VERSATILE INPUT OUTPUT MODULE

USER MANUAL

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1 INTRODUCTION

The VIOM module physically consists of 16 inputs, 16 outputs and a Serial Port. Internally there are also 16 Virtual outputs (which may be used as Virtual inputs) and eight 32 bit Timer / Counters.

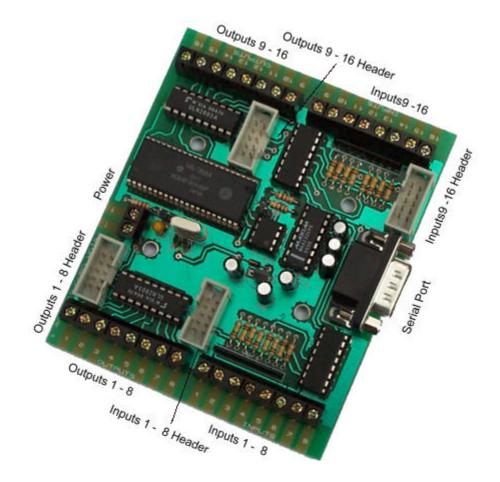
Outputs may be controlled by combinations of inputs, by the Timer / Counters or via the Serial Port. Once the outputs have been activated various parameters may be assigned to control their behaviour.

Additional modules are available which can be used as interface elements.

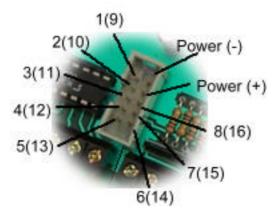
2 HARDWARE

2.1 General

The following diagram shows the location of the major components of VIOM. The Serial Port should be connected to the host via a Null Modem lead. No handshaking is used.



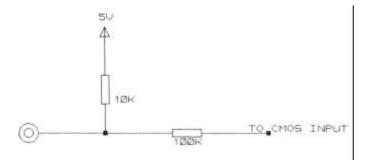
The inputs and outputs are available via screw terminals or a 10 way headers. The headers also have power pins so that auxiliary modules can be powered directly from VIOM. Each of the headers has the same pin assignment regardless of whether they are inputs or outputs. The following diagram shows the pin arrangement:



2.2 VIOM Inputs

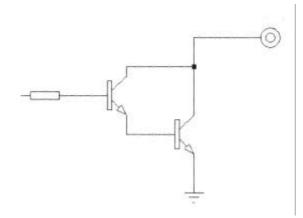
VIOM has 16 inputs. Each has a 10Kohm pull up resistor to 5 Volts and a 100Kohm resistor feeding into a CMOS input. This type of input can be used with TTL, CMOS or clean contacts such as relays or switches.

Care should be taken to prevent excessive voltage on any of these inputs.

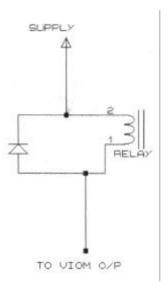


2.3 VIOM Outputs

The VIOM module has 16 real outputs. Each of these outputs consist of an open collector Darlington driver capable of sinking 100mA. They are capable of driving light loads such as LEDs, relays and small motors. Maximum load voltage is 40 Volts.



Note that if these outputs are to drive inductive loads such as relays and motors then the load must have some form of back EMF suppression fitted. IF SUPPRESSION IS NOT FITTED THEN THE OUTPUT DEVICE WILL BE DAMAGED. The following diagram shows how to interface the VIOM output to a relay.



2.4 VIOM Serial Port

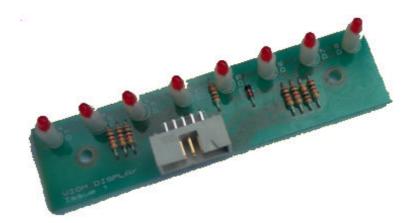
The Serial Port is used to communicate with a host. This host may be a PC but could also be any device capable of communicating with a VIOM.

The VIOM should be connected to the host with a null modem lead fitted with a 9 pin 'D' connector. This is a lead which has its RX and TX wires crossed over. The VIOM does not support hardware handshaking and therefore requires only the Rx, TX and ground wire connections. Others if present will be ignored.

The serial protocol is 9600 baud, 8 bits no parity and 1 stop bit.

2.5 VIOM Display

The VIOM display module consists of 8 LEDs which can be connected directly on to the VIOM controller. Connection is via a ribbon cable to the output header. If all 16 outputs are to be displayed then two VIOM Display modules will be required.



2.6 VIOM Relays

The VIOM Relay module consists of 8 single pole change over relays which can be connected directly on to the VIOM controller. Connection is via a ribbon cable to the output header. If all 16 outputs are to be used then two VIOM Relay modules will be required.





3 USER INTERFACE

3.1 Message types

Most commands to VIOM will provide a return message. VIOM can be programmed to respond in either plain text (long messages) or simply (short messages). If you are interfacing through a terminal program it is better to have VIOM respond in a manner which is easily understood i.e. long messages. If you are writing your own software it may be easier to check the returns if short messages are chosen. In either case all messages are terminated with a carriage return / line feed.

The command CML will switch the VIOM responses to long format while CMS will switch to short messages. The default is long messages.

It is also possible to program a prefix for error messages by using the command CEA followed by the character to be used as the prefix. All error messages whether long or short will be prefixed with the defined character. Once this prefix has been set it will remain set until the command CEA is sent changing the character. If CEA is sent without a character the prefix reporting will be turned off.

3.2 Return Echo

The VIOM has a facility to return any data it receives over the Serial Port back to the host. This facility is useful for checking that the data received by the VIOM is accurate. Also some terminal programs may not echo typed characters locally which can make the difficult to use.

3.3 File Download

Data can be downloaded to the VIOM manually by using a terminal type program such as HyperTerminal or automatically using special software or file transfer. Where file transfer is being used, especially with programs such as HyperTerminal, it is desirable to turn off any handshaking or data storage so that the data may be transferred rapidly.

Using the command FDL as the first command in a file transfer informs the VIOM that a file transfer is in progress. The VIOM will now do two things: Firstly it will inhibit any outgoing messages from the VIOM to the terminal. Secondly it will not immediately store any data in the EEPROM while the transfer is in progress.

After approximately 0.5 seconds has elapsed since the last command has been received, outgoing messages will be automatically enabled and all new data will be stored in the EEPROM.

3.4 Comments

When creating files for subsequent downloading to VIOM it can be very useful to include comments. Any line beginning with the character '<' will be ignored by VIOM until a carriage return / line feed is detected.

3.5 Error Message Prefix

Error messages can be allocated a prefix so that the host is able to recognise them easily. To set an error message prefix use the command "CEA" followed by the prefix to be used. If error message prefixing is to be disabled just use the command "CEA".

The current character used for error message prefixing can be read using the command "CER".

When using two VIOMs in data transfer mode the error message prefix should be set to '<' so that all error messages are ignored.

3.6 Return to Defaults

It is possible to return to the factory set defaults at any time by using the command "CPD". Note that any new configuration data will be lost and cannot be retrieved.

3.7 Start Message

When ever VIOM is started it will generate a start up message "VIOM Started" to inform the user or the host that it is available for use. There may be occasions where this message could cause problems. The message may be suppressed by using the command "CSM0". The next time VIOM is started the message will not appear.

The message can be re-enabled with the command "CSM1". The current status of the message suppression can be read with the command "CSM".

3.8 Reading the Software Version

The current software version can be read with the command CSV. It is important to make a note of this parameter if you need technical support. As this parameter relates to the firmware it cannot be changed.

4 OUTPUTS

4.1 General

Outputs can be either inactive or active. When inactive they are always in the same state and this state is defined by their active high / active low property. When they are active they can be programmed to be periodically on and off. Again the on and off levels is defined by their active high / active low property.

The following diagram shows a typical relationship between the input condition and the output over time. Note that during the recognition period the output will be off.



Relationship between Inputs and Outputs

Of course the outputs do not always have to be cyclical. They can be programmed to stay on permanently or to turn on once and then stay permanently off. All these options are detailed in the following sections.

4.2 Recognition Period

This parameter is only used when the output is controlled by inputs. When the output is controlled by either the Timer / Counters or the Serial Port the recognition period is ignored.

This parameter is only used by Real outputs. Virtual outputs will return an error message if they are programmed with a value.

Outputs may be controlled by a combination of inputs. Once this combination becomes true then the output will become active. However it is possible to prevent the output from turning on immediately by specifying a recognition period. This period is the time from when the input combination becomes true to the point at which the output first turns on.

Any period between 1 and 255 may be specified and this value in conjunction with the recognition units will define the total time.

If a value of 1 is chosen then the output will be turned on immediately.

The actual value of the recognition time will have an accuracy of + or -1 unit and it is therefore important to choose the value of the period and the units carefully. For example if a recognition period of 2 seconds is required the value of this parameter could be set to 2 and the recognition units could be set to seconds. This would give a period in the range 1 to 3 seconds. However if the period was set to 200 and the recognition units to 10mS then the accuracy would be improved to between 1.99 seconds and 2.01 seconds.

Recognition periods can also be set on inputs. They do behave in slightly different ways when an output is latched. With an input recognition if the input goes inactive before the recognition period expires then the affected outputs will not be activated. However, as the latch is applied as soon as the input combination goes true on an output, the output will still be activated at the end of the recognition period.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)A followed by the period value

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)A.

The default for all outputs is 10.

4.3 Recognition Units

This parameter is used in conjunction with the recognition period to define the total period between the output becoming active and the output turning on. The units can be set to 10mS, 100mS, 1 second, 1 minute, 1 hour or 1 day.

For more details see the description of recognition period.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)B followed by a number representing the period:

- 0 = 10 mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)B.

The default for all outputs is 100mS.

4.4 On Period

This parameter is only used when the output is controlled by inputs. When the output is controlled by either the Timer / Counters or the Serial Port the on period is ignored.

This parameter is only used by Real outputs. Virtual outputs will return an error message if they are programmed with a value.

The on period as its name implies is the period for which the output is turned on after the recognition period. If the period is set to zero the output will remain permanently on (i.e. there will be no off time).

The behaviour of the output at the end of this period will depend on other parameters. If the one-shot parameter is set to enabled the output will turn off and remain off until the input combination becomes true again (after first going false). If the off period is set to zero the output will remain off until it has been reset (if latched) or the input conditions go false and the return true.

In normal operation the output will again turn on at the end of the off period and will remain on for the on period. This sequence will repeat until the output become inactive.

Any period between 0 and 255 may be specified and this value in conjunction with the on units will define the total time.

The actual value of the on time will have an accuracy of + or - 1 unit and it is therefore important to choose the value of the period and the units carefully. For example if an on period of 2 seconds is required the value of this parameter could be set to 2 and the on units could be set to seconds. This would give a period in the range 1 to 3 seconds. However if the period was set to 200 and the on units to 10mS then the accuracy would be improved to between 1.99 seconds and 2.01 seconds.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)C followed by the period value

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)C.

The default for all outputs is 10.

4.5 On Time Units

This parameter is used in conjunction with the on period to define the period for which the output is turned on. The units can be set to 10mS, 100mS, 1 second, 1 minute, 1 hour or 1 day.

For more details see the description of on period.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)D followed by a number representing the period:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)D.

