

A Serial Port Spy for NT

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CreateFile() returns a handle the application can then pass to DeviceIoControl(), along with a command code, pointers to input and output buffers, and so on:

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Controlling Application

This month's code archive contains a simple controlling application (see [Figure 1](#)) that uses the SerMon driver to monitor ports. It uses MFC and implements an MDI window interface, allowing the user to monitor several ports concurrently.

When started, the program first tries to open the SerMon device driver by calling `CreateFile()` with a filename of `\\.\SerMon`. If the driver can not be opened (probably because it was not installed), the application tries to use the service control manager to install the driver. Installing device drivers using the SCM is a very effective and easy method.

When you select the start-monitor menu option, the application asks you to select a port. The application then creates a new document/view pair. The view contains two windows (containing bytes read and bytes written). Open, close, and I/O control requests are displayed in both windows.

The application then sends the `IOCTL_SERMON_STARTMONITOR` request to the driver and gets a handle to the monitor session. Then it creates a parallel thread, which enters the cycle of issuing two requests (`IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFOSIZE` and `IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFO`), using the `OVERLAPPED` structure to cause `DeviceIoControl()` to perform asynchronous I/O. When the thread receives data, it posts a message to the view, and it displays the data to the user.

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Conclusion

Creating a monitoring filter driver is an elegant solution to the problem of spying on serial ports under NT. Moreover, the technique can be used on almost any kernel-mode device driver. For example, you could also use this idea to monitor the IRP flow of a driver you are debugging. The serial port spy is just one of many applications made possible by NT's extensible device-driver framework.

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`CAttachedDevice::~CAttachedDevice()` first changes the signature field so that if the application mistakenly uses the same `MHANDLE` again, the driver can detect it as an invalid pointer. It then waits for the previously explained event until the port is closed. Then it detaches the device and deletes it. After that, all pending IRPs are completed with `STATUS_CANCELLED`. Finally, execution returns to the user-mode application.

Controlling Application

This month's code archive contains a simple controlling application (see [Figure 1](#)) that uses the SerMon driver to monitor ports. It uses MFC and

implements an MDI window interface, allowing the user to monitor several ports concurrently.

When started, the program first tries to open the SerMon device driver by calling `CreateFile()` with a filename of `\\.\SerMon`. If the driver can not be opened (probably because it was not installed), the application tries to use the service control manager to install the driver. Installing device drivers using the SCM is a very effective and easy method.

When you select the start-monitor menu option, the application asks you to select a port. The application then creates a new document/view pair. The view contains two windows (containing bytes read and bytes written). Open, close, and I/O control requests are displayed in both windows.

The application then sends the `IOCTL_SERMON_STARTMONITOR` request to the driver and gets a handle to the monitor session. Then it creates a parallel thread, which enters the cycle of issuing two requests (`IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFOSIZE` and `IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFO`), using the `OVERLAPPED` structure to cause `DeviceIoControl()` to perform asynchronous I/O. When the thread receives data, it posts a message to the view, and it displays the data to the user.

When you select the stop-monitor menu option, or simply close the view, the application sends an `IOCTL_SERMON_STOPMONITOR` to the driver after displaying a warning message to the user. The warning tells the user to close the application that uses the port for reasons described earlier.

Conclusion

Creating a monitoring filter driver is an elegant solution to the problem of spying on serial ports under NT. Moreover, the technique can be used on almost any kernel-mode device driver. For example, you could also use this idea to monitor the IRP flow of a driver you are debugging. The serial port spy is just one of many applications made possible by NT's extensible device-driver framework.

