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1 Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the RS-1612 series rack system, one of ZyXEL's premier high performance products. The RS-1612 chassis is a 19-inch wide and 4U high metal frame modem chassis. Up to 16 U-336R/RE rack mountable modem cards run at speeds up to 33.6Kbps for data transmission and 14.4Kbps for fax transmission making the RS-1612 rack system the ideal choice for applications requiring multiple modems.

The RS-1612 series rack system consists of the RS-1612 and RS-1612E. The only difference between the two racks is the RS-1612E does not include an LCD panel or control card. If you purchase the RS-1612E and you would like to upgrade at a later date the LCD panel and control card can be purchased from your distributor or ZyXEL sales.

What This Manual Covers

This manual is divided into three sections:

- Chapters 1 & 2 provides general information about your new ZyXEL product and a detailed description of the components.
- Chapter 3 takes you through a step by step installation.
- Chapter 4 provides all the information you will need to for daily operation of your RS-1612 series rack system.

Other Resources

For more information about the RS-1612 series rack system check the following sources:

• U-336R/RE User's Guide

The U-336R/RE User's Guide contains complete information about modems used in the RS-1612 rack. In addition to telling how to configure, operate, and troubleshoot modems, it gives detailed background information about general modem operation, AT commands and other information.

• ZyViewII User's Guide

The ZyViewII User's Guide gives detailed instructions on running the ZyXEL Modem Network Management System. It tells how to install, run, and administer the NMS software to keep your network running smoothly and effectively.

• Contacting ZyXEL

For ZyXEL contact information see page vi.

Packing List

Before you proceed further, please check all items you received with your Rack System against this list to make sure nothing is missing. The complete package should include:

- One RS-1612 Rack System.
- One 110v power cord.
- One support bracket.
- This RS-1612 User's Guide.

- One Menu Tree Guide
- One Warranty Registration Card

2 Primary Components

Most operations you will perform with your RS-1612 rack system will involve the primary components. This chapter gives you an overview of the primary components and details on the use of their sub-components.

Control Panel

The control panel is to the right of the modem card slots. It consists of a four-row LCD panel and four control buttons. The LCD panel displays important information about the rack status and helps you to configure the rack.



Figure 2-1 RS-1612 Control Panel

LCD Panel

The LCD panel shows the current operating status for the rack or various configuration menus.

Menu Key

The Menu Key is used to choose which display or configuration menu appears on the LCD panel. Sometimes, the Menu Key doubles as an **Up** key for moving about in a particular display.

Left and Right Arrow Keys

The left and right arrow keys move the cursor from one field to the next.

Enter Key

The Enter key selects and activates a particular configuration setting. Sometimes, the Enter Key doubles as a **Down** key for moving around in a particular display.

The four arrow keys are used for panel operations. They allow intuitive menu tree operation and status display, and control all modem operations in the rack.

Power Supply

The power supply(s) occupy slots behind the front panel. Your rack has two slots for power supply cards. Each card has its own on/off switch, overload protection fuse holder, and two LEDs for monitoring the card status.

On/Off Switch

The on/off switch lets you turn the power supply on. Turning the power supply on does not necessarily turn the rack on. Power can also be controlled by the master power switch on the RS-1612 back

panel. For racks with redundant power supplies, turning both power supplies on ensures the rack remains energized if one power supply fails.

Fuse

The fuse protects the power supply card from an over current condition. The fuse for the AC power supply is a 250VAC 3A fuse. The DC power supply uses a 250VAC 5A fuse.

LEDs

Two LEDs on the power supply card indicate the power supply status. These LEDs are not normally visible because they are blocked by the control panel and power supply circuitry. Their primary purpose is for troubleshooting if the rack has power problems. An Amber LED lights when the power supply has power available but the power supply switch is off, (e.g. the master switch is on and external power is connected). A green LED next to the amber LED lights when the power supply is on.

Rear Panel

The rear panel has all the connections for hooking up phone lines and computers to the U-336R/RE modem cards as shown below:



Figure 2-2 RS-1612 Rear Panel

DTE RS-232 Ports

The RS-1612 rack has sixteen DTE RS-232 ports. Each port corresponds to a modem card slot on the front. Connecting an RS-232 cable between a modem port and a computer serial port allows two-way data transfer between the modem and the computer.

