# **ELAN Home Systems**

Audio Integration Note

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Manufacturer:	Niles
Model Number(s):	GXR2 (ICS)
Software & Firmware Versions:	IntelliFile3 Configurator Software Build 143 g! Software Core Module version 5.3 build 175 g! Mobile iOS App version 5.3.168 or later
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### **OVERVIEW AND SUPPORTED FEATURES**

### THE FOLLOWING FEATURES ARE SUPPORTED:

**Traditional Whole-House Audio & Video:** The Niles GXR2 has six internal Expansion Slots which can be populated with a wide variety of cards, providing up to six audio sources. Source cards include multiple Tuner modules, an iPod interface, an Internet music server, and the IM-Audio module, which allows a standard audio source to be added. Each source input can be selected for any of its six zones (per chassis). Niles ICS has customizable keypads for each zone that can control the volume and source for that zone. See **Niles Programming** below for more details.

Multiple Controllers: Up to five Niles GXR2 units can be daisy-chained together for a total of 30 zones.

**iPod/Internet Radio/Music Server Interface:** The use of the Niles iPod and Music Server (IM-NET) interfaces is supported. Bear in mind, as with all iPod docks, there may be some hesitation beyond our control due to the slow port speed of the iPod.

**Auto Discovery of Sources and Zone Names:** When the Niles GXR2 is added into the Configurator and the Discover Devices button is pressed, the g! system will read the zone names assigned in the GXR2 and populate them in the interface. The Source cards will also be enumerated and populated in the correct source locations.

**Ethernet Control**: Using a managed switch and the configuration described below, reliable, 2-way communication is established between the Controller and the GXR2. **Note: ONLY the equipment and setup described below is supported for Niles Integration.** 

IMPORTANT: The g! system network must be changed to an alternate IP range for integration with the Niles ICS system! See Network Configuration for details below.

#### THE FOLLOWING FEATURES ARE NOT SUPPORTED:

**Settings Pages:** While a settings page may be assigned to a zone and manually populated with controls, the g! system will not automatically generate a settings page for a GXR2 zone.

Party Mode: Party Mode is not currently implemented through g! Controllers.

**OSD/HR2/TS2 Controllers:** The g! Software On-Screen Display, HR2 and the TS2 **WILL NOT FUNCTION CORRECTLY** with a GXR2 and are specifically **NOT** supported on the Niles ICS system.

**Non-Niles Sources on the Niles Zone Controller**: All sources to be used with the Niles Zone Controller must be properly configured in the Niles IntelliFile software and controlled through Niles. Additional sources that are NOT controlled from the Niles Keypads are <u>not supported</u>.

g! Internal Player: The g! Internal Player is not supported as a source on the GXR2.

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Niles IM-Server and IM-iPod Source Cards: The IM-Server and IM-iPod cards are not supported.

**Source button icons**: Un-nammed icons in intellifile can show as icons on the Niles keypads – these icons will NOT show in the g!UI.

**RS232G**: The RS232G adapter is not supported. The Niles ICS is controlled via Ethernet ONLY. Sources integrated using the RS232G are also not supported.

### **INSTALLATION OVERVIEW**

### CHECK SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE:

The tested firmware and software versions are listed in the table below. Confirm that the system to be integrated is using a version at least as new as the ones in the table. See additional notes in **Niles Programming** below.

- 1. Connect the IntelliFile3 Infrared Capture Station to your PC and the GXR2 in accordance with the Niles instructions.
- 2. To see information (firmware version, IP and mac address, etc.) of all components connected to the ICS network, select "Tools-View Current System". The IntelliFile3 should discover all devices.

