# UltraLink 2 HDMI

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Installation and Operation Manual





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# INTRODUCTION

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# System Introduction

Thank you for choosing UltraLink 2 HDMI (Part # UL2-DHD) from Rose Electronics for your network access solutions. This intelligent and innovative product is the result of Rose Electronics commitment to providing state of the art access solutions for today's demanding workplace. The UltraLink 2 HDMI, when installed and connected to your network, allows you full access and control of the connected computer from the RealVNC Viewer client from almost anywhere. This small, flexible, and powerful product uses RealVNC client software that is designed for very secure, encrypted, and password protected exchange of information between the server and the remote viewer.

The UltraLink 2 HDMI sets a new standard for remotely, securely and easily managing server room environments, standalone applications such as digital signage, and many other remote applications. Connect the UltraLink 2 HDMI to a DVI/USB KVM switch like the Vista DVI Plus, and you now have access and control to as many computers as your KVM switching system can support.

The UltraLink 2 HDMI is different in the way it manages remote access to your systems. All of the systems that will be accessed remotely remain completely unchanged and can run their usual operating system normally. They only need to be connected to the UltraLink 2 HDMI unit. Being totally operating system independent, the UltraLink 2 HDMI allows users to remotely connect to Windows, Linux, UNIX, and Sun systems without difficulty. The UltraLink 2 HDMI is ideal for remote computers running stand-alone applications like ATMs and digital signage devices.

Whatever your remote accessing needs, the versatility of the UltraLink 2 HDMI from Rose Electronics makes it a great choice. It can be installed at any network level, and connected to a single server, a computer running any operating system, or to a KVM switch.

# **Features**

- Connect to a remote computer, server, or KVM switch over IP using the ReaVNC Viewer
- BIOS level control with USB keyboard and mouse
- Supports resolutions up to 1920 x 1200 @60Hz, 30fps, depending on available network bandwidth
- Can be connected to DVI and DisplayPort video output with converter cables
- Intelligent EDID management allows the user to specify the modes used by the controlled computer
- KVM console connections for local access at the unit
- Powered by an AC power adapter
- Files can be transferred between directly connected computers and remote computers
- Easy installation and configuration over IP
- Flash upgradeable to keep the unit up to date with new features and enhancements
- Private single user access or shared access, with up to eight users to accessing the computer connection simultaneously
- Create up to 15 user profiles with event logging
- Compatible with Rose Electronics Vista DVI KVM switches
- State of the art security using AES 128-bit or 256-bit encryption and RSA 2048-bit public key authentication
- Configurable to use your LDAP server for user authorization and validation
- Optional Rack mount kits available for mounting up to 16 units in 2U of rack space
- Can control programmable power switches through a USB-serial interface

# Compatibility

Hardware	
Computer	PC, RS/6000, Alpha, SGI, Sun, Mac, and others
Keyboard	USB
Mouse	USB
Monitor	HDMI
Operating systems	Windows (all), Sun, Solaris, Mac, NetWare, Unix, Linux, BSD and others
Cables	
UltraLink 2 HDMI to computer	<ul> <li>1 USB Type A to USB Type B cable (supplied),</li> <li>1 HDMI video cable (supplied)</li> </ul>
UltraLink 2 HDMI to network	CAT 5 or CAT 6 cable terminated with RJ45M connectors
UltraLink 2 HDMI to power	1 Power transformer with country-specific power cable

# Package Contents

The package contents consist of the following:

- UltraLink 2 HDMI
- 1 x USB Type A to USB Type B cable
- 1 x HDMI male to HDMI male cable
- 4 x Self-adhesive rubber feet
- Power Adapter (Optional)
- Manual

Additional cables are usually ordered separately. If the package contents are not correct, contact Rose Electronics or your reseller so the problem can be quickly resolved.

# **UltraLink 2 HDMI Models**

The UltraLink 2 HDMI is available in a single model as shown below.







# Rear View

Figure 2. UltraLink 2 HDMI Rear View

# INSTALLATION

# Installation

The UltraLink 2 HDMI can be connected directly to a host computer's HDMI video and USB ports. Video resolutions up to 1920x1200@60Hz and 30 frames per second are supported. HDMI audio is not supported. Use the audio out ports to monitor audio signals.

If connection to multiple host computers is required, the UltraLink 2 HDMI can also be connected by an HDMI-to-DVI cable to a DVI/USB KVM switch like the Vista DVI Plus 4-port model (Part # KVM-4TDDL/A1). The UltraLink 2 HDMI is NOT compatible with the Vista DVI Plus 8-port model (KVM-8TDDL/A1).

This section describes how to connect the UltraLink 2 HDMI to the host computer, and how to change the UltraLink network settings to make it visible on the network.

# **Connecting the UltraLink 2 HDMI**

While the following connections can generally be made in any order, it is recommended that power be applied as a final step.

#### **Computer Connections**

Two connections are required between the UltraLink 2 HDMI and a host computer or KVM switch are required: USB for keyboard and mouse, and video.



Figure 3. USB and HDMI connections

- Insert the supplied HDMI cable into the HDMI video socket in the COMPUTER section on the rear panel of the UltraLink 2, and connect the other end of the cable to either the video output port of a computer or the user console video output port of a KVM switch.
- Insert the supplied USB cable's type B connector into the USB type B socket in the COMPUTER section on the rear panel of the UltraLink 2, and connect the other end of the cable to either a USB socket on the computer or to a USB keyboard and mouse connector on the user console of a switch.

# **Console Connections**

The UltraLink 2 HDMI console connections are required for initial configuration and optional thereafter for local control/monitoring of the active connection.



Figure 4. Console connections

- Insert the supplied HDMI cable between the HDMI video socket in the CONSOLE section on the rear panel and the HDMI video port on a monitor.
- Connect a USB keyboard and mouse to the two USB ports in the CONSOLE section on the rear panel. The third USB console port on the front panel is identical in function to the two ports on the rear panel.

### **Data Link Connection**

Use the link connector to join the UltraLink 2 HDMI to a suitable network.

- Insert a standard CATx network cable into the socket on the far right of the rear panel.
- Connect the other end of the cable to either a suitable network switch, or directly to the network.



Figure 5. Network connection

# Audio Connection

The UltraLink 2 HDMI can output CD-quality stereo audio at the audio output port located on the rear panel, between the Console section and the power connector. Headphones with up to 32 Ohms impedance are supported. HDMI audio output to the local HDMI monitor and remote connections is not supported.

Connect an audio output device, such as speakers or headphones, to the 3.5 mm stereo jack.

### **Power Connection**

UltraLink 2 HDMI is powered by the supplied 12V 1.5A power adapter. Do not use a power outlet which is not earth grounded or an extension cord. The power adapter requires air circulation for cooling.

- Attach the output plug of the power adapter to the power input socket on the left side of the rear panel. When inserting the plug, pull back slightly on the outer body of plug to assist the locking mechanism until the plug is fully inserted.
- Insert the IEC connector of the power cord to the socket of the power adapter.
- Connect the power cord to an AC power outlet.



Figure 6. Power Adapter Connection

# Disconnecting the Power Adapter

- Remove the connection to the AC power outlet.
- Grasp the outer body of the power adapter plug where it connects with the UltraLink 2 HDMI.
- Gently pull the outer sleeve of the plug away from the module. As the sleeve slides back, it will release the plug from the socket and you can withdraw the plug.



#### Figure 7. Power Adapter Disconnection

# **Initial Configuration**

The factory network settings of UltraLink 2 HDMI are as follows:

- IP address: 192.168.1.42
- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
- Gateway: <undefined>

If these settings do not match the network, they must be changed to values that will allow the unit to be found on the network. The initial configuration changes must be made from the local console. *Even if no changes are made to the factory configuration, the local console's two initial configuration pages must be navigated at the local console for a remote IP connection with the VCN Viewer to be successful.* 

### Initial Configuration from the local console

When the UltraLink 2 HDMI is powered on for the first time, the local console will display a login page for accessing the two initial configuration pages. Enter the default username, "admin", tab to the password entry and press enter (the default password is blank).



Figure 8. Console Login Screen

The initial Unit Configuration menu will be displayed. The admin password can be changed and the UltraLink 2 HDMI unit can also be assigned a name for easy recognition. The menu can be accessed at any time to make additional changes by typing Ctrl + Alt + C on the console keyboard.

	Unit	Configuration
	Onic	comgulation
	Serial No. 1811A12	234567
	Firmware v0.00.0	016-16:41 06/11
	Keybd Layout	
	Admin Passwd	
	Confirm Passwd	
	Unit Name	
	Hot Keys	< Ctrl+Alt >
	Screensaver	< 10 mins >
	Time	<21> <17> <04>
	Date	<05> <nov> &lt; 2018&gt;</nov>
	Encryption	< Prefer Off >
	Screen 1 of 2	
		Next

Figure 9. Console Initial Unit Configuration Menu

Click the Next button to display the initial Network Configuration menu.

Net	work Configuration
Mac Address	00:0F:58:04:91:2F
IP Address	192.168.1.42
Net Mask	255.255.255.0
Gateway	
DNS Server	
VNC Port	5900
HTTP Port	80
Screen 2 of 2	Next

Figure 10. Console Initial Network Configuration Menu

The options in the Network Configuration menu can be used to set up the unit for the local network. Click the Next button. The Console login screen will be displayed again, even if no changes were made. After login, the main Console menu is displayed.

