NAT (Network Address Translation)

Introduction

NAT (Network Address Translation) is a method of mapping one or more IP addresses and/or IP service ports into different specified values.

Two functions of NAT are as below:

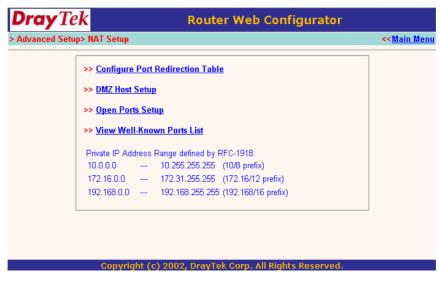
It allows the internal IP addresses of many computers on a LAN to be translated to the public ISP by only one or a few addresses, saving users cost.

It can play a security feature by obscuring the true addresses of important machines from potential hackers on the Internet.

NAT Setup

Usually you will use the router as a NAT-enabled router. NAT stands for Network Address Translation. It means the router gets one (in Single ISP, PPPoE, PPTP) or two (in Dual ISP mode) globally re-routeable IP addresses from the ISP. Local hosts will use private network IP addresses defined by RFC-1918 to communiate with the router. The router translates the private network addresses to a globally routeable IP address, which is then used to access the Internet. The following explains NAT features for specific applications.

Click **NAT Setup** to open the setup page. On the page you will see the private IP address definitions defined in RFC-1918. Usually we use the 192.168.1.0/24 subnet for the router.



Exposing Internal Servers to the Public Domain

The Port Redirection Table may be used to expose internal servers to the public domain or open a specific port number to internal hosts. Internet hosts can use the WAN IP address to access internal network services, such as FTP, WWW, etc.

The following example shows how an internal FTP server is exposed to the public domain. The internal FTP server is running on the local host addressed as 192.168.1.10.



As shown above, the **Port Redirection Table** provides 10 port-mapping entries for internal hosts.

Service Name: Specifies the name for the specific network service.

Protocol: Specifies the transport layer protocol (TCP or UDP).

Public Port: Specifies which port should be redirected to the internal host.

Private IP: Specifies the private IP address of the internal host offering the service.

Private Port: Specifies the private port number of the service offered by the internal host.

Active: Check here to activate the port-mapping entry.

Click OK

Note that port forwarding can only be applied to external users only - i.e incoming traffic. The internet users behind your LAN can not access your external public IP address and come back in; the internal users shall access the server on its local private IP address, or you can set upan alias in a Windows hosts file. Please only redirect the ports you know you have to forward rather than forward all ports. Otherwise, the intrinsic firewall type security of NAT facility will be influenced.

DMZ Host Setup

Click **DMZ Host Setup** to open the setup page. The DMZ Host settings allow a defined internal user to be exposed to the Internet to use some special-purpose applications such as Netmeeting or Internet Games etc.

DMZ Enable: Check to enable the DMZ Host function.

DMZ Host IP: Enter the IP address of the DMZ host.



Open Port Setup

The Vigor router can support three variants of port mapping methods as below:

Port Redirection: The packet is forwarded to a specific local PC if the port number matches that defined. An user can also translate the port to another port locally.

Open Ports: As Port Redirection (above) but enables you to define a range of ports.

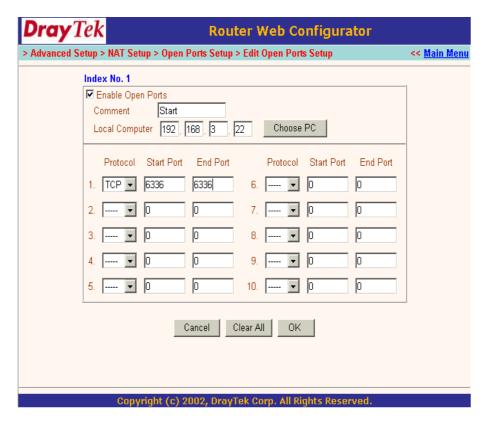
DMZ host: This opens up a single PC completely. All inward packets will be forwarded to the PC with the local IP address you designate. The only exceptions are packets received in response to outgoing requests from other local computers or incoming packets which match rules in the other two methods.

