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The Hewlett-Packard 91731A Asynchronous Multiplexer Subsystem is one of the software drivers for the HP Real-Time Executive (RTE) Operating System. The Subsystem provides simultaneous commonication with up to sixteen asynchronous bit-serial devices through the HP 12920B Asynchronous Multiplexer. The peripheral devices can be either hardwired to the Multiplexer or connected through full-duplex modems.

A multiplexer allows signals from several lines to be channeled through a single port. In this case, the single port is in the $I / O$ syster of an HP 1000 Computer System, and the multiple lines are communication lines between the System and terminals or other devices.

There are many types of multiplexers; for simplicity, consider the Asynchronous Multiplexer to be like sixteen buffered Teletype interfaces. There are differences between the simple Teletype interface and the multiplexer, but the mode of communication is the same: asynchronous bit serial.

Asynchronous bit-serial devices, numbering in the hundreds, comprise such devices as keybcards, displays, hardcopy terminals, printers, and tape cassette drives. The Multiplexer Subsystem specifically supports certain Fewlett-Packard terminals, including the cartridge Tape Units and Elock Mode on the supported terminals that have those features. The Subsystem also supports an Auxiliary Printer connected to a terminal.

SUBSYSTEM AND MULTIPLEXER

The HP 91731A Asynchronous Multiplexer Subsystem contains the software that an PTE Operating System uses to communicate with I/O devices through the FP 12920 Multiplexer. The Multiplexer is the interface hardware that physically connects 16 RS-232 lines to three I/O slots in an HP 1000 Computer System. The Multiplexer Subsystem supports one or two Multiplexers, interfacing up to 32 lines.

HP 91731A ASYNCHRONOUS MULTIPLEXER SUBSYSTEM

The Multiplexer Subsystem consists of one physical Driver, one Logical Driver, and the Manuals in the following list:

|  | Name | Part Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For one HP 12920P: |  |  |
| Physical Driver DVS00 | \% DVS ON | 91731-16001 |
| Logical Driver LDVR5 |  |  |
| Block Mode | \% LD 5AN | 91731-16002 |
| Block Mode and Cassettes | \%LD 5AZ | 91731-16003 |
| For two HP 12920B: |  |  |
| Physical Driver DVS00 | $8 \mathrm{DVS0Z}$ | 91731-16004 |
| Logical Driver LDVR5 |  |  |
| Block Mode | \%LD5BN | 91731-16005 |
| Block Mode and Cassettes | \%LD5BZ | 91731-16006 |
| Source: |  |  |
| Physical Driver DVS00 | \& DVS 00 | 91731-18001 |
| Logical Driver LDVR5 |  |  |
| For one HP 12920B | \&LDV5A | 91731-18002 |
| For two HP 12920B | \&LDV5B | 91731-18003 |
| Manuals: |  |  |
| HP 91731A User's Guide |  | $91731-90001$ |
| HP 91731A Software Numbering Catalog |  | $91731-90002$ |
| HP 9173lA Configuration Guide |  | 91731-90003 |

HP 12920B ASYNCHRONOUS MULTIPLEXER

The HP l2920B Asynchronous Multiplexer consists of three I/O cards, a connector panel for $R S-232$ connectors, and interconnecting cables.

The Multiplexer has two data boards, Upper Data PCA (12920-60001) and Lower Data PCA (12920-60002) which multiplex the 16 input data lines into one data path and demultiplex one output data path into 16 data lines. There is a control Board (12922-6000l) which sends and receives the line control signals for the 16 terminals or modems that are connected to the Multiplexer.

A Connector panel (30062-60017) provides the 16 RS-2 32 connectors and five connectors to connect the terminals and modems to the control and data boards. Only three control connectors are used in the configuration supported by the HP 91731A Subsystem.

A Data Cable (12921-60003), Control Cable (12922-60003), and a Test Cable (30062-60003) complete the HP l2920B Multiplexer hardware supported by the HP 91731A Asynchronous Multiplexer Subsystem.

## LOGICAL AND PHYSICAL DPIVERS

RTE drivers usually control only one type of device each. The Multiplexer, however, can control many types of devices through one I/O port if all the devices are $\mathrm{RS}-232$ compatible.

A single driver capable of handina all these devices would be large and complex, because, while all the devices may be RS-232 compatible and work through similar modems, they may have many different control sequences and line protocols to handle different functions, such as controlling auxiliary printers or cartridge tape units.

To simplify the driver and to requlate the size according to the application, the HP 9l73lA consists of a logical driver and a physical driver.

The logical driver handles the device dependent functions such as communications protocol, special codes the device understands, and special characters the device sends.

The physical driver handles the device-independent RS-232 functions that are common to all devices. These functions include the line data rate, character format, number of start/stop bits, and modem connect/disconnect. The physical driver also remembers which Multiplexer port requires which type of logical driver.

The logical driver is attached to the physical driver by passing the entry point address of the logical driver and LU number of the Multiplexer port to the physical driver.

PHYSICAL DRIVER DVSOO

DVS00 is the physical driver portion of the HP 91731 A subsystem. It also contains a default Teletype (TTY) logical driver that is used if another logical driver is not attached to the physical driver by the user.

The default TTY driver supports character mode operation and provides a set of default conditions to allow for ease of use and operation. You can change any or all of the default conditions by using control requests described in Section 2 of this manual.

The default TTY driver that is contained in DVSOO is primarily designed to communicate with a simple terminal similar in features and interface characteristics to a teletype. When the default TTY driver is in use, the characters are input and output in standard 8-bit ASCII.

Some special character processing on input allows the use of carriage return/line feed (CF/LF) as a record separator, CNTL-D as an End Of Tape, deleting characters in the users buffer on backspace, canceling an entry on a rub-out, and interpretation of CNTL-A, CNTL-H, and CNTL-Y as backspace.

On output, the use of left arrow (underline, octal l37) to suppress CR LF and the ability to strike any key to interrupt output are supported. Also, striking any key will schedule a program, if designated during system generation. When using the default TTY driver, the driver type is 00 , for programs that test for this information.

LOGICAL DFIVER LDVR5

LDVR5 is a logical driver that operates with the physical Driver in DVS00. LDVR5 supports keyboard input in either character or block mode. Using LDVF5 with a properly equipped HF terminal, you can input from, output to and contrcl Cartridge Tape Units and Auxiliary Printers. A Block Mode read can be initiated on a 2645 A or 2648A terminal from a user program. When using logical driver LDVR5, the driver type is 05.

The HP 91731A Asynchronous Multiplexer Subsystem operates in an HF 1000 Computer system, allowing the user to expand the system I/O capability beyond the unexpanded hardware limitations. One subsystem connects up tc 16 terminals to the Operating System, with optional modem links, while using only three physical select codes. Two Subsystems accommodate up to 32 terminals using six select codes.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Inclusion of the HP 91731A Multiplexer Subsystem in an HP 1000 Computer system places certain requirements on the system. The paragraphs that follow summarize hardware and software requirements.

Hardware

Use of the Subsystem requires that the following hardware ke included in the HP 1000 Computer System:

An HP $1000 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{E}$, or $\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{Series}$ Computer.
An $H P$ l2920B Interface $k i t$ consisting of two data boards, a control board, a connector panel, and the associated cabling.

An HP 12539C Time Base Generator.
An HF 12620A Breadboard Interface Kit.

Software

The Asynchronous Multiplexer subsystem operates in one of the following operating systems:

RTE IV
(92067A.)
RTE M(III)
(92064A)

However, when using the Multiplexer subsysterm in one of these oferating systems, the following restrictions must be observed (for more details, see the HP 91731A Configuration Guide):

RJE 1000 (91780A): may not be run while subsystem is active.
DS/l000 (91740A/B, 91741 A$):$ Privileged data communications may not be used while subsystem is active.

HP ATS: Subsystem not compatible with HP Automatic Test System.
DATACAP/l000 is not supported by the Multiplexer Subsystem.
Writable Control Store (HP 12971A WCS Kit): Loading WCS Board via DCPC may cause incoming data to Multiplexer to be lost.

Any $H P$ or User code thet is privileged (nonminterruptable): Incoming data can be lost if a program turns off the interrupt system.

DVEOO must be generated into the operating systerm as a privileged driver. It requires approximately 4000 bytes of storage plus 52 bytes of Equipment Table $1 E Q T$ ) space in the system driver area in RTEーIV for each port configured into the system.

LLVR5 is also generated into the operating system; however, it resides in the Subsystem Global Area (SSGA) of the operating system. LIVR5 requires approximatly 2970 bytes of storage.

## COMMUNICATION LINE ENVIRCNMENT

An important point about the Multiplexer is that it can operate simultaneously and independently on any mix of asynchronous communications lines regardless of the differences in bit rate, line discipline, or operating mode as long as the aggregate baud rate is within that supported by RTE. The thread of commonality between the different communication lines and devices usable by the Multiplexer is that data is transferred one bit at a time.

