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To: X3T10 Committee

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Subject: **Device Identification Page Proposal (Rev 1)**

At the July '95 SCSI working group meeting, I presented revision 0 of this proposal. Rev 0 principally dealt with retrieving SCAM strings and defined a new mode select/sense page. With the input I received at that meeting plus various discussions since the meeting, I have prepared revision 1. This proposal would define a new Vital Product Data page and includes the ability to return multiple identifiers (e.g., a device may have both an X3T10 identifier and an IEEE identifier).

Proposed changes to SPC are to replace the existing section 8.4.3 with the following paragraphs and to renumber the existing sections 8.4.3--8.4.5 to 8.4.4--8.4.6, respectively. All references to these sections would need to be adjusted, Table 93 would need to be updated, and subsequent tables would need to be renumbered.

8.3.4 Device identification page

The optional device identification page (see table xx) provides the means to retrieve zero or more identification descriptors for the logical unit. Logical units may have more than one identification descriptor if both X3T10 and IEEE identifiers are supported or if group identifiers are supported in addition to device identifiers.

Device identifiers are intended to be assigned to the device (e.g., a disk drive) and not to the currently mounted media in the case of removable media devices. Media identification is outside the scope of this standard. It is expected that operating systems will make use of the device and group identifiers during system configuration activities to determine whether alternate paths exist for the same device.

Table xx - Device identification page

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte								
0	Peripheral qualifier			Peripheral device type				
1	Page code (83h)							
2	Reserved							
3	Page length (n-3)							
Identification descriptor list								
4	(MSB)	Identification descriptor (0)						- -
								(LSB)
		.						
		.						
		.						
	(MSB)	Identification descriptor (last)						- -
n								(LSB)

Each Identification descriptor (see table xx+1) contains information identifying the device or group.

Table xx+1 - Identification descriptor

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte								
0	Identifier category				Code set			
1	Reserved				Identifier type			
2	Reserved							
3	Identifier length (m-3)							
4	(MSB)	Identifier						- -
m								(LSB)

A value of 0 in the identification category field specifies that this identification descriptor contains an identification for the logical unit. If the logical unit is accessible through any other path, it shall return the same identification.

A value of 1 in the identification category field specifies that this identification descriptor contains a group identification for the logical unit. If any other logical unit accessible by the system reports the same group identification, then it belongs to the same group and manages the same resources (e.g., it may be an alternate path to the same device or devices). This standard does not address how group identifiers are established or managed.

Values of 2 through Fh in the identification category field are reserved.

The code set field specifies the code set used for the identifier field as described in table xx+2. This field is intended to be an aid to software that displays the identifier field.

Table xx+2 - Code set

Value	Description
0	Reserved
1	The identifier field contains binary values.
2	The identifier field only contains ASCII graphic codes (i.e., code values 20h through 7Eh).
3-Fh	Reserved

The identifier type field specifies the format and assignment authority for the identifier as described in table xx+3.

Table xx+3 - Identifier type

Value	Description
0	No assignment authority was used and consequently the identifier may not be globally unique.
1	The first 8 bytes of the identifier field are an X3T10 Vendor ID (see annex C). The organization assigned to the X3T10 Vendor ID is responsible for ensuring that the remainder of the identifier field is unique. One recommended method of constructing the remainder of the identifier field is to concatenate the product identification field from the standard INQUIRY data field and the product serial number field from the unit serial number page.
2	The identifier field contains an IEEE 64-bit identifier. In this case, the identifier length field shall be set to 8. Note that the IEEE guidelines for 64-bit global identifiers specifies a method for unambiguously encapsulating 48-bit identifiers as 64-bit identifiers.
3	The identifier field contains an FC-PH 64-bit identifier as defined in X3.230-1994.
4-Fh	Reserved

The identifier length field specifies the length in bytes of the identifier. If the allocation length field of the command descriptor block is too small to transfer all of the identifier, the identifier length shall not be adjusted to reflect the truncation.

The identifier field contains the identifier as described by the identifier category, identifier type, code set, and identifier length fields.