

To: INCITS Technical Committee T10

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Subject: Responses to ISV Response

1. Revisions

1. Incorporate the minutes from Sept 1 SMC-3 Telecon
2. Incorporate minutes from Sept 29 SSC telecon and Sept meeting cycle minutes. Incorporate November ADC WG minutes.

2. Introduction

This document contains the responses to 05-175 and the Working Groups discussions related to them. There is a section for each standard with each item listed under the standard(s) they apply to. There is a prioritization by standard since there are unique working groups (albeit mostly the same people). There is also a difficulty listed of standardizing or solving the problem.

Scale of A - C with A being highest and C lowest.

3. Responses

3.1 SSC-3

3.1.1 Mandate that commands return CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to NOT READY and the additional sense code set to MEDIUM NOT PRESENT after returning GOOD status to a LOAD/UNLOAD command with LOAD set to zero and HOLD set to zero (SSC-3; EMC);

<< Owner, Priority B, Difficulty A >>

We believe that the desired behavior is that there is a consistent ASC/ASCQ to report that a Move Medium command may be issued. This is really a system issue where the tape drive cannot tell the Application client what the library will do.

Discussion centered on needing ASC/ASCQ's for

- 1) Tape Ejected and not able to be sensed by the drive - Medium Not Present
- 2) Tape Ejected and the Medium can be sensed and manipulated (e.g. loaded) by the drive
- 3) Tape at the Hold Point and can be manipulated by the drive.

Discussion about clarifying the Load/Unload command.

Need to continue in WG during next meeting cycle.

3.1.2 Standardize all of the conditions/events that set sense key and additional sense code values (SMC-3, SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner, Priority B, Difficulty A >>

ASC/ASCQ should represent physical states.

- 1) Every new proposal needs to specify the ASC/ASCQ related to that proposal.
- 2) Need to go through the current standard and clarify any ambiguity and come to an agreement. Accepted in principle but nobody volunteered to own the proposal.

3.1.3 Provide a standard command to return the error history (e.g. count, error codes, and time stamps) for the device, device server, and removable medium (SMC-3, SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner, Priority A, Difficulty C >>

A lot of this exists in Log pages and Rod's proposal in ADC. Dell has a proposal 05-213r1. The discussion revolved around asking Dell if they would consider adding a TimeStamp field and timestamp type field to their proposal. Also, ask CA if that would cover their concerns.

AI: Kevin Butt to make request of Dell (copy Dave Peterson)

After response may need to ask CA. Will discuss later.

3.1.4 Add an interface [i.e. parameters for a key and bit mask for standardized algorithm(s)] for encryption/decryption in a stream device server (SSC-3?, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner: Michael Banthar, Priority A+, Difficulty A+ >>

AI: Michael Banthar is planning a proposal for November and will touch base with Roger Cummings.

3.1.5 Add a uniform method (e.g. command) to determine if the medium or the device caused an error (SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner: Kevin Butt, Priority C, Difficulty A >>

TapeAlert is our intent to do this. Review TapeAlert flags for which mean media vs. hardware vs. firmware.

AI: Kevin Butt

3.1.6 Add a mode parameter to allow an application client to set the Early Warning size (SSC-3; CA);

<< Owner: Kevin Butt, Priority A, Difficulty A >>

Implement by optional Early Early Warning.

AI: Kevin to bring in proposal to Nov WG.

3.1.7 Add a parameter to a stream device server that contains the serial number of the media changer containing the removable medium device, and add a method for an application client within the media changer to set this parameter (ADC-2, SSC-3; CA);

<< Owner, Priority A, Difficulty B >>

This sounds like a vital product page. The tunnelling command (Rod Wideman's proposal to ADC) sounds like the correct approach. Need to specify Serial Number?

AI: Paul Entzel to discuss with Rod Wideman

3.1.8 Add a method to differentiate between a stream device server acting on a virtual removable medium device and one acting on a physical removable medium device (SSC-3; CA); and

<< Owner, Priority C, Difficulty A >>

The working group appreciates this input but by a straw poll none of the participants wished to create this proposal because the working group found it too controversial. T10 is an open standards body and would provide due diligence in reviewing a proposal presented by any body that wished to present it.

AI: Kevin Butt to send response to CA.

3.1.9 A special set of commands (e.g. the host ID is included in Read/Write command) for VTL that allows multiple concurrent streams to write to a VTL Tape drive. (SSC-3; CA).

<< Owner, Priority C, Difficulty A >>

There may be better methods to get to the intended use. Can you consider existing methods such as enabling multiple logical units for each stream. If this does not answer your concern then we do not understand the concept behind the request.

