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**IRD Commands Specification**  
for new IPPV capable Set-Top Boxes

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This document defines the general format of an IRD command as well as generic NagraVision commands, such as "Reset PIN Code" or "Force Tune". It also defines the rules for defining manufacturer's or operator's specific commands.

## 1.2 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

Acronym Abbreviation	Definition
CA	Conditional Access
CAK	Conditional Access Kernel
CRL	Certificate Revocation List
DVB	Digital Video Broadcasting
IRD	Integrated Receiver Decoder
MKY	MovieKey
NVM	Non-volatile memory
STB	Set-Top Box

**Table 1 - Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations**

## 1.3 Notational Conventions

All source code occurrences appear in `courier` writing style

## 1.4 References

- [1] Force Identification, Implementation Guidelines V1.0.0
- [2] IRD Master/Slave, Solution Overview, Issue 1.0.0
- [3] IRD Master/Slave, Implementation Guideline, Issue 0.0.3
- [4] ANSI/STCE 41 2003, POD Copy Protection System
- [5] NagraVision, Data Item Loader, Application Programming Interface, V 1.0.4 or higher.

## 1.5 Trademarks

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## 1.6 Overview

IRD commands allow the head-end to send messages to the set-top box in a secured way. IRD commands are carried by EMMs. They can benefit from EMM addressing mode. It means that a message can be addressed either to one single set-top box or to all set-top boxes.

The CA Kernel embedded in the set-top box is not dependent at all on IRD commands. It gets the command from the smartcard and forwards it to the set-top box application without additional processing. The set-top box application is completely responsible for IRD command management. Periodicity of commands (coming from the fact that commands are carried by EMMs) has to be managed by the set-top box application by means of the sequence number. If a command has to be split in several commands due to the EMM length limitation<sup>1</sup>, it is also the responsibility of the set-top box application to re-build the original command.

NagraVision has defined a set of generic commands. The table below gives a synopsis of these commands along with the associated command identifier. Refer to §3 for a detailed description.

Name	command_id	operation
Reserved	0x12	0x01
Mail	0xC0	0x01
Force Tune	0xC1	0x01
Reserved	0xC2	0x01
Reserved	0xC4	0x01
Reserved	0xC5	0x01
Set Network ID	0xC6	0x01
Master/Slave Initialization	0xC7	0x01
Master/Slave Cancellation	0xC7	0x02
Master/Slave Single Shot	0xC7	0x03
Reserved	0xC7	0x04
Set PIN Code	0xC8	0x01..0xFF
Reserved	0xC9	0x01
Reserved	0xCA	0x00, 0x01
Reserved	0xCB	0x00
Reserved	0xCB	0x01
Reserved	0xCB	0x02
Reserved	0xCB	0x03
Reserved	0xCC	0x01
Reserved	0xCD	0x01
Reserved	0xCF	0x00..0x01
Reserved	0xD0	0x00
Reserved	0xD1	0x00
Reserved	0xD1	0x01

<sup>1</sup> The maximum size of the `command_body` that can be carried by one IRD-CMD is 75 Bytes for DNASP-3 and 61 Bytes for DNASP-2 (the complete IRD buffer returned by the ICC includes 3 more Bytes, the `EMM_command`, the length and the checksum).

Name	command_id	operation
Reserved	0xD1	0x02
Reserved	0xD1	0x03
Reserved	0xD1	0x04
Reserved	0xD2	0x00
Reserved	0xD3	0x00
Reserved	0xD4	0x00

**Table 2 - Commands Summary**

All commands required by a manufacturer or an operator that does not belong to this list may result in a specific command. Refer to §4 for a description of the procedure allowing the definition of a specific command.



## 2 IRD Command Format

### Description

Defines the general format of an IRD command.

### Format

IRD_command() {			
EMM_command	8	uimbsf	0x64
length	8	uimbsf	7+N, max=71 for Aladin, max=55 for DNASP2
command_body() {			
sequence_number	32	uimbsf	
command_id	8	uimbsf	
operation	8	uimbsf	
for(i=0; i<N; i++){			N <sub>max</sub> =64 for Aladin, N <sub>max</sub> =48 for DNASP2
data	8	bslbf	
checksum	8	bslbf	
}			
}			

### Parameters

sequence\_number

value incremented whenever a command is generated by the head-end.

Since IRD commands are carried by EMMs, the set-top box application may be notified of the same command several times. It is the responsibility of the set-top box application to process the sequence number in order to avoid a command to be run several times.

