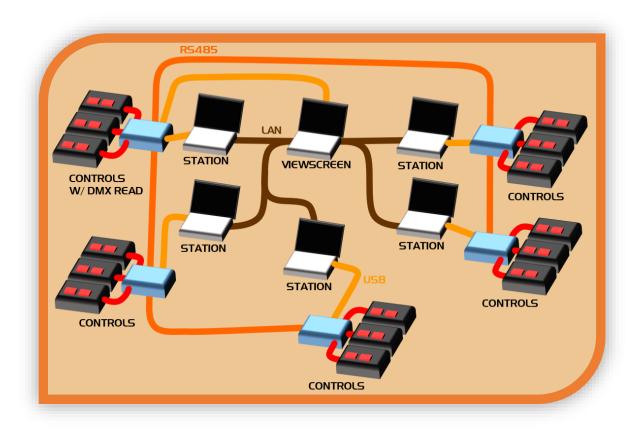
# Overview and Guide

# ACP3 Control Panel System for Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator



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# I.O Introduction and Scope

The purpose of this guide is to introduce the reader to the ACP3 control panel system for *Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator* (Artemis SBS). This control panel system is not required to play Artemis SBS. However, some people may find the inclusion of this optional hardware enhances the gameplay experience.

The ACP3 control panel system allows for the construction of custom controls for Artemis SBS with appearances emulating various popular sci-fi designs. The purpose of these controls is to enhance emersion and role playing as part of the Artemis gameplay experience. The ACP3 control panel system includes a set of microcontrollers that communicate with PCs running Artemis SBS through mouse and keyboard commands input via USB HID interface. These microcontrollers are programmed to respond to various digital and analog hardware inputs such as buttons and sliders.

This guide contains the following information:

- Overall function of the ACP3 system (Section 2.0)
- Recommended parts and connections to build a functional set of custom controls for Artemis SBS (Section 3.0)
- List of ACP3 system parts including 1) microcontroller assemblies, 2) hardware needed to build custom controls, 3) pre-designed ACP3 control hardware (Section 4.0)
- Lists of data useful for programming ACP3 controllers (Section 5.0)
- Steps to updated microcontroller software (Section 6.0)
- Troubleshooting common problems (Section 7.0)

#### 2.0 ACP3 Overview

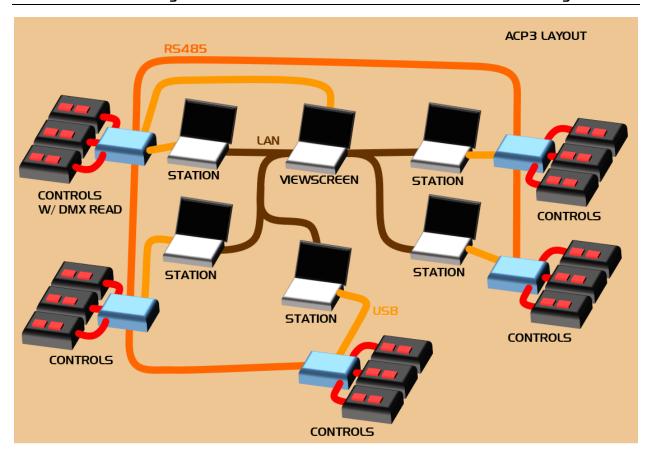
#### 2.I ACP3 Concept

In Artemis SBS, the server/mainscreen communicates with the client stations over a set of LAN/ethernet connections. It is possible to connect custom hardware controls to each Artemis SBS client station that actuate the in-game controls through keystrokes and mouse clicks, etc. These controls can be powered, interpreted, and interfaced with Artemis SBS via programmable microcontrollers connected to the PC via USB (i.e., the ACP3 controllers). It is also possible to use the DMX output that is built-in native to Artemis SBS to read a number of in-game states (such as red alert, shields up, etc.). When equipped with a suitable reader, a microcontroller can interpret this output and use it to create user feedback and interconnects with hardware controls.

In ACP3, all controls are equipped with an RS485 transceiver. They are therefore able to both receive and transmit information to the other units on an RS485 communications bus. To maintain order, one of the controllers is designated as the "master controller" that will send transmit commands to each controller individually when it is each controller's turn to transmit. After the commanded transmission, the next signal will always come from the master controller, ensuring only one device is transmitting at a time. The master controller will be receiving information about the game from both the DMX cues and the commands generated by the players using the control panels. With these two sets of information, the controller can infer many interesting and useful game states with which to animate the lights and displays. Moreover, context-specific controls can be programmed on each panel.

Each controller receives input and output from several control panels that are connected to the controller via specialized ribbon cables. The controller can drive a matrix of LEDs, read a matrix of buttons, and read a limited number of analog controls via the ribbon cables. The sections below describe the specific pinouts, hardware, and functions for these panel connections.

Finally, the ACP3 control panel system is modular, with several common parts shared between the controllers and the connected panels. This modular arrangement streamlines programming, allows selected hardware replacements, and simplifies the correct design, construction, and installation of the component parts.



**Conceptual Layout of ACP3 Control Panel System** 

#### 2.2 Bridge Building Guide

ACP3 support bridge building at the following levels:

**Level I: wiring schematics, PCB design files, Arduino code, and data tables** -- this level is for bridge builders who want to build everything from scratch, but would like some guidance on some of the electronics details that I worked out on this project. All design information will be provided in an online repository.

**Level II: control boards and panel developer boards** -- this level is for bridge builders who would like the ease-of-use of the centralized controllers, but want to implement their own button layouts and designs. The hardware for these kits will include a built controller board, ribbon cables with connectors, and three panel boards (shift register boards).