Terminal Blocks

Each terminal block has eight terminal pins (four for RE models) for connecting phone lines to the corresponding modem on the RS-1612 rack. The eight pins of a terminal block are defined in the table below:

Pin	Assignment	Purpose
1	TELE SET TIP	Connects to your telephone.
2	TELE SET RING	Connects to your telephone.
3	TIP	Connects to dial up line or U-336RE
		leased line.
4	RING	Connects to dial up line or U-336RE
		leased line.
5	RX	For use on four-wire leased line
		systems receiving line (R model only).

6	RX	For use on four-wire leased line
		systems receiving line (R model only).
7	TX	Transmits for four-wire leased lines,
		transmits and receives for two-wire
		leased lines (R model only).
8	TX	Transmits for four-wire leased lines,
		transmits and receives for two-wire
		leased lines (R model only).

RS-232 port

This port is for uploading firmware and configuring the control card. Use a RS-232 serial cable to connect to a PC.

Power Switch

The power switch turns the rack and all of its modems on or off.

DC Power Terminals

The DC power terminals connect a DC-48V power source to the rack.

AC-DC switch

The AC-DC switch selects which power supply the rack uses.

Fuse

The 4 A, 250 V AC fuse provides over current protection to the rack, power supply, and all of its modems.

Power Socket

The power socket connects the power cord to the power supply.

10Base2, 10Base5, 10Base-T

These connectors are used to connect the RS-1612 to a LAN. ZyView can manage the RS-1612 via the LAN. Only one of the three connectors can be used at any time.

Control Card

An internal control card is installed to monitor and control the modems. The control card contains circuit and firmware for LCD control panel operation and is also used to download firmware using the RS-232 port on the back panel.

For details on upgrading your firmware refer to the Upgrading firmware section on page 24.

3 Installation

This chapter gives detailed instructions for installing one or more modems into the rack.

Setting up the RS-1612 Rack

Setting up the RS-1612 rack consists of plugging in modem cards, connecting phone lines, connecting to computers, and establishing power. After completing the power on sequence the LCD control panel will display the slot status of each modem. The modem LED's will display the RS-232 connection status.

Modem Card

The RS-1612 has sixteen available slots for modem cards. You may use any slot for a card without regard to the slot number or sequence.

To install a card:

- 1. Hold the modem card by the front and slide it into an available slot.
- 2. Push the card gently but firmly until it seats.
- 3. Screw the modem card holding screws into place to secure the card in its slot.
- DIA NOTE: THE MODEM CARD WILL NOT SEAT AND THE HOLDING SCREWS WILL NOT TIGHTEN IF YOU INSTALL THE MODEM CARD UPSIDE DOWN.

To remove a card:

1. Unscrew the modem card holding screws.

2. Holding both screw knobs, pull the card straight out.

Phone Lines

Sixteen terminal blocks correspond to the sixteen modem card slots in the rack. Each offers you flexibility with respect to the types of phone lines you may be using. Each terminal block has three sections:

- Section 1 (*terminals 1 & 2*) For standard two-wire telephone set connection.
- Section 2 (*terminals 3 & 4*) For dial-up line connection. Also serves as the connection for RE model leased line.
- Section 3 (*terminals 5, 6, 7 & 8*) For leased-line connection (R model only). For a four-wire leased line, pins 5 and 6 are the RX connection; pins 7 and 8 are TX connection. For a two-wire leased line, pins 7 and 8 are used; pins 5 and 6 are not used.
- DEPENDING ON THE PHONE LINE USED TO CONNECT THE MODEM AND IF A TELEPHONE SET CONNECTION IS NEEDED, SOME OF THE TERMINALS MAY REMAIN DISCONNECTED.

Connecting to Computers

Each modem slot has a corresponding 25-pin RS-232 female connector on the rear panel. Connect a cable from the desired computer to the RS-232 connector for the desired modem.

Hooking Up Power

Hooking up power should be the last thing you do before using the rack. Follow the instructions given below:

1. Unscrew the control panel and turn on one or both power supply(s).

- 2. Replace the control panel.
- 3. Make sure all other hardware installations are complete.
- 4. Switch the power source selector on the back panel to AC or DC according to the type of power supply(s) you are using.
- 5. Plug one end of the power cord into the socket on the back panel.
- 6. Plug the other end to a properly rated power source.
- 7. Turn on the master power.

NMS Overview

The ZyXEL NMS consists of the RS-1612 rack and a PC running ZyView NMS software. Communication between the PC and the RS-1612 rack takes place via an IP based network which is linked by a LAN or a combination of LAN and WAN. ZyView identifies each RS-1612 rack by their assigned IP address. Using this dedicated IP address ZyView can send commands to and receive status reports from the rack.

