

VS1005 VSOS SHELL

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1 Introduction

The VS1005 VSOS Shell is a powerful tool that allows controlling VS1005 from an external interface, e.g. the UART.

This document will explain how to install and use the VSOS Shell Environment, as well as the UART Controlled Audio Player that is included in this package.

After the disclaimer and definitions in Chapters 2 and 3, an overview of the Shell is given in Chapter 4, *Overview*. It is followed by requirements in Chapter 5, *Requirements*, and shell installation instructions in Chapter 6, *Installing the VSOS Shell Environment*.

Instruction on using the shell is given in Chapter 7, *Using the Shell Environment*.

The UART Player is explained in Chapter 8, *Using the UART Controlled Player*.

The document ends with Chapter 9, *Latest Document Version Changes*, and Chapter 10, *Contact Information*.

2 Disclaimer

VLSI Solution makes everything it can to make this documentation as accurate as possible. However, no warranties or guarantees are given for the correctness of this documentation.

3 Definitions

DSP Digital Signal Processor.

I-mem Instruction Memory.

LSW Least Significant (16-bit) Word.

MSW Most Significant (16-bit) Word.

RISC Reduced Instruction Set Computer.

VS_DSP⁴ VLSI Solution's DSP core.

VSIDE VLSI Solution's Integrated Development Environment.

VSOS VLSI Solution's Operating System.

X-mem X Data Memory.

Y-mem Y Data Memory.

4 Overview

The VS1005 VSOS Shell is a new, powerful tool that allows controlling VS1005 from an external interface, e.g. the UART.

Using the VSOS Shell interface it is possible to create an audio player and recorder system (recorder not yet available) that doesn't require any specific VS1005 programming skills.

Nevertheless, for those who are familiar with programming VS1005, the VSOS Shell Environment makes it possible to create convenient shell commands / programs. By combining these building blocks it is possible to create more complex systems, controlled either by an external microcontroller or VS1005 itself.

5 Requirements

Before installing the VSOS Shell Environment, you need to have the following building blocks:

- VS1005g Developer Board. The VS1005g BreakOut Board should work, too, but these instructions have been tested with the DevBoard.
- Latest version of VSOS installed (at least 3.22).
- USB cable between DevBoard and PC for uploading new software.
- UART or USB->UART cable connected between DevBoard and PC for using the UART interface. Data speed is 115200 bps, format is 8N1.
- Your favorite UART Terminal Emulation program installed on the PC. Note that the current VSOS Shell uses only the line feed character (0x0a) for line feed, and no carriage return (0x0d), so the terminal emulation program needs to be able to handle that (see examples in Chapter 5.1, *Terminal Program Settings*). For Microsoft Windows computers, PuTTY has been tested and found working.

When all of this is in order, you are ready to install the VSOS Shell Environment.

5.1 Terminal Program Settings

This chapter shows recommended settings for two example terminal programs, tested by VLSI. Other terminal programs can also be used, provided that the crucial parameters are set in a similar way.

