Quick Start

Getting started with AlphaNet™

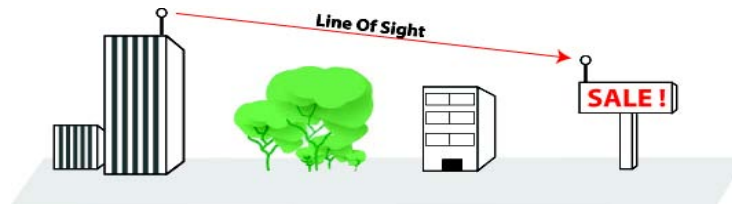*Get your sign up and running fast!*

Start here

1 Connect

Connect the RS232 cable to the transmitter and a COM port on your computer.

For most effective communications, there must be a clear *visual* line of sight between the transmitter and receiver antennas.

Line Of Sight

SALE!

2 Insert

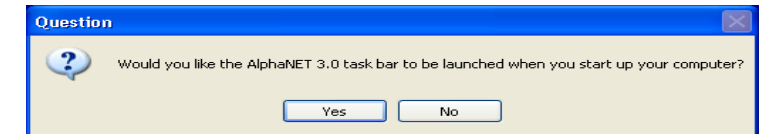With the computer on, insert the AlphaNet™ CD into your CD drive.

If installation does not start automatically:
- Select **Start > Run.**
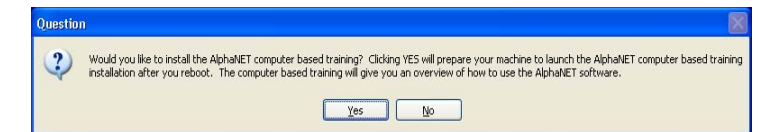- Type `D:/setup` (use the correct letter for your CD drive if not *D*).
- Click **OK.**

3 Install

Follow the instructions as the software takes you step-by-step through installation.
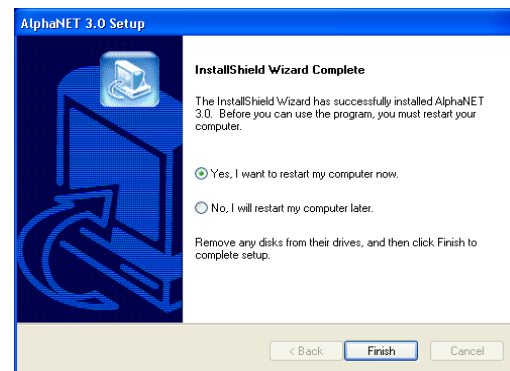
Special features to look for . . .

Question — Would you like the AlphaNET 3.0 task bar to be launched when you start up your computer? Yes No

Click **Yes.**

Question — Would you like to install the AlphaNET computer based training? Clicking YES will prepare your machine to launch the AlphaNET computer based training installation after you reboot. The computer based training will give you an overview of how to use the AlphaNET software. Yes No

Click **Yes.**

4 Reboot

Reboot your computer when prompted.

AlphaNET 3.0 Setup — InstallShield Wizard Complete

The InstallShield Wizard has successfully installed AlphaNET 3.0. Before you can use the program, you must restart your computer.

○ Yes, I want to restart my computer now.
○ No, I will restart my computer later.

Remove any disks from their drives, and then click Finish to complete setup.

< Back   Finish   Cancel

Important: If the Site Setup Wizard appears after your computer reboots:
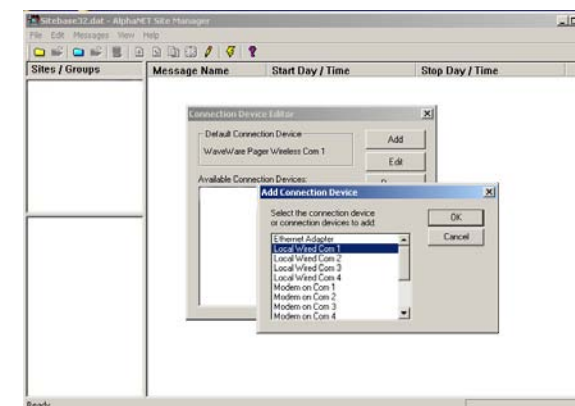- Select **TCP/IP** when asked how you will communicate with your sign.
- Select your sign model from the list, including number of columns, number of rows, and single or full color.

