

This guide will show you how to troubleshoot three types of connections using just the CMS system. You will not need to know any advanced commands.

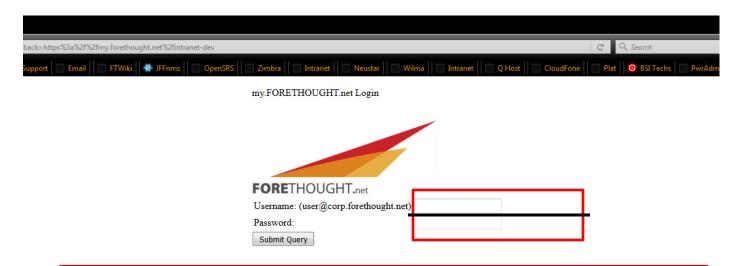
To begin, if it is a business connection we do not have the customer power cycle our equipment unless it is a last resort and all steps have been completed. With residential connections power cycling the modem is fine but please do not power cycle business customers' connections especially SHDSL and T'1s. If the equipment is power cycled we lose stats that assist in adjusting SNR values and will take longer to get the customer back up.

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Forethought.net CMS

TRAINING GUIDE

1: To reach the new CMS (customer management system) please visit my.forethought.net/intranet-dev



Your username and password are the very same as your active directory login info. If you do not know your log in information please immediately contact one of the following in this order Grey Howe, Patricia Kelly at extension 823, or Jason Grubb at extension 851 so that we can get this information to you as soon as possible. Grey can sometimes be difficult to get a hold of and if you have any issues please contact Patricia ASAP so that way she can get you straightened out.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Grey Howe: helpdesk@forethought.net
Patricia Kelly: office: 1-815-1823 / ext 823

Cell: 720-235-6075

Jason Grubb: office: 303-815-1851 / ext 851

Cell: 970-317-4812

If you have any troubles or need an answer to a question please do not hesitate to call even on the weekends. We may be short on time but will do our best to get to you as best as we can.

INTERFACE OPTIONS

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The **CMS option** will take you to the most important part of the this DOC. Until you know how to read the information here you will be unable to run commands in CLI.

The **support ticket section** takes you to view all the support tickets currently opened for Forethought customers. You will need to watch this queue because the Forethought customers differ from Brainstorm's largely by the way they report trouble. Most of Forethought's business customers will turn in a ticket instead of calling and mostly respond to their request via the support queue. Another good hint is that if you are talking to a business customer it will 7 times out of 10 be a tech which negates your need to repeat yourself. When it is a residential customer, you are not expected to go as far as Brainstorm. Yes we assist with email but not their wifi and mostly the residential customers know this and won't call about their routers.

The **Perfectmail tool** will take you to our email portal that will give you the password to any email address on Forethought's system.

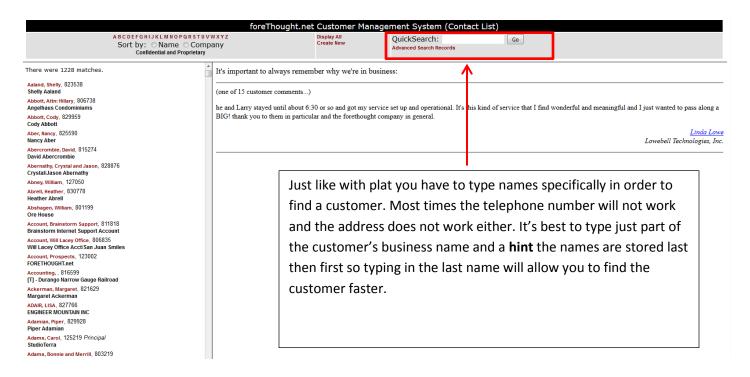
OpenSRS Domain Renewal Tool will take you to an easy to use interface that will let you renew any domain name. Here you will want to remember that we charge the very same amount for renewals as Brainstorm.

The **circuit database** will allow you to look up most of the information you will need about any DSL connection. Here you will be able to see which bridge group a customer is on and if they are using DHCP or PPPoE

The **WIKI** is the second most important part and holds more information than you think. Accessing this information or better knowing how to search keywords here while difficult can give you the knowledge to do ANY POSITION at Forethought. This can be difficult to understand however it is a very powerful tool you will be expected to learn to navigate.

CMS

Like I explained, without knowing how to read this, you won't be able to run commands in any part of the system. The CMS portal tells you a customer's PPPoE username and password, the slot number, and even the port number. CMS also tells what equipment a customer is connected to and if they are on hold for failure to pay.



For this doc we are going to use the Business customer

Residential customer



Examples

For Dermatology Specialist of Boulder you won't want to use their full name instead;



When a residential customer has a unique first name like Tarl then use the first name



Dermatology Specialist of Boulder:

There were 3 matches.