5.1.1 Settings for PuTTY

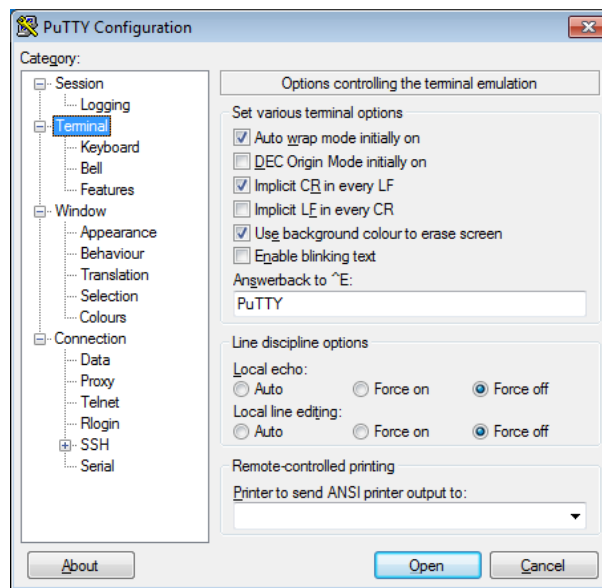


Figure 1: PuTTY Configuration: Terminal

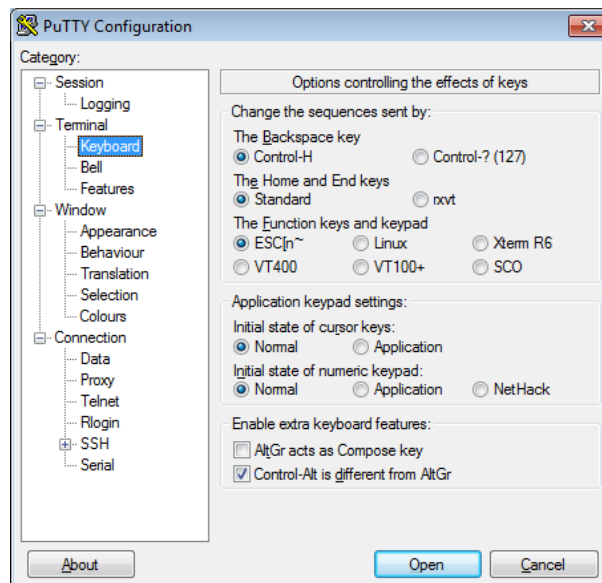


Figure 2: PuTTY Configuration: Keyboard

Figure 1 shows the terminal emulation settings for PuTTY. Make sure you check the “Implicit CR in every LF” box. In the keyboard settings in Figure 2, you may set Backspace key to either Control-H or Control-?.

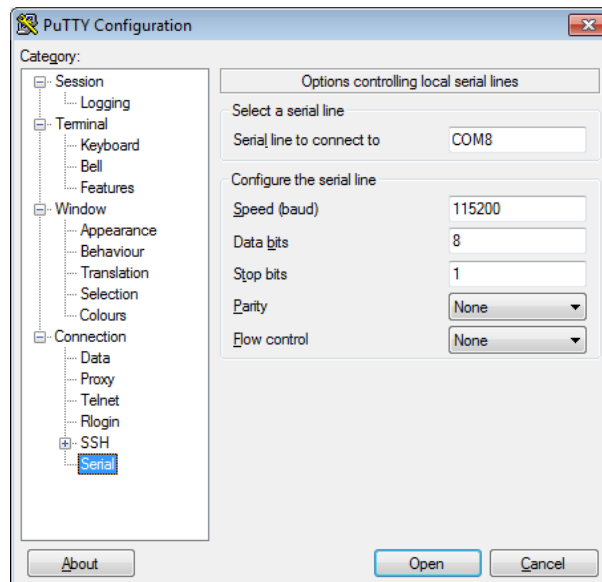


Figure 3: PuTTY Configuration: Serial

Figure 3 shows the serial communication parameters for 115200 bps, 8N1. For binary file transfers to work, it is important to disable flow control.

5.1.2 Settings for Tera Term

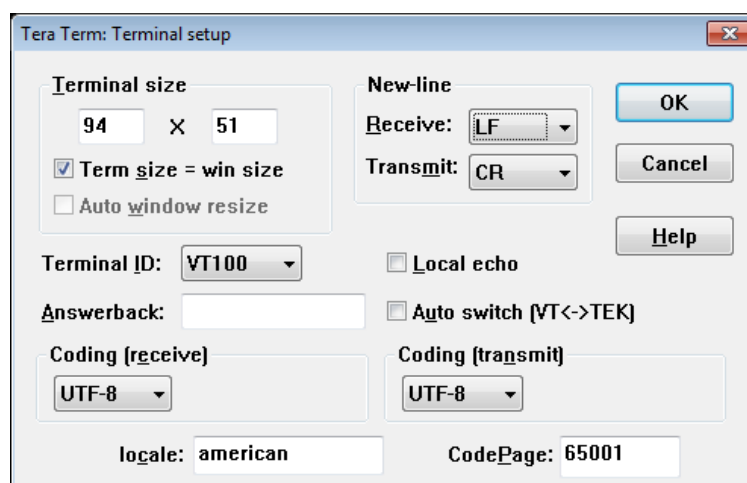


Figure 4: Tera Term: Terminal Setup

Figure 4 shows how to set line feeds and basic terminal emulation mode (VT100) in Tera Term.