The default for all outputs is 100mS.

4.6 Off Period

This parameter is only used when the output is controlled by inputs. When the output is controlled by either the Timer / Counters or the Serial Port the off period is ignored.

This parameter is only used by Real outputs. Virtual outputs will return an error message if they are programmed with a value.

The off period as its name implies is the period for which the output is turned off after an on period. If the off period is set to zero the output will remain off until it has been reset (if latched) or the input conditions go false and the return true.

Any period between 0 and 255 may be specified and this value in conjunction with the off units will define the total time.

The actual value of the off time will have an accuracy of + or - 1 unit and it is therefore important to choose the value of the period and the units carefully. For example if an off period of 2 seconds is required the value of this parameter could be set to 2 and the on units could be set to seconds. This would give a period in the range 1 to 3 seconds. However if the period was set to 200 and the off units to 10mS then the accuracy would be improved to between 1.99 seconds and 2.01 seconds.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)E followed by the period value

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)F.

The default for all outputs is 10.

4.7 Off Time Units

This parameter is used in conjunction with the off period to define the period for which the output is turned off. The units can be set to 10mS, 100mS, 1 second, 1 minute, 1 hour or 1 day.

For more details see the description of off period.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)F followed by a number representing the period:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)F.

The default for all outputs is 100mS.

4.8 Input used as Reset

An output can be set to latch so that once the output becomes active it will remain active irrespective of the input conditions until it is reset. There are two ways to reset an output either specify another input as a reset and when this becomes active the output will be deactivated, or use the command WO(*Output Number*)U via the Serial Port.

Any Real input may be used as the reset. However if an input used to activate an output is also used to reset the same output unpredictable operation will result.

If input 0 is specified as input reset then none will be used.

A reset input is still effective even if the output is not latched. It will always over-ride an active set of inputs to hold the output inactive.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)G followed by the number of the input to be used as the reset.

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)G.

The default for all outputs is that no input is specified.

4.9 Active low / high

Each output is interfaced with an open collector driver. The output transistor may be defined as either turned on or turned off when the output is active. Active high is therefore defined as the output transistor is turned off when the output is active and active low is defined as the output transistor is turned off when the output is active.

If the VIOM Display or the VIOM Relay module are being used, the LEDs or Relays will be on when the output is active if active low is selected.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)H followed by either a 1 (active high) or a 0 (active low).

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)H.

The default for all outputs is active low.

4.10 AND / OR of map

Each output whether Real or Virtual may be controlled by any number of the 16 Real Inputs or the 16 Virtual Inputs. These may be either ANDed or Ored to determine the state of the associated output.

If the inputs are ANDed then all the designated inputs must be active before the output is active. If any one of the inputs is inactive then the output is inactive.

If the inputs are ORed then any of the designated inputs must be active before the output is active. If any one of the inputs is active then the output is active.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)J followed by either a 1 (ORed) or a 0 (ANDed).

The parameter can be read using the command RO(*Output Number*)J.

The default for all outputs is ORed.

4.11 latched / not latched

Outputs may be either latched or not latched. If this parameter is set to non-latch, the output will become active when the input conditions are satisfied. Once the input conditions become false then the output will become inactive.

If parameter is set to latch then once the output becomes active it will remain active irrespective of the input conditions until it is reset. There are two ways to reset an output either specify another input as a reset and when this becomes active the output will be deactivated, or use the command WO(*Output Number*)U via the Serial Port.

The latch parameter should not be set to true at the same time as the one-shot parameter.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)K followed by either a 1 (latched) or a 0 (non-latched).

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)K.

The default for all outputs is non-latched.

4.12 Inputs on output map

Each output whether Real or Virtual may be controlled by any number of the 16 Real Inputs or the 16 Virtual Inputs. To allow control of the output from a particular input two actions need to be performed.

Firstly the output will need to be configured so that the source of control is set to "Inputs" using the command WO(*Output Number*)N1. This is the default condition and will only be needed if the configuration has been changed.

Secondly the input must be assigned to the output by writing it on to the map. Use the command WO(*Output Number*)L(*Input Number*).

The output will now be controlled by the specified input. It will still be necessary to define the manner of the control, either ANDed or ORed, using the command WO(*Output Number*)J. If a single input is controlling an output it will not matter whether the AND function or the OR function is used. However when more than 1 input is assigned to an output then the parameter will need to be set.

It may be necessary to remove inputs from the map. This can be done using the command WO(*Output Number*)M(*Input Number*).

If no inputs are assigned to an output and the source of its control is "Inputs" then that output will remain permanently inactive.

The default condition is that each Real output is controlled by it corresponding input (i.e. Real input 1 controls Real output 1, Real input 2 controls Real output 2 etc.). The Virtual outputs are configured in a similar manner with Virtual output 17 controlled by Real input 1, Virtual output 18 controlled by Real input 2.

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)L.

This parameter will not be used if the source of output control is set to either a timer or the Serial Port.

4.13 Inputs on Invert map

As well as being able to control an output when a series of inputs are active it is possible to invert an input so that it can turn an output on when it is inactive. It is possible to define an input as either active high or active low. Thus if a switch was being used to control the input it could be defined as being active when it is either open or closed. This would work fine if all outputs using this input needed to sense the switch for a particular condition. However if one output needed to be active while the switch was open and another needed to be active while the switch was closed there would be a problem.

This parameter allows for this set of conditions. On each output it is possible to define the sense of each input. In this case we could define the input as active low (active when the switch was closed). Now the output needing the switch closed would be satisfied. the output needing switch open could now have that input added to its invert map and thus as far as that input was concerned the input would be active when the switch was open.

To add an input on to the map use the command WO(*Output Number*)P(*Input Number*). Inputs can removed from the map using the command WO(*Output Number*)Q(*Input Number*).

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)P.

Note that it is only possible to invert Real inputs.

4.14 Reset Period

This parameter is only used when the output is controlled by inputs. When the output is controlled by either the Timer / Counters or the Serial Port the reset period is ignored.

This parameter is only used by Real outputs. Virtual outputs will return an error message if they are programmed with a value.

The reset period is used in conjunction with the reset units and is defined as the period for which a reset input must be active before the controlled output becomes inactive.

Any period between 1 and 255 may be specified and this value in conjunction with the reset units will define the total time.

If a value of 1 is chosen then the output will be turned on immediately.

The actual value of the reset time will have an accuracy of + or - 1 unit and it is therefore important to choose the value of the period and the units carefully. For example if a reset period of 2 seconds is required the value of this parameter could be set to 2 and the reset units could be set to seconds. This would give a period in the range 1 to 3 seconds. However if the period was set to 200 and the reset units to 10mS then the accuracy would be improved to between 1.99 seconds and 2.01 seconds.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)S followed by the period value

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)S.

The default for all outputs is 10.

4.15 Reset Units

This parameter is used in conjunction with the reset period to define the total period between the reset input becoming active and the output becoming inactive. The units can be set to 10mS, 100mS, 1 second, 1 minute, 1 hour or 1 day.

For more details see the description of reset period.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)T followed by a number representing the period:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

The parameter can be read using the command RO(Output Number)T.

The default for all outputs is 100mS.

4.16 One Shot

In one shot mode the output will be turned on after the input combination becomes true and after the recognition period as in normal operation. The output will remain on for the on period and turn and remain off. The output will be re-activated after the input combination has first gone false and then again gone true.

Unlike latch mode there is no need to reset the output as this is done automatically at the end of the on period.

The latch parameter should not be set to true at the same time as the one-shot parameter.

The parameter can be changed using the command WO(*Output Number*)W followed by either a 1 (one-shot) or a 0 (normal).

The parameter can be read using the command RO(*Output Number*)W.

The default for all outputs is normal.

5 INPUTS

5.1 General

The VIOM has 16 inputs which can be assigned in varying ways to outputs and Timer / Counters.

Each input may be defined as active high or active low, have a recognition and / or antibounce time and can be latched.

5.2 Recognition Time

The recognition period for an input is the time between the input becoming active and the time at which the rest of the logic is informed that it is active. This differs from the antibounce processing which is of fixed length and is applied to both the activation and the de-activation.

Any period between 1 and 255 may be specified and this value in conjunction with the recognition units will define the total time.

If a value of 1 is chosen then the output will be turned on immediately.

The actual value of the recognition time will have an accuracy of + or -1 unit and it is therefore important to choose the value of the period and the units carefully. For example if a recognition period of 2 seconds is required the value of this parameter could be set to 2 and the recognition units could be set to seconds. This would give a period in the range 1 to 3 seconds. However if the period was set to 200 and the recognition units to 10mS then the accuracy would be improved to between 1.99 seconds and 2.01 seconds.

Recognition periods can also be set on outputs. They do behave in slightly different ways when an output is latched. With an input recognition if the input goes inactive before the recognition period expires then the affected outputs will not be activated. However, as the latch is applied as soon as the input combination goes true on an output, the output will still be activated at the end of the recognition period.

The parameter can be changed using the command WI(*Output Number*)A followed by the period value

The parameter can be read using the command RI(Output Number)A.

The default for all outputs is 10.

5.3 Recognition Units

This parameter is used in conjunction with the recognition period to define the total period between the input becoming active and the processing starting. The units can be set to 10mS, 100mS, 1 second, 1 minute, 1 hour or 1 day.

For more details see the description of recognition period.

The parameter can be changed using the command WI(*Output Number*)B followed by a number representing the period:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

The parameter can be read using the command RI(Output Number)B.

The default for all outputs is 100mS.

5.4 AntiBounce

AntiBounce is useful where mechanical contacts are used as an input. As the contacts close they can make and break several times before settling. It can also be useful in applications where there is a high level of electrical noise.

The down side to AntiBounce is that the change of state of an input will slower to register with AntiBounce on and this may affect the accuracy of timers.

Effectively the AntiBounce ensures that the input is active or inactive for approximately 200mS before it is declared active to the rest of the processing.

This differs from the recognition period processing which is of variable length and is applied only to the activation.

The parameter can be changed using the command WI(*Input Number*)C followed by either a 1 (AntiBounce enabled) or a 0 (AntiBounce disabled).

The parameter can be read using the command RI(*Output Number*)C.

The default for all inputs is AntiBounce enabled.

5.5 Input used as Reset

An input can be set to latch so that once that input becomes active it will remain active irrespective of any change in input condition until it is reset. There are two ways to reset an input either specify another input as a reset and when this becomes active the input will be deactivated, or use the command WI(*Output Number*)U via the Serial Port.

Any Real input may be used as the reset.

If input 0 is specified as input reset then none will be used.

The parameter can be changed using the command WI(*Output Number*)G followed by the number of the input to be used as the reset.

The parameter can be read using the command RI(Output Number)G.

The default for all outputs is that no input is specified.

5.6 Input Active low/high

Each input is interfaced with the outside world so that a switch can be connected between its terminal an 0 volts and it would be normal to suppose that the input should be defined as active when the switch is made. However the input may be connected to a variety of other active sources and the definition of what level is active may vary.

If we want to define the input as being active when either it is open circuit or high then the input will be active high. Conversely if we want to define the input as being active when either it is closed circuit or low then the input will be active low.

The parameter can be changed using the command WI(*Output Number*)H followed by either a 1 (active high) or a 0 (active low).

