

Appendix C

Obtaining Configuration Information

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Obtaining ISA Configuration Information

The ISA BUS does not provide a standardized way to obtain hardware configuration information. Individual slots cannot be queried to determine the adapter type which is installed, nor can adapters be enabled or disabled in a uniform way. Drivers must utilize the parameters passed from the *ParseDriverParameters* call (parameters supplied in the load command line), then verify that the hardware is present and operational as specified. Some adapters may allow all other parameters to be obtained by I/O commands once a primary I/O port is identified, but drivers will still have to interpret the fields obtained this way.

Obtaining EISA Configuration Information

NetWare device drivers on DOS-based servers can obtain EISA information by the following procedure:

- get real mode workspace
- lock the memory
- make the EISA BIOS call
- access the configuration information
- unlock the memory

Each step in this procedure is detailed in the remainder of this section.

Getting the Real Mode Workspace

In order to read EISA configuration information, the driver must allocate a block of memory addressable in both real and protected mode. The EISA machine BIOS uses this block of memory to pass configuration information to the driver.

To obtain this block of memory, the driver must use the operating system routine *GetRealModeWorkSpace*. Before doing this, however, the driver must allocate five storage locations. These locations can be reserved in the driver's data area as follows:

<i>WorkSpaceSize</i>	dd	0	;block size
<i>WorkSpaceRealModeOffset</i>	dw	0	;block offset
<i>WorkSpaceRealModeSegment</i>	dw	0	;block segment
<i>WorkSpaceProtectedModeAddress</i>	dd	0	;block address
<i>WorkSpaceSemaphore</i>	dd	0	;block semaphore

WorkSpaceSize

Size of the block of memory (in bytes).

WorkSpaceRealModeOffset

Offset of the real mode memory address of the block.

WorkSpaceRealModeSegment

Segment of the real mode memory address of the block.

WorkSpaceProtectedModeAddress

Protected mode logical address of the block.

WorkSpaceSemaphore

Pointer to a semaphore structure. The driver uses the semaphore to "lock" the memory for its exclusive use while reading the EISA configuration information.

Note: Another way to reserve this space is to allocate it *on the stack*, since it will only be used for this process, and can be discarded when finished. This is a very efficient way to deal with this particular requirement, since no *Alloc* call or resource tag, etc. is required.

The driver passes the addresses of the storage locations on the stack when calling *GetRealModeWorkSpace*. This procedure provides the driver with access to the special block of memory by filling in the storage locations with the needed values. On return, the driver must clean up the stack.

```

push    OFFSET WorkSpaceSize
push    OFFSET WorkSpaceRealModeOffset
push    OFFSET WorkSpaceRealModeSegment
push    OFFSET WorkSpaceProtectedModeAddress
push    OFFSET WorkSpaceSemaphore

call    GetRealModeWorkSpace
add     esp, 5*4

```

Locking the Memory

During the EISA configuration read operation, the driver must have exclusive use of the special memory block. It must "lock" the memory block by calling the *CPSemaphore* function, as shown in the following example:

```

push    WorkSpaceSemaphore    ;load semaphore
call    CPSemaphore           ;lock work space
add     esp, 1*4              ;adjust stack

```

Making a Real Mode BIOS Call

In order for the EISA machine BIOS to pass the configuration data for the selected physical card back to the driver, the driver must make a real mode call to the EISA BIOS. The driver must allocate memory for two structures, *InputParms* and *OutputParms*.

Note: These structures can also be allocated on the stack.

InputStructure	struc	
IAXRegister	dw	?
IBXRegister	dw	?
ICXRegister	dw	?
IDXRegister	dw	?
IBPRegister	dw	?
ISIRegister	dw	?
IDIRegister	dw	?
IDSRegister	dw	?
IESRegister	dw	?
IIntNumber	dw	?
InputStructure	ends	
OutputStructure	struc	
OAXRegister	dw	?
OBXRegister	dw	?
OCXRegister	dw	?
ODXRegister	dw	?
OBPRegister	dw	?
OSIRegister	dw	?
ODIRegister	dw	?
ODSRegister	dw	?
OESRegister	dw	?
Oflags	dw	?
OutputStructure	ends	
InputParms	InputStructure	<>
OutputParms	OutputStructure	<>

Before making the *DoRealModeInterrupt* call, the driver must fill in the *InputParms* structure as follows:

IAXRegister

The read configuration parameter 0D801h (See the EISA BIOS call information supplied by the EISA computer manufacturer).

ICXRegister

The adapter slot and block of configuration data to read. CL is the slot and CH is the block.

IDSRegister

The real mode segment address of where to put the block of data. This value was returned in the *WorkSpaceRealModeSegment* variable by *GetRealModeWorkSpace*.

ISIRegister

The real mode memory offset of where to put the block of data. This value was returned in the *WorkSpaceRealModeOffset* variable by *GetRealModeWorkSpace*.

IIntNumber

The interrupt number. In this example, it is interrupt 15h.