To do so the sequence number of the last x commands run by the application may be stored in NVM. The x value depends on the maximum number of different commands that could be broadcast at the same time on the network. It is operator dependent.

command\_id

command identifier.

operation

used in conjunction with the command\_id. The couple (command\_id, operation) uniquely identifies a command.

data

additional data (optional)

checksum

two's complement of the sum of all bytes from the command\_id to the last data byte. The sum of all bytes from the command\_id to the checksum must be equal to 0.

For instance, the checksum of the reset PIN code command here after is equal to `^ED (^12+01+ED=0)`

`^64 07 00000007 12 01 ED`

## 3 Generic IRD Commands

### 3.1 Mail

#### Description

This command provides mail messages to the STB. The management of the messages is the STB responsibility.

#### Format

IRD_command()			
EMM_command	8	uimsbf	0x64
length	8	uimsbf	10+N
command_body()			
sequence_number	32	uimsbf	
command_id	8	uimsbf	0xC0
operation	8	uimsbf	0x01
data{			
mail_id	10	bslbf	Mail message number
total_segment	6	bslbf	Total number of segments
priority	2	bslbf	0 normal priority 1 high priority 2 emergency 3 reserved
segment_number	6	bslbf	
for (i=0; i<N; i++){			
message	8	bslbf	Mail message body
}			
checksum	8	bslbf	
}			

#### Parameters

mail_id	Unique mail number
total_segment	Total number of segments required to carry the whole message. It's a 6-bit variable covering the range [1..63]. Each segment may carry up to 45 bytes.
priority	Influences the STB behavior. For example, normal priority would not affect the display, while emergency mail would be displayed on the screen without manual intervention.
segment_number	Identifies the current segment. The first segment is equal to 0 and the last segment is equal to total_segment-1.

#### Notes

1. If the total length of a mail is larger than 45 bytes, then the message is split in several segments, each having the same mail id and consecutive segment numbers. As there is at the most 63 segments of 45 bytes per message, the maximum length of a message is equal to 2835 bytes.

## 3.2 Force Tune

### Description

This command forces the STB to tune to a service defined by the network\_id/transport\_id/service\_id. If the STB is able to query the access rights needed for the service, then the tuning should occur only if the subscriber has access to the service.

### Format

```
IRD_command(){
  EMM_command          8      uimsbf    0x64
  length                8      uimsbf    13
  command_body(){
    sequence_number     32      uimsbf
    command_id          8      uimsbf    0xC1
    operation            8      uimsbf    0x01
    data{
      network_id        16      uimsbf
      transport_id      16      uimsbf
      service_id        16      uimsbf
    }
    checksum            8      bslbf
  }
}
```

### Parameters

network\_id

corresponds to the network\_id as described in the DVB Network Information Table (NIT).

transport\_id

corresponds to the network\_id as described in the DVB Network Information Table (NIT).

service\_id

corresponds to the service\_id as described in the DVB Service Description Table (SDT). It may also correspond to the program number found in the MPEG Program Map Table (PMT).

### 3.3 Set Network ID

#### Description

This command sets the set-top box network ID to a specific value. This allows the set-top box to retrieve the Network Information Table (NIT) defining the topology of a particular local area. This command can also be used to assign testing network ID to specific set-top boxes.

#### Format

IRD_command()			
EMM_command	8	uimsbf	0x64
length	8	uimsbf	11
command_body()			
sequence_number	32	uimsbf	
command_id	8	uimsbf	0xC6
operation	8	uimsbf	0x01
data{			
network_id	16	uimsbf	Network ID
original_network_id	16	uimsbf	Original network ID
}			
checksum	8	bslbf	
}			

#### Parameters

network_id	Unique identifier indicating the network ID.
original_network_id	Unique identifier indicating the original network ID.

## 3.4 Master/Slave

Refer to document [2] for a Master/Slave feature solution overview and document [3] for implementation guidelines.

### 3.4.1 Continuous Mode Initialization

#### Description

This command is used to set the parameters in order to initialise the Master/Slave continuous mode.

