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Software Product Description

PRODUCT NAME: HSD30 Array Controller Operating Software (HSOF), Version 2.7 **SPD 53.53.04**

DESCRIPTION

The HSD30 Array Controller Operating Software (HSOF) is the software component of the HSD30 array controller. This array controller is an intelligent mass storage server that interfaces among host computer systems and SCSI-attached mass storage devices using Digital Equipment Corporation's DSSI bus. HSOF executes in the HSD30 array controller; it processes MSCP I/O requests from hosts, performing the lower-level operations required to execute these requests.

HSOF FUNCTIONS

HSOF performs the following functions:

- Testing and diagnosis of the HSD30 array controller
- Host interconnect and protocol services
- SCSI device control
- Subsystem management services
- Local program support

The following sections describe these functions.

Testing and Diagnosis of the HSD30 Array Controller

HSOF internal diagnostics execute automatically when controller power is turned on or when the array controller is reset.

LEDs on the controller's front bezel provide diagnostic information upon controller failure.

Cache Battery Diagnostic

Software Version 2.7 checks the condition of the optional write-back cache batteries every 24 hours. If a low capacity or failure is detected, write-back cache data is flushed from cache and depending on the pre-defined cache policy, selected RAIDsets and disk mirrorsets may become inoperative. In dual redundant configurations, the controller with good cache batteries can be set to service the RAIDsets and disk mirrorsets. Refer to the *HSD30 Array Controller Operating System Software Release Notes*, EK–HSD30–RN. E01, for further information.

Host Interconnect and Protocol Services

The HSD30 array controller attaches to host computer systems using the DSSI bus. It may be installed in VMScluster™ configurations. Each DSSI bus supports up to eight nodes. Digital supports up to four HSD30 array controllers per DSSI bus.

SCSI Device Control

HSOF converts host I/O requests expressed in the MSCP protocol into device-specific SCSI commands. It supports concurrent commands and data transfers on multiple SCSI device buses to the maximum extent possible for each supported device type.

HSOF device control functions include the following:

Error Detection and Recovery

HSOF recovers from device errors including bad block replacement for supported disk drives that do not perform this function for themselves.

For errors on the DSSI interface, HSD30 array controller hardware and HSOF cooperate to provide the following:

- Automatic retransmission of data detected as being in error
- Automatic detection of internal data path errors
- Automatic failover of attached devices between identically configured HSD30 controllers installed within the same controller shelf

Device Integrity Testing

HSOF executes Device Integrity Test programs on system manager command. These tests will perform the following:

- Verify correct operation of individual devices

- Place the HSD30 array controller under load to verify correct subsystem operation

Disk Striping

HSOF treats sets of disk drives as stripesets (2 to 14 members) for improved I/O performance through load balancing. A stripeset appears to the OpenVMS™ operating system as a single disk drive.

Optional Functionalities

RAID, disk mirroring, and write-back cache are available as options. Refer to the *HS Family of Array Controllers Optional Operating Software for HSOF Version 2.7, Software Product Description*, SPD 54.38.01, for further option information.

Error Logging

HSOF uses DSSI protocol messages to report faulty or failing devices and controller faults to all connected hosts that have error logging enabled.

Subsystem Management Services

HSOF provides the following subsystem management service:

Alteration of Subsystem Parameters

HSOF includes a command language interpreter (CLI) utility that allows a system manager to display and manipulate controller parameters and device configuration information as needed.

Dynamic Status Display

The HSOF VTDPY utility allows a system manager to view the HSD30-based subsystem's state dynamically. This utility can use VT200-, VT300-, and VT400-series video terminals.

HSUTIL

The HSUTIL utility provides two functions: device format and device code load. Device format enables the system manager to perform a basic format operation on a disk device. Device code load provides the functionality to download device firmware onto supported disk drives via the controller. Refer to the *HSD30 Array Controller Operating Software Version Version 2.7 Release Notes*, EK–HSD30–RN. E01, for further detail.

Local Program Support

HSOF supports the following local programs:

- CFMENU for configuring controller-attached storage devices
- CLONE utility for obtaining snapshot copies of data in concert with disk mirroring optional software
- Code Patch (CLCP) for software changes
- CONFIG for automatically adding new devices to the configuration
- C_SWAP for controller and/or cache module warm swap (for dual-redundant configurations)
- DEFAULT_FORMAT=HOST_SELECTED can be used to set tape density for writes from the host operating system, as well as from the controller CLI
- DILX disk inline exerciser
- FLS for enabling and disabling optional licensed features
- FMU for displaying controller last failure and memory system failure information as well as control of spontaneous event logging and last failure logging displays
- TILX tape in-line exerciser
- VTDPY presents a user display of current controller state and performance data for attached disk drive devices

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

HSOF requires an HSD30 array controller on which to execute.

The HSD30 array controller includes three SCSI device buses for connecting storage devices. The specific devices support by HSOF Version 2.7 is listed in Table 1.

