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A significant number of the hardened software modules are being used in the production version of the WSP with only minor modifications. Included as part of the software are a number of lower-level utility libraries to provide basic services such as memory management and network communication. This document provides a detailed description of these common utility libraries.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The ASR-9 Weather Systems Processor (WSP) augments the weather detection capability of existing ASR-9 radars to include low-level wind shear warnings, storm cell tracking and prediction, and improved immunity to false weather echoes due to anomalous propagation (AP). To economically develop and field an operational system at the 34 WSP sites, the FAA is pursuing a strategy that leverages the software written during the 10-year R&D phase of the project. To that end, the software developed at Lincoln Laboratory has been 'hardened' to ensure reliable, continuous operation, and has been ported to a 'Phase II' prototype built around the latest generation of COTS hardware.

A significant number of the hardened software modules are being used in the production version of the WSP with only minor modifications. Included as part of the software are a number of lower-level utility libraries that are shared by many of the higher-level weather detection algorithms. These libraries supply basic functionality such as linked list and time manipulation routines, as well as more advanced facilities such as a custom, high-performance memory manager. A comprehensive network communications facility is also provided.

The software described here stands on its own, and knowledge of the WSP system as a whole, while beneficial, is not assumed. Interested readers should refer to [1] for a comprehensive overview of the WSP software environment.

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### 2. CORE UTILITY LIBRARIES

#### 2.1 MEMORY MANAGEMENT

The widespread use of dynamic memory allocation in a real-time application can sometimes be problematic. The basic problem is that the system-supplied memory allocation routines (malloc(), free()) are not normally very efficient, and constant allocation/deallocation of memory blocks can lead to fragmentation of the memory heap and eventual exhaustion of the memory resource. One solution is to largely avoid dynamic memory allocation following system startup, allocating enough memory up-front to handle the maximum expected system loading. While this strategy can work fairly well for simpler applications, it tends to break down in larger, more complex applications such as the WSP's weather detection algorithms. In the more complex cases, the common use of a large number of temporary working buffers for images and other data simply makes preallocation of all necessary working arrays impractical with respect to both resource efficiency and programming convenience.

Studies of memory usage by the applications running in the WSP system have shown that the size distribution of allocated memory blocks tends to be quantized as opposed to continuous. In other words, the applications tend to use blocks of memory of certain sizes, allocating and freeing the memory blocks over and over again. This fact can be exploited by a custom memory manager that takes advantage of the quantized nature of allocation requests and maintains multiple memory pools, each pool consisting of fixed-size blocks that are used to handle requests for a distinct size range. The use of fixed block sizes within each individual memory pool guarantees that no fragmentation occurs within each pool. Each pool is organized as a simple stack of free memory blocks, resulting in fast and predicable response times for allocations and deallocations.

The number and size distribution of the separate memory pools affects the overall efficiency of the memory manager. Use of a small step size for successive pools (e.g. 32 bytes) limits the number of wasted bytes for each allocation to 31 bytes. On the other hand, using such a small step size over the whole range of expected request sizes (0-512K) results in an unacceptably high number of separate pools from a pool management standpoint. To address this issue, the WSP memory manager splits the pools up into 'small' and 'large' categories. The 'small' category covers requests from 0-4096 bytes, and uses a step size of 32 bytes. This results in efficient use of memory when large numbers of relatively small objects are allocated. The 'large' category covers request from 4096-512Kbytes, and uses a step size of 1024 bytes, keeping the number of separate pools required to cover the desired size range to a manageable number (508). Note that the category boundaries and step sizes are currently hard coded, but could easily be set up as runtime parameters should the memory manager be used in another application with differing allocation requirements.

Use of the memory manager in a C program is identical to the use of the normal malloc() and free() routines, with the exception the custom memory manager routines being called Malloc() and Free() to differentiate them from the system-supplied routines. Use of the memory manager in a C++ program is even more transparent, since the linking in of the custom memory manager automatically overrides the system-supplied new/delete routines. Additional functions are provided in the library to support analysis of memory usage and debugging. The MemStats() function prints out the number of allocated blocks for each memory pool that is in use, as well as a summary of total memory usage. The MemStatsDiff() function is similar, but prints out the differences in memory utilization between multiple calls to the function, allowing a programmer to instrument a programmer and isolate memory-related problems. Lastly, the MemExit() function frees up all memory being used by the custom memory manger back to the system. This is useful when using a third-party memory analysis tool (such as Purify) to track down memory leaks, since such tools typically expect all memory to be explicitly freed prior to program termination.

The following example illustrates the use of the above functions.

```
#include <Mem.h>
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
 char *buf1;
 char *buf2;
 char *buf3;
 /* Allocate three buffers of varying sizes */
 buf1 = Malloc(32);
 buf2 = Malloc(2048);
 buf3 = Malloc(8192);
 /* Print out summary usage statistics */
 MemStats( stdout );
 /* Initial call to MemStatsDiff() (saves current usage state) */
 MemStatsDiff( stdout );
 /* Free up one of the buffers and print out new memory usage changes */
 Free(buf2);
 MemStatsDiff( stdout );
 /* Free up all memory cached by custom memory manager back to system */
 MemExit();
 exit(0);
```

When compiled and run, the program produces the following memory usage output.

#### MemStats:

Blocksize	Total	Used	Free	
32	1	1	0	
2048	1	1	0	
8192	1	1	0	

Total Heap Size (Never DEcreases): 10272 Used: 10272 Free: 0

MemStatsDif	ff:	OLD			NEV	V
Blocksize	Total	Used	Free	Total	Used	Free
32	0	0	0	1	1	0
2048	0	0	0	1	1	0
8192	0	0	0	1	1	0

Total Heap Size (Never DEcreases): 10272 Used: 10272 Free: 0

MemStatsDiff:	:	OLD			NEV	V
Blocksize	Total	Used	Free	Total	Used	Free
2048	1	1	0	1	0	1

Total Heap Size (Never DEcreases): 10272 Used: 8224 Free: 2048

See appendix section A.1 for detailed description of all functions included with the memory management library.

#### 2.2 LINKED LISTS

There are two types of list classes provided by the utilities library, an intrusive linked list class and a non-intrusive linked list class. The intrusive linked list class requires each stored object to be defined with a linked list pointer structure as it's first element. The intrusive class is intended for cases where speed is important, and each item may reside on only a single list at any given time. The non-intrusive list, as it's name suggests, does not require the objects themselves to contain any linked-list related fields, as the linked list pointer information is managed using separate, dynamically allocated linked list node structures. This allows for more flexibility (objects can reside on multiple lists), but has somewhat slower performance. In general, unless large numbers of objects must be visited very rapidly, the non-intrusive list is a better choice, and is the list class used most frequently by the WSP software.

The following two examples illustrate the use of the intrusive and non-intrusive linked list classes.

```
//
// Test program for intrusive linked list class
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <LLDList.h>
// Test object for list insertion. Must have list link as first element of structure.
typedef struct
 LLDListLink link;
 int
         value;
} TestObj;
int main( int argo, char *argv[] )
 int i:
 LLDList list:
 TestObj objArray[10];
 // Put 10 items on the list
 for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
   objArray[i].value = i;
  LLDList.PutTail( &objArray[i] );
 // Iterate through the list, printing out each entry
 TestObj *obj = (TestObj *)LLDList.FindFirst();
 while(obj != NULL)
```

```
printf("List Elem %d: Addr: 0x%x Value: %d\n", n, (unsigned int)obj,
       obj->value);
  n++;
  obj = (TestObj *)LLDList.FindNext(obj);
// Test program for intrusive linked list class
#include <LLDList.h>
// Test object for list insertion. Doesn't require any linked list
// pointers when a non-intrusive list is used
typedef struct
 int
         value:
} TestObj;
int main( int argo, char *argv[])
 int i;
 LLNIDList
                list;
 LLNIDListCursor listCursor;
 TestObj
               objArray[10];
 // Put 10 items on the list
 for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
  objArray[i].value = i;
  LLNIDList.PutTail( &objArray[i] );
 // Iterate through the list, printing out each entry. When a non-intrusive
 // linked list is used, objects may reside on multiple lists, so a separate
 // list cursor is used to maintain the list position
 TestObj *obj = (TestObj *)LLDList.FindFirst( cursor );
 while(obj != NULL)
   printf("List Elem %d: Addr: 0x%x Value: %d\n", n, (unsigned int)obj,
       obj->value);
   n++;
   obj = (TestObj *)LLDList.FindNext( cursor );
}
```

See appendix section A.2 for a detailed description of all functions provided by the linked list classes.