Bit-Serial Transmission

In bit-serial transmission, the characters are made up of a group of five to eight bits. Each character is preceded by a start bit and followed by one or more stop bits, depending on the format. Since the Subsystem provides for the character size and the start and stop bit configuration to be programmatically set for each channel, the Multiplexer subsystem can run any mix of bit-serial devices simultaneously.

Selectable Transmission Speeds

In bit-serial transmission, characters are sent in a timed sequence of bits. A bit is a unit of information, the term "bit" standing for "binary digit". Often confused with "bit" is "baud", the shortest duration signaling element. Generally, though, "bit" and "baud" are equal, and the terms car be used interchangeably.

There are at least a dozen common speeds at which asynchronous bit-serial devices operate. The speed is the device bit or baud rate. The Asynchronous Multiplexer Subsystem will support 251 separate, different, transmit and receive speeds between 56 and 2400 baud for each channel. The subsystem is also capable of automatically sensing sfeeds of $110,150,300,600,1200$, and 2400 baud.

Full-Duplex Operation

Bit-serial transmission uses only a single wire and a ground return to transfer information. Because of the cost advantage of using a single wire or a pair, this mode of operation has been used since the invention of Morse code. Today's asynchronous bit-serial devices use three wires, one for data out, one for data in, and one for the common return. This three-wire configuration allows the use of full-duplex communication equipment.

Full duplex means that two devices communicating with each other can be transmitting anc receiving simultaneously. The data being received can be different from the data sent. Some applications use this feature to print out a different character from the one typed, or to separate infut and output into incependent information streams.

Usually, as in the case of a Teletype, the full duplex operation is used to echo back the character that was typed. This provides a simple and very effective method of error control. A bit error on the line echoes a character different from the one that was typed, and the error can be detected visually at the terminal.

Asynchronous Transmission

Asynchronous transmission means that the receiving and transmitting ends can have independent clocks to strobe the bits in or out. The clocks must be going at approximately the same frequency, but can differ by one percent before transmission failure occurs.

Since the clocks are not in synchronization, the transmission mode is termed "asynchronous". In order to know when to shift a bit in, the receiver must be able to synchronize itself with the bit stream. It does this by detecting a start bit and timing itself from this transition to the middle of the remaining bits in the character. It does not matter how much time elapses between the stop bits of one character and the start bit of the next character, because the receiver always resynchronizes itself.

TERMINALS

Table l-l lists the $H P$ terminals that are supported by the Multiplexer Subsystem. While terminals by other manufacturers may be compatible, they are not supported by Hewlett-Packard. The table shows the compatibility of each terminal with DVS00 and with LDVR5 in combination with DVSOO .

## NOTE

If a terminal is compatible with the default TTY driver included in DVSOO, and that terminal has the ability to function in both block and character mode, then that terminal must be in character mode when using the default TTY driver.

Table l-l. HP Terminals Supported by HP 91731A


MODEMS

At times it is necessary to communicate with a device over telephone lines or a radio link. In these cases, a modulator-demodulator (modem) pair interfaces with the multiplexer subsystem. By providina important control lines and creating an interface which can be set to give an interrupt on rising, falling, or both edges of a status line signal, control and use of full-duplex modems is supported and maintained.

Modems are controlled by DVS00. Operation of LDVR5 is independent of modem usage.

The Multiplexer Subsystem supports a Rell type 103 or 212 modem, or a Vadic Corporation VA3400 modem. The Bell type 103 is a full duplex, frequency-shift keyed, 0- to 300 -baud modem. The Bell type 212 is similar to the 103 except that the data rate is selectable at either $0-300$, or 1200 baud. The VA3400 is similar to the 212 dataset, but supports 300,600 and 1200 baud; however, it can only communicate with another VA 3400 modem.

Use of these modems with the Multiplexer Subsystem is supported by Hewlett-Packard in the United States and Canada. In areas outside of the United States and Canada, check with the public telephone authority or independent modem supplier and the local Hewlett-Packard representative to determine modem compatibility with DVSOO and the l2920B interface.

PROGRAMMING AND OPERATION

Operating the Multiplexer Subsystem consists of using EXEC control reguests or the File Manager $C N$ command to initialize the terminals, then programming read and write requests to make data transfers through the Multiplexer.

After initialization, you should not normally be concerned with whether a terminal is connected through the Multiplexer or connected directly to the computer. Data transfer requests are either read and write statements in a high-level language program, or EXEC calls from either an Assembly language program or a high-level language proaram.

DFIVER RESPONSIRILITIES

This section describes the responsibilities of the physical driver (DVSOO) and the logical driver (LDVR5).

PHYSICAL DRIVER DVSOO

The physical driver is responsible for the following:
a. Controlling the HP l2920B interface boards.
b. Making all timing reavests, both for itself and for the logical driver.
c. Detecting line errors, parity errors, and break conditions.
d. Calling the logical driver whenever the physical driver:

Gets a new $1 / 0$ request,
Receives a character, Sends a character, Detects a line error, or Senses a time-out of interest to the logical driver.
e. Deciding when an $I / O$ request is complete, or if a control request is to be handled by the logical driver.
f. Maintaining a status indication in EQT word 5 (EQT5); the EQT status conditions are:

Bits Meaning

| 7 | Buffer Flush |
| :--- | :--- |
| 6 | BREAK key hit (write only) |
| 5 | End-Of-Tape status |
| 4 | Time-Out |
| 3 | Speed Sense Mode - in progress |
| 2 | Bad Comm Line |
| 1 | Pause Mode Iuser interrupted output) |
| 0 | Terminal Enabled (1), Disabled (0) |

## LCGICAL DRIVER LDVR5

LDVR5 is a logical driver specifically designed to provide special functions for terminals connected to the Multiplexer. These functions include elock Mode operation and CTU or Auxiliary printer utilization. Logical drivers in general are responsible for the following:
a. Handing communication processing that is not completely aeneral.
b. Deciding when an $I / O$ request is complete rexception: certain control requests).
c. Maintaining the transmission log of the number of characters or words sent or received by a write or read reauest.
d. Detecting errors that are defined as errors by the logical driver, such as the violation of message syntax. The errors reported to the logical driver by the physical driver are taken into consideration but are handled as the logical driver dictates. For example, it might take "n" physical errors of a certain kind to result in one logical error.
e. packing and storing of characters on read; unpackina characters on write.

Input, output, and control reauests to the $H$ g 91731A Multiplexer Subsystem are generally in the form of RTE EXEC calls. EXEC car be called from Assembly language programs or from high-level language programs.

The input request is a "read" request. The output request is a "write" reauest. Pead and write requests use EXEC calls, while control requests can be initiated either by using the EXEC call, or by using the File Manager CN command.

EXEC CALLING SFQUENCES

This section contains gereral instructions for calling EXFC from RTE Assembly language programs and from RTE FOPTRAN IV programs. For other high-level languages, refer to the RTE Programmer's Reference Manual for your PTE Operating system and to the appropriate language reference manual. Pefer to this manual for the specific parameter uses.

In the following examples, the only names that must be used as given are EXEC and ABREG. Other names, such as ICCDE, ICNWD, and IPRI, are simply mnemonics used in this manual and in other RTE manuals to identify the parameters of the calls. For these mnemonics, you can use any names that suit your purpose.
-RECUEST FOFMAT-

Calling EXEC from Assembly Language

The Assembly language calling sequence for EXEC calls is as follows:

```
    \bullet
    •
    EXT EXEC Declare EXEC as an external
    •
    •
    JSB EXEC Transfer control to RTE
        DEF PTN Peturn address
        DEF ICODE Pequest code
        NEF ICNWD Control word
        DEF IPRI Parameter 1, optional
        DFF TPR2 Darameter 2, optional
    RTN Return Point
        •
        •
    ICCDE DEC n n = l for read, 2 for write, 3 for control
    ICNWD OCT cnwd Value depends on function; the lower
        six bits always contain the LU number
        assigned to the port
    IPRI OCT prl Use depends on
    IPR2 OCT pr2 type of call
        •
        •
        \bullet
```

On return the $A-$ and $B-R e g i s t e r s$ can be examined for various functions depending on the type of call.

The return point, labeled RTN, must follow the DEF to the last parameter used. EXEC uses this address to calculate the number of parameters passed for those calls that have optional parameters.

## Calling EXEC from RTE FORTRAN IV

To call EXEC as a subroutine from RTE FORTRAN IV, use the following calling sequence:

```
* * 
CALL ABREG(IA,IB)
    \bullet
    .
```

EXEC can also be called as a function from PTE FORTRAN IV, using the
following calling sequence:
-•
EQUIVALENCE (REG,IREG),(IA,IREG),(IB,IREG(2))

-
-

The values of ICODE, ICNWD, IPRI, and IPR2 are as defined for the Assembly language call.