Reference

Listing 1: `sermon.h` — Dispatch code declarations

```
#define DECLARE_FUNCTION(x) extern "C" NTSTATUS \  
    SERMON##x(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject, IN PIRP Irp);  
#define IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION(x) NTSTATUS \  
    SERMON##x(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject, IN PIRP Irp) \  
{ \  
    \  
}
```



```

        return ((CDevice *) \
            (DeviceObject->DeviceExtension))->x(Irp); \
    }

extern "C"
{
    NTSTATUS DriverEntry(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject,
        IN PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath);

    NTSTATUS CreateDevices(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject,
        IN PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath);
}    // extern "C"

DECLARE_FUNCTION(Open)
DECLARE_FUNCTION(Read)
DECLARE_FUNCTION(Write)
DECLARE_FUNCTION(Flush)
DECLARE_FUNCTION(Cleanup)
DECLARE_FUNCTION(Close)
DECLARE_FUNCTION( IoControl)

VOID SERMONUnload(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject);
//End of File

```

Listing 2: sermon.cpp — Initialization and dispatch code

```

#include "stdafx.h"
#include "drvclass.h"
#include "sermon.h"
#include "devext.h"

extern "C"
{
    #ifdef ALLOC_PRAGMA
    // all auxiliary routines that are called during
    // initialization should go in here.
    #pragma alloc_text(INIT,DriverEntry)
    #pragma alloc_text(INIT,CreateDevices)
    #endif
}

PDEVICE_OBJECT deviceObject;
PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject;
CDBLinkedList< CAttachedDevice> *listAttached;

```

```

NTSTATUS DriverEntry(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject,
                    IN PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath)
{
    NTSTATUS status = CreateDevices(DriverObject, RegistryPath);
    if (status == STATUS_SUCCESS)
    {
        ::DriverObject = DriverObject;

        DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_CREATE] = SERMONOpen;
        DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_CLOSE] = SERMONClose;
        DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL] =
            SERMONIoControl;
        DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_READ] = SERMONRead;
        DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_WRITE] = SERMONWrite;
        DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_FLUSH_BUFFERS] =
            SERMONFlush;
        DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_CLEANUP] =
            SERMONCleanup;

        DriverObject->DriverUnload = SERMONUnload;

        status = STATUS_SUCCESS;
        listAttached =
            new (NonPagedPool) CDBLinkedList< CAttachedDevice>;
    }
    return(status);
}

NTSTATUS CreateDevices(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject,
                    PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath)
{
    NTSTATUS status;
    CUStrng * usName;
    CUStrng * usLinkName;

    usName = new(PagedPool) CUStrng(L"\\Device\\SerMon");
    if (!OK_ALLOCATED(usName))
        return STATUS_NO_MEMORY;
    status = IoCreateDevice(DriverObject, sizeof(CSERMONDevice *),
        &usName->m_String, FILE_DEVICE_UNKNOWN, 0,
        FALSE, &deviceObject);
    if (!INT_SUCCESS(status))
    {

```

```

        delete usName;
        return status;
    }

    deviceObject->Flags |= DO_BUFFERED_IO;
    deviceObject->DeviceExtension= new (NonPagedPool) CSERMONDevice;

    usLinkName= new (PagedPool) CUStrng(L"\\??\\SerMon");
    if (!OK_ALLOCATED(usLinkName))
    {
        IoDeleteDevice(deviceObject);
        return STATUS_NO_MEMORY;
    }
    status = IoCreateSymbolicLink (&usLinkName->m_String,
        &usName->m_String);
    if (!INT_SUCCESS(status))
    {
        IoDeleteDevice(deviceObject);
        return status;
    }

    delete usLinkName;
    delete usName;

    return status;
}

VOID SERMONUnload(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject)
{
    delete (deviceObject->DeviceExtension);
    IoDeleteDevice(deviceObject);
    CUStrng * usLinkName= new (PagedPool) CUStrng(L"\\??\\SerMon");
    IoDeleteSymbolicLink(&usLinkName->m_String);

    delete usLinkName;

    delete listAttached;    // this will kill all attached devices

    return;
}

IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION(Read)
IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION(Write)
IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION(Flush)

