



NX-100

Network Audio Adapter

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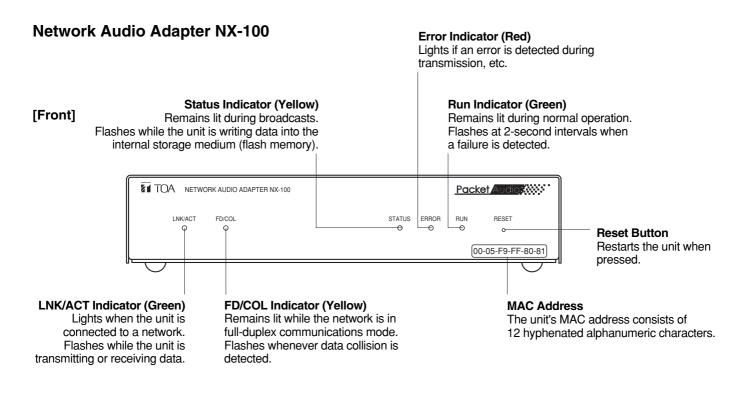
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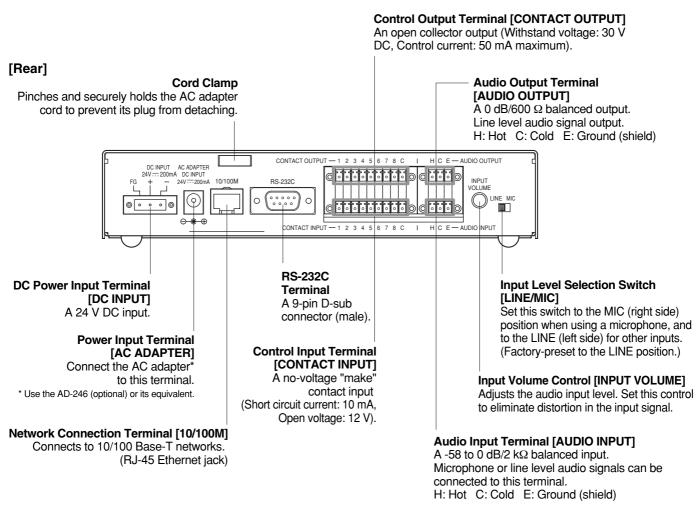
The NX-100 Network Audio Adapter can transmit high-quality audio signals and such control data as serial data over IP networks, such as LAN or Internet, in real time.

It is especially useful when transmitting audio signals to remote locations, as Internet use keeps running costs lower than the use of dedicated lines. With the use of an optional rack-mounting bracket, it can be mounted in an EIA Standard rack (1 unit size).

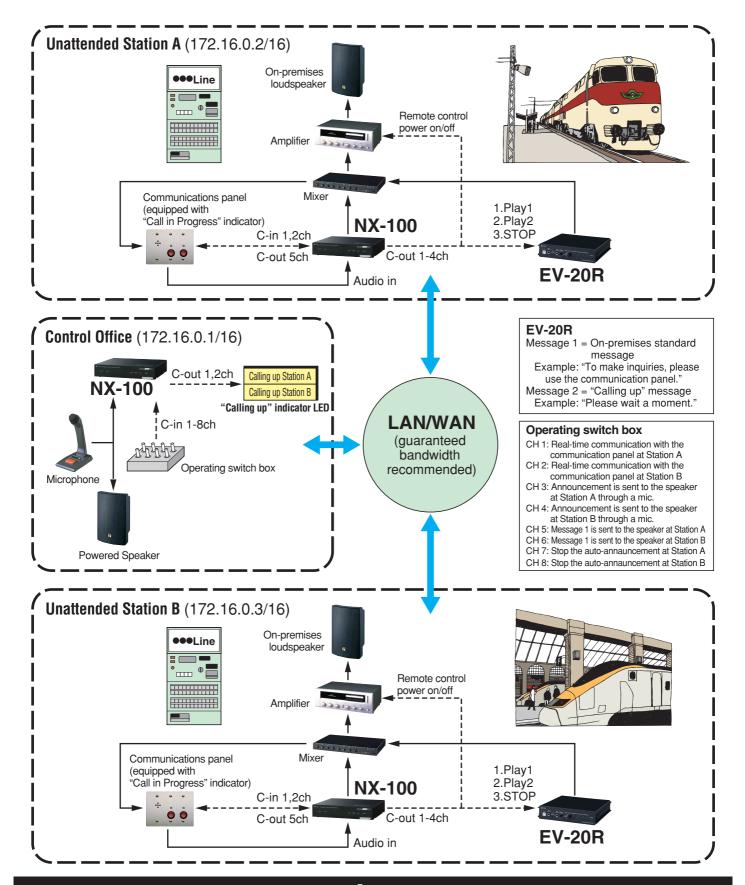
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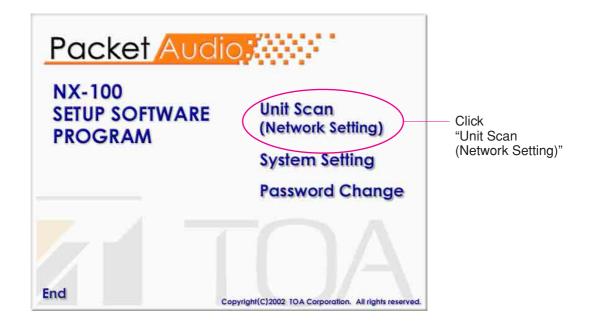
- If there is no network delay, audio signals have only a minimal millisecond delay.
- Control data including contact and serial data can also be transmitted along with the audio signals.
- Two-way audio signal transmission is possible with a single NX-100 unit as every unit is equipped with an audio input and output.
- The multicast-capable NX-100 allows simultaneous transmission of audio signals to be made to multiple locations depending on transmission method:
 - Unicast up to 4 locations, Multicast — up to 64 locations.
- No audio signal degradation or loss, even when transmitting over crowded networks such as the internet.
- Greater data reliability using IP networks with the protocol's ability to prevent data problems during transmission.
- The NX-100's contact input can initiate and terminate audio transmissions without having to use dedicated control equipment such as a PC.
- Hardware use ensures operational reliability over software only driven applications.
- Using IP to transmit audio signals over the internet allows low cost operation rather than dedicated lines.
- The NX-100 is equipped with a DC input to allow operation on AC as well as DC.
- Software-driven operational menus enhance ease of use.

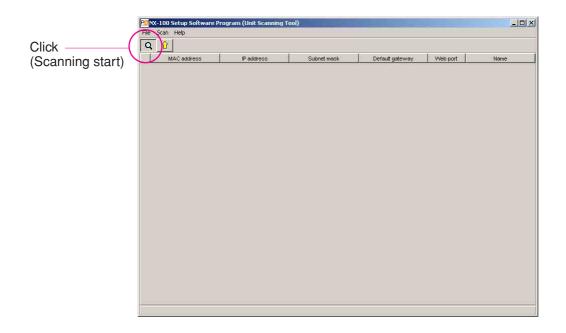




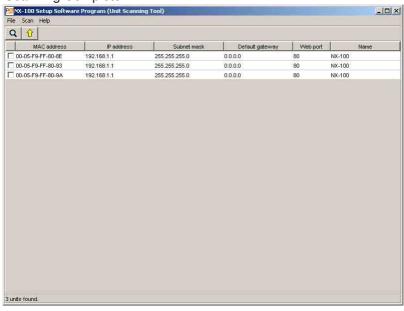
Filling the need to provide useful communication for passengers at unattended stations, this system allows automated announcements such as train times and messages for two unattended stations from a remote location. It also makes it possible for a passenger waiting at the station to use the system's communication panel for realtime communication with railway personnel for inquiries as well as emergencies.

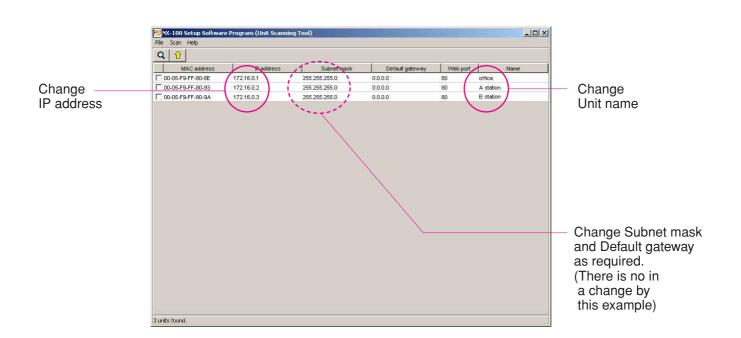


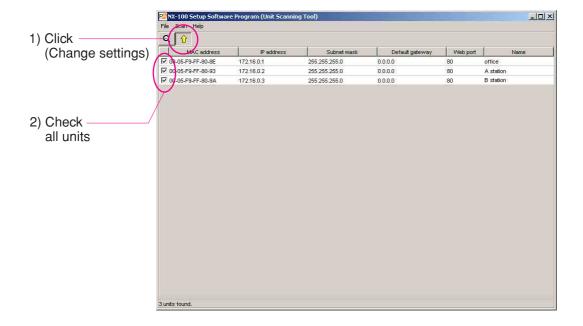




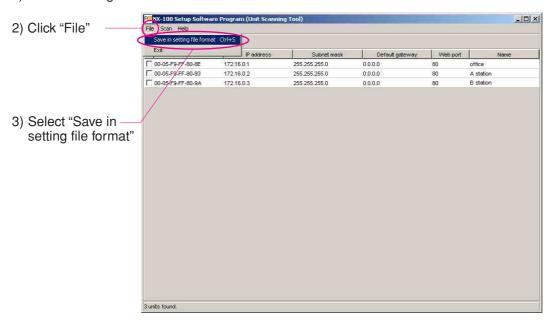
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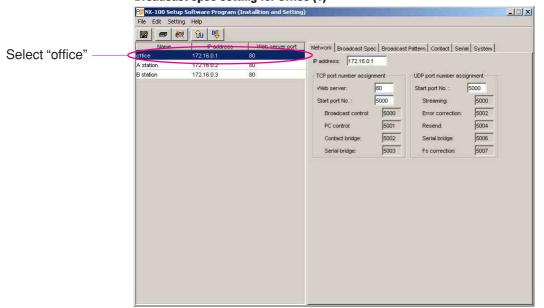


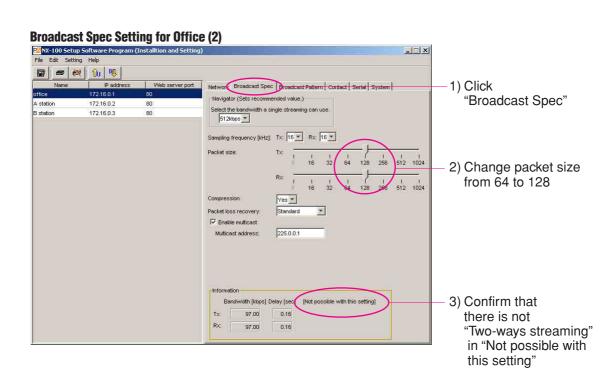
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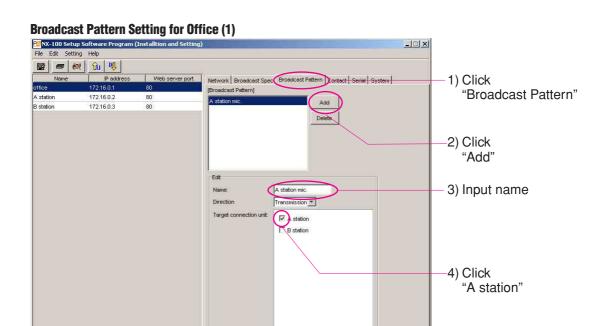