5 Select

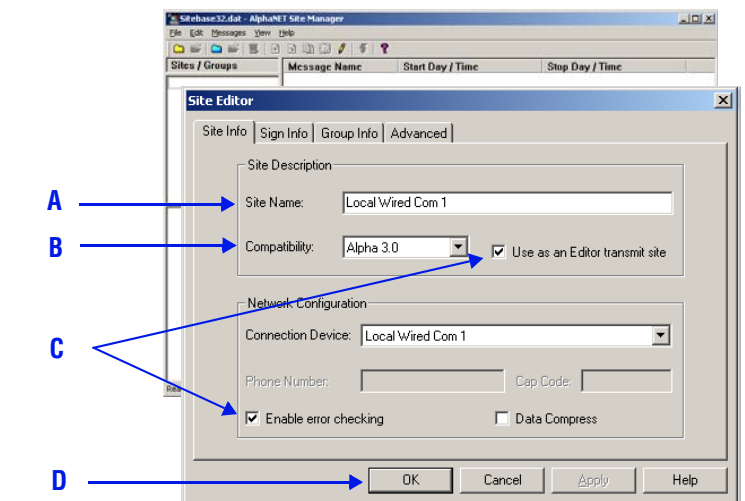Click the Site Manager button to select a connection device.

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- Select **Edit > Connection Device > Add.**
- Choose Local Wired Com 1 and click **OK.**

6 Assign

Assign a site that uses the Waveware connection device. Select **File > New Site.**

A — Site Name: Local Wired Com 1
B — Compatibility: Alpha 3.0 ☑ Use as an Editor transmit site
C — Connection Device: Local Wired Com 1
   Phone Number: Cap Code:
   ☑ Enable error checking   ☐ Data Compress
D — OK   Cancel   Apply   Help

A—Name the new site.
B—Choose Alpha 3.0 for StreetSmart and RoadStar signs.
C—Check these two boxes.
D—Click **OK.**

System requirements

Windows
- 95, 98, 2000, NT Workstation, ME, XP or Vista software
- Processor requirements appropriate to selected operating system
- 16 MB RAM
- 10 MB of hard disk space
- CD drive
- RS232 (serial port) or LAN access
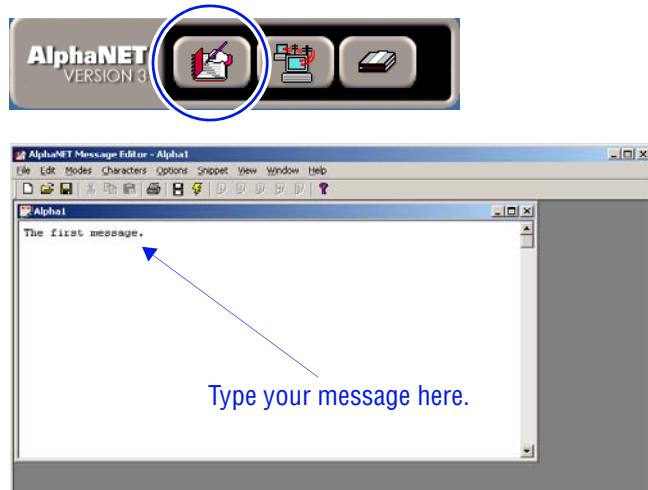- Works with Alpha displays

