HDOS/NET Reference Manual

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Introduction

This document describes details of an implementation of Networking on HDOS.

TODO: Add network printer support.

Commands

NETSTAT

Display status of network and mappings.

NETWORK

Change network mappings.

NETDIR

List files on a networked device.

NETDEL

Delete files on a networked device.

NETREN

Rename a file on a networked device.

Device Driver

The device driver, "NW", uses the HDOS "non-directory" device flag to achieve a partial file-oriented interface. HDOS does not fully support all features desired for networked files and devices, so the "Device Specific Functions" interface is also used for additional features. The basic driver will intercept .OPEN, .CLOSE, .READ, and .WRITE system calls on networked files. This does not include .POSIT, .DELET, .RENAM, .CHFLG, or .LINK. Additional festures are added by special programs.

The driver keeps a Network Configuration Table, similar to CP/NET except that it only maps 8 units (drives) and each unit's entry is 4 bytes long. These mappings may be displayed using the NETSTAT.ABS utility and altered using NETWORK.ABS. The first byte of each entry is the remote server node ID, or 0ffh is it is not mapped. The next three bytes contain the device name and unit (in ASCII) on the remote server.

Device Specific Functions

The following functions are added by calling the device driver entry with A=DC.DSF and C having the function number. Generally, this function number is the same as the corresponding HDOS system call. There are also some new functions added to support getting a directory listing.

C=.CHFLG D=bits E=mask HL={def-blk, file-string}

Change the flags on the file. Not all flags are supported on the server. Write protect should always work. SYS may not if the server does not support additional permissions on files. {def-blk, file-string} is an area that contains two addresses, first is the default block and second is the file string.

C=.POSIT B=channel DE=sector

Set the file pointer to *sector*. The channel must be for an open, networked file.

C=.**RENAM** DE=def-blk HL={old-file-string, new-file-string}

Rename the file. .DECODE will be applied to both *old-file-string* and *new-file-string* and must describe a network device unit.

C=.**DELET** HL=file-spec

Delete file(s). *file-spec* is similar to the results of the .DECODE system call, without the reserved fields, except that it may contain wildcards ('*' must be expanded to '?').

C=.LINK DE=def-blk HL=file-string

This function is not implemented. It remains to be seen if it can be. On the network side, this consists of .OPENR, .READ, and .CLOSE. HDOS has other requirements for loading and starting a program which may not be accessible/adaptable.

C=.**SERF (11H)** DE=buffer HL=file-spec

Search First. CY is set for errors, with A containing the error code (including EC.EOF). On success, *buffer* will be filled with a 23-byte directory entry. This entry will differ from a local HDOS directory entry in that the DIR.FGN and DIR.LGN bytes will contain the size of the file in 256-byte sectors, little-endian (16-bit value). *file-spec* is as specified for .DELET.

C=.**SERN (12H)** DE=buffer

Search Next. Same results as for Search First.

C=.NTCFG (45H)

Get Network Configuration Table. Returns HL=address of table.

Network Messages

The network message format is similar to the CP/NET message format, except the format byte 10H is used for requests and 11H for responses. The general message format is:

FMT DII	SID	FNC	SIZ	payload
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Where FMT is the message format as specified by CP/NET, using 10H and 11H for HDOS. DID and SID are the destination and source node IDs, respectively. The response swaps the node IDs compared to the request. FNC is the function to be performed. SIZ is the size of the payload, minus 1. Payload is always at least one byte.

.READ

10H DID SID 04H 00H CHA

11H	DID	SID	04H	00H	EC	
11H	DID	SID	04H	FFH	256-bytes	

.WRITE

10H	DID	SID	8xH	FFH	256-bytes
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11H DIE	SID	8xH	00H	EC
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8xH: Channel number with high bit set

.OPENR, .OPENW, .OPENU

10)H	DID	SID	FNC	0EH	CHA	file-spec
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11H DID SID FNC 00H E	11H	DID	SID	FNC	00H	EC
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.CLOSE

10H	DID	SID	26H	00H	СНА
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11H DID SID 26H 00H EC		11	Н	DID	SID	26H	00H	EC
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.POSIT

10H	DID SID	OID SID 27H 02H	H CHA	sector
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.DELET

10	Н	DID	SID	28H	0DH	file-spec
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.RENAM

10H	DID	SID	29H	1BH	old-file-spec	new-file-spec
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11H DID	SID 29H	00H	EC
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.CHFLG

10H DID SID 30H 0FH mask bits fi

11H DID	SID	30H	00H	EC
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.SERF

10H	DID	SID	11H	0EH	vers	file-spec
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11H	DID	SID	11H	00H	EC	
11H	DID	SID	11H	16H	dir-€	entry

.SERN

10H DID SID	12H 00H	
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11H	DID	SID	12H	00H	EC	
11H	DID	SID	12H	16H	dir-e	entry