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# HARDWARE INTERFACING IN THE BROADCAST INDUSTRY USING SIMPLE NETWORK MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL (SNMP)

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#### ABSTRACT

Communication between various broadcast equipment plays a major role in the daily operation of a typical broadcast facility. For example, editing equipment must interface with tape machines, production switchers must interface with font generators and video effect equipment, and satellite ground controllers must interface with satellite dishes and receivers. Communication between these devices may be a simple hardware handshake configuration or a more elaborate software based communications via serial or parallel interfacing. This thesis concerns itself with the software interfacing needed to allow various dissimilar types of equipment to communicate, and therefore, interface with each other. The use of Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) in a non-typical manner for the purpose of hardware interfacing is the basis for this work.

#### Chapter 1

#### INTRODUCTION

One of the problems continuously facing the broadcast industry is how to interface various types of equipment from different manufacturers. Unfortunately, standardization of hardware interfacing is not as prevalent in the broadcast industry as it is in others. Because of this lack of standardization, manufacturers are forced to write machine specific code when attempting to interface micro-processor based equipment. This software is used for communications between the dissimilar devices over various topologies, and this arrangement often causes a second problem. Each unit must be directly connected with the other unit to which it is interfacing; therefore, physical location becomes an issue. This complicates equipment installation and is an

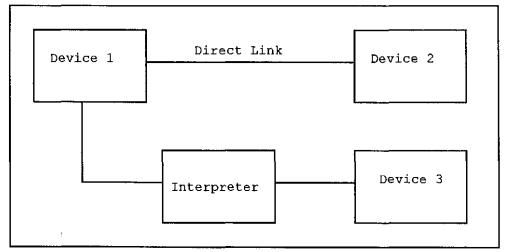


Figure 1: Typical Interface Scheme

inefficient use of expensive signal wire. Another technique is to use a third computer as an interpreter between two products wishing to communicate. This machine receives communication control codes from one device and translates the request into the required command string for the other device. Obviously, this is a very inefficient use of hardware. Figure 1 shows the two typical types of interfacing used in the broadcast industry today.

A more efficient and standard interfacing scheme is needed, and could be easily employed. Local Area Networks (LANs) are becoming common in the broadcast industry, and should be considered as a medium for communication between broadcast equipment. The problem of hardware dependent code for communicating and interfacing could be eliminated by use of a standard network protocol. One such established protocol

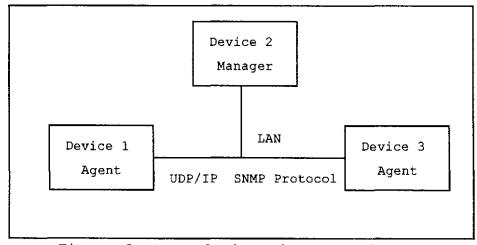


Figure 2: Interfacing via LAN and SNMP

used for network monitoring is the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) of the TCP/IP suite. Although SNMP was not intended for this type of equipment interfacing, it is my belief that SNMP could be used for limited equipment interfacing between different manufacturers; thus, eliminating the need for hardware dependent software. Each manufacturer would simply provide a network interface (such as Ethernet), an SNMP agent server, and a MIB for its product. This established protocol would allow other manufacturers to easily communicate, and thereby interface, with the other vendor's equipment by the use of a SNMP manager (Figure 2). Previously released products could be retrofitted by constructing a network interface with a proxy server for the device.

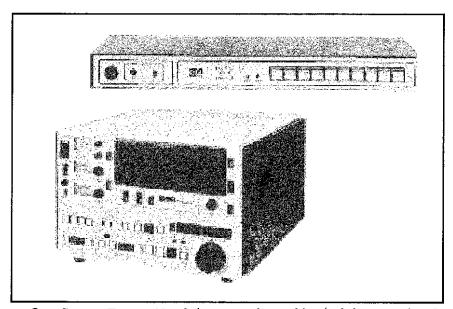


Figure 3: Sony Tape Machine and Audio/Video Switcher

In this work, I shall explore the feasibility of using SNMP as a common interface. With this protocol, I hope to control an audio/video vertical interval switcher (figure 3), a Sony tape machine (BVU-800) (figure 3), and an emergency transmitter controller as examples of my proposal. The transmitter controller was designed and constructed by this student as a senior project while working on an In all undergraduate degree in electrical engineering. three cases, I will use personal computers running Windows 95 as proxy agents and managers (the programs should run equally as well with Windows 3.11). Physical control will be through the serial ports of the computer. This should prove the validity of using SNMP for equipment control as well as the possibility of retrofitting existing equipment. Speed and efficiency of equipment control as well as network traffic problems as a result of this type of interface will

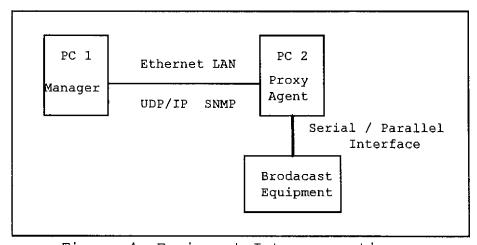


Figure 4: Equipment Interconnection

be studied. This work will also include examples of proposed MIBs for other types of broadcast equipment that could possibly be controlled using SNMP.

It is not the intent of this thesis to educate the reader in all aspects of SNMP or the broadcast environment, nor is it the intent of this thesis to exercise every possible combination of equipment interaction. This thesis only attempts to prove the concept of using the Simple Network Management Protocol to interface dissimilar units of broadcast equipment.

## Chapter 2

#### SNMP - THEORY AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is a TCP/IP based protocol used for network management. Network elements (printers, routers, servers, and etc.) can be monitored and/or controlled through this management tool. Communications is based on a client/server arrangement. The client (network manager) communicates with a server (SNMP agent). Together, the manager and agent software maintain a common database called the Management Information Base (MIB) for each controlled or monitored device. Limited control of a device, such as system reset, is performed by changing a MIB variable which causes the agent to act accordingly. Monitoring of an element is accomplished by requesting the agent program to provide MIB data corresponding to the monitored function desired.

It should be noted that this unique protocol can be used for more than just network monitoring. It has also been used to monitor heating and cooling control networks, automotive traffic networks, chemical and industrial processes and many other real-time system applications. Over time, this simple protocol has proven to be quite useful in applications other than its intended use.

This protocol is purposely designed to be small in size in order to keep processor overhead and network traffic as low as possible. The SNMP agent software is usually quite small (often less than 64k). The protocol uses the polling technique and UDP (User Datagram Protocol) to help keep efficiency as high as possible. The simplicity of the connectionless datagrams of UDP helps with debugging as well. "As network debugging in the face of changing routes will certainly mean losing packets, retaining this control from the transport service (layer 4) was considered essential. Since a network management protocol will be run continuously it is mandatory that it consume as minimal network resource as possible. UDP allows the necessary control over packet transmissions, packet size and content (packetization). It was a natural choice" [Satz].

SNMP uses WELL KNOWN port numbers 161 and 162. Management request and agent responses use port 161 while agent trap messages use port 162. Basically, the manager program obtains a port address from its pool of unused ports, and includes this address as the source in the SNMP message being sent to port 161 of the agent program. The agent program uses the source address of the manager for the GET-RESPONSE message. The agent program uses port 162 as its target address of the manager for all TRAP messages.

The SNMP protocol supports five control primitives. Three are used by the manager software while the other two are used by the agent software. The manager uses GET REQUEST to obtain status information of the device from an agent. The agent uses a GET RESPONSE message to provide that information. If the amount of data is too great for one message, then the agent will send what it can and the manager will request the next packet of data using the GET NEXT REQUEST.

MANAGER	GET REQUEST - Used to request MIB data.
MANAGER	GET NEXT REQUEST - Used to get next sequential data unit from MIB.
MANAGER	SET REQUEST - Used to set variables in MIB.
AGENT	GET RESPONSE - Used to respond to GET REQUEST, GET NEXT REQUEST, and SET REQUEST.
AGENT	TRAP - Used to report unsolicited device event information.

Figure 5: The Five SNMP Control Primitives

A manager can also set the values of various object identifiers (variables) which in some cases will cause the agent software to take appropriate action on the device. Finally, an agent using the trap message format can alert

the manager to a change in device status such as a system error.

The generated action by the agent server in response to the manipulation of objects within the MIB by the managing client is the basis of this thesis. Setting, or resetting, objects will cause the agent to control various functions of an interfaced device. However, notice that the agent program is doing all the work in this implementation which is opposite to the way the protocol was designed. Under normal operation, SNMP puts more of the work load on the manager program to prevent the agent from robbing system resources from its host device. The work-loaded agent should not be a problem in my implementation due to the nature of the equipment being controlled. Much of the time, the hardware is waiting for the next command. The speed of the controlling processor is considerably faster than the mechanics of the machine or the user operating it.

A couple of other characteristics of the SNMP may be worth noting. All implementations of SNMP must be able to receive messages of at least 484 octets in size; however, UDP packets can be as large as 65k. In most normal implementations of SNMP, the manager polls the agents on regular intervals (typically 15 minutes).

For equipment not able to handle SNMP, another device with an agent package can act as a proxy agent for the unit. For example, an agent running on a workstation can be used as a proxy agent for a printer which is attached to that workstation. Proxy agents are also useful for load reduction on heavily used equipment. The system running the proxy agent will take the task of management off the overworked system. As stated previously, this thesis employs proxy agents for control of the various broadcast devices used.

The Management Information Base (MIB) uses only a few different types of data to describe the status, performance, configuration, and etc. of a device. Each device has its own MIB which is used for its control and status reporting. The fundamental ASN.1 data types used with SNMPv1 are NULL, OCTET STRING, INTEGER, and OBJECT INDENTIFIER. All other data types are derived from these basic units and are described in MIBs which were declared in early RFC's. This practice of deriving new data types is still in practice.

Every variable in a MIB must be referenced by its object identifier name. An object identifier is authoritatively named using a tree structure similar to the DNS of the Internet (figure 6). Most variables start with the numeric name of 1.3.6.1.2.1 which corresponds to a textual name of iso.org.dod.internet.mgmt.mib. Two exceptions to this are

vendor-specific MIBs whose variables start with the numeric name of 1.3.6.1.4.1 and the experimental MIBs with the numeric names of 1.3.6.1.3. These identifiers correspond to textual name of iso.org.dod.internet.private.enterprises and iso.org.dod.internet.experiment respectively. This thesis

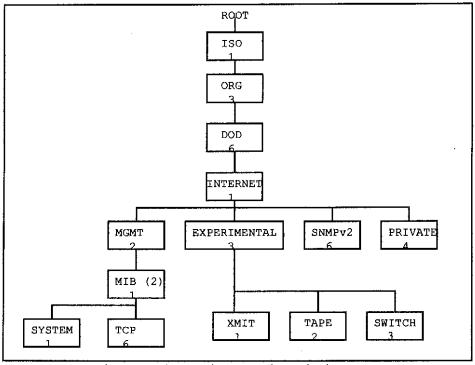


Figure 6: Object Identifier Tree

used the experimental identifier prefix, and a partial example of a MIB created for this project is shown in figure 7 (next page). The IMPORT of "experimental" from RFC1155-SMI sets the prefix of the modules to 1.3.6.1.3 (iso.org.dod.internet.experiment).

It should be noted that only node leaves of the MIB name tree may be referenced. Variables are referenced by adding an index to the numeric identifier. A variable name has the following format: OBJECET INDENTIFIER.INDEX. One of a kind objects have a zero for their index. For example, a variable known as udpInDatagrams would be referenced as 1.3.6.1.2.1.7.1.0 which corresponds to the text identifier of iso.org.dod.internet.mgmt.mib.udp.udpInDatagrams.0, and the variable know as txExciterA (following page) would be referenced as 1.3.6.1.3.3.0 which corresponds to iso.org.dod.internet.experiment.txExciterA. These and other detailed examples can be found in <u>Understanding SNMP MIBs</u> by David Perkins and Evan McGinnis.

```
THESIS-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
-- Title: UNF Thesis MIB Examples
-- Date: May 1997
-- By: Walter Schuller <wschul@osprey.unf.edu>
IMPORTS
                          FROM RFC1155-SMI
experimental
OBJECT-TYPE
                          FROM RFC-1212;
-- Objects for TRANSMITTER control MIB
txPowerUp OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes transmitter power to be
    increased by a predetermined amount."
    ::= { xmit 1 }
txPowerDown OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes transmitter power to be
    decreased by a predetermined amount."
    ::= { xmit 2 }
txExciterA OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes exciter A to be activated."
    ::= { xmit 3 }
END
```

Figure 7: Sample Experimental MIB

MIBs often need to be checked for correct syntax and/or translated into various useable output formats, such as data structures, which may be directly inserted into a program's source code, or which may be read directly by SNMP management or agent applications at run-time. A special MIB compiler is used to perform these functions. "MIB compilers tend to be greatly misunderstood tools. This term is usually applied to a MIB syntax checker authors use to ensure that their MIBs are written in the correct form, but it also applies to an entire class of tools that perform functions as diverse as drawing tree representations of a MIB, to automatically generating C code for a management application or agent" [325, Perkins]. Basically, MIB compilers are simple translators which work with an adapted sub-set of the ASN.1 description language. Note that an ASN.1 compiler should not be used as a MIB compiler because this type of compiler might not recognize the SNMP adaptations of the ASN.1 language.

MIB compilers are similar in construction to regular compilers. They often require multiple passes during the compiling process (see figure 4). The first phase of compiling is done in the front-end. This is where the syntax checking is performed. Output from this phase is an intermediate code which is fed to the back-end compiler. The output of this phase is determined by which back-end

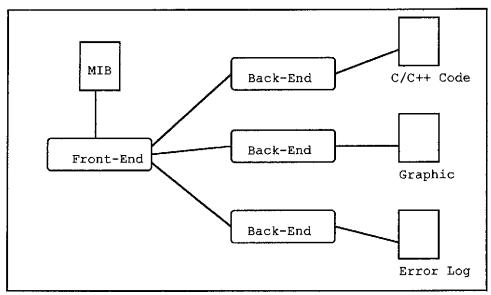


Figure 8: Typical MIB Compiler

compiler is chosen. It could be a graph displaying the MIB overview, a report displaying all errors, source code providing a structure definition for the MIB, or a special format that a manager or agent program could read during run-time.