IntelliFile3 Configurator:	Build 143
GXR2 Chassis Firmware	Network:2.0.25.1
	Control: 2.0.40.1
	Bridge: 2.0.6.1
	Zone: 2.0.12.1
	CP2NP CPLD: 3.3.0.0
	Bridge CPLD: 0.10.0.0
IM-Audio	2.0.10.1
IM-iCard2	2.1.0.1
<u>IM-NET</u>	1.0.28.2
TM-Sirius	2.0.5.1
<u>TM-XM</u>	2.0.5.1
TM-HD	2.0.12.1

#### INSTALL SYSTEM:

- 1. During the rough-in phase, install speaker wire for the speakers and cable for keypads, in each zone.
- 2. Also during the rough-in phase, run a Cat5 wire from the location of the Zone Controller to the Managed Switch, and a Cat5 from the Managed Switch location to the Network Assembly as needed.
- 3. Mount the speakers and keypads in each zone, and install the Zone Controller and the sources.
- 4. Setup the Niles. This consists of configuring the keypads, zones and sources using the **IntelliFile3** software as explained in the Niles documentation.
- 5. Test the entire Niles system for proper <u>standalone</u> operation, and ensure that all the sources play correctly in every zone, and that the keypad buttons behave correctly from the keypads.
- 6. Configure the Managed Switch, Router, g! Controller and other IP devices to work with the Niles Network. See Network Configuration Below.
- 7. Connect the **g**! system to the Niles system electrically. See the Wiring Diagrams for more information.
- 8. Configure the **g!** system for the Niles and confirm communication between it and the **g! Controller**. See g! Configuration details below.
- 9. Test the system by changing sources in a zone to confirm the correct source plays, and by testing the **g!** interface transport controls.

**NOTE:** Due to some functionality not present in the g! viewer, it is highly recommended that AT LEAST one Niles keypad be installed in the system to provide access to unsupported features.

### **CONNECTION DIAGRAM**



IM-NET Network to Main Router for Internet & Local Music Access

### **BILL OF MATERIALS**

#	Device	Manufacturer	Part Number	Protocol	Connector Type	Notes
1	Niles GXR2	Niles	FG01174	Analog/IP	RJ45 Female, RCA Female, Terminal	
2	Niles Keypads	Niles	Various	IP	RJ45 Female	
3	Cat5 Cable Assy.	Installer	N/A	IP, Serial	RJ-45 M ale X RJ-45 M ale	Must connect all 8 wires
4	Managed Switch	Netgear	GS108T-200NAS	IP	RJ-45 Female	(GS108Tv2)
5	Network Assembly	ELAN	NWA 18	IP	RJ-45 Female	
6	g! Controller	ELAN	Various (Ex. HC-12)	RS-232	USB "A" Female	

**IMPORTANT:** When connecting CAT-5 to loop to Netgear GS108T-200NAS Managed Switch from the GXR2 chassis, use the "Out to Master/Expansion" port on the GXR2 chassis. The other RJ45 ports supply power to the Contact keypads which may damage your network equipment (router, etc.).

### NILES PROGRAMMING

The Niles must be properly programmed using the IntelliFile3 prior to connection to g!. Connect the IntelliFile3 Infrared Capture Station to your PC (USB) and the GXR2 in accordance with the Niles instructions – IntelliFile software will not function without this attached. Connect the LAN jack of your PC to the programming port (RJ45) on the back of the GXR2.

**NOTE:** You must make your PC a part of the Niles network by assigning it the following IP Address and Subnet Mask: IP: 10.100.0.250, Mask: 255.255.0.0. This can be managed automatically through the Niles IntelliFile software.

### SETTING UP SOURCES AND ZONES:

The GXR2 provides a modular approach to setting up your audio system. The chassis has six slots for expansion cards, providing the installer with many customization options. A number of modules are available from Niles to plug into these slots, including various tuners, iPod interconnects, Audio Servers, and straight audio input modules- see the table below for a complete list.

Module Type:	Part Number:
iPod Connection Module	IM-iCard2
XM Tuner Module	TM-XM
Sirius Tuner Module	TM-SIRIUS
AM/FM Tuner Module	TM-AM/FM
Audio Input Module	IM-AUDIO
HD Radio Tuner Module	TM-HD/R
Streaming Internet Content	IM-NET

Using the IntelliFile3 software, configure each of the sources. Assign the Zone names as well, and configure the zone keypads.

