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# Introduction

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This guide tells you how to attach a Corvus utility server to your OMNINET™ network.

Once installed, the Corvus utility server lets you use your network more efficiently. With the proper software, the utility server lets every station on your network share the services of printers or other devices.

You already should have a working OMNINET network before you begin this guide.



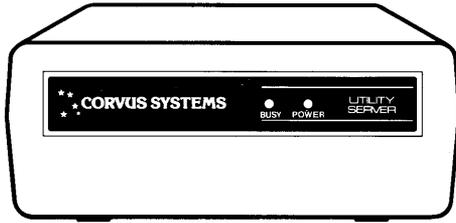
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# Hardware Required

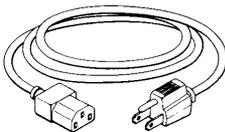
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You will need these items to install your utility server:

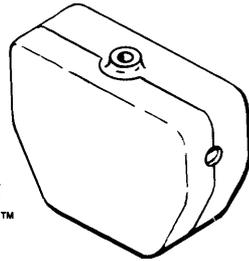
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- Power Cord
- Corvus Tap Box™
- Tap Cable



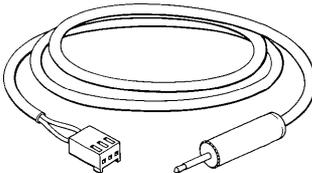
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# Installing a Network Tap

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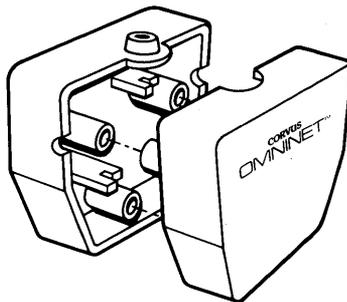
Your first step in installing a utility server is to tap into your network. Follow these steps to make a tap.

## 1. Remove insulation from the OMNINET cable.

Find a point on the OMNINET cable close to where your utility server will be. Use a knife to cut through the outer insulation of the cable. Take off about 2 inches (5 cm) of this insulation but do not cut the inner wires or remove their insulation.

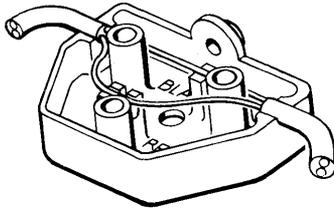


## 2. Open a tap box.

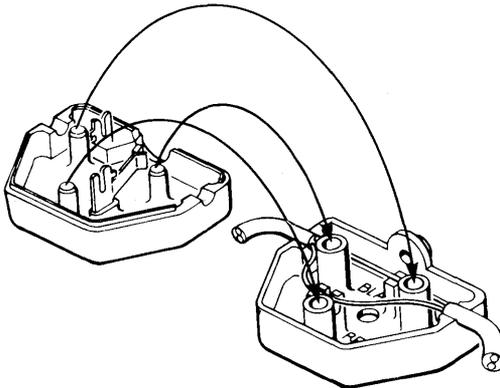


**3.** Put the cable wires into the tap box.

In one of the tap box halves are two wire guides. Push the black wire from the OMNINET cable into the BLACK wire guide and the red wire into the RED wire guide.



**4.** Close the tap box.



You now have installed a network tap for your utility server. Go to the next section of this manual.

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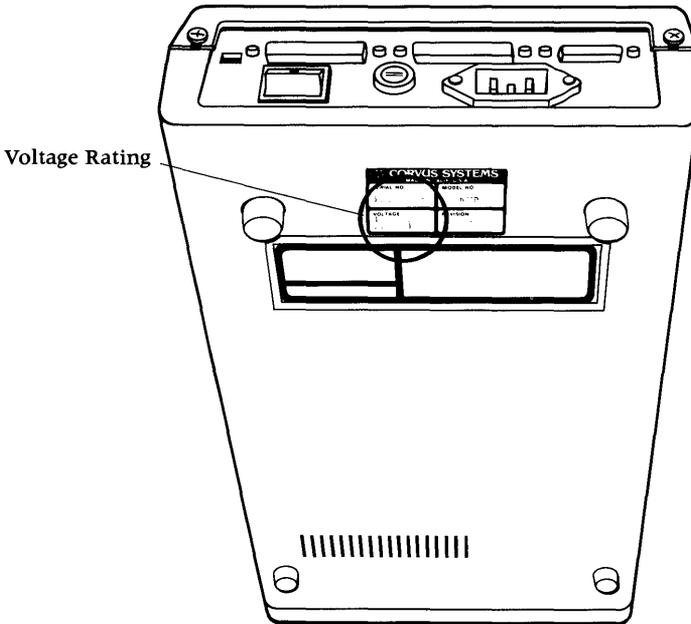
## Connecting Your Utility Server to the Network