DIF FOR ANY REASON YOU CHOOSE NOT TO USE THE ZYVIEW NMS ANY SNMP PLATFORM CAN BE USED TO MANAGE THE RACK.

Configuring the RS-1612 rack

Follow the steps given below to configure your RS-1612 rack:

- 1. Use an RS-232 cable to connect the COM port of your computer to the DTE/RS-232 port of the rack.
- 2. From your terminal use a communications program such as Microsoft Hyper Terminal for Windows 95 to enter the data format as follows:

9600, N, 8, 1

- 3. Power on the rack and wait until you see the Press ENTER to continue... prompt.
- 4. Press **Enter** and the following message is displayed: Enter Password:
- 5. Key in the default password **1234**, to enter into the CI command mode.
- 6. From the **ras**> prompt type: **sys ether type** and press **Enter** to view the current Ethernet interface setting.
- 7. To change the Ethernet interface, type: **sys ether type** and choose interface **0**, **1**, or **2** and press **Enter**.

If the setting number has been changed you must save the new setting by typing: **sys ether save** and press **Enter**.

- 8. Then type: **sys ip disp** and press **Enter** to view the IP address and other settings.
- 9. Then type: **sys ip addr <IP address> [Subnet Mask]** and press **Enter** (subnet mask is optional).
- 10. Then type: **sys ip gateway <gateway IP address>** and press **Enter** to setup the default gateway.
- 11. Use sys ip save to save IP related settings.

Setting Rack Security

The RS-1612 allows you to control access to the rack and individual modems.

To set rack security follow the steps below:

- 1. From the **ras>** prompt type: **nms mask disp** and press **Enter** to view saved masks.
- 2. Type one of the following procedures to add or modify a mask:

nms mask add <IP address> modem <slot #'s>

nms mask add <IP address> [mask] and press Enter.

Mask, as given in this command, is a 16-bit value. Each bit corresponds to a modem slot. The most significant bit corresponds to slot 16, while the least significant bit corresponds to slot 1. If a value of 1 is used in the bit, the corresponding slot can not be managed with NMS software. If this value is omitted in the mask add command, the default value is 0 allowing all modems to be managed. The value entered must be in hexadecimal format either using one 16-bit word or two bytes where the first byte corresponds with slot 9 to slot 16.

To delete a mask type: **nms mask del <IP address>** and press **Enter**.

3. Then type: **nms save** to save your settings.

Checking the connection

To make sure the LAN connection is ready, use the Win95 ping function to ping the rack controller. Or in CI, use ip ping <IP address> to ping any machine.

To make sure ZyView can recognize the rack(s) in your network refer to the chapter *Rack Configuration Management* in the ZyView User's Manual.

NMS related CI commands

Use the commands below to configure your rack system.

LAN interface configuration:

Command	Description
sys ether type <0 1 2>	Sets Ethernet interface type:
	0=UTP 1=BNC 2=AUI.
sys ether save	Saves Ethernet interface type.

or

IP address configuration:

Command	Description
sys ip <addr> [netMask]</addr>	Defines IP address and subnet
	mask.
sys ip gateway <addr></addr>	Defines default gateway.
sys ip display	Displays IP address.
sys ip save	Saves IP address.
ip ping <addr></addr>	Pings a system.

Set Modem mask:

Command	Description
nms mask add	Adds access authority for ZyView. <ip> is the</ip>
<ip> <mask></mask></ip>	ZyViewPC IP address. <mask> is a bit map for</mask>
	modems.
nms mask add	Use the modem slot number to assign mask.
<ip> modem</ip>	
<slot #=""></slot>	
nms mask set	Set mask for specific modem slot.
<ip> modem</ip>	
<slot #=""></slot>	
nms mask clear	Clear mask for specific modem slot.
<ip> modem</ip>	
<slot #=""></slot>	
nms mask del	Deletes modem mask.
<ip></ip>	
nms mask disp	Displays modem mask.
nms save	Saves nms mask.

Change password:

Command	Description
sys password set <old passwd=""></old>	Sets new password.

Command	Description	
<new passwd=""></new>		
sys password save	Saves password.	

Change Baud rate of RS-232:

Command	Description
sys baud x	Changes and saves baud rate of RS-232 x 1: 38.4K,
	2: 19.2K, 3: 9.6K, 4: 57.6K, 5: 115.2K.