```

```

IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION(Cleanup)
IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION(Open)
IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION(Close)
IMPLEMENT_FUNCTION( IoControl)
//End of File

```

Listing 3: devext.h — Main driver class declarations

```

#include "sermonex.h"

struct ExIRP
{
    PIRP Irp;
    LIST_ENTRY entry;
};

class CDevice
{
protected:
    NTSTATUS DoDefault(PIRP Irp)
    {
        IoCompleteRequest(Irp,IO_NO_INCREMENT);
        Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_SUCCESS;
        Irp->IoStatus.Information = 0;
        return STATUS_IO_DEVICE_ERROR;
    };

public:
    virtual NTSTATUS IoControl(PIRP Irp) { return DoDefault(Irp); };
    virtual NTSTATUS Read(PIRP Irp) { return DoDefault(Irp); };
    virtual NTSTATUS Write(PIRP Irp) { return DoDefault(Irp); };
    virtual NTSTATUS Open(PIRP Irp) { return DoDefault(Irp); };
    virtual NTSTATUS Close(PIRP Irp) { return DoDefault(Irp); };
    virtual NTSTATUS Cleanup(PIRP Irp) { return DoDefault(Irp); };
    virtual NTSTATUS Flush(PIRP Irp) { return DoDefault(Irp); };
};

class CSERMONDevice: public CDevice
{
public:
    CSERMONDevice();
    ~CSERMONDevice();

    virtual NTSTATUS IoControl(PIRP Irp);

```

```

    MHANDLE TryConnectToSerialDevice(LPCTSTR BufferName);
};

class CAttachedDevice;
extern CDBLinkedList< CAttachedDevice> *listAttached;

NTSTATUS ReadCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,
                      IN PIRP Irp, IN PVOID Context);
NTSTATUS WriteCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,
                       IN PIRP Irp, IN PVOID Context);
NTSTATUS CloseCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,
                       IN PIRP Irp, IN PVOID Context);
NTSTATUS OpenCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,
                      IN PIRP Irp, IN PVOID Context);
NTSTATUS IOCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,
                     IN PIRP Irp, IN PVOID Context);

class CAttachedDevice : public CDevice
{
protected:
    WCHAR Signature[3];
    ERESOURCE eres;
    CDBLinkedList< IOReq> io;          // request queue
    CDBLinkedList< ExIRP> pending;    // event queue

public:
    KEVENT event;
    LONG Num;
    BOOLEAN bFirstTime;
    PDEVICE_OBJECT OriginalDevice;
    PDEVICE_OBJECT ThisDevice;        // device represented by
                                     // this object

    LIST_ENTRY entry;

public:
    BOOLEAN CheckValid(void)
    {
        return (MmIsAddressValid(this) &&
                Signature[0] == L'B' && Signature[1] == L'A'
                && Signature[2] == L'V');
    };

    CAttachedDevice()
    {

```

```

    Signature[0] = L'B';
    Signature[1] = L'A';
    Signature[2] = L'V';
    ExInitializeResourceLite(&eres);
    KeInitializeEvent(&event, NotificationEvent, TRUE);
    Num = 0;
    bFirstTime = TRUE;

    listAttached->New(this);
};

~CAttachedDevice()
{
    Signature[0]++;
    Signature[1]++;
// The target device MUST be closed so much times it was opened
// so we don't return until this is met
    KeWaitForSingleObject(&event, Executive, KernelMode,
        FALSE, NULL);
    IoDetachDevice(OriginalDevice);
    IoDeleteDevice(ThisDevice);
    ExDeleteResourceLite(&eres);
    ExIRP * p;
    while (p = pending.RemoveHead())
    {
        p->Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_CANCELLED;
        p->Irp->IoStatus.Information = 0;
        IoCompleteRequest(p->Irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);
        delete p;
    }

    listAttached->Remove(this);
};

void LockExclusive(void)
{
    ExAcquireResourceExclusiveLite(&eres, TRUE);
};

void LockShared(void)
{
    ExAcquireResourceSharedLite(&eres, TRUE);
};