The HSD30 array controller is ordered as follows:

HSD30–AA	StorageWorks array controller for 18 (dual-redundant) or 21 (nonredundant) SCSI–2 disk/tape/optical devices; no Read Cache
HSD30–AD	StorageWorks array controller for 18 (dual-redundant) or 21 (nonredundant) SCSI–2 disk/tape/optical devices; 16 MB Read Cache
HSD30–AF	StorageWorks array controller for 18 (dual-redundant) or 21 (nonredundant) SCSI–2 disk/tape/optical devices; 32 MB Read Cache

Controller Configuration Restrictions

The following configuration restrictions apply:

- A maximum of six devices may be attached to a single SCSI device bus on dual-redundant HSD30 array controller configurations.
- A maximum of seven devices may be attached to a single SCSI device bus on nonredundant HSD30 array controller configurations.
- Up to four HSD30 array controllers per DSSI host bus are currently supported.

- Separate buses are supported for dual-redundant configurations when using Open VMS Alpha™ Version 6.1 and higher operating system software.
- A maximum total of 20 mirrorsets and RAIDsets are supported by HSOF Version 2.5 or higher.
- A maximum combined total of 30 storagesets (mirrorsets, RAIDsets, and stripesets) are supported by HSOF Version 2.5 or higher.

Host Node Hardware and Software Required

A valid OpenVMS VAX™, OpenVMS Alpha, or VMScluster configuration with a supported DSSI interface (see SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS section) is required to run HSOF software.

OTHER HARDWARE

The RAID and mirroring options require a write-back cache module. The write-back cache option requires the HSD30–YX write-back cache option kit along with the appropriate cache module option.

Note: Configuration guidelines for the HSD30 array controller are provided in the *HS Family of Array Controllers User's Guide*, EK–HSFAM–UG. D01.

HSOF supports the following DSSI adapters:

- SHAC-based embedded/native (for various VAX and DEC systems)
- Embedded/native adapter for DEC 4000® systems
- KFMSA and KFMSB (for XMI-based systems) for VAX 6000, VAX 7000, and VAX 10000 systems
- KFESA and KFESB (for AlphaServer 1000®, AlphaServer 2000®, AlphaServer 2100®)

HSD30 controllers, mounted in a BA350–MA controller basic shelf, support the following packaging components:

- BA350–S*x* 8-bit SCSI shelf for devices and up to two single-ended buses
- BA356–S*x* 16-bit SCSI shelf for devices and up to two single-ended buses
- BA35*x*–HF 150 Watt, 48 Volt Power Supply in System Building Block (SBB), 3½ inch form factor
- BA35X–MG 8-bit I/O module

HSOF supports the following optional hardware:

- HSD30–XD upgrades the HSD30–AA option to include a 16 MB read cache option
- HSD30–XE 32 MB read cache module
- HSD30–YC write-back cache batteries and bracket
- HSD30–XF upgrades the HSD30–AA option to include a 32 MB read cache option
- HSD30–YX HSD30 write-back cache option kit, includes two batteries, a battery bracket, and a write-back cache option license

HSOF supports the following optional software (HSD30-YX is a prerequsite to these options):

- QL–4DRA9–AA HSD Disk Mirroring Software License
- QL–3HYA9–AA HSD RAID Software License

Table 1
HSD Disk and Solid State Support

Device	Type[1]	Capacity GB	Minimum Microcode Version	Min H/W Rev[2]
RZ25–VA	DD	0.426	0900	B01
RZ26–VA	DD	1.05	T392	D02
RZ26L–VA/VW[3]	DD	1.05	440C	A01
RZ26N–VA/VW[3]	DD	1.05	446	A01
RZ28–VA/VW[3]	DD	2.1	435E	B01
RZ28B–VA	DD	2.1	0003	A01
RZ28D–VA/VW[3]	DD	2.1	0008	A01
RZ28M–VA/VW[3]	DD	2.1	466	A01
RZ29B–VA/VW[3]	DD	4.3	0007	B01
RZ74–VA	DD	3.57	T427B	B07
EZ51R–VA[4]	SSD	0.10	V096	D01
EZ54R–VA[4]	SSD	0.42	V096	A01
EZ58R–VA[4]	SSD	0.85	V109	C01

[1] Device types are indicated as follows: DD for disk drive and SSD for solid state devices.

[2] Minimum hardware revision supported.

[3] VW models require BA356 wide device shelves and 8-bit I/O modules.

[4] This device cannot be warm swapped. Make sure the device shelf power is off when inserting or removing a solid state disk device.