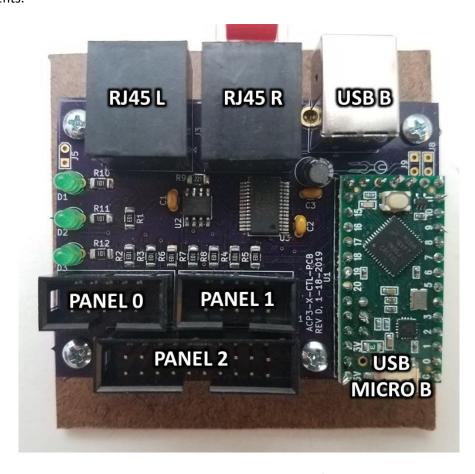
**Level III: control boards and control panel kits** -- this level is for bridge builders who want to drop in functional controls in the least amount of time possible. The kits will include a built controller board and housing, ribbon cables with connectors, control panel boards, and faceplate parts. For back-lit panels, the bridge builder will need to paint the pre-cut acrylic faceplate and mount the edge LEDs. All electronic parts are provided. Acrylic housings and faceplates are provided. Paint, furniture, and any other design decisions outside of the functional buttons fall to the bridge builder.

# 3.0 Recommended ACP3 Configurations

#### 3.I Overview

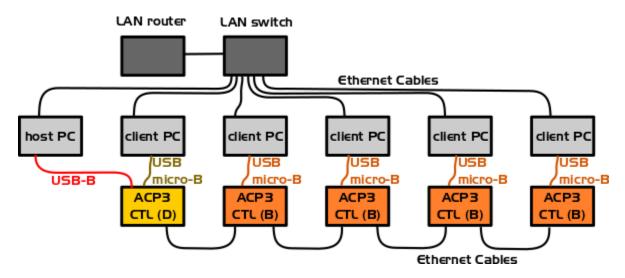
In all configurations, each ACP3 controller is connected to an Artemis SBS client PC via micro-B USB cable and to the control panel hardware via ribbon cables. For Level II bridge builders, the ribbon cables connect to shift register development boards that are then connected to LEDs, buttons, and other interface hardware selected by the bridge builder. For Level III bridge builders, the ribbon cables connect to predesigned circuit boards specific to each Artemis SBS station (i.e., Helm, Weapons, Engineering, Science, and Comms).

The following subsections illustrate the proper connection of the ACP3 hardware with the Artemis SBS host and clients.

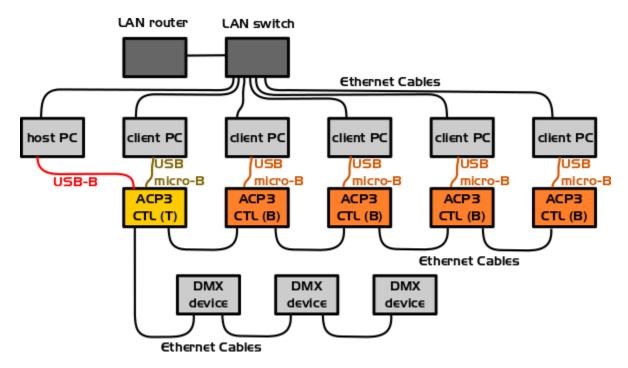


**ACP3 Connection Labels Used in Bridge Configuration Tables** 

# 3.2 Controls-only



#### 3.3 Controls with DMX Output



#### 3.4 Example Minimal Bridge Configuration

The following table explains how to connect all of the ACP3 parts needed to make a fully-functional bridge for Artemis SBS in a minimal configuration. The complete names of ACP3 parts are listed in Section 4.3.

| Station          | Controller<br>Model | RJ45 L      | RJ45 R           | USB B           | USB<br>micro-B         | PANEL<br>0 | PANEL | PANEL<br>2 |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|-------|------------|
| Station          | iviouei             | NJ45 L      | NJ45 N           | 03B B           | ППСГО-В                | 0          | 1     |            |
| Helm             | D                   | Weapons     | -                | view-<br>screen | Helm PC                | -          | X-NAV | H-PRI      |
| Weapons          | В                   | Helm        | Science          | n/a             | Weapons<br>PC          | X-SRS      | -     | W-PRI      |
| Science          | В                   | Weapons     | Engin-<br>eering | n/a             | Science<br>PC          | -          | -     | S-PRI      |
| Engin-<br>eering | В                   | Science     | Comms            | n/a             | Engin-<br>eering<br>PC | ı          | -     | E-PRI      |
| Comms            | В                   | Engineering | 1                | n/a             | Comms<br>PC            | -          | -     | C-PRI      |

#### 3.5 Example Bridge Configuration with Added Parts

The following table explains how to connect all of the ACP3 parts needed to make a fully-functional bridge for Artemis SBS in an advanced configuration. The complete names of ACP3 parts are listed in Section 4.3.

| Station | Controller<br>Model | RJ45 L  | RJ45 R           | USB B           | USB<br>micro-B | PANEL<br>0 | PANEL<br>1 | PANEL<br>2 |
|---------|---------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Helm    | D                   | Weapons | -                | view-<br>screen | Helm PC        | X-SRS      | X-NAV      | H-PRI      |
| Weapons | В                   | Helm    | Science          | n/a             | Weapons<br>PC  | X-SRS      | -          | W-PRI      |
| Science | В                   | Weapons | Engin-<br>eering | n/a             | Science<br>PC  | ı          | X-NAV      | S-PRI      |

| Engin-<br>eering | В | Science     | Comms | n/a | Engin-<br>eering<br>PC | E-KEY | 1 | E-PRI |
|------------------|---|-------------|-------|-----|------------------------|-------|---|-------|
| Comms            | В | Engineering | -     | n/a | Comms<br>PC            | ı     | ı | C-PRI |