```

```

void Unlock(void)
{
    ExReleaseResourceForThreadLite(&eres,
        ExGetCurrentResourceThread());
};

NTSTATUS Standard(PIRP Irp,
    PIO_COMPLETION_ROUTINE Routine= NULL);

void New(IOReq * req);
NTSTATUS GetNext(PIRP Irp);
NTSTATUS GetNextSize(PIRP Irp);
NTSTATUS ProcessSize(PIRP Irp, IOReq *);
NTSTATUS ProcessNext(PIRP Irp, IOReq *);

// Virtual functions from CDevice
virtual NTSTATUS IoControl(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp, IOCompletion); };
virtual NTSTATUS Read(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp, ReadCompletion); };
virtual NTSTATUS Write(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp, WriteCompletion); };
virtual NTSTATUS Open(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp, OpenCompletion); };
virtual NTSTATUS Close(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp, CloseCompletion); };
virtual NTSTATUS Cleanup(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp); };
virtual NTSTATUS Flush(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp); };
virtual NTSTATUS Cancel(PIRP Irp)
    { return Standard(Irp); };
};

extern PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject;

NTSTATUS Attach(PUNICODE_STRING TargetDeviceName, DWORD DesiredAccess,
    PDEVICE_OBJECT * PtrReturnedDeviceObject);

//End of File

```

Listing 4: devext.cpp — Main driver class code

```

#include "stdafx.h"
#include "sermon.h"

```

```

#include "drvclass.h"
#include "devext.h"
#include "serial.h"

CSERMONDevice::CSERMONDevice(){};

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MHANDLE CSERMONDevice::TryConnectToSerialDevice(LPCTSTR Name)
{
    CUString str((PWCHAR) Name);
    PDEVICE_OBJECT pdo;
    NTSTATUS RC= Attach(&str.m_String,FILE_ALL_ACCESS,&pdo);
    if (RC== STATUS_SUCCESS)
        return (MHANDLE) pdo->DeviceExtension;
    else
        return NULL;
}

NTSTATUS CSERMONDevice::IoControl(PIRP Irp)
{
    PIO_STACK_LOCATION curIRPStack;

    curIRPStack = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
    switch (curIRPStack->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.IoControlCode)
    {
    case IOCTL_SERMON_STARTMONITOR:
    {
        MHANDLE mh= TryConnectToSerialDevice(
            (LPCTSTR) Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
        if (mh)
        {
            *((MHANDLE *) Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer)= mh;
            Irp->IoStatus.Information = sizeof(MHANDLE);
            Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_SUCCESS;
        } else
            Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_INVALID_PARAMETER;
        break;
    }
    case IOCTL_SERMON_STOPMONITOR:
    {
        if (curIRPStack->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.InputBufferLength
            == sizeof(MHANDLE))
        {

```



```

        MHANDLE mh=*((MHANDLE *) Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
        CAttachedDevice *ptr=(CAttachedDevice *) mh;
        if (ptr && ptr->CheckValid())
        {
            Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_SUCCESS;
            delete ptr;
        } else
            Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_INVALID_PARAMETER;
    } else
        Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_INVALID_HANDLE;

    Irp->IoStatus.Information = 0;
    break;
}
case IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFOSIZE:
{
    if (curlRPStack->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.
        InputBufferLength==sizeof(MHANDLE))
    {
        MHANDLE mh=*((MHANDLE *)
            Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
        CAttachedDevice *ptr=(CAttachedDevice *) mh;
        if (ptr && ptr->CheckValid() &&
            curlRPStack->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.
            OutputBufferLength==sizeof(ULONG))
        {
            return ptr->GetNextSize(Irp);
        } else
            Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_INVALID_PARAMETER;
    } else
        Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_INVALID_HANDLE;

    Irp->IoStatus.Information = 0;
    break;
}
case IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFO:
{
    if (curlRPStack->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.
        InputBufferLength==sizeof(MHANDLE))
    {
        MHANDLE mh=*((MHANDLE *) Irp->AssociatedIrp.
            SystemBuffer);
        CAttachedDevice *ptr=(CAttachedDevice *) mh;
        if (ptr && ptr->CheckValid())

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        {
            return ptr->GetNext(Irp);
        } else
            Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_INVALID_PARAMETER;
    } else
        Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_INVALID_HANDLE;

    Irp->IoStatus.Information = 0;
    break;
}
default:
    Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_IO_DEVICE_ERROR;
    Irp->IoStatus.Information = 0;
    break;
}

IoCompleteRequest(Irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);
return(Irp->IoStatus.Status);
}

