



Different ways of handling IRPs - cheat sheet (part 2 of 2)

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INTRODUCTION

Before you examine the scenarios, you must understand the differences between a driver-created synchronous input/output request packet (IRP) and an asynchronous request.

Synchronous (Threaded) IRP

Created by using
`IoBuildSynchronousFsdRequest` or
`IoBuildDeviceControlRequest`.

Thread must wait for the IRP to complete.

Associated with the thread that created it, hence, the name threaded IRPs. Therefore, if the thread exits, the I/O manager cancels the IRP.

Cannot be created in an arbitrary thread context.

The I/O manager does the post completions to free the buffer that is associated with the IRP.

Must be sent at IRQL level equal to

Asynchronous (Non-Threaded) IRP

Created by using
`IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest` or
`IoAllocateIrp`. This is meant for driver to driver communication.

Thread does not have to wait for the IRP to complete.

Not associated with the thread that created it.

Can be created in an arbitrary thread context because the thread does not wait for the IRP to complete.

The I/O manager cannot do the cleanup. The driver must provide a completion routine and free the buffers that are associated with the IRP.

Can be sent at IRQL less than or equal to

PASSIVE_LEVEL.

DISPATCH_LEVEL if the Dispatch routine of the target driver can handle the request at DISPATCH_LEVEL.

MORE INFORMATION

Scenario 6: Send a synchronous device-control request (IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL/IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL) by using `IoBuildDeviceControlRequest`

The following code shows how to use the `IoBuildDeviceControlRequest` request to make a synchronous IOCTL request.

```
NTSTATUS  
MakeSynchronousIoctl(  
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT      TopOfDeviceStack,  
    IN ULONG                IoctlControlCode,  
    PVOID                  InputBuffer,  
    ULONG                  InputBufferLength,  
    PVOID                  OutputBuffer,  
    ULONG                  OutputBufferLength  
)  
/*++
```

Arguments:

TopOfDeviceStack-

IoctlControlCode - Value of the IOCTL request

InputBuffer - Buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack

InputBufferLength - Size of buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack

OutputBuffer - Buffer for received data from the TopOfDeviceStack

OutputBufferLength - Size of receive buffer from the TopOfDeviceStack

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Return Value:

```
NT status code

--*/
{

    KEVENT          event;
    PIRP            irp;
    IO_STATUS_BLOCK ioStatus;
    NTSTATUS        status;

    //

    // Creating Device control IRP and send it to the another
    // driver without setting a completion routine.
    //

    KeInitializeEvent(&event, NotificationEvent, FALSE);

    irp = IoBuildDeviceIoControlRequest (
                    IoctlControlCode,
                    TopOfDeviceStack,
                    InputBuffer,
                    InputBufferLength,
                    OutputBuffer,
                    OutputBufferLength,
                    FALSE, // External
                    &event,
                    &ioStatus);

    if (NULL == irp) {
        return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
    }

    status = IoCallDriver(TopOfDeviceStack, irp);

    if (status == STATUS_PENDING) {
        //
        // You must wait here for the IRP to be completed because:
        // 1) The IoBuildDeviceIoControlRequest associates the IRP with
        the
        //      thread and if the thread exits for any reason, it would
        cause the IRP
        //      to be canceled.
        // 2) The Event and IoStatus block memory is from the stack and
        we
        //      cannot go out of scope.
    }
}
```

```

// This event will be signaled by the I/O manager when the
// IRP is completed.
//
status = KeWaitForSingleObject(
    &event,
    Executive, // wait reason
    KernelMode, // To prevent stack from being paged o
ut.
    FALSE,      // You are not alertable
    NULL);     // No time out !!!!

status = ioStatus.Status;
}

return status;
}

```

Scenario 7: Send a synchronous device-control (IOCTL) request and cancel it if not completed in a certain time period

This scenario is similar to the previous scenario except that instead of waiting indefinitely for the request to complete, it waits for some user-specified time and safely cancels the IOCTL request if the wait times out.

```

typedef enum {

    IRPLOCK_CANCELABLE,
    IRPLOCK_CANCEL_STARTED,
    IRPLOCK_CANCEL_COMPLETE,
    IRPLOCK_COMPLETED

} IRPLOCK;
//
// An IRPLOCK allows for safe cancellation. The idea is to protect the
IRP
// while the canceller is calling IoCancelIrp. This is done by wrapping
the
// call in InterlockedExchange(s). The roles are as follows:
//
// Initiator/completion: Cancelable --> IoCallDriver() --> Completed
// Canceller: CancelStarted --> IoCancelIrp() --> CancelCompleted
//
// No cancellation:

```

```

// Cancelable-->Completed
//
// Cancellation, IoCancelIrp returns before completion:
//   Cancelable --> CancelStarted --> CancelCompleted --> Completed
//
// Canceled after completion:
//   Cancelable --> Completed -> CancelStarted
//
// Cancellation, IRP completed during call to IoCancelIrp():
//   Cancelable --> CancelStarted -> Completed --> CancelCompleted
//
// The transition from CancelStarted to Completed tells the completer
// to block
// postprocessing (IRP ownership is transferred to the canceller). Similarly,
// the canceller learns it owns IRP postprocessing (free, completion,
etc)
// during a Completed->CancelCompleted transition.
//

```

NTSTATUS

```

MakeSynchronousIoctlWithTimeOut(
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT      TopOfDeviceStack,
    IN ULONG                IOCTLControlCode,
    PVOID                  InputBuffer,
    ULONG                  InputBufferLength,
    PVOID                  OutputBuffer,
    ULONG                  OutputBufferLength,
    IN ULONG                Milliseconds
)
/*++

```

Arguments:

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| TopOfDeviceStack | - |
| IOCTLControlCode | - Value of the IOCTL request. |
| InputBuffer | - Buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack. |
| InputBufferLength | - Size of buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack. |
| OutputBuffer | - Buffer for received data from the TopOfDeviceStack. |
| OutputBufferLength | - Size of receive buffer from the TopOfDeviceStack. |

Milliseconds - Timeout value in Milliseconds

Return Value:

NT status code

```
--*/
{
    NTSTATUS status;
    PIRP irp;
    KEVENT event;
    IO_STATUS_BLOCK ioStatus;
    LARGE_INTEGER dueTime;
    IRPLOCK lock;

    KeInitializeEvent(&event, NotificationEvent, FALSE);

    irp = IoBuildDeviceIoControlRequest (
        IoctlControlCode,
        TopOfDeviceStack,
        InputBuffer,
        InputBufferLength,
        OutputBuffer,
        OutputBufferLength,
        FALSE, // External ioctl
        &event,
        &ioStatus);

    if (irp == NULL) {
        return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
    }

    lock = IRPLOCK_CANCELABLE;

    IoSetCompletionRoutine(
        irp,
        MakeSynchronousIoctlWithTimeOutCompletion,
        &lock,
        TRUE,
        TRUE,
        TRUE
    );

    status = IoCallDriver(TopOfDeviceStack, irp);

    if (status == STATUS_PENDING) {
```

```
dueTime.QuadPart = -10000 * Milliseconds;

status = KeWaitForSingleObject(
    &event,
    Executive,
    KernelMode,
    FALSE,
    &dueTime
);

if (status == STATUS_TIMEOUT) {

    if (InterlockedExchange((PVOID)&lock, IRPLOCK_CANCEL_STARTED) == IRPLOCK_CANCELABLE) {

        //
        // You got it to the IRP before it was completed. You can cancel
        // the IRP without fear of losing it, because the completion routine
        // does not let go of the IRP until you allow it.
        //
        IoCancelIrp(irp);

        //
        // Release the completion routine. If it already got there,
        // then you need to complete it yourself. Otherwise, you got
        // through IoCancelIrp before the IRP completed entirely.
        //
        if (InterlockedExchange(&lock, IRPLOCK_CANCEL_COMPLETE) == IRPLOCK_COMPLETED) {
            IoCompleteRequest(irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);
        }
    }

    KeWaitForSingleObject(&event, Executive, KernelMode, FALSE,
NULL);

    ioStatus.Status = status; // Return STATUS_TIMEOUT

} else {

    status = ioStatus.Status;
}
}
```

```

        return status;
    }

NTSTATUS
MakeSynchronousIoctlWithTimeOutCompletion(
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT    DeviceObject,
    IN PIRP              Irp,
    IN PVOID             Context
)
{
    PLONG lock;

    lock = (PLONG) Context;

    if (InterlockedExchange(lock, IRPLOCK_COMPLETED) == IRPLOCK_CANCE
L_STARTED) {
        //
        // Main line code has got the control of the IRP. It will
        // now take the responsibility of completing the IRP.
        // Therefore...
        return STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED;
    }

    return STATUS_CONTINUE_COMPLETION ;
}