While you are using combinations of these three systems, there is a priority structure; i.e. if a rule in one method co-incides with a rule in another method, then there is strict precidence, so that the result should be predictable. The precidence is as follows:

Port Redirection > Open Ports > DMZ

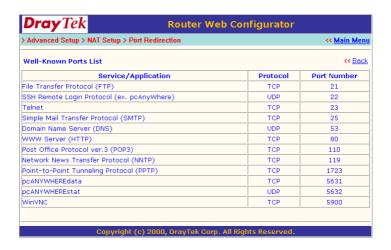
e.g. The packet will be forwarded to the local address designated in **Port Redirection** if the port umer of an incoming packet matches a rule in both **Port Redirection** and **Open Ports**.





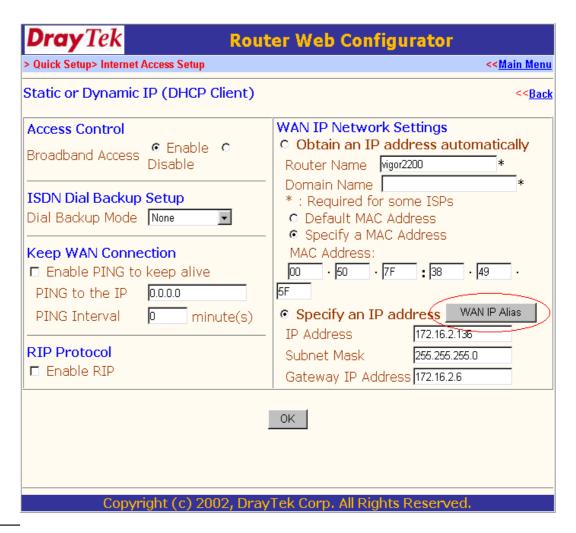
Well-known Port Number List

This page provides some well-known port numbers for your reference.



Mutli-NAT Setup

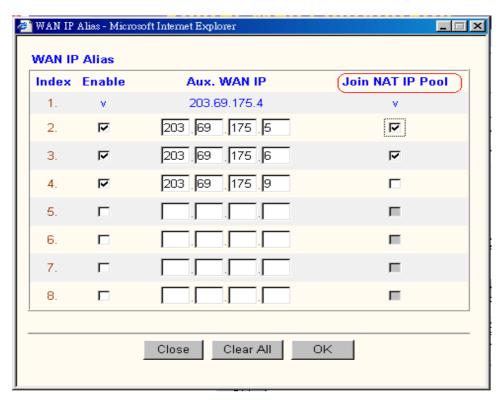
If you have a group of static IPs then you can use the Multi-NAT features to set up multiple DMZ hosts or multiple open ports hosts in Vigor router. The following session will show you how to setup Multi-NAT feature.



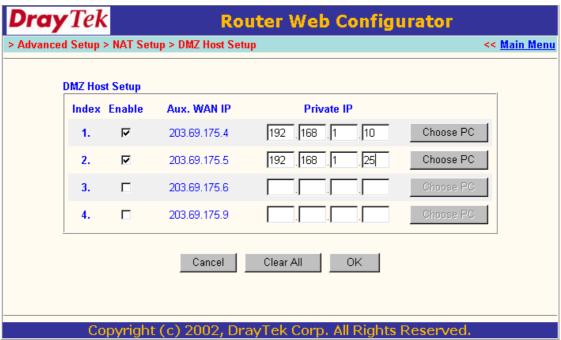
When you click the WAN IP Alias button, it will open a window for you to input your public IPs.

The Join NAT IP Pool check box means that the local user can use this IP to connect to the Internet.

If you do not check this check box, then the local user will not use this IP.



After you set up the WAN IP Alias, then you can setup multiple DMZ and/or multiple open ports as follows:



Dray Tek **Router Web Configurator** > Advanced Setup > NAT Setup > Open Ports Setup > Edit Open Ports Setup << Main Menu Index No. 1 WAN IP 203.69.175.4 Comment Local Computer 203.69.175.5 203.69.175.6 203.69.175.9 Protocol Start Port End Port Protocol 0 1. ---- 0 0 6. ---- 0 2. ---- 0 0 7. ---- 🔻 0 0 3. ----- 0 0 8. ---- 🔻 0 Г 4. ---- 0 0 9. ---- 🔻 0 Г 5. ---- 0 0 10. ---- 🔻 0 0 Cancel Clear All OΚ Copyright (c) 2002, DrayTek Corp. All Rights Reserved.