```

```

NTSTATUS Attach(PUNICODE_STRING TargetDeviceName,
               DWORD DesiredAccess,
               PDEVICE_OBJECT* PtrReturnedDeviceObject)
{
    NTSTATUS RC = STATUS_SUCCESS;
    PDEVICE_OBJECT PtrNewDeviceObject = NULL;
    CAttachedDevice* ptr = NULL;
    BOOLEAN InitializedDeviceObject = FALSE;
    BOOLEAN AcquiredDeviceObject = FALSE;
    PDEVICE_OBJECT PtrTargetDeviceObject = NULL;
    PFILE_OBJECT PtrTargetFileObject = NULL;

    ASSERT(PtrReturnedDeviceObject);

    __try
    {
        if (!NT_SUCCESS(RC= IoGetDeviceObjectPointer(
            TargetDeviceName,
            DesiredAccess, &PtrTargetFileObject,
            &PtrTargetDeviceObject)))
            __leave;

        // Create a new device object.
        if (!NT_SUCCESS(RC = IoCreateDevice(

```

```

        DriverObject,
        sizeof(CAttachedDevice *),
        NULL,          // unnamed object
        PtrTargetDeviceObject-> DeviceType,
        PtrTargetDeviceObject-> Characteristics,
        FALSE,        // Not exclusive.
        &PtrNewDeviceObject)))
{
    // failed to create a device object
    __leave;
}

PtrNewDeviceObject-> Flags &= ~ DO_DEVICE_INITIALIZING;

// Initialize the extension for the device object.
(PtrNewDeviceObject-> DeviceExtension)= ptr=
    new (NonPagedPool) CAttachedDevice;
ptr-> OriginalDevice= PtrTargetDeviceObject;
ptr-> ThisDevice= PtrNewDeviceObject;

ptr-> LockExclusive();

AcquiredDeviceObject= TRUE;
// attach to the target FSD.
RC = IoAttachDeviceByPointer(PtrNewDeviceObject,
    PtrTargetDeviceObject);

ASSERT(NT_SUCCESS(RC));

PtrNewDeviceObject-> Flags |= DO_BUFFERED_IO;
} __finally {
    if (AcquiredDeviceObject)
    {
        ptr-> Unlock();
        AcquiredDeviceObject = FALSE;
    }

    if (!NT_SUCCESS(RC) && PtrNewDeviceObject)
    {
        delete ptr;
    } else
    {
        * PtrReturnedDeviceObject = PtrNewDeviceObject;
    }
    if (PtrTargetFileObject)

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```

    {
        ObDereferenceObject(PtrTargetFileObject);
        PtrTargetFileObject= NULL;
    }
}

return(RC);
}

NTSTATUS DefaultCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,
                        IN PIRP Irp,IN PVOID Context)
{
    if (Irp-> PendingReturned) {
        IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
    }

    // Nothing to do, simply return success
    return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS ReadCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,IN PIRP Irp,
                    IN PVOID Context)
{
    if (Irp-> PendingReturned) {
        IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
    }
    {
        if (Irp-> IoStatus.Information)
        {
            // There are bytes read, construct IOReq item and append it to the list
            PIO_STACK_LOCATION cur;
            cur = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
            IOReq *req= new (NonPagedPool) IOReq(REQ_READ,
                cur-> Parameters.Read.Length,
                Irp-> IoStatus.Information,
                Irp-> AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
            ((CAttachedDevice *) Context)-> New(req);
        }
    }

    return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS WriteCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,