```

Scenario 8: Send a synchronous non-IOCTL request by using `IoBuildSynchronousFsdRequest` - completion routine returns `STATUS_CONTINUE_COMPLETION`

The following code shows how to make a synchronous non-IOCTL request by using `IoBuildSynchronousFsdRequest`. The technique shown here is similar to scenario 6.

```

NTSTATUS
MakeSynchronousNonIoctlRequest (
    PDEVICE_OBJECT    TopOfDeviceStack,
    PVOID             WriteBuffer,
    ULONG             NumBytes
)
/*++

```

Arguments:

TopOfDeviceStack -
 WriteBuffer - Buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.
 NumBytes - Size of buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.

Return Value:

NT status code

```
--*/
{
    NTSTATUS          status;
    PIRP              irp;
    LARGE_INTEGER     startingOffset;
    KEVENT            event;
    IO_STATUS_BLOCK   ioStatus;
    PVOID             context;

    startingOffset.QuadPart = (LONGLONG) 0;
    //
    // Allocate memory for any context information to be passed
    // to the completion routine.
    //
    context = ExAllocatePoolWithTag(NonPagedPool, sizeof(ULONG), 'ITa
g');
    if(!context) {
        return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
    }

    KeInitializeEvent(&event, NotificationEvent, FALSE);

    irp = IoBuildSynchronousFsdRequest(
        IRP_MJ_WRITE,
        TopOfDeviceStack,
        WriteBuffer,
        NumBytes,

                    &startingOffset, // Optional
                    &event,
                    &ioStatus
    );

    if (NULL == irp) {
        ExFreePool(context);
```

```

        return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
    }

    IoSetCompletionRoutine(irp,
        MakeSynchronousNonIoctlRequestCompletion,
        context,
        TRUE,
        TRUE,
        TRUE);

    status = IoCallDriver(TopOfDeviceStack, irp);

    if (status == STATUS_PENDING) {

        status = KeWaitForSingleObject(
            &event,
            Executive,
            KernelMode,
            FALSE, // Not alertable
            NULL);
        status = ioStatus.Status;
    }

    return status;
}

NTSTATUS
MakeSynchronousNonIoctlRequestCompletion(
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT    DeviceObject,
    IN PIRP              Irp,
    IN PVOID             Context
)
{
    if (Context) {
        ExFreePool(Context);
    }
    return STATUS_CONTINUE_COMPLETION ;
}

```

Scenario 9: Send a synchronous non-IOCTL request by using `IoBuildSynchronousFsdRequest` - completion routine returns `STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED`

