POS Linker
NGTerm Instructions

NGTerm is a an improved Terminal Emulator used to access POS Linker from any Windows computer, and remotely from anywhere you need access. It differs slightly from Xterm in some small ways.

One of the biggest improvements is the ability to have the POS Linker Window scale up to a higher resolution than Xterm. Xterm was limited to 800X600 in order to fill the screen. Most computer monitors now are wide screen format, with a 16:9 aspect ratio. The older monitors had an aspect ratio of 4:3. For Windows, resolution can be much higher (1680X1050 typical), which allows multiple Windows to be opened and more information visible on the screen without scrolling up and down, right and left. With NGTerm, it can scale up to about 85-90% of the full screen.

For those who have been using Xterm, NGTerm works 99% the same. The primary difference is in how you close the NGTerm Window. Do NOT simply click on the "X" in the far upper right corner to turn off Linker. Press the Ctrl key, and then hit the number 0 (zero) on the numbers pad on the keyboard. A small window will pop up. Press the "Exit" button in this Window and NGTerm will close properly.

Starting NGTerm is the same as Xterm. Since we use the same icon for both NG and Xterm, you won't be able to tell the difference by looking at the desktop. Simply double-click the POS Linker icon and NGTerm will launch.
If the screen appears black, hit the escape key and the NGTerm screen will redraw.

Also to use the copy and paste feature , Right click the Black NGTerm icon in the upper left corner, click "Properties", make sure the QuickEdit mode and Insert Mode are checked as well as the settings in "Defaults".

Almost all POS Linker locations are set to have the POS Linker server perform an "auto logoff" process just prior to the system doing the nightly automatic back up. The reason for this is there may be open files if you leave a POS Linker session up with a customer open on the screen. When this happens, the backup may not complete properly. As part of your normal operations, you should make sure that ALL POS Linker screens (and channels) are at the "black screen". Most customers at this point do a "log-off" by hitting U - A - L, but the black screen is sufficient to preclude the auto-logoff. If you are the last one out, you can do a U - A - W (Who's using Linker), to determine who is still logged on and then go there and log off.

If you DON'T do this, and the system does an auto-logoff, you will have to close the POS Linker screen as described above, and re-open it again in order to regain control of the POS Linker Window. NGTerm will not automatically reconnect to the server. It must be done manually by relaunching NGTerm.

As always, if there are any problems, please call us at 540-672-1212.