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iControl Services Gateway Reference

This manual is designed as a reference for programmers of third-party network management systems (NMS). The workflow and individual commands documented in this manual are meant to be integrated into driver software to enable direct communication—through the iControl Services Gateway—between the NMS and a Densité card or ImageStore device.

Notes

- The following workflow assumes that the controller is an NMS. However, for purposes of display, screen captures of human-operated *Telnet* sessions will be included to show command-by-command responses from the iControl Services Gateway as well as from an individual service node (i.e. a Densité card or an ImageStore card).
- The workflow steps involving XML commands—as well as those steps that require setting up Telnet sessions—would be coded directly into the driver if the controller is an NMS.

REQUIREMENTS

Make sure you meet the following conditions before beginning this workflow:

- You know the IP address of the Application Server whose iControl Services Gateway application you wish to connect to.
- [IF APPLICABLE] You are able to edit the driver software that will allow your network management system software to interact with the iControl Services Gateway.
- [IF APPLICABLE] You are able to launch Telnet sessions to the Application Server.

Sample workflow:

| 1. | Enable the iControl Services Gateway service on the appropriate Application Server (see page 2). |
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| 2. | Retrieve and open the XML file associated to the service node type whose parameters you would like to edit or retrieve (see page 2). |
| 3. | Set up a Telnet session to the <i>iControl Gateway Directory Service</i> application of the Application Server (see "Operations performed on the gateway Directory Service", on page 4). |
| 4. | Request a list of registered service nodes from the iControl Directory Services (see "Operations performed on the gateway Directory Service", on page 4). |
| 5. | Close the session with the Directory Services. |

| 6. | Set up another Telnet session to the registered service node (e.g. a particular XVP-3901 Densité card on a particular frame) whose parameters you would like to edit. |
|----|--|
| 7. | Edit or retrieve configuration data on the service node. |
| 8. | Close the session with the service node. |

Enabling the iControl Services Gateway service

- 1. Open iControl in a browser.
- 2. On the *iControl—admin* page, click Services management.
- 3. Navigate to the bottom of the list of services.
- 4. In the **Autostart** column, click to put a check mark in the **Start** box corresponding to the **iControl Services Gateway** row.

Retrieving and opening a service node's iC Gateway Reference file



1. In iControl, on the *iControl—Startup* page, click **Supported hardware**.

2. On the *iControl—Supported Hardware* page, click the link that best describes the service node type.



3. Locate the service node type in the list, and then click the link for the associated XML file.

| Suppo | Supported Densité cards | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|-------------------------|--|
| | Card Model | ID | Assembly Number | Firmware Version | iC Gateway Reference |
| 1 2 3 | 3DX-3901 AAP-1741 ACP-1721 | 132 77 30 | 0943-0100-100 0768-9900-100 0649-9900-105 | 1.2.0 1.0.1 3.2.1 | 3DX-3901.xml AAP-1741.xml ACP1721 html |
| 117 | UAP-1781 | 42 | 0768-9900-209 | 3.1.0 | UAP-1781.xml |
| 119 120 | UAP-1783 VCP-1021 VDA-1001 | | 0768-9900-100 0667-9900-203 0452-9900-502 | | |
| 119 120 121 122 123 124 | UAP-1783 VCP-1021 VDA-1001 VDA-1002 VEA-1002 VEA-1002 VEA-1021 | 70 29 10 38 11 37 12 | 0768-9900-100 0667-9900-203 0452-9900-502 0452-9900-502 0454-9900-406 0454-9900-406 0477-9900-405 | | VDA-1002.xml |

Link to the iC Gateway Reference (XML) file describing parameters for the XVP-3901 card

The XML file opens in your browser.



4. Keep this browser window open for reference. You will need the access keys in this XML file later.

Operations performed on the gateway Directory Service

REQUIREMENT

Before beginning this procedure, make sure you familiarize yourself with syntax conventions and the meanings of the variables in the examples (see "Syntax variables", on page 5).

1. Launch a Telnet session—using an application like *PuTTY*—to the *iControl Gateway Directory Service* by typing the following:

telnet%{appServerAddress}%10001

(For example: telnet 10.6.0.75 10001)

2. Request a list of registered service nodes by typing the following:

<listNodes/>

The system returns a list of registered nodes (i.e. all Densité cards and ImageStore devices that are currently present in the iControl system and managed by this iControl server).

3. Locate the service node (e.g. a Densité card) in the list.

Information about single service node (an XVP-3901 card) highlighted

- Make note of the service node's identifier (ID), found between the <id> and </id> tags.
 In this example, the service node ID is iche-appserver_Frame1_Densite_SLOT_12.
- Launch a different Telnet session to the service node by typing the following: telnet%{appServerAddress}%13000
- In the new Telnet session, open a session to the service node by typing the following: <openID>{serviceNodeID}</openID>

The system returns <ack/> if the session launched successfully, or <nack/> if not.

7. Perform operations on the service node's configuration as desired (see "Operations performed on a service node", on page 6).

Syntax variables

| Variable | Notes |
|---------------------------------|---|
| % | Indicates a < space > character |
| {appServerAddress} ¹ | IPv4 address of the Application Server |
| {serviceNodeID} | Identifier of the service node (e.g. a Densité card) whose parameters you would like to retrieve or configure. The value of this identifier is retrievable with the <listnodes> command (see "Operations performed on the gateway Directory Service", on page 4).</listnodes> |

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Operations performed on a service node

Command: <getParameterInfo>.