	Select Host
Hosts General Network Logging Reset	# Name Host
Logoff	Find admin Access < Shared >

Figure 11. Console Host Menu

If a computer has been connected to the UltraLink 2 HDMI input ports, click the first name in the host list to connect to the computer. To display the console menus at any time, type Ctrl + Alt + C on the console keyboard. For more intormation about the settings available in the local console menus, see **Appendix C** - **Local Console Menus**.

# Initial Configuration from a remote connection

Select a computer to connect to the UltraLink 2 HDMI remotely. Download and install the latest VNC<sup>®</sup> Viewer application from <u>realvnc.com</u>. If the UltraLink 2 HDMI has not been configured for a local network, connect both the UltraLink 2 HDMI and the configuration computer to an Ethernet switch. Change the computer's IP address to a value compatible with the UltraLink 2 HDMI's default address of 192.168.1.42. Open the Network and Sharing Center in the computer's control panel, select Change Adapter Settings, and select the computer's Ethernet adapter.

vetworki	ng Sharing			
Connec	t using:			
<b>1</b>	ntel(R) Etherne	t Connection 1217-L	M	
			Conf	igure
This co	nnection uses t	the following items:		
	Client for Micr	rosoft Networks		^
🗹 🖉	File and Print	er Sharing for Micro	soft Networks	
🗹 🐇	Npcap Packe	et Driver (NPCAP)		
V 🐇	QoS Packet	Scheduler		
	Internet Proto	ocol Version 4 (TCP.	/IPv4)	
	Microsoft Net	twork Adapter Multip	olexor Protocol	
☑ _	Microsoft LLD	OP Protocol Driver		~
<				>
1	nstall	<u>U</u> ninstall	Prop	erties
	iption			
Desc			Destand The d	efault
Desc Tran	smission Contro	ol Protocol/Internet	FIOLOCOL. The d	Green
Desci Tran wide	area network p	ol Protocol/Internet protocol that provide	es communication	on

Figure 12. Change Ethernet Adapter Settings

Select Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4), and click properties.

Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)	Properties	$\times$
General		
You can get IP settings assigned auton this capability. Otherwise, you need to for the appropriate IP settings.	natically if your network supports ask your network administrator	
Obtain an IP address automatical	ly	
• Use the following IP address:		
IP address:	192.168.1.45	
Subnet mask:	255.255.255.0	
Default gateway:		
Obtain DNS server address autom	natically	
• Use the following DNS server add	resses:	
Preferred DNS server:		
Alternate DNS server:		
Validate settings upon exit	Ad <u>v</u> anced	
	OK Cancel	

Figure 13. Change Configuration Computer's IP Address

Click OK to save the computer's IP address changes. Open the VNC<sup>®</sup> Viewer application and enter the UltraLink 2 HDMI default IP address of 192.168.1.42 in the address pane. Press enter.

V2 VNC Viewer		
<u>F</u> ile <u>V</u> iew <u>H</u> elp		
VNC CONNECT by RealVNC	192.168.1.42	👤 <u>S</u> ign in 🔻
	Connect to address or hostname "192.168.1.42"	
	There are no computers in your address book at present.	
S	ign in to your RealVNC account to automatically discover team computer	s,
Alternative	ly, enter the VNC Server IP address or hostname in the Search bar to conne	ect directly.

Figure 14. IP Connection screen

The access login screen will be displayed if the admin password has been changed from the default. Enter the password and click the OK button.

V2 Authenticat	tion	<b>—</b> ×	
[	Authenticate to VNC S 192.168.1.42::5900 (TCP)	Server )	
Username:			]
Password:	••••	Ø	,
Remembe	r password	Forgot password?	2
Catchphrase:	Alert aloha paint. Trident m	onster powder.	
Signature:	95-c2-62-e8-4b-05-cc-eb		
	ОК	Cancel	

Figure 15. VNC Viewer Login Screen

When a connection to the UltraLink 2 HDMI is established, a viewer pane will be displayed.



Figure 16. VNC Viewer Pane

Click the Configure button in the upper right corner of the VNC<sup>®</sup> Viewer menu bar to display the Configuration Menu.

Logged on users: admin		
	User Accounts	
	Unit Configuration	
	Time & Date Configuration	
	Network Configuration	
	Serial Port Configuration	
	Host Configuration	
	Logging and Status	
	LDAP Configuration	
	Return to Host	
	<b>Conf igurat ion</b>	

Figure 17. VNC Viewer Configuration Menu

Select the Unit Configuration button to change the Administrator password.

Serial Number:	1811A1234	567	
Firmware Version:	v0.00.003	0 - 12:41 11/12/18	
Server Preferred Encoding	<	JPEG (High performance)	3
Host Keyboard Layout	<	ИК	3
Admin Password			
Unit Name			
New Connections Private			
Menu Bar Toggle Hot Key	<	None	)
Display Menu Bar for New Connection	s 🔽		
Encryption	<	Prefer Off	3
Number of simultaneous VNC Users	<	4	3
VNC Viewer Hot Key Sequence	<	Ctrl+Alt	3
		The second secon	

Figure 18. VCN Viewer Unit Configuration Menu

Click the Save button to save the new password and return to the main configuration menu.

Select the Network Configuration button to change the IP Address, Network Mask, and Gateway to values appropriate for the network where the unit will be connected. The VNC port (5900) and HTTP Port (80) should only be changed if they conflict with existing network settings. To use DHCP, check the "Use DHCP" checkbox. When finished, click the Save button.

*Note:* If the "Use DHCP" checkbox was clicked, the IP address will change to whatever the DHCP server assigns. To discover the new network address, click the Network Configuration button again, and the allocated network address will be displayed.

Logge	ed on users	admin						
	MAC addres	5:		00:0F:58	:04:91:2F			
	Use DHCP							
	IP Address			192.168.	1.42			
	IP Network	Mask		255.255.	255.0			
	IP Gateway							
	DNS Server							
	VNC Port			5900				
	HTTP Port	(0=disabled)		80				
	IP Access	Control		Add	Remove	Up	Down	Edit
				+0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0			
	Save		Network Co	nfiguratio	on			Cance l

Figure 19. VCN Viewer Network Configuration Menu

When network configuration of the UltraLink 2 HDMI has been completed, change the IP information on the configuration computer back to the original values.

# **UltraLink 2 HDMI Operation**

UltraLink 2 HDMI allows users to access a connected host computer from a remote location using a VNC<sup>®</sup> Viewer connection. Up to eight remote users can concurrently connect with the host computer. When the UltraLink is connected to a compatible KVM switch, a choice of multiple host computers becomes possible. The UltraLink 2 HDMI local console enables connections to the host computer directly from the UltraLink unit.

# **Local Connection**

### To locally connect with a host

1. Move the mouse connected to the UltraLink 2 HDMI console to display the login screen. If previously logged in, enter CTRL + ALT + C to display the screen.



Figure 20. Local Console Login

2. Enter the username and password and press Enter. The default username is *admin* and the password is blank. The Main Menu Hosts page will be displayed.

	Select Host
Hosts	# Name
General	Host
Network	
Logging	
Reset	
Logoff	
	Find
	admin
	Access < Shared >

Figure 21. Local Console Hosts Menu

- Click on a Host computer to connect with it. Optionally, change the Access mode setting between Shared (the connection can be viewed by others) and Private (all other users are locked out). The Find option can be used to locate a particular UltraLink 2 HDMI host computer name.
- 4. After a connection is established, type CTRL + ALT + C at any time to display the Hosts menu and select another Host.

# **Remote Connections**

The VNC<sup>®</sup> Viewer application is available for download from <u>www.realvnc.com</u>. It allows the user to access the UltraLink 2 HDMI and its computers from a remote location.

#### To remotely connect with a host

1. Install and run the VNC<sup>®</sup> Viewer application. The Connections page will be displayed.

V2 VNC Viewer		
<u>F</u> ile <u>V</u> iew <u>H</u> elp		
VNC CONNECT by RealVNC	192.168.1.42	👤 Sign in 👻
	Connect to address or hostname "192.168.1.42"	
	There are no computers in your address book at present.	
s	ign in to your RealVNC account to automatically discover team computer	s.
Alternative	ly, enter the VNC Server IP address or hostname in the Search bar to conne	ect directly.

Figure 22. VNC Viewer Connections

2. Enter the UltraLink network address into the search bar and press Enter. Once a connection is made, the login screen will be displayed.

V2 Authentica	ition	×
VNC Server:	192.168.1.42:5900	
Username:		
Password:		
Remembe	r password	
Catchphrase:	Cobra Ricardo prepare. Viva Gustav quality.	
Signature:	c4-d0-39-b9-e1-3e-ac-9b	
	OK Cancel	

Figure 23. VNC Viewer Login Screen

3. Enter a username and password and click OK.

After successful connection and login, a new VNC<sup>®</sup> Viewer window will be opened with a menu bar along the top edge.



Figure 24. VNC Viewer Window Menu Bar

# **VNC Viewer Menu Bar Buttons**

#### Menu Bar Re-synchronize Mouse Button

If the mouse cursor on the computer running VNC Viewer is not synchronized with the cursor on the host computer, click this button to re-align them. This feature is also selectable in the Controls menu. If the cursors are still not synchronized, it may be necessary to perform a mouse calibration.

### Menu Bar Auto Calibrate Button

Auto calibrate will calibrate the mouse only if relative mouse mode is selected. This detects the mouse motion and will report that the mouse has been calibrated correctly, depending on the operating system. Once this has been done

### Menu Bar Ctrl Alt Del Button

Click this button to send the keystroke sequence Ctrl Alt Del to the Host computer.

# Menu Bar Controls Button

This button displays a drop-down menu of options for keyboard, video and mouse operation.