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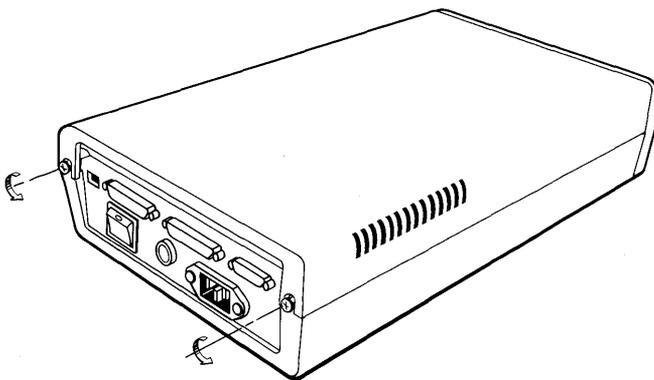
Once you have a network tap for your utility server, your next task is to attach the server to the tap.

### 1.

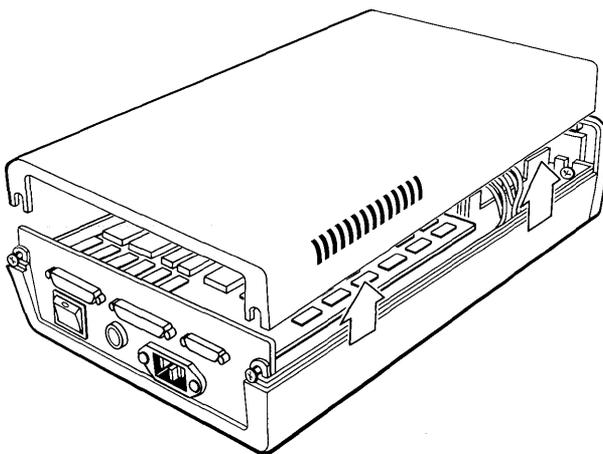
On the bottom of your utility server is a label that gives the voltage rating of the server. If the rating does not match your local voltage, contact your Corvus dealer.



2. Loosen the screws on the back of the utility server.

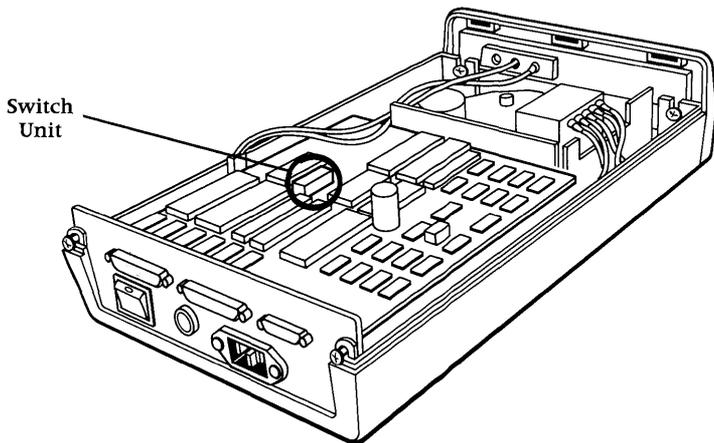


3. Lift the top off the utility server.



# 4. Set the network address for your server.

Face the back of the utility server. Slightly to the left of center on the utility server circuit board is a switch unit.



*Utility Server  
Circuit Board & Switch Unit*

Choose an address from 0 to 63 for your utility server. The address you choose must be different from the addresses of all other devices on your network. Write down your choice on a piece of paper and tape it to the outside of your server. Set the switches for your chosen address as shown in the table below.

