that the DTE will accept from the DCE in a data frame.
Maximum number of transmissions (N2)	Retry Maximum	The maximum number of attempts the DTE will make to complete the transmission of a frame.
Maximum number of outstanding frames (K)	Window Size	The maximum number of sequentially numbered frames the DTE may have unacknowledged at any one time.
Modulus	Sequence Modulus	This indicates whether the frame sequence numbering is modulo 8 or modulo 128 (extended sequence numbering).

Table D.3. Frame Control Parameters (LLC2 SAP LINK Entity)

CCITT/ISO Parameter Description	Corresponding Characteristic of LLC2 SAP LINK Entity	Description
Timer T1	Acknowledge Timer	When the DTE transmits a frame to the DCE, it waits for an acknowledgement. In the absence of an acknowledgement, it will retransmit the frame. The acknowledge timer governs how long the DTE waits before deciding a frame has been lost. The acknowledge timer, T1, is related to the holdback timer, T2, such that T1 is always greater than or equal to twice T2.
Parameter T2	Holdback Timer	When the DTE acknowledges receipt of a frame from a DCE, it can send the acknowledgement in a data frame, or in an explicit acknowledgement frame. The holdback timer governs how long the DTE waits to send the acknowledgement. The holdback timer, T2, is related to the Acknowledge Timer T1, such that T2 is always less than or equal to half of T1. It is normally adequate for T2 to be a third of T1.
Maximum number of bits in a frame (N1)	Maximum Data Size	The maximum data size is the maximum number of bytes that the DTE will accept from the DCE in a data frame.
Maximum number of transmissions (N2)	Retry Maximum	The maximum number of attempts the DTE will make to complete the transmission of a frame.
Maximum number of outstanding frames (K)	Local Receive Window Size	The maximum number of sequentially numbered frames the DTE may have unacknowledged at any one time.