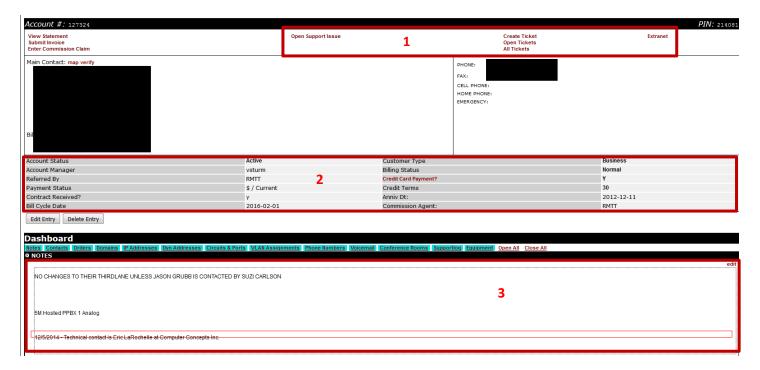
For Section 1997 You will get three results and in order to find out which one to open you will need to know the address of the location they are having issues at, open each account and make sure the circuit address on the account matches the location where there is issues.

Opening the account:

To open the account simple click on the red name located to the left of the business name to



HINT is to click the **OPEN ALL** option to view all the information stored on the account and using it will make sure that you don't choose the wrong option. When you click on the **OPEN ALL** you're given everything.

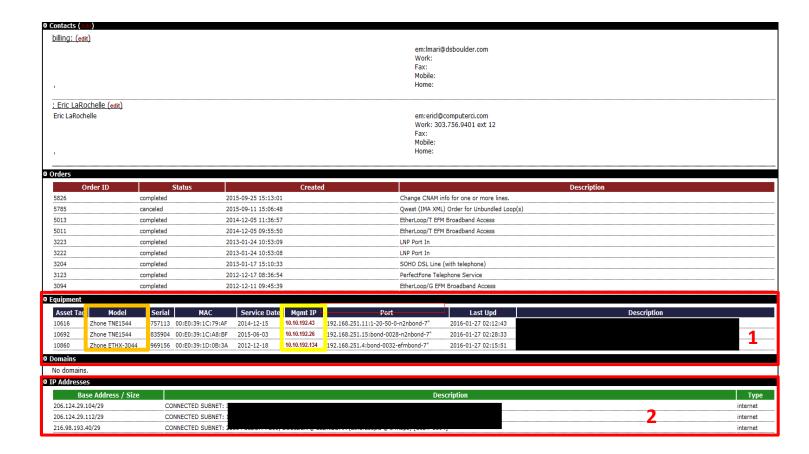


1: When you take a call from a customer its best to immediately click **create ticket** and begin a ticket and please include as much data as possible.

If a customer wants to pay their bill click on **extranet** to log into their account and use the **one-time payment** option and enter the information.

To view all of a customer's previous issues click the **all tickets** option and use the **open tickets** option to view any open ticket the customer may have.

- 2: In the number two box you will see how much money they owe in the **Payment Status** option.
- 3: The third box contains the **notes** for the account. If the account has been turned off, the account does not turn grey or red. The only way you know if the customer is deactivated is there will be a note here saying "on hold failure to pay" or something like it. This section may also contain other important information like **management IP** addresses. With that one IP you can log into their equipment to see errors, port stats, and many other pieces of vital information that will enable you to troubleshoot issues better. It also could contain information about customers' connections and how to troubleshoot them.



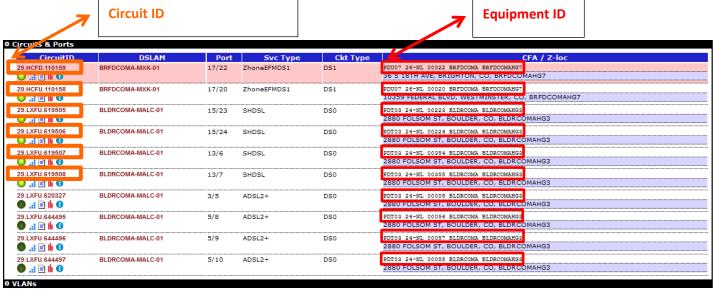
1: This is one of the most important sections of the CMS. The first thing to remember is when you see **TNE** you should know that (listed under the orange section says **model**), then that is a T1 or DS1 connection. If you see **ETHX** then the connection is a SHDSL.

The more important section is the **MGMT IP.** This is the IP address of the equipment at the customers' location. With the IP address you can log into the CPE (customer premise equipment) and with this IP address you can also run tests from nutshell against this IP address for a second show of proof the circuit is up.

2: The second show the IP address of the customers equipment plugged into our equipment. With this IP address you can run a simple ping from command prompt to see if you get a reply from their equipment i.e. Firewall, Router, etc..... Many times our customers do have ICMP (pinging) enabled on their first LAN device allowing you the ability to see where an issue could be coming from. We will go over that later for now let's move onto the other places we can find the management IP address. It will be important you check all places so to make sure we know and can prove to the customer or their tech department that the customer is up. Many times you will need to create a document like this one to send to the tech to show what we are seeing, and should be something you offer to them.