#### 2.3 TIME HANDLING

Time information is used extensively throughout the WSP software. The set of most frequently used time manipulation routines (time differencing, adding, etc...) have been encapsulated in a C++ class for programming convenience. The class supports overloaded versions of the addition and subtraction operators to increase the readability of time manipulation code, as well as an overloaded print method for use with the C++ cout operator. The example below illustrates the straightforward use of the class to compute the difference between two times and print the results.

```
//
// Time class test program
//

#include <LLTime.h>
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
// Construct two time objects, initialized to be 10 seconds apart
LLTime t1(4, 1, 1997, 10, 20, 30); // 4/1/97-10:20:30
LLTime t2(4, 1, 1997, 10, 20, 40); // 4/1/97-10:20:40

// Print out the two times
cout << "t1 = " << t1 << "t2 = " << t2 << endl;

// Compute the difference in seconds and print it
int timeDiff = t2 - t1;
cout << "t2 - t1 = " << timeDiff << " seconds " << endl;

// Add 10 seconds to t1 and print result
t1 += 10;
cout << "t1 += 10 = " << t1 << endl;
}
```

When compiled and run, the program produces the following memory usage output.

```
t1 = 04/01/1997-10:20:30 t2 = 04/01/1997-10:20:40 t2 - t1 = 10 seconds t1 += 10 = 04/01/1997-10:20:40
```

See appendix section A.3 for a complete description of all functionality provided by the time class.

#### 2.4 MESSAGE LOGGING

The logging of diagnostic and error messages is a common requirement of most medium to large scale software systems, especially during the software development and debugging phase. The messages can typically be split into four classes, informational, warning, error, and debug. Depending on circumstance, it is often desirable to have flexibility with regard to whether the output is directed to a terminal window, a file, or simply discarded. The UNIX *syslog* facility provides most of the necessary features, but is somewhat limited in its ability to support the multiple separate logs required by the WSP software. The WSP message logging library, modelled after the *syslog* facility, provides the required functionality.

From an algorithm's point of view, the facility is quite simple. A call such as:

```
Log(LOG_INFO, "Info msg %d\n", 1);
```

outputs the following message to the current logging destination:

```
Nov 18 20:30:46 [INFO] Info msg 1
```

All messages are prefixed with a time tag, and the message 'class', which corresponds to the first argument passed to the Log() function. Available basic message classes are LOG\_INFO, LOG\_WARN, LOG\_ERR, and LOG\_DBG. In addition to the default debug level (1), 3 additional levels of debug are supported (LOG\_DBG2, LOG\_DBG3, LOG\_DBG4) to allow for finer control of the amount of output produced by a running program. Debug messages can be enabled on a per file or per function basis using the logging configuration file. Other features of the logging implementation include selective output to std-out/stderr and/or disk files, fixed limits on log file size, and automatic creation of backup log files across multiple program runs and/or multiple days.

The logging behavior is controlled using a configuration file, normally read once at program startup. An example configuration file is shown below: Note that the configuration file supports UNIX shell-style comments (leading '#').

```
# (more output). The default level is 1. Debug scope can range from a single function
# to all files in the application.
debuglevel
                    logtest1.C
debugEnableFile
# To save backup copies of logfiles across multiple program runs or
# multiple days, specify a non-zero value for numBackups
numBackups
                  2
# Daily backup setting. Setting this value to 'true' or 'yes' allows
# separate logfiles to be maintained for each 24-hour period.
dailyBackup true
# Max history size in bytes. If logging output exceeds this amount,
# the current file is made into a backup (number of backups controlled
# by numBackups parameter) and a new file is started.
maxHistorySize 100000
```

The following sample program illustrates the initialization and use of the logging package. Assuming the configuration file shown above is used, the output of the program will be written to stdout and the disk file 'testlog.YYMMDD-HHMMSS'.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <Log.h>
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
  int i;

if( LogOpen( "log.conf" ) < 0 )
  {
  fprintf( stderr, "Error opening log\n");
  exit(-1);
}</pre>
```

```
Log( LOG_INFO, "Hello %d (info)\n", i);

Log( LOG_WARN, "Hello (warn)\n");

Log( LOG_ERR, "Hello (err)\n");

Log( LOG_DBG2, "Hello (dbg2)\n");

printf("normal printf\n");

LogClose();

}

Program output (disk file and stdout):

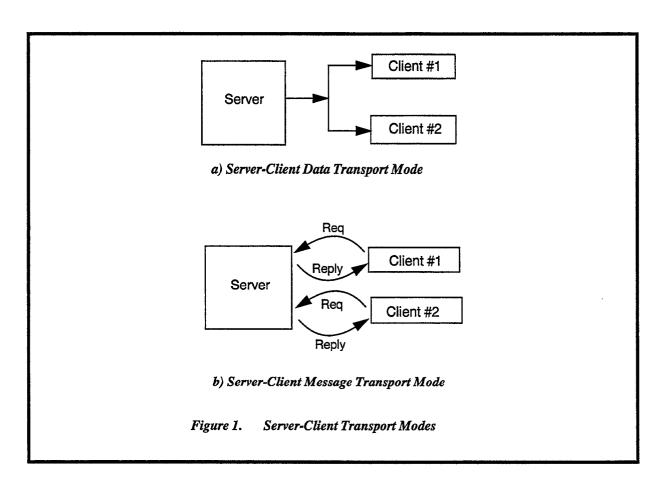
Dec 09 13:00:31 [INFO] Hello 1 (info)
Dec 09 13:00:31 [WARN] Hello (warn)
Dec 09 13:00:31 [ERR] Hello (err)
Dec 09 13:00:31 [DBG] Hello (dbg2)
normal printf
```

See appendix section A.4 for a detailed description of the functionality provided by the logging library.

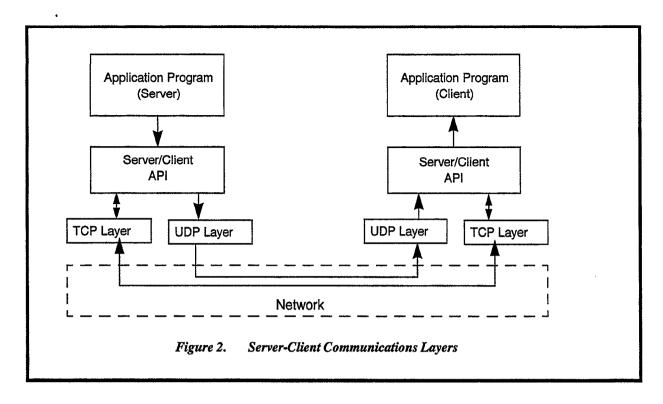
#### 3. SERVER-CLIENT NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS LIBRARY

The server-client communications library (SCLite) provides a high-level set of functions for interprocess communication using UNIX sockets. Using SCLite, processes may communicate with each other using either TCP or UDP sockets while remaining largely isolated from low-level details such as read/write time-outs due to a network outage.

Two major modes of server-client communication are supported. The data transport mode (Figure 1.a) allows a process to act as a data server to one or more data clients. This is by far the most common usage in the context of Lincoln Laboratory weather algorithm software. The message transport mode (Figure 1.b) represents the more traditional usage of the term server-client, where a server process listens for requests from one or more clients, and replies to each request individually.



SCLite currently supports two underlying communications protocols. The TCP protocol is normally used for low-to-medium bandwidth connections where guaranteed delivery of each data packet is critical. TCP, a connection- based protocol, requires a separate data transmission to each connected client. For higher bandwidth connections (sustained data rate > 100K/sec.), the connectionless UDP protocol is supported as a lower-overhead (albeit less reliable) alternative, since it supports true Ethernet broadcasts and does not require a separate data transmission for each connected client. Note that the UDP protocol is only supported when using the package in the data transport mode, since the message transport mode relies on a reliable connection. The two protocols are implemented using a layered approach, illustrated in Figure 2.



A key element of the server-client package is the *configuration* file -- an ASCII file containing a list of stream names with associated protocol information. The file allows for the protocol and port information for a given data or control streams to be reconfigured without having to modify the processes making use of the stream (other than restarting them with the new configuration file). A sample configuration file is shown below:

```
#
    Sample server-client configuration file
#
#
    Format of each entry:
#
##
    <streamName> <serverHost> <protocol> <port> [protocolOptions]
#
    Field definitions:
#
#
                    ASCII name for the stream, 32 characters max.
    streamName
#
#
    serverHost
                    Hostname of server. The reserved word 'local' specifies that the server
#
                    is running on the local host.
#
#
    protocol
                    Protocol for service. Available protocols are TCP and UDP.
#
#
                    TCP or UDP port number for service.
    port
#
  [protocolOptions]
#
    -queueSize <size>Queue size in bytes for server (TCP protocol) or client (UDP protocol)
# Stream entry for transmitting data from TCP port 6661 on host 'frederick' to client applications
```

```
# Stream entry for transmitting data on TCP port 6663 on local host to client applications running on # local host
# stream2 local TCP 6663
# Stream entry for transmitting data on UDP port 6664 on frederick to client applications running on # frederick or other LAN-accessible hosts.
# stream3 frederick UDP 6663
```

The configuration file is specified when the stream is opened in one of two ways. If a filename is passed to the SCOpen() function, the specified filename will be used. Otherwise, the filename contained in the environment variable SC\_CONFIG\_FILE is used. Note that for backwards compatibility with an older version of the package, the environment variable ALG\_SERVICES will be used if SC\_CONFIG\_FILE does not exist.

#### 3.1 SERVER CLIENT SAMPLE PROGRAMS

Simple examples server-client data transport and message transport applications are shown below. These and other examples can be found in the sclite test directory (currently resides in /sw/share/sclite/test/src).

### 3.1.1 Data Transport Example

This example consists of a pair of programs. The data server, sc\_write.c, sits in a loop and transmits a data packet filled with a ramp at one second intervals. The data client, sc\_read.c, reads the incoming packets and prints out a message for every packet received. Note that no user-level connection management is required. Whenever the server program calls SCSend(), the SCLite package checks for new connections and cleans up after any connections that were broken since the last call to SCSend(). Similarly, whenever the client calls SCRecv(), a connection attempt is made if the server-client stream is not already in the connected state.

For simplicity, status/error handling is largely omitted from these examples. The example programs in the sclite/test/src directory illustrate typical status/error handling sequences.

