



WINASPI v4.71 Alpha 2

Release Notes

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ASPI provides a pass-through interface between the two main components of a software driver: a manager that is written to specific host adapter hardware and a device module or application that is tailored to particular peripheral. SCSI device driver modules and applications submit I/O requests to the host adapter, independent of the SCSI host adapter type. An ASPI manager handles and manages multiple I/O requests from multiple ASPI device driver modules or applications.

The ASPI manager is operating system- and hardware-dependent, written to control a particular host adapter or host adapter family. An ASPI device driver module or application is hardware-independent and will work with any host adapter and ASPI manager combination.

You should read the "readme.txt" file in the working directory. It has the late breaking information that is not documented elsewhere.

The ASPI32 and the ASPIINST manual are in PDF format. You'll need Adobe's Acrobat Reader to read it. Direct your Web Browser to
<http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>

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Special Notes

Adaptec does not provide programming support for the APSI layer. It is assumed that you have a solid understanding of system level programming and are familiar at least with device you wish to control.