As a note, if the T1/DS1 shows down call CenturyLink right away. There aren't any adjustments or testing we can do and we need CenturyLink on top of the issue ASAP. Unlike with Brainstorm most times CenturyLink has 4 hours to respond and fix our tickets, getting them out quickly is vital to restore the customer's connection. Before calling all you need to verify is the power and connections to the equipment. Once verified call 1-877-220-4021 option

3. When you call you will need to have a ticket on our side, they will give you their ticket number please note it on the account and also CenturyLink will ask you for the circuit ID and equipment which is found on the CMS.



Slot and port numbers first number is the slot the second is the port Lets go over the circuit section again. SS/PP ○ Circuits & Ports Port CircuitID Svc Type 29.HCFD.110159 BRFDCOMA-MXK-01 17/22 noneEFMDS1 DS1 O .ii 🖹 lh 🔞 29.HCFU.110158 BRFDCOMA-MXK-01 17/20 oneEFMDS1 DS1 PDII02 26-NI 00020 BREDCOMA BREDCOMAHGZ 10359 FEDERAL BLVD, WESTMINSTER, CO, BRFDCOMAHGZ O 🖟 🖹 🔐 🔾 29.LXFU.619505 BLDRCOMA-MALC-01 15/23 HDSL DS0 2880 FOLSOM ST, BOULDER, CO, BLDRCOMAHG3 이 🔐 🖹 և 😉 29.LXFU.619506 BLDRCOMA-MALC-01 PDT03 24-NI, 00224 BLDRCOMA BLDRCOMAHG3 2880 FOLSOM ST, BOULDER, CO, BLDRCOMAHG3 15/24 HDSL DS0 O 🖟 🖹 🔐 📀 29.LXFU.619507 BLDRCOMA-MALC-01 DS0 PDT03 24-NL 00354 BLDRCOMA BLDRCOMAHG3 2880 FOLSOM ST, BOULDER, CO, BLDRCOMAHG3 🔾 🖟 🖹 🖟 🔾 29.LXFU.619508 BLDRCOMA-MALC-01 HDSL 13/7 DS0 2880 FOLSOM ST, BOULDER, CO, BLDRCOMAHG3 O 🔐 🖹 航 📀 29.LXFU.620327 BLDRCOMA-MALC-01 OSL2+ 3/5 DS0 PDT03 24-NL 00005 BLDRCOMA BLDRCOMAHG3 2880 FOLSOM ST, BOULDER, CO, BLDRCOMAHG3 🌑 🔐 🖹 և 🔮 DSL2+ DSO 29.LXFU.644495 BLDRCOMA-MALC-01 PDT03 24-NL 00056 BLDRCOMA BLDRCOMAHG3 2880 FOLSOM ST, BOULDER, CO, BLDRCOMAHG3 🌑 🔐 🖹 \hbar 😉 BLDRCOMA-MALC-01 5/9 OSL2+ DS0 29.LXFU.644496 🕒 🔐 🖹 🏨 🚯 FOLSOM ST, BOULDER, CO, BLDRCOMAHG3

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The circuit address or the address the circuit is delivered too.

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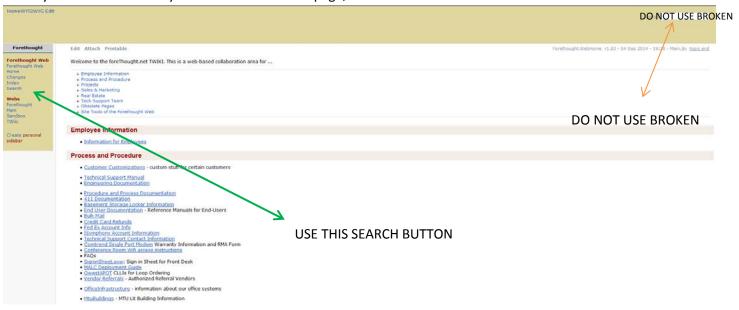
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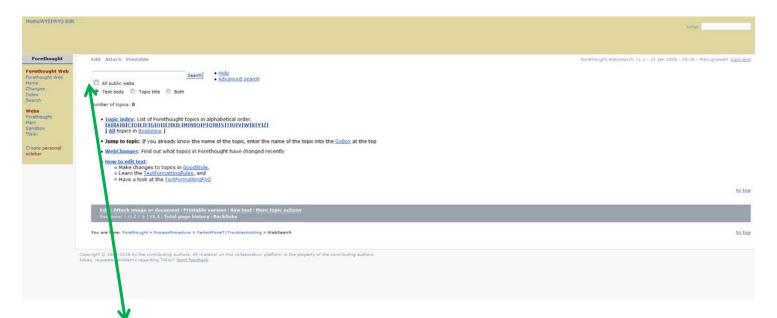
E911 Location Verification Tool

E911 Bad TNs Tool

This is the beginning to WIKI. As previously stated this is a difficult and tricky information bank to access. You have to know what to type. For instance, in the Wiki all the managed CPE IP addresses are there but if you type in managed equipment or managed you will not find what you are looking for. To get to the managed IP addresses and to other information you will need to ask. Julie or Jason. They can give the proper term to search for but it will be up to you to take note and pass the information along.