```
Configuration file: /*
```

\* File: testConfig

\* Test program configuration file specifying parameters for single test stream

teststream localhost TCP 8000

#### Server program:

```
* File: sc_write.c
```

\* Test program to write a server\_client data stream.

#include <stdio.h>

```
#include <ServerClient.h>
  void main( int argc, char *argv[] )
      int
                    i;
      SCStream *sp;
      int
                  buf[BUFWORDS];
      if( ( sp = SCOpen( "teststream", SC_WRONLY, "testConfig" ) ) == NULL )
             fprintf(stderr,"(scwrite) Failed to establish server service - exiting\n");
             exit(2);
      }
      /* Fill buffer with ramp */
      for(i=0; i < BUFWORDS; i++)
             buf[i] = i;
      for(i = 0; i < 100000; i++)
             sleep(1);
             printf("Sending rec %d, %d bytes\n", i, BUFWORDS*sizeof(int) );
             SCSend( sp, buf, BUFWORDS*sizeof(int), SC_NOTIMEOUT );
      }
      SCClose(sp);
Client program:
    File: scread.c
   * Test program to read a server_client data stream.
  #include <stdio.h>
  #include <ServerClient.h>
  #define MAX_WORDS (8192)
  void main( int argc, char *argv[])
  {
      int
                    i, recLen;
      int
                    recCount = 0;
                    buf[MAX_WORDS];
      SCStream *sp;
       * Open stream in read-only mode (implies data client usage). Default is to block on
      * calls to SCRecv().
      if( (sp = SCOpen("teststream", SC_RDONLY, "testConfigFile")) == NULL)
             fprintf(stderr,"(scread) Failed to establish client service - exiting\n");
             exit(2);
```

```
}
    while(1)
             Wait for incoming data, and perform connect/reconnect sequence as needed
           if( (recLen = SCRecv( sp, buf, MAX_WORDS*sizeof(int), SC_NOTIMEOUT ) ) > 0 )
               printf("Received rec %d: %d bytes:", recCount, recLen);
               /* Print out 1st 4 words */
               printf("words[0-3]: %d %d %d %d\n", buf[0], buf[1], buf[2], buf[3]);
               recCount++;
          }
           else if (recLen == SC NOCONNECTION)
               printf("sc_read: not connected to server - sleeping 1 second\n");
               sleep(1):
           }
           else
           {
                 When client configured as blocking, any return status other than a data packet
                  packet length or a NOCONNECTION indication is unexpected
               printf("sc_read: Unexpected status from SCRecv (%d) \n", recLen );
               exit(-1);
          }
    }
}
```

#### 3.2 MESSAGE TRANSPORT EXAMPLE

This example consists of a pair of programs, seserver.c and seclient.c. In the message transport mode, the server process waits for incoming messages from one or more clients, and, when a message is received, responds with a reply message. The configuration file is the same as used in the previous example. Note that the server program uses SCRecvFrom() and SCSendTo() in order to associate a unique client id with each data transfer.

This example also introduces the use of connect/disconnect handler functions. Since the connect/disconnect sequence is handled largely within the context of SCSend()/SCRecv() calls, the connect/disconnect handlers act can be used as notifiers to a server-client application that a new connection has occurred. A typical connect handler may output some fixed start-up information to the newly connected client. A typical disconnect handler may release any server resources that have been allocated to a particular client, such as an 'ownership' token of some shared resource.

#### Server program:

- \* File: scserver.c
- \* Simple server test program. Waits for requests from clients and sends replies.

```
*/
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ServerClient.h>
#define RECV_BUF_WORDS 8192
#define REPLY_BUF_WORDS 1024
#define RECV_TIMEOUT 2000 /* 2 sec */
  Handlers for new connections or broken connections. These versions only
* output a simple print message
void ConnectHandler( SCStream *sp, int clientId, void *arg )
    printf("ConnectHandler: clientld: %d arg: 0x%x\n",
     clientId, (unsigned int)arg);
}
void DisconnectHandler( SCStream *sp, int clientId, void *arg)
    printf("DisconnectHandler: clientId: %d arg: 0x%x\n",
     clientld, (unsigned int)arg);
}
void main( int argc, char *argv[] )
 int
        i, recvBytes, clientld;
        recvBuf[RECV_BUF_WORDS];
 int
        replyBuf[REPLY_BUF_WORDS];
 SCStream *sp;
 /* Open stream in r/w mode, specifying that this is the server side */
 if( (sp = SCOpen("teststream", SC_RDWR | SC_SERVER,
             "testConfig")) == NULL)
  fprintf(stderr,"Error opening stream 'teststream'\n");
  exit( -1 );
 }
 SCSetConnectHandler(sp, ConnectHandler, (void *)0);
 SCSetDisconnectHandler(sp, DisconnectHandler, (void *)0);
 /* Put a simple ramp in the reply buffer */
 for(i = 0; i < REPLY_BUF_WORDS; i++)
  replyBuf[i] = i;
 while(1)
 {
   * Wait for client request
  if( (recvBytes = SCRecvFrom( sp, recvBuf, MAX_BUF_WORDS*sizeof(int),
                                  RECV TIMEOUT, &clientId )) < 0 )
   printf("Error (%d)\n", bytes);
  else if( bytes == 0 )
```

```
printf("Timeout\n");
    }
    else
     printf("Received msg of %d bytes, sending reply to client %d\n",
         recvBytes, clientId);
     SCSendTo( sp, replyBuf, REPLY_BUF_WORDS, SC_NOTIMEOUT, clientId );
   }
   SCClose(sp);
Client program:
      File: scclient.c
      Simple client test program. Sends requests to server processes
    (see scserver.c) and waits for replies.
  #include <stdio.h>
  #include <ServerClient.h>
  #define CONNECT_TIMEOUT
                                  60000 /* 60 sec */
  #define SEND TIMEOUT
                                   2000 /* 2 sec */
  #define RECV_TIMEOUT
                                   8000 /* 8 sec */
  #define SEND_BUF_WORDS
                                   1024
  #define REPLY_BUF_MAX_WORDS 8192
  void main( int argc, char *argv∏)
   int
          i, bytes, bytesSent;
          sendBuf[SEND_BUF_WORDS];
   int
   int
          replyBuf[MAX_BUF_WORDS];
   SCStream *sp;
   /* Put a simple ramp in the buffer */
   for(i = 0; i < SEND_BUF_WORDS; i++)
    sendBuf[i] = i;
   /* Open stream in r/w mode, specifying that this is the client side */
   if( (sp = SCOpen( "teststream", SC_RDWR | SC_CLIENT,
              "testConfig")) == NULL)
    fprintf(stderr,"Failed to establish server service - exiting\n");
    exit(-1);
   }
   /* Wait for initial connection (example of SCConnect() call usage) */
   while(! (status = SCConnect(sp, CONNECT_TIMEOUT)))
    printf("Waiting for connection\n");
   while(1)
    if( (status = SCSend( sp, sendBuf, SEND_BUF_WORDS*sizeof(int), SEND_TIMEOUT )) > 0)
```