The two different methods of calling EXEC from FORTRAN illustrate the two ways of getting the $A-$ and $B-R e g i s t e r$ returns from the EXEC call. In either case, IA and IB will contain the values returned in the Aand $\mathrm{B}-$ Pegisters respectively. Consult the following sections for the meanings of these returned values for each individual call.

In the following sections the examples used to illustrate the calls are written using the REG $=$ EXEC(... method. This method can be used to make read, write, and control requests. For each control request, there is also an example showing how to make the call from the file Manager, using the CN command.
-REQUEST FORMAT-

## EXEC CALL PARAMETERS

Request code ICODE and control word ICNWD, in that order, are the first two parameters of the EXEC call. Other parameters, when needed, are described for each request in the following sections.

Request Code ICODE

Parameter ICODE identifies the type of request. There are four types described in this manual:

```
ICODE= 1 Read reguest
ICODE= 2 Write request
ICODE= 3 Control request
ICODE= 13 I/O Status request
```

Control Word ICNWD

Control word ICNWD contains a function code and the logical unit number (LU) of the device to which the request is directed. Structure the control word as follows:


For example, if the function code is octal 5 and the IU number is decimal l0, the value of ICNWD can be programmed:

$$
\text { ICNWD }=10+500 \mathrm{~B}
$$

where the B suffix identifies " 500 " as an octal number.

Function Code

The octal value of the required function code is given for each of the request descriptions in the following sections. Use whatever method you prefer to place the value in bits 10 through 6 of control word ICNWD. For example, if the value is octal 5, add 500B to the value of the $L U$ number, as illustrated in the previous paragraph. ICNWD $=L U$ when the function code is zero.

Logical Unit Number LU

The logical unit number is the system address for the $I / O$ device to which you are directing the request. Your system aeneration listing lists the LU numbers of all $I / O$ devices integrated into the system. In the case of the Multiplexer Subsystem, each LU number corresponds to a Multiplexer port.

Control requests have the following general format:

$$
\operatorname{RFG}=\operatorname{EXEC}(I C O D E, I C N W D, I P R 1)
$$

When issuing a control command from the File Manager the following format is used:
:CN,lu[,fn[,pr]]
$l u=L U$ number
fn $=$ function code
pr = optional parameter

For example, to find file 19 on a CTU assigned to LU 23:
:CN, 23,27B,19

## PARAMETERS

Request code ICODE has a value of 3 for all control requests. Each control request has a different function code in ICNWD, and the value of parameter IPRI depends on the function code. Table 2-l is a summary of the function codes and their meanings, their availability with LDVR5 and DVSO0, and the applicability of optional parameter IPRI.

## RETURNS

In the Equipment Table (ECT), word five (EQT5) is the status word. On return from a control request, the A-Register contains the device status from EQT5, if the EOT is unbuffered. If the EOT is buffered, the A-Register is meaningless. In both cases the $B-R e g i s t e r$ is meaningless.

Takle 2-1. Control Request Function Codes and Parameters


## INITIALIZATION CONTROL REQUESTS

Port initialization consists of a sequence of control calls that first set up conditions for the physical driver and then issue an Enable Terminal request. Conditions that are to be the same as the corresponding default condition need not be specified at initialization time. Conditions that are to be different from the default condition must be set using individual control calls.

The default conditions are:

```
Baud rate:
CF/LF Delay:
Hardwired Terminal:
Logical Driver:
Character size:
Parity:
Eackspace Mode: Echo underscore on backspace
Time-out Action: Down device
Echo:
llo for transmit and receive
None
Modems not in use
Default TTY Driver
8 bits
None
Echo underscore on backspace
Down device
On
None
Modems not in use
Default TTY Rriver
8 bits
None
On
```

The conditions to be set up individually are the transmit and receive baud rates, CF/LF delay, and modem usage. Also, if desired, a logical driver can be attached to the physical driver at initialization time. Conditions that are included in the Enable Terminal reouest are character size, parity, backspace mode, time-out action, and echo.

Note that the default conditions are valid only at boot-up. Once a condition has beer changed, the new value becomes the default value until the system is rebooted.
baUd rate specification

The Multiplexer transmit and receive baud rates are derived from a numerical rate parameter (IPP.) specified by the user. The formula for calculating the actual baud rate from this rate parameter is as follows:

```
BAUD = 14400./(IRP+1)
    where: 0 <= IRP <= 255
```

There are 256 discrete baud rates available. IRP $=0$ is 14400 baud and IRP $=255$ (377 octal) is 56.25 baud. However, the maximum baud rate that is physically reachable by the multiplexer hardware is 2400 baud on any one terminal. Not all of the remaining 251 bad rates available are integer baud rates. But, since this is an asynchronous communication link, a one per-cent error betweer the terminal and multiplexer baud rate is acceptakle.

To find the $I R P$ required for any given baud rate, calculate:

$$
I R P=(14400 / \text { BAUD })-1
$$

Then use the resultant $I R P$ (an integer) in the original formula to calculate the actual baud rate and verify that the actual baud rate is within one per-cent of the desired baud rate.

For example to obtain a multiplexer output at 110 baud:

$$
\begin{gathered}
(14400 / 110)-1=129.91 \\
I R P=129 \\
\text { BAUD }=14400 /(129+1) \\
\text { BAUD }=110.77
\end{gathered}
$$

The baud rate 110.77 is within one per-cent (for examole, plus or minus l.l) of 110 baud, which is acceptable. A better value for the IRP would have been 130 , which yields an actual baud rate of 109.92 baud.

All possible baud rates between 56 and 2400 baud are not available; however, all the common ones, including all the available baud rates on HP terminals at 2400 baud and below, are usable.

SET RECEIVE SPEED

By issuing an EXEC control request to a Multiplexer logical unit, the user can set the baud rate at which the Multiplexer expects to receive data from a terminal. The terminal must be physically set to transmit at that speed.

The function code is octal 5. To form the control word add the LU number of the terminal to 500 B . An additional parameter is reauired to pass the rate parameter (IRP).

A typical calling sequence to set the receive speed would be:

```
ICODE = 3
ICNWD = LU + 500B
IRP = (14400/IBPUD) - l
REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,IPP.)
```

Where the value of IBAUD is the desired baud rate, and LU contains the LU number of the port.

To set receive speed from the File Manager use the $C N$ command. For example, to set LU 10 to 2400 baud (IPP $=5$ ):

$$
: C N, 10,5 \mathrm{~B}, 5
$$

SFT SEND SPEED

In a manner similar to setting the receive speed, the user can set the baud rate at which the Multiplexer sends data to a terminal. The terminal must be physically set to receive at the desired baud rate.

The function code is octal 16, and the reguired parameter is the same rate parameter (IRP) as is used to set the receive speed. The send and receive speeds do not have to be set to the same baud rate.

A typical calling sequence to set the send speed is:

```
ICODF = 3
ICNWD = LU + 1600B
IFP = (14400/IBAUD) - 1
REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,IPP.)
```

Where the value of IBAUD is the desired baud rate, and LU contains the LU number of the port.

To set send speed from the File Manager use the CN command. For example, to set LU 10 to 2400 baud (IRP $=5$ ):

$$
: C N, 10,16 \mathrm{~B}, 5
$$

## ATTACH LOGICAL DRIVER

The logical driver, or default TTY driver, that is associated with a specific LU number will generally remain static once the Multiplexer terminals have been initialized. It is therefore advisable tc initialize each Multiplexer terminal at boot-up and attach the proper logical driver at that time. This does not preclude changing the logical driver later.

It is not recommended that logical drivers be attached using the File Manager $C N$ command due to the possibilities for errors; however, the default TTY driver can be specified using that method.

When a logical driver is attached to DVS00, the address of the logical driver must be specified. To get the address of logical driver LDVR5, the driver must be called as a subroutine, and passed a parameter in which to return the address. This parameter is then passed to DVSOO via a control request with a function code of octal 25.

For example to attach LDVR5 to the physical driver:

```
    CALL LDVR5(IADDR)
    ICODE = 3
    ICNWD = LU + 2500B
    REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,IADDR)
```

The first call to the driver after LDVR5 is attached will change the driver type to 05. Note that the type number does not completely describe the characteristics of a driver. For proper operation, always consuit the reference manual for the particular driver in question.

