

Accent Kernel Interface

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Abstract

Accent is a communication oriented operating system kernel built at Carnegie-Mellon University to support the distributed personal computing project, SPICE, and the development of a fault-tolerant distributed sensor network (DSN). Accent is built around a single, powerful abstraction of communication between processes, with all kernel functions, such as device access and virtual memory management accessible through messages and distributable throughout a network. In this manual, specific attention is given to the program interface to the Accent kernel. In addition to an implementation for the PERQ System Corporation PERQ and PERQ II computers, the interprocess communication facility described here is also available for VAX UNIX systems 4.1 bsd, 4.1c bsd and 4.2 bsd.

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Accent and many of its subsystems and support programs were originally developed by the CMU Computer Science Department as part of its Spice Project. The system described in this manual is based upon the Kernel program by Richard F. Rashid.

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1. Introduction

Accent is a communication-oriented operating system kernel. Conceptually, Accent provides:

- multiple processes with a flexible process scheduling facility,
- a large, paged virtual memory for each user process,
- both synchronous and asynchronous message-based interprocess communication,
- transparent network extensibility, and
- a flexible capability-based approach to security and protection.

As an operating system for the PERQ Systems Corporation PERQ computer, its features include:

- support for multiple virtual machines, each capable of using its own micro-interpreter and each with up to 2^{32} bytes of paged virtual memory,
- transparently pageable microcode overlays for special purpose operations and
- protected access to rectangular areas of the PERQ's 1024x768 or 1024x1280 bitmap displays, including graphics rasterop capability and special string display functions.

The basic unit of computation in Accent is the **process**. Processes consist of an address space (2^{32} bytes of paged virtual memory), process state (including the state of any macrocode and microcode registers essential to execution) and access to one or more ports.

An Accent **port** is a kernel managed and protected queue of messages. A port is both a simplex communication channel and the basic object reference mechanism in Accent. Ports are used to refer to objects and operations on objects are requested by sending messages to the ports which represent them.

An Accent **message** is a discrete typed collection of data objects and may include access rights to ports.

Message-passing is the sole means of communication both between processes and between the processes and the operating system kernel itself. The only primitive functions are those directly concerned with message communication. These primitive functions are implemented as traps into the Accent kernel.

This manual describes both the basic message primitives provided by Accent and the functions made available by the Accent kernel through messages. It does not describe facilities provided by Accent processes (such as the Spice File System).

1.1. Manual Organization

This technical content of this manual consists of four sections:

1. message primitives and support facilities,
2. process creation and management facilities,
3. virtual memory management functions and
4. disk management and I/O facilities.

In addition, an appendix is included which details the machine readable definition of the Accent kernel interface produced by MatchMaker, the Spice remote procedure call generator.

1.2. Notational conventions

For clarity, all message primitives and Accent kernel functions provided by messages are described as calls to a PASCAL library of kernel interface procedures and functions. In addition to PASCAL, SubAda, C and SpiceLisp libraries are provided which have a similar form and make available the same set of functions. In practice, Accent kernel interfaces are described in a high-level multiprocess communication language called MatchMaker.

The rule of thumb for converting the PASCAL specification of this document to either a message exchange or kernel trap is as follows:

- In the case of message primitives, the arguments to the function are packaged into a record and a pointer to the record is passed on the PERQ expression stack to be picked up and interpreted by the operating system after a switch to kernel state occurs. Return values slots are part of the passed record and return values are stored by the operating system before returning to the user process.
- In the case of message calls, the in arguments to the function are composed into a message and sent to the port described in the first argument of the function. The arguments are placed in the message in the order that they appear, each described by a different descriptor (see below). Reply messages contain a sixteen bit integer result code and all out arguments and are sent to the port which was used as the local port field of the message as sent to the kernel. In the procedural specifications below, the reply port field is left out of the call for clarity. In the Accent Pascal interface, the reply port is allocated by an initialization routine and implicit in all calls.

In addition, Pascal records are used as a descriptive language for the contents of the messages. In interpreting these records as bits of information laid out in memory, the following packing rules must be applied:

- In records which are not labeled 'packed', all quantities which are 16 bits or less in size are packed in 16 bits.
- In packed records several quantities may be packed into a 16 bit word if the sum of the bit

sizes is less than 16.

- The bit size of a quantity is the minimum number of bits required to represent that quantity. Thus a boolean has bit size one. A character has bit size eight. An integer is 16 bits. A long is 32 bits.
- Information is packed into words from right to left (least significant to most significant bit). No quantity may straddle a 16 bit boundary with the exception of a long which is 32 bits.
- Identifiers which are defined as part of enumerated types start with the value zero and increase by one. Thus `type foo = (bar, baz)` means that `bar` will have the value zero and `baz` the value one.

2. Accent message primitives

2.1. Basic terms

Accent message primitives manipulate two distinct objects:

1. *ports* - protected kernel objects to which messages may be sent and logically queued until reception, and
2. *messages* - ordered collections of typed data consisting of a fixed size message header and a variable size message body.

Ports have finite queues and processes may exercise several options for handling the case of message transmission to a full queue (see *Send* below).

Processes refer to ports through the use of 32-bit integer values which represent access rights to *send-to*, *receive from* or *own* ports. A process can hold any combination of these rights. When a process creates a port it holds all three. As long as a process retains access to a port it may use the same integer value to refer to it. The integer value representing the same port may be different for different processes. A process can only refer to ports to which it has been given access.

The three different kinds of port access rights are defined as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| <i>Send access</i> | to a port implies that a process can send a message to that port. Should the port be destroyed during the time a process has send access, a message will be sent to that process by the kernel indicating that the port has disappeared as well as the cause of the disappearance (e.g. explicit destruction, process death, network failure, etc.). |
| <i>Receive access</i> | to a port allows a process to receive a message from that port. Only one process may have receive access for a given port at a time. |
| <i>Ownership</i> | of a port implies that, should the process with receive access relinquish the port either through explicit deallocation or process death, the receive rights to the port will be sent to the port's owner. Likewise, should ownership be relinquished, the ownership rights are sent by the kernel in a message to the receiving process. |

Port access rights can be passed in messages. They are interpreted by the kernel and transferred from the sender to the kernel upon message transmission and to the receiver upon message receipt.