Figure 25. Controls Options

#### **Controls Menu Single Mouse Mode**

Normally, when the user's mouse cursor is within the Viewer window, two mouse cursors are displayed: a local cursor to indicate mouse position on the connecting computer, and a second cursor to indicate mouse position on the host computer. Single Mouse Mode can be used with fast network connections, where a local predictor cursor to indicate mouse destination on the host computer is not needed. Exit Single Mouse Mode by pressing F8 and then 'P'. Single mouse mode does not require calibration.

#### **Controls Menu Resync Mouse**

This option has the same effect as the Re-synchronize mouse button on the menu bar, realigning the user's mouse cursor with the host's mouse cursor.

#### **Controls Menu Refresh Screen**

This option refreshes the whole screen image to remove any artifacts from moved screen items. This is useful when using very low refresh rates on slow speed communication links.

#### **Controls Menu Mouse Control**

The mouse control dialog allows you to control the remote mouse cursor using a selection of buttons that you click with your local mouse.



Figure 26. Mouse Control Menu

#### Controls Menu Mouse Control - Advanced Mouse Configuration

This dialog (accessible via the Mouse Control popup) allows the mouse acceleration to be configured according to the operating system in use and also permits manual fine tuning for situations where problems are encountered with the Calibrate function. For best results, choose the appropriate *Change motion:* entry to match the system of the host in use.

Change motion:	< Constant >
speed	1.000000
Standard constant	rate mouse motion
Standard constant	rate mouse motion
Standard constant	rate mouse motion Current Settings

Figure 27. Advanced Mouse Configuration

The available Change Motion schemes are: Constant, Windows 7/8/10, Solaris, Solaris 9 and Mac OSX.

When the *Absolute Mode* option is ticked in the main <u>Mouse Control</u> menu, the Absolute Offset Adjustment dialog allows you to adjust the *Absolute Offset* scale:

Motion:	CO	nstant speed
Absolute Offse	et:	
speed		1.000000
Standard const	tant ra	te mouse motion
Standard const	tant ra	te mouse motion
Standard const	tant ra	te mouse motion rent Settings

Figure 28. Absolute Offset Adjustment

#### **Controls Menu Keyboard Control**

This option displays a keyboard control dialog and is useful for sending keyboard combinations to the host computer that would be trapped by the user computer's operating system or by the UltraLink 2 HDMI unit.

	Keyboard Control		
	+Ctrl+Alt+Del	Send	
Enter the	+Alt+Tab	Send	
	+Win	Send	Click to send
code nere	0	Sendo	the code
		Send	
		Send	
		Send	
		Send	Click to send the
	Paste Clipbo	oard O	clipboard to the host
	Close		
		I	

Figure 29. Keyboard Control Menu

When entering codes:

- + means press down the key that follows
- means release the key that follows
- + means press down and release the key that follows
- \* means wait 250ms (if a number follows the asterisk, the delay will equal the number in ms)

All keys are assumed to be released at the end, so there is no need to specify -Ctrl or -Alt if the keys are released together.

Examples:

Ctrl + Alt f 2 would be expressed as +Ctrl+Alt+f-f+2

+N means press the 'N' key

See **Appendix B - Recognized Abbreviations for Keyboard Keys** for more details on keyboard control codes.

#### **Controls Menu Video Settings**

This dialog shows the current video mode and display activity.



Figure 30. Video Settings

#### **Controls Menu File Transfer**

The file transfer function requires a USB flash drive or disk drive to be attached to one of the USB ports of the UltraLink 2 HDMI. The maximum size of a file that can be transferred is limited only by the size of this media. File transfer works in two modes:

- In the first mode, files can be transferred from the VNC Viewer computer to the USB disk and from there to the host computer, and vice versa.
- In the second mode, the disk appears as a remote device connected to the host.

#### Transferring files to the host

- 1. Make sure Enable File Transfer is checked in the Advanced Unit Configuration section of the Unit Configuration menu.
- 2. Files must first be copied from the VNC Viewer computer to the USB disk, and then from there to the host computer.
- Open the Controls -> File Transfer menu and make sure the arrow next to USB Disc DOES NOT point to Host.

File Transfer		
ipeps+	USB Disc Hos	st
Music/ Seize/ System Volume Information/ UltraLink Z HDMI/ Video/		
Send	Refresh	Close

Figure 31. File Transfer Menu

4. Files can now be copied to the USB device by selecting Transfer Files from the F8 menu or by clicking on the icon in the VNC Viewer toolbar. VNC Server in the dialog means UltraLink 2 HDMI.



Figure 32. VNC Viewer File Transfer

5. Click on "Send Files..." and select the files to be sent. A progress dialog is displayed during the file transfer until the process is complete.

V2 VNC Viewer - File Transfer	
Music Speed: 2 MB/s, Remaining: 49 seconds.	08
Send files Clear Fetch files to: 📃 Desktop	•]i

Figure 33. File Transfer Progress Dialog

6. Once the transfer is complete, click on the USB Disc button to cause the arrow to point to Host. This can take some time, during which the arrow will flash, as buffered data may still be in the process of being written to the disc. When the arrow points solid to the Host, the disc is connected to the Host. WARNING: While transfers are in progress, avoid clicking on the USB disc indicator in the File Transfer menu. If this happens, a warning will be displayed, and after a warning the transfer will be aborted. This will also abort and transfers initiated by other users.

#### Transferring files from the host

- 1. Make sure Enable File Transfer is check in the Advanced Unit Configuration section of the Unit Configuration menu.
- 2. Files must first be copied from the host to the USB disc and then from the disc to the VNC Viewer computer.
- Open the Controls -> File Transfer menu and make sure the arrow next to USB Disk DOES point to Host.
- 4. Copy files from the Host to the USB disc as you would to any USB media.
- 5. Click on the USB Disc indicator to switch the arrow to ipeps+. The files transferred should appear in the window.
- 6. Select the files to be transferred to the VNC Viewer computer and click Send. A "VNC Viewer File Transfer" progress box will show the process until it is completed.
- 7. Selecting the Clear button will clear the log from the window. The fetch files prompt does not apply to this system.

#### **Controls Menu Info**

When selected, this option displays an information dialog showing the current logged on users, the current host, its video mode and its mouse motion details.



Figure 34. Information

### Menu Bar Access Mode Selection Buttons

Up to eight remote users can be simultaneously logged-in to the same host. To perform a sensitive task that should not be viewed by other users, change the access mode to Private. This action prevents other users connecting at the same time.



Figure 35. Menu Bar Access Mode Selection

Click one of the arrow buttons adjacent to the Shared/ Private indicator to change the access mode.

# **Front Panel Status Indicators**

The status indicators on the front panel of UltraLink 2 HDMI provide important feedback on current operation.



Figure 36. Front Panel Indicators

# **Rear Panel Link Status Indicators**



Figure 37. Rear Panel Link Status Indicators

# **UltraLink 2 HDMI Configuration and Maintenance**

This section of the manual describes how to configure the UltraLink 2 HDMI for optimal performance. Configuration can be performed with a remote VNC Viewer Connection or from the Local Console.

# **Remote Configuration using VNC Viewer**

The *Configure* button on the right-hand side of the VNC Viewer Toolbar is used to display the Configuration Screen. Only the Administrator is allowed to configure the unit, so the Configuration button is displayed only when a user logs in using the admin account. The Configuration Menu provides access to all main settings of UltraLink 2 HDMI.

Logged on users: admin		
Г	User Accounts	
	Unit Configuration	
	Time & Date Configuration	
	Network Configuration	
	Serial Port Configuration	
	Host Configuration	
	Logging and Status	
	LDAP Configuration	
	Return to Host	
	Conf iguration	

Figure 38. UltraLink 2 HDMI Configuration Menu

The *Logged on users* field at the top-left of the Configuration screen is present on all configuration sub-screens, and displays the names of all the users currently connected to UltraLink 2 HDMI.

Each button in the Configuration screen opens up a new screen with the same name as the button, where settings can be modified. The only exception is the *Return To Host* button, which closes the Configuration screen and returns to the VNC Viewer Display window.

The Save and Cancel buttons are present on all the configuration sub-screens. Save saves all changes made in a screen to the UltraLink 2 HDMI, while Cancel aborts all changes.

Each configuration sub-screen is described in greater detail below.

# **User Accounts Configuration**

The User Accounts Configuration Screen is accessed by clicking the *User Accounts* button on the Configuration Screen. Up to 15 user accounts can be created by the Administrator, each with their own password and access privileges.

The first account is the admin account. Because it is the only account with access to the configuration menus, it cannot be deleted, and only the password can be modified. Even if other accounts are created with the same permissions as the admin account, only the admin can access the configuration menu.

User Nane	Password	Loca l	Remote	Power	View Onlu	Auto	Menu Bar
admin	Enter Password	V	4	¥			Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit
	Enter Password						Edit

Figure 39. User Accounts Configuration Screen

#### **User Name**

All user names must consist of lower case characters, numbers and certain non-alphanumeric characters (e.g. '\_') only. No symbols or upper case characters are permissible. The user name can be between 1 and 32 characters in length and cannot contain non-English characters.

#### Password

Each password can be between 1 and 16 characters in length. Good passwords have a mixture of more than 8 letters, numbers and punctuation characters.

#### Local

Local access allows the user to use UltraLink 2 HDMI's local console to access the host computer.

#### Remote

Remote access allows the user to use a VNC Viewer to connect to the UltraLink 2 via an IP network.

#### Power

Power access allows the user to control the power input to a host computer (requires an optional power control switch).

#### **View Only**

View Only access restricts a user's connections to a host computer to video access only.

