Appendix D Using the Download Utilities

This appendix describes how you use the download_flash and network_download utilities to update the firmware on the workgroup EISA SGI adapter. You must run one of these utilities on every workstation that has a workgroup EISA SGI adapter.

The download_flash Utility

You must be logged in as root to use the download utilities. Use the following command to copy the utilities from the DDS tape to the workstation's hard disk:

tar -xvf /dev/tape

The format of the **download_flash** utility command line is:

download_flash [-f fddinum] filename

fddinum is the FDDI interface number. The default is 0. Interface 0 is the first EISA SGI adapter in the machine. Interface 1 is the second adapter, and so on. You only need to use the -f option if you want to download firmware to any adapter other than interface 0.

filename is the name of the file (in S-record format) containing the EISA SGI firmware. A typical filename is eisa34.rom. This parameter is always required. The number indicates the revision level of the Flash software.

The following example downloads firmware in the eisa34.rom file to FDDI interface 0:

download_flash eisa34.rom

The following example downloads firmware in the eisa34.rom file to FDDI interface 1:

download_flash -f 1 eisa34.rom

the network_download Utility

Normally, download_flash is used to download firmware to an EISA SGI adapter in the local machine. However, you can use the network_download script to download firmware to an EISA SGI adapter on a remote machine. This script copies the download_flash utility and firmware file to the remote machine, and then remotely starts the download_flash utility.

The format of the network_download utility command line is as follows:

network_download eisa34.rom remote_machine_name