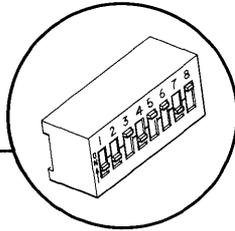
| Address | Switch Setting |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|         | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 0       | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 1       | —              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 2       | ↑              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 3       | —              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 4       | ↑              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 5       | —              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 6       | ↑              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 7       | —              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 8       | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 9       | —              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 10      | ↑              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 11      | —              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 12      | ↑              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 13      | —              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 14      | ↑              | — | — | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 15      | —              | — | — | — | ↑ | ↑ |
| 16      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 17      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 18      | ↑              | — | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 19      | —              | — | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 20      | ↑              | ↑ | — | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 21      | —              | ↑ | — | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 22      | ↑              | — | — | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 23      | —              | — | — | ↑ | — | ↑ |
| 24      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | — | — | ↑ |
| 25      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | — | — | ↑ |
| 26      | ↑              | — | ↑ | — | — | ↑ |
| 27      | —              | — | ↑ | — | — | ↑ |
| 28      | ↑              | ↑ | — | — | — | ↑ |
| 29      | —              | ↑ | — | — | — | ↑ |
| 30      | ↑              | — | — | — | — | ↑ |
| 31      | —              | — | — | — | — | ↑ |
| Address | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

| Address | Switch Setting |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|         | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 32      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 33      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 34      | ↑              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 35      | —              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 36      | ↑              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 37      | —              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 38      | ↑              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 39      | —              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 40      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 41      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 42      | ↑              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 43      | —              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 44      | ↑              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | — |
| 45      | —              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | — |
| 46      | ↑              | — | — | — | ↑ | — |
| 47      | —              | — | — | — | ↑ | — |
| 48      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — | — |
| 49      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — | — |
| 50      | ↑              | — | ↑ | ↑ | — | — |
| 51      | —              | — | ↑ | ↑ | — | — |
| 52      | ↑              | ↑ | — | ↑ | — | — |
| 53      | —              | ↑ | — | ↑ | — | — |
| 54      | ↑              | — | — | ↑ | — | — |
| 55      | —              | — | — | ↑ | — | — |
| 56      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | — | — | — |
| 57      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | — | — | — |
| 58      | ↑              | — | ↑ | — | — | — |
| 59      | —              | — | ↑ | — | — | — |
| 60      | ↑              | — | — | — | — | — |
| 61      | —              | ↑ | — | — | — | — |
| 62      | ↑              | — | — | — | — | — |
| 63      | —              | — | — | — | — | — |
| Address | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

↑ = on  
— = off

*Network Device Addresses  
and Switch Settings*

The sketch below shows a sample switch setting. This is just an example. You must choose your own address.

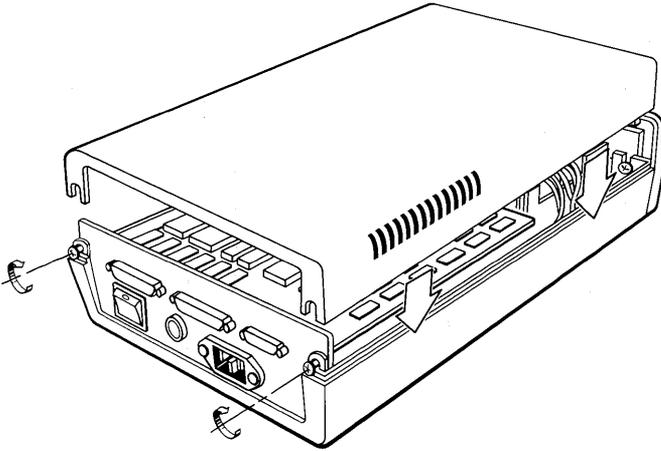


| Address | Switch Setting |   |   |   |   |   | Address | Switch Setting |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|         | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |         | 1              | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 0       | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 32      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 1       | —              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 33      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 2       | ↑              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 34      | ↑              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 3       | —              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 35      | —              | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 4       | ↑              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 36      | ↑              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 5       | —              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 37      | —              | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 6       | ↑              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 38      | ↑              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 7       | —              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | 39      | —              | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | — |
| 8       | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | 40      | ↑              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 9       | —              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | 41      | —              | ↑ | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 10      | ↑              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | 42      | ↑              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 11      | —              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | ↑ | 43      | —              | — | ↑ | — | ↑ | — |
| 12      | ↑              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | 44      | ↑              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | — |
| 13      | —              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | ↑ | 45      | —              | ↑ | — | — | ↑ | — |
|         |                |   |   |   |   |   | 46      | ↑              | — | — | — | ↑ | — |