## INITIALIZATION REQUESTS

The same calling sequence in Assembly language:
EXT EXEC,LDVR5 EXTERNAL REFERENCES
-
-
JSB LDVR5 CALL LDVR5
DEF *+2 DEFINE RETURN ADDRESS
DEF IADDR
LDA LU
ADA $=$ B 2500
STA ICNWD
JSB EXEC
DEF *+4
DEF ICODE
DEF ICNWD
DEF IADDR
-
IADDR BSS 1
ICNWD BSS l
ICODE DEC 3
LU BSS l

DEFINE STORAGE FOR DRIVER ADDRESS FORM
CONTROL WORD
AND SAVE
TRANSFER CONTROL TO SYSTEM
DEFINE RETURN ADDRESS
DEFINE EXEC CODE LOCATION
DEFINE CONTROL WORD LOCATION DEFINE LOGICAL DRIVER ADDRESS LOCATION

STORAGE FOR LOGICAL DRIVER ADDRESS STORAGE FOR CONTROL WORD EXEC CODE 3
STORAGE FOR LU NUMBER

NOTE
Programs that call LDVR5 by name must be loaded with access to the SSGA area by using the Loader OP,SS command or by declaring during system generation that the program type is 18 or 19. Types 18 and 19 are types 2 and 3 with 16 added to the type number to specify SSGA access.

The first call to the driver after LDVR5 is attached will change the driver type to 05.

To reassign the default TTY driver, simply pass a 0 to DVS00 in the address parameter:

IADDR $=0$
REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,IADDR)
The default TTY driver also may be reassigned using the File Manager CN command:

$$
: C N, 1 u, 25 B, 0
$$

Reassigning the default TTY driver returns the driver type to 00.
NOTE
Request an Update Terminal Status whenever you attach LDVR5, to ensure that the logical driver is aware of the current terminal strapping configuration.

## UPDATE TERMINAL STATUS

An Update Terminal status call is a control request with a function code of octal 32, updating the driver with respect to the current status of the terminal strap settings. No parameters are required; the driver obtains this information directly from the terminal when this call is made.

Make a Upciate Terminal status call whenever the BLOCK MODE switch or terminal internal straps are changed and whenever the logical driver LCVR5 is attached to the physical driver for a specific port.

For example, to update the status of the driver for $L U$ number 41 , the following code could be used:

```
                        \bullet
        •
        \bullet
        \bullet
```

Or, using a File Manager $C N$ command to make the same status update: :CN, $41,32 \mathrm{~B}$

## ENABLE TERMINAI RECUESTS

The Enable Terminal control reauests set six terminal conditions and initialize the l2920B Multiplexer hardware to communicate with a terminal. The furction code is octal 20. One parameter word (IPRAN:) specifies the six conditions. The furctions of the bits in the parameter word are specified in Table $2-2$. The meanings of the various conditions are detailed in the following sections.

Table 2-2. Enakle Terminal Parameter Word


The default parameter word is octal l00210, which specifies:

Backspace Mode: Time-out Action: Stop Bits:
Echo:
Parity:
Character size:

Echo underscore on backspace Down device
One
On
None
8 bits

The sequence required to enable a terminal with a parameter word of, for example, 130210 octal is as follows:

```
ICOLE = 3
ICNWD = LU + 2000B
IPRAM = 130210B
REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,IPPAM)
```

The file Manager $C N$ command can be used to initialize a terminal in the following manner:

$$
: C N, 1 u, 20 \mathrm{~B}, 130210 \mathrm{~B}
$$

Specifying a parameter word value of 0 will invoke the default conditions if these conditions have not been changed since boot-up. If these conditions have been changed, a parameter word value of 0 will enable the terminal with the conditions that were established by the previous Enable Terminal request.

Time-Out Action

A time-out occurs when a device takes longer than a predetermined time to complete a request (read, write, or control), or some error occurs and is reported as a time-out (all errors cause time-outs). The time-out period may be set by the user, as described later for the "Set Time-Out" control request for the LDVR5 only.

The action that occurs when there is a time-out is determined by bit 13 of the Enable Terminal parameter word. If bit 13 was "0" when the terminal was enabled, the device $L U$ is downed by the system whenever a time-out occurs. If bit 13 was "l" the device lu is not downed on a time-out.

If the device is not set down, control is returned to the calling program and bit 4 of EQT5 is set. This bit can be checked by a status call, as described under "I/O Status" in the section on Status and Error Handling.

A downed device $L U$ must be set UP using the system UP command on the EQT number associated with the LU. See your RTE Operating system Reference Manual for details.

Backspace Mode

Bit 12 in the Enable Terminal parameter word controls the way the default TTY driver echoes backspace (CNTL-A, CNTL-H, or CNTL-Y) to a terminal. Pesponse to backspace also depends on how you set "Echo" mode, described later.

If bit 12 in the Enable Terminal parameter word is set to "l" and echo is on, the driver echoes only a backspace. Echoing the backspace moves the cursor one space to the left but does not erase the character at the new cursor position from the screen. Most hardcopy terminals backspace the print head one position.

If bit 12 is "O", the driver echoes the backspace followed by an underscore loctal l37, left arrow on some terminals). This replaces the last character printed (writes over on hard copy terminals) with the underscore. The cursor returns to its original position, one space to the right of the underscore. If echo is off, the backspace is not echoed; however, the underscore may be sent as controlled by bit 12 .

Repeated backspaces in the backspace-underscore mode will have no further effect on the display. In the backspace only mode, reveated backspaces will move the cursor one space to the left for each backspace. Thus, setting bit l2 to "0" is useful on terminals that do not reposition the cursor or print head in response to the backspace. For such terminals, the number of underscores or back-arrows gives visual indication of the number of backspaces entered.

If you delete the entire buffer, the default TTY driver sends a slash, LDVR 5 sends a backslash CR/LF to the terminal.

In either mode each backspace typed deletes the last character from the users buffer. This means that to correct an error at the beainning of a line everything after the error must be retyped, even though the text may still be intact on the terminal screen.

The backspace with underscore option is availarle only with the default TTY driver. LDVR5 forces backspace without underscore reqardless of bit 12 .

## Stop Bits

Bit 8 in the Enable Terminal parameter word specifies the minimum number of stop bits inserted between characters on a data line. There is no maximum number, as all bits encountered prior to a start bit are considered stop bits. Figure $2-1$ illustrates the sequence of data bits for one character.


A "0" in bit 8 specifies one stop bit. A "l" in bit 8 specifies two stop bits. If the baud rate is llo, two stop bits are used and bit 8 is ignored.

## Echo Mode

Echo is the feature of the driver that causes characters to be printed on the screen as they are typed on the keyboard of a terminal. For certain inputs, such as access passwords, users may want to turn echo off.

When bit 7 in the Enable Terminal parameter word is "0", echo is turned off; when it is "l", echo is turned on. When using LDVP5, and bit 7 is set to "l", echo is controlled by bit 8 of the read reauest control word for each individual read request. If echo is off, bit 8 is ignored and assumed to be zero.

NOTE
This is a hardware bit-formbit echo; the echoed hits are at the received rate. If transmit and receive rates are different, turn echo off.

## Parity Checking

When parity is specified, an extra bit is sent along with each character. This bit is set to a "l" or a "0" to make the total number of 1 's in the binary character odd (or even). When the character is received, if the total number of 1 's is not odd (or even) it can be assumed that a bit error has occurred in transmission.

Rits 5 and 4 of the Enable Terminal parameter word specify the parity. A 1 (binary 01) specifies odd parity will be used; a 2 (binary l0) specifies even parity will be used. A 0 (binary 00 ) specifies no parity; in this case no parity bit is sent or expected.

On an HP terminal when no parity is selected at the keyboard, a "0" is always sent as the parity bit; therefore, when using an $H$ terminal with no parity, the character size should be set at 8 bits (see "Character size") even though the terminal is sending a 7-bit character plus l bit of parity that is always a "0". When using even or odd parity, specify proper parity and a character size of 7 bits.

NOTE
Odd, or even parity checking is available for ASCII reads and writes only. Parity checking and parity generation must not be used for binary reads or writes.

Character size

The value in bits 3 through 0 of the Enable Terminal parameter word specifies the number of bits in each character, not including start, stop, or parity bits.

Enable Terminal Example

Figure $2-2$ shows a program example that could be used to initialize a terminal for use with the Multiplexer. Run program INIT from the WELCOM file once for each terminal on the Multiplexer. For example, four terminals on LU's 22 through 25:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& : R U, \text { INIT, } 22 \\
& : \text { RU, INIT, } 23 \\
& : R U, I N I T, 24 \\
& : R U, I N I T, 25
\end{aligned}
$$



Figure 2-2. Enable Terminal Example: Program INIT

## I/O OPFRATIONS

Once an LU has been initialized, it is ready to perform its principal function, input and output. Most input and output through the Multiplexer is initiated by high-level language READ and WRITE statements.

These $I / O$ statements generate calls to library modules that make EXEC calls to PTE. When using high-level language I/O statements, you may be communicating with a DVSOO, LDVFS, or a nonmultiplexer terminal. The specific calls to different types of devices are handled by the library modules and the PTE operating system.

There are, however, times when you need to control the driver directly in order to handle a special case data transfer that would not be possible with the more general high level language I/O statement.