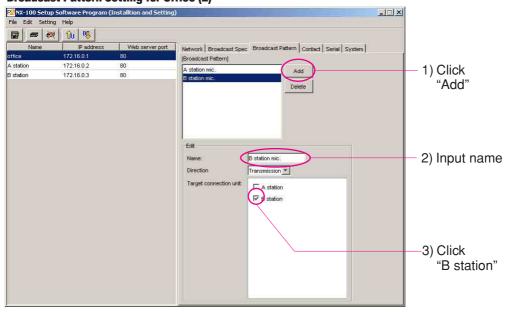
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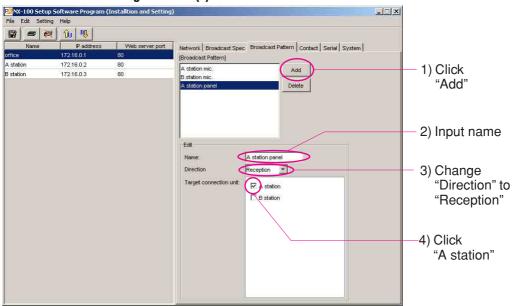




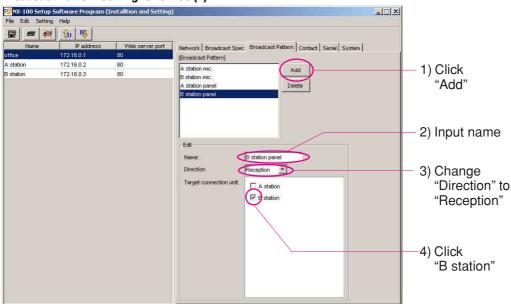
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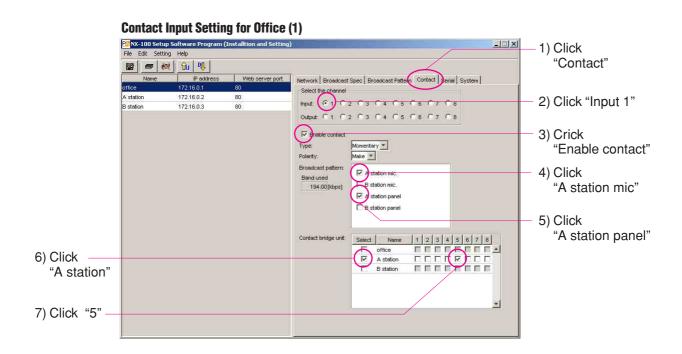


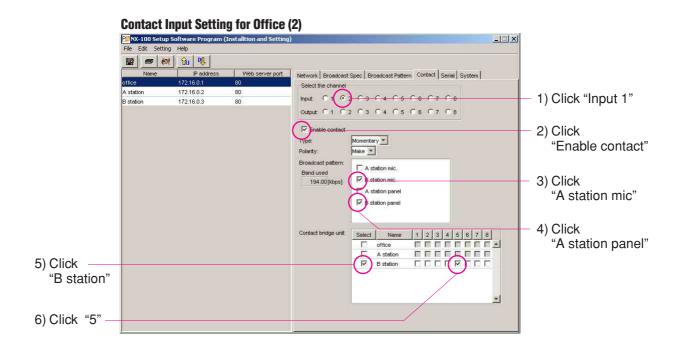
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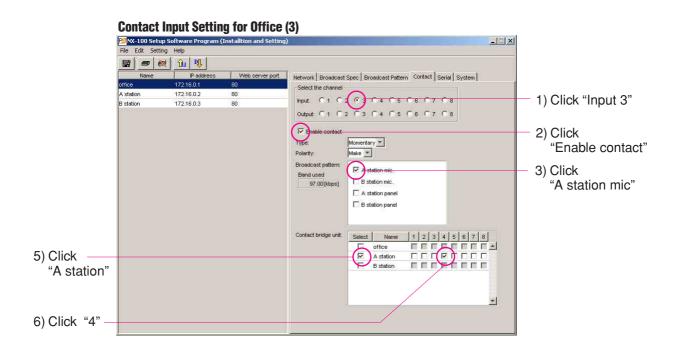


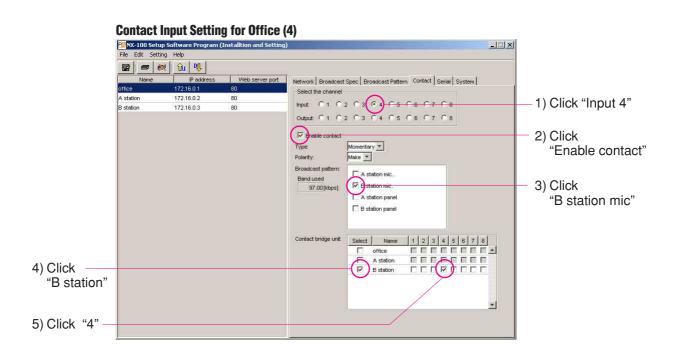
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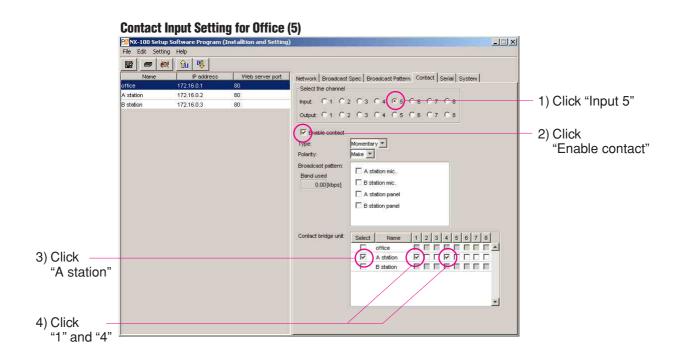