#### Auto Logon

Disabled by default, this feature affects only the local console. It allows the local console to be used without requiring login.

#### Menu Bar

The VNC Viewer menu bar can be customized to display only the options considered necessary. It can be edited for by each user, or globally altered for all users.

Logged on users: admin			
Menu for user name:	admin		
Menu Bar appearance:	K ↔ 🔠 Cont	trols < Shared > admin	
	Sync Mouse	V	
	Auto Calibrate	<b>v</b>	
	Ctrl Alt Del	<b>V</b>	
	Controls	<b>v</b>	
	Access Mode	~	
Enable direct right	click Menu editing	<b>V</b>	
Apply to all users o	n Save		
	Reset t	o Defaults	
Save	Gui Edit (	Configuration	Cance l

Figure 40. Menu Bar Editing

To globally edit the menu bar as admin:

- 1. Using VNC Viewer, log in as the admin user.
- 2. Click the 'Configure' button at the top right corner of the viewer window.
- 3. Click on User Configuration.
- 4. Click on a user's Menu Bar Edit button.
- 5. Click the appropriate menu options.
- 6. The Reset to Defaults button resets the user's VNC Viewer Toolbar to its default state.
- 7. "Enable direct right click Menu editing" allows the user to customize his own menu.
- 8. To apply the changes to all users, click on Apply to all users on Save.
- 9. Click the save button.

To locally edit the options displayed in a user's menu bar:

- 1. Using the VNC Viewer, login as any user.
- 2. Place the mouse pointer on the menu bar and click the right mouse button.

K ↔ 🔠 Controls	Hosts	Shared	> admin@co	mputer1	✓ <mark>Sync</mark> ✓ Auto	Mouse Calibrate	<mark>∽</mark> ⊾ ⊕
					√Ctrl	Alt Del	Alt Del
					<ul> <li>Conta</li> </ul>	rols	
					Acces	ss Mode	
					Reset	t To Defaul	lt

Figure 41. VNC Viewer Menu Bar Pop Up

- 3. Click on any option in the pop up menu to add or remove it from the menu bar.
- 4. Click anywhere in the VNC Viewer Window to erase the pop up menu.

Changes made in this way only affect the current user's menu.

# Unit Configuration

The Unit Configuration menu is accessed by clicking the *Unit Configuration* button on the main Configuration Screen.

Serial Number:	1910A0217695	
Firmware Version:	v2.000 - 12:09 31/07/19	
Server Preferred Encoding	JPEG (High perform)	ance)
Host Keyboard Layout	< UK	>
Admin Password	Enter Password	1
Unit Name		
New Connections Private		
Menu Bar Toggle Hot Key	< None	>
Display Menu Bar for New Connections	V	
Encryption	< Prefer Off	>
Number of simultaneous VNC Users	٢ 4	>
VNC Viewer Hot Key Sequence	< Ctrl+Alt	>
EDID Configuration Consol	e Configuration Advanced Uni	t Configuration

Figure 42. Unit Configuration Screen

#### Firmware Version

This field indicates the version of firmware currently running in the UltraLink 2 HDMI

#### **Server Preferred Encoding**

This selection determines the graphics encoding method to be used in VNC Viewer connections. The options are:

- JPEG (High performance)
- Use Viewer Preference
- Raw
- RRE
- Hextile
- TRLE
- ZRLE

If Use Viewer Preference is selected, the user may be required to reboot the unit when switching to a different Server Preferred Encoding setting. See the Reboot Unit button in the Advanced Unit Configuration section.

#### Host Keyboard Layout

The *Host Keyboard Layout* field tells the UltraLink 2 HDMI which keyboard layout to use with the host computer. Click on the arrow buttons to cycle between the available keyboard layouts. The choice of keyboard layout should take into account the keyboards in use by remote users. Options include: UK, US, RU, PT, BE, DE, DE\_CH, DK, ES, FR, FR\_CH, IT, JP, NL, NO, and SE.

#### **Admin Password**

This field can be used to edit the password used to gain administrator access to the UltraLink 2 HDMI. Its functionality is the same as the *Password* field of the admin account in the User Account Settings Screen.

#### **Unit Name**

This field allows assigning an identifying name to the UltraLink 2 HDMI. This name will be displayed in the local console Hosts menu and in the VNC Viewer window for easy identification of the connected unit.

#### **New Connections Private**

This checkbox lets the administrator determine whether new local console or VNC Viewer connections should open in Private or Shared access mode.

#### Menu Bar Toggle Hot Key

This field determines the keyboard function key to be used for displaying and hiding the toolbar in the VNC Viewer. Click on the arrow buttons to cycle between the available selections, being careful not to select a key that needs to be passed to host computers or switches. For instance, if the unit is connected to a KVM switch which uses F5 as a trigger for some event, F5 should not be selected as the Menu Bar Toggle Hot Key. The VNC Viewer will use the key to toggle the menu bar, and will not pass it on to the KVM switch.

#### **Display Menu Bar for New Connections**

If menu bar toggle hot key is set to any value other than None, this field will determine whether new connections begin with the menu displayed or not.

#### Encryption

The *Encryption* field specifies whether connections between VNC Viewer and UltraLink 2 HDMI must be encrypted. Clicking on the arrow buttons cycles between the four options:

- Prefer Off request encryption off at the server, but will accept on or off.
- Prefer On request encryption on at the server, but will accept on or off.
- Always On set 128 bit encryption
- Maximum set 256 bit encryption

Data transmission takes about 10% longer when encryption is used, but the connection is highly secure against third party intrusion. *Prefer On* and *Prefer Off* will defer to the setting currently in use in the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

#### Number of simultaneous VNC Users

This setting allows changing the number of concurrent VNC Viewer sessions allowed from the default value of 4. The minimum value is 1 and the maximum is 8.

#### **VNC Viewer Hot Key Sequence**

This field is used to select a hot key sequence for switching between hosts, and also to display the Host selection dropdown menu. Click the arrow buttons to select the hot key sequence from the options: Ctrl+Alt, Ctrl+Shift, Alt+Shift, and none. The default setting is Ctrl+Alt, so if you press Ctrl+Alt, the Viewer will connect to the Host with the assigned number 2.

Three additional buttons allow further configuration of the unit: *EDID Configuration*, *Console Configuration*, and *Advanced Unit Configuration*.

### **EDID Configuration**

This button displays EDID Configuration menu. It is normally not necessary to make any changes in this menu.

Use EDID from	n Local Mor	nitor				
			Preferre	ed Timing		
Horiz	I actio ontal 1920	referred Mo ve fpsync 88 44	de 1920 x bp polar 148 Pos	1080 @ 60Hz 148.50   ity active # Vertical 1080	MHz 5 36 Pos fp sync bp polarity f 5 36 Pos	
			Establis	hed Timing		
720 x 400 @ 7	0 Hz 🔽 6	40 x 480 @ 1	50 Hz 🔽	640 x 480 @ 67 Hz	▼ 640 x 480 @ 72 H	z 🔽
640 x 480 @ 7	5 Hz 🔽 8	100 x 600 @ !	56 Hz 🔽	800 x 600 @ 60 Hz	▼ 800 x 600 @ 72 H	z 🗸
800 x 600 @ 7	5 Hz. 🔽 🛙	32 x 624 @ 1	75 Hz 🔽	1024 x 768 @ 60 Hz	▼ 1024 x 768 @ 70 I	Hz ▼
1024 x 768 @	75 Hz 🔽 1	280 x 1024 (	9 75 Hz ⊽ Standar	1152 x 870 @ 75 Hz d Timing	V	
1920 x 1080 1152 x 864 0 1152 x 864 0	@ 60Hz 75Hz 60Hz	1920 x 1200 1280 x 960 @ 1280 x 1024	@ 60Hz 60Hz @ 67Hz	800 x 600 @ 85Hz 1280 x 1024 @ 85Hz 640 x 480 @ 85Hz	1024 x 768 @ 85Hz 1600 x 1200 @ 60H	: Iz
Support Defau	alt GTF			HDMI	<b>V</b>	
		Coord	inated Vi	deo Timing (CVT)		
1920 x 1200	@ 60Hz RB					
J	Restore to	Defaults		Edit Preferred,	Standard & CVT Timi	ng

Figure 43. Advanced EDID Configuration Menu

#### **Use EDID from Local Monitor**

This option allows the EDID of the local Console display to be passed to the host computer. When checked, the other controls on this page are ignored. The other controls are used if the checkbox is clear or if there is no display connect to the local console output.

#### HDMI

The HDMI checkbox is normally checked, but it should be cleared if the display connected to the local console does not have a native HDMI connector.

#### Edit Preferred, Standard & CVT Timing

The default EDID should be sufficient for most applications. This page allows editing timings when necessary.

Preferr	ed Tir	ing I	lode									
Resolution:	1920	x	080	60	Hz I	Find	Ë]					
Pixel Clock:		148	50									
	Activ	Fro Por	nt Sync ch	Back Porch	Pol	ari	ty					
Horizontal	1920	88	44	148	<	٠	>					
Vertical	1080	4	5	36	1	•	5					
		1	15	1.00			<u> </u>					
Standar X	d Timi	ing Ma	odes Add	(	Coord	lina X	ted	Video	) Timi Hz	ng Mo RB (=	des Add	
Standar X Renove	rd Tini ₽ Up	ing Ma	odes Add Down	(	Coord	lina X Ve	ted	Video 0 Up	Timi Hz	ng Mo RB  === Down	des Add	

Figure 44. Preferred, Standard & CVT Timing Menu

When the *Save* button is clicked, the stored EDID table will be updated. Some computers only acquire the EDID table during the boot sequence, so it may be necessary to cycle power to the host computer to cause it to read the new EDID table from the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

### **Console Configuration**

This menu allows adjustment of the settings that affect users of the UltraLink 2 HDMI local console.