The MIB compiler used in this thesis was the SNMP Management Information Compiler - Next Generation (SMICng) by SynOptics Communications, Inc. It can be obtained from this company or from a CDROM included with the text <u>Understanding SNMP MIBs</u>. It was mainly used to check for correct syntax of the experimental MIBs included in this work.

The Simple Network Management Protocol is not perfect.

Although the SNMP protocol appears to be quite simple (only five primitives), the MIB is somewhat more complicated.

Combined with the BER encoding rules, SNMP is not as simple to implement as the name implies. The protocol has also been criticized for its inefficient use of bandwidth. This, in part, is due to the polling technique, and the transmission of needless information, such as the version number and large data handles with each transmission packet. Another disadvantage is due to the unreliability of the UDP protocol; however, due to its simplicity when compared to TCP, it is also one of its strengths.

Some of these and other problems have been addressed in version 2 of this protocol (SNMPv2). Improvements deal with larger data retrieval, manager to manager communications, new MIB definitions, and security enhancements. Other shortcomings are addressed in the OSI version of management protocol. Common Management Information Protocol (CMIP) has a larger set of primitives and a core set of data elements. However, due to its complexity in protocol, CMIP also has disadvantages which help to make the SNMP more attractive. Unfortunately, SNMPv2 and CMIP have not enjoyed wide acceptance in an industry. Note that this thesis will only concern itself with Version 1 (SNMPv1).

SNMP is well suited for hardware interfacing because of how it was designed. Abstract Syntax Notation 1 (ANS.1) and Basic Encoding Rules (BER) were used when developing this protocol. Abstract Syntax Notation is a machine independent

high level data definition language; however, it does not state how this data is to be stored or encoded. A subset of ASN.1 is used to describe SNMP messages as well as all fields in the MIBs. Basic Encoding Rules (BER) are used to define how the data types of ASN.1 are to be encoded and later transmitted. It is this machine independent data type definitions and their corresponding encoding that makes this protocol so well suited for interfacing. If all parties agree to predetermined data types and encoding schemes, then communications between dissimilar micro-processor based equipment is greatly simplified. Problems such as big-endian / little-endian, dissimilar variable lengths and types, and improper hardware handshaking are greatly reduced.

The reader should now have enough information on this protocol to understand the theory behind how SNMP is being used in this thesis. As stated previously, SNMP will be employed for hardware control instead of network monitoring and management. The following figure briefly describes the concept behind the use of SNMP in this thesis.

## SNMP for Hardware Interfacing

- SNMP Agent program is embedded in the controlled equipment.
- SNMP Manager program is embedded in the controlling equipment.
- Manufacturer supplies MIB for each of its products that supports this protocol.
- Controlling equipment reads MIB for control and monitor objects.
- SNMP Manager sets or resets MIB objects (SET REQUEST) causing the SNMP Agent to control broadcast equipment.
- SNMP Manager reads MIB objects (GET REQUEST) for machine status (such as tape timecode).
- SNMP Agent is doing all the work (similar to distributed processing).
- SNMP Manager has no knowledge of how requested operations are being handled by the Agent program.

Figure 9: How It All Works

## Chapter 3

#### **PROCEDURE**

A stable operating platform was needed to begin this project, and this became the first objective. I originally started this project working with a UNIX based system. wanted to use an existing and fully developed SNMP toolkit, as it was not my intention to develop the needed software drivers for this protocol. I was not trying to prove that I could write the code for SNMP; I needed only to use this protocol as a message carrier. The actual interface software for the various hardware devices would be done within the agent programs. The manager programs would simply provide a user interface; however, in actual practice of my concept, this function would be built into the controlling equipment. I was also concerned about using a non-standard version of this protocol. Had it been proven that the implemented version of SNMP was somewhat flawed, it would have negated my final results. Therefore, I attempted to locate a fully developed and tested API of this protocol. Unfortunately at the time, I was unable to find a commercial UNIX based product that fulfilled my needs; however, I was able to find a TCP/IP and SNMP tool-kit (from Dart Communications) for the windows operating system. dictated my development to be done on this platform.

Having chosen an SNMP API, I then needed to choose a software compiler. I could have purchased the Microsoft Visual Basic version of this tool kit from Dart Communications; however, I felt that the language C would provide more flexibility. With this in mind, I purchased the C++ version of this product and used Microsoft's Visual C++ as my main compiler. This one decision cost me approximately one extra semester in time. I was forced to teach myself Window programming using the Microsoft's Software Development Kit (SDK) due to restrictions within the SNMP toolkit from Dart Communications (see appendix).

I also utilized two other products while developing this thesis. One was the "Windows Standard Communications Library" by MarshallSoft Computing, Inc.. This is a communications library for use with windows compilers, and it's one of the best that I have ever used. It should be noted that this company has a version for DOS as well. The second product was a PicNet Networkable Module from Software Interphase. This is a hardware device which converts serial input to parallel output. It was used to help interface between the PC based proxy agent and the audio/video vertical interval switcher. Both of these products are described in some detail in chapter 6 and the appendixes. Other less notable tools used in this project are described as well.

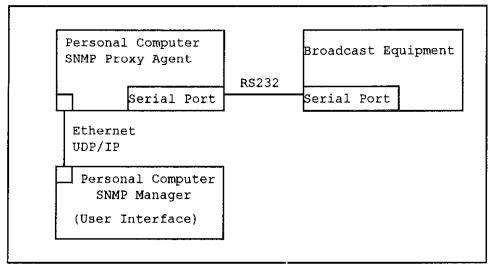


Figure 10: Equipment Interconnection for Testing

Two personal computers (PCs) were used to develop the software. One computer would act as a proxy agent for the equipment to be interfaced, and the other would act as the manager with a graphical user interface. Both units were networked together using Boca 10BaseT Ethernet cards. The two computers used the Windows 95 operating system. One PC was a 133 MHz Pentium based machine and the other was a 120 MHz 586 based unit.

As previously stated, I used a PC as a proxy agent to interface with the various pieces of broadcast equipment. I could have used parallel I/O, serial I/O or specially designed hardware for the interfacing. Fortunately, many vendors make available some type of serial I/O for computer interfacing with their equipment. Each vendor normally supplies the required codes which will allow another computer to control their product; however, at times this

information is not always easy to obtain. I chose to use the serial I/O exclusively; thereby, providing as much software reuse as possible. Remember, the manner in which the proxy agent interfaces to the hardware is not important here. Under normal circumstances, this interface would be an integral part of the product. Again, this thesis only wishes to prove the practical use of SNMP in controlling / interfacing broadcast equipment.

Software development began by inspecting and greatly modifying the provided samples that came with the SNMP API tool-kit from Dart Communications. This provided a good starting point, although the sample programs were used in quite a different manner than the way I wished to use this product. Nevertheless, these sample programs provided a wealth of information and I credit Dart Communications for a number of subroutines used within my software.

Basically the three pairs of programs (manager/agent) for each piece of hardware to be interfaced, are very similar. I used object oriented design methods to take advantage of software reuse between the program modules. The similarity is most prevalent between the three versions of proxy agents. Visually, the three versions look almost identical (see figure 11), but internally they are quite different. It is the proxy agent programs that perform the actual interface between the PCs and the various types of broadcast

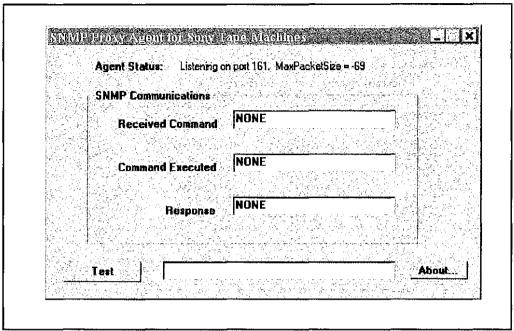


Figure 11: Proxy Agent Screen

equipment. This is where knowledge of the manufacturer's hardware comes into play. The proxy agent programs perform the necessary command translations between the received interface request from the SNMP manager and the appropriate serial I/O command string needed to instruct the equipment to perform the requested operation. Thus, the proxy agent program is doing a great deal of computing, and can be thought of as a form of distributed processing. This distributed processing also helps to keep network traffic to a minimum while providing the necessary hardware interface to the manager program. In other words, the manager program does not need to know anything about how the agent's hardware works. This is the basic idea behind this thesis.

The manager programs are visually, as well as internally, different. These programs rely on user intervention for this demonstration; however, like the agent software, the management operation should be embedded within the controlling equipment. For example, a production switcher would also be running the management software within; thus, negating the need for a proxy manager. Figure 12 shows one of the manager interface screens.

Communications between the manager and agent was accomplished by polling the appropriate agent when necessary. Therefore, the manager program had full control

Transmitter Readings	
Network Status Visual Pwr	UDP Port Opened A Plate KV. A Plate Amp
	Questy Agents
Aug Pw	B Plate XV B Plate Amp Update Readings
Transmitter Control	About
PLATE ON	PLATE OFF AIR A GEN ON
POWER UP	EXCITER A AIR 8 GEN OFF
POWER DN	EXCITER B AIR A+B GEN TRANS

Figure 12: SNMP Management Screen

of the system at all times. The agent program simply performed requested functions.

Not all the functions of SNMP were employed. For example, agent notification to the manager was not implemented, nor was the use of TRAP messages. Acknowledgment feedback was also not used in this project. Visual observation was enough to verify correct operation of the controlled equipment.

The MIBs developed for this project are quite simple. No use of tables were necessary, and only INTEGER and OCTET STRING data types were used. The integer types were used to pass monitoring values from the proxy agent to the manager programs. Octet string data types were used as control switches. Setting one of these would signal the agent program to cause the associated function to be performed on the interfaced equipment. A listing of the MIB objects used in this work is included in the appendix along with examples of other possible MIBs for various broadcast devices. An exhaustive collection of possible equipment interfacing MIBs has not been provided; however, these few selected examples should give the reader a good idea of the different types of equipment that could be controlled through the use of SNMP.

#### Chapter 4

#### TOOLS AND DOCUMENTATION

This chapter will concern itself with the various tools used in the development of this thesis. A short synopsis will be given for each tool in this chapter. Additional information on the product will be presented in the appendixes.

The main tool used was Microsoft's Visual C++ compiler version 1.5. The CASE tool was used to create the manager and agent programs. I could have used a later version of Visual C++; however, I wanted to stay in the 16 bit environment for compatibility with Windows 3.xx. I also preferred the overall feel of the editor and debug tool included within the package. The use of version 1.5 caused no problems. See appendix A for further information on this product.

One other compiler was used in this project; however, it was not used to compile or generate source code. I am referring to a MIB compiler and it was only used to check for proper syntax of my experimental MIB modules. I used the SNMP Management Information Compiler - Next Generation (SMICng) from SynOptics. I could have used this compiler to generate source code for implementing the MIBs, but I chose to use the string tables of Microsoft Visual C++ instead. Using the compiler for syntax checking did point out a number of

errors in the way I was setting up my MIB as well as identifying various syntax errors. It was a worthwhile exercise. See appendix D for more information.

Along with the two compilers, I also purchased two software toolkits. One toolkit was from Dart Communications and provided the libraries for the SNMP and UDP protocols. stated previously, it was not my intention to write the SNMP, UDP, or IP protocols. I only wished to use this protocol family in the implementation of this thesis. toolkit provided the necessary C++ classes for use with the SNMP protocol. The other toolkit was an asynchronous communications library for use with windows. This product came in the form of a Dynamic Link Library (DLL), and was compatible with the Windows API provided by Microsoft. library provided the necessary APIs for the serial interface between the agent computer and the broadcast equipment. A notable feature of this library is the high baud rate which can be obtained. It supports baud rates as high as 57600 with any word size. I needed this feature because the Sony tape machine required a baud rate of 38800. information of both of these products can be obtained in the appendixes. See appendix B for Dart Communications and appendix C for MarshallSoft.

As stated previously, vendors usually make available the information on any software protocols needed to interface a

computer with their equipment. Sometimes this is provided with the equipment documentation; unfortunately, this is often not the case. The information must be obtained separately and often purchased. The Sony protocol is an example of this. First I had to locate the information and then it had to be purchased. The first obstacle proved to be much harder than the second. It seems that a request for this type of information is not common, and I had a very hard time obtaining the part number for the product. save the reader from having to experience the same ordeal, I have included all necessary information needed to obtain a copy of this manual in appendix G. This manual describes the Sony Remote-1 protocol for the BVW-10, BVW-11, BVW-15, BVW-35, BVW-40, BVW-60, BVW-65, BVW-70, BVW-75, and BVW-96 models of tape machines. Through experimentation, I found the protocol to work fairly well with other Sony models as well. For example, many commands worked well with the BVU-800 videocassette recorder. Of course, other books and documents on the subject of Simple Network Management Protocol were obtained as well; however, these are given in the reference section of this document. This manual is described here and in the appendix due to the necessity of the contained information and due to the problems obtaining the document.

Two additional hardware devices were used to help with the hardware interfacing between the proxy agent computer and

the targeted broadcast equipment. One device used was a RS232-to-RS422 topology converter. It was used to convert the RS232 serial output from a computer to the required RS422 input of the Sony tape machine. The product was designed for Sony tape machines and works well with the required high baud rate. The second device was a type of serial-to-parallel converter. The PicNet module provides eight separate relays for output control. Its input is a serial command stream which directs the addressed module to set or reset targeted relays. This device was used as an interface between a computer's serial port and the audio/video switcher. It was used in a similar fashion to a General Purpose Interface (GPI). Like the others, more information on both these devices can be located in the appendixes.

The only other equipment needed for this project is a couple of network interface cards and the appropriate cabling. I chose to use a couple of Boca 10BaseT Ethernet cards which were NE2000 compatible. Instead of wiring hubs, I simply used a special "twist cable." This cable is easy to make and is nothing more than a cable with the pairs swapped at each end.

## Chapter 5

## DUPLICATION OF EXPERIMENT

This chapter will focus on instructing the reader in recreating the experiments done in this thesis. This chapter should provide a good starting point for anyone wishing to continue with these studies.

The software source and executable code is provided on the enclosed floppy disk for the reader's use. For verification of the experiments, only the executable files should be necessary; however, for continuation of the work, the C/C++ source code will be needed along with copies of the Specialty Tookkit from Dart Communications and the MarshallSoft Windows Standard Communications Library. This should not prove to be a problem; trial copies of both toolkits are available from the vendors (see appendix). I grant permission for use of my source code to anyone wishing to further this work or to simply experiment with SNMP.