At the time of creation, each process normally has access to at least two ports:

1. a *kernel port* for which the new process has send access and which can be used to send messages to the system kernel, and

2. a *data port* for which the new process has receive access and ownership and for which the kernel has send access. This port is always used for receiving replies to kernel-directed requests. In addition, the data port is the port normally used by the kernel to send emergency messages about port destruction and other error conditions.

A message consists of a fixed part, describable as a PASCAL record and a variable size part following that fixed part. The PASCAL record describing the fixed size message head is:

```

type
  Msg =
    record
      SimpleMsg : boolean; { True if message uses no pointers }
                        { and transmits no port rights }
      MsgSize   : long;    { Number of contiguous bytes in the }
                        { message. }
      MsgType   : long;    { NORMALMSG or EMERGENCYMSG }
      LocalPort : Port;    { For send: optional port of sender }
                        { For receive: port msg received on }
      RemotePort : Port;  { For send: port to send message to }
                        { For receive: optional port of sender }
      ID        : long;    { Arbitrary value - by convention used }
                        { to identify kind of message. }

      { MsgSize - ByteSize(Msg) bytes of message }
      { data follow, see below. }
    end;

```

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SimpleMsg	word 0

MsgSize (1sw)	word 1

MsgSize (msw)	word 2

MsgType (1sw)	word 3

MsgType (msw)	word 4

LocalPort (1sw)	word 5

LocalPort (msw)	word 6

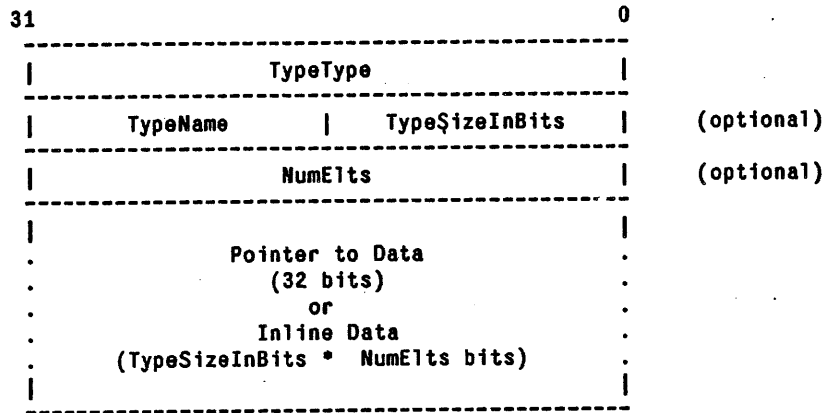
RemotePort (1sw)	word 7

RemotePort (msw)	word 8

ID (1sw)	word 9

ID (msw)	word 10

The variable data part of a message consists of an array of descriptors for typed objects. Each typed object descriptor is of the form:



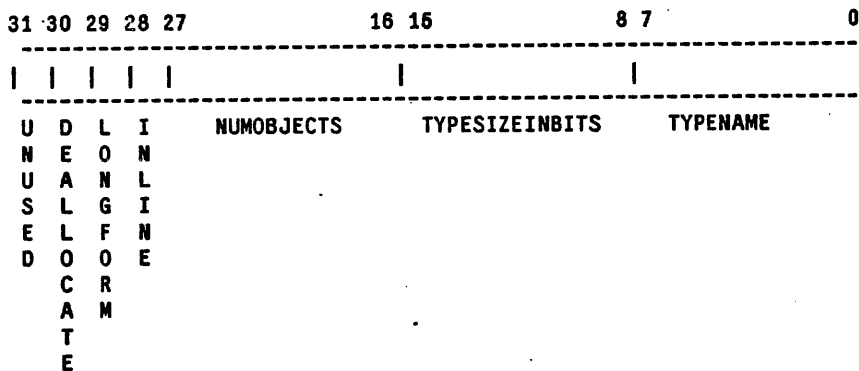
The record describing the TypeType field is:

type

```

TypeType =
  packed record
    TypeName      : Bit8;
    TypeSizeInBits : Bit8;
    NumObjects    : Bit12;
    InLine        : boolean;
    LongForm      : boolean;
    Deallocate    : boolean;
  end;

```



The *TypeName*, *TypeSizeInBits*, and *NumElts* fields exist only if the *LongForm* bit of the *DataType* field is set. This provides potentially 16 bits for both the *TypeName* and the *TypeSizeInBits* and allows a single object to be an array of up to 2^{32-1} primitive data elements. If *LongForm* is false, then the number of elements is defined by the *NumObjects* field of *DataType*.

System defined data types (i.e., values which may be included in the *TypeName* field of a

DataDescriptor) include:

- TYPEUNSTRUCTURED = 0;
- TYPEBIT = 0;
- TYPEBOOLEAN = 0;
- TYPEINT16 = 1;
- TYPEINT32 = 2;
- TYPEPTOWNERSHIP = 3;
- TYPEPTRECEIVE = 4;
- TYPEPTALI. = 5;
- TYPEPT = 6;
- TYPECHAR = 8;
- TYPEINT8 = 9;
- TYPEBYTE = 9;
- TYPEREAL = 10;
- TYPEPSTAT = 11;
- TYPESTRING = 12;
- TYPESEGID = 13;
- TYPEPAGE = 14;

The *Deallocate* bit applies to port rights and data blocks pointed to by a descriptor. If the *Deallocate* bit is set and a port is referred to, that port is deallocated from the name space of the current process when the message is sent. If the *Deallocate* bit is set and a pointer is referred to, all full pages of data pointed to by the pointer will be removed from the address space of the sending process when the message is sent.