Setup sources in the Niles for full control from Niles Keypads. All buttons and commands must be setup for proper control from Niles keypads. Note that buttons and commands created here will automatically populate in the g! system, and are required for control of sources from the g! system. Buttons on the Audio card must be named for proper display in the g! UI. Un-named buttons do not show as icons in the g UI.

### **NETWORK CONFIGURATION**

Integration with the Niles ICS system is completed via Ethernet, and requires the standard g! network be configured specifically to work with the Niles equipment. Niles ICS uses Ethernet internally to communicate with all its keypads, and the HC Controller must be able to communicate on this same network with the Niles for proper control and feedback. However, it is also important to keep the g! touch screens, and other network devices separated from the Niles network to prevent any interactions and allow appropriate network range and function for all devices. To accomplish this, the HC Controller and its network of devices are changed to a network adjacent to the Niles internal network, and a Managed Switch is placed between the networks to filter certain network messages and prevent cross talk. The g! and Niles network <u>must</u> be configured in this specific manner for proper function.

The following steps detail configuring the Netgear ProSafe SmartSwitch GS108T-200NAS (GS108Tv2) (Managed Switch), the Network Assembly/g! Router (DIR-628), and the HC Controller to the correct network configuration for integration of the Niles ICS system. These steps are intended as a general guide, and may vary somewhat if you are using alternate network gear. *Bear in mind that Elan Support is only available with the network gear described below.* 

### NETWORK DIAGRAM



Note you may have additional static addressed network gear that must also be changed to work with the new network setup—see the appropriate Integration Notes or manufacturer documentation for instructions on how to alter the IP of all your network devices.

#### To recap, below is a list of the important details of the Niles and g! network setup:

- Niles network utilizes a 10.100.0.x subnet and DHCP for all its keypad devices by default.
- Niles network utilizes a 255.255.0.0 subnet mask by default.
- Niles ICS network configuration is hardcoded and may not be changed.
- The g! Controller must be able to communicate with the Niles network for proper control and feedback, and should be configured to a static IP of 10.100.0.251
- The g! Controller may be configured to use the Niles network and its devices to use an adjacent network, 10.100.1.x. Using proper subnet mask settings of 255.255.0.0, the g! Controller is able to communicate with both g! devices, and the Niles ICS.
- A Managed Switch must be installed between the Niles and Elan networks and configured to filter certain network messages (DHCP) and prevent interaction. **IMPORTANT: Only the Niles and loop to main network should be connected to the Managed Switch.**
- The g! Network Router is configured to the 10.100.1.x network instead of the default 192.168.0.x network, and otherwise performs normally.
- Elan g! <u>DHCP network devices</u> should change automatically with the g! router and require no further special configuration.
- Other <u>Static addressed network items</u> used by g! must be manually changed to the 10.100.1.x network to work with the g! controller.

#### **NETWORK CONNECTIONS AND PROGRAMMING:**

- 1. Prior to completing the below steps, the g! Controller, g! Router/Network Assembly, Netgear Managed Switch and Niles should all be powered up and functioning.
  - a) The Niles should <u>not</u> be connected to any g! networking gear at this time.
  - b) The Netgear Managed Switch should be connected ONLY to the g! Router at this time.
  - c) These steps assume your computer is connected and receiving its address dynamically (DHCP) from the g! router.
- 2. Configure the Netgear Managed Switch:

Note: The steps below expect a fresh out of the box unit, and all steps listed below are for the following device/firmware, as listed on the System Information section of the Netgear GS108T's web GUI:

··· Versions (				
Model Name	Boot Version	Software Version		
GS108Tv2	B5.1.0.2	5.0.2.22		

