# Software Product Description

PRODUCT NAME: PC-Alis, Version 2.1

SPD 32.76.01

## DESCRIPTION

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PC-Alis allows IBM® PCs and compatibles to be used as Alis display devices. Alis must be installed on a host machine to which the PC is networked.

The Alis architecture provides independence and allows users to share information in a workgroup. Network support is tightly integrated into the Alis software so users can easily mail documents, access shared data, and send mail to external systems (i.e., ALL-IN-1) from different hosts in a heterogeneous network. Documents are automatically converted to the appropriate format for use of Alis on the receiving host. Complete support for X Windows<sup>TM</sup> allows Alis to be displayed on a wide range of workstations and X-terminals throughout a network.

All Alis product features are available on DOS-based PCs. When fitted with a graphics adapter and a mouse, the PC can be connected via a network to an Alis host computer. This configuration offers PC users with all the Alis features available on bit-mapped workstations, including multiple screen fonts and full interactive graphics.

In a PC Alis configuration, user tasks are executed on the host computer while the display management software runs on the PC. This reduces the load on the host and increases response time for the user.

For product descriptions of Alis, please refer to the Software Product Descriptions for Alis VAX/ULTRIX (SPD 32.93.xx) and Alis RISC/ULTRIX (SPD 32.77.xx)

## HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Processor Support

IBM or any compatible PC (not recommended for 8086 and 8088-based PCs)

Networked Server running Alis

#### Memory Requirement

640KB

Disk Space Required

150KB (a hard disk is not required)

Display Devices Supported

Hercules monochrome, EGA color (requires 256KB of memory on the EGA adapter board in addition to the 640KB of main memory), or VGA Color in EGA mode.

#### Ethernet Card

Excelan® 205 Ethernet card or an Ethernet card supported by Sun Microsystems PC-NFS

Mouse

Microsoft® Mouse with Microsoft compatible driver

#### Note:

The Logitech mouse and driver running in Microsoft® compatibility mode is not always compatible with a true Microsoft mouse. PC-Alis will not run if there is no mouse driver loaded, however, it will run without a physical mouse attached to the PC as long as an appropriate mouse driver is loaded.

#### SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

**Operating System** 

MS-DOS®, at a minimum Version 3.0

Microsoft Mouse Driver, at a minimum Version 3.0

Communications Software

Excelan DOS TCP/IP or Sun Microsystems PC-NFS



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