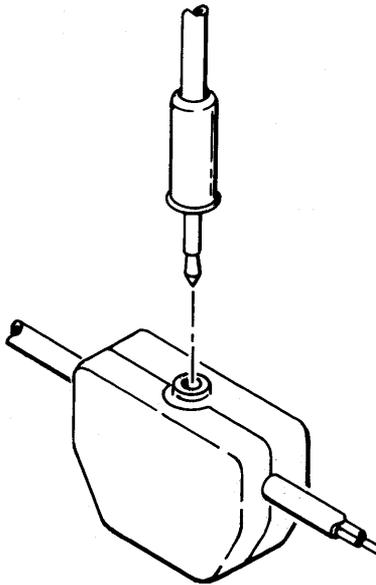
*A Sample Address*

Switches 7 and 8 are not used for setting the network address. Set switch 7 off and switch 8 on.

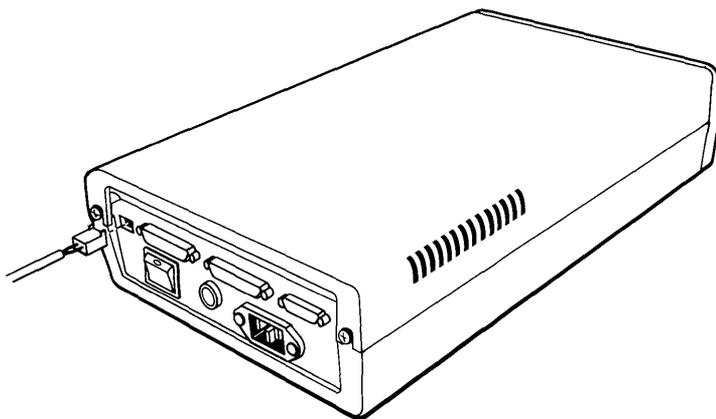
5. Replace the cover on the utility server and tighten the screws.



6. Plug a cable into the tap box for your server.



7. Connect the tap cable to the utility server.

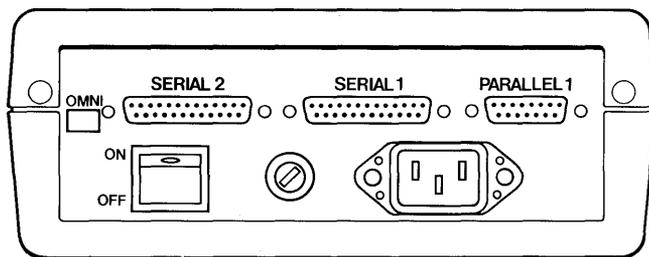


8. Attach devices to the utility server.

On the back of the utility server are three ports for attaching devices such as printers and modems. The SERIAL 1 and SERIAL 2 ports are RS-232C ports for connecting serial type devices. To connect a device to one of these ports, you'll need a cable with an RS-232C male plug at one end and a connector suitable for your device at the other end. "The RS-232C Serial Interface" section describes the RS-232C pins that the utility server uses.

The PARALLEL 1 port on the back of the utility server connects a parallel printer. A cable for this port must have a 15-pin male connector at one end and a connector suitable for your printer at the other end. "The Parallel Interface" section describes the pins on the PARALLEL port.