If you are not using a fresh out of the box unit, you may need to factory default the unit according to Netgear manufacturer instructions. Contact Netgear for details.

 a) Login to its default IP of 192.168.0.239, by typing http:// 192.168.0.239 into your web browser. The default password is "password" (without the quotes). Click "Login" to enter the web configuration.  b) Enable DHCP Filtering by Choosing System > Services> DHCP Filtering>Configuration. In the Admin Mode field, select ENABLE, and then click Apply to save the changes.
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System	Switch	ing QoS	Security	Monitoring	Maintenance	Help
Management	Device V	/iew SNMP	LLDP Services			
<ul> <li>DHCP Filter</li> <li>Configurati</li> </ul>	ing on	Configurati	on			
» Interface Configuration		: Configurat	ion		0	
		Admin Mode	O Di	sable 💿 Enable		

c) Configure DHCP Filtering by clicking Interface Configuration on left sidebar. Select the "All" section from the Ports – LAGS – ALL section. Verify the trust mode is DISABLED for all ports. If needed, set all ports to Disabled and then click Apply to save the changes.

System Swi	tching	QoS Secur	ity Monitoring	Maintenance	H
Aanagement   Devi	ce View   SN	MP   LLDP   Se	vices		
HCP Filtering	Interf	ace Configura	tion		
Configuration Interface	Inte	rface Configurat	ion	۲	
Configuration	PORTS	LAGS All	GO TO INTERF		
		Interface	Trust Mode		
		g1	Disabled		
		g2	Disabled		
		g3	Disabled		
		g4	Disabled		
		g5	Disabled		
		g6	Disabled		
		g7	Disabled		
		g8	Disabled		
		11	Disabled		
		12	Disabled		
		13	Disabled		
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d) Change its static IP to work on the new network by entering System> Management> IP Configuration. Ensure the "Static IP Address" radio button is selected, then enter in a IP Address of 10.100.1.10 (note—this is the default IP of the first AP in a default g! network configuration. Adjust your AP's as needed. Enter Subnet mask of 255.255.0.0, and Default Gateway of 10.100.1.1. Click Apply to save settings when finished.

System Switching	QoS Security Monito	oring Maintenance	Help	
Management   Device View   SN	IMP   LLDP   Services			
System Information	IP Configuration			
Time	: IP Configuration			
Denial of Service DNS Green Ethernet Configuration	<ul> <li>O Dynamic IP Address (DHCP)</li> <li>O Dynamic IP Address (BOOTP)</li> <li>Static IP Address</li> </ul>			
	IP Address	10.100.1.10		
	Subnet Mask	255.255.0.0		
	Default Cateway	10,100,1,1		

e) Unit should reboot. Network access may be unavailable until the router has been changed in the next step.

- 3. Configure the g! Controller
  - a) Configure IP settings on the g! controller to move it to a static IP on the new network. To change the HC Controllers IP, simply click on the System Name in Local Systems in g! Connect to highlight it, then click the "Configure IP Info..." button.
  - b) Enter settings as shown in the screen shot:

IP Settings		×
IP Address	10 . 100 .	0 . 251
Subnet Mask	255 . 255 .	0.0
Default Gateway	10 . 100 .	1.1
DNS Server	10 . 100 .	1.1
	Cancel	ок

- c) Click OK—the controller will reboot. Network access may be unavailable until the router has been changed in the next step.
- 4. Configure the g! Router (DIR-628):
  - a) Login to the router. Open a web browser and type in <u>http://192.168.0.1</u> to open the D-Link Web GUI. Enter default credentials of Username: Admin and click the Log In button. (There is no password by default).
  - b) Change the IP and DHCP settings to the new network. Click the **Setup** tab along the top, and then click the **Network Settings** button on the left. Edit the following settings:
    - Under Router Settings, Change the Router IP Address to **10.100.1.1** and the subnet mask to **255.255.0.0**
    - Under DHCP Server Settings, Change the DHCP IP Address Range to "10.100.1.150 to 10.100.1.250"

• Scroll to the top and click **Save Settings** when done.