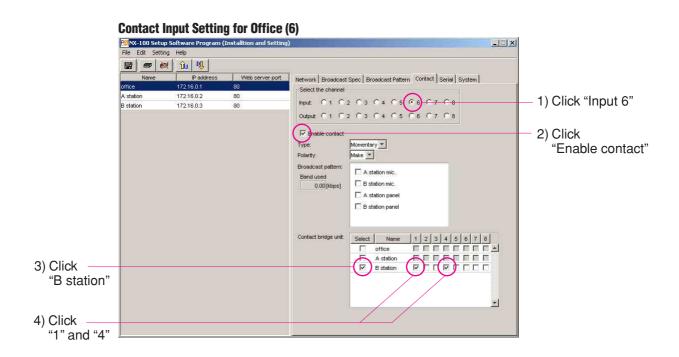


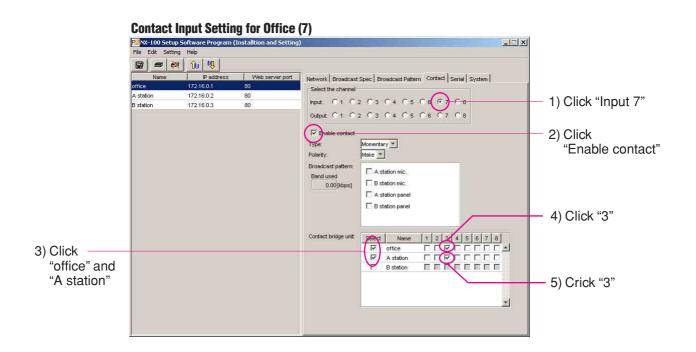


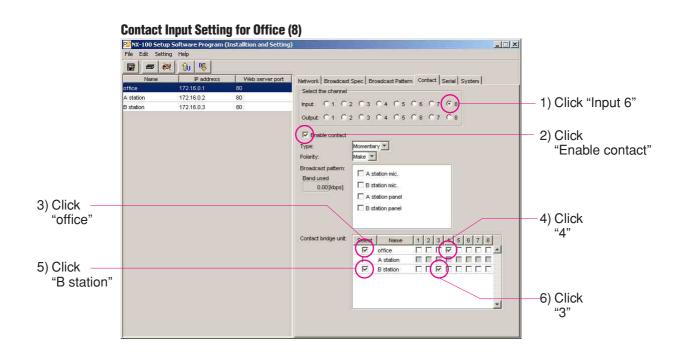


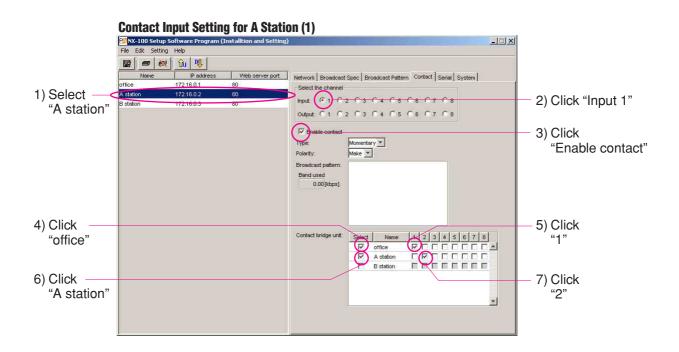


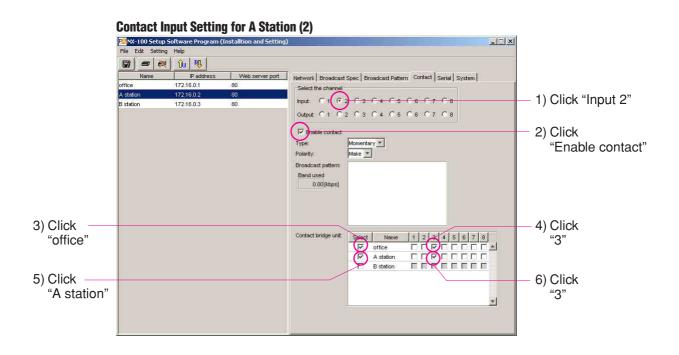


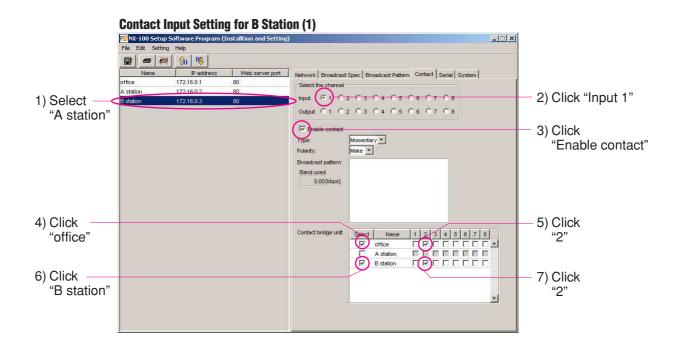


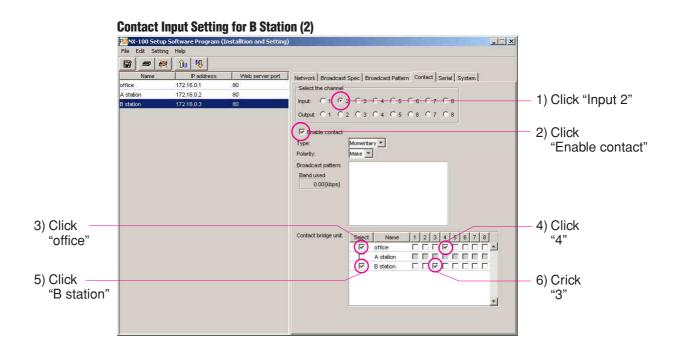


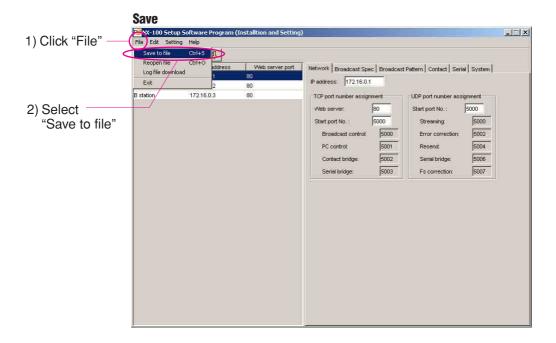




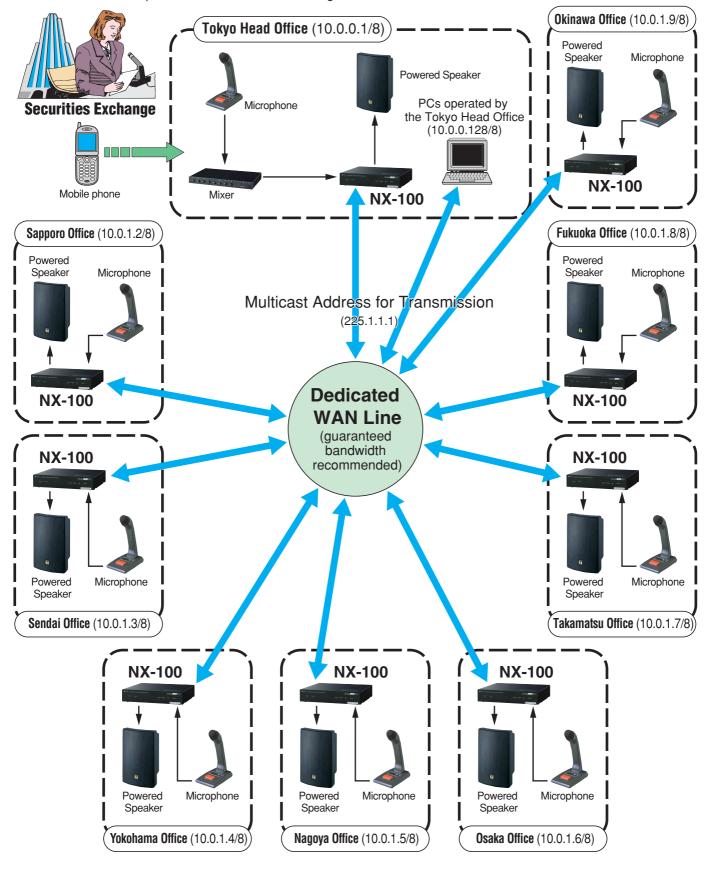


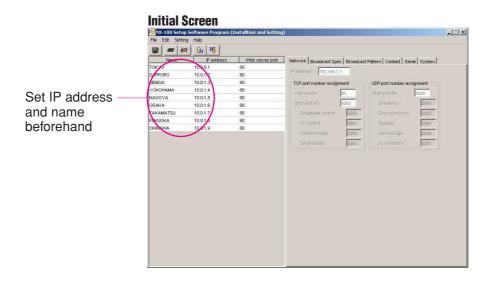


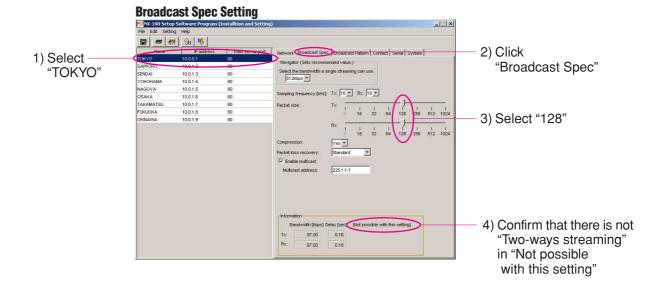


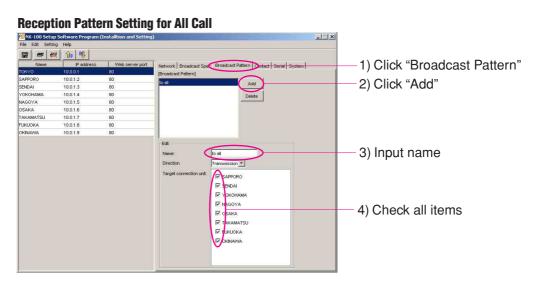


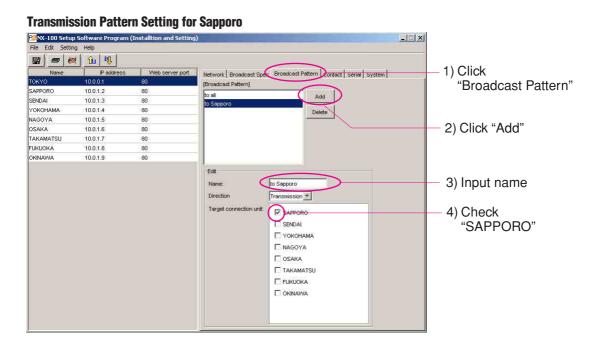
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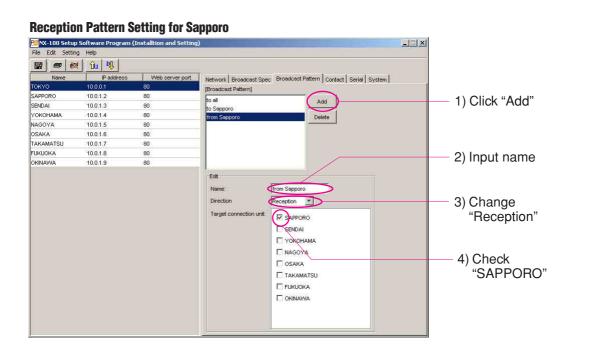




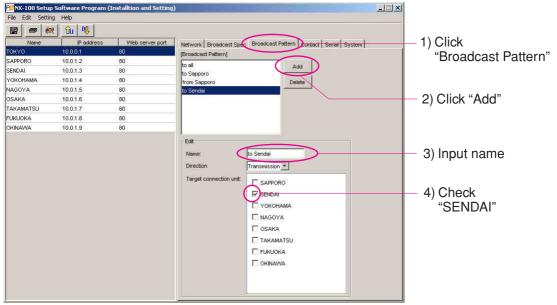




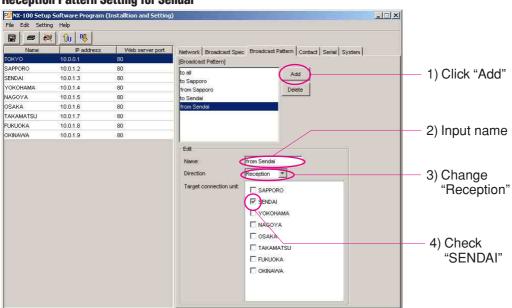


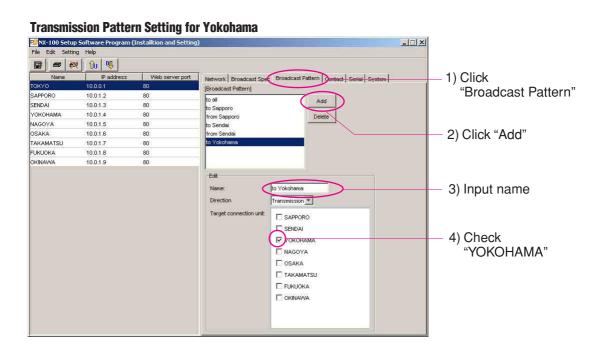


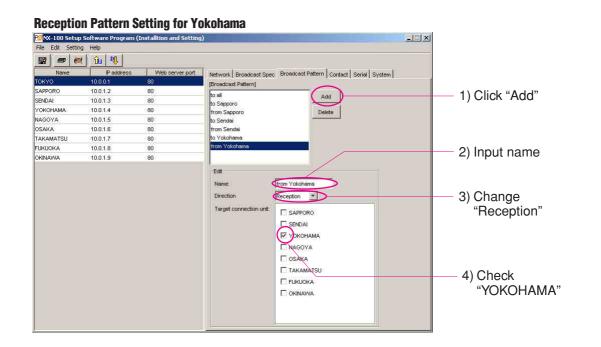


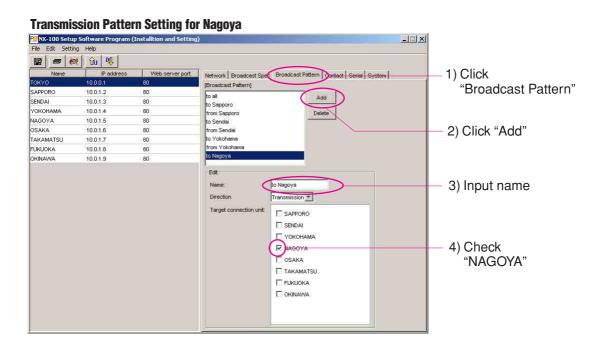


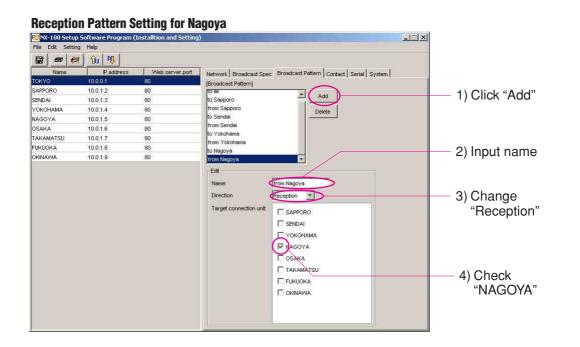
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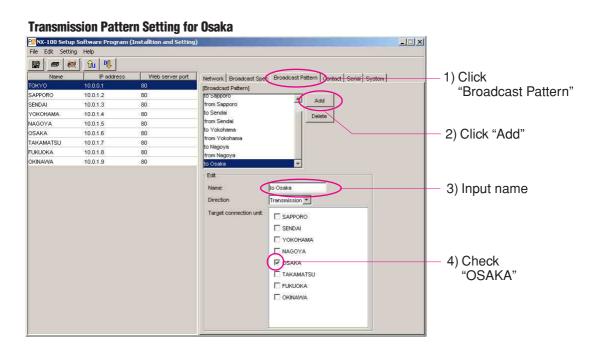