## 5.1 Verification of Experiments

Recreation of the original experiments requires the executable files along with the two runtime files named Pl6help.exe and Wsc.dll. As stated previously, all files are provided on the accompanying disk with this thesis. Two

personal computers running Windows 95 or 3.xx will also be necessary. The original experiment communicated using TCP/IP on Ethernet; however, Ethernet is not a requirement for this project; just a WinSock version of TCP/IP. The experiment should work even if SLIP or PPP is used between machines; however, this has not been verified. Note that both computers will need to have a fixed IP address. RS232 topology was used for communications between the proxy agent computer and the controlled broadcast equipment (see accompanying figure). The actual protocol used between the proxy agent and interfaced equipment is device related.

The main problem for the reader in duplicating this experiment will be gaining access to the hardware which was interfaced. Oddly, obtaining access to a Sony tape machine

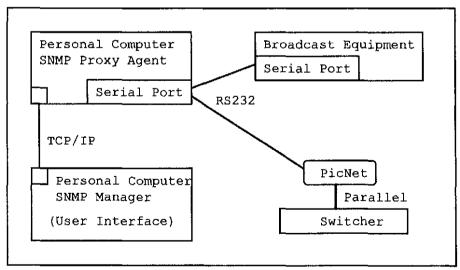


Figure 13: Equipment Setup

may prove to be the easiest. These tape machines are very popular in the academic environment as well as the broadcasting and production industry. Although a Sony BVU-800 was used with this project, any of the Beta series machines should work due to the similarities in the Sony remote protocol between the various models. Of course, this is not guaranteed. The PicNet can be easily obtained from the vender (see appendix) and then used to interface any other device which uses a simple General Purpose Interface (GPI). Unfortunately, the transmitter remote control will probably not be accessible to the reader. The unit was designed and built by this student in partial fulfillment of the requirements for an electrical engineering degree. other words, only one of these devices exist, and Post NewsWeek (WJXT) has it. However, the documentation for the project should still be on file in the Department of Engineering of the University of North Florida. document contains all necessary information on the hardware and software needed to understand the internal operation of the unit, or even duplicate the project.

After making all necessary hardware connections, the appropriate software may be executed on the computers. The software programs work in manager/agent pairs. One pair is for the Sony tape machine interface (Sony a/m.exe), one for the transmitter interface(xmit a/m.exe), and one for the switcher interface(switch a/m.exe). Simply choose the

appropriate pair depending on what hardware the system will be interfacing. The agent program should be installed on the computer which physically connects to the interfaced device. The manager program is installed on the other computer. Program operation is described in its own chapter.

## 5.2 Modification of Experiments

As indicated above, the easiest way to experiment with controlling other types of equipment is with the PicNet Networkable Module (see appendix). The necessary proxy agent source code for this module is already written and compiled. All that remains is to connect the eight relays to an appropriate GPI on the equipment needed to be controlled.

For further studies with this project, the software source code must be modified. Due to the properties of Object Oriented Design, this should not be a great burden. Using the Visual C++ compiler will also greatly simplify window reconstruction. All source, definition, and project files are included with this thesis. Note that Visual C++ version 1.5 was used. If a higher version is to be used, the project and definition files may need to be recreated. It is also worth noting that the Microsoft's Foundation Class

library (MFCs) was not used. Instead, functions and classes from Microsoft's standard 16 bit API were employed.

## 5.3 Proxy Agent Modification

The agent program can be easily modified for other types of I/O interface (serial, parallel, etc. ...) by simply modifying one C++ class identified as Ccontrol. This class is defined in the file named CLASSES.CPP, and the file titled CCONTROL.CPP has the C/C++ code for all the functions used within the class. Calls to this class can be found in the CAGENT.CPP and SNMPAP.CPP listings. CAGENT.CPP is where the virtual functions of the CSnmpAgent class are described, and an instance of the Ccontrol class is declared and utilized in these member-function calls. SNMPAP.CPP is the source code which is responsible for setting up the main window. An instance of the Ccontrol class is also declared in this part of the program for the "Test" selection.

The use of a serial port for the interface between the computer and the interfaced equipment is not necessary. The parallel port or any other hardware input/output (I/O) may be used for this purpose. Simply modify the Ccontrol class to handle the new hardware, or create an additional class.

If the serial interface is chosen, then modification of this class should be very simple. The member-function call for

sending a serial command to a hardware device is

Ccontrol::send\_cmd(int \*cmdptr). This function takes a

character pointer to an array of hexadecimal codes which
represent the required serial string.

```
int Ccontrol::send_cmd(int *cmdptr)
{
    int i=0, num, count = 0;
    num = *cmdptr;

    for (count=1;count<num+1;count++)
        {
        SioPutc(Port,*(cmdptr + count));
        }

    return 0;
}</pre>
```

Figure 14: Routine to Send a Command String

The first hexadecimal code indicates how many bytes to send. The remainder bytes are transmitted to the interfaced equipment, and are machine/function dependent. Thus, by modifying or creating a new string array, control of different equipment or equipment functions is possible. See figures 13 and 14 for examples.

```
// Sony Tape Control Command Strings

int sony_who[] = {3,0x00,0x11,0x11};
int sony_enable[] = {3,0x00,0x1d,0x1d};
int sony_play[] = {3,0x20,0x01,0x21};
int sony_time[] = {4,0x61,0x0c,0x01,0x6e};
int sony_stop[] = {3,0x20,0x00,0x20};
int sony_rewind[] = {3,0x20,0x20,0x40};
```

Figure 15: Sample Serial Command Strings

The actual MIB object identifiers are located in a string table which can be easily edited by use of the App Studio of Visual C++ (version 1.5). The IsEqual function, located in the file CALLS.CPP, is used to obtain the object identifier from the string table and compare it to the received identifier.

The Ccontrol class is the main area of interest for modification of the agent program. The remainder of the code will require little modification.

## 5.4 Manager Modification

The manager program will be a little more difficult to modify. Most of the needed changes will be with the main window layout. Window control objects (buttons) are associated with a member-function calls of the class SnmpManager. The function MainWnd\_OnCommand will contain

the code where the various buttons are decoded and used to send the correct SNMP message to the agent program. An example is given below.

Figure 16: Example SNMP Manager Message Routine

Like the agent program, the MIB object identifiers are located in a string table. The function GetString, in file CALLS.CPP, is used to obtain the MIB object identifier from the string table for use with the member-function call to the SnmpManger.

Note that the SNMP object type being sent must match the type declared within the agent program. In the example above, note that the object type is an octet string.

Changes in these two areas should be all that is really necessary to use the manager program with a modified agent program. The rest of the code need not change much, if at all.

## Chapter 6

### PROGRAM OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This chapter deals with the operation of both types of programs. Note that basically all three program pairs (manager/agent) work the same.

As stated previously, all files are provided on the accompanying disk supplied with this thesis. Two personal computers running Windows 95 or 3.xx will also be necessary. The two computers communicate using WinSock TCP/IP on Ethernet. Ethernet is not a requirement for this project; just TCP/IP. Note that both computers will be required to have a fixed IP address.

RS232 topology is used for communications between the proxy agent computer and the controlled broadcast. Any cables necessary will have to be supplied by the user.

Program termination presents no problems and does not require any special shutdown sequence. Terminate the programs in any fashion when operation is complete.

# 6.1 Agent Programs

The operation of the agent program is quite simple and somewhat limited. User interaction with the agent program

is not really necessary, but the program can be used to monitor operations and SNMP messages between the two computers. Status windows on the program screen are provided for this purpose.

The agent programs also have a test feature which exercises the interfaced equipment in some fashion. This proves that the proxy agent computer is talking with the device. Note the test button in the figure below. All three agent programs operate in a similar fashion.

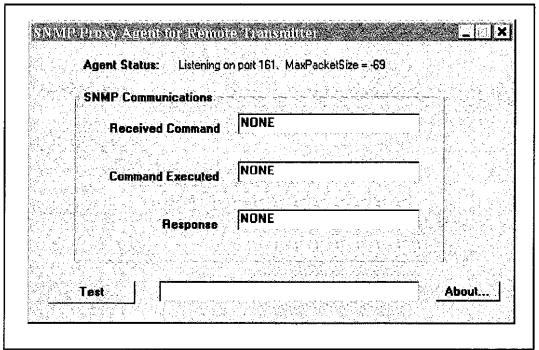


Figure 17: Agent Screen

## 6.2 Manager Programs

Operation of the manager programs is moderately self explanatory. The only exception to this is how one makes the initial contact with an agent program. The process is simple. Note the button labeled "Query Agents" on the window screen. This is used to query any agents on the network. If any agent programs are listening, they will respond with a message indicating their IP address. The address will appear in the edit window above the button. "Clicking" on the IP address of the machine with the desired proxy agent program will complete the connection.

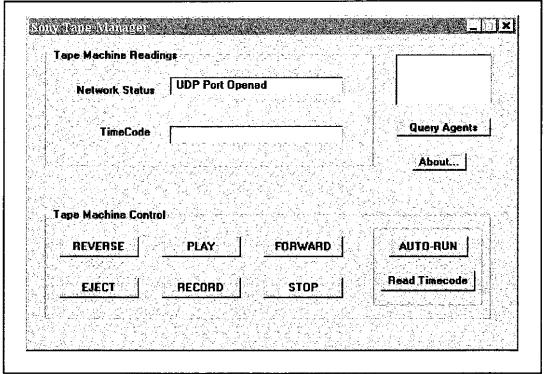


Figure 18: Manager Screen

Once connected with the agent program, operation of the manager program is accomplished by merely doing a "point and click" on the desired function indicated by the control buttons displayed in the window.

## Chapter 7

### RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

All three systems performed as predicted, and I was quite pleased with the overall response of the systems. The transmission speed of the data packets over 10 MBit Ethernet did not prove to be a significant factor in system reaction time.

I was most concerned with reading timecode (time markings recorded on the video tape used for location purposes) from the tape machine. Had the transmission time been significant, the reported timecode would have been inaccurate; however, this was not the case. Also note that the program only polled the tape machine for a timecode reading when the user initiated the event. Perhaps constant timecode updates would prove to be a problem; however, due to the distributed processing nature of the agent program, this situation could easily be avoided. For example, instead of the manager program searching for a certain timecode by constantly requesting a time reading, the agent program could be sent the desired time and it could perform the search.

The transmitter control system and the video/audio switcher responded well also, but these devices were not real-time critical.

The system was developed and mainly tested using two personal computers networked together via 10BaseT Ethernet. The system was also tested on an existing LAN (10BaseT) which has about 80 client machines attached. The increase in network traffic did not appear to cause any degrade in the performance of the tested system.

As this thesis has demonstrated, SNMP can be used as an interfacing protocol. Although it may not be desirable for critical real-time applications, it definitely can be used

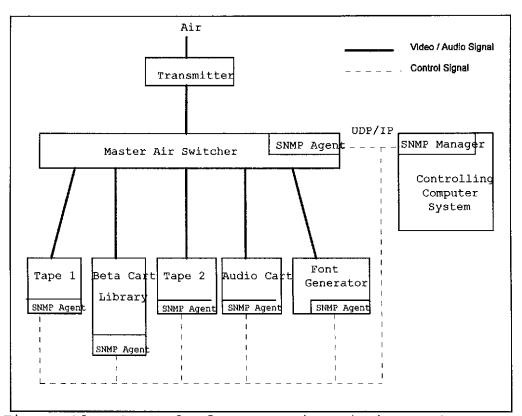


Figure 19: Control of Master Air Switcher and Sources

with the majority of machine control purposes in the typical broadcast environment. This system could be employed in controlling devices such as master-control switchers (Fig. 12), production switchers, audio consoles, audio cart machines, house routers, character generators, transmitters, cameras, robotics camera pedestals, tape machines, satellite receivers and antennas (dishes), and various types of test equipment. In addition, this protocol could be used to interface the specialized text editing computers within a news department with various types of production equipment. This would enable these computers to be used for controlling scheduled tape recordings, signal routing, creation of graphic playback list, character generator loading with story slugs, and the like. Response time needed for many of these types of operations is well within the capabilities of this protocol.

The use of the PicNet serial-to-parallel converter points to another use of this interfacing scheme. General Purpose Interfaces (GPIs) are often used to enable simple contact closure control of equipment. For example, an editing machine may provide several GPIs which can be set or reset on editing events such as a video cut or at a certain timecode. This contact closure could trigger a font generator or, perhaps, an audio cart. Although simple, GPIs are often used and there never seems to be enough GPI connections. Perhaps SNMP could be used as a GPI expander

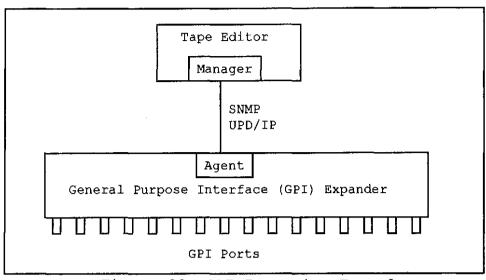


Figure 20: GPI Expansion Example

as well. For example, instead of requiring the equipment to have a physical connection for each GPI, it could simply support many virtual GPIs via this protocol. A GPI expander unit housing the agent program would supply the necessary I/O ports. The originating equipment (tape editor in figure 13) would simply modify the required port variable of the corresponding GPI MIB. The expander would set or reset the required port. This is basically how the PicNet module is being used in this project.

This thesis has shown that the SNMP protocol can be used for more than just monitoring network equipment; it can be used for complex control purposes as well. Because of Abstract Syntax Notation 1 (ASN.1), Basic Encoding Rules (BER), and the Management Information Base (MIB), dissimilar

micro-processor based hardware can easily communicate. The use of MIBs would allow for easy software configuration for each device being controlled. Combined, these features make SNMP a possible solution for the broadcast industry.

A better solution might be to design an interface protocol explicitly for the industry. I recommend that the ASN.1, BER, and MIBs be employed if this is done. Perhaps this thesis has demonstrated the framework of a future protocol.

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### APPENDIX A

### Microsoft Visual C++ Version 1.5

While being one of the most complicated tools I have ever used, it is also one of the best. This product is a complete Windows development CASE tool employing Object Oriented Programming (OOP) in the C++ language. The product includes a compiler, project manager, build utility, browser, debugger, resource editor, a text editor, a graphics editor, and a couple of wizards.