When you click on the Wiki you will be taken to this page;

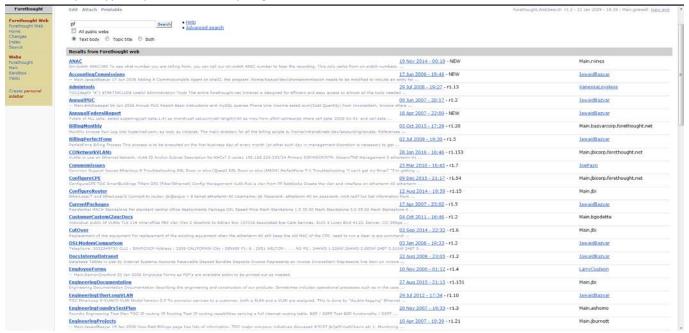




Here you will need to be vague but still describing what you want. For instance, you can't search for managed IP addresses or managed equipment or even CPE. With using those terms you'll be searching for days and still not find the proper info.

To find the a list of the CPE's and to the MALC or MXKs you need to type in **pf_netblocks or** just **pf.** Best idea for seamless searching is type things like **ADSL**, **ADTRAN**, **ETC**

Even when you type in pf here is what you get



Just scroll down in the list till you get to pf_netblocks and click on it to get to the ip addresses.

Once in the circuit inventory do a ctrl + F or find and type the customer name into the search field. Do not forget to verify the address of the IP address. Hint: if you get the ip address listed in here to respond to a ping and can log into it, the customer IS NOT DOWN.

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NOTE a TMARC is fiber equipment UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO REBOOT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY TOLD TO DO SO. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LOG INTO THIS EQUIPMENT BUT PINGING IT WORKS!

Now there is two ways you can access the information, the first way is through your VDI. If you are havig issues with your VDI please contact Grey, the second way is through a remote desktop connection into the office server. Jawaid explained that he will be removing this server so for the time being, still try this way because it is the optimal way to view CPE's.

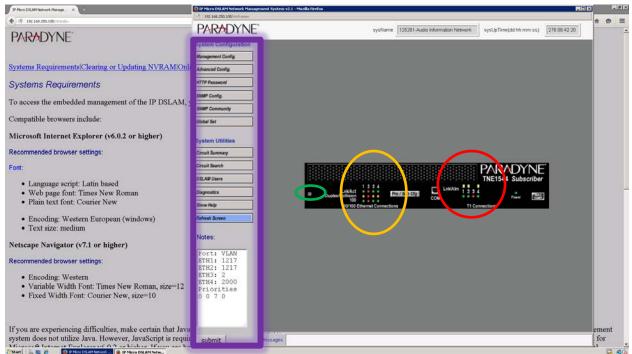
To add a remote desktop connection first find it in the all programs acessories remote desktop connection



Once in just open a browser and type the IP address to get to the equipment, **STOP YOU NEED TO CALL JASON GRUBB AT EXTENSION 851 OR 970-317-4812 TO GET THE LOG ON INFORMATION.**

After you have logged into the equipment and for all equipment if you are not sure then that's okay, don't click there and do not make any changes. This is the customer equipment and even a gentle change could take their phones down with their internet. If the customer has an adtran (they most likely will if there are phone numbers on the account) and they have internet through us nine times out of ten their phones work off the same internet as their data, so if they are on the phone with you and it's a number we provide, their internet is working it's on their side. At no point in time should you walk them through power cycling anything on their side, all that needs to be said is "we suggest you power cycle your equipment" then explain about the phones or that you are able to log into our equipment. Please remind them to NOT power cycle our equipment, if they want that done, you do it. That way they know you are indeed logged into the equipment. Here is how you use the equipment.

TNE-1544 / TNE-1584



Red = The circuit / Our part

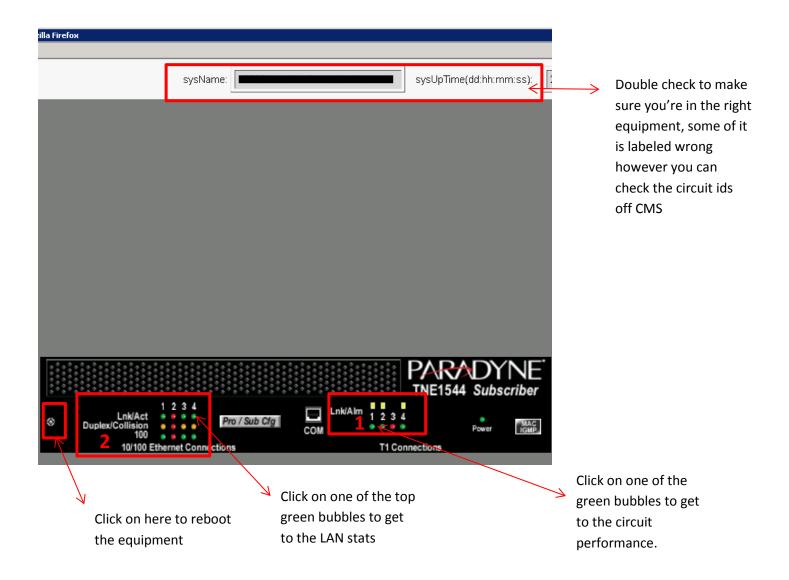
Yellow = What the customer has plugged in / Their part

Green = The button to reboot the modem remotely.