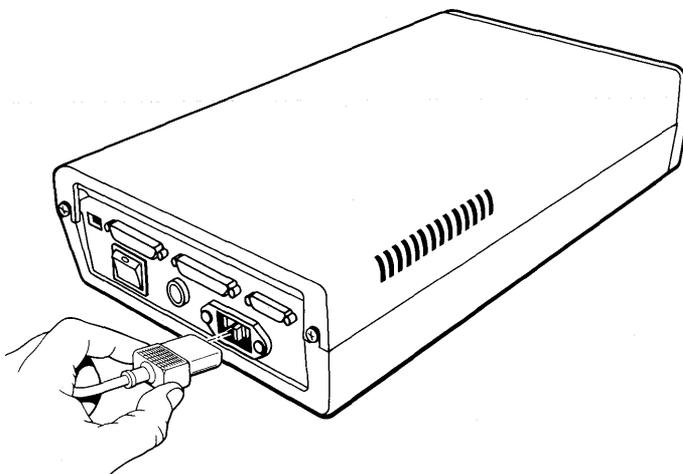
A cable for the PARALLEL port is available from Corvus. See your Corvus dealer to find out if this cable will work with your printer.



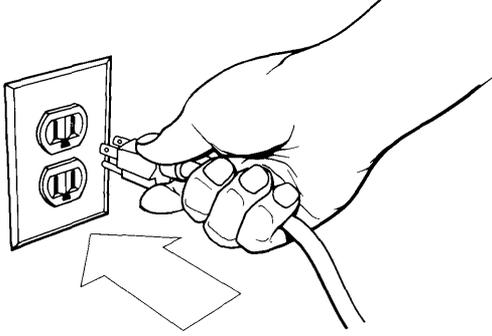
*Utility Server  
Back Panel*

When you have all the cables you need, attach them to your server and to the devices you wish to serve. Cables attach to the server in one way only. If a cable plug will not go into its socket, turn it over and try again.

## 9. Attach the power cord to the server.



**10.** Plug the power cord into the wall.



**You now have finished installing your utility server. From here, go to the Utility Server Manager's Guide for your computer and the type of service you want.**



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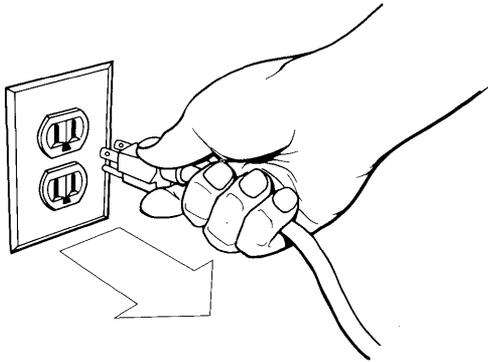
# Replacing the Fuse

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Your utility server has a slow-blow fuse to protect the server from harm. If the fuse burns out, you will have to replace it. The server will not work without a fuse.

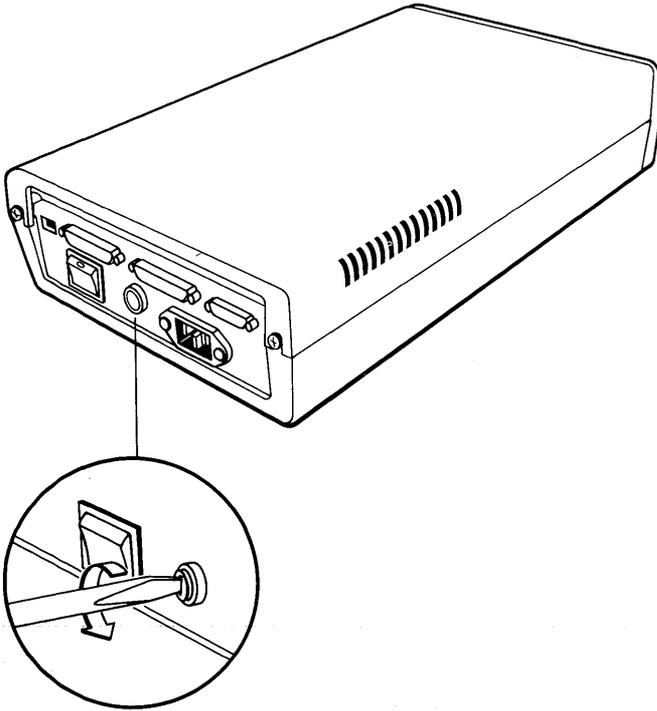
- 1. TURN OFF your utility server and unplug it.**

Never change your fuse when the server is plugged in. You could get a severe electrical shock.