After filling out the *InputParms* structure, the driver pushes the offsets of *InputParms* and *OutputParms* and then calls *DoRealModeInterrupt*, as shown below.

```

push    OFFSET OutputParms      ;output registers
push    OFFSET InputParms      ;input registers
call    DoRealModeInterrupt    ;perform real mode int
add     esp, 2*4                ;restore stack

```

Checking for Errors

To determine if *DoRealModeInterrupt* executed without errors, compare EAX to 0. If the value is 0, the routine executed successfully.

The driver must also detect errors the BIOS routine may have had. It does this by checking the *OAXRegister* field in the *OutputParms* structure. To determine if the BIOS routine executed without errors, compare the *OAXRegister* field to 0. If the value is 0, the routine executed successfully. A sample of the error checking code required follows:

```

or      eax, eax                ;successful?
jnz     IntNotValidErrorExit    ;jmp if OS error
cmp     BYTE PTR OutputParms.OAXRegister+1, 0
jne     IntNotValidErrorExit    ;jmp if BIOS error

```

Note: The error handling routines for the above errors must unlock the block of memory by calling *CVSemaphore*.

Accessing the Configuration Information

At this point, the driver has access to the configuration of the adapter set by the user in the EISA configuration utility. The driver accesses this information using the logical address (protected mode address) of the special memory block that was returned during the *GetRealMode-WorkSpace* call. A sample of typical driver processing follows:

```
mov     esi, WorkspaceProtectedModeAddress    ;data pointer
mov     cl, BYTE PTR [esi+INTERRUPTOFFSET]   ;get interrupt
mov     SaveInterrupt, cl                    ;save
```

Note: *INTERRUPTOFFSET* is defined in the EISA spec.

Each configuration block contains different information (interrupts, memory, etc.). If the first block read does not contain the appropriate information, keep reading blocks by incrementing CH in the *InputParms* structure and calling *DoRealModeInterrupt* again. Read blocks until the information is obtained or until INT 15h returns an 81h in AH of the *OutputParms* structure.

Unlocking the Memory

Finally, the driver must unlock the special memory block that the EISA configuration data is located in. This is accomplished by making a call to the *CVSemaphore* function, as indicated in the following example:

```
push    WorkspaceSemaphore                   ;pass semaphore
call    CVSemaphore                          ;unlock workspace
add     esp, 1*4                             ;clean up stack
```


Obtaining MCA Configuration Information

This section describes the procedure for obtaining hardware configuration information for a Micro Channel MSL adapter. This information is used by the driver's initialization procedure to initialize the hardware and to register the adapter with the NetWare OS.

The procedure for obtaining MCA configuration information is outlined below:

- scan the slots for the MSL ID
- determine which slot to use
- access the configuration information
- deselect the card
- register the configuration with the OS

The remainder of this section describes this procedure in more detail. Each step is illustrated with sample code.

Scanning Slots for the Adapter's ID

The first step in obtaining the MSL adapter's configuration is to scan through all Micro Channel adapter slots, searching for adapter IDs supported by the MSL driver. The number of adapters with matching IDs and the corresponding slot numbers are stored in a slot options table for a later step. If no adapters with matching IDs are found, the MSL driver should display an error message stating that no adapters were found, and exit back to the OS with a completion code of non-zero.

The following definitions are used in the example on the facing page. For a more detailed explanation of the ports in the Micro Channel architecture, refer to the IBM Personal System/2 Hardware Interface Technical Reference.

```
SlotSelectRegister    equ 96h
POS0                  equ 100h
POS1                  equ 101h
POS2                  equ 102h
```

The driver must fill in a slot options table for the *AdapterOptions-Structure*. This structure is required by the *ParseDriverParameters* routine. The slot options table has the following format:

```
SlotCount    dd    0           ;number of valid slots
SlotList     dd    8 dup (0)  ;up to 8 slots possible
```

The address of the slot options table is placed in the appropriate field of the *AdapterOptionStructure* for the *ParseDriverParameters* routine.

```
AdapterOptions  AdapterOptionStructure  <SlotCount>
```

```

xor    esi, esi                ;Init card counter
mov    cl, 7                   ;3rd bit must be set
                                   ;Start with slot 0

ScanSlots:

inc    cl                      ;next slot
cmp    cl, 10h                 ;are we done?
jz     short DoneScanningSlots ;jump if so

mov    al, cl
out    SlotSelectRegister, al  ;select card slot

mov    dx, POS0                ;get high byte of
in    al, dx                   ; signature
mov    ah, al
mov    dx, POS1                ;get low byte of
in    al, dx                   ; signature
xchg  al, ah

cmp    ax, NE232ID             ;Is it our card?
jne    ScanSlots               ;jump if not

mov    dx, POS2                ;get config port
in    al, dx                   ;get configuration

test   al, 01                  ;Is card enabled?
jz     ScanSlots               ;jump if not

movzx  eax, cl                 ;get slot number
btr    eax, 3                  ;reset bit 3
inc    eax                     ;slots are 1 relative
mov    SlotList [esi*4], eax   ;put slot # in table
inc    esi                     ;bump board count

jmp    ScanSlots               ;Keep looking

DoneScanningSlots:

xor    al, al
out    SlotSelectRegister, al  ;De-select card
or     esi, esi                 ;Any boards found?
jz     NoSlotsWithMyBoard     ;jump if not

mov    SlotCount, esi          ;Record number of boards