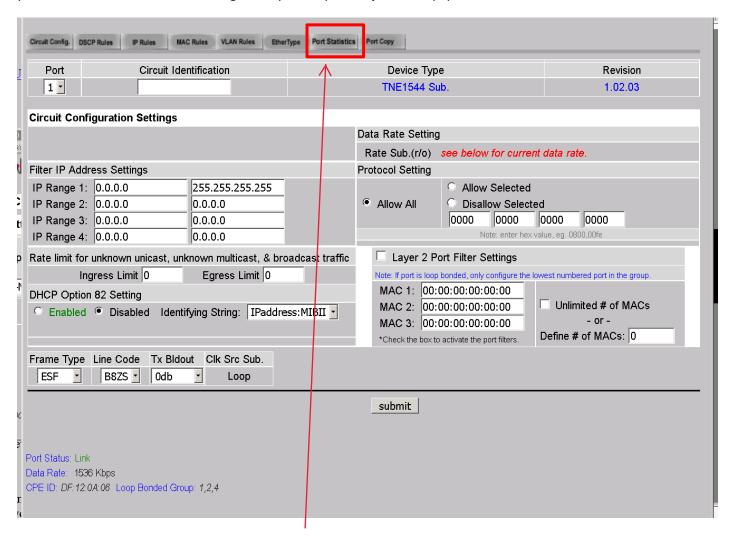
The TNE will come up with a warning about resetting the device, you are not resetting the settings but instead the stats and is the reason for the warning. As a last resort reboot this for them.

Purple = You don't need to use anything on the menu selection and is not where you click to get to the info.

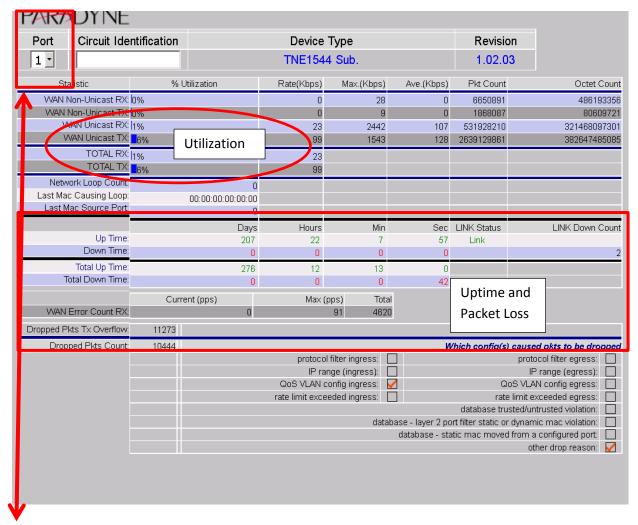
The 1 and 2 ports are for data while the 3 port is for phones and the 4 port should not be being used. This does not mean to tell them to change this but if someone calls and they need to plug something into the 4 port then call over to Jason or Julie so they can make the proper adjustments.



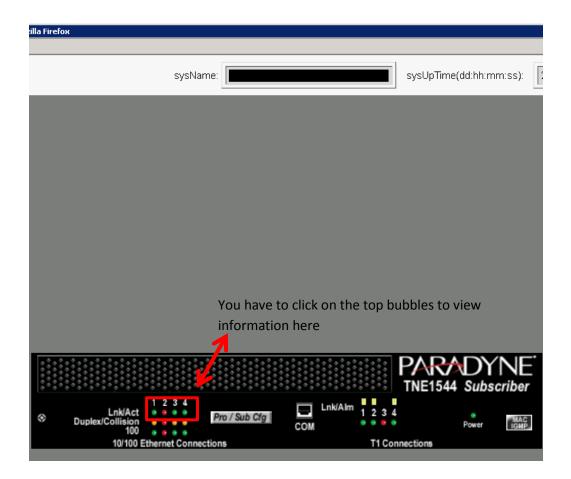
1: When you click on one of the circuits this screen is brought up and is quite easy to accidentally make changes in. If you do then contact Julie or Jason right away so they can adjust the equipment.

