OVERVIEW

This technical note describes configuring and using Windows XP® Remote Desktop with the ReliaTest™ system supervisory software. Remote Desktop is a feature of Windows XP® which allows one PC to have full access and control over another PC.

The ReliaTest™ supervisory software can be configured to control the LRS-9424B and LRS-9550 test systems. Each LRS-9424B or LRS-9550 system includes a PC which is typically installed near the test system at the production facility or in the test lab. The test engineer would like to monitor the tests in the test system without walking to and from the clean room. The Remote Desktop feature in Windows XP® allows the test engineer to monitor the status of the ReliaTest PC from his or her office.

REMOTE DESKTOP CONFIGURATION

Prior to using Remote Desktop, the ReliaTest™ PC must be configured to accept remote connections. The following steps outline how to enable Remote Desktop:

1) On the ReliaTest PC, click **Start**, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Performance and Maintenance**. If the Control Panel window does not resemble the screen shot, select **Switch to Category View**.
2) Select **Properties** from the right-click menu. The **System Properties** dialog will appear.

3) Select the **Remote** tab in the **System Properties** dialog.

4) In the **Remote Desktop** section, enable the check box labeled **Allow users to connect remotely to this computer**.

5) Select the **Computer Name** tab in the **System Properties** dialog.
6) Note the **Full computer name**. The computer name will be used later to connect to this PC using Remote Desktop.

![System Properties dialog](image)

7) Click **OK** to close the **System Properties** dialog.

8) In the **Control Panel**, click **Security Center**.

9) Under **Manage security settings for**, click on **Windows Firewall**.
10) Ensure that the **Don’t Allow exceptions** check box is unchecked.
11) Click on the **Exceptions** tab; ensure that the **Remote Desktop** check box is selected in the **Programs and Services** box.

12) Click OK to close the **Windows Firewall** dialog box.

13) Close the **Windows Security Center** window.

14) Close the **Control Panel** window.

The ReliaTest computer is now configured to allow remote access.
USING REMOTE DESKTOP

1) On the office computer, click **Start** => **All Programs** => **Accessories** => **Communications** => **Remote Desktop Connection**.

2) In the **Computer** text box, type the name of the ReliaTest computer.

3) The Remote Desktop window opens. From within the Remote Desktop window, the desktop of the host PC can be viewed and controlled. After Remote Desktop has connected, the host PC will be locked at the local monitor and keyboard. Local users may not view or access the PC without using a password to unlock the PC. If a local user logs onto the host PC, the Remote Desktop connection will be lost.

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Microsoft Article: *Get Starting using Remote Desktop with Windows XP Professional*