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RS232 Interface Module (RS232IM) Product Description.

The RS232IM is designed to act as a bridge between any device with a full cuplex RS232 serial port and the Orbit Network.

The RS232IM receives a command header string and an Orbit command string from the ‘Master’ device it then re-transmits the Orbit command string to the Orbit network @ 187.5 kBaund.

The Orbit module processes the command and returns a reply (if appropriate) to the RS232IM which then adds a reply header and transmits both header and reply the to the ‘Master’.

The production of the break character and the handling of the Orbit message turn around are all performed by the RS232IM.

The command and reply header strings contain information which is used by the RS232IM to control and report on the Orbit Network.

RS232IM Commands.

The RS232IM command byte must always be the first byte sent to the RS232IM, it determines what actions are to be performed, it also dictates the meaning of the remaining bytes in the command header.

The Information below describes each type of RS232IM command and the meaning of all the bytes in the command and reply headers.
Examples are written in Quick Basic, #1 is an open Com port set to 9600 Baud, 8 data bits, no parity.

Command Type 1 - Send Orbit message, no reply

String received by RS232IM on RS232 Rx (9 way D skt pin 3).

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String transmitted from RS232IM on RS232 Tx (9 way D skt pin 2).

| From RS232IM: | NO REPLY |

Command Type 1 - Example - Send OrbitRst command.

OrbitString$="R"+CHR$(0)
msg$ = CHR$(0)+CHR$(LEN(OrbitString$))+ OrbitString$+ PRINT #1, msg$;
Command Type 2 - Send Orbit message, wait for reply

String received by RS232IM on RS232 Rx (9 way D skt pin 3).

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<td>Reply Length</td>
<td>Cmd Length</td>
<td>Cmd String</td>
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<td>Number of bytes in Orbit reply</td>
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Command Type 2 - Example
Send OrbitSetaddr command to Orbit module M892780 - 36 (set module to address 1)

oaddr% = 1
id$ = "M892780-36"
msg$ = CHR$(2) + CHR$(2) + CHR$(13) + "S" + CHR$(oaddr%) + id$ + CHR$(0)
PRINT #1, msg$;
status$ = INPUT$(1,#1)
IF status$ = chr$(0) THEN
    count = asc(INPUT$(1,#1))
    Reply$ = INPUT$(count,#1)
END IF

Command Type 6 - Setup interface (RS232 and Orbit)

String received by RS232IM on RS232 Rx (9 way D skt pin 3).

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<tr>
<td>Cmd byte - 10</td>
<td>RS232 settings</td>
<td>Orbit speed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RS232IM command byte</td>
<td>RS232 Baud rate / handshake</td>
<td>Orbit Baud rate</td>
<td></td>
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String transmitted from RS232IM on RS232 Tx (9 way D skt pin 2).

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<tr>
<th>From RS232IM:</th>
<th>Byte 1</th>
<th>Byte 2</th>
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<tr>
<td>Status byte</td>
<td>Byte count, always = 0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RS232IM status</td>
<td>Number of bytes in Orbit reply</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:
1] If the ‘RS232 settings’ and ‘Orbit speed’ codes are valid the RS232IM will be set to the new values after the status byte and byte count have been transmitted.
2] The status byte and byte count are transmitted at the same Baud rate as the received command.

Setup Codes.

RS232 settings. (byte 2 in String received by RS232IM).

This byte is used to set the RS232 Baud rate and handshaking, the Baud rate code selects the rate at which the RS232IM will operate after the command has been acknowledged.

Hardware handshaking (CTS/RTS) can be turned on/off by setting/clearing the MS bit of the in RS232 Settings byte, hence:

If handshaking is required, RS232 Settings byte = Baud rate code + 128
If no handshaking is required, RS232 Settings byte = Baud rate code
Command Type 6 - Continued.

RS232 settings. (byte 2 in String received by RS232IM).

Baud rate codes

0  RS232_DefltBaud - 9600, RS232IM is set to this rate and no handshaking at power on.
1  RS232_9600
2  RS232_19200
3  RS232_28800
4  RS232_38400
5  RS232_57600
6  RS232_115200

Orbit speed (byte 3 in String received by RS232IM).

This byte is used to set the Orbit Baud rate. Currently only 9600Baud and 187.5kBaud are available, the other codes are reserved for future expansion.

0  RS485_DefltBaud - currently 187.5k, RS232IM is set to this rate at power on
1  RS485_187500
2  RS485_9600
3  reserved for future expansion

RS232 Setup interface - status codes. (byte 1 in String transmitted from RS232IM).

0  OK - RS232 Settings byte and Orbit speed byte both valid
7  bad RS232 Settings byte
8  bad Orbit speed byte

Command Type 6 - Example Set RS232IM to RS232 9600 with handshaking and Orbit speed 187.5kB

RS232Settings$ = CHR$(1 + 128)
OrbitSpeed$ = CHR$(1)
msg$ = CHR$(10) + RS232Settings$ + OrbitSpeed$
PRINT #1, msg$;
Reply$ = INPUT$(2,#1)

Command Type 8 - Send Orbit message (wait for variable length reply)

String received by RS232IM on RS232 Rx (9 way D skt pin 3).

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Cmd byte - 14</td>
<td>Cmd Length</td>
<td>Cmd String</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Length of Orbit Cmd string</td>
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String transmitted from RS232IM on RS232 Tx (9 way D skt pin 2).