## 3.6 Example Bridge Configuration with Maximum Parts

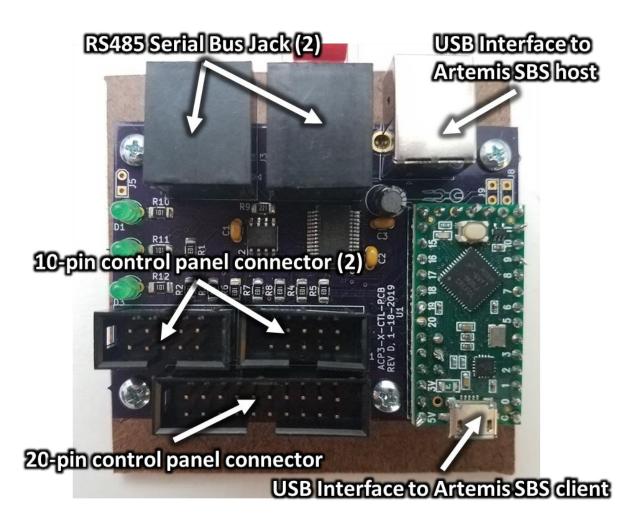
The following table explains how to connect all of the ACP3 parts needed to make a fully-functional bridge for Artemis SBS in a maximum configuration. The complete names of ACP3 parts are listed in Section 4.3.

| Station          | Controller<br>Model | RJ45 L      | RJ45 R           | USB B           | USB<br>micro-B         | PANEL<br>0 | PANEL<br>1 | PANEL<br>2 |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Helm             | D                   | Weapons     | -                | view-<br>screen | Helm PC                | X-SRS      | X-NAV      | H-PRI      |
| Weapons          | В                   | Helm        | Science          | n/a             | Weapons<br>PC          | X-SRS      | X-STA      | W-PRI      |
| Science          | В                   | Weapons     | Engin-<br>eering | n/a             | Science<br>PC          | S-INT      | X-NAV      | S-PRI      |
| Engin-<br>eering | В                   | Science     | Comms            | n/a             | Engin-<br>eering<br>PC | E-KEY      | X-STA      | E-PRI      |
| Comms            | В                   | Engineering | -                | n/a             | Comms<br>PC            | C-BRG      | C-CMP      | C-PRI      |

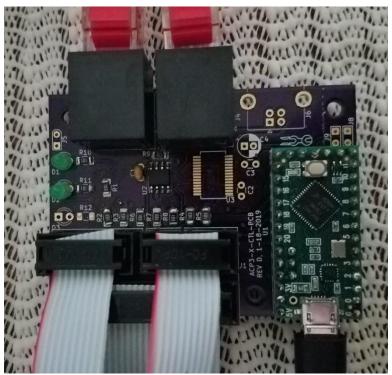
## 4.0 ACP3 Parts

#### 4.I Controller Parts

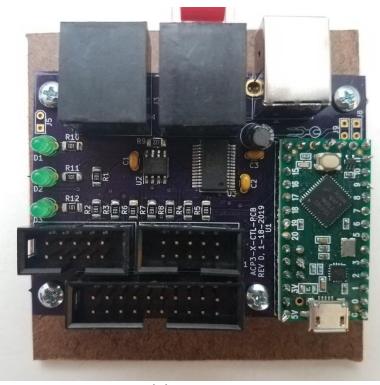
|                    | Features  |             |          |          |  |  |  |
|--------------------|---|-------------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
|                    | runs control with other ACP3 output from Output to DN |             |          |          |  |  |  |
| Controller Variant | panels  | controllers | Artemis  | devices  |  |  |  |
| ACP3-X-CTL(I)      | <b>♦</b>  |             |          |          |  |  |  |
| ACP3-X-CTL(B)      | <b>•</b>  | <b>•</b>    |          |          |  |  |  |
| ACP3-X-CTL(D)      | <b>•</b>  | •           | <b>*</b> |          |  |  |  |
| ACP3-X-CTL(T)      | <b>•</b>  | •           | <b>•</b> | <b>•</b> |  |  |  |



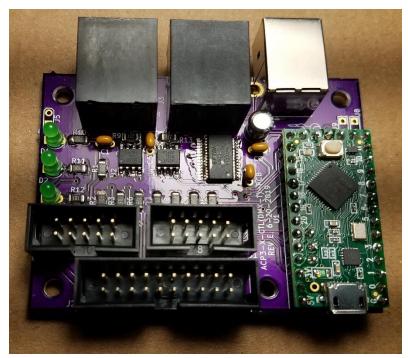
**Explanation of ACP3 Controller Connections** 



ACP3-X-CTL(B) – basic controller variant



ACP3-X-CTL(D) – DMX reader variant

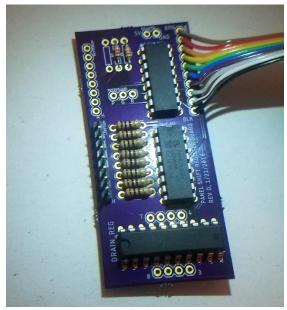


ACP3-X-CTL(T) – DMX-Through variant



enclosure

## 4.2 Control Panel Developer (Level II) Parts



**Shift Register Board** 

Two ACP3 shift register board variants are planned:

- ACP3-X-SRB10-PCB ten-pin "side" panel variant
- ACP3-X-SRB20-PCB twenty-pin "center" panel variant

