

Installing NetExchange Server™ 3.0

Before you begin

Important: Set your computer clock *before* installing NetExchange Server. Setting your clock backwards after installing and activating NetExchange Server *disables* NetExchange Server.

Make sure you have the following:

- Lynx Software CD.
- NetExchange Server license and hardware key, either for a USB port connection or for a parallel port connection, obtained from Lynx System Developers, Inc.
- A computer running a Microsoft Windows Operating System serving as your competition management computer. For example, NetExchange Server runs on the same computer running LynxPad or some other competition management software.
- Available USB port or 25-pin parallel printer port on the competition management computer.

Note: If you have a hardware key from a previous version of NetExchange Server, then you need to obtain a new license by contacting Lynx System Developers, Inc. To contact Lynx:

- Call (978) 556-9780 and ask to speak with someone in sales, *or*
- Send an email to our **sales department** (mailto:sales@finishlynx.com).

Attaching the hardware key

Important: If you have a **USB port hardware key**, DO NOT attach it to your computer until you are instructed to do so during the NetExchange installation process, as explained in the next section, on Side 2.

If you have a **parallel port hardware key**, attach it to your computer's 25-pin parallel printer port **FIRST**, before installing NetExchange Server!

The hardware key must be attached to the computer running NetExchange Server at all times, or NetExchange Server is disabled. When the hardware key is installed and running correctly, the green lights in NetExchange Server appear. You will see this later when you **run NetExchange** (see "Running NetExchange Server for the first time" on side 2).

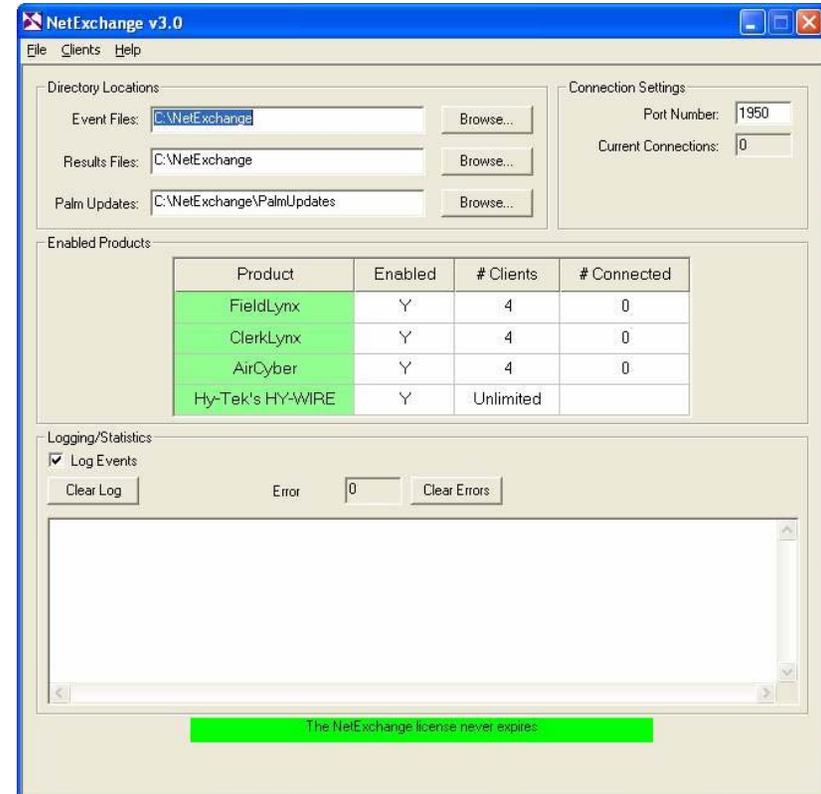
The parallel port hardware key has pass-through capability, so you can attach a printer cable to the end of the hardware key for uninterrupted printer operation.

Installing NetExchange

- 1 Insert the **Lynx Software CD** into your computer's CD-ROM drive. Wait for the CD to auto-run.
- 2 When the Lynx splash screen appears, click the **Enter** button.
- 3 From the Lynx System Developers, Inc. home page, select **Downloads | Database | Software**. The **Event Administration | Software** page appears.
- 4 Scroll down until you see the NetExchange area. Click the **Single File Installer** button. The **File Download** dialog appears.
- 5 Click **Save** and navigate to somewhere on your computer from where you can install NetExchange Server.
- 6 Unzip the zipped NetExchange Server file.
- 7 Navigate to the folder where you unzipped the NetExchange Server file and double-click the **NE3_0.exe** file within it.
- 8 Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation.

Running NetExchange for the first time

- 1 Click the Microsoft Windows **Start** button and select **Programs | NetExchange**.
- 2 The default **NetExchange** window appears. The Lynx products that your license enables you to use are highlighted in green, and the number of clients enabled for each product is listed. Note that the TCP/IP Settings Port number defaults to 1950.



Getting help

Now that you have started NetExchange Server, you can get help using the software at any time by clicking **Help** and choosing **Contents** from the NetExchange Server menu bar.