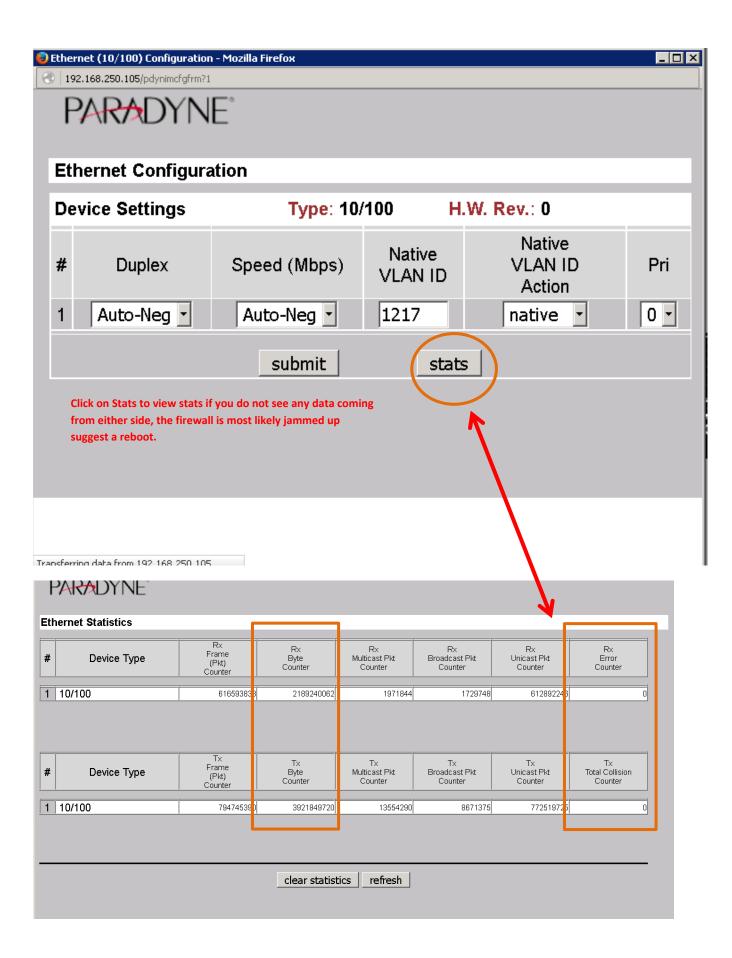


When this screen has popped up, click on **Port Statistics** to view the uptime and utilization.



Port = You can change which number circuit you are looking at here.



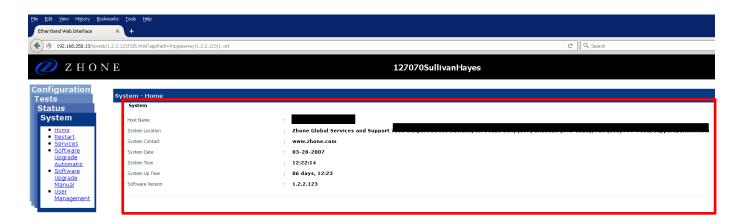


ETHX / SHDSL

The first thing to remember is that the web interface for the ETHX may not be enabled, in which case just run some pings to the equipment from command prompt. Really it is best that we do all of this via nushell and all of you should have the information on how to use it.



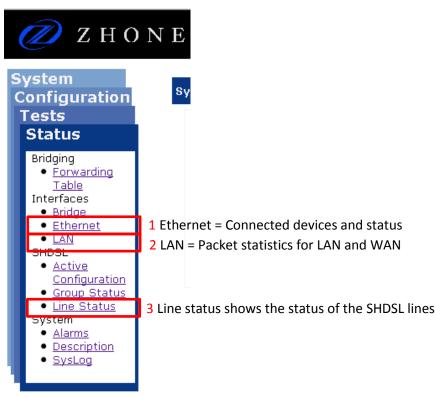
Firstly log into the equipment while remembering that no one knew there a web interface for this so some may not have it enabled. No cause for alarm we just can't change it while it's in the field. Also call Jason for passwords extension 851



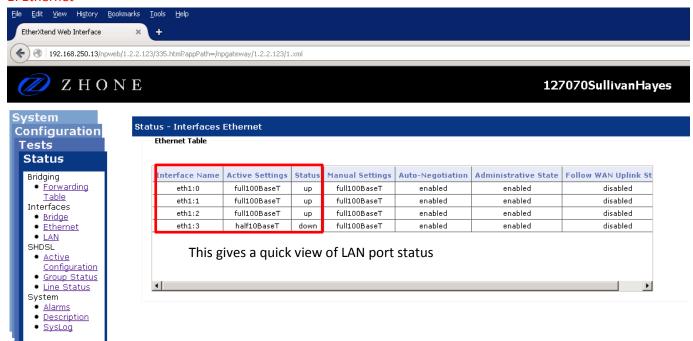
Take a moment to verify the customer information, this unit does not have the ability to view the circuit ID so if the information does not match then check the CMS for the IP address of the CPE, if it does not exist then call over to Jason or Julie and have the run **bridge showall port**



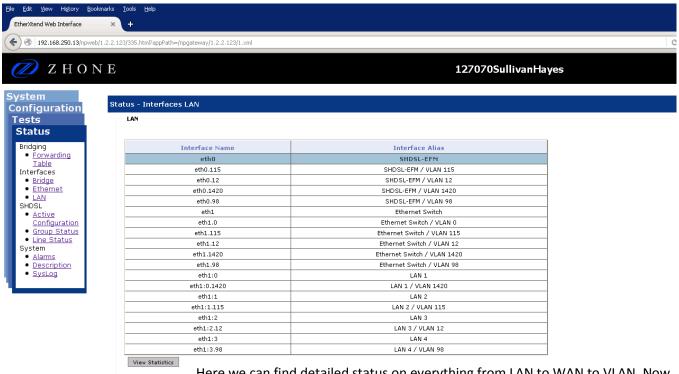
Here you can reboot the device, again this is last resort.