The following is an example of the creation of a message in PASCAL. The message contains both pointer and inline data blocks as well as a port and a long integer. Note that in practice users do not normally construct messages by hand, but use MatchMaker to define type-checked message interfaces between processes.

```

const
  MYMESSAGEID = 100;

type
  ptrBlock = ^Block;
  Block    = array [0..255] of integer;

  MyMessage =
    record

```

```

Header           : Msg;
APortType        : TypeType;
APort            : Port;
ALongType        : TypeType;
ALong            : long;
BlockPtrType     : TypeType;
BlockPtr         : ptrBlock;
InlineBlockType  : TypeType;
InlineBlockTypeName : Integer;
InlineBlockTypeSize : Integer;
InlineBlockNumObjects : Long;
InlineBlock      : Block;
end;

var
message          : MyMessage;
MyPort           : Port;
HisPort          : Port;
MyOtherPort      : Port;
MyLong           : long;
PtrToSomeBlock  : ptrBlock;

begin

{ Get information to send from somewhere. }

message.Header.SimpleMsg           := false;
message.Header.MsgSize             := WordSize(message)*2;
message.Header.MsgType             := NORMALMSG;
message.Header.LocalPort           := MyPort;
message.Header.RemotePort          := HisPort;
message.Header.ID                  := MYMESSAGEID;

message.APortType.TypeName         := TYPEPT;
message.APortType.NumObjects       := 1;
message.APortType.InLine           := true;
message.APortType.LongForm         := false;
message.APortType.Deallocate       := false;
message.APortType.TypeSizeInBits   := 32;
message.APort                      := MyOtherPort;

message.ALongType.TypeName         := TYPELONG;
message.ALongType.NumObjects       := 1;
message.ALongType.InLine           := true;
message.ALongType.LongForm         := false;
message.ALongType.Deallocate       := false;
message.ALongType.TypeSizeInBits   := 32;
message.ALong                      := MyLongInteger;

message.BlockPtrType.TypeName      := TYPEINT16;
message.BlockPtrType.NumObjects    := 256;
message.BlockPtrType.InLine        := false;
message.BlockPtrType.LongForm      := false;
message.BlockPtrType.Deallocate     := false;
message.BlockPtrType.TypeSizeInBits := 16;
message.BlockPtr                   := PtrToSomeBlock;

{ Now an example using the long form of TypeType }

message.InlineBlockType.InLine     := true;
message.InlineBlockType.LongForm   := true;
message.InlineBlockType.Deallocate := false;
message.InlineBlockTypeName        := TYPEINT16;
message.InlineBlockTypeSize        := 16;
message.InlineBlockNumObjects       := 256;
message.InlineBlock                 := PtrToSomeBlock+;

```

```

    { Send the message }
end;

```

In addition to the message record definitions, the following constant and type definitions are used by the various message interface routines:

```

const
    WAIT          = 0;
    DONTWAIT     = 1;
    REPLY        = 2;

    PREVIEW      = 0;
    RECEIVEIT    = 1;
    RECEIVWAIT   = 2;

    DEFAULTPTS   = 0;
    ALLPTS       = 1;
    LOCALPT      = 2;

    MAXPORTS     = 255; { NB: This constant is out of date, there is
                        no longer a maximum number of ports. }

    MAXBACKLOG   = 63; { Installation dependent }

    {}
    { Message types:
    {}
    NORMALMSG     = 0;
    EMERGENCYMSG  = 1;

    {}
    { Kernel generated message ids:
    {}
    M_PORTDELETED      = #100 + 1;
    M_MSGACCEPTED      = #100 + 2;
    M_OWNERSHIPRIGHTS  = #100 + 3;
    M_RECEIVERIGHTS    = #100 + 4;
    M_GENERALKERNELREPLY = #100 + 6;
    M_KERNELMSGERROR   = #100 + 7;
    M_PARENTFORKREPLY  = #100 + #10;
    M_CHILDFOKREPLY    = #100 + #11;
    M_DEBUGMSG         = #100 + #12;

type
    Port          = long;
    Milliseconds  = long;
    SendOption    = WAIT..DONTWAIT;
    ReceiveOption = PREVIEW..RECEIVWAIT;
    PortOption    = DEFAULTS..LOCALPT;
    PortBitArray  = packed array [0..MAXPORTS-1] of boolean;
    PortArray     = array [0..MAXPORTS-1] of Port;
    PtrPortArray  = ^PortArray;
    LPortArray    = array [stretch(0)..stretch(#77777)] of Port;
    PtrLPortArray = ^LPortArray;
    BacklogValue  = 0..MAXBACKLOG;

```

In addition the possible return values for all of the routines are listed below, and in the file

AccentType.pas. For message primitives, these values are returned in the kernel trap argument block. For kernel messages these values are returned as the first element in the data portion of the message as a 16 bit integer. The user sees both these types of return values as general return values.

```

const
    AccErr          = 100;

    Dummy          = AccErr+0;
    Success        = AccErr+1;
    TimeOut        = AccErr+2;
    PortFull       = AccErr+3;
    WillReply      = AccErr+4;
    TooManyReplies = AccErr+5;
    MemFault       = AccErr+6;
    NotAPort       = AccErr+7;
    BadRights      = AccErr+8;
    NoMorePorts    = AccErr+9;
    IllegalBacklog = AccErr+10;
    NetFail        = AccErr+11;
    Intr           = AccErr+12;
    Other          = AccErr+13;
    NotPortReceiver = AccErr+14;
    UnrecognizedMsgType = AccErr+15;
    NotEnoughRoom  = AccErr+16;
    NotAnIPCCall   = AccErr+17;
    BadMsgType     = AccErr+18;
    BadIPCName     = AccErr+19;
    MsgTooBig      = AccErr+20;
    NotYourChild   = AccErr+21;
    BadMsg         = AccErr+22;
    OutOfIPCSpace  = AccErr+23;
    Failure        = AccErr+24;
    MapFull        = AccErr+25;
    WriteFault     = AccErr+26;
    BadKernelMsg   = AccErr+27;
    NotCurrentProcess = AccErr+28;
    CantFork       = AccErr+29;
    BadPriority     = AccErr+30;
    BadTrap        = AccErr+31;
    DiskErr        = AccErr+32;
    BadSegType     = AccErr+33;
    BadSegment     = AccErr+34;
    IsParent       = AccErr+35;
    IsChild        = AccErr+36;
    NoAvailablePages = AccErr+37;
    FiveDeep       = AccErr+38;
    BadVPTable     = AccErr+39;
    VPExclusionFailure = AccErr+40;
    MicroFailure   = AccErr+41;
    EStackTooDeep  = AccErr+42;
    MsgInterrupt   = AccErr+43;
    UncaughtException = AccErr+44;
    BreakPointTrap = AccErr+45;
    ASTInconsistency = AccErr+46;
    InactiveSegment = AccErr+47;
    SegmentAlreadyExists = AccErr+48;
    OutOfImageSegments = AccErr+49;
    NotASystemAddress = AccErr+50;
    NotAUserAddress = AccErr+51;
    BadCreateMask  = AccErr+52;
    BadRectangle   = AccErr+53;
    OutOfRectangleBounds = AccErr+54;
    IllegalScanWidth = AccErr+55;
    CoveredRectangle = AccErr+56;