Macintosh
- Macintosh G4 computer
- Virtual PC for Macintosh
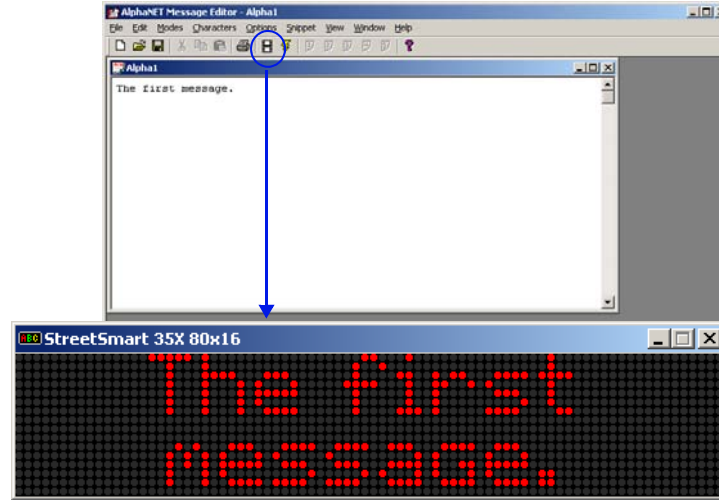

Creating and sending a message

1 Create

Click the Message Editor button and type your first message.
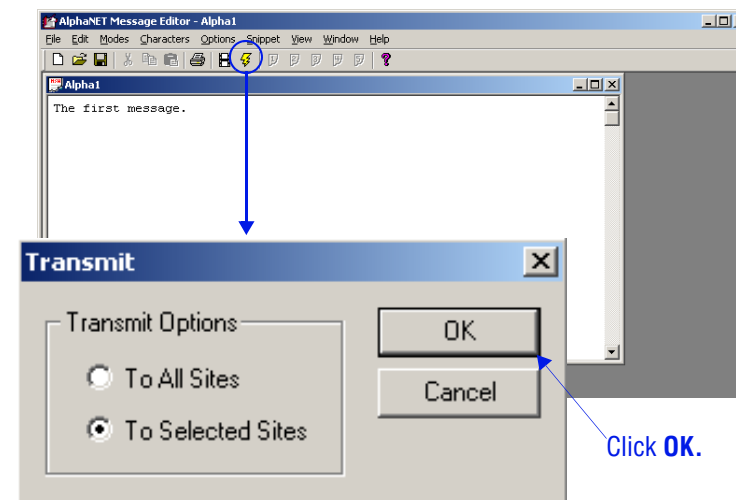

Type your message here.

2 Test

Click the Simulate button to see how your message will look.
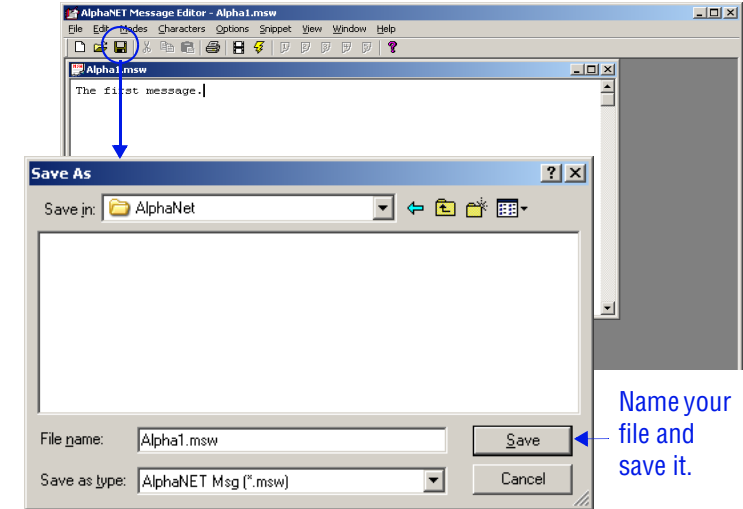