```

Determining the Slot to Use

The next step is for the MSL driver (by means of the OS routine *ParseDriverParameters*) to get the slot of the adapter the MSL driver should interrogate to get the hardware configuration. Several parameters should be passed to the OS routine *ParseDriverParameters*:

- the load module *ScreenHandle*
(see the driver initialization specification for more detail)
- the load *CommandLine* pointer
(see the driver initialization specification for more detail)

- a bit map indicating that the slot needs to be parsed (see *NeedsBitMap* under the *ParseDriverParameters* description)
- the address to any frame description (null in the case of all MSL drivers)
- the address of any configuration limitations (null in the case of all MSL drivers)
- the address of the *AdapterOptions* structure (containing the address of the slot options table)
- the address of the driver configuration table (null in the case of all MSL drivers)
- the address of the *IOConfigurationStructure*

The sample below shows how you might parse which board in which slot to use.

Example of the parse slot number code:

```

DriverInitialize proc

    CPush
    mov    ebp,esp
    pushfd
    cli
    .
    .
    .

    push  [ebp + Parm1]           ;Screen ID
    push  [ebp + Parm2]           ;Command line
    push  NeedsIOSlotBit         ;Parse for slot
    push  0                       ;No FrameTypeDesc
    push  0                       ;No ConfigLimits
    push  OFFSET AdapterOptions
    push  0                       ;No ConfigTable
    push  OFFSET IOConfiguration ;IOConfigStruct

    call  ParseDriverParameters
    add  esp, 8 * 4

    or   eax, eax
    jnz  ErrorParsingIOParameters

```

Note that even if the MSL driver finds a supported adapter in a slot, another driver could be in control of the adapter. The OS routine *ParseDriverParameters* would then return a non-zero value (CCode in EAX) telling the MSL driver not to use any adapter. The MSL driver would then display a message indicating that no adapter was selected, and exit to the OS.

If *ParseDriverParameters* returns successfully, the OS parsed slot value will be placed in the *IOConfiguration* structure. Based on that value, the MSL driver can now interrogate the selected adapter for its hardware configuration as described in the following section.

Accessing the Configuration Information

The example below illustrates these steps. The following is the code from the HNE232 driver. All adapters will have specific information for each adapter in the POS option select data bytes.

```

;Use the slot chosen to determine Memory base, I/O base and interrupt
movzx eax, IOConfiguration.CSlot           ;Get slot that we are to use
dec    eax                                 ;Make it zero-relative
bts    eax, 3                              ;PS/2 needs bit 3 set
out    SlotSelectRegister, al              ;Select the card slot

mov    dx, POS2                            ;Get config port

in     al, dx                              ;Get configuration
movzx edi, al                             ;Copy config
and    edi, 0eh                            ;Get bits 3-1, use as index

shr    edi, 1                              ;Adjust for table index
dec    edi                                 ;Option 0 is no option
shl    edi, 2                              ;Adjust for table index
mov    eax, RAMTable[edi]                  ;Get memory location used
mov    IOConfiguration.CMemoryDecode0, eax
mov    IOConfiguration.CMemoryLength0, 800h ;Store length of memory

shr    edi, 1                              ;Adjust for table index
mov    cx, IOTable[edi]                    ;Look up IO address
mov    IOConfiguration.CIOPortsAndLengths, cx

in     al, dx                              ;Get configuration again
movzx edi, al                             ;Copy configuration
shr    edi, 4                              ;Get IRQ setting
and    edi, 7                              ;Only keep the lower 2 bits

mov    al, IRQTable[edi]                   ;Look up interrupt level
mov    IOConfiguration.CInterrupt, al      ;Save our int value

xor    al, al                              ;De-select card
out    SlotSelectRegister, al

mov    IOConfiguration.CInterrupt + 1, -1
mov    WORD PTR IOConfiguration.CDMAUsage, -1

```

Deselecting the Card

Remember to de-select the card when finished reading the hardware configuration information (shown in the example above).

Registering the Configuration Information

The final step registers the hardware configuration with the NetWare operating system.

```
;Register Hardware Options to see if any conflicts  
  
    push  0  
    push  OFFSET IOConfiguration  
    call  RegisterHardwareOptions  
    add   esp, 2 * 4  
  
    or   eax, eax  
    jnz  ErrorRegisteringHardwareOptions
```

If the OS rejects the registration of the hardware configuration, the MSL driver must terminate the initialization process, and display a message indicating rejection of the hardware configuration. The MSL driver initialization routine would then set a non-zero return code and exit to the OS.

See the driver template in Appendix E for more details on how to handle errors during MSL driver initialization.