```

BusyRectangle	▪ AccErr+67;
NotAFont	▪ AccErr+68;
PartitionFull	▪ AccErr+69;

2.2. Accent primitives

Send

```
function Send
(
  var MsgHdr : Msg;
  MaxWait : long;
  Option : SendOption
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Send transmits a message from the current process to the *RemotePort* specified in the message header.

Arguments

<i>MsgHdr</i>	The header portion of the message to be sent.						
<i>MaxWait</i>	The maximum time in milliseconds to wait should the destination port be full. A wait time of zero implies wait forever. <i>Currently there is an implementation restriction of 32000 milliseconds as a maximum wait time.</i>						
<i>Option</i>	A constant specifying whether the send operation should <i>WAIT</i> , <i>DONTWAIT</i> or <i>REPLY</i> if the destination port is full at the time of the send. The various options are defined below:						
	<table> <tr> <td><i>WAIT</i></td> <td>should be used when the sending process wishes to be suspended for <i>MaxWait</i> milliseconds if the queue is full. If by that time the port is still full, the call returns without having sent the message.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>DONTWAIT</i></td> <td>should be used if the sending process does not wish to wait for any length of time in the case of a full destination port.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>REPLY</i></td> <td>allows the sender to give exactly one message to the operating system without being suspended should the destination port be full. When that message can in fact be posted to the receiving port's queue, a message is sent to the data port of the sending process notifying it that another message can be sent. A second message, sent to a full port before this notification arrives, results in an error.</td> </tr> </table>	<i>WAIT</i>	should be used when the sending process wishes to be suspended for <i>MaxWait</i> milliseconds if the queue is full. If by that time the port is still full, the call returns without having sent the message.	<i>DONTWAIT</i>	should be used if the sending process does not wish to wait for any length of time in the case of a full destination port.	<i>REPLY</i>	allows the sender to give exactly one message to the operating system without being suspended should the destination port be full. When that message can in fact be posted to the receiving port's queue, a message is sent to the data port of the sending process notifying it that another message can be sent. A second message, sent to a full port before this notification arrives, results in an error.
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Returns

<i>Success</i>	The message has been queued for the <i>RemotePort</i> .
<i>Timeout</i>	The message was not sent since the destination port was still full after <i>MaxWait</i> milliseconds.
<i>Failure</i>	The message was not sent because the destination port was full and <i>DONTWAIT</i> was specified.
<i>WillReply</i>	The destination port was full but the <i>REPLY</i> option was specified. An emergency message will be sent when the message can be posted.
<i>TooManyReplies</i>	The <i>REPLY</i> option was specified but a reply request is already outstanding for this process and destination port.
<i>MemFault</i>	The message pointed to data not in the address space of the sender.
<i>NotAPort</i>	The message refers to a port number which is not available to the current process.
<i>BadRights</i>	The message contains a reference to port access rights not possessed by the current process.

SetPortsWaiting

```
function SetPortsWaiting
(
    var Ports : PortBitArray
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

NB: SetPortsWaiting is still in the system but has been made obsolete by the removal of limitations on the maximum number of ports accessible to a process. This call will succeed only if the total number of ports in the current Accent system is less than the old per process maximum of 255. The call LockPorts replaces SetPortsWaiting.

SetPortsWaiting passes a boolean array to the operating system kernel specifying the ports on which the current process wishes to receive messages. Each port is represented as a bit in the array and a value of true implies that, should a *Receive* call be made, a message can be accepted from that port. A value of false implies that even if a message is waiting on that port at the time of the *Receive* call, it should not be received.

Arguments

<i>Ports</i>	A var bit array specifying the ports to be waited on during a <i>Receive</i> . On successful return it will contain the value of the bit array.
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Returns

<i>Success</i>	The call performed its function.
<i>MemFault</i>	The port array points to memory which is not in the address space of the current process.

Receive

```
function Receive
(
  var MsgHdr : Msg; { inout parameter }
  MaxWait : long;
  PortOpt : PortOption;
  Option : ReceiveOption
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Receive retrieves the next message from a port queue on which the current process is waiting (see *SetPortsWaiting*).

Arguments

<i>MsgHdr</i>	The header part of a message data structure into which a message can be received.						
<i>MaxWait</i>	The maximum time in milliseconds to wait for a message before giving up. A wait time of zero implies an infinite wait. A wait time of -1 implies no wait. <i>Currently there is an implementation restriction on the PERQ of 32000 milliseconds maximum wait time.</i>						
<i>PortOpt</i>	A constant specifying what ports the receive should be done on. <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><i>ALLPTS</i></td> <td>look for a message on all the ports to which this process has <i>Receive</i> access.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><i>DEFAULTPTS</i></td> <td>look for a message on all the ports to which this process has <i>Receive</i> access, <u>except</u> for those ports which have been locked by <i>LockPorts</i>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><i>LOCALPT</i></td> <td>receive a message only on the port specified by <i>MsgHdr.LocalPort</i>.</td> </tr> </table>	<i>ALLPTS</i>	look for a message on all the ports to which this process has <i>Receive</i> access.	<i>DEFAULTPTS</i>	look for a message on all the ports to which this process has <i>Receive</i> access, <u>except</u> for those ports which have been locked by <i>LockPorts</i> .	<i>LOCALPT</i>	receive a message only on the port specified by <i>MsgHdr.LocalPort</i> .
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<i>RECEIVEIT</i>	is the option actually used for receiving both the header and data part of a message. Once received, the message is removed from its port queue and all port capabilities contained in the message are passed to the receiving process.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The message has been received.
<i>Timeout</i>	The message was not received after <i>MaxWait</i> milliseconds.
<i>MemFault</i>	The message pointed to a data area inaccessible to the receiver.

EReceive

```
function EReceive
(
  var xxmsg :Msg;
  MaxWait :long;
  PortOpt :PortOption;
  Option :ReceiveOption
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

EReceive is a version of *Receive* that is used by the operating system. It is not to be used by other clients of the kernel.

