

to allow you to scroll the desktop horizontally or vertically. You can always maximize the Remote Desktop window to see the entire desktop of the remote computer.



TIP

Here are a few other tips for working with Remote Desktop Connection:

- » **Remote Desktop allows only one user at a time to log in to the remote computer.** If another user is remotely logged in when you try to connect, you'll get a notice informing you that another user is already logged on. You can either cancel or attempt to barge in on the other user's remote session. If you choose the latter option, the other user will see a message stating that you want to connect. If the other user accepts your request, the other user is logged off and you're logged in. If the other user denies your request, your attempt to log in is cancelled. If the user does not respond, eventually Windows will kick the other user off and let you in.
- » **When you're using the Remote Desktop Connection client, you can't just press Alt+Tab to get another program running on the client computer.** Instead, you must first minimize the RDC client's window by clicking its minimize button. Then you can access other programs running on your computer.
- » **If you minimize the RDC client window, you have to provide your logon credentials again when you return.** This security feature is there in case you forget that you have an RDC session open.



TIP

If you use RDC a lot on a particular computer (such as your own desktop computer), I suggest that you create a shortcut to RDC and place it on the Desktop, at the top of the Start menu, or in the Quick Launch portion of the taskbar.

Using keyboard shortcuts for Remote Desktop

When you're working in a Remote Desktop session, some of the standard Windows keyboard shortcuts don't work exactly as you expect them to. Table 24-1 lists the special keyboard shortcuts you can use in a Remote Desktop session.