The AppWizard is a program used to help create a skeleton Window source program. The ClassWizard is used to create new classes, and to browse existing ones. The Wizards greatly help in the development of a Microsoft Foundation Class (MFC) OOP program, but it does nothing for a program developed using only the Software Development Kit (SDK) functions.

The AppStudio is used to create graphic interfaces, and to assign variable names to the various data items on a screen. This tool is also used to generate String Tables, and these are tables used to create string constants. I used these tables to keep the MIB object identifiers for the manager and agent programs. The AppStudio can be used with MFC and SDK programs equally.

As indicated above, this compiler can be used with Microsoft Foundation Classes as well as the Software Development Kit classes; however, it can also be used on ANSI and DOS code as well. One of the project options is to create a QuickWin program. This is a program which will take DOS or even UNIX ANSI C/C++ code and creates a program which can be executed in the Windows environment. QuickWin is great for porting old DOS or UNIX programs to Windows; very little code modification is necessary.

The debug capabilities of this tool is worth the price of the entire package. The ease with which one can set break points, monitor variables and arrays, and step through code can save hours of debugging time.

This product's massiveness and flexibility are also one of its disadvantages. The environment is complex and somewhat difficult to master for someone who has not been introduced to the OOP and Windows environment. Remember that event-driven coding is used with this product unlike the normal sequential coding practice. Skeleton Window programs can be easily generated with little effort; however, one quickly runs into problems when options are added to the resultant code. The concepts and language syntax are not where the problems lie. In my opinion, the difficulty is with the necessary documentation. Even if one has mastered C++, this product cannot be easily used without

hours of study from more that one source. It should be noted that Microsoft has made a good effort to remedy this situation. Many examples and a good deal of documentation is provided with the package. An understanding of the Object Oriented Programming methodology will also greatly help to understand thought process behind the great CASE tool.

If one is familiar with the Borland family of compilers, then this tool may seem to be unnecessarily complex; nonetheless, the extra effort will be rewarded. This is one of the best compilers that I have used.

#### APPENDIX B

Dart Communications Specialty Toolkit (PowerTCP)

Dart Communication produces a number of TCP/IP based toolkits. They support the 16 and 32 bit versions of the Microsoft C++ compiler, Visual Basic, Delphi, PowerBuilder, and ActiveX. The Standard Toolkit provides libraries for TCP, TELNET, FTP, SMTP, POP3, and VT220 emulation. The Specialty Toolkit used in this thesis has libraries for UDP, TFTP, and SNMP. This is the toolkit used to provide the necessary SNMP protocol with UDP support in this thesis.

PowerTCP provides five type of interfaces. For the C compiler, C++ class libraries and DDL are provided, and for the other languages mentioned above, VCL components, Visual Basic custom controls and OLE custom controls are provided. The Specialty Toolkit provided two classes which were used in this thesis. The classes and their functions are presented in figure 21. All components interface with a Winsock layer. Although 16 and 32 bit C++ versions are available, I used the 16 bit for compatibility between Windows 3.xx and Windows 95.

The package comes with a number of very good sample programs written for use with Visual C++; however, the code was written using the Software Development Kit (SDK) instead of the Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC). I bring this up

## CPowerUdp:

Public Member Functions:

CPowerUdp ~CpowerUdp Connect Close Send State Virtal Member Functions:

ExceptionEvent ConnectEvent RecvEvent SendEvent Constants

PT\_EXCEPTION PT\_STATE

## CPowerSnmp:

Public Member Functions:

CPowerSnmp ~CPowerSnmp Connect Close State Trap SendGetNextRequest Send Get Request SendSetRequest SendGetRequest SendTrap

Virtal Member Functions:

ExceptionEvent RecvSnmpEvent RecvTrapEvent SendEvent ConnectSnmpEvent RecvTrapEvent

Constants

PT\_EXCEPTION PT\_STATE SNMP\_ERROR SNMP\_TYPE SNMP\_OBJECT\_TYPE SNMP\_TRAP

Figure 21: SNMP Classes and Functions

because I had difficulty getting the SNMP Classes to work with a window program based on MFCs. I called technical support and received very little help. I was finally told that the product did not support the MFC environment. I really don't believe this, and I'm sure that if I were more experienced with the MFC environment, I could have made it work. Therefore, I created the necessary windows interface in my projects using SDKs. This did cause some additional

development time due to my unfamiliarity to these classes and procedures.

I have no problem recommending this product. The preceding problem was the only one found with this product; it performed flawlessly. Documentation was adequate and supplemented the provided example code very well. The classes were very straight forward and easy to use. Purchase of a toolkit grants the programmer to royalty-free use of the product. The following four pages contain the licensing information from the Dart Communication toolkit. The text was taken from their provided documentation without modification. The last section (PowerTCP Sample Application Documentation) references use of the example programs.

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# **PowerTCP Sample Application Documentation**

This document describes the sample applications shipped with PowerTCP. You can learn how PowerTCP works by looking at the samples. You may also use sections of code from the samples in your own software.

All PowerTCP samples are described here. The *PowerTCP Standard Toolkit* includes 10 samples and *PowerTCP Specialty Toolkit* includes 4 samples. All samples are provided with C, C++, Visual Basic, PowerBuilder and Delphi source code, depending on the toolkit purchased.

### APPENDIX C

MarshallSoft Windows Standard Communications Library

This is an asynchronous communications C/C++ dynamic link library (DLL) for Windows. It uses the standard Windows API; therefore, it is compatible with any other programs which also use the Windows' API. Because it's a DLL, it can support most of the popular C/C++ compilers. Examples, along with the makefiles, are provided for Borland, Watcom, and Microsoft.

The library contains over twenty-five functions for serial communications, and it is very straight-forward to use.

Note the following code which can be used to output the message "Hello World" through serial port COM1.

```
SioReset(COM1,128,128);
SioPuts(COM1,"Hello World",11);
SioDone(COM1);
```

Figure 22: Sample Code "Hello World"

Simplicity and flexibility are the main features of this product. The software can handle baud rates of up to 57600, with any word bit combination. The high baud rate capability was the main reason I chose this product. I

needed a 38800 baud rate to interface with the Sony tape machine. The Request-To-Send(RTS)line can be set or reset at any time, and the Data-Carrier-Detect(DCD) and Clear-To-Send(CTS) lines can be easily read. Flow control can be either hardware (RTS/CTS), software (Xon/Xoff), or none. Transmit and receive buffer sizes can be set independently, and the buffers can be monitored and cleared at will. All four serial ports can be addressed, and port status can be monitored. The library even came with a special DLL for modem control using the modem AT command set.

Function Summary	
SioBaud	Sets the baud rate of the selected port.
SioBrkSig	Asserts, cancels, or detects BREAK
SioCTS	Reads the Clear to Send (CTS) modem status bit.
SioDCD	Reads the Data Carrier Detect (DCD) status bit.
SioDone	Terminates further serial processing.
SioDSR	Reads the Data Set Ready (DSR) modem status bit.
SioDTR	Set, clear, or read the Data Terminal Ready (DTR).
SioFlow	Enables / disables hardware flow control.
SioGetc	Reads the next character from the serial line.
SioGets	Reads a character string from the serial line.
SioInfo	Returns information such as library version.
SioParms	Sets parity, stop bits, and word length.
SioPutc	Transmit a character over a serial line.
SioPuts	Transmit a character string over a serial line.
SioReset	Initialize a serial port for processing.
SioRI	Reads the Ring Indicator (RI) modem status bit.
SioRTS	Sets, clears, or reads the Request to Send (RTS).
SioRxClear	Clears the receive buffer.
SioRxQue	Returns the number of characters in the RX queue.
SioStatus	Returns the serial line status.
SioTxClear	Clears the transmit buffer.
SioTxQue	Returns the number of characters in the TX queue.
SioUnGetc	"Un-gets" (puts back) a specified character.

Figure 23: MarshallSoft Communications APIs

The preceding function summary (figure 23), obtained from the documentation, is provided to demonstrate the power and flexibility of the product.

The beauty of the toolkit is that it is available for DOS as well, and it uses basically the same function calls. This makes porting code from DOS to Windows quite painless. The product even supports other languages such as Pascal and Visual Basic.

I've used this product for years and recommend it highly. I have had few, if any, problems with the software. The company does supply technical support, but I've never needed it. A trail copy can be downloaded from the company's Web site or BBS. The selling price is more than fair.

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BBS: (205) 880-9748 Tel: (205) 881-4630

E-mail: info@marshalsoft.com www.marshallsoft.com

#### APPENDIX D

SynOptics (SMICng) MIB Compiler

SNMP Management Information Compiler - Next Generation

The MIB compiler used with this thesis is the updated form of the popular SMIC from Bay Networks. SMIC is still freely available from this company, and the full SMICng version is available from SynOptics. I used a somewhat limited version which came with the textbook <u>Understanding SNMP MIBs</u>. The book is excellent and so is the compiler.

This product can be used on a variety of operating system platforms. SMICng is written in portable C code (source and makefiles available) making it easy to port to various systems. The CDROM has versions for MSDOS/Windows, Sun Solaris 2.x, Sun SunOS4.x, HP HPUX, IBM AIX, and Linux.

SMICng can be used alone to simply check MIB syntax, or it can be used to produce an intermediate output for use with back-end compilers to generate MIB representations in other formats such as schema files, data structures, and code for application development. These optional back-end compilers can be supplied by the vendor or they can be written by the user. The format of the intermediate code is well documented and should prove to be easily parsed. One popular output format from this compiler is the MOSY v7.1.

The MOSY format is part of the ISO Development Environment (ISODE) package.

Operation of the compiler is fairly simple. An include file is created which configures the various options during compile time. The MIB to be compiled is identified in this include file as well. The name of this file is the command line argument to the program call. An example of an include file follows.

```
Include File for SMICng Compiler
-- file: videoproc.inc
-- Modules referenced by module VIDEOPROC-MIB
#condInclude "rfcll55.inc" -- RFC1155-SMI
#condInclude "rfc1212.inc" -- RFC-1212
-- MIB module
#pushOpt
-- Remove strict checking
-- Options:
    C - check size/range present
   W - don't allow size/range for items in a sequence
   7 - restrict INTEGER values below 2G-1
-- R - check (in V1) that INDEX objs are read-only
   S - require (in V2) that IMPORTS be specified for items in compliances B - strong checking for size/range of items in index clause
#removeOpt "C W 7 R S B"
-- Loosen checking
-- Options:
    4 - allow non-standard access for objects
    K - allow (in v1) zero valued enums
   O - allow (in v2) hyphens in labels for enumerated values
   P - allow (in v2) hyphens in descriptors(identifiers)
    T - no check (in v2) of proper access for items in groups
    M - no check (in v2) that all NTs and accessible OTs are in a group
    F - allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
    G - allow unused IMPORTS and textual conventions
   N - no check (in v2) of access of objects in notifications
    I - use (in v1) the v2 rules for checking ACCESS of index items
--#addOpt "4 K O P T M F G N I"
#addOpt "F" -- allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
#condInclude "videoproc.mib"
#popOpt
                      Figure 24: Sample Include File
```

All referenced RFC's and other modules must be in a directory pointed to by a system variable or must be in the local directory. The package comes with many stripped and corrected MIBs, obtained from RFCs, for use with source MIBs to be compiled.

The compiler comes with a surprisingly rich set of features. The following is a partial list of features provided by the accompanying text (Perkins and McGinnis, 425).

- · Can read Multiple input files.
- Parses MIBs written in the syntax defined by SNMPv1 SMI, concise MIB, and trap format document(RFC1155, RFC1212, RFC1215).
- Parses MIBs written in the syntax defined by SNMPv2 SMI, SNMPv2 Textual Conventions, and SNMPv2 conformance documents (RFC1442, FRC1443, and RFC1444).
- · Parses multiple MIB modules in one input stream.
- · Check the validity of IMPORTS clauses.
- Resolves textual conventions and checks that their usage is valid.
- Supports use of extended ASN.1 size/range constructs.
- Can create SNMPv1 MIBs from SNMPv2 MIBs.
- Can create MOSY v7.1 .defs and .tcl files.
- Alias assignments for modules and object names.
- · Has selective checking of MIB constructs.
- Has extensive MIB syntax checking and can continue syntax checking after most syntax errors.

- · Has extensive checking of MIB constructs.
- · Has multiple output options.
- · Has conditional compiling of MIB modules based on need.
- · Can exclude imported MIB modules from outputs.
- · Has extensive help via command line options.

Two other utilities are supplied with the package. The first is a MIB stripper to remove or strip RFC documents of the MIB module. Basically, all the supporting text is removed leaving only the module. The second utility takes the intermediate output from the compiler and uses it to create an HTML document for viewing with a Web browser. This utility was used to generate the HTML representation of MIBs created with this thesis (see accompanying disk).

The compiler can be obtained from the following Web site or by purchasing the text from the publisher.

#### TEXT:

Understanding SNMP MIBs
Prentice Hall PTR
Upper Saddle River
New Jersey 07458
www.prenhall.com
ISBN 0-13-437708-7

WEB SITE: www.snmpinfo.com

#### APPENDIX E

## Imagine Serial Converter

This is a hardware product used to convert between RS422/485 and RS232 topology. The device is tailored for Sony tape machines, and is used to allow a standard RS232 serial communication port to be used to interface to the RS422 serial port of the tape machine. The unit has a 9 pin adapter (DB9) for use on the tape machine, and a 25 pin adapter (DB25) for the RS232 side. The electronics are contained within the DB25 connector and power is obtained from the RS232 line (less that 2ma). An optional power transformer is provided for situations requiring additional power. The unit supports Sony protocol which runs at 38800 Baud.

The Serial Converter can be purchased from the vendor directly.

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Tel: (317) 843-0706

#### APPENDIX F

#### PicNet Networkable Modules

This product was designed for interfacing electrical power equipment to any computer which has a RS232 serial port. Each model uses eight relays for controlling current loads, up to ten amps, for eight different devices, and multiple modules (255 Max) may be concatenated together to allow controlling a greater number of devices.

Serial RS232 topology is used for communications between each module and the controlling computer. The units are configured to 9600 Baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity. Also note that Data Terminal Ready (DTR) must be low.