Purpose

To retrieve all information (available to an application) about the parameters of an access key.

```
Command syntax
<getParameterInfo%key="{key}"/>
```

Response syntax—Parameters with discrete 'choices'

[Success scenario—all values accepted]

<{key}>{paramValue}</{key}>

<parameterInfo%name="{paramName}"%type="{paramType}"%isActive="{paramActive}><
choice%label="{choiceLabel}"%rcpval="{choiceRcpVal}"%active="{choiceActive}/>



GUI control panel parameter showing discrete choices in a combo box

[Fail scenario—NOT all values accepted]

<nack/>

Response syntax—Parameters with continuous range of values

<{key}>{paramValue}</{key}>

<parameterInfo%name="{paramName}"%isActive="{paramActive}"%min="{paramRangeMin
}"%max="{paramRangeMax}"%step="{paramRangeStep}"%fstep="{paramRangeFstep}"%nom
inal="{paramRangeNominal}"%unit="{paramUnit}"/>

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GUI control panel parameter showing continuous range (i.e. slider)

Syntax variables

| Variable | Notes |
|---------------------|---|
| % | Indicates a < space > character |
| $\{key\}^1$ | Access key |
| | Available from the <i>iC Gateway Reference</i> XML file you opened in your browser (see step 4 of "Retrieving and opening a service node's iC Gateway Reference file" on page 2). |
| {paramValue} | Current value of the parameter |
| {paramName} | Parameter name |
| {paramType} | Parameter type |
| {paramActive} | |
| {choiceLabel} | Label (not the value) identifying a choice |
| {choiceRcpVal} | Value that this choice would give to the parameter if chosen. |
| {choiceActive} | |
| {paramRangeMin} | |
| {paramRangeMax} | |
| {paramRangeStep} | |
| {paramRangeFstep} | |
| {paramRangeNominal} | |
| {paramUnit} | |

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Example—Parameter with 'choice' values

User input

<getParameterInfo key="vThumb_Q"/>

System response

<vThumb_Q>Normal</vThumb_Q>

```
<parameterInfo name="Quality" type="choice" isActive="true"><choice
label="Poor" rcpval="Poor" active="true"/><choice label ="Normal"
rcpval="Normal" active="true"/><choice label ="HiQ" rcpval="HiQ"
active="true"/></parameterInfo>
```

Note: The "choice" value returned by the system for type, as seen above, indicates that the data type is *enum* (*enumerated*), meaning there are preset values in a discrete set. In the above example, there are three possible values: **Poor**, **Normal**, and **HiQ**.

Example—Parameter with continuous range of possible values

```
User input
<getParameterInfo key="vLuma"/>
System response
<vLuma>122 </vLuma>
<parameterInfo name="Y Gain" isActive="true" min="-800.0" max="800.0"
step="1.0" fstep="25" nominal="0.0" unit=""/>
```

Command: <get[Parameter]>

Purpose

To retrieve the value associated with a parameter of an access key.

Command syntax

<get{key1stLetterUpperCase}/>

Response syntax

<{key}>{paramValue}</{key}>

Syntax variables

| variable | Notes |
|-------------------------|---|
| $\{key\}^1$ | Access key Available from the <i>iC Gateway Reference</i> XML file you opened in your browser (see step 4 of "Retrieving and opening a service node's iC Gateway Reference file" on page 2). |
| {key1stLetterUpperCase} | Access key with its first character in upper case For example, if an access key is dAFDMode2 , the { <i>key1stLetterUpperCase</i> } string would be DAFDMode2 . |
| {paramValue} | Current value of the parameter |

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Example User input <getDAFDMode2/> System response <dAFDMode2>4:3 </dAFDMode2>

Command: <set[Parameter]>

Purpose To configure the value of a service node parameter.

Command syntax <set{key1stLetterUpperCase}/>{type}%{value}</set{key1stLetterUpperCase}>

Response syntax

[Success scenario—all values accepted]

<ack/>

<{key}>{paramValue}</{key}>

Note: There may be several lines of response, giving several parameter values. The system returns those parameter values that are affected by this SET command. The example, below, is one in which several parameters were affected by setting one parameter.

[Fail scenario—NOT all values accepted]

<nack/>

Syntax variables

| Variable | Notes |
|-------------------------|---|
| % | Indicates a < space > character |
| ${key}^1$ | Access key Available from the <i>iC Gateway Reference</i> XML file you opened in your browser (see step 4 of "Retrieving and opening a service node's iC Gateway Reference file" on page 2). |
| {key1stLetterUpperCase} | Access key with its first character in upper case For example, if an access key is dAFDMode2 , the { <i>key1stLetterUpperCase</i> } string would be DAFDMode2 . |
| {paramValue} | Actual value of the parameter |

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| Variable | Notes |
|----------|---|
| {type} | Indicates the action-type you would like to perform on the value of the parameter. |
| | inc—Increments the current value by the indicated quantity |
| | dec—Decrements the current value by the indicated quantity |
| | set—Configures the value of the parameter precisely to the indicated quantity |
| {value} | Value to set a parameter to, or increment by, or decrement by |

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Example

User input

<setVLuma>dec 80</setVLuma>

System response

<ack/>

<vLuma>**122** </vLuma>

<vAllGain>70 </vAllGain>

<vYGain>122 </vYGain>

<vAllGain>**70** </vAllGain>



GUI control panel **BEFORE** sending SET command



GUI control panel AFTER sending SET command

Command: <closeID>

Purpose

To close a Telnet session with a service node.

Command syntax

<closeID>{*ID*}</closeID>

Response syntax

If you are using *PuTTY* and your session is configured not to close upon exiting, the following window appears.



Syntax variables

| Variable | Notes |
|------------|---|
| $\{ID\}^1$ | Identifier of the service node (e.g. a Densité card) |
| | Retrieved through the <listnodes> command (see "Operations performed on</listnodes> |
| | the gateway Directory Service", on page 4). |

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Example

User input

<closeID>iche-appserver_Frame1_Densite_SLOT_12</closeID>

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