```
/* Successfully sent message - wait for reply */
  if( (replyBytes = SCRecy( sp. replyBuf, REPLY BUF MAX WORDS, RECY_TIMEOUT )) > 0)
   printf("Received reply of %d bytes \n", replyBytes);
  else if( replyBytes == 0 )
   printf("SCRecv: Timeout\n");
  else if( replyBytes == SC_NOCONNECTION )
   printf("SCRecv: No connection\n");
   printf("SCRecv: Unknown error, return status = (%d)\n", replyBytes);
else if( status == SC_NOCONNECTION )
  printf("SCSend: No connection\n" );
  break;
 else if( status == 0 )
  printf("SCSend: Timeout\n");
  break;
sleep(1);
SCClose(sp);
```

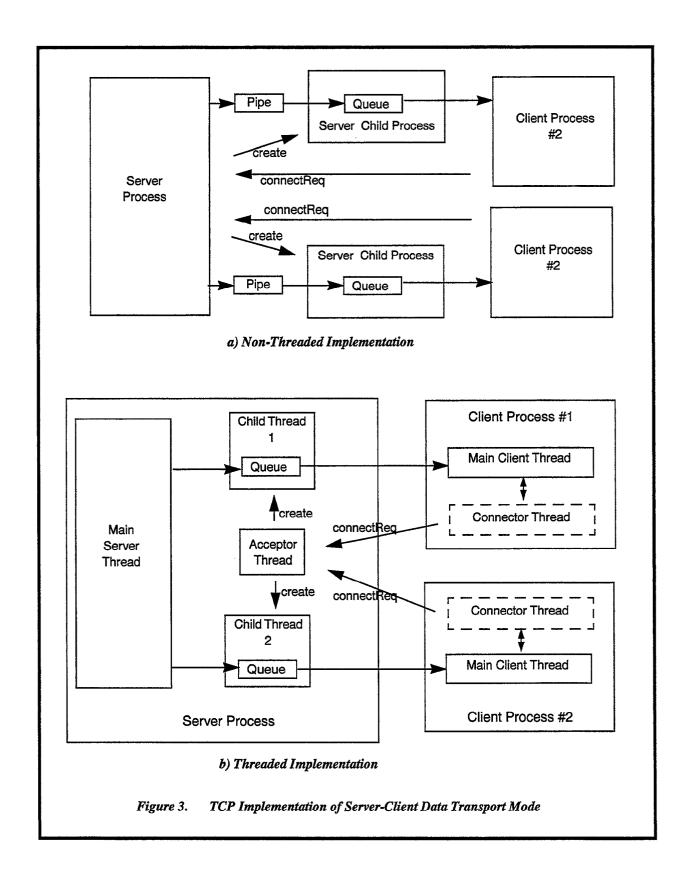
#### 3.3 SCLITE IMPLEMENTATION

This section provides implementation details of the TCP and UDP data and message transport mechanisms. Knowledge regarding the implementation is of generally useful when design server-client programs using the SCLite package, especially when assessing design trade-offs.

#### 3.3.1 TCP Implementation - Data Transport Mode

When a TCP/IP-based data transport server is connected to multiple clients, each client may be connected via network paths of varying speeds. A client on the same physical machine, for example, utilizes the 'loopback' network interface (very fast), while another client may be connected via a 56 or even 19.2 Kilobaud dial-up PPP network connection. Simply transmitting data to each client in a serial fashion in such a configuration would result in an overall latency for each 'send' operation equal to the sum of all the transmission delays for each device. To avoid this latency, a separate child process (or thread) is created for each connection to provide a more concurrent serving of the data. To further reduce the latency from the perspective of the server process, each child process is equipped with a buffering mechanism. This allows the server to quickly resume its normal processing once the data has been transferred to the child process (fast).

Threaded and non-threaded variants of the TCP data transport protocol are provided by the SCLite package. The non-threaded version is the default, since the threaded version is not yet supported on all target platforms. When available, the threaded variant is preferred, since use of dedicated threads to perform the socket accept/connect sequence better insulates application programs from internal UNIX connection timeouts when attempting to connect/reconnect a socket during a network outage. The major functional blocks of the threaded and non-threaded implementations are shown in Figure 3.



#### 3.3.2 TCP Implementation of Message Transport Mode

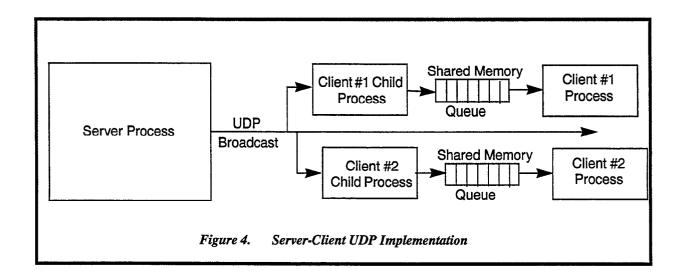
The message transport implementation is somewhat simpler than the data transport implementation, since there is no need for any buffering above and beyond that provided by the TCP network layer. The basic architecture is shown in Figure 5. As with the data transport implementation, both threaded and non-threaded variations are provided.

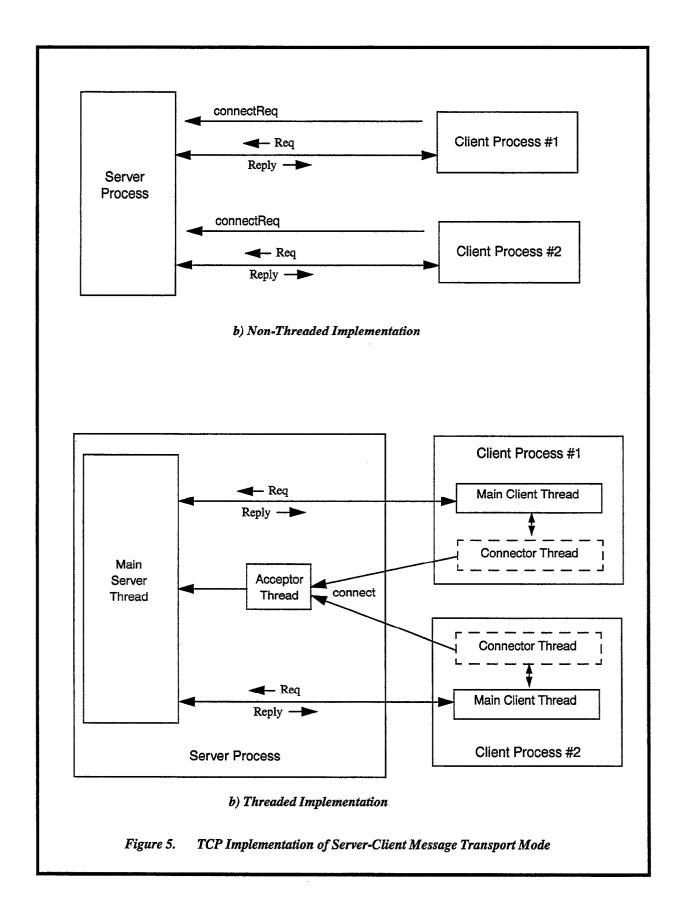
Server-client programs using this message transport facility will most commonly utilize a simple request/reply protocol, with a single reply being sent for every incoming request message. The implementation is, however, capable of supporting more complex schemes (such as allowing a server process to periodically send a message to one or more clients without receiving any incoming request). Basically, once the communications link is established, it possesses all the properties of the (underlying) full-duplex UNIX socket.

#### 3.3.3 UDP Implementation of Data Transport Mode

The UDP-based data transport implementation utilizes the internet broadcast mechanism to allow multiple clients to 'listen' to a single data transmission on a single network. In this case, the assumption is made that the actual latency due to the transmission of each UDP packet is minimal, and no buffering is performed on the server side. Instead, buffering is performed on the client side, preventing the loss of data if a client is busy processing data when new data arrives at the network interface. Once again, a separate child process is used to implement the buffering mechanism, although shared memory is used for child-parent communications in place of a UNIX pipe for efficiency reasons (the code was inherited from an application requiring high bandwidth). The UDP design is illustrated in Figure 4.

The UDP protocol places a 1472 byte limit on the length of individual data packets. SCLite performs automatic packet fragmentation on the server side and defragmentation on the client side to allow for transparent transfers of larger packets. The implementation currently does not support detection/retransmission of missing packets. If missing packets are a significant problem, either the network itself should be redesigned to reduce them to an absolute minimum, or use of the TCP protocol should be considered.





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# APPENDIX A CORE UTILITY LIBRARY REFERENCE

#### A.1 MEMORY MANAGEMENT LIBRARY REFERENCE

This section provides detailed descriptions of the functions provided by the custom WSP memory manager. These functions are made available when an application is linked with the memory management library (-lmem).

Malloc()

Name

Malloc()

Custom memory manager wrapper for system malloc().

**Synopsis** 

#include <Mem.h>

void \*Malloc( size\_t sz );

Description

Allocates a block of (no smaller than) sz bytes according to the WSP custom memory manger scheme. For example, if the small block size for the custom memory manger is 32 bytes, and a request for 50 bytes is made, then a block of 64 bytes will be returned. As described in the overview to the mem library, this approach is used to prevent memory fragmentation.

This is a 'fast' malloc which will simply return the first free block of the appropriate size from the custom memory manger's cache of blocks. If no blocks of the appropriate size are available, a new one will be allocated and returned via system malloc(). If the requested sz is larger than the maximum block size for the custom memory manager, the new block will be allocated via system malloc(). Note that these large blocks are 'unmanaged', i.e. the custom memory manage does not maintain a cache of these extremely large blocks; it is assumed that there will be few, if any, such requests over the lifetime of any of the WSP algorithms.

Returns

Pointer to the new memory block. If memory is exhausted, prints a message and calls *MemStats*() and *MemStatsDiff*() to report memory manager state.

See Also

MemStats(), MemStatsDiff()

Free()

Name

Free()

Custom memory manager wrapper for system free().

Synopsis #include <Mem.h>

void \*Free( void \*m );

**Description** Frees a block of memory according to the WSP custom memory manger scheme.

This is a 'fast' free which simply places the block on the appropriate stack of free (i.e. available for use) blocks, for later use by the memory manager. If the size of the block is greater than the maximum blocksize of the memory manager, it is explicitly freed by system *free*(). It is assumed that there will be few, if any, such

large blocks needed over the lifetime of any of the WSP algorithms.

Returns Nothing

Note that via the WSP scheme, the block size is maintained internally in each

block. This size is set to a key value upon freeing of the block. In this way, checks for multiple frees can be readily accomplished. If the block size is set to this key value, and Free() is then called for that block, it is probable that a double free is being performed on that block. In this case a message is printed and a seg-

mentation fault is forced to allow for easier debugging.

MemStats()

Name *MemStats()* 

Utility for printing out custom memory manager statistics.

Synopsis #include <Mem.h>

void MemStats( FILE \*fp );

**Description** Utility for printing out custom memory manager statistics. For each block size

used by the manager, prints out the block size, total blocks allocated at that size, number of blocks at that size currently in use, and number of blocks at that size currently on the free stack. Note that the information is printed out only for block sizes currently in use (e.g. if no blocks of size 512 have been requested, no info for that size block will be printed). After printing this information, the total heap size that has been allocated at the time of the call to *MemStats*() is printed, followed by the total heap size currently in use, and finally the total heap size on the

free stacks.

Returns Nothing

See Also MemStatsDiff(), which prints out the change in memory manager statistics since

the last call to MemStatsDiffer().

## MemStatsDiff()

Name

MemStatsDiff()

Utility for printing out custom memory manager statistics. Prints out the change in memory manager statistics since the last time MemStatsDiff() was called.

**Synopsis** 

#include <Mem.h>

void MemStatsDiff( FILE \*fp );

Description

Utility for printing out changes in custom memory manager statistics between subsequent calls to *MemStatsDiff()*. On the first call, this routine prints out the full set of memory manager statistics as printed by *MemStats()*. Memory statistics from that time are saved for comparison to the current statistics the next time *MemStatsDiff()* is called. On subsequent calls, statistics are only printed for the block sizes that have witnessed allocation/deallocation activity.

Returns

Nothing

## MemExit()

Name

MemExit()

Function to free all unused memory chunks (allocated and maintained by the custom memory manager) back to operating system.

**Synopsis** 

#include <Mem.h>

void MemExit( void );

Description

Function to free all unused memory chunks (allocated and maintained by the custom memory manager) back to operating system. This is useful when using tools like Purify that would report the memory as leaked if this wasn't done. It should be the VERY LAST call made before exiting.

Returns

Nothing

#### new()

Name

new()

Definition of 'new' which overrides system 'new'; allows WSP custom memory management to be used transparently from WSP C++ algorithms.

**Synopsis** #include <Mem.h>

void \* operator new (size\_t sz);
void \* operator new [] (size\_t sz);

**Description** Definition of 'new' which overrides system 'new'; allows WSP custom memory

management to be used transparently from WSP C++ algorithms. Essentially

just calls Malloc() from the custom memory library.

**Returns** Pointer to the new memory block. If memory is exhausted, prints a message and

exits.

See Also Malloc() from the mem library.

delete()

Name *delete()* 

Definition of 'delete' which overrides system 'delete'; allows WSP custom

memory management to be used transparently from WSP C++ algorithms.

Synopsis #include <Mem.h>

void operator delete ( void \*m ); void operator delete [] ( void \*m );

**Description** Definition of 'delete' which overrides system 'delete'; allows WSP custom mem-

ory management to be used transparently from WSP C++ algorithms. Essen-

tially just calls Free() from the custom memory library.

**See Also** Free() from the mem library.

#### A.2 LINKED LIST REFERENCE

This section provides detailed descriptions of the linked list classes provided with the WSP utility library. These classes are made available when an application is linked with the general utility library (-lllutil).

# **LLDList**

Name class LLDList

Synopsis #include <LLDlist.h>

**Description** Provides methods for managing doubly linked lists of application objects.

Objects are required to start with a LLDListLink structure.

Constructors *LLDList()* 

**Destructors** ~*LLDList()* 

**functions** 

Deletes just the list object (LLDList) itself. Does not delete nodes on the list.

These must be cleaned up by the application.

Public void \*GetHead()
member Gets the first object of

Gets the first object on the list, while simultaneously removing it from the list. All relevant list constructs are updated to reflect the modified list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application.

NULL is returned if the list is empty.

void PutHead( void \* )

Prepends an object to the head of the list, updating all relevant list constructs.

void \*GetTail()

Gets the last object on the list, while simultaneously removing it from the list. All relevant list constructs are updated to reflect the modified list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application.

NULL is returned if the list is empty.

void PutTail( void \* )

Appends an object to the end of the list, updating all relevant list constructs.

void \*FindFirst()

Finds the first object on the list. This is the object located at the list head. Does not remove object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list is empty.

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void

\*FindNext(void \*obj)

Finds the object on the list following the one pointed to by *obj*. Does not remove the object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if there are no objects following *obj* on the list (i.e. *obj* is at the list tail).

#### void \*FindLast()

Finds the last object on the list. This is the object located at the list tail. Does not remove object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list is empty.

# void \*FindPrev( void \*obj )

Finds the object on the list preceding the one pointed to by *obj*. Does not remove the object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if there are no objects preceding *obj* on the list (i.e. *obj* is at the list head).

## void \*FindIndexed( short index )

Finds an object on the list based on its index location. The index is referenced to the head of the list. The head is considered index zero. Does not remove the object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list has too few objects (i.e. list size < (index +1)).

## void InsertBefore( void \*next, void \*obj )

Insert an object *obj* before the object pointed to by *next*. If *next* is NULL, insert the object at the end (tail) of the list.

#### void InsertAfter( void \*prev, void \*obj )

Insert an object obj after the object pointed to by prev. If prev is NULL, insert the object at the front (head) of the list.

## void \*Remove( void \*obj )

Removes the object pointed to by *obj* from the list. Note that *obj* is not deallocated; it is up to the application to do this. Returns A pointer to next object on list, or NULL if the object deleted was the last on the list.

#### int NumElements()

Returns the number of elements on the list.

#### int IsEmpty()

Determine if list is empty. If it is, return TRUE (1), otherwise return FALSE (0)

## void Reverse()

Reverses the order of objects on a list.

## LLNIDList

Name class LLNIDList

**Synopsis** #include <LLNIDList.h>

Hierarchy LLNIDListLink->LLNIDList

Description Provides methods for managing non-intrusive (NI) doubly linked lists of applica-

tion objects. Objects are not required to contain any particular linking structure.

By contrast, the LLDList class requires that list objects begin with an

LLDListLink structure.

## Component **Structures**

typedef struct LLNIDListNodeStruct LLNIDListNode;

