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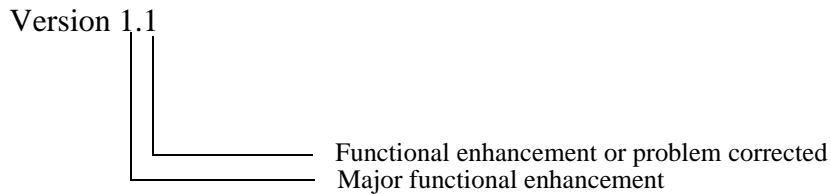
**DECconcentrator 900FH
Release Notes
Firmware Version V3.4
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These release notes contain firmware and software requirements, and list known conditions and restrictions that apply to the operation of the DECconcentrator 900FH module.

Additional release notes can be found online. Refer to the section that is titled Accessing Online Information for information about retrieving online release notes.

As warranted, we change the firmware of this device to make functional enhancements or to correct reported problems. These release notes identify enhancements and changes to the firmware that impact end- user operations. They also contain firmware and software requirements, and list updates in this release as well as known conditions and restrictions that apply to the operation of the DECconcentrator 900FH module.

The following example describes the firmware version number:



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Firmware Requirements

We require that you use DIGITAL MultiSwitch 900 firmware version 5.4, or higher, to manage the DECconcentrator 900FH running firmware version 3.4.

Software Requirements

If you are using MultiChassis Manager to manage the DECconcentrator 900FH, we suggest that you install clearVISN version 2.2, or higher.

If you are using MultiChassis Manager to manage the DECconcentrator 900FH, we require that you install MultiChassis Manager, version 6.3 or higher.

Fixed in This Release

This firmware version (V3.4) resolves problems found in earlier firmware versions:

- Occasionally, the concentrator would stop responding to SMT and IP frames. This was due to the input processing task thinking there were not any more frames to process when there really was. This has been fixed in this release.
- The auto-disconnect feature would incorrectly disable M ports when its M-S connection was lost. This has been fixed in this release.
- There was a 3-byte window where an oversize frame would be let through. This could corrupt memory resulting in a system crash or a system crash would occur in attempting to transmit the response frame. This has been fixed in this release.

Known Conditions and Restrictions

The module's conditions and restrictions are described in the following sections.

Single-Mode Fiber (SMF) ModPMD Support

There are two single-mode fiber (SMF) ModPMD models.

- The DEFXS-AA SMF ModPMD is not supported.
- The DEFXS-BA SMF ModPMD can be installed into adjacent ModPMD ports without restriction. No restrictions apply to the number of DEFXS-BA SMF ModPMD modules that can be installed.

Use of Optical Bypass Relay

For ANSI-compliant operation from an Optical Bypass Relay (OBR), the OBR must connect to the A and B ports of the same module.

When installed into a DEChub ONE-MX, only the OBR on the DEChub ONE-MX is active.

Enable/Disable Request to Send (RTS)

When the DECconcentrator 900FH is installed into a docking station, users can choose, via the setup port, to have the OBM port's RTS asserted all the time or only when a packet is to be transmitted. With firmware version V3.4, data terminal read (DTR) and RTS are asserted/deasserted together, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Enable/Disable RTS

Enable/Disable RTS	Packet to Transit	RTS	DTR
Disabled	No	Asserted	Asserted
Disabled	Yes	Asserted	Asserted
Enabled	No	Deasserted	Deasserted
Enabled	Yes	Asserted	Asserted

Power Supply Requirements in a DIGITAL MultiSwitch 900

When using three power-supply modules, of any model, you can install eight DECconcentrator 900FH modules in a DIGITAL MultiSwitch 900.

When you are installing more than seven DECconcentrator 900FH modules in a DIGITAL MultiSwitch 900, you must use H7894 power supplies for the hub to supply adequate power to operate the concentrators.

clearVISN

This software section provides information on clearVISN software.

Support for Products

clearVISN software Version 2.2 provides support for the DECconcentrator 900FH product. Refer to the clearVISN documentation and Release Notes for details on the use of MultiChassis Manager.

Support for Flash Loader Application

The Flash Loader application may be used to upgrade the firmware in the DECconcentrator 900FH product, if needed.

Support for Recovery Manager

The recovery manager is not supported in clearVISN software Version 2.1 but is supported in clearVISN software Version 2.2.

MIB and RFC Information

The DECconcentrator 900FH module supports the following MIBs and RFCs:

- Built-in SNMP agent supports the following management information bases (MIBs):
 - MIB II, RFC 1213
 - FDDI MIB, RFC 1512
 - Digital Extended MIB V3.0
 - PCOM MIB, June 1995
- Support for SMT 7.3 Station Management (X3.229-1994)

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