Arguments

<i>xxmsg</i>	The header part of a message data structure into which a message can be received.						
<i>MaxWait</i>	The maximum time (in milliseconds) to wait for a message before giving up. A wait time of zero implies an infinite wait. A wait time of -1 implies no wait.						
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RECEIVEIT

This is the option actually used for receiving both the header and data part of a message. Once received, the message is removed from its port queue and all port capabilities contained in the message are passed to the receiving process.

Returns

- Success* The message has been received.
- Timeout* The message was not received after *MaxWait* milliseconds.
- MemFault* The message pointed to a data area inaccessible to the receiver.

PortsWithMessages

```
function PortsWithMessages
(
    MsgType : long;
    var Ports : PortBitArray
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

NB: PortsWithMessages is still in the system but has been made obsolete by the removal of limitations on the maximum number of ports accessible to a process. This call will succeed only if the total number of ports in the current Accent system is less than the old per process maximum of 255. The call MessagesWaiting replaces PortsWithMessages.

PortsWithMessages returns a boolean array in the var parameter *Ports* which has a true value for every port containing at least one message of type *MsgType*.

Arguments

<i>MsgType</i>	The type of message the current process is interested in (currently it must be either EMERGENCYMSG or NORMALMSG).
<i>Ports</i>	A boolean array used to return the description of the waiting ports.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The call returns the array.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal data area specified for returned data.

LockPorts

```
function LockPorts
(
    LockOrUnlock : boolean;
    Ports       : PtrLPortArray;
    PortsCount  : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

LockPorts either locks (if *LockOrUnlock* is true) or unlocks the points pointed to by the array *Ports*. Messages may not be received from a locked port and no interrupts will occur if messages arrive at a locked port. A port may only be locked by the process with receive access.

Arguments

<i>LockOrUnlock</i>	True if we are locking, false otherwise.
<i>Ports</i>	A port array used to specify the ports to be locked.
<i>PortsCount</i>	The number of ports to be locked.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Ports are locked or unlocked.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal data area specified for returned data.
<i>Failure</i>	Illegal request to lock or unlock a port.

MessagesWaiting

```
function MessagesWaiting
(
    MsgType    : long;
    var Ports  : PtrLPortArray;
    var PortsCount : long    { inout parameter }
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

MessagesWaiting returns an array of ports on which there is a message waiting whose type matches *MsgType*.

Arguments

<i>MsgType</i>	Message type field of messages of interest.
<i>Ports</i>	A port array used to return ports with messages waiting.
<i>PortLCount</i>	The maximum number of ports to return. On return, the actual number of ports returned.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Ports are returned.
<i>NotEnoughRoom</i>	Number of ports is greater than the maximum given by <i>PortsCount</i> .

MoveWords

```
function MoveWords
(
    SrcAddr : VirtualAddress;
    var DstAddr : VirtualAddress; { inout }
    NumWords : long;
    Delete : boolean;
    Create : boolean;
    Mask : long;
    DontShare : boolean
) : GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

MoveWords moves data from one place in the current processes' address space to another. It differs from a macroarchitecture move instruction in that it can be used to remap areas of memory in addition to moving data in the conventional sense.

Arguments

<i>SrcAddr</i>	The source address.
<i>DstAddr</i>	The destination address. If <i>Create</i> (see below) is true then this argument is ignored on input and supplied by the system on output.
<i>NumWords</i>	The number of words to move.
<i>Delete</i>	If true, the source words will be deleted from the current process' address space. Memory is only deleted in full pages. The pages deleted start with the page containing <i>SrcAddr</i> and end with the page containing the address <i>SrcAddr</i> + <i>NumWords</i> - 1.
<i>Create</i>	If true, new space will be allocated for the copy and a pointer returned in <i>DstAddr</i> .
<i>Mask</i>	A 32-bit mask which, if <i>Create</i> is true, determines where in memory allocated space can be used (see <i>ValidateMemory</i> below).
<i>DontShare</i>	If true, implies that data will be copied copy-on-write. If false it implies that the data references in the destination area will be synonymous with data references in the source area. It is an error if <i>DontShare</i> is false and the source and destination address have different word offsets in a page.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The copy was performed.
<i>MemFault</i>	The arguments are illegal.

SoftEnable

```
function SoftEnable  
(  
    NormOrEmerg : boolean;  
    EnOrDis    : boolean  
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

SoftEnable resets the enabling of software interrupts. When a software interrupt occurs software interrupts are disabled by the system. This routine is intended to be called by software interrupt handlers just before they exit in order to allow the handling of further software interrupts.

Arguments

<i>NormOrEmerg</i>	True if we are enabling software interrupts on normal messages, false if we are enabling software interrupts on emergency messages.
<i>EnOrDis</i>	True if we are enabling interrupts. False if we are disabling interrupts.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Success is the only possible return.
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2.3. IPC related non-primitive functions

AllocatePort

```
function AllocatePort
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    var LocalPort : Port; { out }
    Backlog : BacklogValue
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

AllocatePort requests that a new port be allocated with an initial maximum queue size (backlog) of *Backlog*. If no port can be returned, *LocalPort* is left with a value of NULLPORT (= 0).