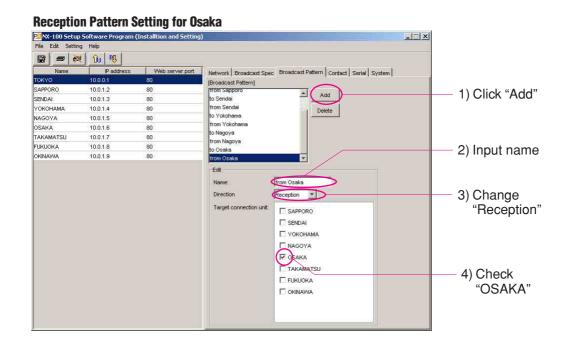


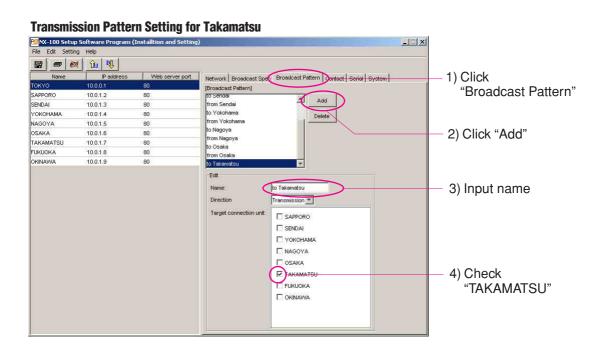


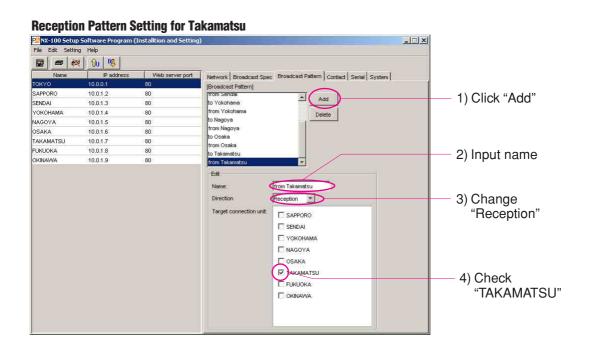


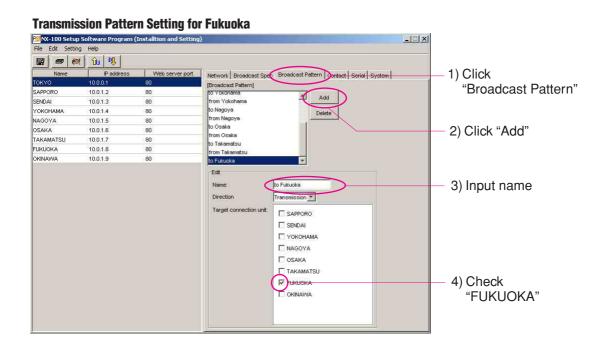


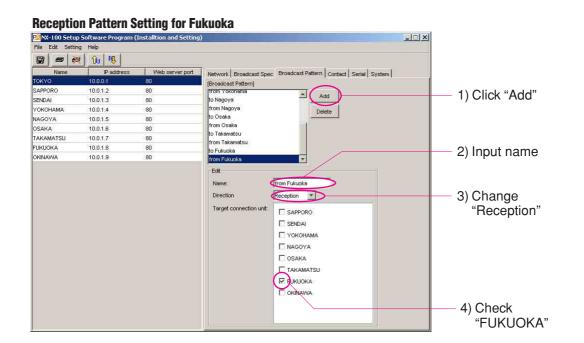


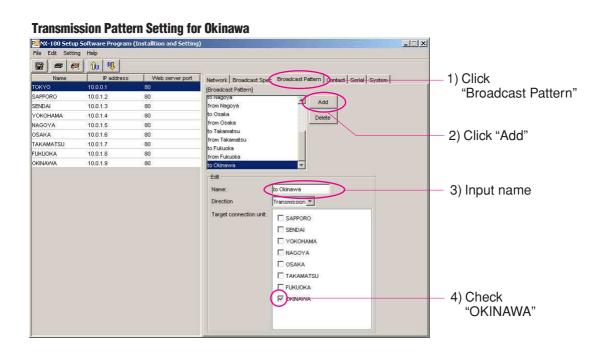


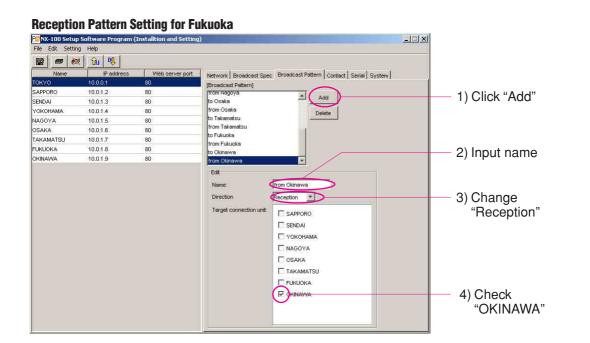


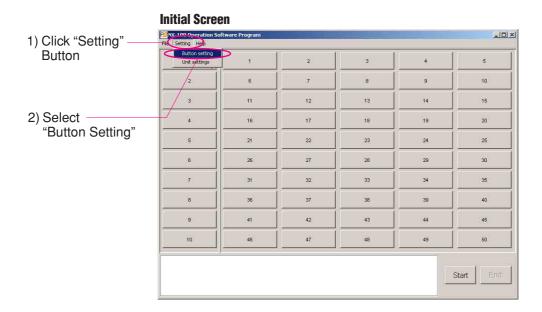




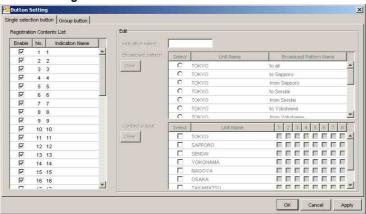




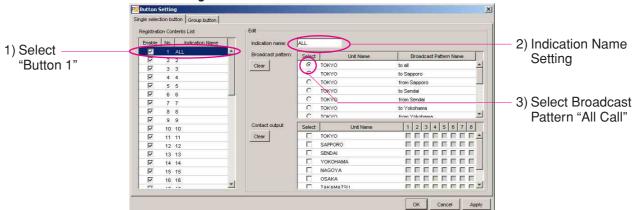


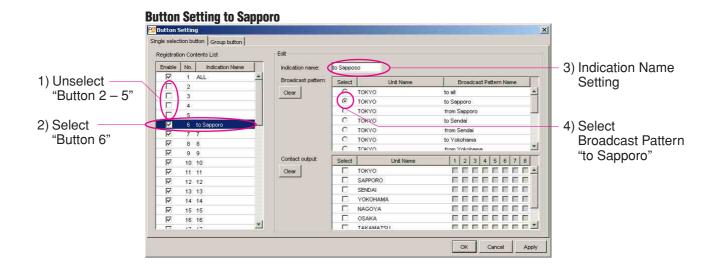


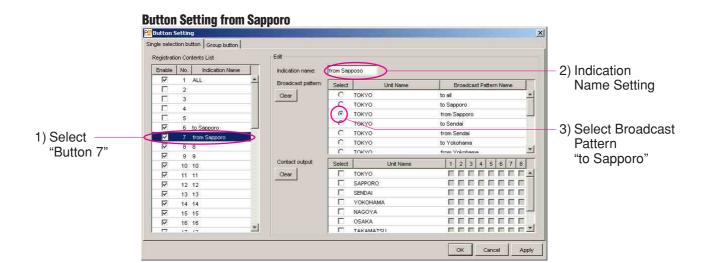
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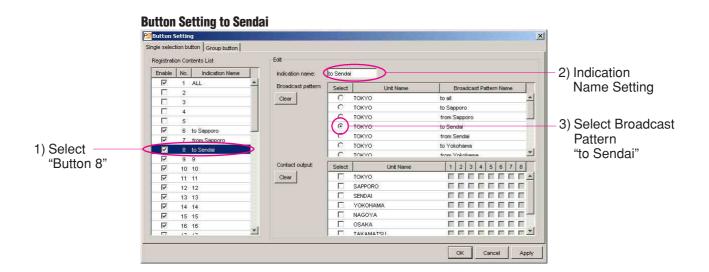