This section tells you how to use EXEC calls to commuricate directly with the driver.

USING TFE DFFAULT TTY LCGICAI DFIVER

Read or write recuests using the default TTY driver are in the form of EXEC calls with a request code (ICCDE) of 1 for read and 2 for write. The control word (ICNWD) must contain the LU number of the Multiplexer device. The default Try driver ignores all other bits in the control word.

For both reads and writes two more parameters are required. Buffer and buffer length parameters must be passed to the driver by the EXEC call.

The buffer length must in all cases be less than or equal to the storage reserved for the buffer. For a write reauest the buffer must be less than the line length of the terminal, unless the terminal has a wrap-around mode.

The buffer length parameter may be positive or negative. If positive, the length specified is the number of words. If negative, the length is the number of characters.

As an example, the following sequence writes seven characters from a buffer called IOUT to LU 41 , then reads five words from the same LU to a buffer named INBUF:

```
                                    \bullet
                                    \bullet
ICODE = 2
ICNWD = 41
IBUFL = -7
REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,IOUT,IBUFL)
ICODE = l
IBUFL = 5
REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,INBUF,IBUFL)
    -
        -
    \bullet
```

Some points to consider when making read and write requests to default TTY driver DVS00:
o Input and Output are ASCII only; binary mode not permitted.
o On read, a carriage return (CR) is interpreted as an end of record (EOR) and a carriage-return line-feed (CR/LF) is echoed unless echo is turned off.
o On write, the driver adds $C R / L F$ to each record unless the last character is an underscore. If the buffer length is specified by a positive integer, an even number of characters is sent to the terminal. Take care that the underscore is the last character in the string if CR/LF suppression is desired.
o The driver ignores line feeds and leading nulls on reads.
o The driver will accept zero-length records from the terminal.
o There is no transparent mode (inhibit special character processing) for the TTY driver.

LDVR5 TO KEYBOARD/DISPLAY

Read/write requests to a keyboard/display cover three types of data transmission: writing to a display (request code 2), and two types of reads from a keyboard (request code l). The two types of reads are character mode read and block mode read.

In character mode read with echo on, the driver enters each character into the buffer and the hardware echoes the character back to the display as it is entered at the keyboard. In block mode read, the terminal saves characters in display memory until either the FNTER key is pressed or the program initiates a block read. The block can consist of one line or one page of characters, depending on terminal strapping.

Function Code

A read or write request to a keyboard/display using LDVR5 is the same as a read or write request using the default Try driver except that the function code, bits 10 through 6 in the control word (TCNW) are set by the user to control the driver and terminal. The functions of the control word bits are shown in Table $2-3$.

Table $2-3$. Keyboard/Fisplay Read/Write Fequest Control word for LRVF5

Since bits $10-9$ and bits $8-6$ have distinct meanings, the function code can be descrihed in terms of its first and seconr octal digits:

First digit of function code:
$0=$ Non-transparent character mode
2 = Transparent character mode
3 = program-initiated block read
Second digit of function code:
$0=A S C I I$ transfer without echo
$1=$ Binary transfer without echo
$4=A S C I I$ transfer with echo
$5=$ Binary transfer with echo

As an example, the following sequence writes seven characters from a buffer called IOUT to LU 4l, then does a read of five words from the same LU to a buffer named INBUF. The "normal" mode (ASCII data, non-transparent mode, function code $=0$ ) is used for the write. The read uses ASCII data with echo on, function code $=4$ ):
-
-
ICODE $=2$
ICNWD $=41$
IPUFL $=-7$
REG $=$ EXEC (ICODE,ICNWD,IOUT,IBUFL)
ICODE $=1$
IBUFL $=5$
ICNWD $=41+400 \mathrm{~B}$
REG $=$ FXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,INBUF,IRUFL)
-
-

## Writing to a Display

Programming write requests to a display requires consideration of several points. The output is a string of ASCII characters from a buffer in which each word contains two characters. The buffer length must be specified by a positive integer if you count the words, or by a negative integer if you count the characters. In either case, the driver terminates the character string by supplying a carriage return and line feed.

The lenath of the buffer must be limited to terminal display width unless the terminal has an End-ofmine wrap Around mode enabled.

The CR/LF at the end of the character string can be suppressed by using the underscore character (l37 octal). In the non-transparent (normal) mode the underscore must be the last character in the buffer.

In non-transparent mode, if the underscore is the last character in the string, the underscore $C R$ and $L F$ are not sent to the terminal. In transparent mode, an underscore anywhere in the text string will suppress the CR/LF, but the underscore will be sent to the terminal.

## NOTE

If the buffer length is specified by a positive integer, an even number of characters is sent to the terminal, appending a space to the text if necessary. Take care to ensure that the underscore is the last character in the string and not followed by a space if suppression of CR/LF is desired.

Write requests can pass escape and control sequences to the terminal to control various terminal furctions. Consult the terminal user's Manual for a description of these functions.

When writing in the binary mode (bit $f=1)$ all ESC characters are stripped from the character string except when the EQT sutchannel is 3. This is useful wher using the Graphics features of a 2 f4ep terminal.

For keyboard read requests, the driver maintains a record of the terminal status: character, block line, or block page mode. keep this status current by requesting "Upaate Terminal Status" wherever the status is changed or when the logical driver LDVR5 is attached to the physical driver for a specific port. For insurance, your programs can reouest Terminal Status Upciate at any time.

In blockmode keyboard reads, terminal transmissions are either line-by-line or page-by-page, depending on the terminal strapping. With page strapping, line separators (CR/LF) are passed to the user's buffer but the data terminator (RS) is not. With line strapping, embedded RS's are passed to the user's buffer but the data terminator (CF) is not. In both cases the unit separator (US) is passed to the user's buffer.

For terminal-enabled block read (furction code first digit $=0$ or 2), the user composes a line or page on the terminal display then presses the ENTER key on the keyboard. For program-enabled block read (first digit of function code $=3$ ), the user also composes the line or page but the read completes when the program requests, without waiting for the ENTER key to be pressed.

For program-enabled block reads, the program must position the cursor properly for the read. When the program requests a block read, the read progresses from the current cursor position to the end of the current line or page, depending on terminal strapping. For terminalmenabled block reads, the ENTER key positions the cursor.

In terminal-enabled block mode, all prompts before input should have ESC, underscore as the last two characters printed. Transparent mode prints the underscore, but ESC suppresses the actual display of the underscore. The ESC-underscore places a non-displayed terminator after the prompt, preventing it from being transmitted along with the user input wher the ENTER key is pressed.

In block mode reads, the text that is on the display (in the terminal's display memory) is what is sent to the computer. Control codes and escape sequences that do not print on the display will not be sent unless they are made visible when entered by using the DISPLAY FUNCTIONS key.

Character Mode Keyboard Read

In charactermode keyboardmread requests, the terminal transmits one character each time a key is pressed. The record terminator is a CF and must be enterec to complete the request (the terminator is not sent to the user's buffer.). At recection of the $C F$ the driver echoes CF/LF and completes the request, passing the transmission log inumber of characters or words sert) to the $F$ Fegister.

In non-transparent character mode, the driver processes the following special characters:

- DEL (RUBOUT, 177 octal). Fntering DEL (shift-underscore) deletes the current record and cutputs a backslash (<br>), CP, and LF; this deletes the line and starts a new line.
- BACKSFACE (l0 octal). Pressing the BACKSPACE key deletes the last character; the cursor moves back one position. The BS is not sent to the user's buffer.
o LINE FFED (12 octal). A line feed (L.F) is echoed back tc the display but is not sent to the user's buffer.
- CONTPCL D ( 4 octal). Entering CNTLMD (CNTL anc D keys) terminates data transmission and sets status word (EOT5) hit 5 to a "l" with all !zeros in the E -Register.

In the transparent mode, the special characters listed above are not processed by the driver but are passed to the user's buffer.

The echo bit (bit 8) in the control word turns on echo mode. If the terminal was enabled with echo on, echo remains off only for the read request in which bit 8 in the control word is "0". Echo has no meaning for write requests. If echo was specified as off when the terminal was enabled, the echo bit in a read request contrcl word has no effect, and is assumed to be zerc.

## LDVR5 TO A CARTRIDGE TAPE UNIT

Fead and write requests to the Cartridge Tape Unit (CTU) in a terminal are handed in the same manner as read and write requests to the keyboard/display. The request code (ICODE) value must te a for read and a 2 for write. The control word (ICNWD) must contain the IU number of the CTU in bits 5 through 0. The keyboard/display, left CTU, and right CTU on one terminal all have different $L U$ numhers. The LU number of the CTU is associated with FCT subchannel $l$ for left, 2 for riaht.

Of the remaining hits in the control word, only rit 6 is recoanized; "O" specifies an ASCII data transfer, "l" specifies a rinary reac or write. The function code, therefore, is either lor 0 .