The protocol is simple; READ, WRITE, and POLL are the only three types of commands used with this device. The WRITE command is used to set or reset the various relays within an addressed module. The READ command is used to determine a module's status, and the POLL command is used to determine the module's model number and revision level of its design. Each transmitted instruction is composed of a four byte packet. The first byte determines the type of command to be issued (READ, WRITE, or POLL). The second byte represents the destination station's address, and the third byte is simply a zero. The fourth byte is determined by the type of

command to be sent. For a WRITE command, the fourth byte will represent a control mask which is used to determine which relays will be set or reset within the addressed module. For READ and POLL messages, the fourth byte is set to zero. For each byte sent, the module will return an acknowledgment byte.

This product was used to interface the audio/video switcher used in this thesis, but it could have been easily used to interface any device which uses a remote General Purpose Interface (GPI). In other words, it could be used with any device requiring either a contact closer or a voltage level change for the interface. These units provide a convenient way to enable computer control of various types of equipment such as security alarms, controlled lighting, and even robotics.

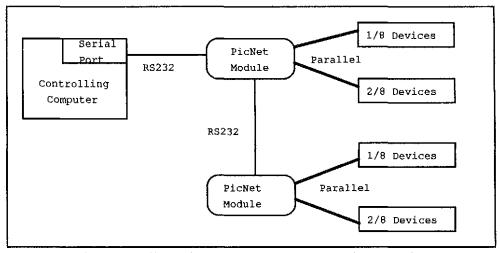


Figure 25: PicNet Module Configuration

The PicNet 8-Port Controller Station is a member of a product line which supports serial-to-parallel input/output (I/O). Other products include a 4-port control and sensing station, a speed controller, and a current detector.

Magnetic, infrared, and photocell sensor kits are available for use with the current detector.

The unit works as claimed by the vendor, and customer support is excellent. Any of these products can be obtained directly from the vendor.

## Software Interphase, Inc.

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Tel: (401) 397-2340 Fax: (401) 397-6814

### APPENDIX G

Sony Protocol of Remote-1 (9 Pin) Connector

This is the manual which describes the protocol used with the serial remote of the Sony Betacam series. Topology as well as protocol information is given in this text. The document covers the BVW-10, BVW-11, BVW-15, BVW-35, BVW-40, BVW-60, BVW-65, BVW-70, BVW-75, and BVW-96 models; however, the protocol seems to work well with other models. This suggests that there is some consistence between remote control protocols of various Sony tape machines. For instance, I found that this protocol worked well, for most operations, on the BVU-800 U-matic machines. This is one of the units which was loaned to me by WJXT for experimentation purposes during this project.

The documentation is not free or public domain. Sony retains all rights to this information. A copy of this manual, or protocol manuals for other Sony equipment, can be purchased only from the Sony Corporation. The part number of the document used in this thesis is 9-967-137-02.

Sony Broadcast Parts

677 River Oak Parkway San Jose, CA 95134

Tel: (800) 538-7550

#### APPENDIX H

# MIB Objects Used in this Thesis and the SMICnq Include File

```
THESIS-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
-- Title: UNF Thesis MIB Examples
-- Date: August 1997
-- By:
         Walter Schuller
IMPORTS
   experimental
                                           FROM RFC1155-SMI
   OBJECT-TYPE
                                           FROM RFC-1212;
__***********************
--* Global Definition of the MIB
___**********************************
-- Experimental
     xmit
                     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { experimental 1 }
     tape
                     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { experimental 2 }
     switch
                     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { experimental 3 }
__**************************
--* Object Definitions Start
__*********************
-- Objects for TRANSMITTER control MIB
txPowerUp OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes transmitter power to be increased by a predetermined amount."
   ::= { xmit 1 }
txPowerDown OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes transmitter power to be
   decreased by a predetermined amount."
   ::= { xmit 2 }
```

```
txExciterA OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes exciter A to be activated."
    ::= { xmit 3 }
txExciterB OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes exciter B to be activated."
    ::= { xmit 4 }
txSysOn OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes transmitter high-voltage plates
    to be activated (transmitter on)."
    ::= { xmit 5 }
txSysOff OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes transmitter high-voltage plates
    to be deactivated (transmitter off)."
   ::= { xmit 6 }
txAirA OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes antenna A to be used."
   ::= { xmit 7 }
txAirB OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes antenna B to be used."
   ::= { xmit 8 }
```

```
txAirAB OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes antenna A and B to be used
     (circular polarized)."
    ::= { xmit 9 }
txGenTrans OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes transfer to aux power generator."
    ::= { xmit 10 }
txGenOn OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes activation of aux power generator."
    ::= { xmit 11 }
txGenOff OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes deactivation of aux power generator."
    ::= { xmit 12 }
txVisPwr OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER
    ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "Indication of Visual power output."
    ::= { xmit 13 }
txAurPwr OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX INTEGER
    ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "Indication of Aural power output."
    ::= { xmit 14 }
```

```
txAPlateKV OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER
   ACCESS read-only
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Indication of transmitter A plate KVolts."
    ::= { xmit 15 }
txAPlateAmp OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER
   ACCESS read-only
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Indication of transmitter A plate current (Amps)."
   ::= { xmit 16 }
txBPlateKV OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER
   ACCESS read-only
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Indication of transmitter B plate KVolts."
   ::= { xmit 17 }
txBPlateAmp OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER
   ACCESS read-only
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Indication of transmitter B plate current (Amps)."
   ::= { xmit 18 }
-- Objects for TAPE MACHINE control MIB
sonyPlay OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Sony tape machine to activate PLAY mode."
   ::= { tape 1 }
sonyRecord OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Sony tape machine to activate Record mode."
   ::= { tape 2 }
```

```
sonyForward OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes Sony tape machine to activate FORWARD mode."
    ::= { tape 3 }
sonyReverse OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes Sony tape machine to activate REVERSE mode."
    ::= { tape 4 }
sonyJogFwd OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes Sony tape machine to activate FORWARD-JOG mode."
    ::= { tape 5 }
sonyJogRev OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes Sony tape machine to activate REVERSE-JOG mode."
    ::= { tape 6 }
sonyEject OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes Sony tape machine to activate EJECT mode."
    ::= { tape 7 }
sonyTimecode OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE (0..25))
   ACCESS read-only
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "Timecode of tape in machine at time of request."
    ::= { tape 8 }
```

```
sonyStop OBJECT-TYPE
    SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
    ACCESS read-write
    STATUS mandatory
    DESCRIPTION
    "When set, causes Sony tape machine to STOP operation."
    ::= { tape 9 }
-- Objects for Audio / Video SWITCH control MIB
switch1 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 1 to activate."
   ::= { switch 1 }
switch2 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 2 to activate."
   ::= { switch 2 }
switch3 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 3 to activate."
   ::= { switch 3 }
switch4 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 4 to activate."
   ::= { switch 4 }
switch5 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 5 to activate."
   ::= { switch 5 }
```

```
switch6 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 6 to activate."
   ::= { switch 6 }
switch7 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 7 to activate."
   ::= { switch 7 }
switch8 OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "When set, causes Switch # 8 to activate."
   ::= { switch 8 }
__~*********************************
--* Object Definitions End
__*********************
```

END

# Include File for use with SMICng

```
-- file: thesis.inc
-- Modules referenced by module THESIS-MIB
#condInclude "rfc1155.inc" -- RFC1155-SMI
#condInclude "rfcl212.inc" -- RFC-1212
-- MIB module
#pushOpt
-- Remove strict checking
-- Options:
    C - check size/range present
    W - don't allow size/range for items in a sequence
    7 - restrict INTEGER values below 2G-1
    R - check (in V1) that INDEX objs are read-only
    S - require (in V2) that IMPORTS be specified for items in
compliances
    B - strong checking for size/range of items in index clause
#removeOpt "C W 7 R S B"
-- Loosen checking
-- Options:
     4 - allow non-standard access for objects
    K - allow (in v1) zero valued enums
    O - allow (in v2) hyphens in labels for enumerated values
    P - allow (in v2) hyphens in descriptors (identifiers)
    T - no check (in v2) of proper access for items in groups
    M - no check (in v2) that all NTs and accessible OTs are in a group
    F - allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
    G - allow unused IMPORTS and textual conventions
    N - no check (in v2) of access of objects in notifications
    I - use (in v1) the v2 rules for checking ACCESS of index items
--#addOpt "4 K O P T M F G N I"
#addOpt "F" -- allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
#condInclude "thesis.mib"
#popOpt
```

#### APPENDIX I

# Example of Other Possible Mibs and SMICng Include files

```
VIDEOPROC-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
-- Title:
              VideoProc MIB
-- Date:
              August 1997
-- By:
              Walter Schuller
-- Comment:
              Example mib for video processing amplifier
IMPORTS
   experimental
                      FROM RFC1155-SMI
   OBJECT-TYPE
                      FROM RFC-1212;
__***************
   Global Definition of the MIB
__**********************
-- Experimental
                   OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { experimental 4 }
    proc
___*********************
--* Object Definitions Start
-- Objects for VIDEOPROC control MIB
videoLevel OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Set video level (0=minimum 255=maximum)."
   ::= { proc 1 }
blackLevel OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Set black setup level (0=minimum 255=maximum)."
   ::= { proc 2 }
```

```
chromaLevel OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Set chroma level (0=minimum 255=maximum)."
   ::= { proc 3 }
huePhase OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Set chroma hue (0=maximum conter clockwise 255=minimum
   clockwise)."
   ::= { proc 4 }
burstLevel OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Set burst level (0=minimum 255=maximum)."
   ::= { proc 5 }
whiteClip OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Set white clip level IRE (0=minimum 255=maximum)."
   ::= { proc 6 }
syncLevel OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Set sync level (0=minimum 255=maximum)."
   ::= { proc 7 }
--* Object Definitions End
__~********************
```

END

## Include File for SMICng Compiler

```
-- file: videoproc.inc
-- Modules referenced by module VIDEOPROC-MIB
#condInclude "rfc1155.inc" -- RFC1155-SMI
#condInclude "rfc1212.inc" -- RFC-1212
-- MIB module
#pushOpt
-- Remove strict checking
-- Options:
    C - check size/range present
    W - don't allow size/range for items in a sequence
    7 - restrict INTEGER values below 2G-1
    R - check (in V1) that INDEX objs are read-only
    S - require (in V2) that IMPORTS be specified for items in
compliances
-- B - strong checking for size/range of items in index clause
#removeOpt "C W 7 R S B"
-- Loosen checking
-- Options:
    4 - allow non-standard access for objects
    K - allow (in v1) zero valued enums
    O - allow (in v2) hyphens in labels for enumerated values
   P - allow (in v2) hyphens in descriptors (identifiers)
    T - no check (in v2) of proper access for items in groups
    M - no check (in v2) that all NTs and accessible OTs are in a group
__
    F - allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
    G - allow unused IMPORTS and textual conventions
    N - no check (in v2) of access of objects in notifications
    I - use (in v1) the v2 rules for checking ACCESS of index items
--#addOpt "4 K O P T M F G N I"
#addOpt "F" -- allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
#condInclude "videoproc.mib"
#popOpt
```

### Example MIB

```
SCOPE-MIB DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
-- Title:
               Waveform monitor MIB
-- Date:
               August 1997
-- By:
               Walter Schuller
-- Comment:
               Example possible mib for a waveform monitor
IMPORTS
   experimental
                    FROM RFC1155-SMI
                    FROM RFC-1212;
   OBJECT-TYPE
__~**********************
     Global Definition of the MIB
__~********************
-- Experimental
     scope
                   OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { experimental 5 }
__****************
--* Object Definitions Start
__*******************
-- Objects for WAVEFORM MONITOR control MIB
scopeMode OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER {
      vector(1),
    wafeform(2)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Scope type."
   ::= { scope 1 }
waveform OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER {
      horz1(1),
      horz2(2),
      line(3),
     vert(4)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Type of waveform displayed."
   ::= { scope 2 }
```

```
fields OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (
       even(1),
       odd (2)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Which field to display."
   ::= { scope 3 }
freqResponse OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (
       flat(1),
     lowPass(2)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Frequency response."
   ::= { scope 4 }
scanLine OBJECT-TYPE
   SYNTAX INTEGER (0..255)
   ACCESS read-write
   STATUS mandatory
   DESCRIPTION
   "Scan line displayed in single line mode."
   ::= { scope 5 }
__*********************
--* Object Definitions End
__******************
```

END

## SMICng Include File

```
-- file: videoproc.inc
-- Modules referenced by module SCOPE-MIB
#condInclude "rfc1155.inc" -- RFC1155-SMI
#condInclude "rfc1212.inc" -- RFC-1212
-- MIB module
#pushOpt
-- Remove strict checking
-- Options:
    C - check size/range present
    W - don't allow size/range for items in a sequence
    7 - restrict INTEGER values below 2G-1
    R - check (in V1) that INDEX objs are read-only
    S - require (in V2) that IMPORTS be specified for items in
compliances
    B - strong checking for size/range of items in index clause
#removeOpt "C W 7 R S B"
-- Loosen checking
-- Options:
   4 - allow non-standard access for objects
    K - allow (in v1) zero valued enums
    O - allow (in v2) hyphens in labels for enumerated values
---
    P - allow (in v2) hyphens in descriptors (identifiers)
---
    T - no check (in v2) of proper access for items in groups
    M - no check (in v2) that all NTs and accessible OTs are in a group
    F - allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
___
    G - allow unused IMPORTS and textual conventions
    N - no check (in v2) of access of objects in notifications
    I - use (in v1) the v2 rules for checking ACCESS of index items
--#addOpt "4 K O P T M F G N I"
#addOpt "F" -- allow integer/integer32 index items without a range
#condInclude "scope.mib"
#popOpt
```

## APPENDIX J

# Software Listings

Software listings for one manager and proxy agent is provided for the reader. Other listings can be obtained from the included media.

