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• For Java applications or applets you plan to run frequently, experiment with the Just In Time (JIT) compiler enabled and disabled option to see which way

performs better. The Network Station 1000 (NS1000) JIT feature can significantly improve performance, but it also takes up more memory, which — under low-memory conditions can actually slow performance. You can enable or disable the JIT compiler in the Network Station Manager's Internet|Network settings.

- For large Java applications or applets, increase the heap size, especially if you have extra memory available on your system. You can set the heap size in the Network Station Manager's settings for Java applications or applets. To display the amount of memory your system has installed and how much is being used for Java, select Statistics|Show memory from the Network Station User Services Console. (You can display the Console from an NS1000 session by pressing Alt+Shift+Home.) Don't, however, allocate *all* your extra memory to the heap because the JVM uses some system (non-heap) memory, for example, to store images used in an application or applet.
- The Verbose option (which you can also set using the Network Station Manager) can help diagnose problems when you deploy a Java application or applet, but you should turn off this option for production use because it slows performance.

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