The parameter can be read using the command RI(Output Number)H.

The default for all inputs is active low.

5.7 Input latched / not latched

Inputs may be either latched or not latched. If this parameter is set to non-latch, the input will become active when the input condition is satisfied. Once the input condition becomes false then the output will become inactive.

If parameter is set to latch then once the output becomes active it will remain active irrespective of any change to the input. There are two ways to reset an input: either specify another input as a reset and when this becomes active the latched input will be deactivated, or use the command WI(*Output Number*)U via the Serial Port.

The parameter can be changed using the command WI(*Output Number*)K followed by either a 1 (latched) or a 0 (non-latched).

The parameter can be read using the command RI(Output Number)K.

The default for all inputs is non-latched.

6 TIMER / COUNTERS

6.1 General

VIOM has 8 internal Timer / Counter registers. Each register is 32 bits wide and can therefore count up to 4,000,000,000. Each register may be allocated as either a timer or a counter. When in timer mode it will count time in mS with a resolution of 10mS.

The Timer / Counters are controlled by a single input which may be either Real or Virtual. In addition they can control a single output, again either Real or Virtual. The output will be active when a threshold stored in a separate comparator is exceeded. The output will remain active until the Timer / Counter is cleared or is reduced below the threshold.

The value in each register may be read and cleared via the Serial Port.

6.2 Input to control Timer / Counter

Each Timer / Counter is controlled by a single Real or Virtual input. In timer mode the register is incremented while the input is active. In counter mode the register is incremented once each time the input becomes active.

The parameter can be changed using the command WT(*Timer / Counter Number*)A followed by the input which is to control the Timer / Counter.

The parameter can be read using the command RT(*Timer / Counter Number*)A.

The default for all Timer / Counters is no input is designated.

6.3 Timer / Counter output

As each Timer / Counter is incremented its value is compared with a level specified in the Timer / Counter comparator. An output can be designated to be activated while the value in the Timer / Counter register exceeds that in the Timer / Counter comparator. When the value in the Timer / Counter register is below that in the Timer / Counter comparator the output will be inactive.

To allow control of the output from a particular Timer / Counter two actions need to be performed.

Firstly the output will need to be configured so that the source of control is set to "Timer / Counter" using the command WO(*Output Number*)N2. The default condition for this parameter is "Inputs" and will is therefore needed.

Secondly the input must be defined by using the command W (*Number*)B(*Input Number*).

The parameter can be read using the command RT(*Timer / Counter Number*)B.

6.4 Timer / Counter mode

Each Timer / Counter may be used as a timer or a counter. In counter mode the register is incremented each time the designated input becomes true.

In timer mode the register is incremented by 10 every 10mS while the designated input is true.

The parameter can be changed using the command WT(*Timer / Counter Number*)C followed by either a 1 (timer mode) or a 0 (counter mode).

The parameter can be read using the command RT(*Timer / Counter Number*)C.

The default for all Timer / Counters is counter mode.

6.5 Timer reset mode

This parameter is only used if a Timer / Counter is in timer mode.

A timer will start timing when its input becomes active and will stop when the input becomes inactive. When its input becomes active for a second time the timer will resume counting. This parameter defines how the counter behaves on this second and subsequent transition to becoming active.

If the timer reset mode is enabled then each time the timers input becomes active the counter is reset to zero. This mode is useful where the time for individual events is important and negates the need for a manual reset.

If the timer reset mode is disabled the timer will resume its count from the last value. That is the timer will provide an accumulated time based on the total period of the input has been active.

The parameter can be changed using the command WT(*Timer / Counter Number*)D followed by either a 1 (timer resets on start of activation) or a 0 (timer accumulates total active time).

The parameter can be read using the command RT(*Timer / Counter Number*)D.

The default for all Timer / Counters is to accumulate time.

6.6 Timer / Counter compare Level

As each Timer / Counter is incremented its value is compared with a level specified in the Timer / Counter comparator. An output can be designated to be activated while the value in the Timer / Counter register exceeds that in the Timer / Counter comparator.

The size of the Timer / Counter comparator is 32 bits and so it can be set to any value which is also valid for the Timer / Counter register.

The parameter can be changed using the command WT(*Timer / Counter Number*)E followed by the value to be place in the Timer / Counter comparator.

The parameter can be read using the command RT(*Timer / Counter Number*)E.

The default for all Timer / Counters is 0.

6.7 Read Timer / Counter

The value contained in the Timer / Counter register may be read using the command RT(*Timer / Counter Number*)G.

In timer mode the value returned will be the time in milliseconds. In counter mode the value returned will be the count.

6.8 Clearing Timer / Counter

The Timer / Counter register may be cleared to zero by using the command WT(*Timer / Counter Number*)F via the Serial Port or an input may be designated as a reset.

The command to set a reset input is WT(*Timer / Counter Number*)J followed by the number of the input to be used as a reset. If the numer is set to zero then no inputs will be used to reset the Timer / Counter.

The reset input can be read using the command RT(Timer / Counter Number)J.

The default for all Timer / Counters is no input is designated.

6.9 Decrementing the Counter

When in counter mode the Timer / Counter register can have its value decremented by one each time an input is activated. In order for this input to be effective the Timer / Counter must have a controlling input enabled and must be in counter mode. The value for this parameter has no effect when the Timer / Counter is in timer mode.

The value of the counter will not decrement passed zero.

The parameter can be changed using the command WT(*Timer / Counter Number*)H followed by the input which is to decrement the Timer / Counter.

The parameter can be read using the command RT(*Timer / Counter Number*)H.

The default for all Timer / Counters is no input is designated.

7 READING DATA

7.1 General

The current status of all the inputs may be requested by the host via the Serial Port in several forms. In its simplest form a command is issued requesting the information and this is returned by the VIOM. Alternatively the VIOM can send data as requested without intervention of the host. this can take two forms. Either the VIOM can send the data at fixed periods or whenever there is a change on any inputs.

It may be that the host is required to use a combination of these forms and confusion may arise as to the source of the data. It is therefore possible to prefix each data packet with a user defined character. The prefix may be different for the three difference sources of the data.

This latter facility can be used to create a data link between two VIOMs. By setting the prefix to "Z" and connecting the Serial Ports together with a null modem cable inputs on one VIOM will be mimicked on the second VIOM and vice versa. For more details see the application note.

It is only possible to read all 16 Real inputs in a single batch.

Outputs may be read either individually or as a block. When reading a complete block it is possible to read the Real outputs, the Virtual outputs or all outputs together.

7.2 Requesting Input Status

Input status may be requested by issuing the command CIN. This will return the current status of all the Real inputs.

A prefix may be assigned to the returned report by using the command CIP3 followed by the character to be used as a prefix. Once this prefix has been set it will remain set until the command CIP is sent or it is changed using the CIP3 command.

7.3 Reporting Input Status on change

Input status can also be programmed to report whenever an input changes. All 16 Real inputs will be reported in the same packet.

In this mode all status reports are in the short form irrespective of the message type currently enabled. The status report is a series of 16 1s or 0s terminated by a carriage return / line feed. The first digit of the report relates to input 1, the second to input 2 and so on. A 1 on the report indicates that the input is active and a zero indicates that it is inactive. Note that the report does not indicate the actual level of the input but uses the level in conjunction with the active high / active low parameter.

A prefix may be assigned to the change status report by using the command CIP1 followed by the character to be used as a prefix. Once this prefix has been set it will remain set until the command CIP is sent or it changed using the CIP1 command.

To enable the change reporting use the command CIC1. To turn off change reporting use the command CIC0. To read the current status of change reporting use the command CIC.

The default for this facility is disabled.

7.4 Regular Update Input Status reporting

Input status can be set to report a regular intervals regardless of an change in input status. All 16 Real inputs will be reported in the same packet. The report period can be set to 100mS, 1 second, 1 minute, 1 hour or 1 day.

In this mode all status reports are in the short form irrespective of the message type currently enabled. The status report is a series of 16 1s or 0s terminated by a carriage return / line feed. The first digit of the report relates to input 1, the second to input 2 and so on. A 1 on the report indicates that the input is active and a zero indicates that it is inactive. Note that the report does not indicate the actual level of the input but uses the level in conjunction with the active high / active low parameter.

A prefix may be assigned to the change status report by using the command CIP2 followed by the character to be used as a prefix. Once this prefix has been set it will remain set until the command CIP is sent or it changed using the CIP2 command.

To enable the update reporting use the command CIR followed by a single number to specify the period (1 = 100mS, 2 = 1 second, 3 = 1 minute, 4 = 1 hour or 5 = 1 day). to disable update reporting use the command CIR0.

To read the current status of change reporting use the command CIR.

The default for this facility is disabled.

7.5 Reading Single Output

Outputs may be read either individually or as a block. To read a single output use the command XC(*Output Number*). Outputs 1 to 16 are Real while outputs 17 to 32 are Virtual.

Virtual outputs will return their current status as either active or inactive. Real outputs will return either inactive or their current position in the output cycle.

Note that this command will return the current status of the output. The logic level of the output will be determined by the active high / active low parameter.

7.6 Reading Multiple Outputs

When reading the outputs as a block it is possible read all Real outputs, all Virtual outputs or all outputs. To read the Real outputs use the command COR, for the Virtual outputs use COV and for all outputs use COA..

Virtual outputs will return their current status as either active or inactive. Real outputs will return either inactive or their current position in the output cycle.

Note that these commands will return the current status of the output. The logic level of the output will be determined by the active high / active low parameter.

8 WRITING DATA

8.1 General

All outputs Real and Virtual can be addressed either individually or collectively. In all cases the output must first be assigned to the Serial Port using the command WO(*Output*)N3. Note that the default control for all outputs is by inputs, therefore if working from the defaults it will be necessary to issue this command before successfully writing to an output.

8.2 Writing to a single Output

All Real and Virtual outputs can be controlled from the host via the Serial Port. Outputs may be controlled from inputs, Timer / Counters or from the Serial Port. In order that control be effected from the Serial Port use the command WO(*Output*)N3.

Single outputs can be activated using the command XA followed by the number of the output to be activated. Real outputs use the range 1 to 16 while the Virtual outputs use the range 17 to 32. to deactivate the output use the command XB followed by the number of the output to be deactivated.

Note that the logic level of the output will be determined not only by the write command but also by the active high / active low parameter.

8.3 Writing to multiple Outputs

All Real and Virtual outputs can be controlled from the host via the Serial Port. Outputs may be controlled from inputs, Timer / Counters or from the Serial Port. In order that control be effected from the Serial Port use the command WO(*Output*)N3.

When writing to multiple outputs they must be written in complete blocks either all Real outputs or all Virtual outputs. If an output has not been assigned to the Serial Port then its level will not be affected when it is addressed.

Real outputs can be addressed by using the command ZA followed by a series of 1s and 0s which represent the new output level where a 1 indicates that the output is to be active and a zero indicates that it is to be inactive.

Virtual outputs can be addressed by using the command YA followed by a series of 1s and 0s which represent the new output level where a 1 indicates that the output is to be active and a zero indicates that it is to be inactive.

both of these commands will cause the VIOM to report back on the current output status. This can be avoided by using the command prefix "Z" or "Y" instead of "ZA" or "YA". In this case no response will be generated by the VIOM.