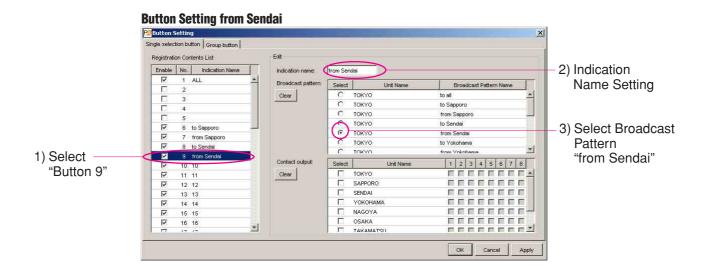


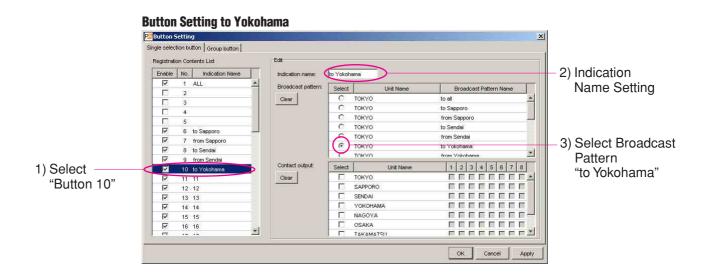


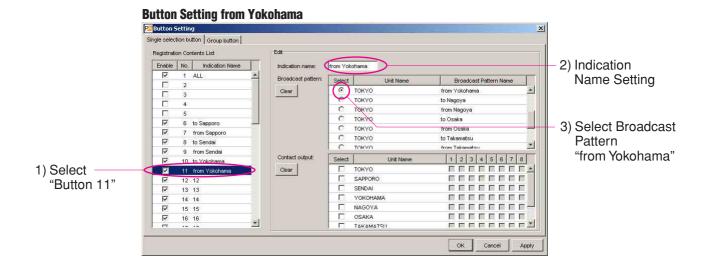


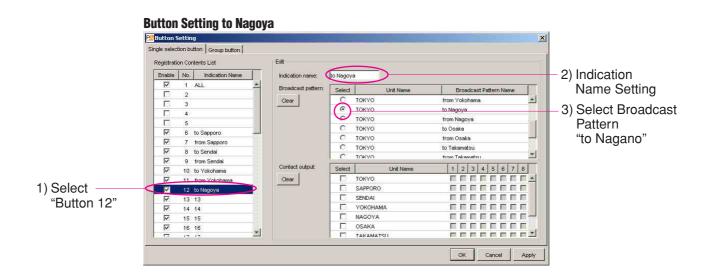


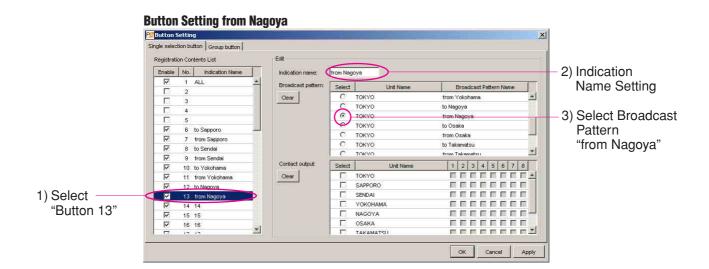


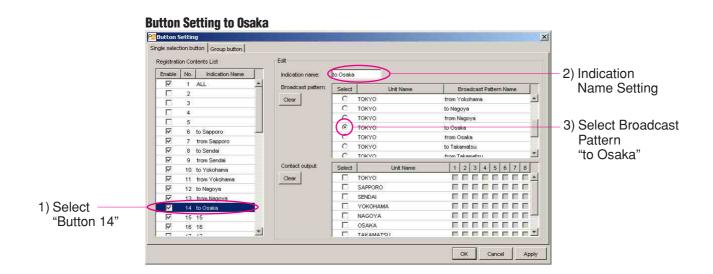


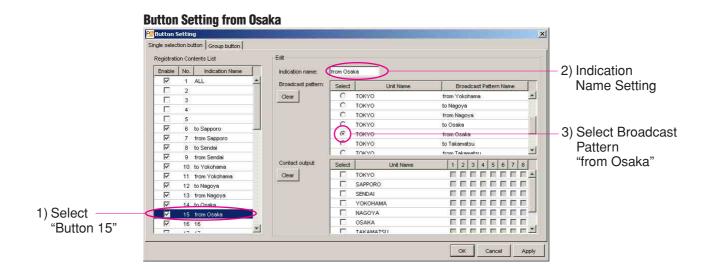


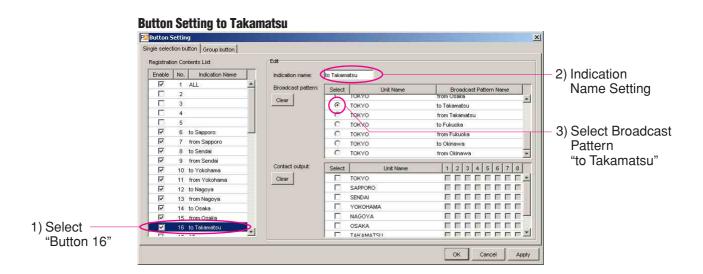


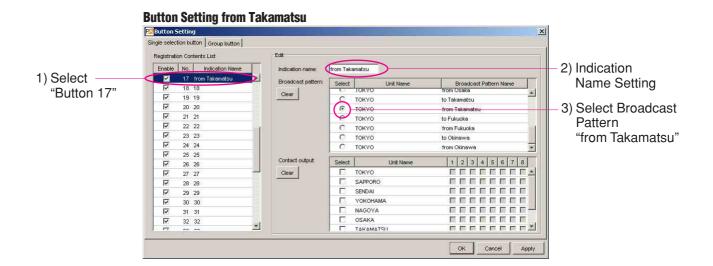


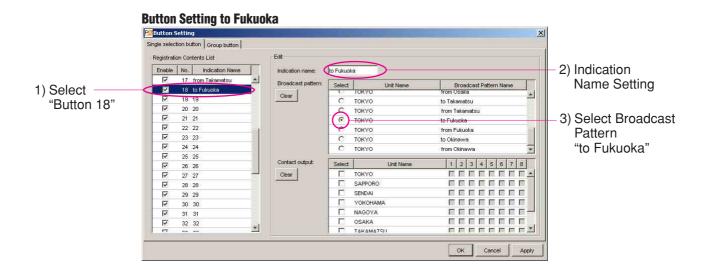


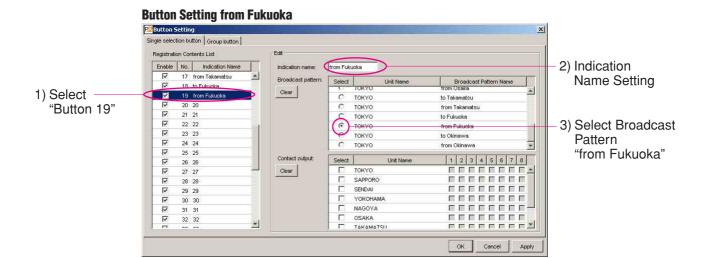


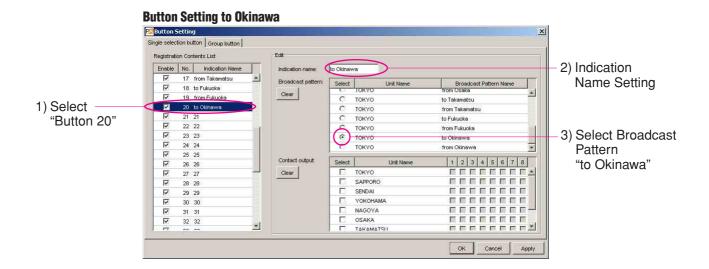


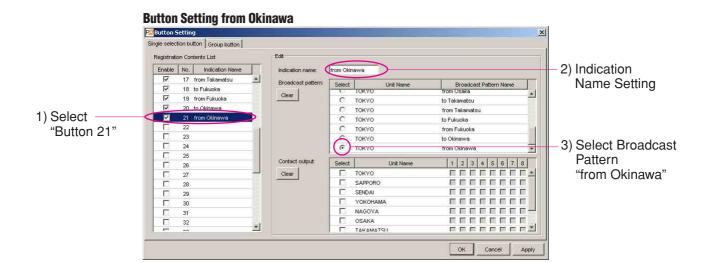




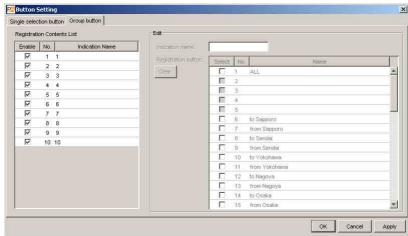




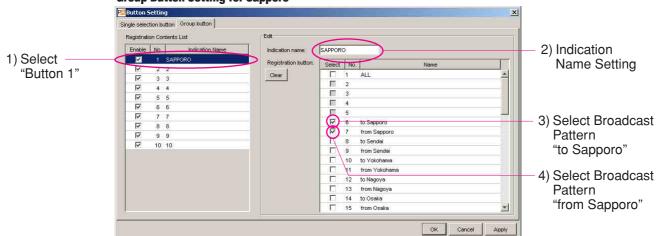


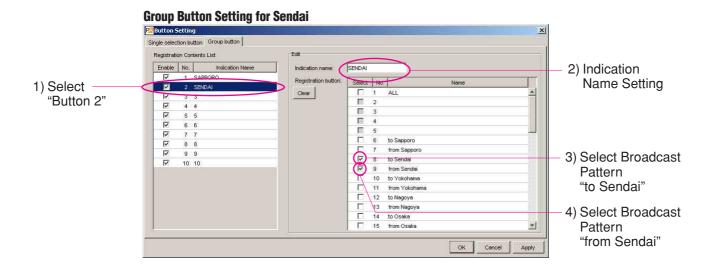


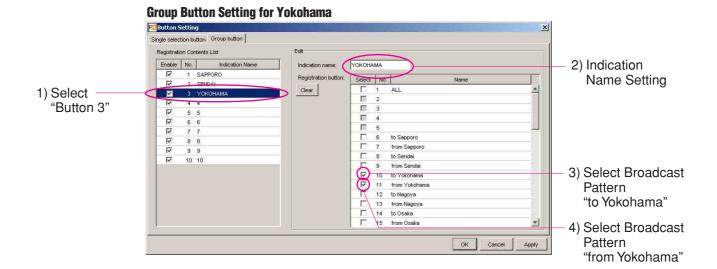
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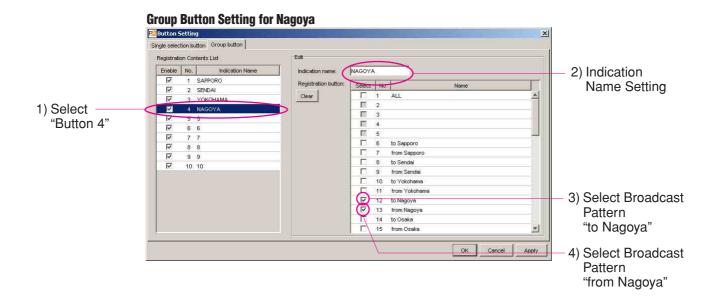


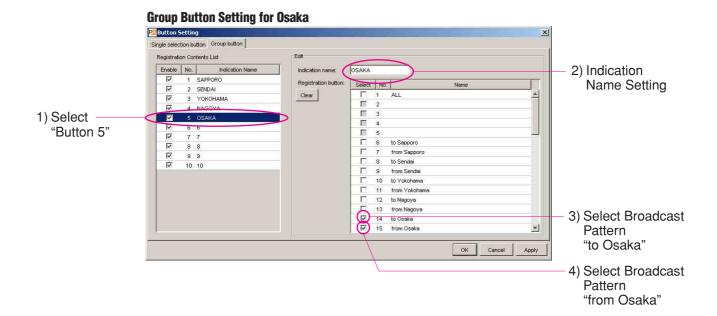


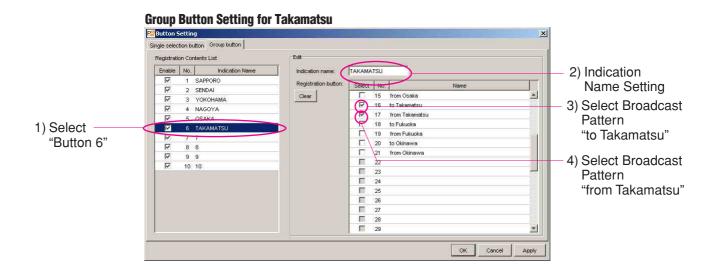


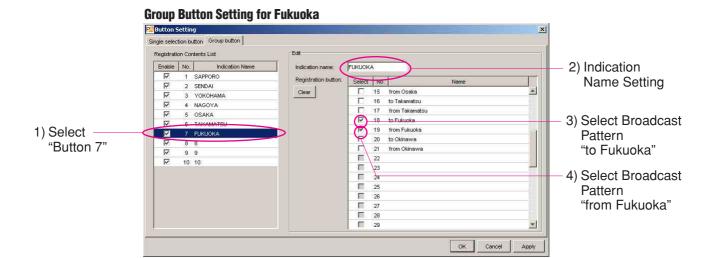


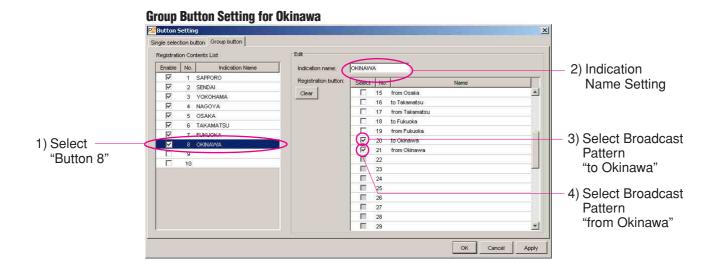




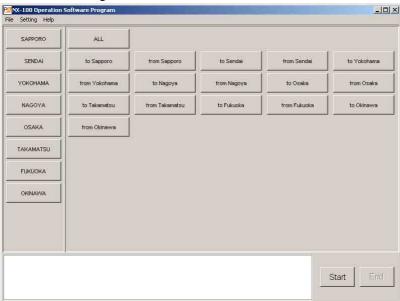




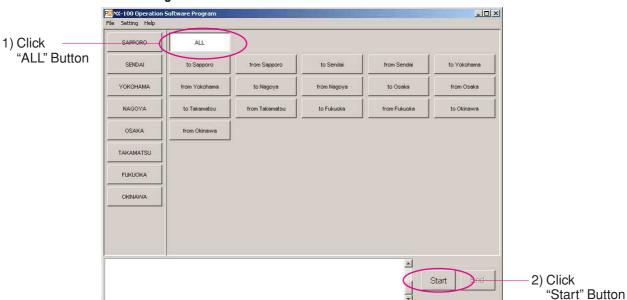


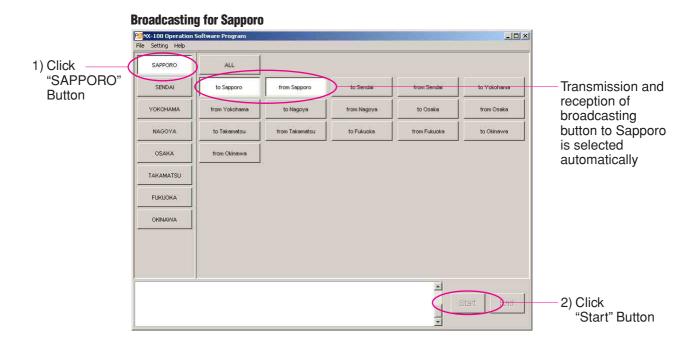


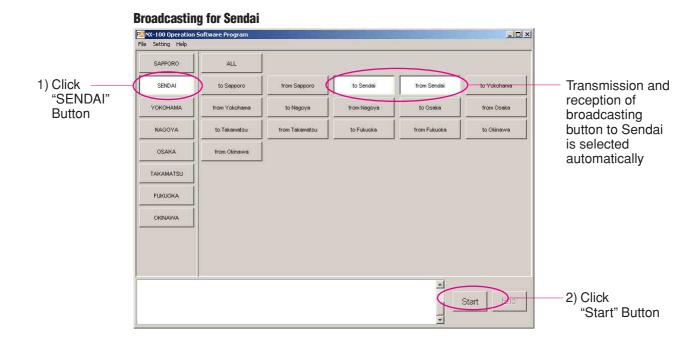
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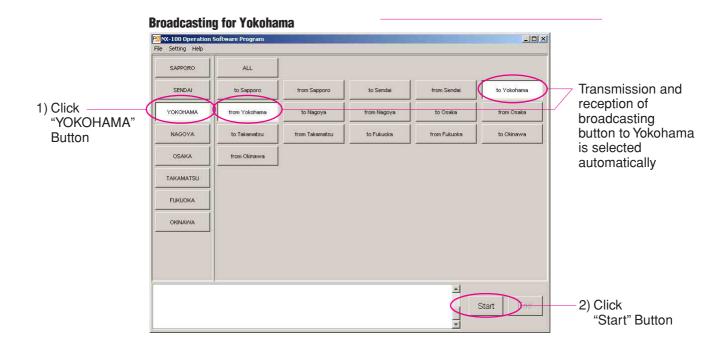