The only difference between this scenario and scenario 8 is that the completion routine returns `STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED`.

```
NTSTATUS MakeSynchronousNonIoctlRequest2(
    PDEVICE_OBJECT TopOfDeviceStack,
    PVOID WriteBuffer,
    ULONG NumBytes
)
/*++ Arguments:
    TopOfDeviceStack

    WriteBuffer      - Buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.

    NumBytes         - Size of buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.

Return Value:
    NT status code
--*/
{
    NTSTATUS          status;
    PIRP              irp;
    LARGE_INTEGER     startingOffset;
    KEVENT            event;
    IO_STATUS_BLOCK   ioStatus;
    BOOLEAN           isSynchronous = TRUE;

    startingOffset.QuadPart = (LONGLONG) 0;
    KeInitializeEvent(&event, NotificationEvent, FALSE);
    irp = IoBuildSynchronousFsdRequest(
        IRP_MJ_WRITE,
        TopOfDeviceStack,
        WriteBuffer,
        NumBytes,
        &startingOffset, // Optional
        &event,
        &ioStatus
    );

    if (NULL == irp) {
        return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
    }

    IoSetCompletionRoutine(irp,
        MakeSynchronousNonIoctlRequestCompletion2,
        (PVOID)&event,
        TRUE,
        TRUE,
        TRUE);
}
```

```
status = IoCallDriver(TopOfDeviceStack, irp);

if (status == STATUS_PENDING) {

    KeWaitForSingleObject(&event,
        Executive,
        KernelMode,
        FALSE, // Not alertable
        NULL);
    status = irp->IoStatus.Status;
    isSynchronous = FALSE;
}

//  

// Because you have stopped the completion of the IRP, you must  

// complete here and wait for it to be completed by waiting  

// on the same event again, which will be signaled by the I/O  

// manager.  

// NOTE: you cannot queue the IRP for  

// reuse by calling IoReuseIrp because it does not break the  

// association of this IRP with the current thread.  

//  

KeClearEvent(&event);  

IoCompleteRequest(irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);  

//  

// We must wait here to prevent the event from going out of scope.  

// I/O manager will signal the event and copy the status to our  

// IoStatus block for synchronous IRPs only if the return status is  

not  

// an error. For asynchronous IRPs, the above mentioned copy operat  

ion  

// takes place regardless of the status value.  

//  

if (!(NT_ERROR(status) && isSynchronous)) {
    KeWaitForSingleObject(&event,
        Executive,
        KernelMode,
        FALSE, // Not alertable
        NULL);
}
return status;
}

NTSTATUS MakeSynchronousNonIoctlRequestCompletion2(
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT    DeviceObject,
```

```

    IN PIRP           Irp,
    IN PVOID          Context )
{
    if (Irp->PendingReturned) {
        KeSetEvent ((PKEVENT) Context, IO_NO_INCREMENT, FALSE);
    }
    return STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED;
}

```

Scenario 10: Send an asynchronous request by using **IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest**

This scenario shows how to make an asynchronous request by using the **IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest** function.

In an asynchronous request, the thread that made the request does not have to wait for the IRP to complete. The IRP can be created in an arbitrary thread context because the IRP is not associated with the thread. You must provide a completion routine and release the buffers and IRP in the completion routine if you do not intend to reuse the IRP. This is because the I/O manager cannot do post-completion cleanup of driver-created asynchronous IRPs (created with **IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest** and **IoAllocateIrp**).

```

NTSTATUS
MakeAsynchronousRequest (
    PDEVICE_OBJECT    TopOfDeviceStack,
    PVOID             WriteBuffer,
    ULONG             NumBytes
)
/*++
Arguments:

    TopOfDeviceStack -
        WriteBuffer      - Buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.
        NumBytes        - Size of buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.

--*/
{
    NTSTATUS         status;
    PIRP             irp;
    LARGE_INTEGER    startingOffset;
    PIO_STACK_LOCATION nextStack;

```

```
PVOID context;

startingOffset.QuadPart = (LONGLONG) 0;

irp = IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest(
    IRP_MJ_WRITE,
    TopOfDeviceStack,
    WriteBuffer,
    NumBytes,
    &startingOffset, // Optional
    NULL
);

if (NULL == irp) {

    return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
}

// 
// Allocate memory for context structure to be passed to the completion routine.
//
context = ExAllocatePoolWithTag(NonPagedPool, sizeof(ULONG_PTR), 'ITag');
if (NULL == context) {
    IoFreeIrp(irp);
    return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
}

IoSetCompletionRoutine(irp,
    MakeAsynchronousRequestCompletion,
    context,
    TRUE,
    TRUE,
    TRUE);

//
// If you want to change any value in the IRP stack, you must
// first obtain the stack location by calling IoGetNextIrpStackLocation.
//
// This is the location that is initialized by the IoBuildxxx requests and
// is the one that the target device driver is going to view.
//
nextStack = IoGetNextIrpStackLocation(irp);
//
// Change the MajorFunction code to something appropriate.
//
nextStack->MajorFunction = IRP_MJ_SCSI;
```

```

(void) IoCallDriver(TopOfDeviceStack, irp);

    return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS
MakeAsynchronousRequestCompletion(
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT    DeviceObject,
    IN PIRP              Irp,
    IN PVOID             Context
)
{
    PMDL mdl, nextMdl;

    //
    // If the target device object is set up to do buffered i/o
    // (TopOfDeviceStack->Flags and DO_BUFFERED_IO), then
    // IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest request allocates a system buffer
    // for read and write operation. If you stop the completion of the
    // IRP
    // here, you must free that buffer.
    //

    if(Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer && (Irp->Flags & IRP_DEALLOCATE_BUFFER) ) {
        ExFreePool(Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
    }

    //
    // If the target device object is set up do direct i/o (DO_DIRECT_IO), then
    // IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest creates an MDL to describe the buffer
    // and locks the pages. If you stop the completion of the IRP, you
    // must unlock
    // the pages and free the MDL.
    //

    else if (Irp->MdlAddress != NULL) {
        for (mdl = Irp->MdlAddress; mdl != NULL; mdl = nextMdl) {
            nextMdl = mdl->Next;
            MmUnlockPages( mdl ); IoFreeMdl( mdl ); // This function will also unmap pages.
        }
        Irp->MdlAddress = NULL;
    }

    if(Context) {
        ExFreePool(Context);
    }
}