Note that the logic level of the output will be determined not only by the write command but also by the active high / active low parameter.

9 HYPERTERMINAL

If you are using HyperTerminal set it up as follows:

Go to File/Properties.

Set the "Connect using" dialog to "Direct to ComX" where X is the Serial Port you are using.

Go to the "Configure" button and set the following:"Bits per second":9600"Data Bits":8"Parity":None"Stop Bits":1"Flow Control":None

Press OK to return to the File/Properties dialog.

Go to the "Settings" Tab and set the following:Function arrow and ctrl keys act as :Terminal keysBackspace key sends:Cntrl+HEmulation:ANSITELNET Terminal:ANSI

Press ASCII Set-up button. Check the "Send line ends with line feeds" box. Check the "Wrap lines that exceed terminal width" box. Set "Line delay" to 0. Set "Character delay" to 0. Other boxes should not be checked.

Press OK to return to the File/Properties dialog.

Press OK to return to the main screen.

Save the new settings.

Hyper Terminal is now set up.

10 COMMANDS

10.1 General

Commands are used to control and interrogate the module. All commands and data are passed through the Serial Port.

Generally commands fall into three categories:

- 1. Those used to read or write parameters which affect the operation of the module.
- 2. Those used customise the user interface of the module.
- 3. Those used to monitor Inputs or directly control Outputs.

All commands are single line instructions and must be terminated with a carriage return and line feed. If HyperTerminal is being used the carriage returns and line feeds can be inserted automatically when the return or enter key is pressed. If a file is down loaded then again the carriage returns and line feeds will be automatically generated. If there is any difficulty then you can use <CTRL M> followed by <CTRL J>.

None of the commands are case sensitive. In this manual the convention used has been to use upper case characters for the commands, however any mixture may be used. For example CMS can be cms or cMs.

Most commands will respond with a return message, the form of which will depend not only on the command but on what form of return messages have been selected. If "Long Messages" have been selected the return message will generally be in the form of plain language text. "Short Messages" will generally only return the current value of the parameter concerned or a simple one character acknowledgement.

As with the command format all return messages are terminated with a carriage return and line feed.

If a message is received by the module which is not understood, then an error message will be returned. If "Long Messages" have been selected the error message will be plain text and will indicate the nature of the problem. "Short Messages" will generally only return an "E".

As well as requesting or writing a single parameter to a single input, output or Timer / Counter it is also possible to read and write multiple parameters. To read multiple parameters look for commands starting with the letter 'D'. To upload a the same parameter to all outputs look for the commands starting with the letter 'U'.

Commands may be manually input using a terminal program such as HyperTerminal or downloaded in batches from a text file. If downloading from a text file it is essential to use the command FDL at the start of the download. If manually typing in commands it is possible to use the back-delete key.

10.2 Command Details

Command: Comment

Form: <

Description: Any line which starts with "<" is ignored. This is useful for commenting text files.

Main Description: 3.4 Comments

Long Message Return: None

Short Message Return: None

Default: N/A

Command: Write Error Message Prefix with character.

Form: CEA(char) where char is the character which is to prefix the message.

Description: Error messages may be prefixed with a character so that they may be differentiated from information type messages. The prefix is applied to both long and short messages. This command will write the prefix to be used with Error Messages.

Main Description: 3.5 Error Message Prefix

Long Message Return: "Error Message Prefix: " followed by the character assigned.

Short Message Return: The character assigned.

Default: No prefix

Example: CEA< Prefix Error Messages with the character '<'.

Command: Read Prefix of Error Messages

Form: CER

Description: Error messages may be prefixed with a character so that they may be differentiated from information type messages. The prefix is applied to both long and short messages. This command will read the prefix assigned to Error Messages.

Main Description: 3.5 Error Message Prefix

Long Message Return: If no prefixes have been allocated: "Error Message Prefix: None" If prefix '<' has been allocated: "Error Message Prefix: <"

Short Message Return: Error Message Prefix

Default: N/A

Command: Read State of Input Change Reporting

Form: CIC

Description: Input Change Reporting reads the state of each of the 16 Real Inputs and will issue a status message on the Serial Port each time a change occurs.

Main Description: 7.3 Reporting Input Status on change

Long Message Return: "Input Change Reporting is Off" "Input Change Reporting is On"

Short Message Return: "0" = Off; "1" = On

Default: N/A

Command: Write State of Input Change Reporting

Form: CIC(0-1)

Description: Input Change Reporting reads the state of each of the 16 Real Inputs and will issue a status message on the Serial Port each time a change occurs. This command will set the will either enable (1) or disable (0) the function.

Main Description: 7.3 Reporting Input Status on change

Long Message Return: "Input Change Reporting is Off" "Input Change Reporting is On"

Short Message Return: "0" = Off; "1" = On

Default: Function disabled CIC0

Example:CIC0Input Change Reporting DisabledCIC1Input Change Reporting Enabled

Command: Request State of Inputs

Form: CIN

Description: Requests the current state of the 16 Real inputs

Main Description: 7.2 Requesting Input Status

Long Message Return: State of each of the Inputs in the form "Input 1 Inactive"

Short Message Return: State of each of the Inputs, input 1 first and input 16 last. "1" indicates active, "0" indicates inactive.

Default: N/A

Command: Read Prefix of Input Reporting

Form: CIP0

Description: There are 3 types of input reporting: on change, on request and regular. each type may have a single character as prefix so that it is possible to distinguish from which type of report the message originated. This command will return the prefix for each type of reporting.

Main Description: 7.2 Requesting Input Status 7.3 Reporting Input Status on change 7.4 Regular Update Input Status reporting

Long Message Return: If no prefixes have been allocated: "Change Prefix: None" "Update Prefix: None" "Request Prefix: None" If prefixes 'a', 'b' and 'c' have been allocated: "Change Prefix: a" "Update Prefix: b" "Request Prefix: c"

Short Message Return: Change Prefix followed by Update Prefix followed by Request Prefix separated by commas. If no prefixes have been allocated: ,, If prefixes 'a', 'b' and 'c' have been allocated: a,b,c

Default: N/A

Command: Write Prefix Input Reporting with character

Form: CIP(1-3)(char) where 1= Change Prefix 2= Update Prefix 3= Request Prefix char is the character which is to prefix the report

Description: There are 3 types of input reporting: on change, on request and regular. each type may have a single character as prefix so that it is possible to distinguish from which type of report the message originated. This command will set the prefix for each type of reporting.

Main Description:

7.2 Requesting Input Status

7.3 Reporting Input Status on change

7.4 Regular Update Input Status reporting

Long Message Return: Depending on which type of reporting has been addressed: "Change Prefix: " "Update Prefix:" "Request Prefix: " followed by the character assigned.

Short Message Return: The character assigned.

Default: No prefix

Example: CIP1a Prefix Change Reports with the character 'a'. Command: Write No Prefix Input Reporting

Form: CIP(1-3)

Description: There are 3 types of input reporting: on change, on request and regular. each type may have a single character as prefix so that it is possible to distinguish from which type of report the message originated. This command will turn the prefix off for each type of reporting.

Main Description:

7.2 Requesting Input Status

7.3 Reporting Input Status on change

7.4 Regular Update Input Status reporting

Long Message Return: Depending on which type of reporting has been addressed: "Change Prefix: None" "Update Prefix: None" "Request Prefix: None"

Short Message Return: "A"

Default: No prefix

Example: CIP1 No Prefix for Change Reports

Command: Read Input Reporting Period

Form: CIR

Description: Reads the period of Update Reporting of the state of the Real Inputs. This can be off ,100mS, 1 Second, 1 Minute, 1 Hour or 1 Day.

Main Description: 7.4 Regular Update Input Status reporting

Long Message Return: "Input Reporting Period is" followed by the period.

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 5 where: 0 = Off1 = 100mS2 = 1 Second 3 = 1 Minute 4 = 1 Hour 5 = 1 Day

Default: Input Reporting off

Command: Write Input Reporting Period

Form: CIR(0-6) where the value 0-6 is: 0 = Off1 = 100mS2 = 1 Second 3 = 1 Minute 4 = 1 Hour 5 = 1 Day

Description: This command defines the period of Update Reporting of the state of the Real Inputs.

Main Description: 7.4 Regular Update Input Status reporting

Long Message Return: "Input Reporting Period is " followed by the report period. Followed by reports at the rate specified.

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 5 where: 0 = Off 1 = 100mS 2 = 1 Second 3 = 1 Minute 4 = 1 Hour 5 = 1 Day Followed by reports at the rate specified.

Default: Input Reporting off.

Example: CIR2 Set the Update Reporting period to 1 second.

Command: Short messages

Form: CMS

Description: Sets the Message Mode to short messages.

Main Description: 3.1 Message Types

Long Message Return: N/A

Short Message Return: "A"

Default: Long messages

Command: Long Messages

Form: CML

Description: Sets the Message Mode to long messages.

Main Description: 3.1 Message Types

Long Message Return: "Long Messages On"

Short Message Return: N/A

Default: Long messages

Command: Return to Defaults

Form: CPD

Description: Returns the programming to default conditions

Main Description: 3.6 Return to Defaults

Long Message Return: "Wait..." Followed by "Defaults Set"

Short Message Return: N/A (default condition is Long Messages)

Default: N/A

Command: Request State of all Outputs

Form: COA

Description: Requests the current state of the 16 Real Outputs and the 16 Virtual Outputs.

Main Description: 7.6 Reading Multiple Outputs

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the output number followed by one of: Inactive Active Recognition Period On Period Off Period Wait Reset

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 4 where: 0 = Inactive. 1 = Recognition Period 2 = On Time 3 = Off Time 4=Wait Reset

Default: N/A

Command: Request State of all Real Outputs

Form: COR

Description: Requests the current state of the 16 Real Outputs.

Main Description: 7.6 Reading Multiple Outputs

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the output number followed by one of: Inactive Recognition Period On Period Off Period Wait Reset for each Real Output

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 4 where: 0 = Inactive. 1 = Recognition Period 2 = On Time 3 = Off Time 4=Wait Reset for each Real Output

Default: N/A

Command: Request State of all Outputs

Form: COV

Description: Requests the current state of the 16 Virtual Outputs.

Main Description: 7.6 Reading Multiple Outputs

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the output number followed by one of: Inactive Active for each Virtual Output

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 1 where: 0 = Inactive. 1 = Active for each Virtual Output

Default: N/A

Command: Request Port Return Echo Status

Form: CR

Description: The module can be programmed to echo back all received characters on the serial port. This command reads the current status of echo back.

Main Description: 3.2 Return Echo

Long Message Return: Either: "Serial Port echo is on" Or: "Serial Port echo is off"

Short Message Return: "1" or "0" where: 1 = Echo Back is on.0 = Echo Back is off.

Default: Return Echo on

Command: Set Port Return Echo Status

Form: CR(1 or 0) where: 1 turns return Echo on 0 turns return Echo off

Description: The module can be programmed to echo back all received characters on the serial port. This command sets the state of Return Echo.

Main Description: 3.2 Return Echo

Long Message Return: Either: "Serial Port echo is on" Or: "Serial Port echo is off"

Short Message Return: "1" or "0" where: 1 = Echo Back is on. 0 = Echo Back is off.