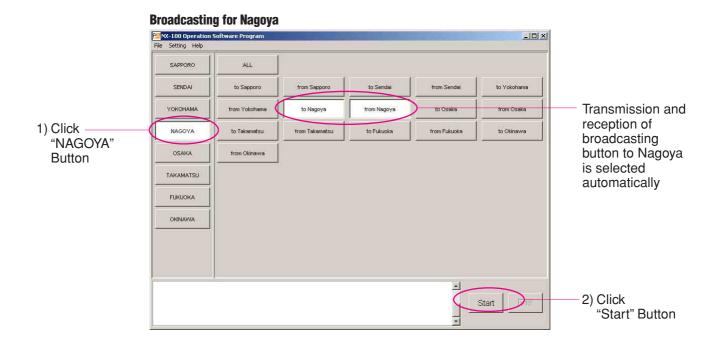
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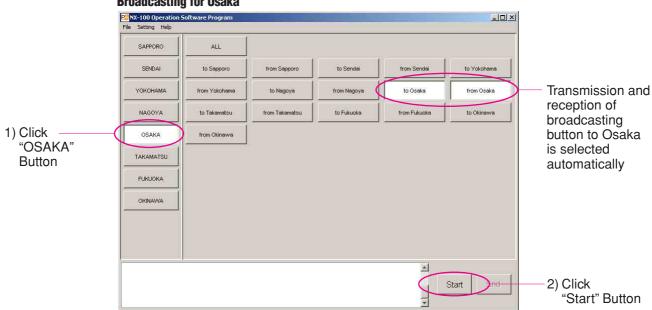




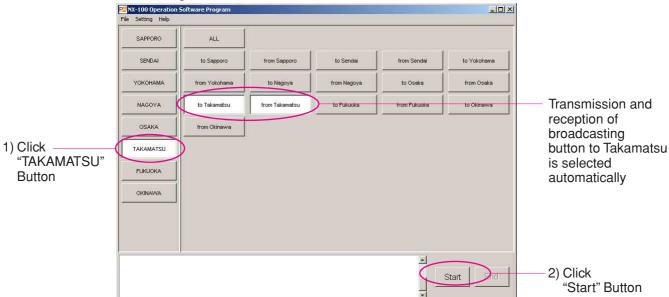


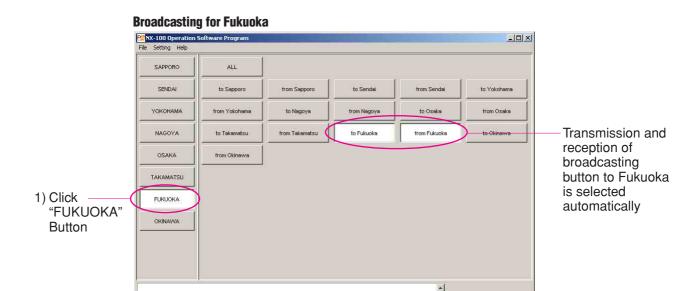






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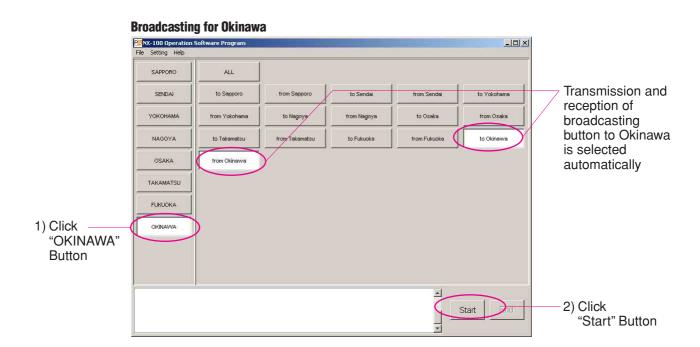




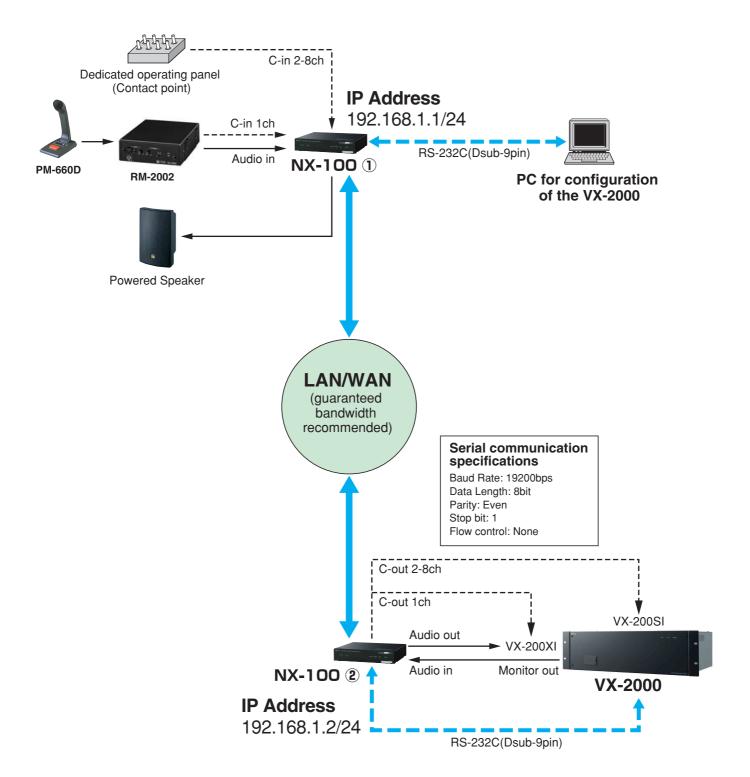
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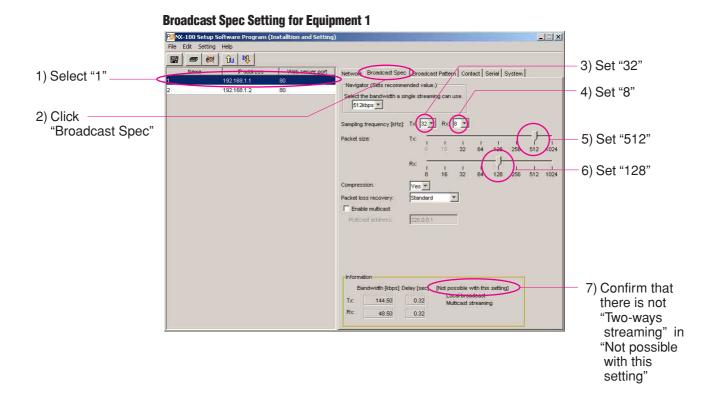
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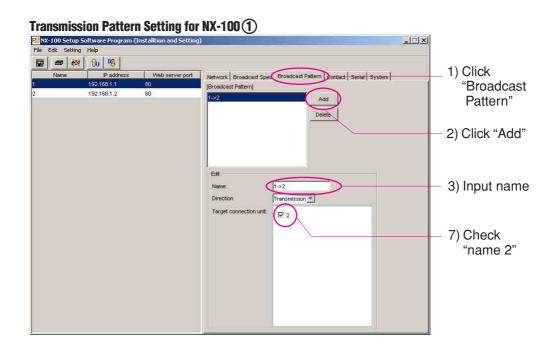


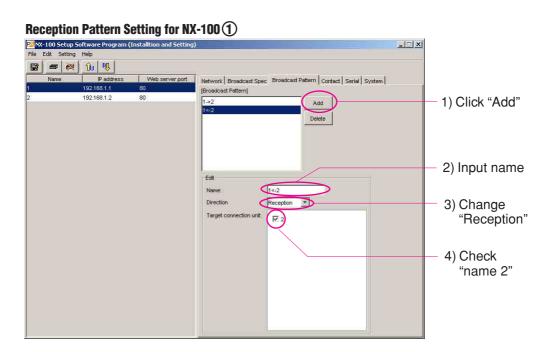
An ideal application for mid-sized buildings that require an effective general purpose communications system for announcements and emergencies, combining the NX-100 with the VX-2000 creates an ideal system that can easily be expanded to meet specific user requirements and one that offers superb reliability.

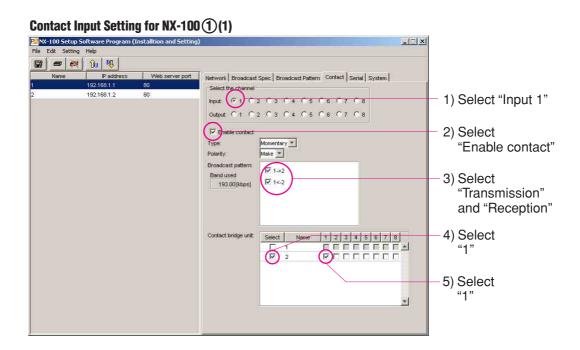


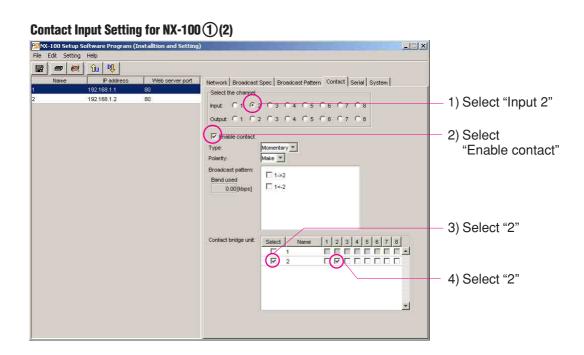
Initial Screen MX-100 Setup Software Program (Installtion and Setting) _| | | | | | | Name IP address Web server port Network Broadcast Spec Broadcast Pattern Contact Serial System 192.168.1.1 IP address: 192.168.1.2 192.168.1.2 TCP port number assignment vVeb server: 80 Start port No.: 5000 Start port No.: 5000 5000 Streaming: Broadcast control: 5000 5002 Error correction: 5001 5004 5002 5006 Serial bridge: Contact bridge: 5007 5003 Serial bridge: Fs correction:

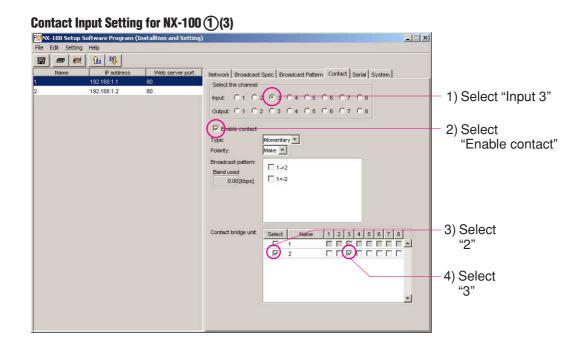


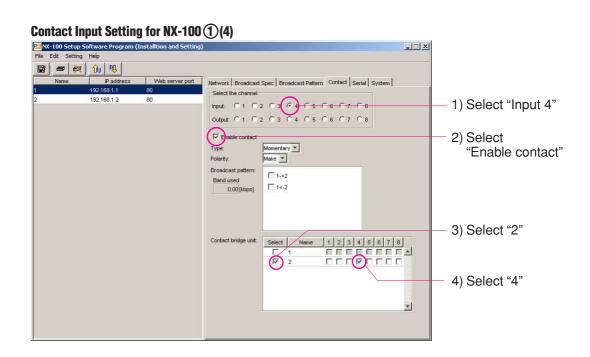


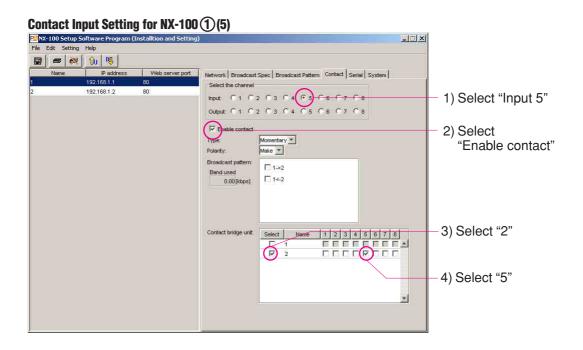


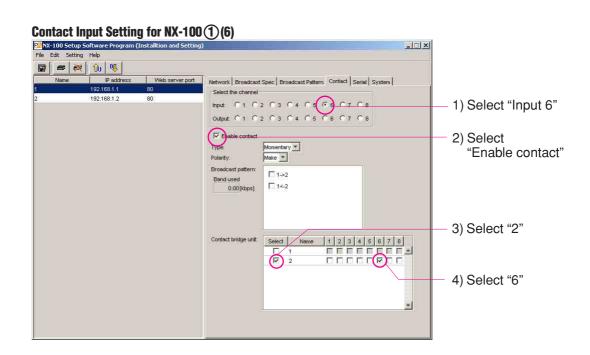


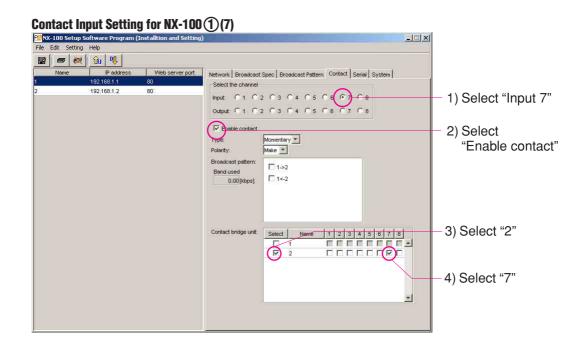


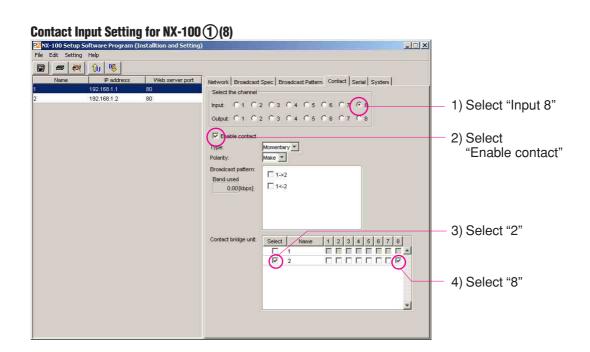


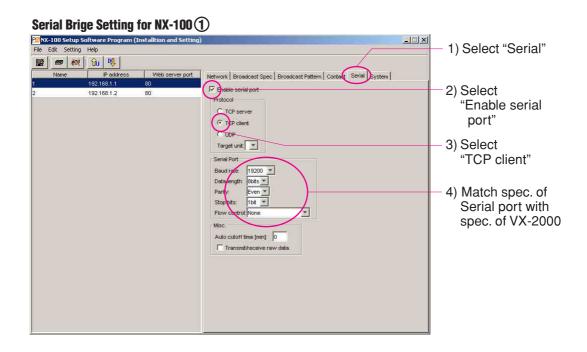


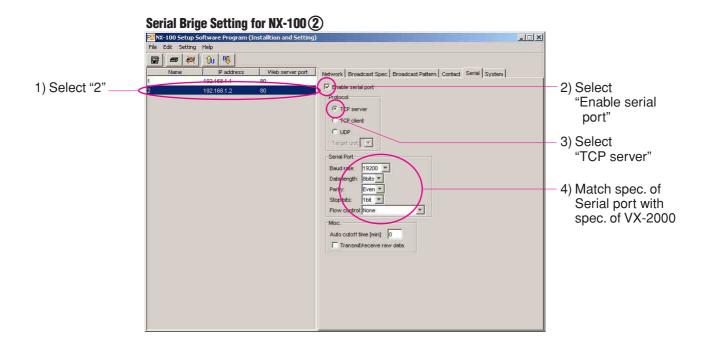




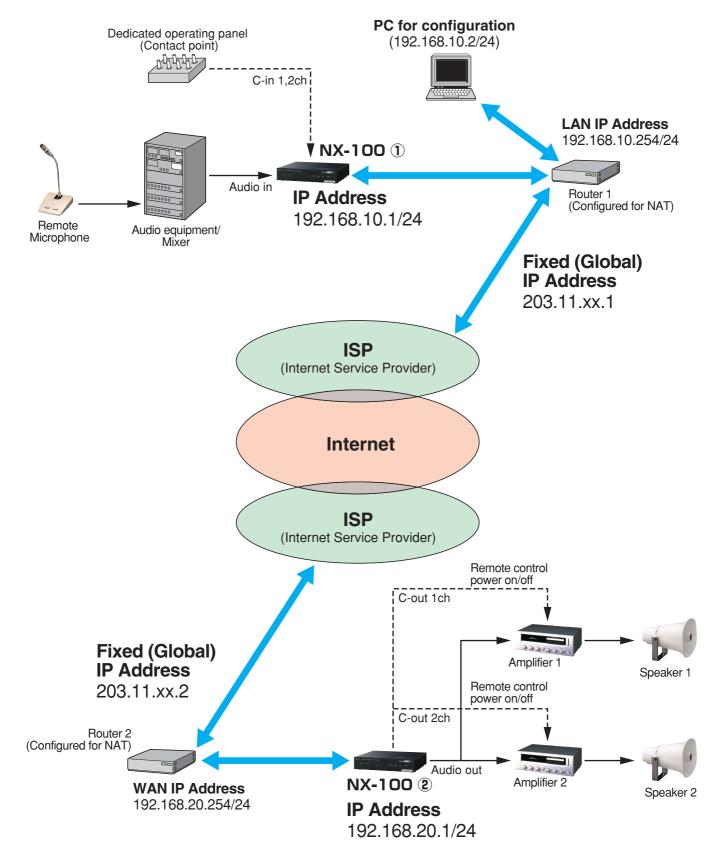


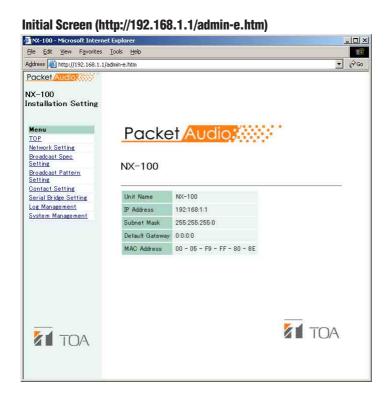


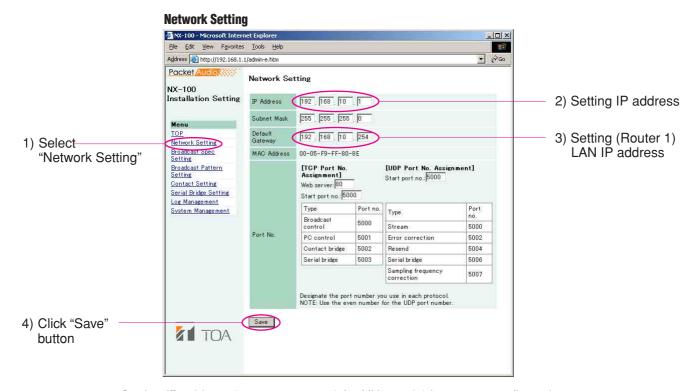




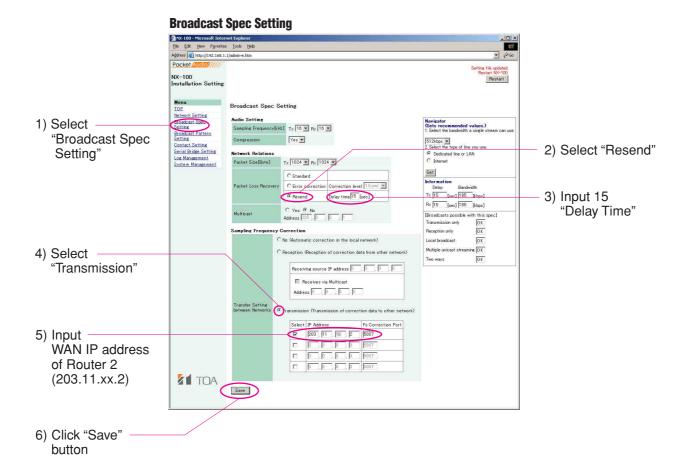
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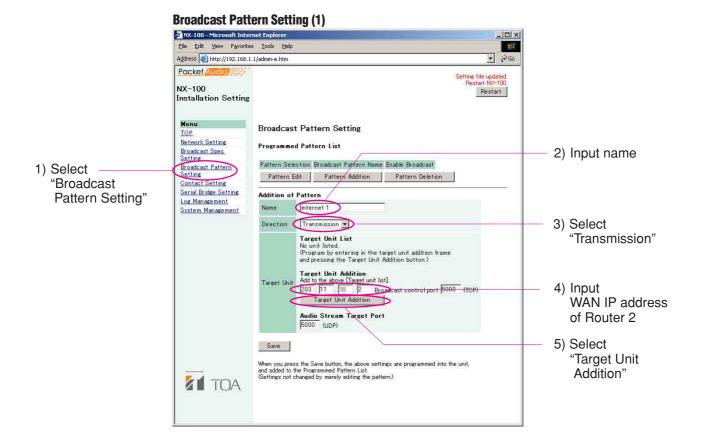




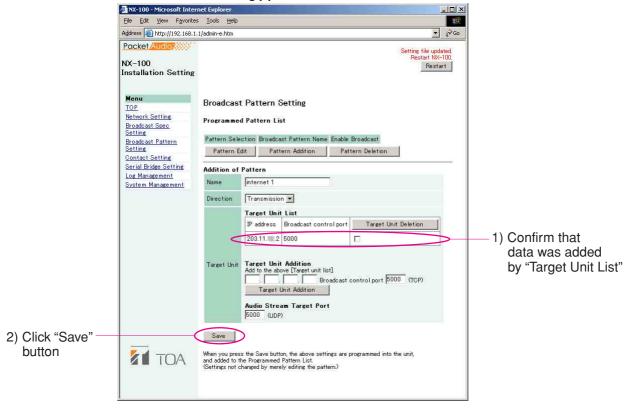


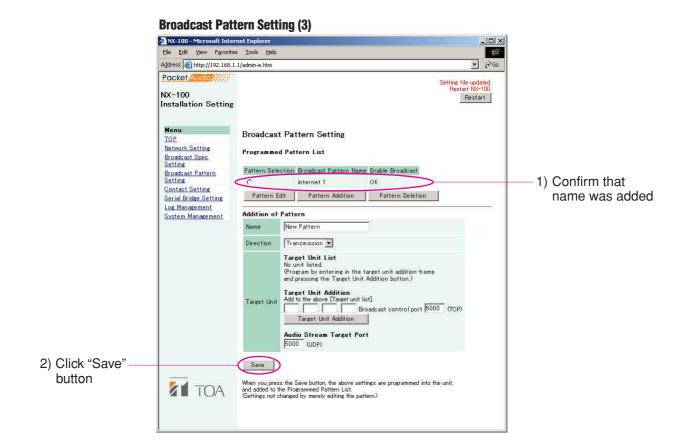
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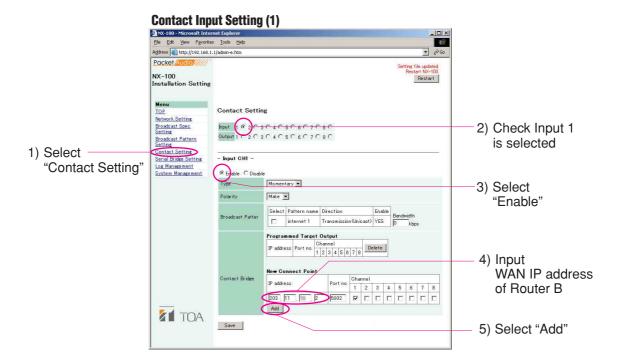