Table 2

HSD Tape, Tape Library, CD-Rom and Optical Support

Device	Type[1]	Capacity GB	Minimum Microcode Version	Min H/W Rev[2]
TKZ60–EC[3]	TDL	0.44	111	B01
TL810[3,4]	TLB	1000[5]	1.10	A01
TL820 Rev A01[3,4]	TLB	5200[5]	1d3M	L1
TLZ06–VA	TD	4[5]	0491	A04
TLZ6L–VA[6]	TDL	16[5]	0491	A01
TLZ7L–VA[6]	TDL	8[5]	4BQE	A02
TLZ07–VA	TD	8[5]	04AQ	AX01
TLZ07–AA[3]	TD	0.14	0309	A01
TZ86–VA	TD	6	430B	A02
TZ87–VA	TD	20[5]	930A	A01
TZ87N–VA[7]	TD	20[5]	930A	A01
TZ87–TC[3,4]	TD	20[5]	9514	B02
TZ867-AE/AF[3]	TDL	42	430B	A01
TZ875–NT[3]	TDL	100[5]	930A	A01
TZ875–TA[3]	TDL	100[5]	930A	A01
TZ877–AE/AF[3]	TDL	140	930A	A01
RRD42–VB/VU	CD	0.6	1.1a	A01
RRD43–VA	CD	0.6	0064	A02
RRD44–VA	CD	0.6	3493	A02
RRD45–VA/VU	CD	0.6	1645	A01
RWZ52–VA[4]	OP	0.6 per side	3403	A01

[1] Device types are indicated as follows: TD for tape drive, TDL for tape drive loader, TLB for tape library, CD for CD–ROM, and OP for magneto-optical disk devices.

[2] Minimum hardware revision supported.

[3] Requires 0.2 meter SCSI–1 to SCSI–2 transition cable, Digital part number 17–03831–01.

[4] Requires DWZZA–AA 8-bit to 16-bit adapter.

[5] Values represent compressed data. The compression factor is device dependent based on individual device algorithms.

[6] Loaders operate in sequential mode only.

[7] Cannot read TK50, TK70 or TZ30 format tapes.

These tables represent the **only** devices that are supported. Digital Equipment Corporation neither supports nor recommends any device not listed for use with the HSD30 array controller and HSOF, regardless of the supplier or stated conformance to ANSI SCSI specifications. Digital will not assure correct operation of any unqualified device nor assure that such devices will not have impact on other supported devices, on the HSD30 array controller itself, or on a Digital system configuration.

DEVICE CONFIGURATION RESTRICTIONS

- Disks attached to an HSD30 array controller may not currently be used as initialization devices for VAX 7000® and VAX 10000® processors.
- Controller-attached devices may serve as initialization devices for DEC 7000® and DEC 10000® systems provided the DEC7000/10000 console code is at Version 3.1 or higher.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Software Version 2.7 on HSD-series controllers is supported by the following operating system versions, with the limitations described in the *HS Family of Array Controllers User's Guide*, EK–HSFAM–UG. D01:

- OpenVMS Alpha Version 1.5 or higher
- OpenVMS VAX Version 5.5–2 or higher

DISTRIBUTION MEDIA

HSOF is shipped on PCMCIA program card media only.

ORDERING INFORMATION

HSOF is shipped preinstalled with every hardware configuration that includes an HSD30 array controller.

For self-maintenance customers or others who require separate ordering of software, HSOF for the HSD30 array controllers may be ordered separately as follows.

Table 3

Distribution and Documentation Option

QL–2YHA9–AA	SWKS HSD30 MSC TRAD LIC
QL–2YHA9–RA	SWKS HSD30 MSC TRAD UPD LIC
QA–2YHAA–HS	SWKS HSD30 MSC PCRM KIT
QA–2YHAA–GZ	SWKS HSD30 MSC DOC KIT
QT–2YH9A*–**	HSOF Software Product Services

OPTIONAL SOFTWARE

Refer to the *HS Family of Array Controllers Optional Operating Software (HSOF), Version 2.7*, SPD 54.38.01, for further information regarding the following optional software products.

RAID (RAIDsets)

HSOF treats sets of disk drives as RAIDsets (3 to 14 members) when the separately licensed RAID option is installed. Each RAIDset is presented to the hosts as a single large virtual disk.

Disk Mirroring

HSOF treats sets of disk drives as mirrorsets (2 to 6 members) when the separately licensed Mirroring option is installed. Each mirrorset is presented to the hosts as a single large virtual disk.

CAUTION: OpenVMS operating system versions prior to Version 6.0 do not support real or virtual disk devices larger than 8.5 GB as file-structured devices. Using disk devices larger than 8.5 GB with earlier versions of the OpenVMS operating system causes data corruption.

Write-Back Cache

When the separately licensed write-back cache option is installed, HSOF can provide improved I/O performance by supporting write-back cache for user selected disks, stripesets, RAIDsets, and mirrorsets.

SOFTWARE LICENSING

An HSOF license is shipped with every hardware configuration that includes an HSD30 array controller.

This software is furnished only under a license. For more information about Digital's licensing terms and policies, contact your local Digital office.

The RAID, write-back cache, and disk mirroring options require separate licenses and require that a license key be installed for correct operation. Refer to SPD 54.38.01 for option license information.

SOFTWARE PRODUCT SERVICES

A variety of service options are available from Digital. For more information, contact your local Digital office.

Software service for HSOF is covered under the terms and conditions of the Integrated Hardware and Software Customer Service contracts.

Multivendor Customer Services for the HSD30 controller and HSOF are covered under the terms and conditions of the following:

- Hardware Customer Service contract
- Software Customer Service contract
- Media and Documentation Distribution Service (MDDS) contract

SOFTWARE WARRANTY

Warranty for this software product is provided by Digital as defined in the Software Warranty Addendum of this SPD.

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