4 Operation

This chapter gives information on day to day use of the RS-1612 rack system. Most of what you will do with the rack involves configuring or setting modems or network administration. These topics are covered in detail in the U-336R/RE and ZyViewII User's Guides. They are not covered in this manual except to expound on, or point out exceptions to the other manual information.

The RS-1612 Menu Tree

The RS-1612 rack system control panel lets you configure each modem in the rack and the rack itself. A detailed menu tree containing the operations needed to set all the modems in the system. See the Menu Tree Guide included with the RS-1612 for details.

The RS-1612 display includes:

- **Rack Slot Menu** The Rack Slot Menu shows the status of each slot in the rack.
- **Modem Menu** The Modem Menu is the first display leading to the modem setting menus as seen in the Menu Tree Guide.
- **Main Display** The Main Display shows the name of the rack, version number, and rack's IP address.
- Message Display The message display shows short messages sent to the rack by the supervisor using the ZyView NMS, and the rack's IP address.

- **Contrast Menu** The Contrast menu lets you adjust the contrast of the LCD display.
- **Modem Reset Menu** This menu allows you to reset the modem without interrupting power to the rack or unplugging the modem.

Rack Slot Menu

The Rack Slot Menu shows the status of each slot in the rack and lets you choose which modem to configure using the control panel.



Figure 4-1 Rack Slot Menu

There are four common status displays that can be selected to be shown on this display:

- |, modem can be recognized and can be controlled.
- ?, modem can be recognized, but can not be controlled.
- x, modem can not be recognized.
- Blank, there is no modem in the specified slot.

Modem Menu

Pressing the **Enter** (**Down Arrow**) **Key** from the **Rack Slot Menu** sends you to the **Modem Menu**. The Modem Menu lets you configure a modem in the rack according to instructions given in the U-336R/RE User's Guide. The menu shows which slot the modem you are about to configure occupies, some key modem settings, major configuration categories, and the type of modem. Refer to the Menu Tree Guide for further details.

[SLOT= 7]-----MULTI-AUTO V42b DL M D R O A 115200 AS -----[U336R]

Figure 4-2 Modem Menu

Pressing the **Menu** (**Up Arrow**) key will switch the menu between the modem menu and configuration menu. From the modem configuration menu, press the **Enter** (**Down Arrow**) key to enter the menu. Press the **Right** or **Left Arrow Key** to highlight a menu category. Press the **Enter** (**Down Arrow**) Key to enter the modem submenus. The Modem submenus appear according to the descriptions in the Menu Tree Guide.

Pressing the Enter (Down Arrow) Key when the cursor is at M returns you to the Rack Slot Menu.

Main Display

Pressing the **Menu** (**Up Arrow**) **Key** when the Rack Slot Menu is showing accesses the Main Display. The Main Display shows the operating firmware version and rack's IP address. Pressing the **Left Arrow Key** when the Main Display is showing accesses the Modem Reset Menu. Pressing the **Right Arrow Key** accesses the Message Display. Pressing the **Menu Key** from the Main Display accesses the Rack Slot Menu. ZyXEL RS-1612 >> VER : 1.0 IP = 203.66.113.10

Figure 4-3 Main Display

Message Display

The message display shows brief messages sent by the supervisor to the rack. Pressing the **Right Arrow Key** from the Main Display accesses the Message Display. The Message Display is read-only.

```
<< MESSAGE >>
IP = 203.66.113.10
```

Figure 4-4 Message Display

Contrast Menu

The Contrast Menu lets you adjust the LCD display contrast. To adjust the contrast:

- 1. Press the **Right Arrow Key** when the Message Display is showing to show the Contrast Menu.
- 2. Press the Enter Key to access the menu.
- 3. Press the Left and Right Arrow Keys to adjust the contrast.
- 4. Press the **Enter** Key to accept the change.
- 5. Press the Menu Key to see the Rack Slot Menu.

```
<< LCD CONTRAST >>
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
^
```

Figure 4-5 Contrast Menu

Modem Reset Menu

The Modem Reset Menu lets you reset the modem without interrupting power to the rack. To reset the modem:

- 1. From the Main Display press the Left Arrow Key.
- 2. Press the **Enter** Key to access the menu.
- 3. Press the **Left** and **Right Arrow Keys** to choose the specified slot.
- 4. Press the Enter Key and then choose Yes to reset the modem.
- 5. Press the Menu Key to see the Rack Slot Menu.