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Command Type 8 - Example - Send OrbitReadbuffer1 command to Orbit module

oaddr% = 1
msg$ = CHR$(14) + CHR$(2) + “2” + CHR$(oaddr%)
PRINT #1, msg$;
status$ = INPUT$(1,#1)
IF status$ = CHR$(0) THEN
  count = asc(INPUT$(1,#1))
  Reply$ = INPUT$(count,#1)
END IF

RS232IM Error Codes
For commands 2, 6 and 8 the RS232IM returns a status byte (byte 1 in String transmitted from RS232IM) to indicate the RS232IM / Orbit status.

<table>
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<th>Status Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>status OK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>RS232rx receive timeout (RS232Rx command string too short)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>bad RS232Settings byte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>bad Orbit speed byte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>255 (0FFh)</td>
<td>Orbit (RS485) receive timeout (module reply too short)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>254 (0FEh)</td>
<td>Orbit (RS485) receive parity error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>253 (0FDh)</td>
<td>bad checksum - RS232IM calculated checksum not equal to receivec Orbit module checksum</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**RS232IM Strings required for each Orbit Command**

In the list below $ - represents a string of bytes and CHR$(n) - represents a received / transmitted byte of binary value n.

### [OrbitSetaddr]
To RS232IM: CHR$(2),CHR$(3),CHR$(13),"S",CHR$(oaddr%),id$,CHR$(0)
From RS232IM:CHR$(status),CHR$(2),"S",CHR$(prevoaddr%)
[Total reply length = 4 bytes]

### [OrbitNotify]
To RS232IM: CHR$(2),CHR$(11),CHR$(2),"N",CHR$(0)
From RS232IM:CHR$(status),CHR$(11),"N",id$(10 bytes) - if moved
[Total reply length = 13 bytes]

### [OrbitIdentify]
To RS232IM: CHR$(2),CHR$(30),CHR$(2),"I",CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM:CHR$(status),CHR$(30),"I",id$(10 bytes),devtype$(12 bytes),ver$(5 bytes),stroke%2[bytes]
[Total reply length = 32 bytes]

### [OrbitGetinfo]
To RS232IM: CHR$(2),CHR$(41),CHR$(2),"B", CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM:CHR$(41), "B",moduletype$(4 bytes),hwtype$(2 bytes),reso%2[bytes], moduleinfo$(32 bytes)
[Total reply length = 43 bytes]

### [OrbitGetstatus]
To RS232IM: CHR$(2),CHR$(4),CHR$(2),"G", CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM:CHR$(status),CHR$(4),"G",CHR$(errcode%),status%2[bytes]
[Total reply length = 6 bytes]

### [OrbitStartdiff]
To RS232IM: CHR$(0),CHR$(2),"O", CHR$(0)
From RS232IM:nothing

### [OrbitStopdiff]
To RS232IM: CHR$(0),CHR$(2),"H", CHR$(0)
From RS232IM:nothing

### [OrbitTrigger]
To RS232IM: CHR$(0),CHR$(2),"T", CHR$(0)
From RS232IM:nothing

### [OrbitRst]
To RS232IM: CHR$(0),CHR$(2),"R", CHR$(0)
From RS232IM:nothing

**RS232IM Strings required for each Orbit Command - Continued**
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(2),CHR$(5),“A”,CHR$(oaddr%),CHR$(rdgs%),dly% [2 bytes]
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(2),“A”,CHR$(oaddr%)
[Total reply length = 4 bytes]

[OrbitCir]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(2),CHR$(2),“C”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(2),“C”,CHR$(oaddr%)
[Total reply length = 4 bytes]

[OrbitDifference]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(2),CHR$(2),“F”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(2),“F”,CHR$(oaddr%)
[Total reply length = 4 bytes]

[OrbitDirection]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(2),CHR$(2),“U”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(2),“U”,CHR$(oaddr%)
[Total reply length = 4 bytes]

[OrbitPreset]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(2),CHR$(6),“P”,CHR$(oaddr%),pstmtng&[4 bytes]
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(2),“P”,CHR$(oaddr%)
[Total reply length = 4 bytes]

[OrbitRead1]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(3),CHR$(2),“1”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(3),“1”,rd% [2 bytes]
[Total reply length = 5 bytes]

[OrbitRead2]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(5),CHR$(2),“L”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(5),“L”,rdLong&[4 bytes]
[Total reply length = 7 bytes]

[OrbitReaddiff1]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(13),CHR$(2),“D”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(13),“D”,min% [2 bytes],max% [2 bytes],sum% [5 bytes],numl [3 bytes]
[Total reply length = 15 bytes]

[OrbitReaddiff2]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(9),CHR$(2),“X”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(9),“X”,minlong& [4 bytes],maxlong& [4 bytes]
[Total reply length = 8 bytes]

[OrbitReadia]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(51),CHR$(2),“E”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(51),“E”, 25 x 2 byte values [50 bytes]
[Total reply length = 53 bytes]

[OrbitRefmark]
To RS232IM:  CHR$(2),CHR$(2),CHR$(2),“K”,CHR$(oaddr%)
From RS232IM: CHR$(status),CHR$(2),“K”,CHR$(oaddr%)
[Total reply length = 4 bytes]
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