## 4.3 Complete Control Panel Kit (Level III) Parts

| control panel            | assembly   | PCB#               | Faceplate    | Sticker     |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| general panel controller | ACP3-X-CTL | ACP3-X-CTL-PCB     | ACP3-CTL-ENC | -           |
| DMX through controller   | ACP3-X-    | ACP3-X-CTL(DMX-T)- | ACP3-CTL-ENC | -           |
|                          | CTL(T)     | PCB                |              |             |
| helm center panel        | ACP3-H-PRI | ACP3-H-PR1-PCB     | ACP3-H-PRI-  | ACP3-H-PRI- |
|                          |            | ACP3-H-PR2-PCB     | FCP          | STK         |
|                          |            | ACP3-H-PR3-PCB     |              |             |
|                          |            | ACP3-H-SLD-PCB     |              |             |
|                          |            | ACP3-X-JOY-PCB     |              |             |
| SRS side panel           | ACP3-X-SRS | ACP3-X-SRS-PCB     | ACP3-X-SRS-  | ACP3-X-SRS- |
|                          |            |                    | FCP          | STK         |
| nav side panel           | ACP3-X-    | ACP3-X-NAV-PCB     | ACP3-X-NAV-  | ACP3-X-NAV- |
|                          | NAV        |                    | FCP          | STK         |
| status side panel        | ACP3-X-STA | ACP3-X-STA-PCB     | ACP3-X-STA-  | ACP3-X-STA- |
|                          |            |                    | FCP          | STK         |

| control panel              | assembly   | PCB#           | Faceplate   | Sticker     |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            |            |                |             | ACP3-X-STA- |
|                            |            |                |             | STK2        |
| weapons center panel       | ACP3-W-PRI | ACP3-W-PR1-PCB | ACP3-W-PRI- | ACP3-W-PRI- |
|                            |            | ACP3-W-PR2-PCB | FCP         | STK         |
|                            |            | ACP3-W-PR3-PCB |             |             |
|                            |            | ACP3-X-JOY-PCB |             |             |
| engineering center panel   | ACP3-E-PRI | ACP3-E-SLD-PCB | ACP3-E-PRI- | ACP3-E-PRI- |
|                            |            | ACP3-E-BTN-PCB | FCP         | STK         |
| engineering preset side    | ACP3-E-KEY | ACP3-E-KEY-PCB | ACP3-E-KEY- | ACP3-E-KEY- |
| panel                      |            |                | FCP         | STK         |
| science center panel       | ACP3-S-PRI | ACP3-S-PR1-PCB | ACP3-S-PRI- | ACP3-S-PRI- |
|                            |            | ACP3-S-PR2-PCB | FCP         | STK         |
|                            |            | ACP3-S-PR3-PCB |             |             |
|                            |            | ACP3-X-JOY-PCB |             |             |
| science interconnect panel | ACP3-S-INT | ACP3-S-INT     | ACP3-S-INT  | ACP3-S-INT  |
| communications panel       | ACP3-C-PRI | ACP3-C-PR1-PCB | ACP3-C-PRI- | ACP3-C-PRI- |
|                            |            | ACP3-C-PR2-PCB | FCP         | STK         |
|                            |            | ACP3-C-PR3-PCB |             |             |
|                            |            | ACP3-X-JOY-PCB |             |             |
| communications computer    | ACP3-C-    | ACP3-X-NAV-PCB | ACP3-C-CMP- | ACP3-C-CMP- |
| panel                      | CMP        |                | FCP         | STK         |
| bridge control panel       | ACP3-C-BRG | ACP3-C-BRG-PCB | ACP3-C-BRG- | ACP3-C-BRG- |
|                            |            |                | FCP         | STK         |

# 5.0 Data Tables

## 5.I ACP3 Control Panel Pinouts

| panel        |                           |              | Teensy-LC pin# |              |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| connector    |                           | connector J0 | connector J1   | connector J2 |
| pin position | function                  | right panel  | left panel     | center panel |
| 1            | ground                    | GND          | GND            | GND          |
| 2            | 5V                        | 5V           | 5V             | 5V           |
| 3            | 3V                        | VCC          | VCC            | VCC          |
| 4            | Serial clock (SRCLK)      | 2            | 2              | 2            |
| 5            | register clock (RCLK)     | 3            | 3              | 3            |
| 6            | output enable (OE)        | 4            | 4              | 4            |
| 7            | serial data (SER)         | 5            | 24             | 8            |
| 8            | digital input 1           | 6            | 25             | 10           |
| 9            | digital input 2           | 7            | 26             | 11           |
| 10           | alternate input           | 22           | 23             | 12           |
| 11           | analog/alternate input 1  |              |                | 14           |
| 12           | analog/alternate input 2  |              |                | 15           |
| 13           | analog/alternate input 3  |              |                | 16           |
| 14           | analog/alternate input 4  |              |                | 17           |
| 15           | analog/alternate input 5  |              |                | 18           |
| 16           | analog/alternate input 6  |              |                | 19           |
| 17           | analog/alternate input 7  |              |                | 20           |
| 18           | analog/alternate input 8  |              |                | 21           |
| 19           | analog/alternate input 9  |              |                | 22           |
| 20           | analog/alternate input 10 |              |                | 23           |

# 5.2 RS485 Ethernet Cable Pinouts

|              | wire    |               |
|--------------|---------|---------------|
| pin position | color   | function      |
| 1            | orange' | data A        |
| 2            | orange  | data B        |
| 3            | green'  |               |
| 4            | blue    | 5V (optional) |
| 5            | blue'   | 5V (optional) |
| 6            | green   |               |
| 7            | brown'  | GND           |
| 8            | brown   | GND           |

### 5.3 DMX Ethernet Cable Pinouts

|              | wire    |          |
|--------------|---------|----------|
| pin position | color   | function |
| 1            | orange' | data D+  |
| 2            | orange  | data D-  |
| 3            | green'  |          |
| 4            | blue    |          |
| 5            | blue'   |          |
| 6            | green   |          |
| 7            | brown'  | GND      |
| 8            | brown   | GND      |