# Manager Program for Sony Tape Machine

```
// GENERAL.H
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// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
//
// 1997
#ifndef GENERAL H
#define GENERAL H
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "classes.hpp"
typedef struct tagAPPVARS
  char* szAppName; // name of application
HINSTANCE hinstCtl3d; // 3D control module
HFONT hfontNormal; // font with normal weight
CSnmpManager* pSnmpManager; // our SNMP agent object
} APPVARS, *PAPPVARS, FAR *LPAPPVARS;
typedef enum SNMPMSTATE
   SNMPM STATE BROADCAST,
   SNMPM_STATE_QUERYHOST,
   SNMPM STATE ADDRTRANS,
   SNMPM STATE SETOBJECT
   } ;
#define GWL LPAPPVARS DLGWINDOWEXTRA
#define MAINWNDEXTRA DLGWINDOWEXTRA + sizeof(LPAPPVARS)
// Port 161 is the Well-Known Service for SNMP
#define IPPORT_SNMP 161
//***********************
// END OF FILE
                                          WALT SCHULLER
```

```
// SNMPMP.CPP
// Declaration of the Management Windows Program
//
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
11
// 1997
11
#include "general.hpp"
#include "calls.hpp"
//*********************
// Center Window
void CenterWindow(HWND hwnd)
  RECT rc;
  int cx, cy;
  GetWindowRect(hwnd, &rc);
  cx = GetSystemMetrics(SM_CXSCREEN);
  cy = GetSystemMetrics(SM CYSCREEN);
  MoveWindow(hwnd, (cx - rc.right + rc.left) / 2,
        (cy - rc.bottom + rc.top) / 2,
        rc.right - rc.left, rc.bottom - rc.top, TRUE);
  }
//******************
// Set the background color of the dialog box, buttons controls and
// static controls to light gray.
HBRUSH AnyWnd OnCtlColor (HWND hwnd, HDC hdc, HWND hwndChild, int type)
  if (CTLCOLOR BTN == type || CTLCOLOR DLG == type ||
     CTLCOLOR STATIC == type)
     SetBkMode(hdc, TRANSPARENT);
     return GetStockBrush(LTGRAY BRUSH);
  return NULL;
//*********************
// Initialize the Main Window.
BOOL MainWnd OnInitDialog (HWND hwnd, HWND hwndFocus, LPARAM lParam)
  PAPPVARS pav = (PAPPVARS) lParam;
  LOGFONT logfont;
     LPFNCTL3DSUBCLASSDLGEX lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlqEx;
```

```
if ((HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE ERROR != pav->hinstCtl3d)
            lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlgEx = (LPFNCTL3DSUBCLASSDLGEX)
            GetProcAddress(pav->hinstCtl3d, "Ctl3dSubclassDlgEx");
            if (lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlgEx)
                  (*lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlgEx)(hwnd, 0xffff);
  CenterWindow (hwnd);
   SetWindowLong(hwnd, GWL LPAPPVARS, (LONG) (LPAPPVARS) pav);
  pav->pSnmpManager = new CSnmpManager(GetWindowInstance(hwnd), hwnd);
  pav->hfontNormal = (HFONT) SendMessage(GetDlqItem(hwnd,
         IDC SNMPMDESC), WM GETFONT, 0, 0);
  GetObject(pav->hfontNormal, sizeof(LOGFONT), (LPSTR) &logfont);
  logfont.lfWeight = FW NORMAL;
  pav->hfontNormal = CreateFontIndirect(&logfont);
  SetDlgItemText(hwnd, IDC STAT, "Port CLOSED");
   // Attempt to Open a UDP Port.
  pav->pSnmpManager->Connect(NULL, PT NOFLAGS, NULL, 0);
  return FALSE;
//******************
// Process WM COMMAND Messages for the Main Window.
void MainWnd OnCommand(HWND hwnd, int id, HWND hwndCtl, UINT codeNotify)
  HINSTANCE hinst;
  LPSTR lpszObjectId;
  LPSTR lpszObjectValue;
  char szObjectId[64];
  SNMP OBJECT TYPE fObjectType;
     PAPPVARS pav = (PAPPVARS) GetWindowLong(hwnd, GWL LPAPPVARS);
     hinst = GetWindowInstance(hwnd);
  switch (id)
      {
     case IDC ABOUT:
            #ifdef WIN32
           AboutDlg Do(hwnd, "SNMP C++/32 Class Library");
           AboutDlg Do(hwnd, "SNMP C++/16 Class Library");
            #endif
        break;
```

```
case IDC PLAY:
      fObjectType = SNMP_OCTET_STRING;
     fstrcpy(szObjectId, GetString(hinst, IDS SonyPlay));
      lpszObjectId=szObjectId;
      lpszObjectValue = "1";
      pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM STATE SETOBJECT;
      pav->pSnmpManager->SendSetRequest(
      pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost, IPPORT SNMP, "public",
      1,1, (LPSTR FAR*) &lpszObjectId, (LONG FAR*)
      &lpszObjectValue, &fObjectType);
       break;
case IDC RECORD:
      fObjectType = SNMP OCTET STRING;
      fstrcpy(szObjectId, GetString(hinst, IDS SonyRecord));
      lpszObjectId=szObjectId;
      1pszObjectValue = "1";
      pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM STATE SETOBJECT;
      pav->pSnmpManager->SendSetRequest(
      pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost, IPPORT_SNMP, "public",
      1,1, (LPSTR FAR*) &lpszObjectId, (LONG FAR*)
      &1pszObjectValue, &fObjectType);
       break;
case IDC FORWARD:
      fObjectType = SNMP OCTET STRING;
      fstrcpy(szObjectId, GetString(hinst, IDS SonyForward));
      lpszObjectId=szObjectId;
      lpszObjectValue = "1";
      pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM STATE SETOBJECT;
      pav->pSnmpManager->SendSetRequest(
      pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost, IPPORT_SNMP, "public",
      1,1, (LPSTR FAR*) &lpszObjectId, (LONG FAR*)
      &lpszObjectValue, &fObjectType);
       break;
case IDC REVERSE:
      fObjectType = SNMP OCTET STRING;
```

```
fstrcpy(szObjectId, GetString(hinst, IDS_SonyReverse));
      lpszObjectId=szObjectId;
      lpszObjectValue = "1";
      pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM STATE SETOBJECT;
      pav->pSnmpManager->SendSetRequest(
      pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost, IPPORT SNMP, "public",
      1,1, (LPSTR FAR*) &lpszObjectId, (LONG FAR*)
      &lpszObjectValue, &fObjectType);
       break;
case IDC STOP:
      fObjectType = SNMP OCTET STRING;
      fstrcpy(szObjectId, GetString(hinst, IDS SonyStop));
      lpszObjectId=szObjectId;
      lpszObjectValue = "1";
      pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM STATE SETOBJECT;
      pav->pSnmpManager->SendSetRequest(
      pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost, IPPORT SNMP, "public",
      1,1, (LPSTR FAR*) &lpszObjectid, (LONG FAR*)
      &lpszObjectValue, &fObjectType);
       break;
case IDC EJECT:
      fObjectType = SNMP OCTET STRING;
      fstrcpy(szObjectId, GetString(hinst, IDS SonyEject));
      lpszObjectId=szObjectId;
      lpszObjectValue = "1";
     pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM_STATE SETOBJECT;
     pav->pSnmpManager->SendSetRequest(
      pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost, IPPORT SNMP, "public",
      1,1, (LPSTR FAR*) &lpszObjectId, (LONG FAR*)
      &lpszObjectValue, &fObjectType);
      break;
case IDC GETTIME:
case IDC HOSTLIST:
   typedef struct tagOBJECTVALUE
         LPSTR lpszObject[14];
         char szObject[14][24];
```

```
} OBJECTVALUE, FAR *LPOBJECTVALUE;
         LPOBJECTVALUE lpObjectValue;
         int i;
         lpObjectValue = (LPOBJECTVALUE) GlobalAllocPtr(GPTR,
            sizeof(OBJECTVALUE));
         for (i = 0; i < 14; ++i)
             lpObjectValue->lpszObject[i]=
                  lpObjectValue->szObject[i][0];
         i = 0;
         _fstrcpy(lpObjectValue->lpszObject[0], GetString(hinst,
            IDS SonyTimecode));
         ListBox_GetText(hwndCtl, ListBox GetCurSel(hwndCtl),
                            pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost);
         pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM_STATE QUERYHOST;
         pav->pSnmpManager->SendGetRequest(
                  pav->pSnmpManager->szRemoteHost, IPPORT SNMP,
                  "public", 0, 1, (LPSTR FAR*) lpObjectValue);
         MessageBeep(-10);
         GlobalFreePtr(lpObjectValue);
       break;
// Broadcast a Message to Locate Agents
      case IDC_QUERYALLHOSTS:
         LPCSTR lpObject;
         char szObjectId[] = "1.3.6.1.2.1.1.1.0";
         lpObject = (LPCSTR) szObjectId;
         pav->pSnmpManager->state = SNMPM STATE BROADCAST;
         ListBox ResetContent(GetDlgItem(hwnd, IDC HOSTLIST));
         pav->pSnmpManager->SendGetRequest("255.255.255.255",
            IPPORT SNMP, "public", 1, 1, (LPSTR FAR*) &lpObject);
         break;
      }
   }
```

```
//*********************
void MainWnd OnDestroy(HWND hwnd)
   PAPPVARS pav = (PAPPVARS) GetWindowLong(hwnd, GWL LPAPPVARS);
   if (PT CLOSED != pav->pSnmpManager->State())
     pav->pSnmpManager->Close(TRUE);
   delete pav->pSnmpManager;
   PostQuitMessage(0);
//*********************
// Process Main Window Messages
LRESULT CALLBACK MainWnd WndProc(HWND hwnd, UINT msg, WPARAM wParam,
     LPARAM lParam)
  switch (msq)
     HANDLE_MSG(hwnd, WM_INITDIALOG, MainWnd_OnInitDialog);
     HANDLE_MSG(hwnd, WM_COMMAND, MainWnd_OnCommand);
     HANDLE MSG(hwnd, WM DESTROY, MainWnd OnDestroy);
           #ifdef WIN32
           HANDLE_MSG(hwnd, WM_CTLCOLORBTN, AnyWnd_OnCtlColor);
           HANDLE_MSG(hwnd, WM CTLCOLORDLG, AnyWnd OnCtlColor);
           HANDLE MSG(hwnd, WM CTLCOLORSTATIC, AnyWnd OnCtlColor);
           HANDLE MSG(hwnd, WM CTLCOLOR, AnyWnd OnCtlColor);
           #endif
     }
  return DefWindowProc(hwnd, msg, wParam, 1Param);
//*********************
// Initialize Application and Establish Message Loop.
int PASCAL WinMain (HINSTANCE hinstCurrent, HINSTANCE hinstPrevious,
     LPSTR lpszCmdLine, int nCmdShow)
  WNDCLASS wndclass;
  HWND hwnd;
  MSG msq;
  APPVARS av;
  LPFNCTL3DREGISTER lpfnCtl3dRegister;
  LPFNCTL3DAUTOSUBCLASS lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass;
  av.szAppName = "SNMPM";
     #ifdef WIN32
           av.hinstCtl3d = LoadLibrary("CTL3D32.DLL");
     #else
           av.hinstCt13d = LoadLibrary("CTL3DV2.DLL");
           if (av.hinstCtl3d < (HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE ERROR)
                av.hinstCtl3d = LoadLibrary("CTL3D.DLL");
     #endif
```

```
if (av.hinstCtl3d >= (HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE ERROR)
           lpfnCtl3dRegister = (LPFNCTL3DREGISTER)
           GetProcAddress(av.hinstCtl3d, "Ctl3dRegister");
           if(lpfnCtl3dRegister)
                (*lpfnCtl3dRegister)(hinstCurrent);
           lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass = (LPFNCTL3DAUTOSUBCLASS)
           GetProcAddress(av.hinstCt13d, "Ct13dAutoSubclass");
           if (lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass)
                (*lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass) (hinstCurrent);
           }
// Register Main Window Class
  if (!hinstPrevious)
     {
     wndclass.hbrBackground = GetStockBrush(LTGRAY_BRUSH);
     wndclass.lpszMenuName = NULL;
     wndclass.lpszClassName = av.szAppName;
     RegisterClass(&wndclass);
// Create the Main Window.
  hwnd = CreateDialogParam(hinstCurrent, av.szAppName, 0,
        (DLGPROC) MainWnd WndProc, (LPARAM) (LPAPPVARS) &av);
  ShowWindow(hwnd, nCmdShow);
// Handle Messages
  while (GetMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0))
     if (!IsDialogMessage(hwnd, &msg))
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
     if (av.hinstCtl3d >= (HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE_ERROR)
           LPFNCTL3DUNREGISTER lpfnCtl3dUnregister;
           lpfnCtl3dUnregister = (LPFNCTL3DREGISTER)
                GetProcAddress(av.hinstCtl3d, "Ctl3dUnregister");
           if (lpfnCtl3dUnregister)
                (*lpfnCtl3dUnregister)(hinstCurrent);
           FreeLibrary(av.hinstCtl3d);
  return msg.wParam;
  }
//*********************
// END OF FILE
                                         WALT SCHULLER
```

```
// CLASSES.H
11
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
//
// 1997
#ifndef CLASSES H
#define CLASSES H
#include "\Powertcp\include\common.h"
#include "\Powertcp\include\powersnm.hpp"
#include "snmpm.hh"
// SNMP Class obtained from Dart Communications sample
class CSnmpManager : public CPowerSnmp
public:
   CSnmpManager(HINSTANCE hinst, HWND hwnd);
                                   // identifies the main window
   HWND
              hwndMain:
                                   // address translation table
  HWND
              hwndAddrTran;
                                   // current list in our AT table
              nAttList;
   int
                                   // type of query being made
   int
              state;
                                 // name of remote host
              szRemoteHost[64];
  char
              szLastObjectId[64]; // last object id queired
  char
protected:
  void ConnectSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszLocalDotAddr, WORD wLocalPort,
        LPCSTR lpszLocalName, WORD wMaxByteCnt);
  void RecvSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszCommunity, DWORD dwRequestId,
        SNMP ERROR codeSnmpError, int nErrorIndex, SNMP TYPE,
     MessageType,
        UINT nObjects, LPSTR FAR* lpszObjectId, LONG FAR*
     lpObjectValue,
        SNMP OBJECT TYPE FAR* lpObjectType, LPCSTR
                                                    lpszRemoteDotAddr,
        WORD wRemotePort);
  void ExceptionEvent(PT_EXCEPTION codeError, LPCSTR lpszErrorDesc);
};
#endif
//*****************
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// END OF FILE
```

```
// Cmanager.cpp
// Declaration of the Management Class Functions
// SNMP virtual class functions from Dart Communications samples
//
11
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
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// 1997
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#include "general.hpp"
#include "calls.hpp"
//*********************
CSnmpManager::CSnmpManager(HINSTANCE hinst, HWND hwnd) :
     CPowerSnmp(hinst), hwndMain(hwnd)
   {
   }
//********************
// A UDP Port has been Successfully Allocated
void CSnmpManager::ConnectSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszLocalDotAddr, WORD
     wLocalPort, LPCSTR lpszLocalName, WORD wMaxByteCnt)
  SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC STAT, " UDP Port Opened");
//*******************
// Process SNMP Messages Received
void CSnmpManager::RecvSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszCommunity, DWORD
     dwRequestId, SNMP_ERROR codeSnmpError, int nErrorIndex,
     SNMP_TYPE MessageType, UINT nObjects, LPSTR FAR* lpszObjectId, LONG FAR* lpObjectValue, SNMP_OBJECT_TYPE FAR* lpObjectType, LPCSTR lpszRemoteDotAddr, WORD wRemotePort)
  switch (state)
     case SNMPM STATE BROADCAST:
        ListBox AddString(GetDlgItem(hwndMain,
              IDC HOSTLIST), lpszRemoteDotAddr);
     break:
     case SNMPM STATE QUERYHOST:
        HINSTANCE hinst;
        UINT i:
```

```
hinst = GetWindowInstance(hwndMain);
        for (i = 0; i < nObjects; ++i)
          if (0 == fstrcmp(GetString(hinst, IDS_SonyTimecode),
               lpszObjectId[i]))
             SetDlgItemText(hwndMain,
                  IDC TIMECODE, (LPSTR) lpObjectValue[i]+2);
          }
       break;
       }
     default:
       break;
  }
//********************
// Display Error
void CSnmpManager::ExceptionEvent(PT EXCEPTION codeError,
     LPCSTR lpszErrorDesc)
  SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC STAT, lpszErrorDesc);
//*******************
// END OF FILE
                                     WALT SCHULLER
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## Agent Program for Sony Tape Machine