Default: Return Echo on

Command: Requests the Start Message Status

Form: CSM

Description: When power is applied to VIOM it can generate the start up message "VIOM Started". This message can be suppressed.

Main Description: 3.7 Start Message

Long Message Return: Either "Start Message is On" or "Start Message is Off"

Short Message Return: "1" or "0" where 1 = Start Message is generated 0 = Start message is suppressed

Default: Start Message is generated

Command: Set the Start Message Status

Form: CSM(0 or 1) where 1 generates the start message on power on 0 suppresses the start message on power on *Description*: When power is applied to VIOM it can generate the start up message "VIOM Started". This message can be suppressed with this command.

Main Description: 3.7 Start Message

Long Message Return: Either "Start Message is On" or "Start Message is Off"

Short Message Return: "1" or "0" where 1 = Start Message is generated 0 = Start message is suppressed

Default: Start Message is generated

Command: Read Software Version

Form: CSV

Description: this command reads the current VIOM software version

Main Description: 3.8 Reading the Software Version

Long Message Return: "Software Version" followed by the software version.

Short Message Return: software version.

Default: N/A

Command: Download a Parameter for all Outputs

- Form: DA(A-W) where (A-W) is: A = Recognition Time B = Recognition Units C = On Time D = On Time Units E = Off TimeF = Off Time Units G = Input used as Reset H = Output Active low/high J = Output uses AND / OR of map K = Output latched / not latched L = Inputs on output map M = Inputs on output map N = Output is controlled by (1=Inputs, 2=Timer / Counter, 3=RS232) P = Inputs on Invert map Q = Inputs on Invert map S = Reset Time
- T = Reset Units
- W = Output One Shot

Description: The command will return the values of a particular parameter for all the Real Outputs and Virtual Outputs. Some parameters are not applicable to Virtual Outputs in which case only the values for the Real outputs are returned.

Main Description: 4 OUTPUTS

Long Message Return: Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Short Message Return: Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Default: N/A

Example: DAS Will return the reset time for all outputs.

Command: Download a Parameter for all Inputs

Form: DB(A-K) where DB(A-K) is A = Recognition TimeB = Recognition UnitsC = AntiBounce on/offG = Input used as ResetH = Input Active low/highK = Input latched / not latched

Description: The command will return the values of a particular parameter for all the Inputs.

Main Description: 5 INPUTS

Long Message Return: Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Short Message Return: Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Default: N/A

Example: DBA Will return the Recognition Time for all inputs.

Command: Download a Parameter for all Timer / Counters

Form: DC(A-G) where (A-G) is

- A = Input to control Timer / Counter
- B = Timer / Counter output
- C = Timer / Counter mode
- D = Timer reset mode
- E = Timer / Counter Compare Level
- G = Timer / Counter
- H= Input to decrement Timer / Counter

Description: The command will return the values of a particular parameter for all the timer / counters.

Main Description: 6 TIMER / COUNTERS

Long Message Return: Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Short Message Return: Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Default: N/A

Example: DBD Will return the Reset mode for each of the Timer / counters Command: Download all Parameters for a Single Input

Form: DI(1-16) where (1-16) is the number of the Input.

Description: This command will download Recognition Time, Recognition Units, Anti-Bounce on/off, Input used as Reset, Input Active low / high, Input latched / not latched for a single input.

Main Description: 5 INPUTS

Long Message Return: A combination of Read Input parameter responses.

Short Message Return: A combination of Read Input parameter responses.

Default: N/A

Example: DI5 will download all parameters for Input 5

Command: Download all Parameters for Output

Form: DO(1-32) where (1-32) is the number of the Output.

Description: If the Output number is less than 16 (i.e. Real Output) the command will download Recognition Time, Recognition Units, On Time, On Time Units, Off Time, Off Time Units, Input Used as Reset, Output Active low/high, Output uses AND / OR of map, Output latched / not latched, Inputs on Output map, Inputs on Output map, Reset Time, Reset Units and Output One Shot.

If the Output number is greater than 16 (i.e. Virtual Output) the command will download Input Used as Reset, Output Active low/high, Output uses AND / OR of map, Output latched / not latched, Inputs on Output map, Inputs on Output map, Reset Time, Reset Units and Output One Shot.

Main Description: 4 OUTPUTS

Long Message Return: A combination of Read Output parameter responses.

Short Message Return: A combination of Read Output parameter responses.

Default: N/A

Example: D012 will download all parameters for Output 12

Command: Download Timer / Counter Parameters

Form: DT(1-8) where (1-8) is the number of the Timer / Counter.

Description: this command will download Input to control Timer / Counter, Timer / Counter Output, Timer / Counter mode, Timer reset mode, Timer / Counter compare Level, current Timer / Counter value and Input to decrement Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6 TIMER / COUNTERS

Long Message Return: A combination of Read timer / Counter parameter responses.

Short Message Return: A combination of Read timer / Counter parameter responses.

Default: N/A

Example: DT1 will download all parameters for Timer / Counter 1

Command: File Download

Form: FDL

Description: This command is should be used as the first command in a file upload. Essentially it prepares the VIOM for a rapid series of commands and tells the VIOM to dedicate itself to collecting the incoming data. the command will stay in effect for a period of approximately 0.5 seconds after the last command at which point the VIOM will return to normal operation. It prevents any message returns, Input Updates or Character Echoes. While in effect it will prevent any writing to the non-volatile memory. At the end of its effect all data will be written into the non-volatile memory.

Main Description: 3.3 File Download

Long Message Return: There is no response at the issue of the command. When returning to normal operation: "File Transferred".

Short Message Return: There is no response at the issue of the command. When returning to normal operation: "A".

Default: N/A

Command: Read Input Recognition Time

Form: RI(1-16)A Where (1-16) is the input number.

Description: Reads the Input Recognition Time for a single input.

Main Description: 5.2 Recognition Time

Long Message Return: "Input" followed by input number "Recognition Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255.

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example: RI5A Will read the recognition Time of Input 5.

Command: Read Input Recognition Units

Form: RI(1-16)B Where (1-16) is the input number.

Description: Reads the Recognition Units for a single Input. These can be 10mS, 100mS, Seconds, Minutes, Hour or Day.

Main Description: 5.3 Recognition Units

Long Message Return:

"Input " followed by input number "Recognition Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

Default: 10mS

Example: RI1B will return the Recognition Units of Input 1

Command: Read Anti-Bounce on/off

Form: RI(1-16)C Where (1-16) is the input number.

Description: Reads if the Input has Anti-Bounce enabled.

Main Description: 5.4 AntiBounce

Long Message Return: "Input " followed by input number "Antibounce is" followed by the either "On" or "Off".

Short Message Return: Either "1" (Anti-Bounce enabled) or "0" (Anti-Bounce disabled).

Default: Anti-Bounce enabled.

Example: RI12C will return the Anti-Bounce status of Input 12.

Command: Read Input used as Reset

Form: RI(1-16)G Where (1-16) is the input number.

Description: Inputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of that Input). In this mode a second input may be used to reset the Input. This command reads the Input used as Reset.

Main Description: 5.5 Input used as Reset

Long Message Return: If the Input has a designated Reset input: "Input " followed by input number "resets using input" followed by the input used as a reset signal. If the Input does not have designated Reset input: "Input " followed by input number "has no reset input".

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 16 where: 0 indicates no Reset Input has been designated 1 to 16 indicates the number of the Reset Input.

Default: No Reset Input is designated

Example: RI15G Will return which Input is used as a reset for Input 15.

Command: Read Input Active low/high

Form: RI(1-16)H Where (1-16) is the input number.

Description: Each Input can be designated as either Active High or Active Low. This command reads the designation.

Main Description: 5.6 Input Active low/high

Long Message Return: If Active High: "Input " followed by input number "is Active High" If Active Low: "Input " followed by input number "is Active Low"

Short Message Return: "0" = Active Low "1" = Active High

Default: Active Low

Example: RI7H Will return the Active Low / Active High status of Input 7.

Command: Read Input latched / not latched

Form: RI(1-16)K Where (1-16) is the input number.

Description: Inputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of that Input). This command reads the latched / not latched status.

Main Description: 5.7 Input latched / not latched

Long Message Return: If latched "Input " followed by input number "Latched". If not latched "Input " followed by input number "Not Latched".

Short Message Return: "0" = not latched "1" = latched

Default: Not Latched

Example: RI13K Will return the latched / not latched status of Input 13.

Command: Read Output Recognition Time

Form: RO(1-16)A Where (1-16) is the Output number.

Description: Reads the Recognition Time for a single Output.

Main Description: 4.2 Recognition Period

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Recognition Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example: RO5A Will read the Recognition Time of Output 5.

Command: Read Output Recognition Units

Form: RO(1-16)B Where (1-16) is the Output number.

Description: Reads the Recognition Units for a single Output. These can be 10mS, 100mS, 1 Second, 1 Minute, 1 hour or 1 Day.

Main Description: 4.3 Recognition Units

Long Message Return:

"Output " followed by input number "Recognition Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

- 0 = 10 mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 =Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example: RO1B will return the Recognition Units of Output 1

Command: Read Output On Time

Form: RO(1-16)C Where (1-16) is the Output number.

Description: Reads the On Time for a single Output.

Main Description: 4.4 On Period

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "On Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example: RO16C Will read the On Time of Output 16.

Command: Read Output On Units

Form: RO(1-16)D Where (1-16) is the Output number.

Description: Reads the On Units for a single Output. These can be 10mS, 100mS, 1 Second, 1 Minute, 1 hour or 1 Day.

Main Description: 4.5 On Time Units

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "On Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example: RO1B will return the On Units of Output 1

Command: Read Output Off Time

Form: RO(1-16)E Where (1-16) is the Output number.

Description: Reads the Off Time for a single Output.

Main Description: 4.6 Off Period

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Off Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example: RO16E Will read the Off Time of Output 16.

Command: Read Output Off Units

Form: RO(1-16)F Where (1-16) is the Output number.

Description: Reads the Off Units for a single Output. These can be 10mS, 100mS, 1 Second, 1 Minute, 1 hour or 1 Day.

Main Description: 4.7 Off Time Units

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Off Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example: RO7D will return the Off Units of Output 7

Command: Read Input used as Reset

Form: RO(1-32)G

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Outputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of the Inputs). In this mode an Input may be used to reset the Output. This command reads the Input used as Reset.

Main Description: 4.8 Input used as Reset

Long Message Return: If the Output has a designated Reset Input: "Output " followed by Output number "resets using input" followed by the Input used as a reset signal. If the Output does not have designated Reset input: "Output " followed by input number "has no reset input".

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 16 where: 0 indicates no Reset Input has been designated 1 to 16 indicates the number of the Reset Input.

Default: No Reset Input is designated

Example: R05G Will return which Input is used as a reset for Output 5.

Command: Read Output Active low/high

Form: RO(1-32)H Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). *Description*: Each output can be designated as either Active High or Active Low. This command reads the designation.

Main Description: 4.9 Active low / high

Long Message Return: If Active High: "Output " followed by input number "is Active High" If Active Low: "Output " followed by input number "is Active Low"

Short Message Return: "0" = Active Low "1" = Active High

Default: Active Low

Example: RO2H Will return the Active Low / Active High status of Output 2.