Local Hot Key Sequence        Ctrl+Alt       >         Screensaver Timeout        10 mins       >         Local to Remote Switching Time        2       >	Logged on users: admin			
Screensaver Timeout < 10 mins > Local to Remote Switching Time < 2 >	Local Hot Key Sequence	<	Ctrl+Alt	>
Local to Remote Switching Time	Screensaver Timeout	<	10 mins	>
	Local to Remote Switching Time	<	2	>
01- 00111				- Angel

Figure 45. Console Configuration

#### Local Hot Key Sequence

Determines the hot keys used by the local console users to display the UltraLink 2 HDMI menus.

#### **Screensaver Timeout**

Sets the idle time before a screensaver is displayed on the local console monitor with an active connection.

#### Local to Remote Switching Time

When a VCN Viewer user and a local console user both have connections to the host computer, this setting is the number of seconds which must pass without keyboard and mouse activity from the active user before the other user can gain control of the computer's keyboard and mouse input.

#### **Advanced Unit Configuration**

Click this button to display advanced options that do not normally require alteration.

Logged on	users: admin		
Forc	e VNC Protocol 3.3		
Idle	Timeout (minutes)	60	
Sess	ion Sleep Timeout (minutes)	20	
Prot	ocol Timeout (seconds)	20	
Back	ground Refresh Rate	< Medium	>
Mous	e Latency Allowance (milliseconds)	0	
Mous	e Rate (milliseconds)	20	
Sing	le Mouse Mode Mouse Switch	< Disabled	>
Use	Quick Mouse Calibration	V	
Use	Absolute Mouse by default	<b>V</b>	
Beha reac	viour for admin connections when limit hed	< Replace oldest connection	>
Enab	le File Transfer	<b>v</b>	
Aud i	o Volume		
	Upgrade Firmware	Reboot Unit	
Save	Advanced Unit	Configuration C	ance l

Figure 46. Advanced Unit Configuration Menu

#### **Force VNC Protocol 3.3**

Protocol 3.3 is a legacy version that does not offer any encryption. Hashed passwords are not supported with protocol 3.3

#### **Idle Timeout**

Determines the period of inactivity on a global connection before the user is logged out. This is to ensure inactive users do not prevent access by other users. The idle timeout period can be set to any time span, expressed in minutes.

#### **Session Sleep Timeout**

Determines the period of inactivity before the viewer screen will become blank

#### **Protocol Timeout**

This number is the time in seconds the UltraLink 2 HDMI will wait for a VNC Viewer to acknowledge packets. If a packet is not acknowledged within the specified time, the connection is considered lost and is terminated. This allows the UltraLink 2 HDMI to recover from connections that are hung or are terminated abruptly without disconnecting.

#### Background Refresh Rate

Use the arrow keys to alter the background refresh rate used to correct any screen changes missed in normal operation. The options are Slow, Medium, Fast, Auto, or Disabled. The Auto option automatically varies the refresh rate when multiple VNC sessions are active to provide a balance between the sessions. When a low connection speed is detected, the background refresh rate is automatically disabled, regardless of the option's setting.

#### Mouse Latency Allowance

This option is only used when Relative Mouse mode is active, and is used during calibration to account for the latency delays that may be caused as signals pass through a device. During calibration, the UltraLink 2 HDMI waits for 40ms after each mouse movement before sampling the next. If a device adds a significant delay to the flow of data, the calibration process can be lengthened or may fail entirely. The value entered here is added to (or subtracted from) the default 40ms sampling time. Negative values (down to -40) can be entered in order to speed up the calibration process when using fast KVM switches. Use this option with caution as it can adversely affect the calibration process.

#### **Mouse Rate**

Defines the rate at which mouse movement data are transmitted to the system. The default option is 20ms, which equates to 50 mouse events per second. This is used to slow down the rate in exceptional circumstances, but normally requires no adjustment.

#### Single Mouse Mode Mouse Switch

Select the mouse button combination to exit from single mouse mode when it is active.

#### **Use Quick Mouse Calibration**

Used only when Relative Mouse mode is active, this invokes optimized calibration techniques that handle the majority of mouse types.

#### Use Absolute Mouse by default

When selected, absolute mouse positioning data will be used instead of relative values.

#### Behavior for admin connections when limit reached

Determines what should occur when the limit on VNC users is reached. Options are: Replace oldest connection, Replace newest connection and Don't replace.

#### **Enable File Transfer**

When checked, allows file transfers to occur.

#### Audio Volume

Controls the volume of the short tone that is played to the local user to indicate when a remote connection is active.

#### **Upgrade Firmware**

Allows you to upgrade the firmware of the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

- 1. Download the required binary firmware file from Rose Electronics.
- 2. Click the Upgrade Firmware button to display the Upgrade Firmware screen.

Logge	d on users: admin		
	Serial Number:	1909A0215925	
	Bootloader Firmware:	v2.00 - 13:09 31/07/19	
	Recovery Firmware:	v2.000 - 12:10 31/07/19	
	Current Firmware:	v2.000 - 12:09 31/07/19	
	Alternative Firmware:	INVALID	
	Upgrade Firmware	Switch Firmware	
	Upgrade	Firmware	Back

Figure 47. Upgrade Firmware Screen

3. Click the Upgrade Firmware button to display the following dialog:

Information	
Upgrading firmware is done using browser. If you click OK, this wi window will disappear. Wait for 3 to allow the unit to restart. The http://192.168.1.42 to perform th (It may be necessary to press F5 the page)	a web iewer 30 seconds en visit he upgrade. to refresh
ОК	Cance1

Figure 48. Upgrade Firmware Dialog

- 4. Note the IP address shown in the dialog box and click OK.
- 5. The unit is now ready to accept the upgrade files. Open a web browser and log into the UltraLink 2 HDMI using the IP address from the dialog box. The unit will display this screen:

U	pgrade
Please specify the firmware file to	upgrade with:
Choose file No f	ile chosen
Perform upgrade	Return to normal operation

Figure 49. Perform Upgrade Screen

- 6. Click the Choose file button and locate the .bin upgrade file that you downloaded earlier.
- 7. Click the Perform Upgrade button. The progress of the upgrade will be shown on the screen.

#### Reboot Unit

Performs a complete cold boot of the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

# Time & Date Configuration

The Time & Date Configuration Screen is accessed by clicking the *Time & Date Configuration* button on the UltraLink 2 HDMI main Configuration menu.

Logged on users: admin											
Time And Date		<	13	>	۲	34	>	۲	16	>	
Timezone specifier (e.g.	EST5)	< UTC	11	>	<	Dec	>	<	2018	>	
Use NTP											
NTP Server IP address				Set '	Time	from N	TP S	erve	Ľ.		
Save	Time & Date	Conf i	gurati	on					Ca	unce l	

Figure 50. Time & Date Configuration Screen

#### Time & Date

Use the arrow keys to manually set the time (24-hour format) and the date.

#### Timezone specifier (e.g. EST5)

If *Use NTP* is selected, this field can be used to optionally provide the correct real time for the UltraLink 2 HDMI location. Enter the specifier for the local time zone in UTC time format. For the details of the timezone specifier format, refer to : http://www.gnu.org/software/libc/manual/html\_node/TZ-Variable.html.

#### Use NTP:

This checkbox causes the UltraLink 2 HDMI to use a Network Time Protocol server to set its date and time, instead of manually entered values. When this field is checked, the *NTP Server IP address* field and *Set Time from NTP Server button* are enabled.

#### **NTP Server IP Address:**

If *Use NTP* is checked, enter the IP address of the NTP Server in this field. In order for the unit to access a server over the network, the necessary values in the Network Configuration Screen must be set.

#### Set Time from NTP Server:

After clicking the Use NTP checkbox and setting the NTP Server IP Address, click this button to immediately obtain the time and date from the server. If the operation is successful, the Time & Date fields are populated with the current date and time.

# Network Configuration Screen

The Network Configuration Screen is accessed by clicking the *Network Configuration* button on the UltraLink 2 HDMI Configuration Screen. The network settings of the unit can be changed at any time by modifying the information in this screen. See Appendix D - Networking Considerations for more information.

Logged on users: admin		
MAC address:	00:0F:58:07:18:77	
Use DHCP		
IP Address	192.168.1.42	
IP Network Mask	255.255.0.0	
IP Gateway		
DMS Server		
UNC Port	5900	
HTTP Port (0=disabled)	80	
IP Access Control	Add Remove Up Down Edit	
	+0.0.0/0.0.0.0	
Save	Network Configuration Cancel	L

Figure 51. Network Configuration Screen

#### MAC address

The Media Access Control address is the unique and unchangeable code that was hard coded within the module when it was built. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons.

#### **Use DHCP**

Determines whether a DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) server should be consulted on the connected network to automatically set an appropriate IP Address, IP Network Mask and IP Gateway.

#### **IP Address**

The *IP Address* field contain the IP address for the unit. It may either be assigned by a DHCP server, or may be statically assigned. If the *Use DHCP* checkbox is not checked, use this field to enter an IP address for the UltraLink 2 HDMI unit which is appropriate for the network to which it is connected.