3 Send, or → ## 4 Save

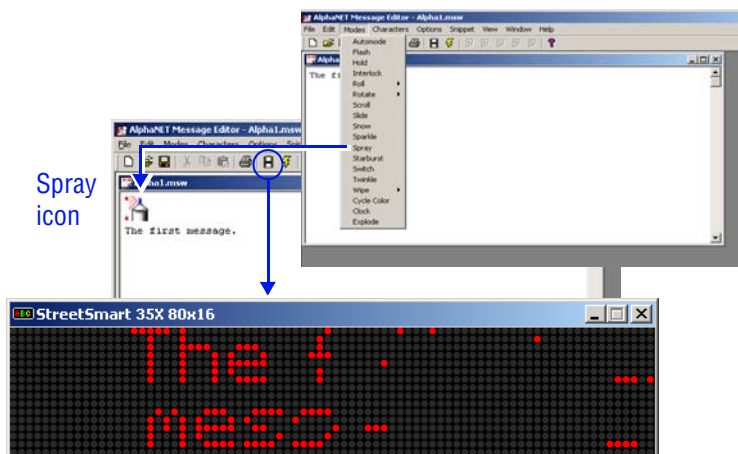To send your message, click the Transmit button on the toolbar.

Click **OK.**

Save your message or group of messages in an AlphaNet™ folder on your computer.

Name your file and save it.

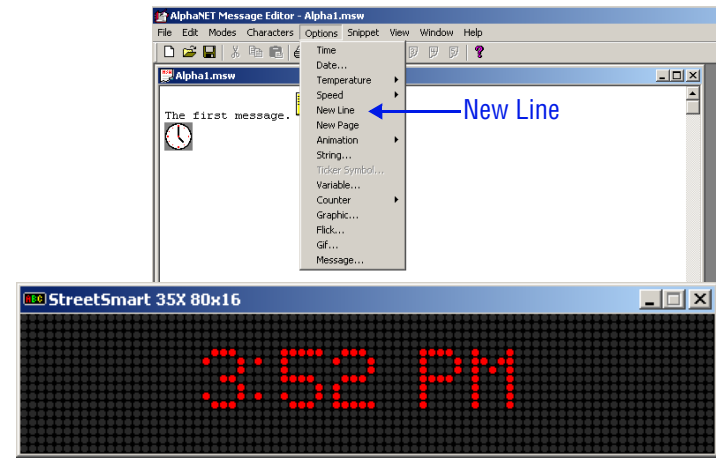# Exploring modes, options, and schedules

1 Modes

Modes let you control the way your message appears. ("Spray" mode shown below.)

Spray icon

Tip: Place the cursor before the message and insert the mode. Click the Simulate button to view.
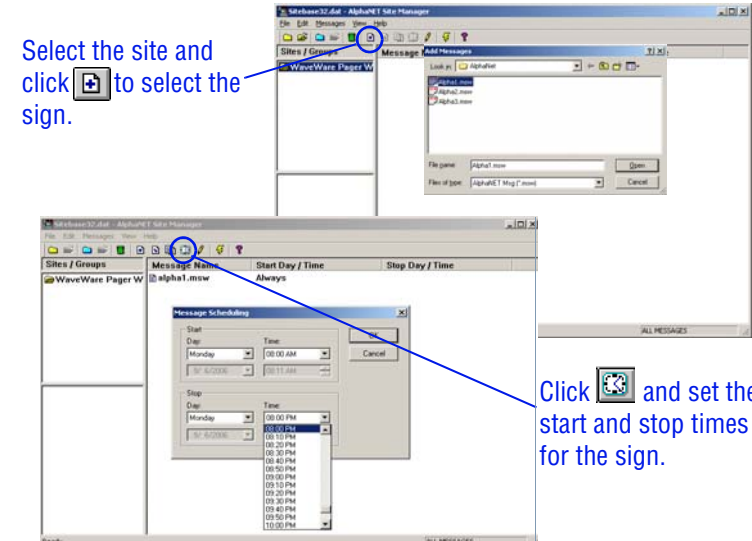
2 Options

You can add the date, time, temperature, and other displays using Options.

New Line

Tip: Insert "New Line" between your message and the option. Click the Simulate button to view.

3 Schedules

Schedule your messages to appear at a specific time of day.

Select the site and click ⊞ to select the sign.

Click ⊞ and set the start and stop times for the sign.

4 Send

Select the signs where you want the message sent and click the transmit button.

Click **OK.**

See *AlphaNET™ Version 3.0 User Manual* (pn 97088081) for more detailed instructions on using your AlphaNET™ software.

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