# AlphaNET Quick Start Guide

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1. Select *Start>Programs>AlphaNET>Site Manager*.
2. Select *Edit>Connection Device*.
3. Click **Add**.
4. Select a connection device (COM port) from the list and click *OK*.
5. Select the same device in the *Available Connection Devices* window and click *Make Default*. Click **Yes** at the confirmation. Then click *OK*.
6. Select *File>New Site* to open *Site Editor*.
7. Complete the *Site Info* tab information.
   • Enter a site name.
   • Choose a Compatibility (*Alpha 1.0* for indoor signs, *Alpha 2.0* for all AlphaEclipse units except the 3600, which requires *Alpha 3.0*).
   • Click the *Use as an Editor Transmit Site* box.
   • Complete the Network Configuration information.
8. Select the *Sign Info* tab. Enter a sign address if needed. Then click **OK**.
9. Open *Message Editor* from *Site Manager* by clicking the pencil on the toolbar.
10. Type a test message. Transmit the message to the sign by clicking the lightning bolt on the toolbar. Leave the selection box to *Selected Sites* and click **OK**.

# AlphaNET 3.0 Messaging Tips

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1. For one sign, or a Master/Slave sign setup, use 00 as the sign address on the *Sign Info* tab in *Site Editor*.

2. Verify the COM port you are using by selecting *Settings>Control Panel>System>Hardware>Device Manager*. (This path may differ depending on your version of Windows.)

3. Set the simulator to match the size of your display. In *Message Editor*, select *File>Simulate*. Right-click the black portion of the sign simulation and select *Change Display*. Select the correct model/size from the **Display** drop-down list.

4. Set *Message Editor* menu options to show only those that work with your sign model. In *Message Editor*, select *Edit>Customize* and choose the appropriate sign model.

5. Send a time and date stamped test message to your sign (in *Message Editor*, select *Options>Time* and *Options>Date*). That way, if communication to the sign is lost or there is a time lag between installing the sign and sending a message, the message displayed is functional and not an Adaptive demo message.

6. For more information about message formatting, see the AlphaNET training tutorial and user manual on the AlphaNET CD. Online Help is also available from any Help drop-down menu or button in AlphaNET.