3.2 SMC-3

3.2.1 Standardize all of the conditions/events that set sense key and additional sense code values (SMC-3, SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner: Rod Wideman for Vendor-Specific. Still need owner for other, Priority A, Difficulty A >>

[SMC Telecon] Response to be sent to CA "We believe this is valuable and are beginning work on this. We will begin with vendor-specific values first then branch out to standard specified values." Should be expanded to include additional sense data included in the READ ELEMENT STATUS data. All companies bring in what they use both vendor-specific and standard.

3.2.2 Provide a standard command to return the error history (e.g. count, error codes, and time stamps) for the device, device server, and removable medium (SMC-3, SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner, Priority B or C, Difficulty C >>

[SMC Telecon] Response to be sent to CA "What is lacking in Log Page 7? (information or vendors supporting it?) What if we extended the capabilities in 05-158r2 to apply to both SMC-3 and SSC-3". Ask Kevin Marks if he would be willing to extend his proposal in SSC-3 to SMC-3

3.2.3 Enhance READ ELEMENT STATUS data to include medium type (i.e. technology, generation, and special cartridge type; not sure if CA wants it to apply to storage elements only or all element types; SMC-3; CA);

<< Owner: Michael Banthar & Rod Wideman, Priority A, Difficulty B >>

[SMC Telecon] Response to be sent to CA "We have been working this with 05-259r0 and 05-153r1 as well as an Action for Rod Wideman of ADIC."

3.2.4 Enhance READ ELEMENT STATUS data to include WRITE PROTECT bit in storage element pages (SMC-3; CA);

<< Owner, Priority C, Difficulty A >>

[SMC Telecon] Response to be sent to CA "We believe this would be very good to do but we are unsure how this can be accomplished." More discussion needed for this item.

3.2.5 Enhance READ ELEMENT STATUS data to include medium type support (i.e. technology, generation, and special cartridge type) for Data Transfer elements (SMC-3; CA);

<< Owner: Michael Banthar, Priority A, Difficulty B >>

[SMC Telecon 01Sept] Response to be sent to CA "This is attempted to be addressed in 05-153 and 05-259 which are still under progress."

3.2.6 Add an additional sense code and text to the TEST UNIT READY command so that an application client can detect when the opening and closing of an Import/Export element door has resulted in a change in the medium inventory (SMC-3, SPC-4; CA);

<< Owner: Rod Wideman, Priority A, Difficulty B >>

[SMC Telecon] Response to be sent to CA "Create a UA to address medium inventory has changed. Specifics TBD."

3.2.7 Add an additional sense code and text to the TEST UNIT READY command so that an application client can detect when a SCSI device associated with a Data Transfer element has been removed or replaced (SMC-3, SPC-4; CA);

<< Owner: Rod Wideman, Priority C, Difficulty C >>

[SMC Telecon] Response to be sent to CA "Create Unit Attention to trigger sending a Read Element status to get change for a specific element type. Combine with 3.2.6."

3.2.8 Add a method to differentiate between a medium changer device server acting on a virtual library and one acting on a physical library (SMC-3; CA);

<< Owner: None, Priority C, Difficulty B >>

[SMC Telecon 01Sept] Response to be sent to CA "The working group appreciates this input but by a straw poll none of the participants wished to create this proposal because the working group found it too controversial. T10 is an open standards body and would provide due diligence in reviewing a proposal presented by any body that wished to present it."

3.3 SPC-4

3.3.1 Standardize all of the conditions/events that set sense key and additional sense code values (SMC-3, SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner, Priority ??, Difficulty A >>

3.3.2 Provide a standard command to return the error history (e.g. count, error codes, and time stamps) for the device, device server, and removable medium (SMC-3, SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner, Priority ??, Difficulty B >>

3.3.3 Provide an application client-level reservation capability (SPC-4; CA);

<< Owner, Priority ??, Difficulty A >>

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<< Owner, Priority A+, Difficulty A+ >>

3.3.5 Add a uniform method (e.g. command) to determine if the medium or the device caused an error (SSC-3, SPC-4?; CA);

<< Owner, Priority ??, Difficulty A >>

3.4 ADC-2

3.4.1 Add a parameter to a stream device server that contains the serial number of the media changer containing the removable medium device, and add a method for an application client within the media changer to set this parameter (ADC-2, SSC-3; CA);

<< Owner, Priority ??, Difficulty C >>

[Nov ADI WG] We need to wait on SSC to decide how it wants to report this. Then we can build the roads for this.