```
// GENERAL.H
//
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
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// 1997
#ifndef GENERAL H
#define GENERAL H
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "classes.hpp"
// The APPVARS structure contains information used the SNMP Classes
typedef struct tagAPPVARS
                                       // name of application
  char*
                  szAppName;
                                      // 3D control module
  HINSTANCE
                  hinstCtl3d;
                                      // font with normal weight
  HFONT
                  hfontNormal;
                  pSnmpAgent;
  CSnmpAgent*
                                      // our SNMP agent object
} APPVARS, *PAPPVARS, FAR *LPAPPVARS;
#define GWL LPAPPVARS DLGWINDOWEXTRA
#define MAINWNDEXTRA DLGWINDOWEXTRA + sizeof(LPAPPVARS)
// Port 161 is the well-known service for SNMP
#define IPPORT SNMP 161
#endif
//*********************
// END OF FILE
                                     WALT SCHULLLER
```

```
// SNMPAP.CPP
// Declaration of the Agent Windows Program
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
// 1997
#include "general.hpp"
#include "calls.hpp"
//**************
// Center Window
void CenterWindow (HWND hwnd)
  RECT rc:
  int ex, ey;
  GetWindowRect(hwnd, &rc);
  cx = GetSystemMetrics(SM CXSCREEN);
  cy = GetSystemMetrics(SM CYSCREEN);
  MoveWindow(hwnd, (cx - rc.right + rc.left) / 2,
         (cy - rc.bottom + rc.top) / 2,
        rc.right - rc.left, rc.bottom - rc.top, TRUE);
   }
//***********************
// Initialize Main Window.
BOOL MainWnd_OnInitDialog(HWND hwnd, HWND hwndFocus, LPARAM lParam)
  PAPPVARS pav = (PAPPVARS) lParam;
  LOGFONT logfont;
  LPFNCTL3DSUBCLASSDLGEX lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlgEx;
  HINSTANCE hInst = GetWindowInstance(hwnd);
     // Enable dialog to use 3D controls.
     if ((HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE ERROR != pav->hinstCtl3d)
           lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlgEx = (LPFNCTL3DSUBCLASSDLGEX)
           GetProcAddress(pav->hinstCtl3d, "Ctl3dSubclassDlgEx");
           if (lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlgEx)
                 (*lpfnCtl3dSubclassDlgEx)(hwnd, 0xffff);
  CenterWindow(hwnd);
  SetWindowLong(hwnd, GWL LPAPPVARS, (LONG) (LPAPPVARS) pav);
  pav->hfontNormal = (HFONT) SendMessage(GetDlgItem(hwnd,
        IDC STATUS), WM GETFONT, 0, 0);
```

```
GetObject(pav->hfontNormal, sizeof(LOGFONT), (LPSTR) &logfont);
   logfont.lfWeight = FW NORMAL;
   pav->hfontNormal = CreateFontIndirect(&logfont);
   SendDlgItemMessage(hwnd, IDC STATUS, WM SETFONT,
          (WPARAM) pav->hfontNormal, 0);
   SetDlgItemText(hwnd, IDC_CMDRESPONSE, "NONE");
SetDlgItemText(hwnd, IDC_CMDEXECUTED, "NONE");
SetDlgItemText(hwnd, IDC_CMDRECEIVED, "NONE");
   pav->pSnmpAgent = new CSnmpAgent(GetWindowInstance(hwnd), hwnd);
   pav->pSnmpAgent->Connect(NULL, PT NOFLAGS, NULL, IPPORT SNMP);
   return FALSE;
//****************
// Process WM COMMAND Messages from Main Window.
void MainWnd OnCommand(HWND hwnd, int id, HWND hwndCtl, UINT codeNotify)
   switch (id)
      {
      case IDC TESTBUTTON:
// Test the Datacomm Port
                   Ccontrol ctl;
                   ctl.Sony_forward();
                   delay(10);
                   ctl.Sony_rewind();
                   delay(5);
                   ctl.Sony_play();
                   delay(5);
                   ctl.Sony time();
                   SetDlgItemText(hwnd, IDC TESTWINDOW, ctl.RxBuf);
                   delay(3);
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                   ctl.Sony record();
                   delay(5);
                   ctl.Sony stop();
        break;
      case IDC ABOUT:
// Display the ABOUT Dialog Box
                   AboutDlg Do(hwnd, "SNMP C++/16 Class Library");
```

```
break;
     }
  }
//**********************
// Post a WM QUIT Message and Set the Exit Code to 0.
void MainWnd OnDestroy (HWND hwnd)
  PAPPVARS pav = (PAPPVARS) GetWindowLong(hwnd, GWL LPAPPVARS);
  DeleteObject(pav->hfontNormal);
  if (PT CLOSED != pav->pSnmpAgent->State())
     pav->pSnmpAgent->Close(TRUE);
  delete pav->pSnmpAgent;
  PostQuitMessage(0);
//********************
// Set the background color of buttons and static controls to light
gray.
HBRUSH MainWnd Onctlcolor (HWND hwnd, HDC hdc, HWND hwndChild, int type)
  if (CTLCOLOR BTN == type || CTLCOLOR STATIC == type)
     SetBkMode(hdc, TRANSPARENT);
     return GetStockBrush(LTGRAY BRUSH);
  return NULL;
//*********************
// Process Main Window Messages
LRESULT CALLBACK MainWnd WndProc(HWND hwnd, UINT msg, WPARAM wParam,
     LPARAM lParam)
  switch (msg)
     HANDLE_MSG(hwnd, WM_INITDIALOG, MainWnd_OnInitDialog);
     HANDLE_MSG(hwnd, WM COMMAND, MainWnd_OnCommand);
     HANDLE MSG(hwnd, WM DESTROY, MainWnd OnDestroy);
           #ifdef WIN32
           HANDLE_MSG(hwnd, WM_CTLCOLORBTN, MainWnd_OnCtlColor);
           HANDLE MSG(hwnd, WM CTLCOLORSTATIC, MainWnd OnCtlColor);
           HANDLE MSG(hwnd, WM CTLCOLOR, MainWnd OnCtlColor);
           #endif"
     }
```

```
return DefWindowProc(hwnd, msq, wParam, 1Param);
//***************
// Initialize Application and Establish Message Loop.
int PASCAL WinMain(HINSTANCE hinstCurrent, HINSTANCE hinstPrevious,
     LPSTR lpszCmdLine, int nCmdShow)
  WNDCLASS wndclass;
  HWND hwnd;
  MSG msq;
  APPVARS av;
  LPFNCTL3DREGISTER lpfnCtl3dRegister;
  LPFNCTL3DAUTOSUBCLASS lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass;
  av.szAppName = "SNMPA";
     #ifdef WIN32
           av.hinstCtl3d = LoadLibrary("CTL3D32.DLL");
           av.hinstCtl3d = LoadLibrary("CTL3DV2.DLL");
           if (av.hinstCtl3d < (HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE ERROR)
                 av.hinstCtl3d = LoadLibrary("CTL3D.DLL");
     #endi.f
     if (av.hinstCtl3d >= (HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE ERROR)
           lpfnCtl3dRegister = (LPFNCTL3DREGISTER)
                 GetProcAddress(av.hinstCtl3d, "Ctl3dRegister");
           if (lpfnCtl3dRegister)
                 (*lpfnCtl3dRegister)(hinstCurrent);
           lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass = (LPFNCTL3DAUTOSUBCLASS)
                 GetProcAddress(av.hinstCt13d, "Ct13dAutoSubclass");
           if (lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass)
                 (*lpfnCtl3dAutoSubclass) (hinstCurrent);
           }
// Register Main Window Class
  if (!hinstPrevious)
                            = CS HREDRAW | CS VREDRAW;
     wndclass.style
     = MainWnd WndProc;
     wndclass.cbWndExtra
                            = MAINWNDEXTRA;
     wndclass.hInstance
                            = hinstCurrent;
                            = LoadIcon(hinstCurrent, "MAINICON");
     wndclass.hIcon
     wndclass.hCursor
                           = LoadCursor(NULL, IDC ARROW);
     wndclass.hbrBackground = GetStockBrush(LTGRAY BRUSH);
     wndclass.lpszMenuName = NULL;
     wndclass.lpszClassName = av.szAppName;
     RegisterClass(&wndclass);
```

```
// Create Main Window.
  hwnd = CreateDialogParam(hinstCurrent, av.szAppName, 0,
        (DLGPROC) MainWnd WndProc, (LPARAM) (LPAPPVARS) &av);
  ShowWindow(hwnd, nCmdShow);
// Get and Dispatch Messages
  while (GetMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0))
     if (!IsDialogMessage(hwnd, &msg))
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
  if (av.hinstCtl3d >= (HINSTANCE) HINSTANCE ERROR)
           LPFNCTL3DUNREGISTER lpfnCtl3dUnregister;
           lpfnCtl3dUnregister = (LPFNCTL3DREGISTER)
                 GetProcAddress(av.hinstCt13d, "Ct13dUnregister");
           if (lpfnCtl3dUnregister)
                 (*lpfnCtl3dUnregister)(hinstCurrent);
           FreeLibrary(av.hinstCtl3d);
  return msg.wParam;
//******************
// END OF FILE
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```

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```
// CLASSES.HPP
// Classes defined
//
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// University of North Florida
//
// 1997
//
#ifndef CLASSES H
#define CLASSES H
#include "\Powertcp\include\common.h"
#include "\Powertcp\include\powersnm.hpp"
#include "snmpa.hh"
#include "message.h"
#include "wsc.h"
#include "ascii.h"
//*******************
// SNMP Agent Class
class CSnmpAgent : public CPowerSnmp
public:
   CSnmpAgent(HINSTANCE hinst, HWND hwnd);
   HWND
                hwndMain;
   char
                 szLocalDotAddr[64];
   char
                 szSysDescr[64];
   char
                 szSysObjectId[32];
   char
                 szSysContact[64];
   char
                 szSysName[64]:
   char
                 szSysLocation[64];
protected:
   void ConnectSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszLocalDotAddr, WORD wLocalPort,
          LPCSTR lpszLocalName, WORD wMaxByteCnt);
   void RecvSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszCommunity, DWORD dwRequestId,
      SNMP_ERROR codeSnmpError, int nErrorIndex, SNMP_TYPE
MessageType, UINT nObjects, LPSTR FAR* lpszObjectId, LONG FAR*
lpObjectValue, SNMP_OBJECT_TYPE FAR* lpObjectType, LPCSTR
      lpszRemoteDotAddr, WORD wRemotePort);
   void ExceptionEvent(PT EXCEPTION codeError, LPCSTR lpszErrorDesc);
);
```