```
struct LLNIDListNodeStruct
{
       LLNIDListNode*prevFree;
       LLNIDListNode*next:
       LLNIDListNode*prev;
                       *obj; /* Pointer to object stored on list. */
       void
};
```

typedef struct LLNIDListNodeStruct LLNIDListLink;

#### nstructors

LLNIDList()

#### **Destructors**

~LLNIDList()

# **Assignment** operators

LLNIDList& operator += (LLNIDList &rhs)

Concatenates the nodes of two LLNIDLists by appending the nodes of rhs onto the end of the list of nodes for lhs. The input rhs is unmodified.

### Other operators

LLNIDList operator + (LLNIDList &lhs, LLNIDList &rhs)

Returns a new *LLNIDList* which is the oncatenation of *lhs* and *rhs*. The elementes of lhs are positioned first in the new list, followed by those of rhs. Note there are then multiple copies of pointers to the list nodes; the nodes themselves

are not duplicated.

friend ostream& operator << ( ostream& os, LLNIDList& list )

Output operator for LLNIDList. The number of nodes is first printed, then for each node, the node number followed by the address of the node.

# **Public** member **functions**

int NumElements()

Returns the number of nodes in the LLNIDList.

void \*GetHead()

Gets the first object on the list, while simultaneously removing it from the list. All relevant list constructs are updated to reflect the modified list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list is empty.

#### void PutHead( void \* )

Prepends an object to the head of the list, updating all relevant list constructs.

## void \*GetTail()

Gets the last object on the list, while simultaneously removing it from the list. All relevant list constructs are updated to reflect the modified list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list is empty.

#### void PutTail( void \* )

Appends an object to the end of the list, updating all relevant list constructs.

## void \*FindFirst( LLNIDListCursor &cursor )

Finds the first object on the list. This is the object located at the list head. Does not remove object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list is empty. Also, input *cursor*, which is passed by reference, is set appropriately (pointing to the head of the list) for use with subsequent *FindNext()*, *FindPrev()*, etc. calls.

### void \*FindNext( LLNIDListCursor &cursor )

Finds the object on the list following the one pointed to by *cursor*. Does not remove the object from the list. Updates *cursor* to node found. Returns a pointer to the object following *cursor*, or NULL if *cursor* pointed to the last object on the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. Updates *cursor* value to point to the object found.

### void \*FindLast( LLNIDListCursor &cursor )

Finds the last object on the list. This is the object located at the list tail. Does not remove object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list is empty. Also, input *cursor*, which is passed by reference, is set appropriately (pointing to the tail of the list) for use with subsequent *FindNext()*, *FindPrev()*, etc. calls.

### void \*FindPrev( LLNIDListCursor &cursor )

Finds the object on the list preceding the one pointed to by *cursor*. Does not remove the object from the list. Updates *cursor* to node found. Returns a pointer to the object preceding *cursor*, or NULL if *cursor* pointed to the first object on the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. Updates *cursor* value to point to the object found.

## void \*FindIndexed(LLNIDListCursor &cursor, int index )

Finds an object on the list based on its index location. The index is referenced to the head of the list. The head is considered index zero. Does not remove the object from the list. The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. NULL is returned if the list has too few

objects (i.e. list size < (index +1)). Also *cursor* is updated to point to the object found.

void InsertBefore( LLNIDListCursor &cursor, void \*obj )

Insert an object before the object pointed to by *cursor*. The *cursor* must point to a valid list node.

void InsertAfter( LLNIDListCursor &cursor, void \*obj )

Insert an object after the object pointed to by cursor. The cursor must point to a valid list node.

void \*Remove( LLNIDListCursor &cursor )

Delete the link for the object at the current *cursor* postion from the list. Returns the object whose link was just deleted and updates the *cursor* to the next object on the list. Returns NULL if the *cursor* is positioned at the end of the list (NULL). The object is returned as a void pointer and must be cast to the correct type by the application. Prior to calling this function, the *cursor* must have been assigned a valid value by performing a call to one of the Find()/Get() functions.

int IsEmpty()

Determine if list is empty. If it is, return TRUE (1), otherwise return FALSE (0)

void Clear()

Removes all objects from the list. Note that the nodes are deallocated via calls to delete.

#### A.3 TIME CLASS REFERENCE

This section provides detailed descriptions of the time class provided with the WSP utility library. These classes are made available when an application is linked with the general utility library (-lllutil).

LLTime

Name

class LLTime

**Synopsis** 

#include <LLTime.h>

Hierarchy

LLTime

Description

Supports date/time calculations. All times packaged into LLTime objects are

interpreted as GMT.

**Constructors** 

LLTime()

Default constructor; returns the time of the birth of UNIX (1/1/1970 00:00:00).

LLTime( const LLTime &from)

Copy constructor; a new LLTime object is created with all fields (month, day,

etc.) copied from the supplied LLTime object.

LLTime( const short month, const short day, const short year,

const short hour, const short min, const short sec)

Creates a new LLTime object with the specified month, day, etc.

**Destructors** 

~LLTime()

Assignment operators

LLTime& operator = (const LLTime &)

Assign all fields of lhs LLTime object to those of rhs.

int operator == ( const LLTime & )

Checks whether all fields of lhs LLTime object are equal to corresponding fields

of rhs LLTime object.

int operator < (LLTime & )

Determines whether lhs LLTime object is chronologically before rhs LLTime

object. Returns 1 if true, 0 otherwise.

int operator > (LLTime & )

Determines whether lhs LLTime object is chronologically after rhs LLTime

object. Returns 1 if true, 0 otherwise.

int operator - (LLTime &) // Difference in seconds, lhs - rhs