Command: Read Output uses AND / OR of map

Form: RO(1-32)J

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Each Output is controlled by a number of Inputs. To determine if the Output is active these Inputs may be ANDed or ORed. This command reads the whether the Inputs are ANDed or Ored.

Main Description: 4.10 AND / OR of map

Long Message Return: If ORed: "Output " followed by input number "Inputs are ORed" If ANDed: "Output " followed by input number "Inputs are ANDed"

Short Message Return: "1" = ORed "0" = ANDed

Default: Ored

Example: RO8J Will return whether Output 8 has its Inputs ANDed or Ored

Command: Read Output latched / not latched

Form: RO(1-16)K Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Outputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of the controlling Inputs). This command reads the latched / not latched status.

Main Description: 4.11 latched / not latched

Long Message Return: If latched "Output " followed by input number "Latched". If not latched "Output " followed by input number "Not Latched".

Short Message Return: "0" = not latched "1" = latched

Default: Not Latched

Example: RO11K Will return the latched / not latched status of Output 11.

Command: Read Inputs on Output map

Form: RO(1-32)L or RO(1-32)M

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Each Output (Real and Virtual) may be controlled by a number of Inputs. This command will read the Inputs which control an Output.

Main Description: 4.12 Inputs on output map

Long Message Return:

"Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Inputs:" followed by a list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "None".

Short Message Return:

A list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "N".

Default:

Outputs 1 to 16 are controlled by a single Input. The number of the Input is the same as the Output number (i.e. Output 1 is controlled by Input 1, Output 2 is controlled by Input 2 etc.). Outputs 17 to 32 are controlled by a single Input. The number of the Input is the 16 less than the Output number (i.e. Output 17 is controlled by Input 1, Output 18 is controlled by Input 2 etc.).

Example:

RO17L Will read the controlling Inputs of Virtual Output 17.

Command: Read Output control source

Form: RO(1-32)N

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Outputs may be controlled from one of three sources: Inputs, Timer / Counters, or the serial port. This command reads the source of the control.

Main Description:	6.3 Timer / Counter output
	8.2 Writing to a single Output
	8.3 Writing to multiple inputs

Long Message Return: If controlled from the Inputs: "Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Inputs". If controlled from the Timer / Counters: "Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Timer / Counters". If controlled from the Serial Port: "Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Serial Port".

Short Message Return:

"1" = Controlled by Inputs

"2" = Controlled by Timer / Counters

"3" = Controlled by Serial Port

Default: Controlled by Inputs

Example:

RO11N will read the source of control of Output 11.

Command: Read Inputs on Invert map

Form: RO(1-32)P or RO(1-32)Q Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Inputs on each Output (Real and Virtual) may be inverted. This command will read the Inputs which are inverted on an Output.

Main Description: 4.13 Inputs on Invert map

Long Message Return:

"Output " followed by input number "Uses Inverted Inputs:" followed by a list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "None".

Short Message Return:

A list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "N".

Default: No Inputs are inverted.

Example: RO9P Will read the inverting Inputs of Real Output 9. Command: Read Output Reset Time

Form: RO(1-32)S Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Reads the Reset Time for a single Output.

Main Description: 4.14 Reset Period

Long Message Return:

"Output " followed by input number "Reset Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 20

Example: RO16S Will read the Reset Time of Output 16.

Command: Read Output Reset Units

Form: RO(1-16)T Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Reads the Reset Units for a single Output. These can be 10mS, 100mS, 1 Second, 1 Minute, 1 hour or 1 Day.

Main Description: 4.15 Reset Units

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Reset Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

- 0 = 10mS.
- 1 = 100mS.
- 2 = Seconds.
- 3 = Minute
- 4 = Hours
- 5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example: RO7T will return the Reset Units of Output 7

Command: Read Output One-Shot Mode

Form: RO(1-32)W Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: This command will read if the Output is in One-Shot mode or Normal mode.

Main Description: 4.16 One Shot

Long Message Return: If in Normal mode "Output " followed by input number "is in Normal Mode" If in One-Shot mode "Output " followed by input number "One Shot Mode"

Short Message Return: 1 = One-Shot mode 0 = Normal mode

Default: Normal mode

Example: RO3W Will return the mode for Output 3

Command: Read Input to control Timer / Counter

Form: RT(1-8)A Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: This command will read the Input which controls a Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.2 Input to control Timer / Counter

Long Message Return:

If a controlling Input has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is controlled by input" followed by the controlling Input number (in the range 1 to 32). If a controlling Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is controlled by input" followed by "None".

Short Message Return: 0 = No controlling Input has been allocated. 1 to 32 = the number of the controlling Input.

Default: None allocated

Example: RT1A Will read the controlling Input of Timer / Counter 1.

Command: Read Timer / Counter Output

Form: RT(1-8)B

Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: Each Timer / Counter can control a single Output. The Output is active when the value in the Timer / Counter exceeds that in the Timer / Counter comparator. This command will read the controlled Output. Note that the Output will not be activated if the source of control is not set to 2 using the

command WO(1-32)N2.

Main Description: 6.3 Timer / Counter output

Long Message Return: If a controlled Output has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "controls output" followed by the controlled Output number (in the range 1 to 32). If a controlling Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "controls output" followed by "None".

Short Message Return:

"0" = No controlled Output has been allocated. 1 to 32 = the number of the controlled Output.

Default: None allocated

Example: RT5B Will read the Output which is controlled by Timer / Counter 5.

Command: Read Timer / Counter mode

Form: RT(1-8)C Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: Each Timer / Counter can be assigned as either a counter or timer. This command reads the mode of the Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.4 Timer / Counter mode

Long Message Return: If the Timer / Counter is in counter mode: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is in Counter Mode". If the Timer / Counter is in timer mode: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is in Timer Mode".

Short Message Return: "0" = counter mode, "1" = timer mode.

Default: counter mode

Example: RT8C will return the mode of Timer / Counter 8

Command: Read Timer reset mode

Form: RT(1-8)D Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: When in Timer mode the Timer / Counter can reset the Timer Register to zero when the controlling Input becomes active. This command will read the mode.

Main Description: 6.5 Timer reset mode

Long Message Return: If The Timer resets on start: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "resets on start" If the timer does not reset on start "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "holds time on start"

Short Message Return: "1" = the Timer will reset on start. "0" = the Timer will retain its previous value on start

Default: The Timer will retain its previous value on start

Example: RT5D Will return the mode of Timer / Counter 5

Command: Read Timer / Counter Compare Level

Form: RT(1-8)E Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: This command will read the value of the Timer / Counter Compare Register.

Main Description: 6.6 Timer / Counter compare Level

Long Message Return:

"Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "comparator is" followed by its value. When in Timer mode the returned value will be in mS.

Short Message Return: Value of the Compare Register. When in Timer mode the returned value will be in mS.

Default: 0

Example: RT3E will return the value of the Compare Register of Timer / Counter 3.

Command: Read Timer / Counter Register

Form: RT(1-8)G Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: This command will read the current value of the Timer / Counter Register

Main Description: 6.7 Read Timer / Counter

Long Message Return:

"Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "Value:" followed by its value. When in Timer mode the returned value will be in mS.

Short Message Return: Value of the Timer / Counter Register. When in Timer mode the returned value will be in mS.

Default: Not determined

Example: RT4G Will return the value of the Register of Timer / Counter 3.

Command: Read Input to decrement Timer / Counter

Form: RT(1-8)H Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: This command will read the Input which decrements a Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.9 Input to decrement Timer / Counter

Long Message Return: If an Input has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is decremented by input" followed by the controlling Input number (in the range 1 to 32). If an Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is decremented by input" followed by "None".

Short Message Return: 0 = No controlling Input has been allocated. 1 to 32 = the number of the controlling Input.

Default: None allocated

Example: RT1H Will read the Input which decrements Timer / Counter 1.

Command: Read Input to reset Timer / Counter

Form: RT(1-8)J Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: This command will read the Input which resets a Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.8 Clearing a Timer / Counter

Long Message Return: If an Input has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is reset by input" followed by the controlling Input number (in the range 1 to 32). If an Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is reset by input" followed by "None".

Short Message Return: 0 = No reset Input has been allocated. 1 to 32 = the number of the reset Input.

Default: None allocated

Example: RT1J Will read the Input which resets Timer / Counter 1.

Command: Write Input Recognition Time

Form: WI(1-16)A(0-255)Where (1-16) is the input number. (0-255) is the new value.

Description: Writes the new Input Recognition Time for a single input. The written value must be in the range 0 to 255.

Main Description: 5.2 Recognition Time

Long Message Return: "Input" followed by input Number "recognition Time is" followed by the new number.

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example:WI5A55Will assign the Recognition Time of 55 to Input 5.

Command: Write Input Recognition Units

Form: WI(1-16)B(0-5) Where (1-16) is the input number. (0-6) represent the Input Recognition Units

Description: Writes the Recognition Units for a single Input. These can be 0 = 10mS, 1 = 100mS, 2 = Seconds, 3 = Minutes, 4 = Hours or 5 = Days.

Main Description: 5.3 Recognition Units

Long Message Return: "Input " followed by input number "Recognition Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 5 where: 0 = 10mS. 1 = 100mS. 2 = Seconds. 3 = Minutes 4 = Hours 5 = Days Default: 10mS Example:

WI1B2 Will assign Seconds as the Recognition Units of Input 1

Command: Write Anti-Bounce on/off

Form: WI(1-16)C(0-1) Where (1-16) is the input number. (0-1) is the new Anti-Bounce on/off status

Description: Writes if the Input has Anti-Bounce enabled. A "1" enables the Anti-Bounce processing while "0" disables it.

Main Description: 5.4 AntiBounce

Long Message Return: "Input " followed by input number "Antibounce is" followed by the either "On" or "Off".

Short Message Return: Either "1" (Anti-Bounce enabled) or "0" (Anti-Bounce disabled).

Default: Anti-Bounce enabled.

Example:WI12C1Will enable the Anti-Bounce processing of Input 12.

Command: Write Input used as Reset

Form: WI(1-16)G(0-16) Where (1-16) is the Input number. (0-16) is the Input to be used as the reset. 0 means that no input should be assigned to this function.

Description: Inputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of that Input). In this mode a second Input may be used to reset the latched Input. This command writes the Input to be used as Reset. If no reset is required then assign Input zero. Otherwise the number should be in the range 1 to 16.

Main Description: 5.5 Input used as Reset

Long Message Return: If the Input has a designated Reset input: "Input " followed by input number "resets using input" followed by the input used as a reset signal. If the Input does not have designated Reset input: "Input " followed by input number "has no reset input".

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 16 where: 0 indicates no Reset Input has been designated 1 to 16 indicates the number of the Reset Input.

Default: No Reset Input is designated

Example:WI15G3Will assign Input 3 as the Input which is used as a reset for Input 15.

Command: Write Input Active low/high

Form: WI(1-16)H(0-1) Where (1-16) is the input number. (0-1) indicates active high (1) or active low (0).

Description: Each Input can be designated as either Active High or Active Low. This command writes the designation.

Main Description: 5.6 Input Active low/high

Long Message Return: If Active High: "Input " followed by input number "is Active High" If Active Low: "Input " followed by input number "is Active Low"

Short Message Return: 0 = Active Low 1 = Active High

Default: Active Low

Example:WI7H1Input 7 will be active high.