#### Format

IRD_command()			
EMM_command	8	uimbsf	0x64
length	8	uimbsf	14
command_body()			
sequence_number	32	uimbsf	
command_id	8	uimbsf	0xC7
operation	8	uimbsf	0x01
data{			
masterSmartcard	32	uimbsf	
validationPeriod	8	uimbsf	in days
randomPeriod	8	uimbsf	in days
timeout	8	uimbsf	in hours
}			
checksum	8	bslbf	
}			

#### Parameters

masterSmartcard	this is the Smartcard ID of the master Smartcard without checksum.
validationPeriod	this value define the average time, expressed in days, between two validation procedures.
randomPeriod	the next validation procedure will occur in validationPeriod days +/- randomPeriod days. The targeted day will be randomly chosen in this bracket of time.
timeout	the timeout is the period of time during which the customer has to succeed with the validation procedure (insert the master Smartcard in the slave STB). At the end of the timeout period, the STB will stop playing video and/or audio signal.

### 3.4.2 Cancellation

#### Description

This command id used to disable the IRD Master/Slave mode continuous and single shot mode.

#### Format

IRD_command() {			
EMM_command	8	uimsbf	0x64
length	8	uimsbf	7
command_body() {			
sequence_number	32	uimsbf	
command_id	8	uimsbf	0xC7
operation	8	uimsbf	0x02
checksum	8	bslbf	0x37
}			
}			

#### Parameters

None

### 3.4.3 Single Shot

#### Description

This command is used to set the parameters in order to initialise the single shot Master/Slave command. This is not possible to disable this command only; all Master/Slave modes must be disabled in order to cancel it. In other words, it's not possible to cancel a single shot command without cancelling the continuous mode.

#### Format

IRD_command()			
EMM_command	8	uimbsf	0x64
length	8	uimbsf	12
command_body()			
sequence_number	32	uimbsf	
command_id	8	uimbsf	0xC7
operation	8	uimbsf	0x03
data{			
masterSmartcard	32	uimbsf	
timeout	8	uimbsf	in hours
}			
checksum	8	bslbf	
}			

#### Parameters

masterSmartcard

this is the Smartcard ID of the master Smartcard without checksum.

timeout

the timeout is the period of time during which the customer has to succeed with the validation procedure (insert the master Smartcard in the slave STB). At the end of the timeout period, the STB will stop playing video and/or audio signal.

## 3.5 Set PIN Code

### Description

This command allows the head-end to change the set-top box PIN code. The operation field identifies the PIN code that has to be modified in case the set-top box manages several PIN codes.

### Format

```
IRD_command() {  
  EMM_command          8      uimbsf    0x64  
  length                8      uimbsf    8+N  
  command_body() {  
    sequence_number     32      uimbsf  
    command_id          8      uimbsf    0xC8  
    operation           8      uimbsf    0x01..0xFF  
    data {  
      pin_length        8      uimbsf    PIN length  
      for(i=0; i<N; i++){  
        character        8      uimbsf    PIN character  
      }  
    }  
    checksum            8      bslbf  
  }  
}
```

### Parameters

pin\_length

Number of bytes the PIN code is composed of.

character

ASCII code of each character composing the PIN code.

### Example

The following command will change the PIN code number 1 to "1234".

```
IRD_command = `640C00000007C801043132333469`
```

In this example the 4-byte sequence number is equal to `00000007`.



## 4 Specific IRD Commands

For any specific commands required by a manufacturer that doesn't belong to the set of generic commands defined in §3, the procedure here after has to be followed:

- The manufacturer has to issue a formal document specifying the format and the behavior of the specific command. The command must comply with the general format defined in §2, but is restricted to the definition of the *operation* and *data* fields:

```
IRD_command() {  
    EMM_command          8  
    length                8    uimsbf  
    command_body{  
        sequence_number  32    uimsbf  
        command_id       8    uimsbf  
        operation        8    uimsbf  
        for(i=0; i < N; i++){  
            data          8    bslbf  
        }  
        checksum         8    bslbf  
    }  
}
```

- The specification is provided to NagraVision for approval by sending an email to the following address:

[cak@nagra.com](mailto:cak@nagra.com)

- NagraVision evaluates the specification to know whether it is acceptable and assign a value to the *command\_id* field. This allows to guarantee a global consistency all over the networks and allows to avoid conflicts between different commands. NagraVision reserves the right to modify the command and move it in the set of generic commands if its usage suits a wider scope.
- In case the command remains a specific command, the manufacturer updates the specification with the *command\_id* assigned by NagraVision and publishes a new version of the document.
- In case the command becomes a generic command, NagraVision updates the present document with the new command and publishes a new version.

If the request for a specific commands comes from an operator instead of a manufacturer, the procedure here above remains the same, except that the specification is written by the operator. It is then provided to manufacturers providing set-top boxes over the operator network for implementation.

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