```
// Add 'int' seconds
                        LLTime operator + ( int )
                                                                // Add 'int' seconds
                         void
                                operator += (int)
Access
                         The following functions return the indicated field of the LLTime object.
functions
                         short getYear(void)
                         short getMonth(void)
                         short getDay(void)
                        short getHour(void)
                         short getMinute(void)
                         short getSecond(void)
                         time t getSeconds(void)
                         Convert LLTime object to time since Epoch in seconds; returns this value.
                         int getJulianDay(void)
                        Returns the day of the year (0 through 365 or 366 for leap years) corresponding
                         to the time indicated in the LLTime object. Accounts for leap years, etc.
                         The following functions set the indicated field of the LLTime object.
                        void setYear(const short y)
                        void setMonth(const short m)
                        void setDay(const short d)
                         void setHour(const short h)
                         void setMinute(const short m)
                         void setSecond(const short s)
                        // Set all fields at once.
                         void set(short mo, short d, short y, short h, short m, short s)
                         void setToGM( time tt)
                                                         // Set using time in seconds since epoch
                         void setToPresentGM(void)
                                                        // Set to current Greenwich Mean Time
Public data
                         short month
members
                        short day
                        short year
                        short hour
                         short minute
                         short second
```

# Related global functions

friend ostream& operator << (ostream&, const LLTime &)

Prints out an LLTime object, in form year, month, day, hour, minute, second.

### A.4 MESSAGE LOGGING LIBRARY REFERENCE

This section provides detailed descriptions of the message logging functions provided with the WSP utility library. These classes are made available when an application is linked with the general utility library (-lllutil).

# LogOpen()

Name

LogOpen()

Open a message logging file.

**Synopsis** 

#include <Log.h>

int LogOpen( char \*configFile )

## **Description**

Opens up one or more destinations for logging utility output; log outputs are as specified in the configFile. This function must be called prior to any calls to the Log() function.

A commented example of a valid configuration file is shown below. All valid options are discussed in the comments provided.

```
# this feature can be used to create daily logfiles with meaningful names.
#
# Output LOG_INFO message to file 'testlog.YYMMDD-HHMMSS' AND stdout
info testlog.%T,stdout
# All other message just go to log file. Files can be different for each message type, but
# are typically set to the same file.
warn testlog.%T
err testlog.%T
debug testlog.%T
# stdout/stderr can be redirected to a logging file (including one of
# the ones specified above). This is handy if libraries external to
# an application make use of stdout/stderr (bypassing the Log() function
# library). As with the 4 message 'classes' described above, stdout/stderr
# may also be redirected to /dev/null
#-----
stdout testlog.%T
stderr testlog.%T
# Debug message control. Allows specification of debug level and scope
# Debugging level can range from 1 to 4, with 4 being the most detailed
# (more output). The default level is 1.
# If debugging enabled by specifying output stream other than /dev/null,
# debugging messages from all modules in the application will be output
# by default (global scope). The output can be made more selective using
# two commands (in combination or individually)
#
    debugEnableFile <file> [startLine] [stopLine]
#
#
   debugEnableFunction <functionName>
# If [startLine] and [stopLine] are not specified for the file version,
# debugging messages are enabled for the entire file. Up to 20 of each
# 'rule' can be specified at one time.
# The matching process is a simple substring match for both the
# <file> and <functionName> fields, so, for example, a function name of
```