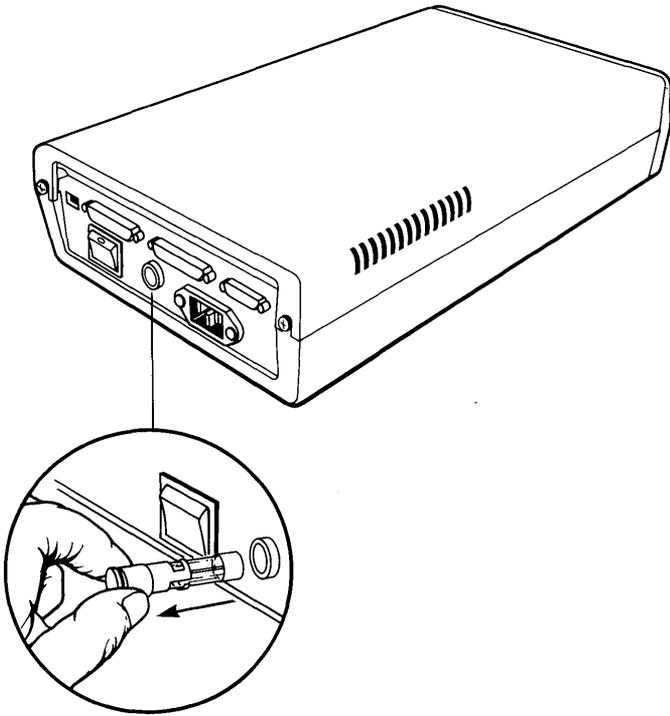


## 2. Unlatch the fuse cylinder.

On the back of the utility server is a circular fuse holder. With a screwdriver, push the central cylinder in and turn it counter-clockwise. The cylinder will pop out.



**3.** Remove the cylinder from the fuse holder.



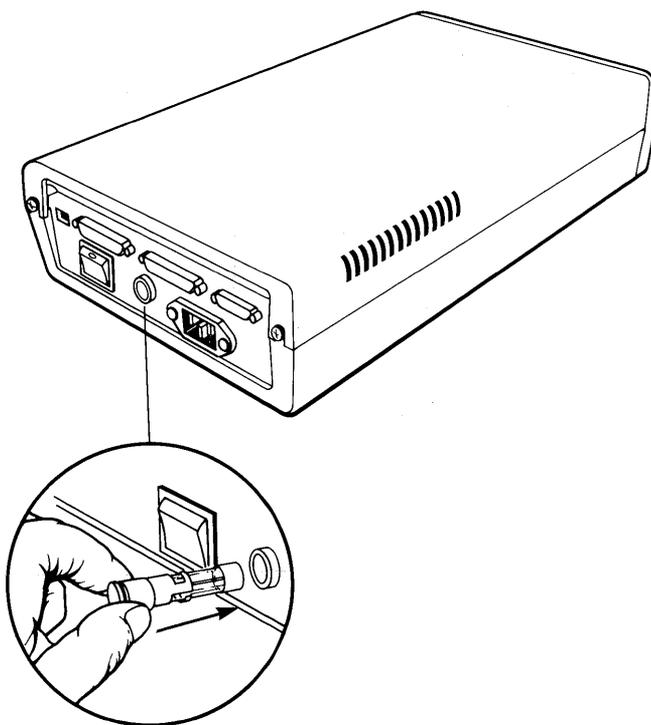
**4.** Put a new fuse into the fuse cylinder.

The utility server uses one of the following slow-blow fuses depending on its voltage setting:

100v and 120v ... 0.5 amp  
220v and 240v ... 0.25 amp

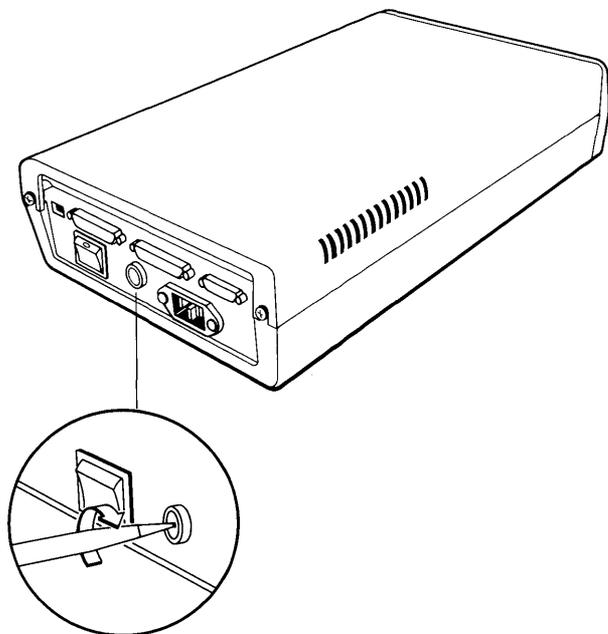


- 5.** Put the fuse cylinder back into the fuse holder.