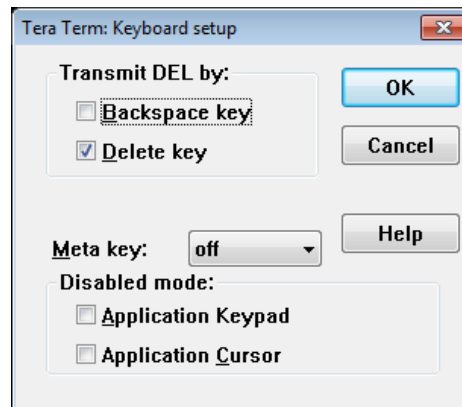


Figure 5: Tera Term: Keyboard Setup

Figure 5 shows a working keyboard setup for Tera Term.

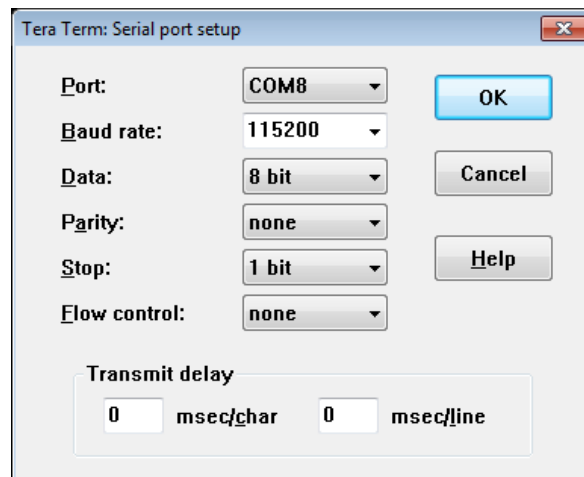


Figure 6: Tera Term: Serial Port Setup

Figure 6 shows how to set serial parameters 115200 bps, 8N1, without flow control.

6 Installing the VSOS Shell Environment

To install the VSOS Shell Environment, you need to do the following:

1. You need to do this first step only if you want to modify and compile the examples in the solutions folder of this package, and if your VSIDE is v2.34 or older!
Copy libvs1005_vsos3/consolestate.h in this package to your PC's VSIDE installation directory libvs1005_vsos3/.
2. Boot your DevBoard in USB Mass Storage Device mode (push S1 while resetting the board).
3. Make a backup of your DevBoard config.txt file in case you want to return to it later.
4. Copy the following files from the root/ directory of this package:
 - config.txt and shell.ap3 to the root directory of your DevBoard.
 - All files in the SYS/ directory to the SYS/ directory of your DevBoard.
5. Safely remove / unmount the VS1005 USB device.
6. Start the UART terminal emulation program on your PC. Set parameters to 115200 bps, 8N1.
7. Reset the DevBoard.

The LCD on the VS1005 DevBoard should stay blank, but you should now see output like the following on your PC's terminal screen:

```
Hello.
VSOS 3.22 build Mar 10 2015 15:51:56
VLSI Solution Oy 2012-2015 - www.vlsi.fi

Starting the kernel..
Starting Devices...
External SPI Flash

Installed system devices:
S: SPI Flash c814, handled by FAT.
Load drivers, config 0...
Driver: RUN... FC00,D Y:0xfc00: 0x2000-13 -> 0x0
Driver: RUN... FC00,C Y:0xfc00: 0x0-12 -> 0x0
Driver: SDSD... D: SD card in SD mode

Driver: UARTIN...
Driver: S:SHELL.AP3...
VSOS SHELL
S:>
```

If this is the case, you have successfully started the VSOS Shell Environment.

7 Using the Shell Environment

The shell environment have the following features:

- Very small (roughly 1/4 kilowords code size).
- Executes commands from the S:SYS/ folder.
- Can also execute .dl3 and .ap3 programs from other locations if full path is provided.
- Interactive command line editing.
- Previous command can be retrieved with up arrow (vt100 terminal).
- Concept of current directory.
- Buffered, interrupt handled UART stdio driver.
- Ctrl-C to notify programs that they should close.
- Ctrl-C three times to hard reset VS1005.
- Interactive (echo +e) or machine-controlled silent (echo -e) mode.