```
# "Gust" would match any function prototype containing the word "Gust"
# (In the case of C++, even if the "Gust" string is part of one of the
# function arguments)
debuglevel
               2
debugEnableFile
                   logtest1.C
# Sample syntax to enable debugging for all member functions of class 'Dummy'
#debugEnableFunction Dummy::
# To save backup copies of logfiles across multiple program runs or
# multiple days, specify a non-zero value for numBackups
numBackups
                 2
# Daily backup setting. Setting this value to 'true' or 'yes' allows
# separate logfiles to be maintained for each 24-hour period. The
# current file becomes a backup file, which is kept around until the
# 'numBackups' value is exceeded.
# The default is to do the switchover at 00:00:00 local time. If the
# additional argument 'GMT' is supplied, the switchover will occur at
# 00:00:00 GMT
# If no 'dailyBackup' setting is specified (commented out or missing),
# creation of backup files is controlled solely by 'maxHistorySize'.
dailyBackup true
#dailyBackup true GMT
# Max history size in bytes. If logging output exceeds this amount,
# the current file is made into a backup (number of backups controlled
# by above parameter) and a new file is started.
#
```

maxHistorySize 100000

Returns

0 is log was successfully opened; -1 otherwise.

Log()

Name

Log()

Log a message.

**Synopsis** 

#include <Log.h>

int Log( int loggingClass, char \*fmt, /\* args\*/ ... )

Description

Writes a printf-style message to the message log, using the specified logging class. Valid values for loggingClass are LOG\_INFO, LOG\_WARN, LOG\_ERR, LOG\_DBG, LOG\_DBG2, LOG\_DBG3, and LOG\_DBG4. The LOG\_INFO class is intended for informational messages that are the result of normal program operation. The LOG\_WARN class is intended for warning messages that are indicative of a non-fatal error condition. The LOG\_ERR class is intended for serious errors which possibly require immediate attention. The four LOG\_DBG classes are intended for debug messages of varying detail, ranging from LOG\_DBG typically being used for high-level debugging messages (function entry/exit) and the other LOG\_DBG<X> classes being used for messages providing successively greater detail. As described in the LogOpen() description, the output for the various classes can be individually controlled via the configuration file.

Note that the function prototype in Log.h does not match the function signature shown above. This is due to the fact the *loggingClass* argument is actually a concatenation of several arguments, and the LOG\_<X> class definitions are actually macros that pass multiple arguments. This is done to transparently provide line number, file, and function name information to the logging function.

Returns

0 is log was successfully opened; -1 otherwise.

LogClose()

Name

LogClose()

Close a message logging file.

**Synopsis** 

#include <Log.h>

void LogClose( void )

Description

Close a message logging file. Flushes all log output buffers.

**Returns** 

Nothing

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# APPENDIX B SERVER CLIENT NETWORKING LIBRARY REFERENCE

This appendix provides detailed descriptions of the functions provided with the WSP server-client network communications library. These functions are made available when an application is linked with the normal or multi-threaded variants of the library (-lsclite or -lscliteMT).

SCClose()

Name

SCClose()

Close a server-client stream.

**Synopsis** 

#include <ServerClient.h>

int SCClose( SCStream \*sp );

**Arguments** 

sp

Pointer to open server-client stream.

Description

SCClose() closes down the specified server-client stream and frees up any associated

resources.

Returns

Zero on success, or -1 if the stream pointer is invalid (not initialized properly or already

closed).

See Also

SCOpen()

SCConnect()

Name

SCConnect()

(Re)connect a client.

**Synopsis** 

#include <ServerClient.h>

int SCConnect( SCStream\* sp, int timeout );

**Arguments** 

sp

Pointer to server-client stream object.

timeout

Timeout value for connection attempt, in milliseconds.

Description

SCConnect() connects a client to a server. Calling this function is not strictly necessary, as each call to SCRecv() will attempt to (re)connect an unconnected client stream, but it can

come in handy in certain situations.

Returns TRUE if the connection was established, or FALSE if timeout occurred.

See Also SCOpen()

SCOpen()

Name SCOpen()

Open a server-client stream.

**Synopsis** #include <ServerClient.h>

SCStream \*SCOpen( char \*serviceEntry, int flags, char \*configFile );

**Arguments** serviceEntry The service entry can take on one of two forms. The

> most common form is a simple service name, such as 'datastream1'. If so specified, additional connectionrelated information (hostname, port number, etc...) is derived from the line in the server-client configuration file with the matching service name. Alternatively, the serviceEntry string may contain all the required connection information, in the same format as the configuration

> file. This can be useful when a program wants to dynamically generate it's own stream configuration. For example, a serviceEntry of "datastream1 juliet TCP 8900" specifies a stream name of 'datastream1' on host 'juliet' using the TCP protocol and port number 8900.

flags Flags bitmask controlling stream r/w mode and other

options. Flags values are described below.

SC\_WRONLY Data server mode. The stream is configured as a unidi-

rectional output stream, serving data to one or more cli-

ents.

SC\_RDONLY Data client mode. The stream is configured as a unidi-

rectional input stream, accepting data from a stream

configured as a data server.

(SC\_RDWR | Message server mode. The stream is configured as a SC\_SERVER)

bidirectional message-oriented server connection, suit-

able for receiving messages from one or more message-oriented clients and transmitting a reply.

(SC\_RDWR | Message client mode. The stream is configured as a SC\_CLIENT)

bidirectional message-oriented client connection, suitable for sending messages from a message-oriented server.

SC\_NONBLOCK

Non-blocking mode. Calls to *SCSend()* or *SCRecv()* will not-block if the send queue backs up or the receive queue is empty, but will instead return immediately with appropriate status.

SC\_RAW

Raw IO Mode. Application 'sees' Server-Client headers. Useful for porting programs which used the old Server-Client package, where the protocol headers were always visible to the application.

configFile

Name of configuration file containing list of stream names with corresponding port numbers and protocols. If specified as NULL, the configuration file specified in environmental variable SC\_CONFIG\_FILE will be used. If the environment variable SC\_CONFIG\_FILE does not exist, a check is made for the existence of a second environment variable, ALG\_SERVICES (to support an older version of the server-client library)

## Description

SCOpen() opens a server-client stream for write-only, read-only, or read/write access. It should be noted that the stream is not in a connected state upon return from this routine. This is due to the dynamic nature of the connections. From the server's perspective, there may not be any clients ready to connect at startup, and it is not desirable to block in SCOpen() waiting for a client to request a connection. The converse is true for the case of a client -- the corresponding data server may not be running and it is desirable to avoid blocking in the SCOpen() call for any given stream since the process may be a client of other, existing, servers. In general, the management of connections is handled internally to the SCSend()/ SCSendTo() and SCRecv()/SCRecvFrom() calls. During each call to SCSend(), the stream is checked to see if any new clients are requesting a connection. If so, the connection is made and added to the servers list of connected clients. During each call to SCRecv(), a check is made to see if the client is connected to a server, and if not, an attempt is made to (re)establish the connection. If the user does wish to block a program functioning as a client until a server responds, the SCConnect() call can be used.

Returns

Pointer to opened server-client stream, or NULL if open failed.

**Environment** Variables

SC\_CONFIG\_FILE (preferred) or ALG\_SERVICES (legacy backward compatibility). One of these environment variables must point to a file containing a description of the server-client SCStream linkages used by the application.

See Also

SCClose()

# SCRecv()

Name SCRecv()

Receive data via a Server-Client stream.

Synopsis #include <ServerClient.h>

int SCRecv( SCStream \*sp, void \*data, int maxBytes, int timeout );

**Arguments** sp Pointer to open server-client stream.

data Pointer to data buffer for receipt of data.

maxBytes Maximum allowed length for arriving data packet

(sizeof(data)). Packets larger than this value will be dis-

carded, and the return value will be set to

**SC\_OVERFLOW** to indicate the condition. Normally, this argument will be specified to allow for the largest

expected data packet.

timeout When the stream is configured as blocking, this value

specifies a timeout value in milliseconds. A value of -1 (or SC\_NOTIMEOUT), indicates that there is no timeout, and the call should block forever waiting for data. This argument is ignored when the stream is configured

as non-blocking.

**Description** SCRecv() receives a packet of data from a Server-Client stream.

Returns Number of bytes received, 0 if no data was available, SC ERROR (-1) if an

unknown error occurred, SC\_NOCONNECTION (-2) if the client is not currently connected to a server, or SC\_OVERFLOW (-3) if a data packet was dis-

carded because it was larger than the buffer passed to SCRecv().

See Also SCOpen(1), SCSend(1)

SCRecvFrom()

Name SCRecvFrom()

Receive data via a Server-Client stream.

**Synopsis** #include <ServerClient.h>

int SCRecvFrom(SCStream \*sp, void \*data, int maxBytes, int timeout,

#### int \*clientId );

**Arguments** 

sp

Pointer to open server-client stream.

data

Pointer to data buffer for receipt of data.

maxBytes

Maximum allowed length for arriving data packet (sizeof(data)). Packets larger than this value will be dis-

carded, and the return value will be set to

SC\_OVERFLOW to indicate the condition. Normally, this argument will be specified to allow for the largest

expected data packet.

timeout

When the stream is configured as blocking, this value specifies a timeout value in milliseconds. A value of -1 (or SC\_NOTIMEOUT), indicates that there is no timeout, and the call should block forever waiting for data. This argument is ignored when the stream is configured

as non-blocking.

**Description** 

SCRecvFrom() receives a packet of data from a Server-Client stream, returning the clientId of the sender. This routine is normally used in conjunction with SCSendTo() to implement a server process that waits for requests from multiple clients, services the request, and returns a result.sends a packet of data to all clients currently connected to the specified data stream.

Returns