Figure 4-6 Modem Reset Menu

Setting the RS-1612

There are three things you can do with the RS-1612 using the control panel, adjust the display contrast, unlock a panel locked by ZyView, and do a total reset of the rack.

Setting the Display Contrast

Changing the display contrast makes it easier to read the display.

- 1. From the Main Display, press the **Right Arrow Key** twice.
- 2. The Contrast Menu appears. Press the **Left** or **Right Arrow Keys** to set the contrast to the desired level.
- 3. Press the **Menu Key** to leave the Contrast Menu and save the change.

Unlocking a Rack Locked by a NMS

To unlock a rack locked by a NMS, press the **Right** and **Left Arrow Keys** at the same time.

Resetting the Rack to its Default Settings

Press all four Control Panel keys at the same time to completely reset the rack controller.

Upgrading firmware

This function will delete the old firmware before upgrading to the new firmware. To upgrade your firmware follow the procedure below:

- 1. Turn on your computer and start any communication program that supports the XMODEM protocol.
- 2. Use a serial cable to connect the COM port of your computer to the DTE RS-232 port.

Use the following parameters:

9600 bps

8 data bits

no parity

1 stop bit

- 3. Turn on the RS-1612 rack to reboot the system. Type in any character to enter debug mode.
- 4. Change the data rate to 115200 bps using the **atba5** command.
- 5. Type **atur** and press **Enter** to upload the firmware.
- Wait for the following prompt characters:
 \$\$\$
- 7. Use the XMODEM protocol to upload the firmware. The NMS firmware filename is **RASNMS.3-C** and can be found on the ZyXEL FTP site.

When the installation is complete, the following messages will appear:

Programming successful....

8. Type **atgo** to restart the system.

Setting Modems

There are two ways to configure modems in the rack:

- **Control panel** This manual tells how to access the modem control menus. For instructions about configuring the modems, see the U-336S User's Guide.
- **AT commands** The computer directly connected to a particular modem can configure that modem using industry standard AT commands.

Setting Modems with the Control Panel

Each modem card in the RS-1612 series chassis can be configured through the control panel. To access the modem control screens follow the steps listed below:

- 1. From the Main Display, press the Menu Key.
- 2. When the **Rack Slot Menu** appears. Press the **Left** or **Right Arrow Keys** to choose a modem to configure. The selected slot appears in the lower right corner of the display.
- 3. When the desired modem is selected, press the Enter Key (Down Arrow Key) to enter the modem control screens.
- DIF YOU PRESS THE RIGHT ARROW KEY ONCE WHEN SLOT 16 IS THE SELECTED SLOT, SLOT G APPEARS. THIS LETS YOU CONFIGURE ALL MODEMS IN THE RACK.

REMEMBER TO COMPLETELY RESET THE RACK CONTROLLER TO READ THE MODEM SETTINGS BACK AFTER MAKING CHANGES USING THE G (GLOBAL) FEATURE.

Resetting Modems to Factory Defaults

To reset a modem to its factory default settings follow the steps listed below:

- 1. Make sure the rack is on.
- 2. Remove the card from the rack.
- 3. Holding the **DATA/VOICE Key** down, insert the modem card into slot and continue holding the key down for a few more seconds. The modem resets to its factory state, losing all previously set parameters. The modem card then performs a continuous analog loop back self test. A connected terminal shows printable characters sent through the modem's RS-232 port.
- 4. Press the **DATA/VOICE Key** once again to return the modem to command state.
- 5. Secure the modem to the rack.

Changing Modem Cards

When the rack is powered up, the control card reads each modem card's settings in the rack and stores the modem settings, It also stores all setting changes afterward. After changing a card the rack automatically recalls the previous settings and configures the new card accordingly.

Changing Modem cards is easy with the RS-1612 system. You do not need to power down or disable anything in the network. The entire process should take less than a minute.

- 1. Unscrew and remove the old modem card.
- 2. Watch the Modem Display and make sure the slot status for the removed modem changes to reflect that it is now empty.
- 3. Slide a new modem into the slot and screw it in place. The TST LED flashes indicating the initial download process is taking place.
- 4. If necessary, configure the modem according to your needs.
- DIVIDUATE: PLUGGING A NEW CARD INTO A VACANT SLOT BEFORE THE MODEM DISPLAY UPDATES ITSELF MAY CAUSE THE MODEM TO RETURN TO ITS DEFAULT SETTINGS.