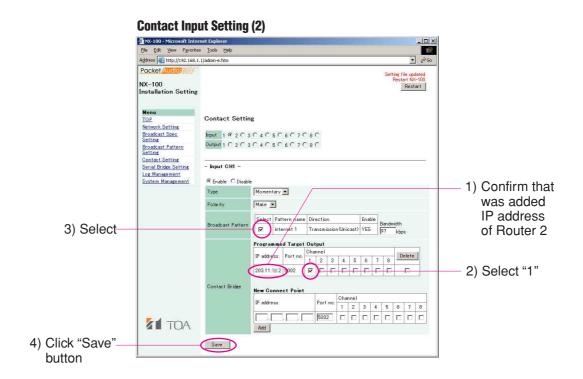


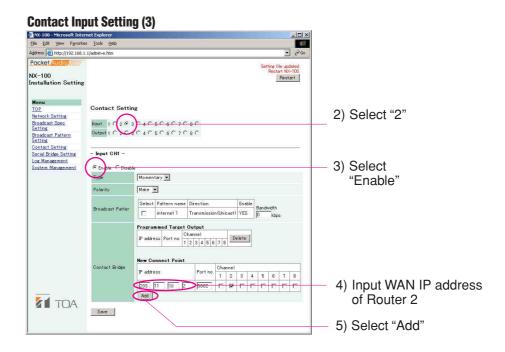
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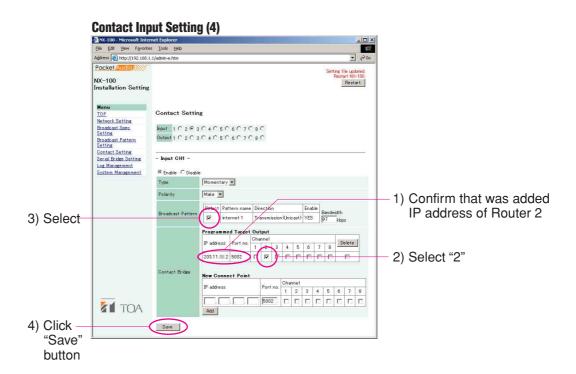


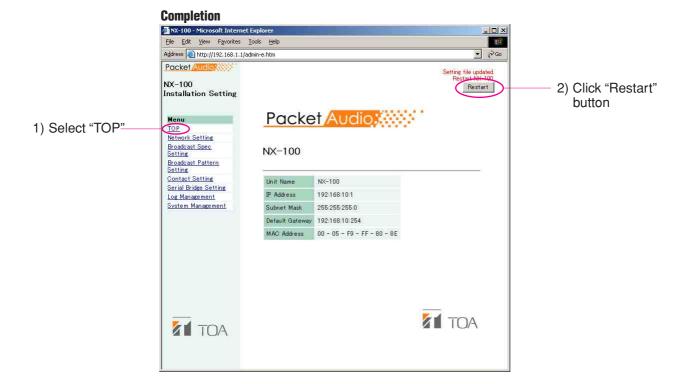


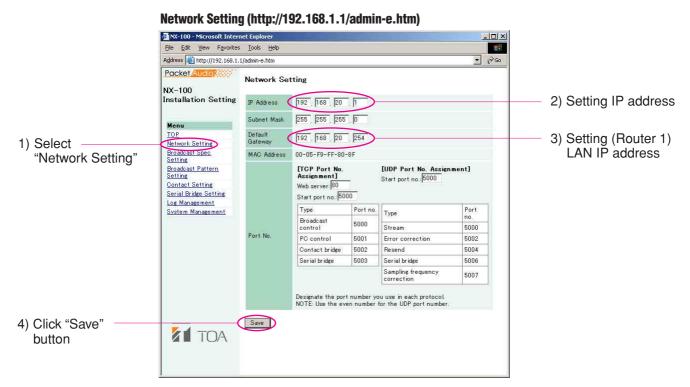




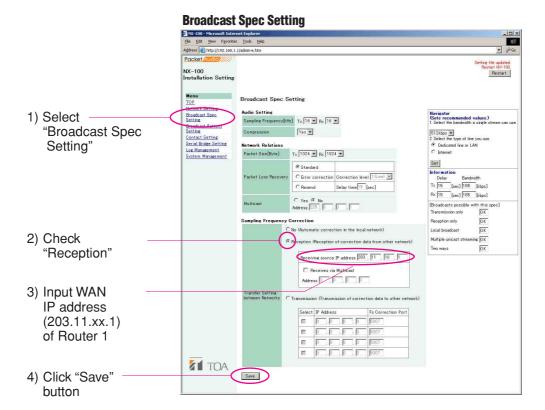


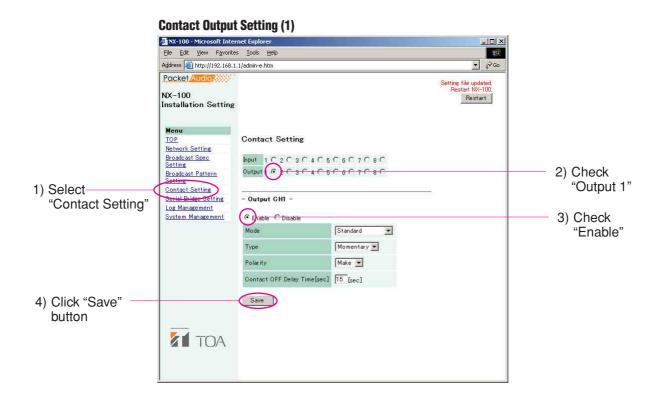


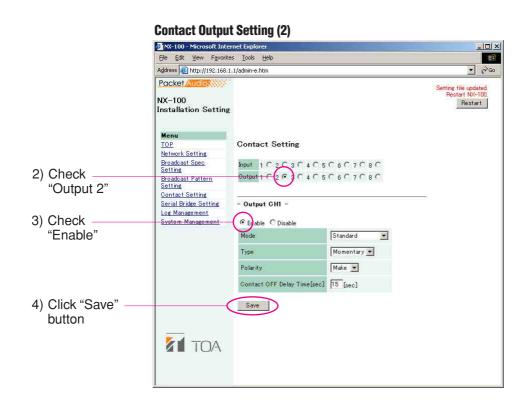




Setting IP address (192.168.20.1/24) for NX-100 (2) in system configuration for voice transmission over the internet application.









NX-100 Serial Communication Specifications

Electrical Specifications

- The D-sub 9-pin connector used for the NX-100's serial bridge comprises a DCE circuit. Of its 9 pins, only the GND (pin 5), TxD (pin 3), RxD (pin 2), RTS (pin 7) and CTS (pin 8) pins are wired. Since other pins are not wired, they cannot be used for connection, flow control or verification.
- Regarding output pins, until data communications are started after activation, the RxD pin (pin 2) is kept at low voltage level, while the CTS pin (pin 8) is kept at high voltage level. As long as the NX-100 Setting's Flow Control is not set to "Hardware," the CTS pin is kept at high voltage level even during communications.
- Setting the NX-100 Setting's Flow Control to "Hardware" executes the "RTS-CTS handshake" which informs serial-connected equipment of the receiving status of connected equipment data (transmitting status to the network) through the CTS pin, or controls data transmission to serial-connected equipment by checking the RTS pin status.
- If the Flow Control is set to "Software," the CTS pin's output does not change. However, "XON/XOFF system" flow control functions when the request to resume transmission (11H, CTRL-Q) and the request to stop transmission (13H, CTRL-S) are simultaneously transmitted to each other.

Software Specifications

TCP session connection processing flow

When a TCP error and an alive check (30-second interval) error occur during communications between the connected TCP server and the set NX-100, the NX-100 designated as the TCP client cuts off the TCP session and begins to retry the session connection after a 5-second interval.

The TCP client continuously retries failed session connections to the server. The in-session TCP server connected to the designated NX-100 TCP client cuts off the TCP session and waits for connection if a TCP error and an alive check (30-second interval) error occur during communications with the designated NX-100 TCP client.

Serial Reception-to-Packet Transmission Processing Flow

UDP/TCP Transmission

• Previously received serial data is transmitted as packets at 20 millisecond intervals. There are cases in which even consecutively received serial data is transmitted in two packets at 20 millisecond intervals. Also, unless an interval of 20 millisecond or more exists between two serial data transmissions, they may be transmitted as the same packet with essentially no interval between the two.

Packet Reception-to-Serial Transmission Processing Flow

Both the UDP and TCP transmissions begin to output serial data as soon as a packet is received.

NX-100 Serial Communication Specifications

Possible Bridging Function Communication Troubles

Serial Data Loss and Data Interval Change Caused by Network Malfunction

Output serial data may be lost or transmitted at intervals different from those for input due to jitter in network transmission time, packet loss, or TCP retransmission.

Serial Data Interval Change (Division/Link) Attributable to the NX-100's Packet Transmission Flow

The above-mentioned NX-100's transmission processing flow could cause data to be divided or linked.

Data divided into two packets is transmitted over the network as serial data with intervals of approximately 20 millisecond.

Data linked and transmitted as single packets is output as consecutive serial data with no interval.

NX-100 Internal Buffer Overflow

When packets are consecutively received due to network transmission time jitter, etc. or when serial output data is collected during flow control, the NX-100's internal buffer may generate an overflow, possibly causing serial output data loss.

Outline of PacketAudio Remote Control Protocol

- The NX-100 is capable of simultaneously holding a maximum of 8 TCP sessions with such equipment as a PC (collectively "PC" herein) by using its PC control TCP port (the NX-100 functions as a server).
- In these sessions, communications are possible by transmitting and receiving commands made up of ASCII character strings (TCP/IP packets).
- When a TCP session has been established with the NX-100, the PC needs to first enter into a "management status" by sending a request-to-manage command and receiving an acknowledgement command. (Be sure to exit the "management status" after control operation completion.)
- As long as the PC remains in the "management status," it must transmit the alive check command to the NX-100 every 60 seconds. (If the NX-100 does not receive the check command for 2 minutes or a TCP error is detected, it cuts off the session, releasing the PC from the "management status.")
- The NX-100 is capable of performing the tasks listed below by receiving a variety of commands from the PC in the "management status." When a task has been performed, the PC receives from the NX-100 data of the executed task. If the task cannot be executed, because for instance the target receiver is busy, the PC receives data of its reason.

(NOTE: In the figure, NX-100 Unit 1 is the unit that receives commands from the PC.)

- Start and end of the "transmission stream" from the NX-100 Unit 1 to another NX-100 Unit 2.
- Start and end of the "reception stream" from another NX-100 Unit 2 to the NX-100 Unit 1.
- Make and break of the contact outputs of the NX-100 Unit 1.
- The NX-100 transmits the following data to the PC in the "management status" whenever the status changes:
 - Details such as the target receiving device and broadcast specifications of the "transmission stream" that was started and ended.
 - Details such as the original transmitting source and broadcast specifications of the "reception stream" that was started and ended.
 - NX-100 Unit 1's contact inputs and outputs of which make/break status has changed.
- Upon receipt of the request-to-report command from the PC(s) in the "management status, "the NX-100 Unit 1 informs all such PCs of its current status as shown below:
 - Details such as the target receiving device and broadcast specifications of the "transmission stream" that is currently being executed.
 - Details such as the original transmitting source and broadcast specifications of the "reception stream" that is currently being executed.
 - Make/break status of NX-100 Unit 1's contact inputs and outputs.

Software developers desiring to incorporate TOA proprietary protocol in software are invited to contact their nearby authorized TOA dealer.