A buffer and buffer length must te specified. . Whe huffer lenath is a positive number for words or a neqative number for characters. The buffer length is limited to 128 words for binary writes and 127 words for ASCII writes. CTU writer of greater than these specified lengths are rejected; the driver assumes records that exceed the specified length can not be written, so read reauests with longer ruffer length are not rejected.

For example, to do a binary read of a l28-word record from a CTU, IU number 45, into a buffer named IPUFF, the following code could te used:

```
•
ICOD\dot{F}=1
ICNWD = 100B + 45
IRUFL = 128
FFG = FXFC(ICODF,ICNWN,IRUFR,IRUFL)
•
    •
```

Note the following points pertaining to the use of InVP5 with CTU's:
o If the terminal is strapped for page-mode block reads, the BLOCK MODE switch must be latched out for Cint operation.
o A binary read recuest reads (via the driver) a word (or character) string into a buffer of specific lenath. If the buffer is filled hefore an End-of-Record (EOF) is read, the driver ignores the remaining data and stops the CTU at the first $E O R$ it reads. If an $E O R$ is read before the specified length is filled, the CTU stops at the EOn. The CTU skips one record if the buffer length is specified as zero.

- A binary write request writes a word (or character) string from a buffer of specified length. The driver rejects requests for zero length, or for greater than the maximum length (128 words).
- Parity is not permitted with binary reads or writes.
- An ASCII read request reads a word (or character) string terminated by a carriage return. If the specified buffer length is filled before a CR is read, the driver ignores the remaining characters; however, a CR must still be read in order to complete the request.
- An ASCII write request writes a word (or character) string from a buffer of specified length (the driver supplies a $C R / L F)$. The driver terminates the request if the string includes a CR, LF, or RS. The driver uses $C R$ as the record terminator on input and the terminal uses LF as the terminator on output; an RS is passed to the driver when the CTU encounters a file gap.
- If the End-of-Tape (EOT) point is sensed during a write operation, an End-of-Data (EOD) mark is recorded automatically; the driver completes the current record. Further attempts to write will cause LDVR5 to reject the request. The occurrence of an EOT on write is reported to the user as an error (time-out); a dynamic status request should be used to determine the exact cause.
o Similarly, the driver reads the current record if an EOD is sensed during a read operation. Either condition (EOT or EOD) is reported in the status word (EQT5). Further attempts to read past EOT will cause LDVR5 to reject the request.
o Read requests are rejected if the tape is at EOD. However, the EOD can be overwritten (using a write request) with data or a file mark unless the tape is at EOT.
o Continuously moving the tape back and forth (re-reading) more than 100 times over a short section of the tape may permanently damage the tape cartridge. Periodically "conditioning" the tape prevents failures due to such back and forth motions. Refer to "Tape Conditioning Procedure" in your terminal User's Manual.

LOVF5 TO AN AUXILIARY PRINTEF

Write requests to an Auxiliary Printer connected to a terminal are handled in the same manner as write reauests to the keyboard/display. The request code (ICODE) value must be a 2 for write. The control word (ICNVD) must contain the LU number of the printer in bits 5 through 0 . The remaining rits of the control word are ignored; only ASCII, non-transparent writes are allowed.

The keyboard/display and Auxiliary Printer connected to the terminal will have different LU numbers. The LU number of the printer is associated with EQT subchannel 4.

A buffer and huffer length must be specified. The buffer length can be positive, for words, or negative, for characters. The buffer length must not exceed the maximum line length of the printer. Refer to the printer User's Manual for line lengths.

The driver supplies the printer with a CR/LF at the end of each line (record). If the buffer contains a $C R$, $L F$, or $R S$, the driver terminates the request.

LDVR5 does not support the Peverse Line Feed and Plotting capabilities of the HP 9871A Printer; however, escape sequences to perform various functions on the 9871A can be passed.

For example, to print a line of text ( 80 characters) on an Auxiliary Printer on LU number 4l, the following code could be used:

where $I B U F R$ contains the 80 characters.

RETUFNS

Two information words are available when a read or write request completes. The Ampegister contains the device status word and the B-Register contains the transmission log, equal to the length of the data in the user's buffer.

On write requests, however, the information is meaningless if the device is buffered. Device buffering refers to a buffer in addition to user's buffer IBUFR. Device buffering is established at system generation time or on-line by the system $E Q$ command.

When a write request is issued to a buffered device, the user suffer is transferred into a buffer in system Available Memory (SAM) and the output processing started. Control is returned to the user program before the actual output is finished, so the device status and transmission log are meaningless.

After read reclests, and after write requests when the $I / O$ device is unbuffered, the $A-$ and $E-P e g i s t e r s$ contain the completion status.

Getting Completion status

To get completion status from the $A-$ and R-Registers in a FCRTPAN Erogram, call EXEC as a function. The following code shows how to use this methcd:

DIMENSICN IREC(2)
EQUIVALENCE (REG,IREG), (IREG,IA), (IREG (2), IB)
-
-
-
ICCDF $=1$
ICNBD $=\mathrm{LU}+400 \mathrm{~B}$
IBUFL $=-80$
$P E G=$ EXFC (ICODE, ICNWD, IBUFR,IBUFL)
-
-
-

The variables $I A$ and $I B$ now contain the $A$ - and $P-R e g i s t e r$ conterts, device status word and transmission log respectively.

An alternative method is to use the library subroutine ABRFG:
$\qquad$
$\bullet$
CALL EXEC (ICODE,ICNWD,IBUFR,IBUFL)
CALL ABREG(IA,IB)
-
$\bullet$
IA and IR contain the $A-$ and $B-R e g i s t e r$ contents, provided ARREG is called immediately after the EXEC call.

Status Vord

The status word in the A-Pegister indicates the end-of-operation status as defined by the driver completion code in hits 15 and 14 of the word. This is either "OO" (up) or "0l" (down). The equipment type code, in bits 13 through 8 , will be 00 octal. Bits 7 through 0 contain the physical status of the device or port.

The status word is word 5 of the Equipment Table Entry for the device. Appendix A describes the Equipment Table Entry. The meaning of word 5 (ECT5) is described for ISTAl under "I/O Status" in this Section.

Transmission Log

The transmission log is a positive integer equal to the character or word count of the data in the user's buffer. If the value of buffer length parameter IEUFL in the preceding EXEC call was positive, the
 IBUFL was negative, the transmission $\log$ is the character count.

Control requests that apply to bcth the lodical and physical orivers include setting the ECT bit in a device status word, setting speed sense mode to enable the Multiplexer to detect the baud rate of a terminal, and setting a port to the buffer flush condition. Also in this category is the disable terminal recuest.

This subsection describes the above requests, and also describes the CP/LF delay request, applicable only to the default TTY driver. These are control requests, performed by calling FXFC with the first parameter (ICODE) set tc 3 and the second rarameter (ICNWD) containing the function code in bits 10 through 6 and the locical unit number (LU) in bits 5 through 0, as described under "Control word" at the reginning of this section.

SFT ECT STATUS

Issuing a contric request with a function code of 7 octal sets the Fnd-of-Tape status bit in the device status word (ECTS bit 5). This has the same effect as reading an fnd-of-Tape (EOT) frcm a CTU, or entering a CNTL-D fror the keyboard in the non-transparent mode. The fcllowing code is an example of setting EOT status on LU 4l:

$$
\operatorname{ICODF}=3
$$

$$
\text { ICNWN }=700 B+41
$$

$$
\mathrm{REC}=\operatorname{FXFC}(I C \cap D F, I C N D)
$$

- 

$$
!
$$

$$
-\infty \text { or }-\infty
$$

$$
: C^{\pi}, \triangle 1,7 B
$$

Set FCT status is supported by both the default Try driver and LrVR5.

CET CR/LF LFLAYS

Carriage returr and line feed delays are recuired by some rinters to allow time for the carriage or print head to return to the left margin befcre starting to print the rext line. Also, some terminals require a delay to avoid overflowing the internal buffer.

A symptom of too short a CR/LF delay on a printing terinal is printing a character between the normal lines of text on a carriage return. HP 2640-series terminals display a half-bright rectangular "DEL" character (octal l77) if the internal buffer overflows. Consult the device User's Manual for CR/LF requirements.

Cne CR/LF delay. is always sent. Additional delays can be set in increments of one character time (the transmission time for one character at the baud rate of the terminal) by specifying a number of stall characters for carriage return and line feed.

To set the delays, use a control request with a function code of 12 octal. One additional parameter is required (IDELY) in which bits 7 through 4 contain the number of stall characters for $C R$ and bits 3 through 0 contain the number of stall characters for LF.