```

```

        IN PIRP Irp,IN PVOID Context)
{
    if (Irp-> PendingReturned) {
        IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
    }
    {
        if (Irp-> IoStatus.Status== STATUS_SUCCESS &&
            Irp-> IoStatus.Information)
        {
            PIO_STACK_LOCATION cur;
            cur = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
            IOReq *req=new (NonPagedPool) IOReq(REQ_WRITE,
                cur-> Parameters.Read.Length,
                Irp-> IoStatus.Information,
                Irp-> AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
            ((CAttachedDevice *) Context)-> New(req);
        }
    }

    return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS OpenCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,IN PIRP Irp,
    IN PVOID Context)
{
    if (Irp-> PendingReturned) {
        IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
    }
    {
        if (Irp-> IoStatus.Status== STATUS_SUCCESS)
        {
            CAttachedDevice *p=(CAttachedDevice *) Context;
// Increase usage count
            if (InterlockedIncrement(&p-> Num))
                KeResetEvent(&p-> event);
            PIO_STACK_LOCATION cur;
            cur = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
            IOReq *req=new (NonPagedPool) IOReq(REQ_OPEN);
            ((CAttachedDevice *) Context)-> New(req);
        }
    }

    return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

```

```

NTSTATUS CloseCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject,
                       IN PIRP Irp, IN PVOID Context)
{
    if (Irp->PendingReturned) {
        IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
    }
    {
        if (Irp->IoStatus.Status == STATUS_SUCCESS)
        {
            CAttachedDevice *p = (CAttachedDevice *) Context;
            if (!p->bFirstTime)
            {
                // Decrease usage count and signal the event if it falls to zero
                if (!InterlockedDecrement(&p->Num))
                    KeSetEvent(&p->event, 0, FALSE);
                PIO_STACK_LOCATION cur;
                cur = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
                IOReq *req = new (NonPagedPool) IOReq(REQ_CLOSE);
                ((CAttachedDevice *) Context)->New(req);
            } else p->bFirstTime = FALSE;
        }
    }

    return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS IOCompletion(IN PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject, IN PIRP Irp,
                   IN PVOID Context)
{
    if (Irp->PendingReturned) {
        IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
    }
    {
        if (Irp->IoStatus.Status == STATUS_SUCCESS)
        {
            // We process only IOCTL_SERIAL_SET_BAUD_RATE and
            // IOCTL_SERIAL_SET_LINE_CONTROL requests
            // (serial.h file from serial driver
            // sample from DDK is used)
            IOReq *req;
            CAttachedDevice *p = (CAttachedDevice *) Context;
            PIO_STACK_LOCATION cur;

```

```

        cur = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
        switch(cur->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.IoControlCode)
        {
        case IOCTL_SERIAL_SET_BAUD_RATE:
            req= new (NonPagedPool) IOReq(REQ_SETBAUDRATE,
                sizeof(ULONG),sizeof(ULONG),
                Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
            ((CAttachedDevice *) Context)->New(req);
            break;
        case IOCTL_SERIAL_SET_LINE_CONTROL:
            req= new (NonPagedPool) IOReq(REQ_SETLINECONTROL,
                sizeof(SERIAL_LINE_CONTROL),
                sizeof(SERIAL_LINE_CONTROL),
                Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
            ((CAttachedDevice *) Context)->New(req);
            break;
        }
    }
}

return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

////////////////////////////////////
// CAttachedDevice
NTSTATUS CAttachedDevice::Standard(PIRP Irp,
                                PIO_COMPLETION_ROUTINE Routine)
{
// This function forwards the request
    PIO_STACK_LOCATION curIRPStack,nextIRPStack;
    curIRPStack = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
    nextIRPStack= IoGetNextIrpStackLocation(Irp);
    *nextIRPStack= *curIRPStack;
    IoSetCompletionRoutine(Irp,
        (Routine)?Routine:DefaultCompletion,
        this, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE);

    return IoCallDriver(OriginalDevice,Irp);
}

void CAttachedDevice::New(IOReq * req)
{
    LockExclusive();
    io.New(req);
}