#### 5.4 Internal command codes

Button presses and other hardware inputs trigger commands in a queued/timer arrangement in the code. The queue is an array of numbers with each command represented by a code number as follows:

| command # | console | command  | key   |
|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| 10        | Helm    | zoom -   | Υ     |
| 10        | weapons | console- | Υ     |
| 11        | Helm    | zoom +   | Т     |
| 11        | weapons | console+ | Т     |
| 12        | Helm    | view f   | F2    |
| 12        | weapons | view f   | F2    |
| 13        | Helm    | view It  | F3    |
| 13        | weapons | view It  | F3    |
| 14        | Helm    | view rt  | F4    |
| 14        | weapons | view rt  | F4    |
| 15        | Helm    | view aft | F5    |
| 15        | weapons | view aft | F5    |
| 16        | Helm    | tac      | F6    |
| 16        | weapons | tac      | F6    |
| 17        | Helm    | Irs      | F7    |
| 17        | weapons | Irs      | F7    |
| 18        | Helm    | info     | F8    |
| 18        | weapons | info     | F8    |
| 19        | Helm    | view cam | click |
| 19        | weapons | view cam | click |
| 20        | Helm    | shd up   | K     |
| 20        | weapons | shd up   | K     |
| 21        | Helm    | shd dn   | L     |
| 21        | weapons | shd dn   | L     |

| command # | console | command     | key     |  |
|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|--|
| 22        | Helm    | req dock    | R       |  |
| 23        | Helm    | pitch up    | INSERT  |  |
| 24        | Helm    | pitch dn    | DELETE  |  |
| 25        | Helm    | init jump   | click   |  |
| 26        | Helm    | confirm     | click   |  |
| 27        | Helm    | cancel      | click   |  |
| 28        | Helm    | e jump f    | click   |  |
| 29        | Helm    | e jump r    | click   |  |
| 31        | weapons | homing      | 1       |  |
| 32        | weapons | nuke        | 2       |  |
| 33        | weapons | mine        | 3       |  |
| 34        | weapons | EMP         | 4       |  |
| 35        | weapons | pshock      | 5       |  |
| 36        | weapons | beacon      | 6       |  |
| 37        | weapons | tag         | 7       |  |
| 38        | weapons | probe       | 8       |  |
| 39        | weapons | E-torp      | SHIFT I |  |
| 40        | weapons | torp-E      | SHIFT U |  |
| 41        | weapons | fire 1      | SHIFT 1 |  |
| 42        | weapons | fire 2      | SHIFT 2 |  |
| 43        | weapons | fire 3      | SHIFT 3 |  |
| 44        | weapons | fire 4      | SHIFT 4 |  |
| 45        | weapons | load 1      | click   |  |
| 46        | weapons | unload 1    | click   |  |
| 47        | weapons | load 2      | click   |  |
| 48        | weapons | unload 2    | click   |  |
| 49        | weapons | load 3      | click   |  |
| 50        | weapons | unload 3    | click   |  |
| 51        | weapons | load 4      | click   |  |
| 52        | weapons | unload 4    | click   |  |
| 53        | weapons | auto b      | В       |  |
| 54        | weapons | freq lt     | LEFT    |  |
| 55        | weapons | freq rt     | RIGHT   |  |
| 56        | weapons | select      | CLICK   |  |
| 56        | science | select      | CLICK   |  |
| 56        | comms   | select      | CLICK   |  |
| 57        | weapons | load enable | *       |  |
| 58        | weapons | fire enable | *       |  |
| 59        | weapons | abs pos     | *       |  |
| 60        | science | zoom +      | UP      |  |
| 61        | science | zoom -      | DOWN    |  |

| command # | console     | command   | key        |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 62        | science     | scan      | ENTER      |
| 63        | science     | nearest   | Υ          |
| 64        | science     | next      | U          |
| 65        | science     | prev      | 1          |
| 70, 80    | engineering | 0         | 0, SHIFT 0 |
| 71, 81    | engineering | 1         | 1, SHIFT 1 |
| 72, 82    | engineering | 2         | 2, SHIFT 2 |
| 73, 83    | engineering | 3         | 3, SHIFT 3 |
| 74, 84    | engineering | 4         | 4, SHIFT 4 |
| 75, 85    | engineering | 5         | 5, SHIFT 5 |
| 76, 86    | engineering | 6         | 6, SHIFT 6 |
| 77, 87    | engineering | 7         | 7, SHIFT 7 |
| 78, 88    | engineering | 8         | 8, SHIFT 8 |
| 79, 89    | engineering | 9         | 9, SHIFT 9 |
| 90        | engineering | reset p   | SPACE      |
| 91        | engineering | reset c   | ENTER      |
| 92        | engineering | cool up 1 | click      |
| 93        | engineering | cool up 2 | click      |
| 94        | engineering | cool up 3 | click      |
| 95        | engineering | cool up 4 | click      |
| 96        | engineering | cool up 5 | click      |
| 97        | engineering | cool up 6 | click      |
| 98        | engineering | cool up 7 | click      |
| 99        | engineering | cool up 8 | click      |
| 100       | engineering | cool dn 1 | click      |
| 101       | engineering | cool dn 2 | click      |
| 101       | comms       | 1         | CNTRL 1    |
| 102       | engineering | cool dn 3 | click      |
| 102       | comms       | 2         | CNTRL 2    |
| 103       | engineering | cool dn 4 | click      |
| 103       | comms       | 3         | CNTRL 3    |
| 104       | engineering | cool dn 5 | click      |
| 104       | comms       | 4         | CNTRL 4    |
| 105       | engineering | cool dn 6 | click      |
| 105       | comms       | 5         | CNTRL 5    |
| 106       | engineering | cool dn 7 | click      |
| 106       | comms       | 6         | CNTRL 6    |
| 107       | engineering | cool dn 8 | click      |
| 107       | comms       | 7         | CNTRL 7    |
| 108       | comms       | 8         | CNTRL 8    |
| 109       | comms       | 9         | CNTRL 9    |