```

```
//  
// If you intend to queue the IRP and reuse it for another request,  
// make sure you call IoReuseIrp(Irp, STATUS_SUCCESS) before you re  
use.  
//  
IoFreeIrp(Irp);  
  
//  
// NOTE: this is the only status that you can return for driver-cre  
ated asynchronous IRPs.  
//  
return STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED;  
}
```

Scenario 11: Send an asynchronous request by using **IoAllocateIrp**

This scenario is similar to the previous scenario except that instead of using **IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest**, this scenario uses **IoAllocateIrp** function to create the IRP.

```
NTSTATUS  
MakeAsynchronousRequest2(  
    PDEVICE_OBJECT    TopOfDeviceStack,  
    PVOID             WriteBuffer,  
    ULONG             NumBytes  
)  
/*++  
Arguments:  
  
TopOfDeviceStack -  
  
WriteBuffer       - Buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.  
  
NumBytes         - Size of buffer to be sent to the TopOfDeviceStack.  
--*/  
{  
    NTSTATUS          status;  
    PIRP              irp;
```

```
LARGE_INTEGER      startingOffset;
KEVENT             event;
PIO_STACK_LOCATION nextStack;

startingOffset.QuadPart = (LONGLONG) 0;

// Start by allocating the IRP for this request.  Do not charge quota
// to the current process for this IRP.
//

irp = IoAllocateIrp( TopOfDeviceStack->StackSize, FALSE );
if (NULL == irp) {

    return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
}

// Obtain a pointer to the stack location of the first driver that will be
// invoked.  This is where the function codes and the parameters are set.
//

nextStack = IoGetNextIrpStackLocation( irp );
nextStack->MajorFunction = IRP_MJ_WRITE;
nextStack->Parameters.Write.Length = NumBytes;
nextStack->Parameters.Write.ByteOffset= startingOffset;

if(TopOfDeviceStack->Flags & DO_BUFFERED_IO) {

    irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer = WriteBuffer;
    irp->MdlAddress = NULL;

} else if (TopOfDeviceStack->Flags & DO_DIRECT_IO) {
    //
    // The target device supports direct I/O operations.  Allocate
    // an MDL large enough to map the buffer and lock the pages into
    // memory.
    //
    irp->MdlAddress = IoAllocateMdl( WriteBuffer,
                                    NumBytes,
                                    FALSE,
                                    FALSE,
                                    (PIRP) NULL );
    if (irp->MdlAddress == NULL) {
```

```

IoFreeIrp( irp );
return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
}

try {

    MmProbeAndLockPages( irp->MdlAddress,
                         KernelMode,
                         (LOCK_OPERATION) (nextStack->MajorFunction == IRP_MJ_WRITE ? IoReadAccess : IoWriteAccess) );

    } except(EXCEPTION_EXECUTE_HANDLER) {

        if (irp->MdlAddress != NULL) {
            IoFreeMdl( irp->MdlAddress );
        }
        IoFreeIrp( irp );
        return GetExceptionCode();
    }
}

IoSetCompletionRoutine(irp,
                      MakeAsynchronousRequestCompletion2,
                      NULL,
                      TRUE,
                      TRUE,
                      TRUE);

(void) IoCallDriver(TargetDeviceObject, irp);

return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS
MakeAsynchronousRequestCompletion2(
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT    DeviceObject,
    IN PIRP              Irp,
    IN PVOID             Context
)
{
    PMDL mdl, nextMdl;

    //

    // Free any associated MDL.
    //

    if (Irp->MdlAddress != NULL) {
        for (mdl = Irp->MdlAddress; mdl != NULL; mdl = nextMdl) {