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of a process. The port is created in the calling process' port space, regardless of which kernel port is used.
<i>LocalPort</i>	A var parameter into which the allocated port is returned.
<i>Backlog</i>	The maximum queue length (number of messages) for the newly allocated port. A value of zero will set the backlog to DEFAULTBACKLOG. The maximum backlog value is MAXBACKLOG.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	A port has been allocated.
<i>NoMorePorts</i>	No more port slots available for this process.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

SetBacklog

```
function SetBacklog
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    LocalPort  : Port;
    Backlog    : BacklogValue
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

SetBacklog requests that the maximum queue length for the specified port be changed to *Backlog*.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process whose port space the current process wishes to alter.
<i>LocalPort</i>	The port queue to be changed.
<i>Backlog</i>	The new backlog. Should the new backlog be less than the current queue length, no messages are released or destroyed , but future send requests will respect the new backlog. A value of zero will set the backlog to DEFAULTBACKLOG. The maximum backlog value is MAXBACKLOG.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The backlog has been changed.
<i>IllegalBacklog</i>	The backlog is either too small or too large.

The backlog of a port in another process' port space can be changed, if you have access to that process' kernel port.

DeallocatePort

```
function DeallocatePort
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    LocalPort  : Port;
    Reason     : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

DeallocatePort requests that the current process' access to a port be released. If the current process is both the receiver and owner for the port, then the port is destroyed and all other processes with send access are notified both of the port's destruction and the reason for that destruction.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process.
<i>LocalPort</i>	The port to be deallocated.
<i>Reason</i>	An arbitrary 32 bit number which will be returned to those processes which have access to the port should it be destroyed by this call. There are several system defined reasons for port death: EXPLICITDEALLOCATION, PROCESSDEATH, and NETWORKTROUBLE.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The port has been deallocated.
<i>NotAPort</i>	The port is not allocated to this process.

IndexInterpose

```
function IndexInterpose  
(  
    ServPort : Port;  
    MyPort   : Port;  
    HisIndex : long;  
    var HisPort : Port  
)  
: GeneralReturn;
```

NOTE

This function has been made obsolete. It will always return FAILURE.

PortInterpose

```
function PortInterpose
(
    ServPort    : Port;
    MyPort      : Port;
    HisPort     : Port;
    var MyNewPort : Port
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

NOTE

This function has been made obsolete. It will always return **FAILURE**.

GetPortIndexStatus

```
function GetPortIndexStatus
(
    ServPort    : Port;
    PortIndex   : Long;
    var BackLog : Integer;
    var NWaitingMsgs : Integer;
    var EWaitingMsgs : Integer;
    var PortRight : Port;
    var PortType  : Integer
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

NOTE

GetPortIndexStatus provides information about a port given its index into the kernel port table. It is intended to be used by system implementers and not by normal clients of the kernel.

GetPortStatus

```
function GetPortStatus
(
    ServPort    : Port;
    PortRight   : Port;
    var Backlog  : Integer;
    var NWaitingMsgs : Integer;
    var EWaitingMsgs : Integer;
    var PortIndex : Long;
    var PortType  : Integer
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

NOTE

GetPortStatus provides information about a port given its index into the kernel port table. It is intended to be used by system implementors and not by normal clients of the kernel.

ExtractAllRights

```
function ExtractAllRights  
(  
    ServPort : Port;  
    PortIndex : Long;  
    var PortRight : Port;  
    var PortType : Integer  
)  
: GeneralReturn;
```

NOTE

This call is not currently implemented.

InsertAllRights

```
function InsertAllRights  
(  
    ServPort : Port;  
    PortIndex : Long;  
    var PortRight : Port;  
    var PortType : Integer  
)  
    : GeneralReturn;
```

NOTE

This call is not currently implemented.

3. Accent process primitives

3.1. Basic terms

Accent supports a potentially large number of processes, each with independent paged address spaces. Process scheduling is round-robin within a priority level and Accent supports 16 priority levels, each with an installation dependent time quota. Once a process exhausts its time quota at a given priority level, its priority is decreased, allowing a form of aging. Process priorities are reinstated at their default level following a message send or receive. Processes may be created either by forking or by explicit process creation. Processes may only fork themselves, but may terminate either themselves or others which they have created.

The following type definitions are used by the various message interface routines:

```

const
    READONLY      = 0;
    READWRITE     = 1;
    MAXPROCS      = 63;    {Installation dependent}
    NUMPRIORITIES = 16;    {Installation dependent}
    NUMSLEEPQS    = 32;    {Installation dependent}
    NUMQUEUES     = NUMSLEEPQS + NUMPRIORITIES + 6;

type
    Port          = long;
    VirtualAddress = long;
    Microseconds  = long;
    PriorID       = 0..NUMPRIORITIES-1;
    ProcState     = (User, Supervisor);
    QID           = 0..NUMQUEUES;
    MemProtection = READONLY..READWRITE;
    PStatus       = record
        State      : ProcState;
        Priority    : PriorID;
        MsgPending  : boolean;
        EMsgPending : boolean;
        MsgEnable   : boolean;
        EMsgEnable  : boolean;
        LimitSet    : boolean;
        SVStkInCore : boolean;
        QueueID     : QID;
        SleepID     : ptrInteger;
        RunTime     : long;
        LimitTime   : long;
    end;

```

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Fork

```
function Fork
(
  KernelPort    : Port;
  var HisKernelPort  : Port; { out parameter }
  var HisDataPort   : Port; { out parameter }
  Ports         : PtrPortArray;
  PortsCount    : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Fork creates a running clone of the process whose kernel port is used for call. The ports owned by the child of the current process created by the *Fork* are provided by the father. A process may only Fork itself. *HisKernelPort* and *HisDataPort* are created by the kernel and give the parent a handle on the child.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be copied.
<i>HisKernelPort</i>	On return, the kernel port of the child.
<i>HisDataPort</i>	On return, the data port of the child.
<i>Ports</i>	A pointer to an array of port capabilities to send to the child.
<i>PortsCount</i>	The number of ports to be sent to the newly created process.