If the shell is in interactive mode, it will present a command prompt.

If in non-interactive mode, the shell will display a line containing the hash character “#” when expecting input from the user. After receiving the full command line, it will output a line containing “:” before executing the command.

This package contains several programs for the shell, many of which take command line arguments.

The shell commands can also be accessed from the C environment through the function RunProgram() in <apploader.h>.

Example:

```
ioresult errorCode = RunProgram("dir", "-st -r")
```

is equivalent to typing

```
S:>dir -st -r
```

in the VSOS Shell command line. Usually programs return S_OK for a successful run, and some other value if there were problems.

The shell environment also allows dynamic loading and unloading of system drivers with the command DRIVER (Chapter 7.1.9). This is very useful in a memory-limited system with lots of functionality.

7.1 Shell Programs

This section presents some of the shell programs included in this package.

The program are in rapid development, so this documentation will necessarily always be somewhat out of data. Many programs offer a “-h” command line option to show what options they can handle. Also running a program without any parameters may give useful information.

7.1.1 cd

Usage: cd [-h] [dir1 [dir2 [...]]]

-h Show this help

Note: cd without parameters shows the current directory

cd :: lists all available devices

Change or print current directory or list all devices. Only one directory step may be defined in one parameter, but there may be several parameters.

7.1.2 cmp

Usage: Cmp [-h] [f1 f2]

f1 File 1

f2 File 2

-h Show this help

Compares two files. If the files are similar, cmp prints nothing. If the files are different, cmp can print one of the two following messages:

cmp: "ro" and "ro2" differ: byte 25083

Files ro and ro2 was similar for the first 25082 bytes, but the next byte differs.

cmp: EOF on "ro2": byte 25085

The two files to compare were similar for the first 25085 bytes, but then ro2 ended.

7.1.3 copyf

Usage: CopyF [-h] [src dst]

src File to be copied

dst Destination file

-h Show this help

Copy a file. Long file names are lost when copying.

7.1.4 copyr

Usage: CopyR [-v|-h] [src dst]
src Directory to be copied
dst Destination directory
-v Be verbose
-h Show this help

Make a recursive copy of a directory. Long file names are lost when copying.

7.1.5 date

Usage: Date [formatString] [-h]
-h Show this help

FormatString:

%a wdayName	%A weekdayName	%b monName	%B monthName
%c date&time	%d dayOfMonth	%H hour-24	%h hour-12
%j dayOfYear	%m month	%M minute	%p AM/PM
%S second	%w weekDay, S=0	%x date	%X time
%y yr	%Y year	%Z UTC	%% %

Displays the current date, either in default format, or with a user-given format string.

An LR44 battery or similar power source must be connected to the RTC.

See also:

SetDate (Chapter 7.1.23), RtcRead (Chapter 7.1.22).

7.1.6 del

Usage: Del [file|-h]
file Delete file
-h Show this help

Deletes a file.

NOTE! Del currently does not do any sanity checking. So don't try to remove a directory or disk label!

7.1.7 diskfree

Usage: DiskFree [-p x|-m x|-v|-h] [D:]

D: Print results for drive D (:: means all drives)
 There may be multiple drive parameters.
 Drive parameters must be after -p/-m options.

-p x Store last result in KiB to X-memory 32-bit pointer pointed to by x
 (Usable for calling with RunLibraryFunction(); makes operation silent)

-m x Look only until x MiB (faster operation)

-v Verbose

-h Show this help

Displays the amount of free space on a drive, or, with the verbose option, also disk size and its fill state.

Because of the way FAT allocation tables work, running DiskFree on a larger drive may take significant amounts of time; e.g. analyzing a 4 GiB SD card can take upto a second. To make DiskFree run faster, option -m may be used.