```

```

        nextMdl = mdl->Next;
        MmUnlockPages( mdl ); IoFreeMdl( mdl ); // This function will also unmap pages.
    }
    Irp->MdlAddress = NULL;
}

// If you intend to queue the IRP and reuse it for another request,
// make sure you call IoReuseIrp(Irp, STATUS_SUCCESS) before you reuse.
//
IoFreeIrp(Irp);

return STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED;
}

```

Scenario 12: Send an asynchronous request and cancel it in a different thread

This scenario shows you how you can send one request at a time to a lower driver without waiting for the request to complete, and you can also cancel the request at any time from another thread.

You can remember the IRP and other variables to do this work in a device extension or in a context structure global to the device as shown below. The state of the IRP is tracked with an IRPLOCK variable in the device extension. The IrpEvent is used to make sure that the IRP is fully completed (or freed) before making the next request.

This event is also useful when you handle IRP_MN_REMOVE_DEVICE and IRP_MN_STOP_DEVICE PNP requests where you have to make sure that there are no pending IRPs before you complete these requests. This event works best when you initialize it as a synchronization event in AddDevice or in some other initialization routine.

```

typedef struct _DEVICE_EXTENSION{
    ..
    PDEVICE_OBJECT TopOfDeviceStack;
    PIRP PendingIrp;
    IRPLOCK IrpLock; // You need this to track the state of the IRP.
    KEVENT IrpEvent; // You need this to synchronize various threads.
    ..
} DEVICE_EXTENSION, *PDEVICE_EXTENSION;

