

## **FILEIO.MAC**

## A Command Language Macro Application Note

## **OVERVIEW**

SourcePoint's powerful command language is extremely useful for automating tasks. It uses an interpreted scripting language that is very similar to the common C programming language. FileIO.MAC is an example of a SourcePoint<sup>TM</sup> command language macro. Its purpose is to demonstrate the use of the SourcePoint command language's file I/O functions.

## **THEORY OF OPERATION**

This macro makes use of and demonstrates the following functions:

**Fopen** Opens the file for read, write, or append access.

fclose Closes an open file.

**fputs** Writes a string to the file previously opened for write or append access.

**fgets** Reads a string from a file previously opened for read access.

**fputc** Writes a single character to a file previously opened for write or append access.

**fgetc** Reads a single character from a file previously opened for read access.

**fprintf** Writes a formatted string to a file previously opened for write or append access.

It is recommended that the user run the macro, view the macro in a text editor, and compare the macro to the output in the SourcePoint command window.

The macro is loaded from within SourcePoint by clicking on: File|Macro|Load Macro

It is then invoked from the command window by entering the following at the command prompt:

fileio<cr>

