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Network Station Manager V2R1 Helper Applications, Desktop Themes, and Browser issues

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Network Station Manager How To

Helper Applications

- ▲ **nsm_wrapper** - performs environment variable substitution for applications

Syntax: `nsm_wrapper command [additional_parameters]`

- ▲ **remote_app** - adds a remote machine to allowed xhost list and launches remote application.

Syntax: `remote_app [-window] hostname command [additional_parameters]`

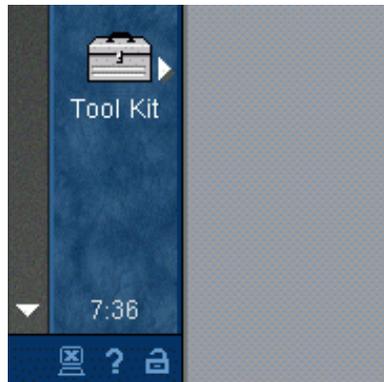
- ▲ **launchnsmv2** - launches V2R1 NSM via Netscape
`http://config_server/networkstationv2/admin`

- ▲ **launchnsm** - launches V1R3 NSM via Netscape
`http://config_server/networkstation/admin`



Desktop Themes

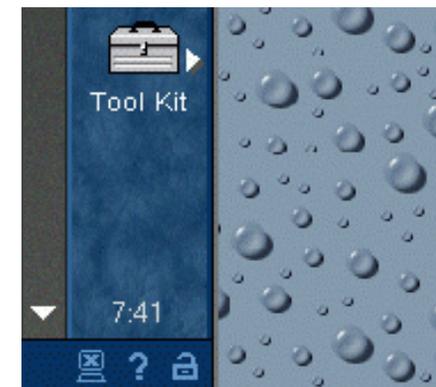
Desktop themes set the appearance and feel of the desktop. These are some examples of themes shipped with the Network Station in V2R1.



Blue



Kids in Space



Water Drops



Desktop Themes - Shipped

Network Station Manager navigation path:

Desktop

- Display

Window appearance

Desktop theme:

Default (Blue)

Blue

Green

Khaki

Mauve

Tan

Plum

Purple

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- Dark/Light Blue
- Brick Wall
- Chain Link Fence
- Water Drops
- e Business
- Lawn
- Midnight
- Series 2800
- Network Station
- Stars in Night Sky
- Choppy Water

Icon location:

Def

Constrained mode:

Def

Enable desktop pop-up:

Def

Launch bar options

Show memory meter:

Default

Collapsed:

Default

Fonts

Font size for icons and menus:





Desktop Themes - Custom

To use a custom theme file:

1. Place the theme file and any supporting image files in the themes directory.
2. Select the custom theme radio button and type theme name as shown below.

Window appearance

Desktop theme:

Default (Blue)

Blue

Custom: mytheme



Customization of Desktop Themes

Sample Theme file

name=Dark/Light Blue

appbar_pixmap_file=default.xpm

appbar_pixmap16_file=default.xpm

toolbar_pixmap_file=default.xpm

toolbar_pixmap16_file=default.xpm

toolbar_image_file=default.gif

background_pixmap_file=default_bk.xpm

active_caption_color=#0300cf

inactive_caption_color=#cccccc

inactive_caption_foreground_color=#666666

inactive_caption_foreground_color=#ffffff

appbar_background_color=#003366

appbar_foreground_color=#ffffff

ticker_background_color=#6699cc

ticker_foreground_color=#003366

ticker_top_shadow_color=#96c9f0

ticker_bottom_shadow_color=#9c9c9c

toolbar_background_color=#6699cc

toolbar_foreground_color=#003366

toolbar_disabled_foreground_color=#555555

background_color=#96c9f0

foreground_color=#003366

top_shadow_color=#dddddd

bottom_shadow_color=#9c9c9c

thick_top_shadow_color=#336699

thick_bottom_shadow_color=#003366

window_top_shadow_color=#dddddd

window_bottom_shadow_color=#003366

drop_shadow_color=#696969

disabled_color=#666666

sch_item_backdrop_color=#ffff99

content_background_color=#ffffff

content_foreground_color=#003366

content_top_shadow_color=#eeeeee

content_bottom_shadow_color=#999999

content_selection_color=#808080

content_rule_color=#cccccc

content_shadow_thickness=1

shadow_thickness=1

window_frame_color=#000000

visited_link_color=#ff0000

trough_color=#6699cc

link_color=#0000ff

active_link_color=#ffff00

arm_color=#6699cc

sysicon_background_color=#003366

sysicon_normal_color=#6699cc

sysicon_highlight_color=#ffffcc

sysicon_pressed_color=#33cc00

- 1) Find existing theme file to use as template (/usr/local/nc/registry/desktop/themes)
- 2) Copy and rename file
- 3) Change name and background_pixmap_file and any other parameters
- 4) Theme will automatically appear in theme list on next login



Network Station Manager "Speed Bumps"

Microsoft Internet Explorer 5 Backspace Bug

When deleting text from a text field, the backspace key sometimes causes a navigation back to occur instead of deleting a character. The first occurrence causes the blue progress indicator to return. The second occurrence causes the loading screen to reappear. A Fix should be available from Microsoft.

- *Microsoft Knowledgebase Number: Q235239*

Netscape Window Resizing

Resizing windows in Netscape causes erratic behavior. Avoid resizing windows where possible, particularly while loads are in progress.

Netscape 4.04 JavaScript Errors

There are numerous JavaScript errors associated with this unsupported version of the browser. Common ones include the following:

- Desktop -> Launch Bar failing to complete loading - This is especially common.
- *Cannot convert window.height to an integer*
- Error messages bring up an alert box instead of displaying them in the status bar and logging them in the JavaScript Console.