7.1.8 dir

Usage: dir [-s|-sn|-st|-ss|+s|-r|+r|-d|+d|-a|+a|-f|+f|-h] [fullpath]

-s|-sn Sort files by name (default)

-st Sort files by date

-ss Sort files by size

+s Don't sort files (faster with large directories)

-r Reverse sort (if sort selected)

+r Forwards sort (if sort selected)

-d Show file date

+d Don't show file date

-a Only audio files

+a All files

-f Fast listing (don't show play time for MP3 files with -a)

+f Slower listing (show play time also for MP3 files with -a)

-h Show this help page

dir lists the contents of a directory. It can optionally examine each file and list only those ones that are audio media files.

If "-sn" is defined but the directory is too large to be sorted in memory, dir lists the files in file system order.

The output of dir is as e.g. as follows:

```
D:ManMachine/>dir +s
-   3. 03_MET~1.WAV   63755708 2015-07-17 11:38:17 03_Metropolis.wav
-   4. 04_THE~1.WAV   39508940 2015-07-17 11:38:26 04_TheModel.wav
-   5. 05_NEO~1.WAV   94268204 2015-07-17 11:38:37 05_NeonLights.wav
-   6. 06_THE~1.WAV   58616588 2015-07-17 11:38:45 06_TheManMachine.wav
-   7. 01_THE~1.WAV   65656124 2015-07-17 11:37:58 01_TheRobots.wav
```



```
-      8. 02_SPA~1.WAV    62633804 2015-07-17 11:38:08 02_Spaceleb.wav
```

The fields are as follows:

1. Entry type. 'D' is a directory, '-' is a normal file, and 'L' is a volume label.
2. The file system order of the entry
3. Short name
4. File size in bytes
5. File date in YYYY-MM-DD format
6. File time in hh:mm:ss format
7. Long name

When listing audio files, the output format is different:

```
D:\ManMachine/>dir -a
-      7. 01_THE~1.WAV    6:12.2  44100 2 2015-07-17 11:37:58 01_TheRobots.wav
-      8. 02_SPA~1.WAV    5:55.1  44100 2 2015-07-17 11:38:08 02_Spaceleb.wav
-      3. 03_MET~1.WAV    6:01.4  44100 2 2015-07-17 11:38:17 03_Metropolis.wav
-      4. 04_THE~1.WAV    3:44.0  44100 2 2015-07-17 11:38:26 04_TheModel.wav
-      5. 05_NEO~1.WAV    8:54.4  44100 2 2015-07-17 11:38:37 05_NeonLights.wav
-      6. 06_THE~1.WAV    5:32.3  44100 2 2015-07-17 11:38:45 06_TheManMachine.wav
```

Now the fields are as follows:

1. Entry type. 'D' is a directory, '-' is a normal file, and 'L' is a volume label.
2. The file system order of the entry
3. Short name
4. File playback time in m:ss.t format
5. Sample rate
6. Number of audio channels
7. File date in YYYY-MM-DD format
8. File time in hh:mm:ss format
9. Long name

Determining playback times for MP3 files requires scanning the whole file, and may be slow. Because of this, unless +f is defined with -a, MP3 file playback times are shown as 0:00.0.

7.1.9 driver

Usage: DRIVER {+|-|?}libname

Can be used to load, unload, and list libraries in memory.

Examples:

- driver +audiadc 48000 line1_1 line1_3 loads the AUIADC.DL3 driver to memory (if not already there), and gives it parameters.
- driver -audiadc unloads the AUIADC.DL3 driver from memory if no other programs are accessing it.
- driver ?audiadc checks whether the driver is currently in memory.

7.1.10 echo

Usage: echo [-n|+n|-e|+e|-|-h] string

-n No newline
+n Output newline
-e Turn shell interactive echo mode off
+e Turn shell interactive echo mode on
- End of parameters
-h Show this help

Note: String may contain escape codes such as \" and \n

Echoes its input on the screen.

Options “-e” and “+e” switch the global interactive mode off and on, respectively. The non-interactive mode may be easier to handle when the shell is used with a microcontroller.

7.1.11 getcmd

Usage: getcmd

Reads a command line for the shell.

Not for command line use. To see how to call this function, see the source code for the shell.

7.1.12 ls

Usage: ls [path]

Show a short listing of a directory in file system file order.