1: Ethernet



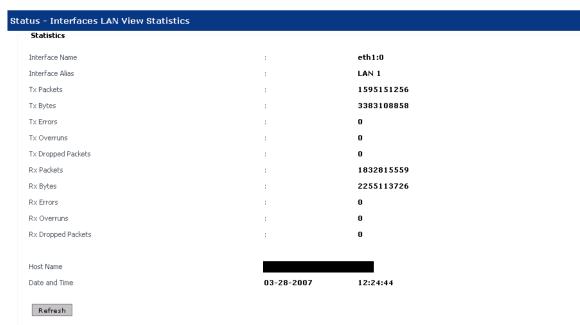
2: LAN



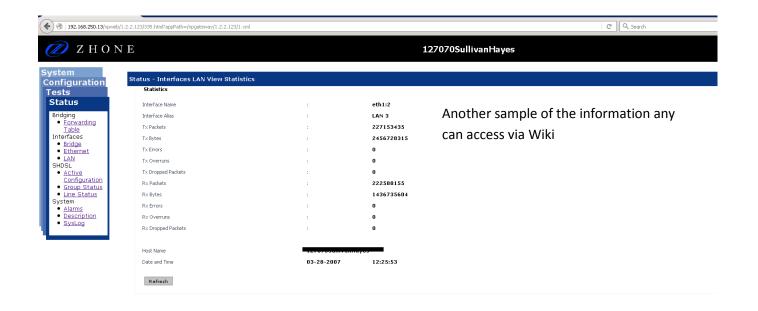
Here we can find detailed status on everything from LAN to WAN to VLAN. Now it's pretty much common knowledge that SHDSL isn't all that error packet free, the only time to be concerned is if there are many incrementing errors call Jason or Julie right away so we can take a further look into the issue







As you can see this is a pretty straight forward any questions please call Julie or Jason



Here is how I handle all the different sites I go to is to bookmark them to a special folder then on the bookmarks tool bar as well;



Here I have all the bookmarks in one convenient place where as all the notes I have I actually began a note file that not only has notes but commands, cheats, and all kinds of goodies.

Websites

Forethought Wiki: https://my.forethought.net/twiki/bin/view/Forethought/WebHome

Support Tickets: https://my.forethought.net/intranet-dev/support/

DSL Hints: https://my.forethought.net/twiki/bin/view/Forethought/ConfigureCO

Customer Equipment: https://my.forethought.net/twiki/bin/view/Forethought/PF Netblocks

CMS (cust mng sys): https://my.forethought.net/intranet-dev/contacts/

Important num: https://my.forethought.net/twiki/bin/view/Forethought/telephonenumbers

Opensrs Wiki: https://my.forethought.net/twiki/bin/view/Forethought/OpenSRS

Domain Mgmt: https://resellers.opensrs.net/resellers/

DNS Mgmt: https://my.forethought.net/poweradmin/

DSL Testing/CLI: https://my.forethought.net/twiki/bin/view/Forethought/AcceptLoops

PerfectFax: https://perfectfax.forethought.net (must be opened in IE)

QHOST (Forethought) QHost - Use This username: interlinkad, password: forethoughtnet

Glossary of Terms

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- <u>1.17. SIP</u>
- 1.18. Demarcation Point
- <u>1.19. Smart Jack</u>
- 1.20. UPS
- <u>1.21. EFM</u>
- 1.22. Eoc
- 1.23. Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) & Layout

1.1. ILEC

- Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier. An ILEC is the major local telephone company in each market. An ILEC is responsible for providing local telephone exchange services in a specified geographic area. Forethought leases T1 circuits from the ILECS in each of our markets, which is CenturyLink².

1.2. CO

- Central Office. The CO is the physical building that the ILEC uses to house their telephone switching equipment in these facilities. Forethought houses various essential equipment inside the ILECs' COs.

1.3. **PSTN**

- Publicly Switched Telephone Network. The transport network used by the ILECs. Most telephone conversations traverse this circuit switched network, which is controlled by the ILECs. This includes Forethought, which hands off most of its conversations to the ILEC for final transport through the PSTN.

1.4. **VoIP**?

- Voice over IP. The transmission of voice data by using the Internet Protocol (IP). Forethought uses VoIP² to deliver voice packets to our ILECs for transmission out to the PSTN. The term VoIP² is often misunderstood and can be broken down into the following perspectives:

1.5. End-to-End

Uses IP throughout the entire transmission pathway, including end user equipment. Providers such as Skype utilize this methodology.

1.6. End-to-CO

Uses IP up to the ILEC. One side uses VoIP², the other uses standard circuit switched communications. Forethought SIPConnect follows this model

1.7. CPE to CO

Forethought's most common method of delivery, voice traffic is packetized at the CPE, then changed to standard circuit switched communications as it is handed to the ILEC for transmission to its endpoint.