## 6. Latch the cylinder in place.

With a screwdriver, push the cylinder in and turn it clockwise.



**You now have finished changing the fuse on your utility server.**



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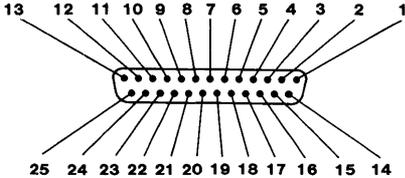
## The RS-232C Serial Interface

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The utility server is a piece of data communications equipment. Its serial ports are RS-232C connectors. The serial interface uses the RS-232C pins described below.

| Pin | Signal Name       | Source         | Function  |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 1   | Protective ground | None           | Grounds chassis   |
| 2   | Transmitted data  | Slave device   | Carries serial data from the slave device to the utility server.  |
| 3   | Received data     | Utility server | Carries serial data from the utility server to the slave device.  |
| 4   | Request to send   | Slave device   |   |
| 5   | Clear to send     | Utility server |   |
| 6   | Data set ready    | Utility server | When high (+12 volts), indicates that the utility server is on-line. When low (-12 volts), indicates that the utility server is off-line. |
| 7   | Signal ground     | None           | Provides return path for data and control signals.  |

| Pin | Signal Name         | Source         | Function  |
|-----|---------------------|----------------|---|
| 8   | Carrier detect      | Utility server | When high (+12 volts), indicates that the utility server is on-line. When low (-12 volts), indicates that the utility server is off-line. |
| 20  | Data terminal ready | Slave device   | When high (+12 volts), indicates that the slave device is on-line. When low (-12 volts), indicates that the slave device is off-line.     |



*RS-232C Port*

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# The Parallel Interface

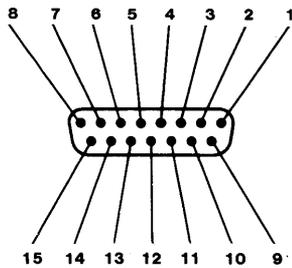
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The parallel printer port on the back of your utility server uses the 15 pins described below. A signal name with a bar over it is active when low; a signal name without a bar is active when high.

## Pin Signal Name Source Function

|    |                            |                |  |
|----|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1  | $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ | Utility server | Provides a 0.5- $\mu\text{sec}$ pulse that clocks data from the utility server into the printer logic.                   |
| 2  | DATA 1                     | Utility server | Transmit data bits 1 through 8. A high voltage represents a binary 1, a low represents a binary 0.                       |
| 3  | DATA 2                     |                |  |
| 4  | DATA 3                     |                |  |
| 5  | DATA 4                     |                |  |
| 6  | DATA 5                     |                |  |
| 7  | DATA 6                     |                |  |
| 8  | DATA 7                     |                |  |
| 9  | DATA 8                     |                |  |
| 10 | $\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$ | Printer        | Indicates with a low pulse that a data byte has been received and that the printer is ready to accept another character. |

| Pin | Signal Name  | Source  | Function  |
|-----|--------------|---------|---|
| 11  | BUSY         | Printer | When high, indicates that the printer cannot receive data. When low, indicates the printer can receive data. The signal becomes high during: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Data entry.</li> <li>b. Printing or printhead's moving time.</li> <li>c. Off-line state.</li> <li>d. Error state.</li> </ul> |
| 12  | PE           | Printer | When high, indicates that the printer is out of paper.  |
| 13  | SLCT         | Printer | When high, indicates that the printer is selected.  |
| 14  | OV           | None    | Logic ground.   |
| 15  | <u>ERROR</u> | Printer | When low, indicates an error condition.   |



*The PARALLEL 1 Port*