For examole, to set a CR delay of 4 and an LF delay of 3 on LU 41 , the following code could be used:

```
                        \bullet
                            \bullet
        ICODE = 3
        ICNWD = 1200B + 41
        ICR = 16 * 4
    C
    C MULTIPLY PY l6 = SHIFT LEFT 4
    C
        ILF=3
        IDFLY = IOR(ICR,ILF)
        REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWN,IDELY)
            \bullet
            \bullet
            \bullet
        mo Or m-
            :CN,41,12P,]O3P
```

Setting CR/LF delays is only supported by the default TTY driver and is not used when LCVR5 is attached to nVS00. For this purpose, LDVR 5 uses an encuiry/acknowledge handshake.

SET SPFED SENSE MODE

Using a control request with a function code of 17 octal, it is possible to have the Multiplexer hardware detect the operating baud rate of a terminal and report that baud rate to the driver. The reported baud rate is established as both the transmit and receive baud rates by the driver.

One additional parameter is required (ICHR), to contain a "search for" character, right justified. The user must type the "search for" character in from the keyboard within one minute after issuing the request (other characters are ignored).

On receipt of the request, the driver puts the selected port into the Speed sense (diagnostic) mode for one minute; if the correct character is not input within that amount of time, the driver times out, setting bit 4 of the status word to "l" to signify timemout, and setting the baud rate to 2400 .

If the correct character is input from the port, the sensed speed is set as both the transmit and receive speeds, and the driver makes a normal completion. The speeds sensed are $110,150,300,600,1200$, and 2400 baud. Since both the send and the receive rates are set, split-speed operation is not possible, unless the transmit rate is reset upon completion.

For example, to sense the baud rate on LU 4l, using the CR character (user must oress RETUPN) the following code could be used:

```
                                    -
                                    \bullet
            ICNWD = 1700B + 41
            ICHP = 15B
                C 15 CCTAL IS CARRIAGE RETURN, USFR MUST HIT PETUPN
                C WITHIN ONE MINUTE
                    PEG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,ICHR)
                        •
                \bullet
                \bullet
                m~ Or ma
                    :CN,41,17B,15B
```

The speed sense mode is supported by both LDVR5 and the default mpy driver.

A control request with a function code of 21 octal will disable the terminal assigned to the addressed LU number. When a terminal is disabled, bit 0 of the status word is cleared. mhis means that striking a key on the keyboard will not schedule the program that was specified at generation. Read, write, and control requests to the terminal will still function normally. To remenable the terminal an "Enable Terminal" request must be issued.

For example, to disable LU 4l:

```
                            \bullet
        \bullet
        ICODE = 3
        ICNWD = 2100B + 41
        REG = EXEC (ICODF,ICNWD)
            •
            \bullet
            \bullet
        m* Or m-
            :CN,41,21B
```

Disable terminal may be used with either the default TYY driver or
LDVR5.

## BUFFER FLUSH

Issuing a control request with a function code of 23 cotal will put a port in the buffer flush condition. In this condition, the driver ignores all write requests and control requests for the designated port. Read requests only are honored.

To establish the buffer flush condition, the driver sets bit 7 of the device status word. Bit 7 is defined for both the default TTY driver and for LDVP5 to indicate the buffer flush condition. See "I/O Status" for a description of related status conditions.

The buffer flush condition is removed automatically when a read request is processed or the queue (a list of programs with requests pending against the EQT) is empty. The buffer flush condition may also be removed by issuing the "Buffer Unflush" control request.

## NOTE

A buffer flush condition may also be established by a communication line failure.

To establish a buffer flush condition the following example could be used:

| $\bullet$ |  |
| ---: | :--- |
| • |  |
| ICODE | $=3$ |
| ICNWD | $=2300 B+41$ |
| REG | $=$ EXEC (ICODE,ICNWD $)$ |
| $\bullet$ |  |
| $\bullet$ |  |
| - | or |
|  |  |

A buffer flush condition can be established while using either the default TTY driver or LDVR5.

## BUFFER UNFLUSF

To remove a buffer flush condition, issue a control request with a function code of 24 octal. Buffer unflush restores the use of write requests and control requests after a buffer flush, and clears the buffer flush bit (bit 7) in the status word. It alsc clears the bad communications line, time-out, and FOT bits (bits 2, 4, and 5, as listed in the "I/O Status" subsection).

A buffer unflush shculd re used in the recovery from a commeication line failure. Either a read recuest or queue empty initiates an automatic buffer unflush, performing the same function as a buffer unflush recuest.

To execute a buffer urflush, the following example could te used:

```
\bullet!
REG = EXFC(ICODE,ICNWD)
    m~ Or m-
    :CN,41,24E
```

A. buffer unflush can be usec urder either the default Try diriver or LEVE5.

NOTE
If the commurications line is still bad, the next reauest to that port may set the port down again.

The control requests described in this subsection are used with LDVR5 only. Since they pertain to special functions of LDVR5, they are not recognized by the default TTY driver.

## SET TIME-OUT

To set the PTE device timemout value to something other than the value that was established at generation, use a control request with a function code of 22 octal. This value can be set in l00-millisecond intervals by the integer provided in an additional parameter.

Time-out values can also be set by using TO operator command. The FTE Programmer's Reference Manual for your system describes how to use the TO commard. Wher you use a control request or the file manager CN command, specify the port, or device, by $L u$ number; when you use the TO operator command, specify the port by EQT number.

If the default $m$ y driver is used, the only method of setting the time-out value is using the RTE TO command. Time-outs set by LDVR5 remain in effect if the default driver is reenabled.

To set the time-out on $L U 41$ to 25 seconds, the following example can be used, if LDVR5 is attached to the physical driver:

```
-
    ICODE = 3
        ICNVD = 2200B + 41
        ITO = 10 * 25
        REG = FXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,ITO)
            -
            •
            .
                -- or --
```

            : CN,41,22B,250
    
## CIU CONTROL

There are nine functions that are controllable on each Cartridge Tape Unit (CTU.) of an HP terminal. These functions car be performed by issuing a control request in which the control word (ICNVD) contains the $L U$ number of the CTU and a function code from the list given in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4. CTU Control-Pecuest Function Codes

| \|Function Code | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| \| |  |
| 101 | Write Endmof-File (FOF) |
| 1 |  |
| 102 | Backspace one record |
| 1 |  |
| 103 | Forward space one record |
| 1 |  |
| 104 | Fewind |
| I |  |
| 110 | Wirite End-of-File (ECF) if an fCF was not just |
| I | previously written on this CTU |
| I |  |
| 113 | Forward space one file |
| \| 14 |  |
| 14 | Eackspace one file |
| 1 |  |
| \| 26 | Write End-of-Data |
| 1 |  |
| 127 | Locate absolute file: parameter required, IFILE |
| 1 | 0 < IFILE < 256 |
| 1 |  |

A rewind, backspace one record, or backspace cne file request will not cause any action if the CTU is at the load point. The load point status can be reported in a dynamic status word, as described for the "Dynamic Status" request. A recuest for a file number greater than any existing on the tape will position the tape to the last file that exists. If the terminal is strapped for page mode operation, the RIOCK MODE switch must be in the out position.

As an example, the following code could position the CTU assigned to LU 42 to the start of the first record in file 6:

ICODE $=3$
ICNVD $=2700 \mathrm{~B}+42$
IFILE $=6$
REG $=$ FYEC (ICODE,ICNWD,IFILE)
-
-- or --
: CN, 42,27B,6

## PFINTER CCNTRCL

A control request with a function coce of 11 octal issued to an LU that is assigned to an Auxiliary Printer (subchannel 4) connected to an $H P$ terminal causes the printer to advance the paper a specified number of lines.

The number of lines must be specified in an additional parameter, with a value of less than 256. A negative number in the additional parameter will cause some printers to go to top-of-form, other printers will ignore negative parameters. Consult your printer manual for reaction to negative spacing parameters.

As an example, the following code would execute a top-of-form on a printer referenced by LU number 44:

The above commands can be used to space a display, with a maximum limit of 55 lines, by using the display Lu.

When communicating with a terminal over a full-duplex modem link, control of the modem is relatively simple. To establish communication, the Multiplexer must issue a "Data Terminal Ready" to the modem and then wait for the modem to respond.

The modem uses two signal lines to signal the Multiplexer that the link has been established. "nata set Feady" is on whenever the modem is turned on and connected to the line, and "Clear To send" goes on when communication has been established with the modem at the terminal end. The corresponding communications at the terminal end are taken care of automatically by the moder and the terminal.

OPEN TINE

A control request with a function code of 31 octal initiates a modem connect sequence on one port. The Multiplexer issues the "rata Terminal Ready" and the call does not complete until the Multiplexer receives "Data Set Ready" and "Clear To Send", or the port times out.

An additional parameter is needed to set the timemout for the open Line call. mis parameter must be specified as the negative of the number of one-tenth second intervals for timemout. A zero or a positive value specifies that the port will not time out while waiting for a modem line connection.