Number of bytes received, 0 if no data was available, SC\_ERROR (-1) if an unknown error occurred, SC\_NOCONNECTION (-2) if the client is not currently connected to a server, or SC\_OVERFLOW (-3) if a data packet was discarded because it was larger than the buffer passed to SCRecv().

See Also

SCOpen(), SCSendTo(1)

SCSelect()

Name

SCSelect()

Send data via a Server-Client stream.

**Synopsis** 

#include <ServerClient.h>

**Arguments** 

streamSet

Set of input streams to check for I/O readiness.

nStreams Number of streams in stream set

timeout Timeout value in milliseconds. A value of

SC NOTIMEOUT (-1) indicates that the call should

block indefinitely waiting for I/O.

readySet Set of streams with pending I/O

Description

**Arguments** 

Wait (block) for input to become available on at least one of the streams in the specified set. Connection attempts are made periodically for any streams in the set that are in the unconnected state (either never connected or a connection was dropped). The connect attempt interval for each stream can be controlled by the call to SCSetConnectInterval() (default value = 5 sec)

This routine is normally used by processes that read data from multiple data streams, to avoid polling each stream separately. A call to SCSelect(), followed by a SCRecv() call for each ready stream is used instead.

Returns Number of streams in readySet. A value of indicates that a timeout occurred

prior to any streams being ready.

See Also SCOpen(1), SCRecv()

SCSend()

Name SCSend()

Send data via a Server-Client stream.

**Synopsis** #include <ServerClient.h>

int SCSend( SCStream \*sp, void \*data, int bytes, int timeout );

Pointer to open server-client stream object. sp

> data Pointer to data buffer to send.

bytes Number of bytes to send

timeout When the stream is configured as blocking (i.e.,

> SCOpen() default; SC NONBLOCK was not specified), this value specifies a timeout value

in milliseconds. A value of -1 (or

SC NOTIMEOUT) indicates that there is no timeout, and the call should block forever on a full client queue. This argument is ignored when the stream is configured as non-blocking. (NOTE: This argument is not yet fully supported, and is intended as a placeholder for a

future release.

## Description

SCSend() sends a packet of data to all clients currently connected to the specified data stream. When using the TCP protocol in combination with non-blocking mode, a full queue for ANY of the connected clients will result in a return value of 0 bytes. When using the UDP (broadcast) protocol, the returned byte count will always equal the amount specified in the SCSend() call, since the transmitter has no way of knowing if any clients are actually receiving the data.

## Returns

Number of bytes sent, 0 if server stream is configured as non-blocking and data was not successfully transmitted due to a full client queue, SC\_NOCONNECTION if no clients are currently connected (TCP only), or SC\_ERROR (-1) if an (unknown) error occurred.

#### See Also

SCOpen(1), SCRecv(1)

# SCSendTo()

Name

SCSendTo()

Send data to specified client via a Server-Client stream.

**Synopsis** 

#include <ServerClient.h>

int SCSendTo(SCStream \*sp, void \*data, int bytes, int timeout, int clientId);

**Arguments** 

SP

Pointer to open server-client stream object.

data

Pointer to data buffer to send.

bytes

Number of bytes to send

timeout

When the stream is configured as blocking (i.e., SCOpen() default; SC\_NONBLOCK was not specified), this value specifies a timeout value in milliseconds. A value of -1 (or SC\_NOTIMEOUT) indicates that there is no timeout, and the call should block forever on a full client queue. This argument is ignored when the stream is configured as non-blocking. (NOTE: TIMEOUT NOT YET SUPPORTED FOR

SCSend())

clientId

Client Id, as obtained from SCRecvFrom(). If specified as SC\_ALL\_CLIENTS, the data packet will be written to all clients. If specified as negated version of a clientId, data is sent to all client \*except\* the specified client.

#### **Description**

SCSendTo() sends data to the specified client. This routine is normally used in conjunction with SCRecvFrom() to implement a server process that waits for requests from multiple clients, services the request, and returns a result.sends a packet of data to all clients currently connected to the specified data stream.

#### Returns

Number of bytes sent, 0 if server stream is configured as non-blocking and data

was not successfully transmitted due to a full client queue,

SC NOCONNECTION if no clients are currently connected (TCP only), or SC ERROR (-1) if an (unknown) error occurred.

See Also

SCOpen(1), SCRecvFrom(1)

# SCSetBlocking(), SCSetQueueSize()

Name SCSetBlocking(), SCSetQueueSize()

Set functions for server-client streams.

**Synopsis** #include <ServerClient.h>

void SCSetBlocking( SCStream\* sp, int blockFlag );

void SCSetQueueSize( SCStream\* sp, int queueSize );

Pointer to open server-client stream object. **Arguments** sp

> TRUE to enable blocking, or FALSE to disable blockblockFlag

> > ing.

Size for server or client queue, in bytes. queueSize

**Description** 

SCSetBlocking() sets a server-client stream to blocking or non-blocking. Typically the blocking mode will be set by the call to SCOpen(), but it is sometimes handy to temporarily switch modes back and forth in complex applications.

NOTE: Non-blocking mode is not yet supported for streams configured as servers (SC WRONLY) -- only clients.

SCSetQueueSize() sets the queue size for the specified server-client stream The queue size defaults to 512K (Large, but necessary for backward compatibility with sc\_pac applications and config files). A more flexible approach to setting the queue size is to use the -queueSize option in the server-client configuration file. See the SCLite library documentation for more details.

Returns Nothing.

See Also SCOpen()

# SCSetConnectHandler(), SCSetDisconnectHandler()

Name

SCSetConnectHandler(), SCSetDisconnectHandler()

Set handler functions for connection state changes

**Synopsis** 

#include <ServerClient.h>

void SCSetConnectHandler( SCServer \*sp,

 $void\ (*handler\ )(\ SCServer\ *sp,\ int\ clientId,\ void\ *arg\ ),$ 

void \*handlerArg );

void SCSetDisconnectHandler( SCServer \*sp,

void (\*handler) (SCServer\*sp, int clientId, void\*arg),

void \*handlerArg );

**Arguments** 

sp

Pointer to active server object.

handler

Handler function to call when new connection or broken connection occurs. When invoked, the handler's first two arguments are the pointer to the stream with a new or broken connection, and the unique clientId for the new or broken connection. The third argument will be the handler argument passed by the user to the corre-

sponding Set() function (see below)

handlerArg

Argument to pass to handler function when it is invoked.

Description

SCSetConnectHandler() and SCSetDisconnectHandler() install a handler function to be called when a new client connects to, or existing client disconnects from, a server stream. New connection/ broken connection processing is normall performed upon entry to each SCSend() or SCRecvFrom() call (which call depending on whether the server is configured as a data server or a message server). The handler is invoked at user-level (not via a signal handler), allowing for safe use of all system functions (malloc(), free(), etc...).

A typical use of the connect handler is to send additional 'startup' information to newly connected clients, by invoking a separate call to SCSend() within the handler function. The handler invocation code is set up to expect this usage -- it guarantees that an SCSend() called from within a handler will NOT process any additional incoming connections (and possibly recursively invoke the connection handler). It is also guaranteed that the data transmission triggered by the handler's SCSend() will occur prior to the data transmission for the original SCSend(), allowing for the 'startup' information to be transmitted to the client before any other data is set.

A typical use of the disconnect handler is to free up any shared resources that are 'owned' by the client with the matching clientId. This helps to prevent possible

program deadlocks when a network connection becomes unreliable for any reason.

Note: These calls are only currently valid for servers using the TCP protocol. (Since UDP is connectionless, they don't apply).

**Returns** 

Nothing.

See Also

SCSend(), SCRecvFrom()

# SCSetRecType(), SCGetRecType(), SCSetHdrType()

Name

SCSetRecType(), SCGetRecType(), SCSetHdrType()

sc\_pac library compatibility functions.

**Synopsis** 

#include <ServerClient.h>

void SCSetRecType( SCStream \*sp, unsigned short recType );

unsigned short SCGetRecType( SCStream\* sp );

void SCSetHdrType( SCStream \*sp, int hdrType );

**Arguments** 

sp

Pointer to open server-client stream object.

recType

Record type of the server-client protocol header.

*hdrType* 

SC\_HEADER\_16BYTE (default) to transmit 16-byte headers, SC\_HEADER\_8BYTE to transmit 8-byte headers. When using the (old) 8-byte headers, the maximum record size than can be transmitted is 128 KBytes.

Description

In typical usage, server-client protocol headers are transparent to the application. The headers (containing record length, type, sequence # info) are prepended to the user's data buffer when sending records and stripped off on the other end prior to being 'seen' by a client process. This was not the case with an older version of the communication library, sc\_pac, where the headers were visible at the application level, and, in fact, used to encapsulate record type information. To support I/O from/to these applications, a mechanism is needed to get/set the record type of the protocol header. SCGetRecType() and SCSetRecType() provide this mechanism. In addition, to support really old sc\_pac applications, the function SCSetHdrType() is supplied to allow the user to control whether the protocol headers transmitted are the new 16-byte variety (default) or the older 8-byte variety (128K max record length).

When sending data, a call to SCSetRecType() should precede a corresponding call to SCSetA(). If only one record type is being used, a single call to SCSetRec-

Type() following the call to SCOpen() will result in all transmitted records being tagged with the specified record type. When receiving data, a call to SCGetRec-Type() following a successful call to SCRecv() will retrieve the record type of the record just received.

An alternative method of achieving backward compatibility is to use the SC\_RAW mode flag to make the headers visible to the application. This may have some uses, but it is not recommended, since the raw header information utilizes big-endian byte ordering, and the application will not be portable to a little-endian (Intel) machine.

Returns

SCGetRecType() returns the record type contained in the header block of the last record received. SCSetHdrType() and SCSetRecType() return nothing.

See Also

SCOpen()

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# **GLOSSARY**

Anomalous Propagation Commercial Off-The-Shelf AP COTS Central Processing Unit Federal Aviation Administration CPU

FAA

Local Area Network LAN

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol TCP/IP

User Datagram Protocol UDP

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