1.8. T1

- A T1 is a Time Division Multiplexed (TDM) circuit which is broken into 24 channels for transport of voice and or data. Forethought leases T1s from the ILEC in each market in order to provide last mile connectivity to our customers. T1s provide 1.54 Mbps of bandwidth, or 24 simultaneous voice calls. However, Forethought uses the T1 to provide VoIP² services, which mostly ignores the channel structure of the T1. All information is sent in data format, using the affricate 1.544 Mbps bandwidth for voice and data transmission. T1s are our most common connectivity method for our customers.

1.9. EFM

- Ethernet First Mile. EFM is Forethought's alternative to T1s for providing connectivity to our customers. Instead of using T1s, EFM customers use multiple pairs of cheaper 2 wire cooper to connect to the CO. Ethernet provides greater bandwidth and redundancy at a lower price, but is limited in the distance that it can be used.

1.10. ISP

- Internet Service Provider. Although Forethought functions as our customer's ISP, we are not final node to connect to the backbone Internet. Forethought sends our customers' Internet traffic to our ISPs, which do connect to the backbone Internet, and vary by market.

1.11. CPE

- Customer Premises Equipment. CPE is the equipment at the customer site. This may include customer owned routers, switches, PBXs, and firewalls, but is also sometimes used to describe our equipment which resides at the customer site. Customer premises device that provides access to Forethought voice and data services. This is the most important piece of Forethought owned equipment at the customer site.

1.12. 66 Block

- Used for Forethought Analog customers only. The 66 block is a punch down block used to connect the CPE (Adtran6XX) each individual telephone within a customer site.

1.13. PBX

- Private Branch Exchange. Used for Forethought Digital or SIP customers only. A PBX is a customer owned telephone exchange device which provides dial tone and intelligent services within the customer premises. The PBX connects to the CPE using either a T1 crossover cable (CAS and PRI) or a regular Ethernet connection (SIP).

1.14. Analog

- The most common voice interface for Forethought customers. Analog customers connect to our CPEs via a 66 block. Their phones will typically show Line 1, Line 2 etc.

1.15. Digital

- Forethought Digital customers own a PBX, which is generally intelligent to provide some of the dame calling features that we provide for our Analog customers. Depending on their type of PBX, they will have one of the following services.

1.16. PRI

- Primary Rate Interface

1.17. SIP

- Session Initiated Protocol. SIP is the most advanced of our interface options. SIP customers are often referred to as Digital customers as well, but their PBXs are SIP enabled, and much more powerful. These customers use their own VoIP² phone equipment, which connects to their SIP PBX, then to our CPE, via an Ethernet interface.

1.18. Demarcation Point

- Also known as the demarc, this is the point where one provider's responsibility ends and another begins. This varies depending on the Forethought service type, but is very clear for our ILECs, which is the Smart Jack.

1.19. Smart Jack

- This is owned by the ILEC and is the last connection point for the T1. The Smart Jack is a termination device which can be tested by the ILEC to determine if there are any errors or connectivity problems on the T1. If there are, the ILEC fixes these problems. This is the ILEC's point of demarcation.

1.20. UPS

- Universal Power Supply. This is one of two CPE devices provided by Forethought - is the other unit. The UPS provides a battery backup for the CPE in case of a power outage.

1.21. EFM

- Ethernet First Mile is an alternative to T1s as a delivery method for voice and data service s to our customers. EFM provides a cost savings to Forethought, while providing the same level of voice and data quality to our customers. EFM is the recognized industry term. At Forethought, EFM is referred to as Metro Ethernet over copper (MEOC). Whenever you are speaking with customers please ensure that you are referring to the product by the official name Eoc. Eoc provides the following benefits: .Less expensive to lease from our LECs .More redundancy/Less ASD .Greater bandwidth potential than T1s .Greater breadth of troubleshooting methods on the Forethought side

1.22. Eoc

is constrained by distance. The maximum distance for an Eoc pair is 17,000 feet (Just over 3 miles) Thus Eoc will never be able to replace all of our T1s, but will be able to service around 40% of our customers. Depending on the distance form a central office, each individual copper pair can be provided up to 5.7 Mbps per pair. This speed can only be accomplished on pairs that are less than 5000 feet from the central office. As distance increases, bandwidth decreases. Multiple copper pairs can be bonded together to provide redundancy and greater bandwidth. The Metro Ethernet architecture can be viewed from two perspectives, the Customer Premise and the Forethought Network MetroEthernet² Devices & Architecture simplified diagram

1.23. Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) & Layout

At the customer premises, Metro Ethernet is significantly different than the typical T1 layout. When T1s terminate at the customer premise a smart jack is placed at the customer site and serves as the demarcation point for the ILEC. However, regarding Metro Ethernet, copper pairs delivered from the ILEC are terminated into a Metro Ethernet Access CPE device that is provided by Forethought. One port on the CPE device will be connected to the Integrated Access Device (CPE). The other port is connected to the customer's LAN device. CPE & Layout

need to change into the TNE ETHEX connect to 600 or 900 The CPE devices built and supported by Adtran 6XX are available in multiple models. The model numbers are based on how many copper pairs are supported. All CPE models also include a port Ethernet port. CPE Supported Models