#### **IP Network Mask**

If the Use DHCP checkbox is not checked, use this field to enter a subnet mask for the UltraLink 2 HDMI unit which is appropriate for the network to which it is connected

#### **IP Gateway**

If the Use DHCP checkbox is not checked, use this field to enter a gateway address for a network router or other device that acts a gateway to another network, to be used whenever a required address lies outside the local area network. When the gateway address is not entered, the unit can still be accessed from within the LAN. However, for the unit to access resources outside the LAN, such as an NTP server on the internet for Time & Date Configuration, the gateway address must be entered.

#### **VNC Port**

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote VNC viewer will be channeled. The default setting is 5900 which is a widely recognized port number for use by VNC software. However, in certain circumstances it may be advantageous to alter this number.

#### **HTTP Port**

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote web browser will be channeled. The default setting of 80 is an established standard for web traffic, though this can be changed to suit your local network requirements. It should only be changed if there is a conflict within existing network settings.

#### **IP Access Control**

This section allows you to optionally specify ranges of addresses which will or won't be granted access to the UltraLink 2 HDMI. If this option is left unchanged, then the default entry of '+0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0' ensures that access from all IP addresses will be permitted. In the list, access control addresses prefixed by '+' are allow entries while those prefixed by '- ' are deny entries.

The rule of thumb with this feature is "Include before you exclude". In other words, arrange *allowed* addresses in the list *before* the *denied* addresses. This is because the positions of entries in the list are very important. Once a range of addresses is denied access, it is not possible to make exceptions for particular addresses within that range. For instance, if the range of addresses from A to F are denied access first, then the address C could not be granted access lower down the list. Address C needs to be placed in the list before the denied range. This feature should be used with caution, because it is possible to deny access to everyone. If that occurs, a reset to factory default settings will be required. An alternative to reset is to use the Clear IP Access Control button in the local console's Network Configuration menu.

#### To define a new IP access control entry:

1. Click the Add button to display a pop-up menu:

Host IP Address Fi	lter		
Network/Address			
Mask			
Access	<	Allow	>
ОК		Canc	æl

Figure 52. Host IP Address Filter

- 2. Enter the network address that is to be allowed or denied access. If a range If a range of addresses is being specified then specify any one of the addresses within the range and use the Mask entry to indicate the size of the range.
- 3. Enter an IP network mask that indicates the range of addresses that are to be allowed or denied access. For instance, if only a single specified IP address were to be required, the mask entry would be 255.255.255.255 in order to specify a single location.
- 4. Use the arrow buttons to select either 'Allow' or 'Deny' as appropriate.
- 5. Click the OK button.

#### To reorder access control entries:

- 1. In the access control list, click on the entry to be moved.
- 2. Click the Up or Down buttons as appropriate.

When reordering, ensure that any specific allowed addresses are listed higher in the list than any denied addresses. Take care not to invoke any deny access settings that would exclude valid users.

#### To edit/remove access control entries:

- 1. In the access control list, click on the appropriate entry.
- 2. Click either the Edit or Remove button as appropriate.

# Serial Port Configuration

This menu is accessed by clicking the *Serial Port Configuration* button on the UltraLink 2 HDMI Configuration Screen. In order to support serial connections for power control purposes, a USB to Serial port adapter is required (third party adapters with Prolific PL2302 or FTDI chipsets are supported). This menu allows you to configure the baud rate of the serial port (via the USB connection) that can be used to control power switch devices. A full range of standard baud rates are available. The other communication settings are fixed as: no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit.

Logged on users:	admin	
	Power Control Port	
Baud Rate	< 9600	>
Save	Serial Configuration	Cance l

Figure 53. Serial Configuration Screen

# Host Configuration

The Host Configuration Screen is accessed by clicking the *Host Configuration* button on the UltraLink 2 HDMI Configuration Screen. This page allows the configuration of the details of each of the host systems which may be connected to the UltraLink 2 HDMI. Each entry can be configured with a name, allowed users, the hot key combinations required to switch to it and, if required, appropriate power control commands. If Host computer entries are added in this screen, the *Hosts* button will be displayed in the VNC Viewer Toolbar. Power control commands must also be entered for the *Power* button to be shown in the VNC Viewer Toolbar.

	1:		
	2:		
	4:		
	5:		
	6:		
Hosts	8:		
	9:		
	10:		
	12:		
	13:		
	14:		
Sort:	<	Entry	>
		Frase Host Configurati	on

Figure 54. Host Configuration

#### Hosts

The *Hosts* field contains a list of defined host computers. Up to 128 computers can be identified. Each line shows an entry number and a computer name.

#### Search

The Search field is used to search by name for a specific entry in the hosts list.

#### Sort

This field allows sorting of the list of hosts either alphabetically or by entry number.

#### **Erase Host Configuration**

This button is used to clear all defined host names in the list.

#### To create a new host entry:

1. Click one of the host entries to display the Host Configuration dialog box.

Logged on users:	admin
Search:	
	<mark>1:</mark> 2:
	Host Configuration
	Nane
	Users *
	KVM Switch Macro
Hosts	Hotkey Host Number
	Power Control Sequence
	Power On
	Power Off
	Reboot
	Save Clear Cancel
Sort:	< Entry >
	Erase Host Configuration
Save	Hosts Configuration Cancel

Figure 55. Host Configuration Dialog

- 2. Enter the required information in each field.
- 3. Click the OK button.

#### Name

Enter the name that will be displayed in the viewer window when you click the Host button.

#### Users

Enter a user name or a list of user names to be allowed access to the computer. Separate user names with commas. An asterisk in this field means all users are allowed access (the default setting).

#### **KVM Switch Macro**

Enter the keystrokes required by the KVM switch to cause it to connect to this computer. This is usually a sequence of keystrokes and a number, sometimes followed by enter. On the Vista DVI Plus (KVM-4TDDL/A1), the default keystroke combination is *Ctrl+Alt+<port number>*. Entering the macro follows the same format and rules as specified in the Keyboard Control portion of the VNC Viewer Controls Button described in the Operation section of this manual. The abbreviations for keystrokes recognized by the UltraLink 2 HDMI are listed in Appendix B.

#### **Hotkey Host Number**

Declare the numeric sequence that is pressed together with the VNC viewer hotkeys (usually Ctrl + Alt) to select this host system, which is the same value as the KVM port number.

#### **Power On**

Enter the code required to make an attached power control unit (via a third party converter attached to one of the UltraLink 2 HDMI USB ports) apply power to the host.

#### **Power Off**

Enter the code required to make an attached power control unit (via a third party converter attached to one of the UltraLink 2 HDMI USB ports) remove power from the selected host.

#### Reboot

Enter the code required to make an attached power control unit remove power and then re-apply it a few seconds later.

#### Logging and Status

The Logging and Status Screen is accessed by clicking the *Logging and Status* button on the UltraLink 2 HDMI Configuration Screen. The screen displays information about user activity on the UltraLink 2 HDMI.



Figure 56. Logging and Status Screen

#### To copy and paste the log:

- 1. While viewing the log screen, press Ctrl and C, to copy the data into the clipboard.
- 2. In a text application (i.e. Word, WordPad, Notepad), press Ctrl and V, or right mouse click and 'Paste'.

#### Syslog Server IP Address

Logging information can optionally be sent, as it occurs, to a separate system using the standard Syslog protocol. Enter the IP address of a suitable system in the field provided. For details of the Syslog protocol (RFC number: 3164), see: <u>http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html</u>

### LDAP Configuration

The LDAP Configuration Screen is accessed by clicking the *LDAP Configuration* button on the Configuration Screen. Lightweight Directory Access Protocol allows users to log to the unit with their network credentials. LDAP configuration should be performed with the guidance of the network administrator. This screen allows configuration of the details related to the creation of an LDAP link to an external directory service, such as an Active Directory server.

When the unit's LDAP implementation is enabled, the administrator does not have to set up User Accounts, except for the admin account. Authentication of the admin user is handled locally by the unit even when LDAP is enabled.

Logged on users	: admin		
Use LDAP Host Addre Host Port Base DN User field Anonymous Filter	ss Bind	<ul> <li>✓</li> <li>389</li> <li>□</li> <li>□</li> <li>□</li> </ul>	
Save	LDAP Co	nfiguration	Cance l

Figure 57. LDAP Configuration Screen

#### **Use LDAP**

Click this checkbox to enable the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol features of the unit. When the box is not checked (the default), log in requests are authenticated against locally stored usernames and passwords.

#### **Host Address**

Enter the IP address of the LDAP server that holds the required directory service.

#### Host Port

The standard network port number for LDAP connections is 389, which is used by default. This should only need to be changed in special circumstances.

#### Base DN

In this field enter the top level of the LDAP directory tree at which an LDAP search should start. If, for example, the server's domain name is "rose.com", the Base DN would be "*dc=rose,dc=com*".

#### **User Field**

Enter the name of the LDAP database field which contains the user names. The details entered here will depend on the specific LDAP database being used. Commonly used field names are "*uid*" or "*cn*".

#### **Anonymous Bind**

If left unchecked then bind requests are sent with username (Base DN) and password (more suitable for Active Directory applications). If checked, bind requests are anonymous (more suitable for Linux LDAP implementations). Anonymous bindings are not recommended.

#### Filter

Search filters enable you to define search criteria and provide more efficient and effective searches. UltraLink 2 HDMI supports the LDAP search filters defined in RFC2254. These search filters are represented by Unicode strings.

all user objects except "pete":

```
"(&(objectCategory=person)(objectClass=user)(!(cn=pete)))"
```

all contacts with a surname equal to "Jones" or "Brown":

"(&(objectCategory=person)(objectClass=contact)(|(sn=Jones)(sn=Brown)))"

# TROUBLESHOOTING

# Troubleshooting

#### Unit does not power on

Make sure that all power connectors are securely connected.