| command # | console | command    | key     |
|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| 110       | comms   | 0          | CNTRL 0 |
| 111       | comms   | red alert  | CNTRL R |
| 120       | Helm    | i adjust   | *       |
| 121       | Helm    | w mode     | *       |
| 122       | Helm    | w adjust   | *       |
| 123       | Helm    | m adjust   | *       |
| 124       | Helm    | j course   | *       |
| 125       | Helm    | m course   | *       |
| 126       | weapons | mode       | *       |
| 127       | weapons | autoload   | *       |
| 128       | weapons | tp adjust  | *       |
| 129       | weapons | bp adjust  | *       |
| 130       | weapons | sc enable  | *       |
| 131       | science | map mode   | *       |
| 132       | science | up         | *       |
| 133       | science | left       | *       |
| 134       | science | right      | *       |
| 135       | science | down       | *       |
| 136       | science | pwr adj    | *       |
| 137       | science | auto start | *       |
| 138       | science | auto stop  | *       |
| 140       | Helm    | 0          | *       |
| 140       | science | 0          | *       |
| 141       | Helm    | 1          | *       |
| 141       | science | 1          | *       |
| 142       | Helm    | 2          | *       |
| 142       | science | 2          | *       |
| 143       | Helm    | 3          | *       |
| 143       | science | 3          | *       |
| 144       | Helm    | 4          | *       |
| 144       | science | 4          | *       |
| 145       | Helm    | 5          | *       |
| 145       | science | 5          | *       |
| 146       | Helm    | 6          | *       |
| 146       | science | 6          | *       |
| 147       | Helm    | 7          | *       |
| 147       | science | 7          | *       |
| 148       | Helm    | 8          | *       |
| 148       | science | 8          | *       |
| 149       | Helm    | 9          | *       |
| 149       | science | 9          | *       |

| command # | console     | command | key |
|-----------|-------------|---------|-----|
| 150       | Helm        | prog    | *   |
| 150       | science     | prog    | *   |
| 151       | Helm        | hdg     | *   |
| 151       | science     | hdg     | *   |
| 152       | Helm        | dist    | *   |
| 152       | science     | dist    | *   |
| 153       | Helm        | enter   | *   |
| 153       | science     | enter   | *   |
| 160       | engineering | str/rcl | *   |

note: \* indicates that this command accesses higher-level functions within the control program

#### 5.5 ACP3 Communication

| byte | name  | purpose  |
|------|-------|--|
| 1    | start | lets the receiver know that a new packet has begun (255)             |
| 2    | type  | type of data in packet   |
| 3    | data  | up to 8 bytes of data to communicate status, ends on next start byte |
| 4    | data  |  |
| 5    | data  |  |
| 6    | data  |  |
| 7    | data  |  |
| 8    | data  |  |
| 9    | data  |  |
| 10   | data  |  |

| name                         | purpose   | type code | data    |
|------------------------------|---|-----------|---------|
| Administration               |   |           |         |
| poll controllers             | request controllers to check in                 | 210       | console |
| request data                 | request controllers to report their data        | 220       | console |
| check in                     | respond to poll request                         | 212       | console |
| pass token to master control | reliquish transmission rights to master control | 215       |         |
|                              |   |           |         |
| Top-Down Game State          |   |           |         |
| Red Alert                    | DMX state pass-through from Artemis             | 101       | 3       |
| Shields on                   | DMX state pass-through from Artemis             | 101       | 7       |
| Within Nebula                | DMX state pass-through from Artemis             | 101       | 15      |
| Tractored for Dock           | DMX state pass-through from Artemis             | 101       | 17      |
| Docked                       | DMX state pass-through from Artemis             | 101       | 18      |
| Helm in Reverse              | DMX state pass-through from Artemis             | 101       | 19      |
| ship damage 20               | DMX state pass-through from Artemis             | 101       | 32      |

| name                      | purpose                             | type code | data |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------|
| ship damage 40            | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 33   |
| ship damage 60            | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 34   |
| energy 20                 | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 40   |
| energy 40                 | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 41   |
| energy 60                 | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 42   |
| energy 80                 | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 43   |
| energy 100                | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 44   |
| any tube ready to fire    | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 56   |
| any tube empty            | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 57   |
| nuke ready to fire        | DMX state pass-through from Artemis | 101       | 66   |
|                           |                                     |           |      |
| Top-Down Game Events      |                                     |           |      |
| front shield low          | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 8    |
| rear shield low           | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 9    |
| jump initiated            | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 10   |
| jump executed             | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 11   |
| jump fizzled              | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 12   |
| damcon casualty           | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 37   |
| just killed damcon member | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 38   |
| energy low                | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 39   |
| unloading tube            | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 46   |
| loading tube              | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 51   |
| finished loading tube 1   | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 58   |
| finished loading tube 2   | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 59   |
| finished loading tube 3   | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 60   |
| finished loading tube 4   | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 61   |
| finished unloading tube 1 | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 62   |
| finished unloading tube 2 | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 63   |
| finished unloading tube 3 | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 64   |
| finished unloading tube 4 | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 65   |
| homing torp fired         | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 67   |
| nuke fired                | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 68   |
| mine fired                | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 69   |
| emp fired                 | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 70   |
| pshock fired              | DMX event pass-through from Artemis | 102       | 71   |
| Interpreted Game States   |                                     |           |      |
| front shield low          | flagged until logic releases state  | 103       | 8    |
| rear shield low           | flagged until logic releases state  | 103       | 9    |
| energy low                | flagged until logic releases state  | 103       | 39   |