7.1.13 metadata

Usage: metadata filename

Shows and/or returns metadata for an audio file. The output is in UTF-8 format, and looks as follows (but not necessarily in this order):

~0503'Song name
~0504'Album
~0505'Artist
~0506'Year
~050d'Track number

Currently metadata can only decode MP3 ID3v1 and ID3v2 tags, but it will later be expanded to read metadata from other file formats, too.

metadata can be used either from the command line, or from another application. For how to use metadata, see the source code for PlayDir.

7.1.14 mkdir

Usage: Mkdir [dir|-h]
dir Directory to create
-h Show this help

Creates a new directory.

7.1.15 paramspl

Usage: paramspl parameters

Split a parameter string to null-terminated strings, taking into account parenthesis and escape characters.

Not for command line use. To see how to call this function, see the source code for echo.

7.1.16 PlayDir

Usage: PlayDir [-v|+v|-p|+p|-s|+s|-h]
-v Verbose
+v Not verbose
-p Start in pause mode
+p Start in play mode
-s Shuffle mode on
+s Shuffle mode off
-h Show this help page

Plays all audio files in the current directory.

PlayDir is described in detail in Chapter 8.1.

7.1.17 PlayFile

Usage: PlayFile file

Plays one file in the file system. Can output some of the metadata that PlayDir does.

7.1.18 PlayFiles

Usage: PlayFiles pattern

Plays files in the file system in the order they appear in the file system. Can output some of the metadata that PlayDir does.

Example:

```
PlayFiles *
```

7.1.19 preg

Usage: preg [-h] [reg]

reg number, number-number, name

 For memory outside of Y space, precede with X: or I:

-h Show this help

Example:

```
preg i:0x20-0x3f
```

Prints contents of registers or memory. Without any options, prints contents of registers ANA_CF0 through ANA_CF2. For debugging purposes.

7.1.20 Rec

Usage: Rec [-cs|-cm|-cl|-cr|-q{x}|-b{x}|-r{x}|-h]

-cs|-cm|-cl|-cr Stereo|Mono|Left|Right

-qx Set quality to x (0-10, higher is better)

-bx Set bitrate to x kbit/s (1-511)

-rx Set sample rate to x Hz, or x kHz if x<1000

-h Show this help

outFile The output file name (e.g. D:REC.MP3)

Records MP3 to a file.

Rec is described in detail in Chapter 8.2.

7.1.21 run

Usage: run cmd param

Runs command *cmd* with parameters *param*, then remove *cmd* from memory.

Not for command line use, but useful in the startup script config.txt.

7.1.22 rtcread

Usage: rtcread

Reads the current contents of the RTC, and locate results into the *currentTime* structure (see <vsos.h> for details on the structure).

An LR44 battery or similar power source must be connected to the RTC. If no battery can be sound, or if the time is not set, 1999-12-31 12:00:00 is written to *currentTime*.

See also:

Date (Chapter 7.1.5), SetDate (Chapter 7.1.23).

7.1.23 setdate

Usage: SetDate [YYYY-MM-DD|YY-MM-DD|HH:MM:SS] [-h]
YYYY-MM-DD Set date, e.g. 2015-09-18
YY-MM-DD Set date, e.g. 15-09-18
HH:MM:SS Set time, e.g. 12:34:56
HH:MM Set time, e.g. 12:34
-h Show this help

Sets the time of the VS1005's RTC. Both the date and time may be set at the same time.

An LR44 battery or similar power source must be connected to the RTC.

See also:

Date (Chapter 7.1.5), RtcRead (Chapter 7.1.22).

7.1.24 type

Usage: type [-c|+c|-h] [file1 [file2 [...]]]
-c Print file information line
+c Don't print file information
-h Show this help

Type a file to screen.

7.1.25 uartin

Usage: `uartin`

Interrupt-based UART stdin/stdout driver.

Not for command line use.

7.1.26 ybitclr

Usage: `ybitclr xxxx,y`

Clears bit *y* in Y memory register *xxxx*. Both *xxxx* and *y* are hexadecimal numbers.