Command: Write Input latched / not latched

Form: WI(1-16)K(0-1) Where (1-16) is the input number. (0-1) indicates latched(1) or not latched(0).

Description: Inputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of that Input). This command writes the latched / not latched designation.

Main Description: 5.7 Input latched / not latched

Long Message Return: If latched "Input " followed by input number "Latched". If not latched "Input " followed by input number "Not Latched".

Short Message Return: "0" = not latched "1" = latched Default: Not Latched

Example: WI13K0 Input 13 will not latch. Command: Reset Input

Form: WI(1-16)U Where (1-16) is the Input number.

Description: Inputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of that Input). This command will reset the specified Input.

Main Description: 5.7 Input latched / not latched

Long Message Return: "Input " followed by input number "Reset".

Short Message Return: the number of the Input unlatched.

Default: N/A

Example: WI4U will reset Input 4.

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Command: Write Output Recognition Time

Form: WO(1-16)A(0-255) Where (1-16) is the Output number. (0-255) is the new value.

Description: Writes the Recognition Time for a single Output. The written value must be in the range 0 to 255.

Main Description: 4.2 Recognition Period

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Recognition Time is" followed by the new number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example:WO5A123The Recognition Time of Output 5 will be 123.

Command: Write Output Recognition Units

Form: WO(1-16)B(0-5) Where (1-16) is the Output number. (0-5) represent the Input Recognition Units

Description: Writes the Recognition Units for a single Output. These can be 0 = 10mS, 1 = 100mS, 2 = Seconds, 3 = Minutes, 4 = Hours or 5 = Days.

Main Description: 4.3 Recognition Units

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Recognition Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

0 = 10mS.

1 = 100mS.

2 = Seconds.

3 = Minutes

4 = Hours

5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example:WO1B3The Recognition Units of Output 1 will be Minutes.

Command: Write Output On Time

Form: WO(1-16)C(0-255) Where (1-16) is the Output number. (0-255) is the new value.

Description: Writes the On Time for a single Output. The written value must be in the range 0 to 255.

Main Description: 4.4 On Period

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "On Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example:WO16C255The On Time of Output 16 will be 255.

Command: Write Output On Units

Form: WO(1-16)D(0-5) Where (1-16) is the Output number. (0-5) represent the Input Recognition Units

Description: Writes the On Units for a single Output. These can be 0 = 10mS, 1 = 100mS, 2 = Seconds, 3 = Minutes, 4 = Hours or 5 = Days.

Main Description: 4.5 On Time Units

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "On Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

0 = 10mS.

1 = 100mS.

2 = Seconds.

3 = Minute

4 = Hours

5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example:WO1B0The On Units of Output 1 will be 10mS

Command: Write Output Off Time

Form: WO(1-16)E(0-255) Where (1-16) is the Output number. (0-255) is the new value.

Description: Writes the Off Time for a single Output. The written value must be in the range 0 to 255.

Main Description: 4.6 Off Period

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Off Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 10

Example:WO16E10The Off Time of Output 16 will be 10.

Command: Write Output Off Units

Form: WO(1-16)F(0-5) Where (1-16) is the Output number. (0-5) represent the Output Recognition Units

Description: Writes the Off Units for a single Output. These can be 0 = 10mS, 1 = 100mS, 2 = Seconds, 3 = Minutes, 4 = Hours or 5 = Days.

Main Description: 4.7 Off Time Units

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Off Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

0 = 10mS.

1 = 100mS.

2 = Seconds.

3 = Minute

4 = Hours

5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example:WO7D5The Off Units of Output 7 will be Days.

Command: Write Input used as Reset

Form: WO(1-32)G(0-16)

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (0-16) is the Input used to reset the Output

Description: Outputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of the Inputs). In this mode an Input may be used to reset the Output. This command writes the Input used as Reset.

Main Description: 4.8 Input used as Reset

Long Message Return: If the Output has a designated Reset Input: "Output " followed by Output number "resets using input" followed by the Input used as a reset signal. If the Output does not have designated Reset input: "Output " followed by input number "has no reset input".

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 16 where: 0 indicates no Reset Input has been designated 1 to 16 indicates the number of the Reset Input. *Default*: No Reset Input is designated

Example: W05G3 Output 5.will be reset by Input 3 Command: Write Output Active low/high

Form: WO(1-32)H(0-1) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (0-1) indicates active high (1) or active low (0).

Description: Each Output can be designated as either Active High or Active Low. This command writes the designation.

Main Description: 4.9 Active low / high

Long Message Return: If Active High: "Output " followed by input number "is Active High" If Active Low: "Output " followed by input number "is Active Low"

Short Message Return: "0" = Active Low "1" = Active High

Default: Active Low

Example: WO2H1 Output 2 will active high.

Command: Write Output uses AND / OR of map

Form: WO(1-32)J(0-1) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (0-1) indicates OR (1) or AND (0).

Description: Each Output is controlled by a number of Inputs. To determine if the Output is active these Inputs may be ANDed or ORed. This command writes if the Inputs are ANDed (0) or Ored (1).

Main Description: 4.10 AND / OR of map

Long Message Return: If ORed: "Output " followed by input number "Inputs are ORed" If ANDed: "Output " followed by input number "Inputs are ANDed"

Short Message Return: "1" = ORed "0" = ANDed

Default: Ored

Example:WO8J0Output 8 will have its Inputs ANDed.

Command: Write Output latched / not latched

Form: WO(1-32)K(0-1) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (0-1) indicates latched (1) or not latched(0).

Description: Outputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of the controlling Inputs). This command writes the latched / not latched designation.

Main Description: 4.11 latched / not latched

Long Message Return: If latched: "Output " followed by input number "Latched". If not latched: "Output " followed by input number "Not Latched".

Short Message Return: "0" = not latched "1" = latched

Default: Not Latched

Example: WO11K1 Output 11 will be latched.

Command: Add Inputs on to the Output map

Form: WO(1-32)L(1-32) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (1-32) is the Input number (0 to 16 Real Inputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Inputs).

Description: Each Output (Real and Virtual) may be controlled by a number of Inputs. This command will add an Input to the list or map which controls an Output.

Main Description: 4.12 Inputs on output map

Long Message Return:

"Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Inputs:" followed by a list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "None".

Short Message Return:

A list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "N".

Default:

Outputs 1 to 16 are controlled by a single Input. The number of the Input is the same as the Output number (i.e. Output 1 is controlled by Input 1, Output 2 is controlled by Input 2 etc.). Outputs 17 to 32 are controlled by a single Input. The number of the Input is the 16 less than the Output number (i.e. Output 17 is controlled by Input 1, Output 18 is controlled by Input 2 etc.).

Example: WO17L5

Input 5 will be added to the list of Inputs controlling Output 17.

Command: Delete Inputs on to the Output map

Form: WO(1-32)M(1-32)

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (1-32) is the Input number (0 to 16 Real Inputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Inputs).

Description: Each Output (Real and Virtual) may be controlled by a number of Inputs. This command will delete an Input from the list or map which controls an Output.

Main Description: 4.12 Inputs on output map

Long Message Return:

"Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Inputs:" followed by a list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "None".

Short Message Return:

A list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "N".

Default:

Outputs 1 to 16 are controlled by a single Input. The number of the Input is the same as the Output number (i.e. Output 1 is controlled by Input 1, Output 2 is controlled by Input 2 etc.). Outputs 17 to 32 are controlled by a single Input. The number of the Input is the 16 less than the Output number (i.e. Output 17 is controlled by Input 1, Output 18 is controlled by Input 2 etc.).

Example: WO17L5

Input 5 will be removed from the list of Inputs controlling Output 17.

Command: Write Output control source

Form: WO(1-32)N(1-3)

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (1-3) indicates the source of the control. Controlled from Inputs is 1, controlled from Timer / Counters is 2 and controlled from the serial port is 3.

Description: Outputs may be controlled from one of three sources: Inputs, Timer / Counters, or the serial port. This command source of the control.

Main Description:	6.3 Timer / Counter output
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Long Message Return: If controlled from the Inputs: "Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Inputs". If controlled from the Timer / Counters: "Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Timer / Counters". If controlled from the Serial Port: "Output " followed by input number "is Controlled by Serial Port".

Short Message Return:

- "1" = Controlled by Inputs
- "2" = Controlled by Timer / Counters
- "3" = Controlled by Serial Port

Default: Controlled by Inputs

Example:WO11N1Output 11 will be controlled by Inputs.

Command: Add an Input on to the Invert map

Form: RO(1-32)P(1-16) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (1-16) is the Input number.

Description: Inputs on each Output (Real and Virtual) may be inverted. This command will add an Input to the list of Inputs which are inverted for use with an Output.

Main Description: 4.13 Inputs on Invert map Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Uses Inverted Inputs:" followed by a list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "None".

Short Message Return:

A list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "N".

Default: No Inputs are inverted.

Example: WO9P6

Input 6 will be inverted when used by Real Output 9.

Command: Delete an Input on to the Invert map

Form: WO(1-32)Q(1-16)

Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (1-16) is the Input number.

Description: Inputs on each Output (Real and Virtual) may be inverted. This command will remove an Input from the list of Inputs which are inverted for use with an Output

Main Description: 4.13 Inputs on Invert map

Long Message Return:

"Output " followed by input number "Uses Inverted Inputs:" followed by a list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "None".

Short Message Return: A list of Inputs separated by commas. If no Inputs have been so designated the list of Inputs is replaced with "N".

Default: No Inputs are inverted.

Example: WO9P6

P6 Input 6 will not be inverted when used by Real Output 9

Command: Write Output Reset Time

Form: WO(1-32)S(0-255) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (0-255) is the new value.

Description: Writes the Reset Time for a single Output. The written value must be in the range 0 to 255.

Main Description: 4.14 Reset Period

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Reset Time is" followed by a number in the range 0 to 255

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 255.

Default: 20

Example:WO16S10The Reset Time of Output 16 will be 10.

Command: Write Output Reset Units

Form: WO(1-16)T(0-5) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (0-5) represent the Output Recognition Units

Description: Writes the Reset Units for a single Output. These can be 0 = 10mS, 1 = 100mS, 2 = Seconds, 3 = Minutes, 4 = Hours or 5 = Days.

Main Description: 4.15 Reset Units

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Reset Units are" followed by the units.

Short Message Return:

A number in the range 0 to 5 where:

0 = 10mS.

1 = 100mS.

2 = Seconds.

3 = Minute

4 = Hours

5 = Days

Default: 100mS

Example:WO7T1The Reset Units of Output 7 will be 100mS.

Command: Read Output One-Shot Mode

Form: WO(1-32)W(0-1) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs). (0-1) indicates One-Shot Mode off (1) or One-Shot Mode on (0).

Description: This command will set the One-Shot mode for an Output.

Main Description: 4.16 One Shot

Long Message Return: If in Normal mode "Output " followed by input number "is in Normal Mode" If in One-Shot mode "Output " followed by input number "One Shot Mode"

Short Message Return: 1 = One-Shot mode 0 = Normal mode

Default: Normal mode

Example: WO3W1 Output 3 will be in One-Shot mode. Command: Reset Output

Form: WO(1-16)U Where (1-16) is the output number.

