HYPERlink Local Area Network System

A Qualified START* Product

DESCRIPTION

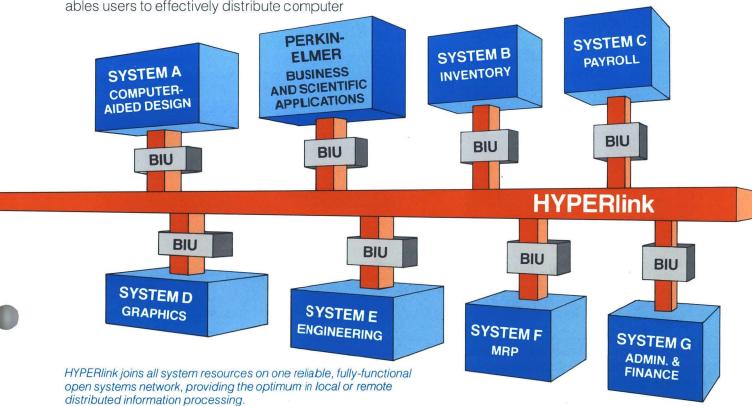
HYPERlink is a Local Area Network (LAN) that offers a hardware and software package for today's commercial and government distributed information processing needs.

HYPERlink complies with the Department of Defense's Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) specifications (MIL-STDS 1777 and 1778), as well as the ARPANET specifications for File Transfer (RFC 765), Telnet (RFC 854), and Electronic Mail (RFC 821). Conforming to these standards, HYPERlink assures a dependable networking solution for open systems communications and satisfies the requirements for access to the Defense Data Network (DDN).

Addressing the processing needs of the commercial environment as well, HYPERlink enables users to effectively distribute computer

resources in multiple local area networks and to connect two hosts in geographically dispersed sites via X.25 wide area networks. Supporting several popular hardware connection devices, HYPERlink offers an economical solution for users who require multi-vendor or single-vendor system integration. Powerful, interactive, multi-user network applications that provide access to any system on the network offer end-users the benefits of all system resources.

HYPERlink is easy to install, manage, and use and provides transparent connections between Perkin-Elmer systems and other computers distributed throughout the network. In addition, HYPERlink is highly flexible, allowing for future network growth and enhancements.



SYSTEM COMPONENTS

HYPERlink offers a full range of network capabilities for users who require a reliable open systems communications network. HYPERlink software conforms to the International Standards Organization's Open System Interconnection (ISO/OSI) reference model, employing a peer-coupled layered architecture. The HYPERlink network implements the NET-WORK, TRANSPORT, SESSION, PRESENTATION, and APPLICATION layers of the ISO/OSI reference model. Functions of the DATA LINK and PHYSICAL layers are implemented in the Ethernet interface hardware.

Components of the HYPERlink package are:

- Network Utilities
- Transmission Control Protocol
- Internet Protocol
- Device Manager
- Internet Bus Interface Unit (BIU) Hardware
- Network Administrator

Network Utilities

HYPERlink's on-line network utilities satisfy both the PRESENTATION and APPLICATION layers of the ISO/OSI model. A File Transfer utility is available with the base HYPERlink product; add-on utility modules include Network Electronic Mail, Virtual Terminal, and Remote Job Entry.

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

The TCP layer satisfies the TRANSPORT and SES-SION layers of the ISO/OSI model. The primary function of the TCP is to provide reliable connection service between pairs of processors in the upper architectural layers of two distinct hosts. TCP modules exchange control information, regulating the flow of data and providing reliable communication through the use of end-to-end acknowledgements. The TCP's multiplexing ability is accessed by the HYPERlink network utilities to allow concurrent usage of their services. In addition, TCP service routines allow the user to design individual network applications and link them to the HYPERlink network.

Internet Protocol (IP)

The IP provides the NETWORK layer functions for communications between networks. Operating below the TCP, the IP uses an Internet addressing scheme to determine the destination of data going outside the local net, then routes it to the appropriate gateway device. The IP can interface with CCITT X.25, the international standard packetswitching protocol.

Device Manager

The Device Manager functions at the ISO/OSI model's NETWORK layer for local host-to-host communications. The Device Manager determines the destination of the data or messages to be sent across the local net, then using the host's own communications protocols, issues I/O requests to transmit the data over the appropriate communications line or channel. Perkin-Elmer and other host systems supported by *HYPERlink* and connected via the same type of device are capable of exchanging data at this level.

Internet Bus Interface Unit (BIU)

Perkin-Elmer's Ethernet interface, the Internet BIU, or other host processor hardware provide the DATA LINK and PHYSICAL layer functions of the ISO/OSI model. The Internet BIU provides host interface to the Ethernet. In addition to controlling the physical transmission of data over the Ethernet, the Internet BIU may also front end the TCP/IP modules to off load the host and provide increased end-to-end transmission throughput. The DATA LINK control procedure uses a fully distributed peer protocol with Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD). HYPERlink's DDN Host Front End Processor (HFEP) also contains the TCP/IP protocols and a CCITT X.25 interface.

Network Administrator

The Network Administrator offers the control and statistics needed to define network structures, monitor network performance, manage system security, and recover the local network image in the event of a system failure. In addition, the Network Administrator can be resident in each host, thus distributing network control across all nodes and allowing the network to survive a node failure.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) STANDARDS

For systems in the DDN to communicate consistently, the DoD has issued mandatory requirements for DDN compliance. Subscriber systems must conform to the TCP/IP protocols and must possess application programs that use these protocols. HYPERlink's software was originally developed according to ARPANET designs for Upper Layer Protocols; therefore, the HYPERlink package is ideally suited for defense industry networks.

Also in accordance with DoD requirements, HYPERlink has a front-end solution whereby the application software physically resides in the host, and the TCP, IP, and X.25 reside in the firmware of the HFEP.

SUPPORT

Internet Systems Corporation is committed to total customer support and offers assistance at every stage of the LAN implementation process. Internet Systems Corporation provides consulting services to help define and specify individual network requirements and system or application design services to customize any level of the HYPERlink network. Internet Systems Corporation also supplies end-user training courses and remote and on-site system maintenance.

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	ISO/OSI REFERENCE MODEL	HYPERlink ARCHITECTURE
7	APPLICATION	File Transfer Remote Job Entry
6	PRESENTATION	Remote Job Entry Electronic Mail Virtual Terminal
5	SESSION	Transmission Control
4	TRANSPORT	Protocol
3	NETWORK	Internet Protocol
		Device Manager
2	DATA LINK	Internet BIU
1	PHYSICAL	Ethernet

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