8 Using the UART Controlled Player

To test the UART Controlled Player, you need to do the following steps:

1. Copy some audio files to an SD card.
2. Insert SD card to VS1005 DevBoard.
3. Boot DevBoard to the VSOS Shell Environment.
4. Use `cd` to get to your audio content directory, and potentially `dir -a` or `dir -a +f` to list it.
5. Type `playdir` to run PlayDir.
6. Use PlayDir keyboard shortcuts and control commands described in Chapter 8.1.

8.1 PlayDir: Interactive UART Player

Usage: PlayDir [-v|+v|-p|+p|-s|+s|-h]

-v	Verbose
+v	Not verbose
-p	Start in pause mode
+p	Start in play mode
-s	Shuffle mode on
+s	Shuffle mode off
-h	Show this help

PlayDir plays the files in sorted order in the current directory. If there is not enough memory to sort the files, they are played in file system order.

First it takes a listing of the files in the current directory using *dir*.

Then, it outputs the following line:

```
~0205=Number of audio media files encountered
```

If PlayDir was started with the “-v” command line option, it will then list all audio files with potential metadata.

After the optional list, PlayFile will open the first file, see if it can find metadata, and outputs information for the file. When file playback has finished, PlayFile will play the next file. When it has played all files, it exits.

NOTE!

For systems with a microcontroller, it is strongly recommended that machine-controlled silent mode (echo -e) is switched on before starting PlayDir. For interactive use the default interactive echo mode (echo +e) is recommended.

8.1.1 PlayDir Output

For each file, and depending on whether metadata for the file was found, the following fields may be output (not necessarily in this order):

~0308=PlayDir's playlist track number, always first field, always printed

~0205=PlayDir's song number, always second field, always printed

~050b'File name, always third field, always printed

~0503'Song name

~0504'Album

~0505'Artist

~0506'Year

~050d'Track number

If not in shuffle mode, the Playlist Track Number and Song Number are the same. If in shuffle mode, the Playlist Track number is increasing, while the Song Number is shuffled.

When the song is playing, the following messages are being sent once a second:

~030a'Playback time in seconds

~030b'File position in per cent (0..100), only sent if changed

When master volume changes, the following message is shown:

~0206=volume

where *volume* is the attenuation from maximum volume in 0.5 dB steps. Setting for maximum volume is 0 (-0 dB), minimum volume is 254 (-127 dB).

When pause mode is toggled, the following message is shown:

~0104=pauseMode

where *pauseMode* is 1 if in pause mode, or 0 if in playback mode.

If the last song of a playlist is playing, and next song is selected, a line containing only the character '>' is printed, and PlayDir exits. If the first song is playing and previous song is selected, a line containing only '<' is printed, and PlayDir exits.

When PlayDir closes, it outputs the following line:

~0205=0

8.1.2 PlayFile Control Keys

PlayFile has the following controls keys:

- n** Next song. If last song was passed, '>' is printed and player exits
- p** Previous song. If first song was passed, '<' is printed and player exits
- whitespace** Toggle pause mode
- <** Lower volume by 0.5 dB
- >** Increase volume by 0.5 dB
- .** Fast forward 10 seconds
- :** Fast forward 60 seconds
- ,** Rewind 10 seconds
- ;** Rewind 60 seconds
- q or Ctrl-C** Exit player

8.1.3 PlayFile Control Commands

In addition to one-character controls, PlayFile also accepts control commands that are of the following format

`~xxxx=y`

where `xxxx` is an exactly 4-character UI Control message in hexadecimal, and `y` is the value as a C formatted number (decimal, hexadecimal, or octal).

An example that sets playback volume to -10 dB of maximum:

`~0206=20`

If the shell is in interactive echo mode (echo +e), then output of file progress messages are suppressed after the command-initiating '~' character to let the user more easily to see what he is typing. In machine-controlled silent mode (echo -e) text output continues as normal.

PlayDir recognizes the following control commands:

Control commands recognized by PlayDir			
Msg	Val		Description
	Min	Max	
0104	0	1	Set pause mode (0=off, 1=on).
0183	0	1	Set shuffle mode (0=off, 1=on).
0308	1	32767	Select track from current playlist. If out of bounds (0 or too large), PlayDir exits. Shuffle mode is automatically deactivated.
0206	0	255	Set volume to -val/2 dB of maximum. Largest value (255) shuts down analog drivers.
030a	0	65534	Go to val seconds in audio file.

