Third-Party Commands in SCSI-3 SPC

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Premises

- Existing third-party commands are basically good
 - Block to stream
 - ♦ Stream to block
 - ♦ Block to block
- ▶ Device addressing is the problem to solve
- Try Dal's idea of a THIRD-PARTY SETUP command
- Changes as little as possible

What about old baggage?

- Reserve COPY functions codes 00h thru 04h
 - Compatible with SCSI-2
 - Segment descriptors do not fit SCSI-3
- Obsolete COPY function codes 05h thru 09h
 - Used in approved document 90-048R7
 - Still do not fit SCSI-2
 - Reserve these COPY function codes too
 - Ignore this aspect of 90-048R7



THIRD-PARTY SETUP Command Format

Byte	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0		Operation code (h)								
1		(MSB)								
2		Parameter list length								
3									(LSB)	
4					Control					

THIRD-PARTY SETUP Parameter List

Byte	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0		Third-party descriptor ID							
1 8		(MSB) Source SCSI identifier (LSF							
9 16		(MSB)			Source So	CSI LUN			(LSB)
17 24		(MSB)			Destinati	ion SCSI i	identifie		(LSB)
25 — — 32		(MSB)			Destinati	ion SCSI I	LUN		(LSB)

Things that do not change

- ► COMPARE, COPY, and COPY AND VERIFY commands
- COPY parameter list



Sample Segment Descriptor

Based on current 00h / 01h segment descriptor

Byte	Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0		Reserved	i		Reserved	Cat	Rese			
1		Third-party descriptor ID								
2		(MSB)								
3		Stream device block length								
4		(MSB) Block device number of blocks (LS								
7										
8		(MSB)							43 P	
11					Block dev	rice logio	cal block	address	(LSB)	