Returns

<i>IsParent</i>	The current process is the father.
<i>IsChild</i>	The current process is the son.
<i>TooManyProcesses</i>	The system can no longer allocate processes.
<i>NotCurrentProcess</i>	Kernel port does not belong to the current process.
<i>NotAPort</i>	A port mentioned in the message is not accessible to the father.

CreateProcess

```
function CreateProcess
(
    KernelPort    : Port;
    var HisKernelPort  : Port; { out parameter }
    var HisDataPort   : Port  { out parameter }
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

CreateProcess creates a new process which has no state. This call can be used to create a process which may then be loaded with memory and state through the use of the *WriteProcessMemory* and *Deposit* (see below).

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be copied.
<i>HisKernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the child.
<i>HisDataPort</i>	The data port of the child.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The call succeeded.
<i>Failure</i>	The request could not be performed.
<i>NotCurrentProcess</i>	Kernel port does not belong to the current process.

Terminate

```
function Terminate
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    Reason     : long;
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Terminate destroys the process associated with *KernelPort*. If that process is not the current process, the call returns.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be killed.
<i>Reason</i>	An arbitrary 32 bit number which will be returned to those processes which have access to ports affected by this call.
<i>NoReturn</i>	The process has killed itself.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The process has been killed.
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SetDebugPort

```
function SetDebugPort
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    DebugPort  : Port
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Associate a debugger (defined by *DebugPort*) with a process (identified by *KernelPort*, its kernel port) in such a way that if that process should fail, the process will be suspended in its failed state and a message will be sent *DebugPort*. The message sent by the kernel will be an Emergency Message and will contain as its data a port (*KernelPort*), a 32-bit integer (the reason for the error, if any, otherwise 0), and an error code as a 32 bit integer.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of process to be debugged.
<i>DebugPort</i>	Port to which error messages should be sent when the process fails.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	DebugPort has been associated with the process.
<i>Failure</i>	KernelPort was not a kernel port for an active process.

Status

```
function Status
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    var Status  : PStatus
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Status returns the current process status of the process associated with *KernelPort*.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be queried.
<i>Status</i>	A var parameter used to return the process' state. See the description of PStatus above for details.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The data has been retrieved.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address reference.

SetPriority

```
function SetPriority
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    Priority    : PriorID
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

SetPriority is used to change the priority of the process associated with *KernelPort*. The highest priority is currently 15, the lowest is 0.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process whose priority is to be changed.
<i>Priority</i>	The new priority.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Priority changed.
<i>BadPriority</i>	Illegal priority value. A process may only decrease its own priority.

SetLimit

```
function SetLimit
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    ReplyPort  : Port;
    Limit      : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

SetLimit sets a limit on the computation time available to the process associated with *KernelPort*. When the time limit has been exceeded, a message will be sent to *ReplyPort* indicating that the process has used its allotted computational resources.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be limited.
<i>ReplyPort</i>	A port to use both for the initial acknowledgement of the success of the call and for the message indicating that the limit was exceeded.
<i>Limit</i>	The time limit in microseconds.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Limit set.
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Suspend

```
function Suspend
(
    KernelPort : Port;
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Suspend suspends the process associated with *KernelPort*.

Arguments

KernelPort The kernel port of the process to be suspended.

Returns

Success Process suspended.

Resume

```
function Resume  
(  
    KernelPort : Port;  
)  
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Resume resumes the process associated with *KernelPort*.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be resumed.
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Returns

<i>Success</i>	Process resumed.
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Examine

```
function Examine
(
  KernelPort : Port;
  RegOrStack : boolean;
  Index      : integer;
  var Value  : integer
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Examine examines the microstate of the process associated with *KernelPort*. If the process examined is not suspended, the values returned may not be accurate.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be examined.
<i>RegOrStack</i>	True if the microregister values are to be examined, false if the expression stack values are to be examined.
<i>Index</i>	The index of the register to be examined.
<i>Value</i>	A var parameter to return the desired value.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Process state returned.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

Deposit

```

function Deposit
(
  KernelPort : Port;
  RegOrStack : boolean;
  Index      : integer;
  Value      : integer
)
: GeneralReturn;

```

Synopsis

Deposit changes the microstate of the process associated with *KernelPort*. If the process changed is not suspended, the values of the registers may not actually be changed.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be changed.
<i>RegOrStack</i>	True if the microregister values are to be changed, false if the expression stack values are to be changed.
<i>Index</i>	The index of the register to be changed.
<i>Value</i>	The new value of the register.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Process state changed.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

SoftInterrupt

```
function SoftInterrupt  
(  
    KernelPort : Port;  
    NormOrEmerg : boolean;  
    var EnOrDisable : boolean  
)  
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

SoftInterrupt enables or disables software interrupts for either normal or emergency messages.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	The kernel port of the process to be affected.
<i>NormOrEmerg</i>	True if the Normal message interrupt is to be enabled/disabled, false if the Emergency message interrupt is to be enabled/disabled.
<i>EnOrDisAble</i>	True if enabled, false if disabled. Used to store previous value of enable/disable flag on return.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Action performed. Previous value of flag in <i>EnOrDisAble</i> .
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GetIOSleepID

```
function GetIOSleepID
(
  var SleepID :Long
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

GetIOSleepID returns the SleepID that would be used to suspend the calling process if it did an IPC receive. It is intended to be used by device driver processes that wish to use the kernel sleep trap and be awakened if a message is received. The following code could be used to put the current process to sleep for 1 jiffy (1/60 of a second), or until a message arrives.