If shuffle mode is activated with the set shuffle mode command, shuffle mode starts when the current song ends. When shuffle mode is deactivated, playback is continued from the current track.

8.2 Rec: Interactive UART Recorder

```
Usage: Rec [-cs|-cm|-cl|-cr|-q{x}|-b{x}|-r{x}|-h]
-cs|-cm|-cl|-cr Stereo|Mono|Left|Right
-qx      Set quality to x (0-10, higher is better)
-bx      Set bitrate to x kbit/s (1-511)
-rx      Set sample rate to x Hz, or x kHz if x<1000
-h       Show this help
outFile  The output file name (e.g. D:REC.MP3)
```

Rec records MP3 audio to a given file. The user may define the channel modes, sample rate, and either set a quality or a suggested bitrate.

If quality is set, the encoder used Variable BitRate (VBR) encoding, which gives the best quality / file size ratio. If the bitrate is set, the MP3 encoder uses Constand BitRate (CBR).

Sample rate may be set to either 24 or 48 kHz.

At the time of writing this, Rec still misses some useful features, like AGC control (currently there is no AGC), input selection control for analog input (currently default input channels are used), and Ogg Vorbis recording (MP3 only).

NOTE!

For systems with a microcontroller, it is strongly recommended that machine-controlled silent mode (echo -e) is switched on before starting Rec. For interactive use the default interactive echo mode (echo +e) is recommended.

NOTE!

As a safety feature, Rec stop recording whenever the recording file grows to at least one billion bytes (1 GB).

8.2.1 Rec Output

When startingFor each file, and depending on whether metadata for the file was found, the following fields may be output (not necessarily in this order):

```
~050a'fileName
Output buffer size xx bytes
```

When the song is playing, the following message is sent once a second:

```
~030a'Playback time in seconds
```

When pause mode is toggled, the following message is shown:

```
~0104=pauseMode
where pauseMode is 1 if in pause mode, or 0 if in playback mode.
```

When Rec closes, it outputs the following line:

```
~010b=1
```

8.2.2 Rec Control Keys

Rec has the following controls keys:

n Next song. (Currently closes the program.)

whitespace Toggle pause mode

q or Ctrl-C Exit recorder

8.2.3 Rec Control Commands

In addition to one-character controls, Rec also accepts control commands that are of the following format

`~xxxx=y`

where `xxxx` is an exactly 4-character UI Control message in hexadecimal, and `y` is the value as a C formatted number (decimal, hexadecimal, or octal).

Rec also accepts report requests that are of the following format

`~xxxx=y`

where `xxxx` is an exactly 4-character UI Control message in hexadecimal.

An example that sets pause mode on:

`~0104=1`

If the shell is in interactive echo mode (echo +e), then output of file progress messages are suppressed after the command-initiating '~' character to let the user more easily to see what he is typing. In machine-controlled silent mode (echo -e) text output continues as normal.

Rec recognizes the following control commands:

Control commands recognized by Rec			
Msg	Val		Description
	Min	Max	
0104	0	1	Set pause mode (0=off, 1=on).

Rec recognizes the following report requests:

Report requests recognized by Rec	
Msg	Description
030d	Return file position in bytes.
030c	Return average bitrate for file in bps.
0209	Return maximum signal level in dB since last time read.

Request 0209 can be used to build a maximum level VU meter. Such a meter should warn the user (with e.g. yellow vs green colour) whenever the input level exceeds -5 dB, and show a clear overload error (with e.g. red colour or an "OVERLOAD" text) whenever maximum absolute level 0 dB is reached.

9 Latest Document Version Changes

This chapter describes the most important changes to this document.

Version 1.30, 2015-10-02

- Added many new programs to Chapter 7.1, *Shell Programs*.

Version 1.20, 2015-07-17

- Added an audio recorder program, Rec, Chapter 7.1.20.

Version 1.11, 2015-06-01

- Added new functionality to PlayDir, Chapter 7.1.16, and slightly changed its output.
- Added terminal emulation program screen caps to Chapter 5, *Requirements*.

Version 1.10, 2015-05-29

First release with documentation. Added PlayDir.

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