DIR-628	SETUP	ADVANCED	TOOLS	STATUS
INTERNET	NETWORK SETTING	3S		
WIRELESS SETTINGS	Use this section to co	nfigure the internal netwo	ork settings of your router	and also to configure
NETWORK SETTINGS	the built-in DHCP Serv Address that is config	ver to assign IP addresses ured here is the IP Addres	to the computers on your as that you use to access t	r network. The IP the Web-based
USB SETTINGS	management interface network settings to a	e. If you change the IP Access the network again.	ddress here, you may nee	d to adjust your PC's
	Save Settings Don	't Save Settings		
	ROUTER SETTINGS			
	Use this section to con configured here is the If you change the IP A the network again.	figure the internal networ IP Address that you use t ddress here, you may nee	k settings of your router. o access the Web-based r d to adjust your PC's net	The IP Address that is management interface. work settings to access
	Router IP	Address: 10.100.1.1		
	Subi	net Mask: 255.255.0.0		
	Dev	ice Name: DIR-628		
	Local Dom	ain Name: ELAN	(optional)	
	Enable D	NS Relay: 🗹		
	DHCP SERVER SET	TINGS		
	Use this section to con on your network.	figure the built-in DHCP S	erver to assign IP addresse	es to the computers
	Enable DHC	P Server: 🗹		
	DHCP IP Addre	ss Range: 10.100.1.150	to 10.100.1.250	
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- The unit will reboot. After the reboot is complete, log back in by typing the new IP of <a href="http://10.100.1.1">http://10.100.1.1</a> into your web browser. Note you may need to "Repair" the internet connection or restart your computer before you will get a new address and be able to see the router again.
- c) Alter Port Forwarding to work with the new g! Controller IP address by clicking on the Advanced button near the top of the screen, then Virtual Server. Typically the port forwards are already present, and you may simply alter the IP addresses of the four port forwards as shown (from 192.168.0.2 to 10.100.0.251), check the boxes, and then click Save Settings:

DIR-628		SETUP	ADVANCED		TOOLS	STATUS		
VIRTUAL SERVER	VIR	TUAL SERVER						
PORT FORWARDING	The Virtual Server option allows you to define a single public port on your router for redirection							
APPLICATION RULES	to an internal LAN IP Address and Private LAN port if required. This feature is useful for hosting online services such as FTP or Web Servers.							
QOS ENGINE	Sav	ve Settings Don	't Save Settings					
NETWORK FILTER								
ACCESS CONTROL	24-	VIRTUAL SERV	VERS LIST					
WEBSITE FILTER					Port Traff	ic Type		
INBOUND FILTER		Name			Public Pro	otocol Schedule		
FIREWALL SETTINGS	<b>V</b>	HomeLogic Old	< Application Nat	ne	443 Bot	h 🔹 Always 🔹		
ROUTING		IP Address 10.100.0.251	<< Computer Nam	e 💌	Private 443 25	Allow All		
ADVANCED WIRELESS		Name			Public Pro	tocol Schedule		
WI-FI PROTECTED	~	TermServ Old	< Application Nat	ne 💌	5001 Bot	h  Always		
ADVANCED NETWORK		10.100.0.251	< Computer Nam	e 💌	5001 25	Allow All		
		Name OneHome Remote	<	ne 💌	Public Pro 2198 Bot	h		
		IP Address 10.100.0.251	< Computer Nam	e 💌	Private 2198 25	7 Inbound Filter		
	-	Name OneHome Service	<< Application Nat	ne 💌	Public Pro	h		
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Ports 2198 and 2199 must be forwarded to 10.100.0.251 and enabled (checkbox). You must click Save Settings before leaving the tab to save changes.