| name                    | purpose                                       | type code | data     |
|-------------------------|---|-----------|----------|
| Interpreted Game Events |   |           |          |
| minor front shield hit  | context-specific event                        | 104       | 30       |
| major front shield hit  | context specific event                        | 104       | 30       |
| minor rear shield hit   | context specific event                        | 104       | 31       |
| major rear shield hit   | context specific event                        | 104       | 31       |
| minor internal hit      | context specific event                        | 104       | 28       |
| major internal hit      | context specific event                        | 104       | 28       |
| Thajor internal file    | context specific event                        | 104       | 20       |
| Console Commands        |   |           |          |
| All                     | send control code to panels (see table)       | 110       | console  |
| move mouse              | allows click and drag operations              | 110       | console  |
| mouse button down       | allows click and drag operations              | 110       | console  |
| mouse button up         | allows click and drag operations              | 110       | console  |
| reverse on              | internal command at Helm to reverse impulse   | 110       | console  |
| reverse off             | internal command at Helm to reverse impulse   | 110       | console  |
| clear slider change cmd | releases the mouse for the next slider change | 110       | console  |
| mouse relative move     | moves the mouse pointer a small amount        | 110       | console  |
| clear mouse pointer cmd | releases the mouse for the next pointer move  | 110       | console  |
| mouse frame delay       | do nothing for one command frame              | 110       | console  |
| type number             | input jump coords                             | 110       | console  |
| backspace key           | input jump coords                             | 110       | console  |
|                         |   |           |          |
| Console Data            |   |           |          |
| Engineering             | nower levels                                  | 120       | beam     |
| Helm                    | power_levels                                  | 120       | 0-4      |
| Helm                    | warp_state impulse state                      | 121       | 0-100    |
| Helm/Science            | course array                                  | 123       | course   |
| Helm/Science            | active_course                                 | 123       | course   |
| Helm                    | jump_state                                    | 125       | 0-3      |
| Weapons                 | tube_state                                    | 126       | tube     |
| Weapons                 | autoload_on                                   | 127       | 0-1      |
| Weapons                 | autoloau_on<br>autofire_on                    | 127       | 0-1      |
| Weap/Sci                | science_control_on                            | 129       | 0-1      |
| Weap/Sci                | beam_freq                                     | 130       | 1-5      |
| Science                 | scan_counter                                  | 131       | 0-6      |
| Science                 | autoscan_state                                | 132       | 0-0      |
| All                     | system active                                 | 133       | system # |
| All                     | System active                                 | 133       | System + |

| name                    | purpose      | type code | data       |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Console Requests</b> |              |           |            |
| All                     | adjust_power | 150       | system 1-8 |

| Console code number | Console Name       |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 10                  | Helm               |
| 20                  | Weapons            |
| 30                  | Science            |
| 40                  | Engineering        |
| 50                  | Communications     |
| 100                 | status1 (reserved) |
| 110                 | status2 (reserved) |
| 120                 | lights (reserved)  |

# 5.6 DMX Script Channels

The following table shows the SMX channels assigned to each in-game cue by the recommended "DMXcommands.xml" script.

| Group   | Cue                    | Channel | continuous? | notes |
|---------|------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| General | NORMAL_CONDITION_1     | 0       | yes         |       |
|         | GAME_OVER              | 1       | yes         |       |
|         | WAR_TURN_WARNING       | 2       |             |       |
|         | RED_ALERT              | 3       | yes         |       |
|         | ITEM_COLLECTED         | 4       |             |       |
|         |                        |         |             |       |
| Shields | PLAYER_SHIELDS_RAISED  | 5       |             |       |
|         | PLAYER_SHIELDS_LOWERED | 6       |             |       |
|         | PLAYER_SHIELDS_ON      | 7       | yes         |       |
|         | FRONT_SHIELD_LOW       | 8       | no          |       |
|         | REAR_SHIELD_LOW        | 9       | no          |       |
|         |                        |         |             |       |
| Helm    | JUMP_INITIATED         | 10      | no          |       |
|         | JUMP_EXECUTED          | 11      | no          |       |
|         | JUMP_FIZZLED           | 12      | no          |       |
|         | ENTERING_NEBULA        | 13      |             |       |
|         | EXITING NEBULA         | 14      |             |       |

