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 RE: SPC-2 Changes for new RBC device type

After the productive discussion on Wednesday, September 10, in Nashua, and subsequent review, both in Irvine on October 7 and in Palm Springs on November 5, here are the changes to SPC-2 recommended by both the RBC and SCSI *ad hoc* working groups.

New peripheral device type

Add a definition of peripheral device type 0Eh with a document acronym of RBC and a description of "Simplified direct-access device (e.g., magnetic disk)" to the "Peripheral device type" table under INQUIRY data. The corresponding title for the document associated with revised T10 Project 1240D¹ would be SCSI Reduced Block Commands (RBC). Also add the acronym to the glossary.

Command optionality

In the table "Commands for all device types" change the type designations of REQUEST SENSE and SEND DIAGNOSTIC from mandatory (M) to optional (O).

A note should be added to the table or the accompanying text as follows:

[\[2\] The REQUEST SENSE command is optional if the transport protocol provides equivalent functionality, e.g., autosense.](#)

The RBC *ad hoc* working group favors this change over device type specific (Z) since editorial revisions of existing command set documents would be necessary if their device types were implemented on newer transports such as SBP-2. The modification suggested above localizes the editorial changes to the transport protocol documents.

In addition, the specification of SEND DIAGNOSTIC requires a minor edit:

The SEND DIAGNOSTIC command requests the device server to perform diagnostic operations on the target, on the logical unit, or on both. ~~The only mandatory implementation of this command is~~ Targets that support this command shall implement, at a minimum, the self-test feature with a parameter list length of zero. Except when the SelfTest bit is one, this command is usually followed by a RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS command.

Optionality of changeable mode pages

Just as the optionality of saved page parameters is explicitly specified, the description of changeable page parameters (under the MODE SENSE (6) command, Changeable values) should be modified as follows:

¹ Pending project approval by OMC, the RBC draft is available as 97-260r0 at <ftp://ftp.symbios.com/pub/standards/io/t10/document.97>.

A PC field value of 01b requests that the device server return a mask denoting those mode parameters that are changeable. [Implementation of changeable page parameters is optional](#). In the mask, the fields of the mode parameters that are changeable shall be set to all one bits and the fields of the mode parameters that are non-changeable (*i.e.*, defined by the target) shall be set to all zero bits.

Device behavior when any of the page parameter types are not implemented should be specified below Table 32, Page control field :

[If an application client issues a MODE SENSE command with a page control value not implemented by the target, the device server shall return CHECK CONDITION status and shall set the sense key to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.](#)

Equivalence of current and saved mode pages

Under the description of MODE SENSE the working group proposes an additional note to follow the "Page control field" table:

[NOTE *m* Some devices implement no distinction between current and saved mode parameters and report identical values in response to a page control field of either 00b or 11b. See also the description of the save pages \(SP\) bit in the MODE SELECT command.](#)

We would add complementary text to the MODE SELECT command and modify the description of the save pages bit (and split the current paragraph into two for readability):

A save pages (SP) bit of zero indicates the device server shall perform the specified MODE SELECT operation, and shall not save any pages. [If the target implements no distinction between current and saved pages and the SP bit is zero, the command shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.](#)

An SP bit of one indicates that the device server shall perform the specified MODE SELECT operation, and shall save to a non-volatile vendor-specific location all the savable pages including any sent in the Data-Out Buffer. The SP bit is optional, even when mode pages are supported by the target. Pages that are saved are identified by the parameter savable bit that is returned in the page header by the MODE SENSE command (see 8.3). If the PS bit is set in the MODE SENSE data then the page shall be savable by issuing a MODE SELECT command with the SP bit set. If the target does not implement saved pages and the SP bit is set to one, the command shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.