### Remote network users are unable to contact the unit

- Check that the correct address is being used by the remote users.
- Check the network settings. Check that the user's network address has not been excluded in the IP access control section.
- If the UltraLink 2 HDMI is situated behind a firewall, check that the relevant ports are being allowed through the firewall and are being correctly routed.
- Check that the LNK indicator on the front panel is on.

#### Remote IP address is locked out (Blacklisted)

If RealVNC Viewer logins are denied access, remove power from the UltraLink 2 HDMI for two to three seconds. This will reset the unit and unlock the IP address. If the unit is using DHCP, the previously assigned IP address may be changed to a different IP address when power is restored. Remote users will need to be informed of the new IP address. If you still have problems with a Blacklisted IP address, please contact Rose Electronics Technical Support.

#### The remote cursor is not correctly responding to my mouse movements

 Recalibrate the mouse. When doing so, ensure that the host system does not have mouse cursor trails enabled and that the top left corner of the screen is clear of application windows.

#### When logging on using VNC viewer, I cannot enter a username

• Either the VNC viewer is an old version or only the admin user has been configured on the unit.

#### Virtual media feature not functioning

The Enable File Transfer checkbox must be checked in the checked in the VNC Viewer Advanced Unit Configuration section of the Unit Configuration menu.

#### Audio not functioning

 Make sure that the audio output connection is secure and is plugged in at the audio output port on the host computer.

# **PRODUCT SAFETY**

# Safety

The UltraLink 2 HDMI, like all electronic equipment, should be used with care. To protect yourself from possible injury and to minimize the risk of damage to the Unit, read and follow these safety instructions.

- Follow all instructions and warnings marked on this Unit.
- Except where explained in this manual, do not attempt to service this Unit yourself.
- Do not use this Unit near water.
- Assure that the placement of this Unit is on a stable surface.
- Provide proper ventilation and air circulation.
- Keep connection cables clear of obstructions that might cause damage to them.
- Use only power cords, power adapter and connection cables designed for this Unit.
- Keep objects that might damage this Unit and liquids that may spill, clear from this Unit. Liquids and foreign objects might come in contact with voltage points that could create a risk of fire or electrical shock.
- Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners to clean this Unit. Always unplug this Unit from the power source before cleaning.

Remove power from the Unit and refer servicing to a qualified service center if any of the following conditions occur:

- The connection cables are damaged or frayed.
- The Unit has been exposed to any liquids.
- The Unit does not operate normally when all operating instructions have been followed.
- The Unit has been dropped or the case has been damaged.
- The Unit exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service.

# SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

# **Maintenance and Repair**

This Unit does not contain any internal user-serviceable parts. In the event a Unit needs repair or maintenance, you must first obtain a Return Authorization (RA) number from Rose Electronics or an authorized repair center. This Return Authorization number must appear on the outside of the shipping container.

See Limited Warranty for more information.

When returning a Unit, it should be double-packed in the original container or equivalent, insured and shipped to:

**Rose Electronics** 

Attn: RA\_\_\_\_\_

10707 Stancliff Road

Houston, Texas 77099 USA

# **Technical Support**

If you are experiencing problems, or need assistance in setting up, configuring or operating your UltraLink 2 HDMI, consult the appropriate sections of this manual. If, however, you require additional information or assistance, please contact the Rose Electronics Technical Support Department at:

Phone: (281) 933-7673 E-Mail: <u>TechSupport@rose.com</u> Web: <u>www.rose.com</u>

Technical Support hours are from: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm CST (USA), Monday through Friday.

Please report any malfunctions in the operation of this Unit or any discrepancies in this manual to the Rose Electronics Technical Support Department.

# **Appendix A - Specifications**

Size (W x D x H)	6.65 in x 4.41 in x 1.22 in / 169 mm x 112 mm x 31 mm	
Weight	1.3 lbs / 0.6 kg	
Maximum Resolution	1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz, up to 30fps	
Power adapter	100-240 VAC, 47 - 63 Hz in / +12VDC 18W out	
CPU Connectors	1 x HDMI Female 1 x USB Type B female	
Console Connectors	1 x HDMI Female 3 x USB Type A female 1 x 3.5mm stereo audio output	
Network Connector	1 x RJ45 female	
Operating Temperature	32°F to 104°F (0°C to 40°C)	
Indicators (LEDs)	Front panel status LEDs for Link, Local, Remote, Power RJ45 port LEDs for link and data	
Approvals	FCC, CE	
Part No. UL2-DHD	UltraLink 2 HDMI	

Table 1. UltraLink 2 HDMI Specifications

# **Appendix B - Recognized Abbreviations for Keyboard Keys**

Keystrokes can be indicated in the Keyboard Control Screen (accessed from the *Controls* button and menu on the VNC Viewer Toolbar) and the Host Configuration Screen. Abbreviations recognized by the unit must be used to indicate keystrokes. All the keys on a standard keyboard can be specified through these abbreviations. The entries are not case-sensitive. It is not necessary to specify all keys to be released at the end because they are all released automatically after the last code.

#### Hotkey sequences

Almost any keypress combination can be emulated using the following notations:

- + means press down the key that follows
- means release the key that follows
- + means press and then release the key that follows
- \* means add a delay. The standard delay period is 250ms, however, if a number immediately follows the asterisk, this will define an alternate delay period (in milliseconds)

#### Standard keys

All standard characters for alphanumeric and punctuation keys whose ASCII values are in the range 32 to 126 are recognized, with the exception of the special characters listed above. Use the Math operand keys listed below for the special characters.

#### Main control keys

Backspace | Tab | Return | Enter | Ctrl | Alt | Win | Shift | LShift | RShift LCtrl | RCtrl | LAlt | AltGr | RAlt | LWin | RWin | Menu | Escape | Space | CapsLock | NumLock | PrintScreen | Scrolllock

#### Math operand keys:

Add (Plus) | Subtract (Minus) | Multiply

#### **Central control keys**

Insert | Delete | Home | End | PageUp | PageDown | Up | Down | Left | Right | Print | Pause

#### Numeric Keypad keys

KP\_Insert | KP\_Delete | KP\_Home | KP\_End | KP\_PageUp | KP\_PageDown | KP\_Up | KP\_Down | KP\_Left | KP\_Right | KP\_Enter | KP\_Add | KP\_Subtract | KP\_Divide | KP\_Multiply | KP\_0 to KP\_9

#### **Function Keys**

F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | F5 | F6 | F7 | F8 | F9 | F10 | F11 | F12

To reduce the length of the key definitions, any unique abbreviation for a key can be used, as long as the key intended is clear. For example, "scroll", "scr" and even "sc" all provide an identifiable match for "ScrollLock" whereas "en" could not be used because it might mean "Enter" or "End" ("ent" would be suitable for "Enter").

# **Appendix C - Local Console Menus**

To display the local console menus, move the mouse connected to the UltraLink 2 HDMI unit to display the login dialog (if already logged in, enter CTRL + ALT + C to display the dialog).



Figure 58. Local Console Login Dialog

Enter the username and password and press the Enter key. The default username is *admin*, and the default *password* is blank. The local console menu will be displayed starting with the Hosts Menu.

### Hosts Menu

This page allows quick access to a host computer, whether it is directly connected to the UltraLink 2 HDMI or connected to a KVM switch like Vista DVI Plus.

	Select Host
Hosts General Network Logging Reset Logoff	# Name Host
	Find admin Access < Shared >

Figure 59.Console Hosts Menu

- 1. Optionally change the Access method between Shared (the connection can be viewed by other users) and Private (all other users are locked out).
- 2. Click on a host computer name to connect with it.

# **General Menu**

In the main console menu, click on the General button to access the Unit Configuration menu.

	Unit Configuration
Hosts General Network Logging Reset Logoff	Serial No.1811A1234567Firmware $v0.00.0016 \cdot 16:41.06/11$ Keybd Layout $UK >$ Admin Passwd $UK >$ Confirm Passwd $UK >$ Unit Name $UNIT Name$ Hot Keys $Ctrl+Alt >$ Screensaver $10 mins >$ Time $21 > <17 > <04 >$ Date $<05 > < Nov > <2018 >$
	Encryption < Prefer Off >

Figure 60. Console Unit Configuration

#### **Keyboard Layout**

Set the keyboard language layout used for the console keyboard. Options include UK, US, RU, PT, BE, DE, DE\_CH, DK, ES, FR, FR\_CH, IT, JP, NL, NO, and SE.

#### **Admin Passwd**

Set a new admin password. Passwords can be up to 16 characters in length. A suitable password is best constructed using a mixture of more than 8 letters, numbers and punctuation characters.

#### Unit Name

Assign an identifying name for this UltraLink 2 HDMI unit which will be seen by users connecting with VNC viewer.

#### Hot Keys

Select the hot keys used by the console keyboard to display the configuration menu.

#### Screensaver

Set the idle period after which a screensaver is displayed on the console video display. The user must login again after the screensaver is displayed.

#### Time and Date

Set the time and date used by the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

### Encryption

Four options are available.

- Prefer Off request encryption off at the server, but will accept on or off
- Prefer On request encryption on at the server, but will accept on or off
- Always On set encryption at 128 bit
- Maximum set encryption at 256 bit

The one to choose depends on the specific details of the installation. The use of encryption imposes a slight performance overhead of roughly 10% but is highly secure against third party intrusion

#### Save

Click the Save button to retain any changes made in this menu.

# **Network Menu**

In the main console menu, click the Network button to display the Network Configuration menu.