| Group    | Cue                              | Channel | continuous? | notes         |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| ,<br>    | WITHIN NEBULA                    | 15      | yes         |               |
|          | START DOCKING                    | 16      |             |               |
|          | TRACTORED FOR DOCKED             | 17      | yes         |               |
|          | COMPLETELY_DOCKED                | 18      | yes         |               |
|          | HELM IN REVERSE                  | 19      | yes         |               |
|          |                                  |         |             |               |
| Damage   | SOMETHING_HITS_PLAYER            | 20      | no          |               |
|          | NPC_BEAM_HITS_PLAYER             | 21      | no          |               |
|          | PLAYER_BEAM_HITS_PLAYER          | 22      | no          |               |
|          | TORPEDO_HITS_PLAYER              | 23      | no          |               |
|          | MINE_HITS_PLAYER                 | 24      | no          |               |
|          | LIGHTNING_HITS_PLAYER            | 25      | no          |               |
|          | COLLISION_HITS_PLAYER            | 26      | no          |               |
|          | DRONE_HITS_PLAYER                | 27      | no          |               |
|          | PLAYER_TAKES_INTERNAL_DAMAGE     | 28      | no          |               |
|          | PLAYER_TAKES_SHIELD_DAMAGE       | 29      | no          |               |
|          | PLAYER_TAKES_FRONT_SHIELD_DAMAGE | 30      | no          |               |
|          | PLAYER_TAKES_REAR_SHIELD_DAMAGE  | 31      | no          |               |
|          | SHIP_DAMAGE_20                   | 32      | yes         |               |
|          | SHIP_DAMAGE_40                   | 33      | yes         |               |
|          | SHIP_DAMAGE_60                   | 34      | yes         |               |
|          | PLAYER_DESTROYED                 | 35      | no          |               |
|          | SELF_DESTRUCTED                  | 36      | no          |               |
|          | DAMCON_CASUALTY                  | 37      | no          |               |
|          | JUST_KILLED_DAMCON_MEMBER        | 38      | no          |               |
|          |                                  |         |             |               |
| Energy   | ENERGY_LOW                       | 39      | no          |               |
|          | ENERGY_20                        | 40      | yes         |               |
|          | ENERGY_40                        | 41      | yes         |               |
|          | ENERGY_60                        | 42      | yes         |               |
|          | ENERGY_80                        | 43      | yes         |               |
|          | ENERGY_100                       | 44      | yes         |               |
|          | ENERGY_200                       | 45      |             |               |
|          |                                  |         |             |               |
| Torpedos | UNLOADING_TUBE                   | 46      | no          |               |
|          | UNLOADING_TUBE1                  | 47      | no          | does not work |
|          | UNLOADING_TUBE2                  | 48      | no          | does not work |
|          | UNLOADING_TUBE3                  | 49      | no          | does not work |
|          | UNLOADING_TUBE4                  | 50      | no          | does not work |
|          | LOADING_TUBE                     | 51      | no          |               |
|          | LOADING_TUBE1                    | 52      | no          | does not work |
|          | LOADING_TUBE2                    | 53      | no          | does not work |

| Group | Cue                      | Channel | continuous? | notes         |
|-------|--------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
|       | LOADING_TUBE3            | 54      | no          | does not work |
|       | LOADING_TUBE4            | 55      | no          | does not work |
|       | ANY_TUBE_READY_TO_FIRE   | 56      | yes         |               |
|       | ANY_TUBE_EMPTY           | 57      | yes         |               |
|       | FINISHED_LOADING_TUBE1   | 58      | no          |               |
|       | FINISHED_LOADING_TUBE2   | 59      | no          |               |
|       | FINISHED_LOADING_TUBE3   | 60      | no          |               |
|       | FINISHED_LOADING_TUBE4   | 61      | no          |               |
|       | FINISHED_UNLOADING_TUBE1 | 62      | no          |               |
|       | FINISHED_UNLOADING_TUBE2 | 63      | no          |               |
|       | FINISHED_UNLOADING_TUBE3 | 64      | no          |               |
|       | FINISHED_UNLOADING_TUBE4 | 65      | no          |               |
|       | NUKE_READY_TO_FIRE       | 66      | yes         |               |
|       | TORP_HOMING_FIRED        | 67      | no          |               |
|       | TORP_NUKE_FIRED          | 68      | no          |               |
|       | TORP_MINE_FIRED          | 69      | no          |               |
|       | TORP_EMP_FIRED           | 70      | no          |               |
|       | TORP_PSHOCK_FIRED        | 71      | no          |               |

# 5.7 Master Control Game State Array

(New for 201910 code update)

# 6.0 Updating Software

The ACP3 controller uses a programmable Teensy-LC microcontroller development board to accomplish most functions. To update the ACP3 software on the Teensy-LC, a micro-B USB cable connection to a PC running Arduino and Teensyduino is needed.

Arduino software: <a href="https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software">https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software</a>

Teensyduino software: <a href="https://www.pjrc.com/teensy/td">https://www.pjrc.com/teensy/td</a> download.html

Install the above software following the instructions provided in the links. Once installed, the Arduino sketches (code) for various pre-designed control panels can be opened. These sketches are available here:

https://github.com/angelofrust/ACP3

Before compiling and uploading the sketch, make sure the following settings are selected in the Arduino software:

Tools > Board: "Teensy-LC"

Tools > USB Type: "Serial + Keyboard + Mouse + Joystick"

Once the sketch is loaded and the above settings are made, click Sketch > Upload to compile and upload to the controller. It is recommended to unplug the ribbon cable from the controller during this step because the engineering control program will make multiple click-and-drag mouse movements on the screen when booting with the control panel attached. These movements can make unexpected changes to the Arduino sketch on screen.

# 7.0 Troubleshooting

| Problem                 | Potential Cause                    | Solution                              |  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| no lights or controls   | not plugged in to active           | make sure the ribbon cable is plugged |  |
| (power light is off)    | controller                         | into an ACP3 controller that is       |  |
|                         |                                    | powered by a micro-B USB cable from   |  |
|                         |                                    | a PC.                                 |  |
| no communication        | Ethernet cables not connected      | connect Ethernet cables according to  |  |
| between controllers (no | (or loose) to RS485 jacks in daisy | recommended configuration             |  |
| blinking RS485 light)   | chain                              |                                       |  |
| no communication        | No master controller on bus        | make sure exactly one controller is   |  |
| between controllers (no |                                    | loaded with a master controller       |  |
| blinking RS485 light)   |                                    | version of the ACP3 software          |  |
| no DMX signal from      | FTDI drivers on PC not installed   | download and install FTDI drivers for |  |
| Artemis SBS host (no    |                                    | PC                                    |  |
| blinking DMX light)     |                                    |                                       |  |
| no DMX signal from      | USB cable from "viewscreen"        | connect USB B cable to Artemis SBS    |  |
| Artemis SBS host (no    | position (USB B) not connected     | host PC                               |  |
| blinking DMX light)     | to host                            |                                       |  |
| no DMX signal from      | Artemis SBS host did not initiate  | exit and restart Artemis SBS host     |  |
| Artemis SBS host (no    | DMX stream correctly               |                                       |  |
| blinking DMX light)     |                                    |                                       |  |

