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Bootstrap Protocol

Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP) provides a dynamic method for associating workstations with servers. It also provides a dynamic method for assigning workstation Internet Protocol (IP) addresses and initial program load (IPL) sources.

BOOTP is a TCP/IP protocol. It allows a client to find its IP address and the name of a load file from a server on the network. A client uses BOOTP to find this information without intervention from the user of the client.

The BOOTP server listens on the well-known BOOTP server port 67, which Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) also uses. Because of this, BOOTP and DHCP cannot operate at the same time on the same system (DHCP is the preferred method for supporting BOOTP clients). When the server receives a client request, it looks up the IP address for the client and returns a reply to that client. This reply contains both the IP address of the client and the name of the load file. The client then initiates a Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) request to the server for the load file.

You can work with BOOTP server properties through iSeries™ Navigator.

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Configure the BOOTP server

Use the Configure TCP/IP BOOTP (CFGTCPBP) command to configure the BOOTP server.

There are two ways to configure the BOOTP server:

- Specify the CFGTCPBP command from the command prompt.
- Specify the Configure TCP/IP Applications (CFGTCPAPP) command from the command line and select option 4 (Configure BOOTP).

After you specify the command, the following display appears:

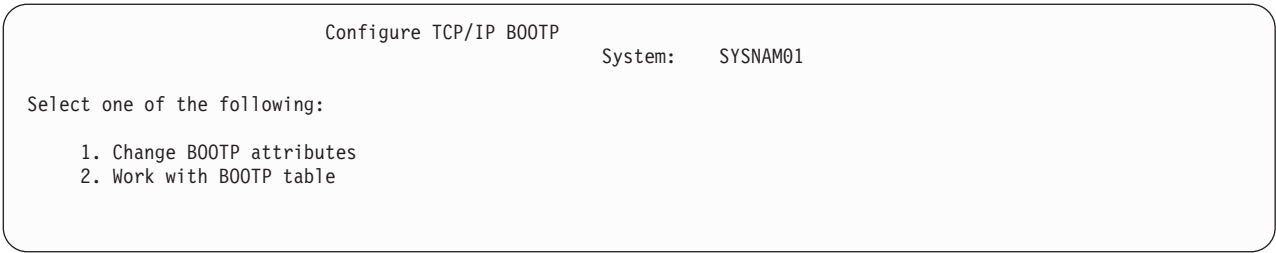


Figure 1. Configure TCP/IP BOOTP

The following commands control the BOOTP server:

- The Change BOOTP Attributes (CHGBPA) command allows an administrator to set the configurable attributes for the BOOTP server.
- The Work with BOOTP Table (WRKBPTBL) command allows an administrator to work with the BOOTP table.

Change BOOTP attributes

You can change BOOTP attributes.

To change BOOTP attributes, follow these steps:

1. Specify the CFGTCPBP command from the command prompt.
2. Select option 1 (Change BOOTP Attributes) on the Configure TCP/IP BOOTP display to view the Change BOOTP Attributes display.

You can also type CHGBPA, and then press F4.

The AUTOSTART parameter on the display controls whether the BOOTP server is going to start automatically when TCP/IP starts when you use the STRTCP command.

Note: You must have *IOSYSCFG special authority to make changes to the BOOTP attributes with the Change BOOTP Attributes (CHGBPA) command.

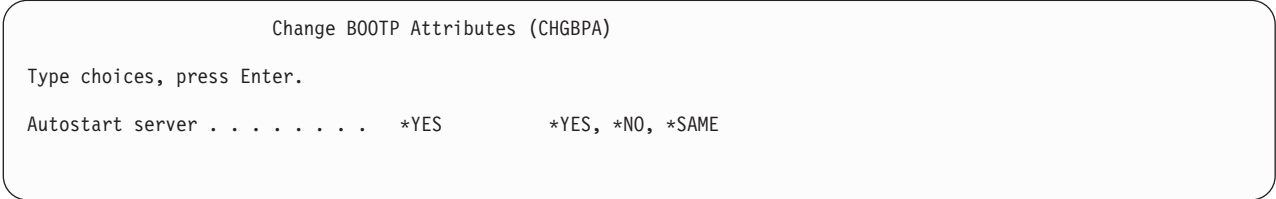


Figure 2. Change BOOTP Attributes (CHGBPA)

Work with the BOOTP table

The administrator uses the Work with BOOTP Table display to add, change, remove, or display an entry in the BOOTP table.

To work with BOOTP table, perform the following steps:

1. Specify the CFGTCPBP command from the command prompt.

2. Select option 2 (Work with BOOTP Table) on the Configure TCP/IP BOOTP display to view the Work with BOOTP Table display.
You can also type WRKBPTBL.

```
Work with BOOTP Table                               System:  SYSNAM01
Type options, press Enter.
 1=Add  2=Change  4=Remove  5=Display

  Client
  Host
Opt  Name                MAC                IP
                                Address              Address
act01.ibm.com             02.01.8C.06.34.98  9.130.42.1
```

Figure 3. Work with BOOTP Table (WRKBPTBL)

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