```
// *********************
// Ccontrol Class
// Class made from the MarshallSoft toolkit
      class Ccontrol
            public:
            char RxBuf[128];
            public:
                  Ccontrol(int = COM1, int = Baud38400, int =
                  OddParity, int = OneStopBit, int = WordLength8);
                  ~Ccontrol();
                  void Sony_play();
                  void Sony_play();
void Sony_stop();
void Sony_rewind();
void Sony_forward();
void Sony_eject();
void Sony_record();
                  void Sony_time();
            private:
                  int Port;
                  int BaudCode;
                  int Parity;
                  int StopBits;
                  int DataBits;
                  char time buffer[100];
            int send_cmd(int *cmdptr);
       };
#endif
//********************
// END OF FILE
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```

```
// Ccontrol.cpp
//
// Class made from the MarshallSoft toolkit
// Used to control Sony Tape Machines
//
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
// 1997
#include "general.hpp"
#include "calls.hpp"
// Sony Tape Control Command Strings
                           {3,0x00,0x11,0x11};
 int sony who[]
 int sony_enable[]
                           {3,0x00,0x1d,0x1d};
 int sony play[]
                            {3,0x20,0x01,0x21};
 int sony_time[]
int sony_stop[]
                            {4,0x61,0x0c,0x01,0x6e};
                            {3,0x20,0x00,0x20};
                        =
 int sony_rewind[]
int sony_forward[]
                        =
                            {3,0x20,0x20,0x40};
                        =
                            {3,0x20,0x10,0x30};
 int sony_eject[]
                            {3,0x20,0x0f,0x2f};
 int sony_stdby_on[]
                        =
                            {3,0x20,0x05,0x25};
 int sony_stdby_off[]
                            {3,0x20,0x04,0x24};
                            {3,0x20,0x02,0x22};
 int sony_record[]
 int sony_status[]
                        =
                            \{4,0x61,0x20,0x2a,0x08\};
 int sony_auto_edit[]
                        =
                            {3,0x20,0x42,0x62};
 int sony edit_on()
                        =
                            {3,0x20,0x65,0x85};
 int sony edit off[]
                        =
                           {3,0x20,0x64,0x84};
 int sony_in_entry[]
                        =
                           {3,0x40,0x10,0x50};
                        =
 int sony tab_plus[]
                           {3,0x40,0x18,0x58};
 int sony in reset[]
                        =
                           {3,0x40,0x20,0x60};
                        ==
 int sony out reset[]
                           {3,0x40,0x21,0x61};
                        =
 int sony set edit[]
                           \{4,0x41,0x30,0x50,0xc1\};
 int sony ain reset[]
                        ==
                           {3,0x40,0x22,0x62};
 int sony aout reset[]
                        =
                           {3,0x40,0x23,0x63};
 int sony reset edit[]
                           \{4,0x41,0x30,0x00,0x71\};
 int sony preroll[]
                           {3,0x20,0x30,0x50};
 int sony auto on[]
                           {3,0x40,0x41,0x81};
 int sony auto off[]
                        = \{3,0x40,0x40,0x80\};
//**********************
// Constructor
Ccontrol::Ccontrol(int v, int w, int x, int y, int z)
      Port=v;
      BaudCode=w;
      Parity=x;
      StopBits=y;
      DataBits=z;
      SioReset (Port, 128, 128);
      SioRxClear(Port);
      SioParms (Port, Parity, StopBits, DataBits);
      SioBaud (Port, BaudCode);
      }
```

```
//*********************
// Destructor
Ccontrol::~Ccontrol()
    SioDone (Port);
    MessageBeep(-10);
    }
//*******************
// Part of Send Command
int Ccontrol::send cmd(int *cmdptr)
     int i=0, num, count = 0;
     num = *cmdptr;
     for (count=1;count<num+1;count++)</pre>
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         delay(0.1);
         SioPutc(Port, * (cmdptr + count));
     return 0;
}
//********************
// SONY PLAY Command
void Ccontrol::Sony play()
    send_cmd(sony_play);
//********************
// SONY STOP Command
void Ccontrol::Sony stop()
    send_cmd(sony_stop);
//********************
// SONY REWIND Command
void Ccontrol::Sony_rewind()
    send cmd(sony rewind);
```

```
//*********************
// SONY FORWARD Command
void Ccontrol::Sony forward()
     send cmd(sony forward);
//**********************
// SONY EJECT Command
void Ccontrol::Sony eject()
     send_cmd(sony_eject);
//*********************
// SONY RECORD Command
void Ccontrol::Sony record()
     send cmd(sony record);
//*********************
// SONY GET TIMECODE Command
//
    returned data
// 74 04 52 15 1 0 f0 version requires the modification of frame field
     F S M F
                   drop frame
//
     -40H
//
// 74 04 12 15 1 0 f0 other version requires no modification of frame
field
11
       F S M F
                   non-drop frame
// assume drop frame tape format
void Ccontrol::Sony time()
     int i, count=0, drop frame;
     char hours [20], mins [20], secs [20], frams [20];
     fstrcpy(time buffer,"
                                               ");
     SioRxClear(Port);
                                   /* clear port */
     send cmd(sony time);
     while(SioRxQue(Port)<5) {}; /* wait for return message */</pre>
      do
                              /* get chars from buffer */
            delay(0.3);
```

```
i = SioGetc(Port);
              if (i > -1) * (time_buffer+count) = i;
        while(i > -1);
        *(time buffer+count) = '\0';
        if (*(time buffer+2)&0x40)
                  *(time buffer+2)-=0x40;
                                             /* correct for
                                               dropframe */
                  drop frame=TRUE;
        else
                 drop frame=FALSE;
       count=2;
11
      convert time to integer and write results to RxBuf
              {
                          (*(time buffer+count) > 0x09 &&
                 ìf
*(time buffer+count) < 0x20) *(time buffer+count) -=6;
                 else if (*(time_buffer+count) > 0x19 &&
*(time buffer+count) < 0x30) *(time buffer+count)-=12;
                 else if (*(time buffer+count) > 0x29 &&
*(time buffer+count) < 0x40) *(time buffer+count)-=18;
                 else if (*(time_buffer+count) > 0x39 &&
*(time buffer+count) < 0x50) *(time buffer+count)-=24;
                 else if (*(time buffer+count) > 0x49 &&
*(time buffer+count) < 0x60) *(time buffer+count)-=30;
                 else if (*(time buffer+count) > 0x59)
*(time buffer+count)=60;
                 count++;
             }
        while (count < 6);
      _itoa(*(time_buffer+5), hours, 10);
       itoa(*(time buffer+4), mins, 10);
                                    10);
       itoa(*(time buffer+3), secs,
      itoa(*(time_buffer+2), frams, 10);
        _fstrcpy(RxBuf," TimeCode = ");
         fstrcat(RxBuf, hours);
        _fstrcat(RxBuf,":");
        _fstrcat(RxBuf,mins);
        _fstrcat(RxBuf,":");
        _fstrcat(RxBuf,secs);
        _fstrcat(RxBuf,":");
         fstrcat(RxBuf, frams);
      } :
//*********************
// END OF FILE
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```

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```
// Cagent.cpp
//
// Declaration of the Agent Class Functions
// SNMP virtual class functions from Dart Communications
//
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
//
// 1997
//
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//*********************
#include "general.hpp"
#include "calls.hpp"
//****************
CSnmpAgent::CSnmpAgent(HINSTANCE hinst, HWND hwnd) :
     CPowerSnmp (hinst), hwndMain (hwnd)
   }
//*******************
// A UDP port has been successfully allocated.
void CSnmpAgent::ConnectSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszLocalDotAddr, WORD
wLocalPort, LPCSTR lpszLocalName, WORD wMaxByteCnt)
  char szStatus[128];
   fstrcpy(szLocalDotAddr, lpszLocalDotAddr);
  wsprintf(szStatus, "Listening on port %d. MaxPacketSize = %d",
        wLocalPort, wMaxByteCnt);
  SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC STATUS, szStatus);
//********************
// Process Received SNMP Messages.
void CSnmpAgent::RecvSnmpEvent(LPCSTR lpszCommunity, DWORD dwRequestId,
SNMP ERROR codeSnmpError, int nErrorIndex, SNMP TYPE MessageType,
UINT nObjects, LPSTR FAR* lpObjectId, LONG FAR* lpObjectValue, SNMP OBJECT TYPE FAR* lpObjectType, LPCSTR lpszRemoteDotAddr, WORD
wRemotePort)
  SNMP OBJECT TYPE fObjectType = SNMP OCTET STRING;
  HINSTANCE hinst = GetWindowInstance(hwndMain);
```

```
Ccontrol
               ctl;
  char
           *ptrsz;
  codeSnmpError = SNMP NO ERROR;
//------
// SNMP GET REQUEST Type Message
  switch (MessageType)
     case SNMP GET REQUEST:
        lpObjectValue = (LONG FAR*) GlobalAllocPtr(GPTR, nObjects *
           sizeof(LONG));
        lpObjectType = (SNMP OBJECT TYPE FAR*)
        GlobalAllocPtr(GPTR, nObjects * sizeof(SNMP OBJECT TYPE
        for (i = 0; i < nObjects; ++i)
           if (IsEqual(hinst, IDS SonyTimecode, lpObjectId[i]))
             SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRECEIVED, "GET
                TIMECODE");
             SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDEXECUTED, "SEND
                TIMECODE");
             ctl.Sony_time();
             ptrsz = ctl.RxBuf;
             SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRESPONSE, ptrsz);
             lpObjectValue[i] = GetStringProvided(ptrsz);
             lpObjectType[i] = SNMP OCTET STRING;
             }
           }
        SendGetResponse(lpszRemoteDotAddr, wRemotePort,
           lpszCommunity, dwRequestId, codeSnmpError, nErrorIndex,
           nObjects, lpObjectId, lpObjectValue, lpObjectType);
           GlobalFreePtr(lpObjectValue);
           GlobalFreePtr(lpObjectType);
//--------
// SNMP SET REQUEST Type Message
      case SNMP SET REQUEST:
```

```
for (i = 0; i < nObjects; ++i)
   if (IsEqual(hinst, IDS SonyPlay, lpObjectId[i]))
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDEXECUTED, "START
         PLAY");
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRECEIVED, "SET
         PLAY");
         SetDlqItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRESPONSE,
         "COMPLETE");
               ctl.Sony play();
         }
  else if (IsEqual(hinst, IDS_SonyStop, lpObjectId[i]))
         SetDlqItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDEXECUTED, "STOP
         TAPE");
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRECEIVED, "SET
         STOP");
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRESPONSE,
         "COMPLETE");
               ctl.Sony stop();
         }
  else if (IsEqual(hinst, IDS SonyReverse, lpObjectId[i]))
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDEXECUTED, "START
         TAPE REVERSE");
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRECEIVED, "SET
         REVERSE");
         SetDlqItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRESPONSE,
         "COMPLETE");
               ctl.Sony rewind();
         }
  else if (IsEqual(hinst, IDS SonyForward, lpObjectId[i]))
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDEXECUTED, "START
         TAPE FORWARD");
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRECEIVED, "SET
         FORWARD");
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRESPONSE,
         "COMPLETE");
               ctl.Sony forward();
         }
  else if (IsEqual(hinst, IDS SonyEject, lpObjectId[i]))
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDEXECUTED, "EJECT
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRECEIVED, "SET
         EJECT");
         SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRESPONSE,
         "COMPLETE");
               ctl.Sony eject();
```

```
}
           else if (IsEqual(hinst, IDS SonyRecord, lpObjectId[i]))
                SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDEXECUTED, "START
                RECORD");
                SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRECEIVED, "SET
                RECORD");
                SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC CMDRESPONSE,
                "COMPLETE");
                     ctl.Sony_record();
                }
           }
        SendGetResponse(lpszRemoteDotAddr, wRemotePort,
          lpszCommunity,
                         dwRequestId, SNMP NO ERROR, 0, nObjects,
          lpObjectId, lpObjectValue, lpObjectType);
        break;
     }
  }
//*********************
// Display Error Message
void CSnmpAgent::ExceptionEvent(PT EXCEPTION codeError,
     LPCSTR lpszErrorDesc)
  SetDlgItemText(hwndMain, IDC STATUS, lpszErrorDesc);
//**********************
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```

## Common Calls used by Both Programs

```
// CALLS.H
//
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
// 1997
#ifndef CALLS H
#define CALLS H
#include <time.h>
// prototypes
extern LONG GetLongObject(HWND, int);
extern LPSTR GetString (HINSTANCE, WORD);
extern BOOL IsEqual(HINSTANCE, int, LPSTR);
extern LONG GetStringObject(HWND, int, LPSTR, int);
extern LONG GetStringProvided(LPSTR);
void
      delay(long);
void
      sleep(clock t);
// Function prototypes for CTL3D.DLL
typedef BOOL (CALLBACK* LPFNCTL3DREGISTER) (HINSTANCE);
typedef BOOL (CALLBACK* LPFNCTL3DAUTOSUBCLASS) (HINSTANCE);
typedef BOOL (CALLBACK* LPFNCTL3DSUBCLASSDLGEX) (HWND, DWORD);
typedef BOOL (CALLBACK* LPFNCTL3DUNREGISTER) (HINSTANCE);
extern "C" void AboutDlg Do(HWND hwnd, LPCSTR lpszLibsUsed);
#endif
//**********************
// END OF FILE
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```

```
// CALLS.C
//
// Walter Schuller
// University of North Florida
//
// 1997
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "\Powertcp\include\common.h"
#include <time.h>
//*********************
// delay routine with no cpu sleep
void delay(long secs)
          long start, finish, ltime;
          start = time(&ltime);
          finish = start + secs;
          while (time (&ltime) < finish);
          return;
          }
//********************
// delay routine using cpu sleep
// USAGE => sleep( (clock_t)3 * CLOCKS PER SEC );
void sleep( clock_t wait )
          clock_t goal;
          goal = wait + clock();
          while ( goal > clock() );
//*********************
// Get and return the specified string resource.
LPSTR GetString (HINSTANCE hinst, WORD id)
  {
  static szBuffer[256];
  LoadString(hinst, id, (LPSTR) szBuffer, 255);
  return (LPSTR) szBuffer;
  }
//Dart Communications
//*********************
```

```
BOOL IsEqual (HINSTANCE hinst, int id, LPSTR lpsz)
  return _fstrcmp(GetString(hinst, id), lpsz) == 0;
  }
//Dart Communications
//****************
LONG GetStringObject(HWND hwnd, int id, LPSTR lpsz, int nSize)
  GetDlgItemText(hwnd, id, lpsz + 2, nSize);
  *((WORD FAR*) lpsz) = fstrlen(lpsz + 2);
  return (LONG) 1psz;
  }
//Dart Communications
//*********************
// Routine to take a given string and set up for SNMP String Structure
Definition
LONG GetStringProvided(LPSTR lpsz)
   *((WORD FAR*) lpsz) = _fstrlen(lpsz + 2);
  return (LONG) lpsz;
//*********************
LONG GetLongObject(HWND hwnd, int id)
  char szBuffer[11];
  GetDlgItemText(hwnd, id, szBuffer, sizeof(szBuffer));
  return atol(szBuffer);
  }
//Dart Communications
//***********************
    END OF FILE
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```

## APPENDIX K

## Glossary of Terms Used

Acronym	Meaning
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
API	Applications Program Interface
ANS.1	Abstract Syntax Notation 1
BER	Basic Encoding Rules
CMIP	Common Management Information Protocol
COM x	Serial Port x
CTS	Clear-To-Send
DCD	Data-Carrier-Detect
DLL	Dynamic Link Library
DNS	Domain Name Server
DTR	Data Terminal Ready
FTP	File Transfer Program
GPI	General Purpose Interface
HTML	HyperText Markup Language
I/O	Input/Output
ISO	International Organization for
	Standardization
ISODE	ISO Development Environment
LAN	Local Area Networks
MFC	Microsoft Foundation Class
MIB	Management Information Base
OOP	Object Oriented Programming

RFC Request For Comments

RTS Request-To-Send

SDK Software Development Kit

SMIC SNMP Management Information Compiler

SMICng SNMP Management Information Compiler - Next

Generation

SMTP Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

SNMP Simple Network Management Protocol

TCP Transmission Control Protocol

TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol/Internet

Protocol

TELNET Telecommunications Network

TFTP Trivial File Transfer Protocol

UDP User Datagram Protocol

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