The time-out value must be long enough for the connect to complete. This time could be anywhere from a few seconds if the terminal end is tied in and ready to go, to a maximum time of 54 minutes if the terminal end must be powered un, phone dialed in, and modems connected. The time-out specified replaces the system assigned time-out described under "Set Time-out" for the open Line request only.

MODEM CONTROL

The following code is an example of opening a modem line on $L U 4 l$ with a 10 minute wait for a line connect:

```
ICODP}=
ICNKD = 3100B + 41
ITO = -6000
REG = EXEC(ICODE,ICNWD,ITO)
```

- 
- 
- or -
$: C N, 41,31 P,-6000$

An Cpen Line control reguest can be used with either the default TTY driver or with LDVR5. The open line request is always executed, regardless of any buffer flush condition.

CLOSE LINE

To provide an orderly termination of modem line communications, use the Close Line control recuest, which specifies a function code of 30 octal. The close Iine request sets the "Data Terminal peady" line down from the Multiplexer to the modem, causing the modem to initiate a disconnect from the phone line. The request waits five seconds to give the phone line time to break connection, then returns to the user program. No additional parameters are required.

The following code is an example of a disconnect on LU 4l:
$I C O D E=3$
ICNWD $=3000 \mathrm{~B}+41$
REG $=$ EXFC (ICODE, ICNWD)
-
-
-

-     - or $-\infty$
:CN, 41, 30B
The Close Line control request can be used with either the default TTY driver or LDVR5.

```
STATUS AND FRROF HANDLING
```

There are two status calls available to the user to check on the status of a Multiplexer port for normal processing and error diagnostics. I/O Status can provide the user with two of the device status words (EQT5 and EQT4) and an LU status word. rynamic Status provides the user with the status of the CTU's or Auxiliary Printer on a terminal.

## m/C status

The $1 / O$ Status request, using a request code (ICODE) of l3, calls the FTE operating system to provide information contained in system tables. The LU number of the port must be specified in the control word (ICNWD). One additional parameter is required and two more are optional. One, two, or three words are returned to the user's program in the parameters passed.

A sample calling sequence for $L U 41$ is shown below:

ICODE $=13$
$I C N W D=41$
CALL EXEC (ICODE,ICNWD,ISTA1,ISTA2,ISTA3)
$\cdot$
-

When the call completes the variables ISTAl, ISTA2, and ISTA3 contain the I/O status as shown in Table 2-5. ISTAl is the status word (EQT5).

Table 2-5. I/O Status-Request Returns
(ISTAl: $15-14:$ I/O controller availability indicator:

## DYNAMIC STATUS FECUEST

The dynamic status request to a CTU or Auxiliary printer Lu number is actually a read request (ICCDE $=1$ ) with a function code cf 37 octal. As with other read requests, the control word (ICNDD) includes the function code and the $L U$ number of the CTU or printer. The buffer need only be one word long and the buffer length must be specified as one.

An example dynamic status request on $L U 42$ is coded as follows:

```
\bullet\bullet
IBUFL = 1
FEC = FXEC(ICODE,ICNKD,IBUFF,IBUFI)
            -
```

On return, the first word of the buffer (IRUFR) contains the dynamic status for the $C T U$ or printer as specified in Table $2-6$.

NOTE

Pecause the dynamic status request is a call to the driver, it will wait until any outstanding request on that ECT is completed.

Table 2-6. Dynamic Status Reguest Fesponse Lists


## FAILURE ANALYSIS

For failure analysis it is important to note that all errors cause time-outs. If specified in the "Enable Terininal" request, the device will also be downed, and an error message produced at the system conscle:

> I/O TO L \#x F \#y S \#z
where $x, y$, and $z$ are the Logical Unit number, EQT number, and subchannel number respectively. If a device is down, the request will wait for the operator to UP the EQT number.

It may be that only a simple time-out has occurred, meaning that the operator was too slow in responding to a read request, or a modem link was not established in time. In either case, retry the request a few times.

To recover, always perform a Buffer Unflush, and remenable the terminal before proceeding with operations.

If the device is not downed, control returns to the user program on error (time-out) and the user program should be structured to check for errors and process accordingly. You can use the "I/O Status" request to get the status to test for various conditions.

## Modem Errors

If a port has been using a modem link, and the communications line fails (disconnects), the driver automatically executes a line-close operation and puts the port in the buffer-flush state. When in this state, the port ignores all pending requests except buffer-unflush and line-open.

Unlike a programmatic buffer flush, the buffer-flush state caused by a line failure cannot be removed by a read request; and, when the flush is removed by the driver, any subsequent $I / O$ request will return the port to the buffer-flush state.

The recovery procedure after a line failure has placed a port in the buffer-flush state depends on whether the port is down or up. If the port is down, either of two procedures can be followed.

If the port is down and all pending requests can be removed, proceed as follows:
a. Remove all requests pending against the EQT.
b. UP the EQT.
c. Issue an open line request.
d. Wait for the communications line to be reestablished.
e. Restart any aborted process.

If the port is down and a priority higher than that of any pending request is available, proceed as follows:
a. Issue an open line request at higher priority than any pending request.
b. UP the EQT.
c. Wait for the communications line to be reestablished.

If the port is not down:
a. Issue an open line request.
b. Wait for the communications line to be reestablished.

Note that $I / O$ requests made while the line was down were flushed.

CTU and Printer Errors

If the program was communicating with a CTU or Auxiliary Printer, a Dynamic Status request should be performed and the bits in the return word checked for error conditions. On the basis of these results the operator should be requested to correct the problem. If the device is down it must be UP'ed prior to performing the Dynamic Status request.

Read Errors

If the last command issued was a read, a parity error or data overrur, may have occurred. Data overrun means that the Multiplexer maximum throughput rate has been exceeded and data on the $L u$ with the time-out bit set was lost. Neither parity error nor data overrun can be explicitly tested for by the user, so the best procedure is to retry the failed request a finite number of times.

Program Response to Line Failure

When a line failure occurs on a port initiated not to be set down on errors, the driver responds to read requests with an EOT. Therefore, if a port does not set down on error, user programs should be written to handle EOT signals in a reasonable manner. For example, interactive programs might attempt a finite number of retries, then terminate in an orderly fashion.

Since the driver performs a line close operation when the line is broken, the line must be reopened before another call can be answered. This can be done manually, from another console, as described above, or it can be done programmatically.

To open closed lines programmatically, a line monitor program can be put in the time list to perform an open line request periodically on all modem ports. This program needs a priority high enough to ensure that it is not locked out by other programs. Figure 2-3 shows an example of such a line monitor program.


The $H P$ 9173lA Multiplexer Subsystem requires a device Equipment Table (EQT) Entry for each port on the Multiplexer. The entry consists of 15 words plus an extension of 11 words, or a total of 26 words. The EQT Entry is configured into the RTE Operating System at system generation time.

During system operation, the logical and physical drivers get the port configuration instructions and pass information to each other through the EQT Entry for the port. Table $A-1$ gives the function of each word in the Equipment Table Entry.

Table A-l. Equipment Table Entry (part l)


Table A-1. Equipment Table Entry (part 2)

| EQT Word Number | Use |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| 18 | If, at generation time, the port assigned to this EQT |
|  | is specified to schedule a program on interrupt, EQTI8 |
|  | contains the address of the ID segment of that program. |
|  | If not, EQTl8 contains a negative one (-1). This |
|  | specification is made in the Interrupt Table portion |
|  | at generation time. |
|  |  |
| 19 | Carriage return, line feed delays, and exterded status |
|  | are defined as follows: |
|  |  |
|  | Bits Meaning (Set) |
|  | 15-12 Value of character delays (stalls) for |
|  | carriage return. |
|  | 11-8 Value of character delays (stalls) for line |
|  | feed. |
|  | 7 Read/Write stall flag. |
|  | 6 Not used. |
|  | 5 Timemout caused by good completion |
|  | $4 \quad 1=$ Read, $0=$ Write Request. |
|  | 3 Modems enabled |
|  | 2 Backspace mode. |
|  | 1 Line Feed Delay mode. |
|  | $0 \quad$ Carriage Return Delay mode. |
|  |  |
| 20 | Stop bits for padding the output character $=43400 \mathrm{~B}$ |
|  | for no parity or even parity and $=43600 \mathrm{~B}$ for odd |
|  | parity. |
|  |  |
| 21 | Line state and output character; the bits are defined |
|  | as follows: |
|  |  |
|  | Bits Meaning (Set) |
|  | 15 Logical time-out. |
|  | 14 Line error. |
|  | 13 Data error. |
|  | 12 Break condition. |
|  | 11 - 8 Not used. |
|  | 7 - 0 Next character to be output. |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

Table A-l. Equipment Table Entry (part 3)


Table A-1. Equipment Table Entry (part 4)


# READER COMMENT SHEET 

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