- d) Unit should reboot and Netgear Switch and g! Controller should become visible once the router is back up.
- 5. Reboot any DHCP network devices on the g! Network, such as touch screens. This will allow them to get a new address and communicate with the g! Controller.
- 6. Configure any Static IP network devices as per the manufacturers' documentation to work with the g! standard network ranges and the new network of 10.100.1.x. See the chart below for reference:

Router	10.100.1.1
Static IPs	10.100.1.100 – 10.100.1.149
DHCP	10.100.1.150 - 10.100.1.250
Controller (e.g.: HC-12)	10.100.0.251
Access Points	Start at 10.100.1.10
Climate – SerialBrick or Ethernet	10.100.1.25
Lighting – SerialBrick or Ethernet	10.100.1.30
SerialBrick - Irrigation	10.100.1.35
SerialBrick - General	10.100.1.40
SerialBrick – Pool / Spa	10.100.1.45
Audio Zone Controllers	Start at 10.100.1.50
MP3 Players	Start at 10.100.1.60
Static IP Tablet / Touch Screen*	Start at 10.100.1.70
Video Cameras	Start at 10.100.1.80

\*Note: Typically Touch Screens are configured to DHCP.

The above range is merely a recommendation if you choose to configure as static.

7. Connect the Niles to the Managed Switch and proceed with g! Configuration below.

### g! CONFIGURATION

Adding the chassis to g! Configurator:

On the Media tab in the Configurator, right click and add a new Audio Zone Controller. Select "Niles GXR2 Ethernet" from the list. (A Communication Device is <u>not</u> required and should <u>not</u> be added)

Once the Zone Controller is added, the HC Controller will poll the chassis and populate the zone names, adding additional zones if appropriate, and will enumerate the card types present in the chassis in the appropriate slot.

A"Keypad Controller" object will be added for each source and linked to the correct slot. It is not necessary to configure these in any way, as they will automatically link to the correct sources and present the controls as displayed on a Niles Keypad in the g! Viewer. It is not necessary to add any additional g! Viewer interfaces, and custom g! interfaces may not be used for Niles sources.

NOTE: If the zone names and card types are not populated, cycling power on the GXR2 and then pressing the "Discover Devices" button will often resolve the problem.

## **<u>g!</u>** CONFIGURATION DETAILS

The following table provides settings used in the g! Configurator. Please refer to the Configurator Reference Guide for more details.

In the table below:

o "<Select>"

Select the appropriate item from the list (or drop-down) in the Configurator.

"<User Defined>", etc.

Type in the desired name for the item.

Devices	Variable Name	Setting	Comments
Communication Device		NONE REQUIRED	
Audio Zone Controllers	Name	<user defined=""> (Default: Niles GXR2)</user>	
	Device Type	Niles GXR2	
	Location	<user defined=""> (Not Required)</user>	
Keypads Controllers			
	Name	<user defined=""> (Auto-Detected))</user>	The name is pulled from the GXR2 programming
	Location	<user defined=""> (Not Required)</user>	
Zones	Name	<user defined="">(Auto Detected)</user>	Press the "Discover Devices" button on the GXR2 properties page
	Display	<n a=""></n>	
	Universal Receiver	<select></select>	
	Configuration Interface	<select></select>	
	<sources list=""></sources>	<n a=""></n>	Set sources to show/hide on each zone
			For each touchscreen: Remove any unused zones into Available Zones to remove from
Interface Tab	Tab Layout	<select> (Touch Screen)</select>	the viewer, then set the prefered tab order

### **COMMON MISTAKES**

- 1. Improper setup of the Niles. Make sure you complete setup of the Niles equipment, and that it functions properly as a stand-alone system, before attempting to connect and control from the **g**! system.
- 2. Improper source setup. All sources utilized by the Niles ICS must be configured and controllable from a Niles keypad to be usable when integrated with the g! system on the Niles zone controller. Note this limitation should not prevent you from using other g! controlled sources with a AVR or other zone controller.
- 3. Improper network setup. Ensure you have followed the network configuration steps in detail above.