```

```
InitializeDeviceExtension( PDEVICE_EXTENSION DeviceExtension)
{
    KeInitializeEvent(&DeviceExtension->IrpEvent, SynchronizationEvent,
TRUE);
}

NTSTATUS
MakeASynchronousRequest3(
    PDEVICE_EXTENSION DeviceExtension,
    PVOID             WriteBuffer,
    ULONG              NumBytes
)
/*++
Arguments:

    DeviceExtension - 

    WriteBuffer      - Buffer to be sent to the TargetDeviceObject.

    NumBytes        - Size of buffer to be sent to the TargetDeviceObject.

--*/
{
    NTSTATUS          status;
    PIRP              irp;
    LARGE_INTEGER     startingOffset;
    PIO_STACK_LOCATION nextStack;

    //
    // Wait on the event to make sure that PendingIrp
    // field is free to be used for the next request. If you do
    // call this function in the context of the user thread,
    // make sure to call KeEnterCriticalRegion before the wait to protect
    // the thread from getting suspended while holding a lock.
    //
    KeWaitForSingleObject( &DeviceExtension->IrpEvent,
                           Executive,
                           KernelMode,
                           FALSE,
                           NULL );
}
```

```
startingOffset.QuadPart = (LONGLONG) 0;
//
// If the IRP is used for the same purpose every time, you can just
// create the IRP in the
// Initialization routine one time and reuse it by calling IoReuseIrp.
// The only thing that you have to do in the routines in this article
// is remove the lines that call IoFreeIrp and set the PendingIrp
// field to NULL. If you do so, make sure that you free the IRP
// in the PNP remove handler.
//
irp = IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest(
    IRP_MJ_WRITE,
    DeviceExtension->TopOfDeviceStack,
    WriteBuffer,
    NumBytes,
    &startingOffset, // Optional
    NULL
);

if (NULL == irp) {

    return STATUS_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES;
}

//
// Initialize the fields relevant fields in the DeviceExtension
//
DeviceExtension->PendingIrp = irp;
DeviceExtension->IrpLock = IRPLOCK_CANCELABLE;

IoSetCompletionRoutine(irp,
    MakeASynchronousRequestCompletion3,
    DeviceExtension,
    TRUE,
    TRUE,
    TRUE);

//
// If you want to change any value in the IRP stack, you must
// first obtain the stack location by calling IoGetNextIrpStackLocation.
// This is the location that is initialized by the IoBuildxxx requests and
// is the one that the target device driver is going to view.
//

nextStack = IoGetNextIrpStackLocation(irp);
```

```

//  

// You could change the MajorFunction code to something appropriate.  

//  

nextStack->MajorFunction = IRP_MJ_SCSI;  

  

(void) IoCallDriver(DeviceExtension->TopOfDeviceStack, irp);  

  

return STATUS_SUCCESS;
}

NTSTATUS
MakeASynchronousRequestCompletion3(
    IN PDEVICE_OBJECT    DeviceObject,
    IN PIRP              Irp,
    IN PVOID             Context
)
{
    PMDL mdl, nextMdl;
    PDEVICE_EXTENSION deviceExtension = Context;

    //
    // If the target device object is set up to do buffered i/o
    // (TargetDeviceObject->Flags & DO_BUFFERED_IO), then
    // IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest request allocates a system buffer
    // for read and write operation. If you stop the completion of the
    // IRP
    // here, you must free that buffer.
    //

    if(Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer && (Irp->Flags & IRP_DEALLOCATE_BUFFER) ) {
        ExFreePool(Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer);
    }

    //
    // If the target device object is set up to do direct i/o (DO_DIRECT_IO), then
    // IoBuildAsynchronousFsdRequest creates an MDL to describe the buffer
    // and locks the pages. If you stop the completion of the IRP, you
    // must unlock
    // the pages and free the MDL.
    //

    if (Irp->MdlAddress != NULL) {
        for (mdl = Irp->MdlAddress; mdl != NULL; mdl = nextMdl) {
            nextMdl = mdl->Next;
            MmUnlockPages( mdl ); IoFreeMdl( mdl ); // This function will
}

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    ll also unmap pages.
    }
    Irp->MdlAddress = NULL;
}

if (InterlockedExchange((PVOID)&deviceExtension->IrpLock, IRPLOCK_COMPLETED)
    == IRPLOCK_CANCEL_STARTED) {
    //
    // Main line code has got the control of the IRP. It will
    // now take the responsibility of freeing the IRP.
    // Therefore...
    return STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED;
}

//
// If you intend to queue the IRP and reuse it for another request,
make
// sure you call IoReuseIrp(Irp, STATUS_SUCCESS) before you reuse.
//
IoFreeIrp(Irp);
deviceExtension->PendingIrp = NULL; // if freed
//
// Signal the event so that the next thread in the waiting list
// can send the next request.
//
KeSetEvent (&deviceExtension->IrpEvent, IO_NO_INCREMENT, FALSE);

return STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED;
}

VOID
CancelPendingIrp(
    PDEVICE_EXTENSION DeviceExtension
)
/*++
    This function tries to cancel the PendingIrp if it is not already completed.

    Note that the IRP may not be completed and freed when the
    function returns. Therefore, if you are calling this from your PNP
    Remove device handle,
    you must wait on the IrpEvent to make sure the IRP is indeed completed
    before successfully completing the remove request and allowing the
    driver to unload.
--*/
{
    if (InterlockedExchange((PVOID)&DeviceExtension->IrpLock, IRPLOCK_CANCEL_STARTED) == IRPLOCK_CANCELABLE) {

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//  
// You got it to the IRP before it was completed. You can cancel  
1 //  
// the IRP without fear of losing it, as the completion routine  
// will not let go of the IRP until you say so.  
//  
IoCancelIrp(DeviceExtension->PendingIrp);  
//  
// Release the completion routine. If it already got there,  
// then you need to free it yourself. Otherwise, you got  
// through IoCancelIrp before the IRP completed entirely.  
//  
if (InterlockedExchange((PVOID)&DeviceExtension->IrpLock, IRPLOCK_  
CK_CANCEL_COMPLETE) == IRPLOCK_COMPLETED) {  
    IoFreeIrp(DeviceExtension->PendingIrp);  
    DeviceExtension->PendingIrp = NULL;  
    KeSetEvent(&DeviceExtension->IrpEvent, IO_NO_INCREMENT, FALSE);  
}  
  
return ;  
}
```

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