	Netv	work Configuration
Hosts General Network Logging Reset Logoff	Mac Address UseDHCP IP Address Net Mask Gateway DNS Server VNC Port HTTP Port	00:0F:58:04:91:2F No > 192.168.1.42 255.255.255.0 5900 80
	Clear IP /	Access Control Save

Figure 61. Console Network Configuration

#### MAC address

The Media Access Control address is the unique and unchangeable address that was placed in the unit when it was manufactured. It consists of six 2-digit hexadecimal (base 16) numbers separated by colons.

#### Use DHCP

This checkbox determines whether the IP address, Net Mask and Gateway should be obtained from a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol server on the connected network.

#### **IP Address**

If Use DHCP is set to No, use this field to set an IP address for UltraLink 2 HDMI which is appropriate for the network to which it is connected.

#### Net Mask

If Use DHCP is set to No, use this field to set a subnet-mask for the UltraLink 2 HDMI which is appropriate for the network to which it is connected.

#### Gateway

If *Use DHCP* is set to No, use this field to set a gateway address for a network router which gives access to another network, to be used when a required address lies outside the current network.

#### **DNS Server**

If *Use DHCP* is set to No, use this field to enter a valid IP address here for a Domain Name System server which is reachable through the connected network.

#### **VNC Port**

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote VNC viewer will be channeled. The default setting, 5900, is a widely recognized port number used by VNC software. In some networks it may be necessary to change this number.

#### **HTTP Port**

This is the logical link through which communications with a remote web browser will be channeled. The default setting of 80 is an established standard for web (HTTP) traffic, but it can be changed to meet the requirements of the local network.

#### **Clear IP Access Control**

Addresses can be specified, using the admin account on a remote VNC connection, which will or won't be granted access to this UltraLink 2 HDMI. Because it is possible to accidentally exclude all IP addresses, this button is available only on the local console to remove all access control entries.

#### Save

Click the Save button to retain any changes made in this menu.

### **Diagnostics Menu**

In the main console menu, click the Logging button to display the Logging menu.



Figure 62. Console Diagnostics

### **Syslog Server**

Enter the IP address of a valid syslog server to record log data generated by the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

### Dump log to USB

Insert a USB memory stick into one of the USB ports on the UltraLink 2 HDMI unit and click the Trigger button to begin saving the current diagnostic log. The supported storage formats are 'FAT32' and 'EXT4'.

#### Save

Click the Save button to retain any changes made in this menu.

# **Reset Menu**

In the main console menu, click the Reset button to display the Reset dialog. This page allows you to reset all configuration options to the factory defaults.



Figure 63.Console Reset Menu

Warning: Using this option will clear all configuration items and return the UltraLink 2 HDMI to its default condition. Click the RESET button to return the unit to its factory settings and perform a reboot.

# Reset UltraLink 2 HDMI using the front panel recover button

Use a thin implement such as a straightened paper clip to depress the recessed button on the front panel just below and to the left of the UltraLink 2 label. Keep the button pressed for about 12 seconds, until the blue POWER indicator begins to flash. When the button is released, the indicator will flash red to signify recovery mode is in progress. The Maintenance page will be displayed.



Figure 64. Recovery Button Menu

Click the Reset Configuration option. The Unit will be returned to its factory settings and will perform a reboot.

# **Appendix D - Networking Considerations**

Thanks to its robust security UltraLink 2 HDMI offers considerable flexibility integrating it into an existing network structure. The UltraLink 2 HDMI is designed to reside either on an internal network, behind a firewall/router, or with its own direct Internet connection.

#### Positioning UltraLink 2 HDMI in the network

Every network setup is different and great care needs to be taken when introducing a powerful device such as the UltraLink 2 HDMI into an existing configuration. A potential cause of problems lies in clashes with firewall configurations. For this reason the UltraLink 2 HDMI is designed to be intelligent, flexible and secure. With the minimum of effort the UltraLink 2 HDMI can reside either behind the firewall or alongside it with its own separate Internet connection.



Figure 65. Network Firewall Location and UltraLink 2 HDMI

#### Placing UltraLink 2 HDMI behind a router or firewall

The use of IP ports is possible point of contention between the UltraLink 2 HDMI and a firewall. Every port through the firewall represents a potential point of attack from outside, so it is usual to minimize the number of open ports. The UltraLink 2 HDMI usually uses two separate port numbers, but there are easily changeable and can even be combined into a single port.

#### IMPORTANT: The correct configuration of routers and firewalls requires advanced networking skills and intimate knowledge of the particular network. Rose Electronics cannot provide specific advice on how to configure network devices. It is strongly recommend that these decisions are made by qualified professionals.

#### Port settings

UltraLink 2 HDMI uses two ports to support two types of viewer: port 80 for access through a web browser and port 5900 for access made using the VNC Viewer. When these port numbers are used, VNC Viewers and web browsers will locate the UltraLink 2 HDMI correctly using only its network address. The firewall must be set up to transfer traffic requesting those port numbers through to UltraLink 2 HDMI.

#### When a web server is also on the local network

Port 80 is the standard port used by web (HTTP) servers. If the UltraLink 2 HDMI is situated within a local network that also includes a web server or any other device serving port 80 then to use the web browser interface from outside the local network environment, the HTTP port number of the UltraLink 2 HDMI must be changed.

If the HTTP port is changed to anything other than 80, then each remote browser user will need to specify the port address as well as the IP address. For instance, if the HTTP port is set to '8000' and the IP address is '192.168.47.10' then browser users would need to enter the following, with a single colon between the address and the port:

http://192.168.47.10:8000

The firewall/router would also need to be set to transfer all traffic to the new port number through to the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

#### Changing the VNC port number

If the VNC port number is changed to anything other than 5900, each VNC viewer user must specify the port address as well as the IP address. For instance, if the VNC port is set to '11590' and the IP address is '192.168.47.10' then VNC viewer users must enter the following, with a double colon between the address and the port:

192.168.47.10::11590

The firewall/router would also need to be set to transfer all traffic to the new port number through to the UltraLink 2 HDMI.

#### Addressing

When the UltraLink 2 HDMI is situated within the local network it must be given an appropriate local IP address and IP network mask. This is achieved most easily using the DHCP server option which will apply these details automatically. If a DHCP server is not available on the network, then these settings must be applied manually in consultation with the network administrator.

The firewall/router would also need to be set to route incoming traffic for port 5900 or port 80 through to the local address being used by UltraLink 2 HDMI.



Figure 66.Internet Access When Positioned Behind a Firewall

# When UltraLink 2 HDMI is accessible from the Internet, sufficient security measures must be employed.

# To discover a DHCP-allocated IP address

Once a DHCP server has allocated an IP address, it must be discovered in order to access the UltraLink 2 HDMI via a network connection. To discover the allocated IP address:

- 1. Within the Network Configuration menu, set the 'Use DHCP' option to 'Yes' and select 'Save'. Once the page is saved, UltraLink 2 HDMI will contact the DHCP server and obtain a new address.
- 2. Enter the Network Configuration menu again, and the new IP address and network mask will be displayed.

# DNS addressing

As with any other network device, UltraLink 2 HDMI can be accessed using a name rather than an IP address. This can be achieved in two ways:

- For small networks that do not have a DNS server, edit the 'hosts' files on the appropriate remote systems. Using the hosts file, you can manually link the UltraLink 2 HDMI address to the name.
- For larger networks, declare the IP address and required name to the DNS server of the local network.

The actual steps required to achieve either of these options are beyond the scope of this document.

#### Placing UltraLink 2 HDMI alongside the firewall

UltraLink 2 HDMI is designed to be secure. It uses a sophisticated 128-bit public/private key system that has been rigorously analyzed and found to be highly secure (a security white paper is available upon request). Therefore, it is possible to position UltraLink 2 HDMI alongside the firewall and control a computer that is also IP connected within the local network.

IMPORTANT: If you make the UltraLink 2 HDMI accessible from the public Internet, care should be taken to ensure that the maximum security available is activated. It is strongly advised that encryption be enabled and strong passwords be used. Security can be further improved by restricting client IP addresses and using a non-standard port number for access.

#### **Ensuring sufficient security**

The security capabilities offered by UltraLink 2 HDMI are only effective when they are correctly used. An open or weak password or unencrypted link can cause security loopholes and opportunities for potential intruders. For network links in general, and direct Internet connections in particular, you should carefully consider and implement the following:

- Ensure that encryption is enabled.
- Ensure that secure passwords are used with at least 8 characters and a mixture of upper case, lower case and numeric characters.
- Reserve the admin password for administration use only and use a non-admin user profile for day-to-day access.
- Use the latest VNC Viewer.
- Use non-standard port numbers.
- Restrict the range of IP addresses that are allowed to access the UltraLink 2 HDMI to only those that are needed.
- Do NOT Force VNC protocol 3.3.
- Ensure that the computer accessing the UltraLink 2 HDMI is clean of viruses and spyware and has appropriately configured and up-to-date firewall and anti-virus software loaded.
- Avoid accessing the UltraLink 2 HDMI from public computers.

Security can be further improved by using the following suggestions:

- Place the UltraLink 2 HDMI behind a firewall and use port the numbers to route the VNC network traffic to an internal IP address.
- Review the activity log from time to time to check for unauthorized use.
- Lock server consoles after they have been used.

A security white paper that gives further details is available upon request from Rose Electronics.

#### Ports

In this configuration there should be no constraints on port numbers because the UltraLink 2 HDMI will probably be the only device at its IP address. Therefore, maintain the HTTP port as 80 and the VNC port as 5900.

#### Addressing

When the UltraLink 2 HDMI is situated alongside the firewall, it will require a public static IP address, that is, one provided by the Internet service provider.

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