

Quick-Start Network Reference Guide

Thank you for your Neptune Systems purchase. In a few, short minutes you will be on your way to interfacing with one of the most versatile and elite aquatic automation controllers available! Please use the quick steps to allow for easy network access to your Neptune Systems controller. While we understand your router may not be located near your where your controller will be permanently located, we do recommend that for initial setup and configuration that the controller be plugged directly into your home network's main router.

1. Remove your controller from the packaging and located the Ethernet cable that was included with your system purchase.
2. Plug this cable into you controller's Ethernet port an open Ethernet port on your router.
 - a. If you are unsure where or what a router is, then this is the device your Internet Service Provider installed to allow for internet access in your home.
3. Apply power to your controller:
 - a. With an Apex Jr this will be done through the 120V AC power cord
 - b. With an Apex lite or base system:
 - i. Plug the Energy Bar 8 (EB8) 120V AC power cord into a GFCI outlet (wall outlet).
 - ii. Now connect the aquabus cable from the EB8 to the controller.
 - c. **NOTE:** If you have already applied power to your controller, then power cycle it by removing AC power.
4. Insert the CD included with your purchase into a CD drive of a computer located on your home network.
 - a. This will be a computer that you are able to access the Internet from
5. Locate and open the appropriate "Apex Browse Utility" for you computers operating system.
 - a. For Mac users this will be located in the "Mac" folder
 - b. If you do not have a CD drive on your computer, then the Apex Browse utility can be downloaded here:
 - i. For mac: www.neptunesystems.com/ApexBrowse_mac.zip
 - ii. For PC: www.neptunesystems.com/ApexBrowse_pc.zip
6. After opening the browser utility you will see a controller with a name (APEX) and an IP address.
 - a. If you do not see an Apex to select, then try power cycling your controller again
 - i. If you still do not see an Apex to select, then contact support@neptunesys.com for further trouble shooting options.
7. Select this controller and select "open in browser"
8. The default user name is "admin" and password is "1234"



9. Congratulations and welcome to the Apex browser interface! You now have access to the controller on your home network! Please consult the other quick-start guides and User Manual for further programming and setup options.

This guide is applicable for 85% of network setups. Some network setups can be a bit more complex and may require additional assistance. If you are having trouble after following this guide, then please contact support@neptunesys.com for further trouble shooting options and assistance.