```

```

// check for pending requests
    ExIRP *trp= pending.RemoveHead();
// If we have a pending request, waiting for smth to receive,
// so simply handle it
    if (trp)
    {
        IRP *Irp= trp-> Irp;
        req= io.RemoveHead();
        Unlock();    // we don't need to lock anymore
        PIO_STACK_LOCATION curlRPStack;
        curlRPStack = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);
// process the request
        switch(curlRPStack-> Parameters.DeviceIoControl.
            IoControlCode)
        {
            case IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFOSIZE:
                ProcessSize(Irp, req);
                break;
            case IOCTL_SERMON_GETINFO:
                ProcessNext(Irp, req);
                break;
        }
        delete trp;
    } else
        Unlock();
}

NTSTATUS CAttachedDevice::ProcessSize(PIRP Irp, IOReq *q)
{
    Irp-> IoStatus.Information= sizeof(ULONG);
    Irp-> IoStatus.Status= STATUS_SUCCESS;
    LockExclusive();
    * ((ULONG *) Irp-> AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer)= sizeof(IOReq) +
        q-> SizeCopied;
    io.InsertHead(q);
    Unlock();
    IoCompleteRequest(Irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);
    return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS CAttachedDevice::ProcessNext(PIRP Irp, IOReq *q)
{
    PIO_STACK_LOCATION curlRPStack;
    curlRPStack = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation(Irp);

```



```

if (curlRPStack->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.OutputBufferLength
    < sizeof(IOReq) + q->SizeCopied)
{
    delete q;
    Irp->IoStatus.Information=0;
    Irp->IoStatus.Status=STATUS_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL;
    IoCompleteRequest(Irp,IO_NO_INCREMENT);
    return STATUS_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL;
}
Irp->IoStatus.Information= sizeof(IOReq) + q->SizeCopied;
Irp->IoStatus.Status= STATUS_SUCCESS;
RtlCopyMemory(Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer,q,sizeof(IOReq));
if (q->pData)
    RtlCopyMemory((PCHAR) Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer
        + sizeof(IOReq),q->pData,q->SizeCopied);
delete q;
IoCompleteRequest(Irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);
return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

```

NTSTATUS CAttachedDevice::GetNextSize(PIRP Irp)

```

{
    if (!io.IsEmpty())
    {
        LockExclusive();
        IOReq *q= io.RemoveHead();
        NTSTATUS ret= ProcessSize(Irp,q);
        Unlock();
        return ret;
    } else
    {
        ExIRP *irp= new (NonPagedPool) ExIRP;
        irp->Irp= Irp;
        pending.New(irp);

        Irp->IoStatus.Information=0;
        Irp->IoStatus.Status= STATUS_PENDING;
        IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
        return STATUS_PENDING;
    }
}

```

NTSTATUS CAttachedDevice::GetNext(PIRP Irp)

```

{

```

```

LockExclusive();
if (!io.IsEmpty())
{
    IOReq * q= io.RemoveHead();
    Unlock();
    return ProcessNext(Irp,q);
} else
{
    ExIRP * irp= new (NonPagedPool) ExIRP;
    irp->Irp= Irp;
    pending.New(irp);

    Irp->IoStatus.Information= 0;
    Irp->IoStatus.Status= STATUS_PENDING;
    IoMarkIrpPending(Irp);
    Unlock();
    return STATUS_PENDING;
}
}
//End of File

```