Description: Outputs may be designated as latched (i.e. once in the active state they remain active irrespective of the state of the controlling Inputs). This command will reset the specified Output.

Main Description: 4.11 latched / not latched

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Reset".

Short Message Return: The number of the Output unlatched.

Default: N/A

Example: WO4U will reset Output 4.

Command: Write Input to control Timer / Counter

Form: WT(1-8)A(0-32) Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number. (0-32) 0 is no Input selected, 1 to 16 is a Real Input and 17 to 32 is a Virtual Output.

Description: This command will define the Input which controls a Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.2 Input to control Timer / Counter

Long Message Return: If a controlling Input has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is controlled by input" followed by the controlling Input number (in the range 1 to 32). If a controlling Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is controlled by input" followed by "None".

Short Message Return: 0 = No controlling Input has been allocated. 1 to 32 = the number of the controlling Input.

Default: None allocated

Example: WT1A3

Timer / Counter 1 will be controlled by Real Input 3.

Command: Write Timer / Counter Output

Form: WT(1-8)B(0-32) Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number. (0-32) 0 is no Output selected, 1 to 16 is a Real Output and 17 to 32 is a Virtual Output.

Description: Each Timer / Counter can control a single Output. The Output is active when the value in the Timer / Counter exceeds that in the Timer / Counter comparator. This command will define the controlled Output.

Note that the Output will not be activated if the source of control is not set to 2 using the command WO(1-32)N2.

Main Description: 6.3 Timer / Counter output

Long Message Return: If a controlled Output has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "controls output" followed by the controlled Output number (in the range 1 to 32). If a controlling Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "controls output" followed by "None".

Short Message Return: "0" = No controlled Output has been allocated.

1 to 32 = the number of the controlled Output.

Default: None allocated

Example:

WT5B22 Timer / Counter 5 will control Virtual Output 22.

Command: Write Timer / Counter mode

Form: WT(1-8)C(0-1) Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number. (0-1) defines the mode. Timer mode is 1 and Counter mode is 0.

Description: Each Timer / Counter can be assigned as either a counter or timer. This command defines the mode of the Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.4 Timer / Counter mode

Long Message Return: If the Timer / Counter is in counter mode: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is in Counter Mode". If the Timer / Counter is in timer mode: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is in Timer Mode".

Short Message Return: "0" = counter mode. "1" = timer mode.

Default: counter mode

Example: WT8C1 Timer

Timer / Counter 8 will be in timer mode.

Command: Write Timer reset mode

Form: WT(1-8)D Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number. (0-1) defines the reset mode. Reset on start is 1 and no reset is 0.

Description: When in Timer mode the Timer / Counter can reset the Timer Register to zero when the controlling Input becomes active. This command will set the mode.

Main Description: 6.5 Timer reset mode

Long Message Return: If The Timer resets on start: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "resets on start" If the timer does not reset on start "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "holds time on start"

Short Message Return:

"1" = the Timer will reset on start. "0" = the Timer will retain its previous value on start

Default: The Timer will retain its previous value on start

Example:WT5D1Timer / Counter 5 will reset its register on start.

Command: Write Timer / Counter Compare Level

Form: WT(1-8)E(number) Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number. (number) is the value stored in the compare register (in the range 0 to 1,000,000,000)

Description: This command will write to the Timer / Counter Compare Register.

Main Description: 6.6 Timer / Counter compare Level

Long Message Return:

"Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "comparator is" followed by its value. When in Timer mode this value should be in mS.

Short Message Return: Value of the Compare Register. When in Timer mode the returned value will be in mS.

Default: 0

Example:RT3E50Will set the value of the Compare Register of Timer / Counter 3 to 50.

Command: Reset Timer / Counter Register

Form: WT(1-8)F Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number.

Description: This command will reset the current value of the Timer / Counter Register to 0.

Main Description: 6.8 Clearing Timer / Counter

Long Message Return:

"Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "Value:" followed by its value. When in Timer mode the returned value will be in mS.

Short Message Return: Value of the Timer / Counter Register. When in Timer mode the returned value will be in mS.

Default: Not determined

Example: WT4F Will reset the value of the Register of Timer / Counter 3 to zero.

Command: Write Input to deceement Timer / Counter

Form: WT(1-8)H(0-32) Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number. (0-32) 0 is no Input selected, 1 to 16 is a Real Input and 17 to 32 is a Virtual Output.

Description: This command will define the Input which decrements a Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.9 Input to decrement Timer / Counter

Long Message Return: If an Input has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is decremented by input" followed by the controlling Input number (in the range 1 to 32). If an Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is decremented by input" followed by "None".

Short Message Return: 0 = No controlling Input has been allocated. 1 to 32 = the number of the controlling Input.

Default: None allocated

Example: WT1H3

Timer / Counter 1 will be decremented by Real Input 3.

Command: Write Input to reset Timer / Counter

Form: WT(1-8)J(0-32) Where (1-8) is the Timer / Counter number. (0-32) 0 is no Input selected, 1 to 16 is a Real Input and 17 to 32 is a Virtual Output.

Description: This command will define the Input which resets a Timer / Counter.

Main Description: 6.8 Clearing a Timer / Counter

Long Message Return: If an Input has been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is reset by input" followed by the controlling Input number (in the range 1 to 32). If an Input has not been allocated: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "is reset by input" followed by "None".

Short Message Return: 0 = No reset Input has been allocated. 1 to 32 = the number of the reset Input.

Default: None allocated

Example:WT1H3Timer / Counter 1 will be reset by Real Input 3.

Command: Write this parameter for all Outputs

Form: UA(A-W)(parameter)

where (A-W) is:

- A = Recognition Time
- B = Recognition Units
- C = On Time
- D = On Time Units
- $\mathsf{E}=\mathsf{Off}\;\mathsf{Time}$
- F = Off Time Units
- G = Input used as Reset
- H = Output Active low/high
- J = Output uses AND / OR of map
- K = Output latched / not latched
- L = Add Input on to Output map
- M = Delete Inputs from Output map
- N = Output is controlled by (1=Inputs, 2=Timer / Counter, 3=RS232)
- P = Add Input on to Invert map
- Q = Delete Input from Invert map
- S = Reset Time
- T = Reset Units
- W = Output One Shot
- (parameter) is the relevant data

Description: The command will set the values of a particular parameter for all the Real Outputs and Virtual Outputs. Some parameters are not applicable to Virtual Outputs in which case only the values for the Real outputs will be set.

Main Description: 4 OUTPUTS

Long Message Return:

Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Short Message Return:

Dependant on parameter. See appropriate Read Command.

Default: N/A

Example: DAS50 Will set the reset time to 50 for all outputs.

Command: Clears all Inputs on Output Map

Form: UOM

Description: This command will clear all Inputs from all Output maps. It is a useful command when downloading complex data as it ensures that there are no residual dependencies.

Main Description: 4 OUTPUTS

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the Output number "is Controlled by Inputs: None". This message is repeated 32 times (once for each Output).

Short Message Return: "N" 32 times(once for each Output).

Default: N/A

Command: Clears all Inputs on Invert Map

Form: UOQ

Description: This command will clear all inverted Inputs from all Output maps. It is a useful command when downloading complex data as it ensures that there are no residual dependencies.

Main Description: 4 OUTPUTS

Long Message Return: "Output " followed by input number "Uses Inverted Inputs: None" This message is repeated 32 times (once for each Output).

Short Message Return: "N" 32 times (once for each Output).

Default: N/A

Command: Clears all Timer / Counters

Form: UTF

Description: This command will clear all Timer / Counter registers.

Main Description: 6 TIMER / COUNTERS

Long Message Return: "Timer / Counter" followed by Timer / Counter number "Reset". This message is repeated 8 times (once for each Timer / Counter).

Short Message Return: "A" 8 times (once for each Timer / Counter).

Default: N/A

Command: Turn Output On

Form: XA(1-32) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Turn an individual output on. NOTE The Output must be allocated to be controlled by the Serial Port using the command WO(1-32)N3 otherwise an error message will be returned.

Main Description: 8.2 Writing to a single Output

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the Output number "On Period".

Short Message Return: "2"

Default: N/A

Example: XA5 will turn Output 5 on.

Command: Turn Output Off

Form: XB(1-32) Where (1-32) is the Output number (0 to 16 Real Outputs, 17 to 32 Virtual Outputs).

Description: Turn an individual output off. NOTE The Output must be allocated to be controlled by the Serial Port using the command WO(1-32)N3 otherwise an error message will be returned.

Main Description: 8.2 Writing to a single Output

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the Output number "Inactive".

Short Message Return: "0"

Default: N/A

Example: XB5 will turn Output 5 off.

Command: Read Output state

Form: XC(1-32)

Description: Reads the state of the Output.

Main Description: 7.5 Reading Single Output

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the Output number followed by one of: "Inactive" "Recognition Period" "On Period" "Off Period" "Wait Reset"

Short Message Return: 0=Inactive 1=Recognition Period 2=On Period 3=Off Period 4=Wait Reset

Default: N/A

Example: XC5 will return the state of Output 5.

Command: Set Virtual Output without return messages

Form: Y(16*(1or0)) where (16*(1or0)) is a series of 1s and 0s which define the state of the 16 Virtual Outputs.

Description: This command will set the state of all 16 Virtual Outputs with a single command. All 16 Virtual Outputs must be set at the same time otherwise it will not be acted upon.

Main Description: 8.3 Writing to multiple Outputs

Long Message Return: None

Short Message Return: None

Default: N/A

Command: Set Virtual Outputs with return messages

Form: Y(16*(1or0))

where (16*(1or0)) is a series of 1s and 0s which define the state of the 16 Virtual Outputs.

Description: This command will set the state of all 16 Virtual Outputs with a single command. All 16 Virtual Outputs must be set at the same time otherwise it will not be acted upon and an error message will be generated.

Main Description: 8.3 Writing to multiple Outputs

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the output number followed by one of: Inactive Active for each Virtual Output

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 1 where: 0 = Inactive. 1 = Active for each Virtual Output

Default: N/A

Example: Y00000000000111 will set Virtual Outputs 14, 15 and 16 and clear all others.

Command: Set Real Output without return messages

Form: Z(16*(1or0)) where (16*(1or0)) is a series of 1s and 0s which define the state of the 16 Real Outputs.

Description: This command will set the state of all 16 Real Outputs with a single command. All 16 Real Outputs must be set at the same time otherwise it will not be acted upon.

Main Description: 8.3 Writing to multiple Outputs

Long Message Return: None

Short Message Return: None

Default: N/A

Command: Set Real Outputs with return messages

Form: Z(16*(1or0))

where (16*(1or0)) is a series of 1s and 0s which define the state of the 16 Real Outputs.

Description: This command will set the state of all 16 Real Outputs with a single command. All 16 Real Outputs must be set at the same time otherwise it will not be acted upon and an error message will be generated.

Main Description: 8.3 Writing to multiple Outputs

Long Message Return: "Output" followed by the output number followed by one of: Inactive Active Recognition Period On Period Off Period Wait Reset for each Real Output

Short Message Return: A number in the range 0 to 4 where: 0 = Inactive. 1 = Recognition Period 2 = On Time 3 = Off Time 4=Wait Reset for each Real Output

Default: N/A

Example: Z00000000000111 will set Virtual Outputs 14, 15 and 16 and clear all others.

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