```
begin
  loadexpr(SleepID);
  loadexpr(1);           { NTicks = 1 means 1 jiffy }
  loadexpr(0);           { ProcID = 0 means this process }
  loadexpr(0); loadexpr(0); { FlagPtr=Nill }
  nopagefault(2);
  inlinebyte(KOPS);
  inlinebyte(KSleep)
end
```

Arguments

SleepID Returns the value of the current process IPC Sleep ID.

Returns

Success SleepID has been set.

4. Accent virtual memory primitives

4.1. Basic terms

Accent provides two kinds of memory storage to processes: temporary virtual memory and more permanent kernel memory objects which may be directly backed by disk or other storage media.

Each Accent process may have up to 2^{32} bytes of paged virtual memory. Virtual memory may be written or read directly by a process using macro instructions defined by its micro-interpreter. The size of an Accent page is 512 bytes.

Accent also provides as a service the notion of a *segment* which may be created, destroyed, read or written by explicit message operations. Segments have unique 32-bit identifiers and may be backed by physical memory, disk, or by a process through a port identifier. Disk memory is divided by Accent into logical disk devices called partitions and a separate port is provided for access to each partition. Normally, the Accent file system process, Sesame, is responsible for building a file system using Accent disk segments, but the facility can also be provided to other processes if they are given access to the partition ports.

The following type definitions are used by the various message interface routines:

```

type
  Port          = long;
  VirtualAddress = long;
  SpiceSegKind  = (Temporary, Permanent, Bad, SegPhysical,
                  Imaginary, Shadow);
  SegID         = long;

```

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CreateSegment

```
function CreateSegment
(
    SpecialPort : Port;
    ImagSegPort : Port;
    SegmentKind : SpiceSegKind;
    InitialSize : integer;
    MaximumSize : integer;
    Stable      : boolean;
    var Segment : SegID
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

CreateSegment creates a segment which may be *permanent*, *segphysical*, *temporary* or *imaginary*.

- *Permanent* segments are allocated on disk and survive rebooting, etc. Their disk storage is allocated on the partition with which *SpecialPort* is associated.
- *SegPhysical* segments are contiguous regions of physical memory and are normally used for handling I/O devices, the bitmap display, etc. No disk storage is allocated for these segments.
- *Temporary* segments are the same as permanent segments but are deallocated when all processes having access to their pages are gone. Disk storage for these segment is allocated on the *TemporarySegmentPartition* as set by *SetTempSegPartition*.
- *Imaginary* segments are segment ids without storage. They can be read into an address space or written, but instead of disk operations being performed to get or write the data, messages are sent to the *ImagSegPort* specified in the *CreateSegment* call asking to read and/or write the specified pages of the imaginary segment. The imaginary segment handling process can then respond directly to read/write requests and manage directly the virtual memory of another process. This is also a tool which can be used to support network paging. There is no disk storage for these segments.

Arguments

<i>SpecialPort</i>	The kernel port of the current process (in the case of <i>temporary</i> or <i>imaginary</i> segments) or a specially protected port (in the case of <i>segphysical</i> segments) or a port associated with a partition (in the case of <i>permanent</i> segments). Partition ports and the protected port are usually available only to system processes.
<i>ImagSegPort</i>	A port for read and write operations on <i>imaginary</i> segments. May be a NULLPORT for other types of segments.
<i>SegmentKind</i>	One of <i>physical</i> , <i>temporary</i> , <i>permanent</i> , or <i>imaginary</i> .
<i>InitialSize</i>	The size of the new segment in pages.

<i>MaximumSize</i>	The maximum size to which the new segment will be allowed to grow.
<i>Stable</i>	Whether or not the new segment is to be <i>stable</i> (not currently implemented).
<i>Segment</i>	A var parameter for returning the id of the created segment.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Segment created.
<i>BadRights</i>	The <i>SpecialPort</i> used does not have the right to create the kind of segment desired.
<i>OutOfDisk</i>	The partition specified does not have enough disk space to accommodate the segment.

TruncateSegment

```
function TruncateSegment
(
    SpecialPort : Port;
    Segment     : SegID;
    NewSize     : integer
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

TruncateSegment truncates the segment specified by *Segment*.

Arguments

<i>SpecialPort</i>	A protected port available only to selected processes (for Permanent or Physical segments) or a kernel port (for Temporary or Imaginary segments).
<i>Segment</i>	The segment id of the segment to be truncated.
<i>NewSize</i>	The new size of the segment in pages.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Segment truncated.
<i>BadRights</i>	The <i>SpecialPort</i> used does not have the right to truncate the kind of segment desired.
<i>NotASegment</i>	The segment does not exist.

DestroySegment

```
function DestroySegment
(
    SpecialPort : Port;
    Segment     : SegID
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

DestroySegment destroys the segment specified by *Segment*.

Arguments

<i>SpecialPort</i>	A protected port available only to selected processes (for Permanent or Physical segments) or a kernel port (for Temporary or Imaginary segments).
<i>Segment</i>	The segment id of the segment to be destroyed.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Segment destroyed.
<i>BadRights</i>	The <i>SpecialPort</i> used does not have the right to destroy the kind of segment desired.
<i>NotASegment</i>	The segment does not exist.

ReadSegment

```
function ReadSegment
(
    SpecialPort : Port;
    Segment     : SegID;
    Offset      : integer;
    NumPages    : integer;
    var Data    : pointer;
    var DataCount : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

* *ReadSegment* reads the selected pages of *Segment*. The data read is pointed to by *Data*.

Arguments

SpecialPort	A protected port available only to selected processes (for Permanent or Physical segments) or a kernel port (for Temporary or Imaginary segments).
Segment	The segment id of the segment to be read.
Offset	The page offset of the first page to be read (file pages start at zero). Can be set to -1 to return the File Information Block. (For more information on the File Information Block, see "File System" in this manual.)
NumPages	The number of pages to be read. Specifying -1 returns the entire segment.
Data	On return, points to the data area into which the segment data has been read.
DataCount	The number of bytes actually read.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Segment data read.
<i>BadRights</i>	The <i>SpecialPort</i> used does not have the right to read the kind of segment desired.
<i>NotASegment</i>	The segment does not exist.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

WriteSegment

```
function WriteSegment
(
    SpecialPort : Port;
    Segment     : SegID;
    Offset      : integer;
    Data        : pointer;
    DataCount   : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

WriteSegment overwrites the selected pages of *Segment* with the data pointed to by *Data*.

Arguments

SpecialPort	A protected port available only to selected processes (for Permanent or Physical segments) or a kernel port (for Temporary or Imaginary segments).
Segment	The segment id of the segment to be written.
Offset	The page offset of the first page to be written (file pages start at zero). Specifying -1 allows you to write only FSData sections of -1 block. (See "File System" in this manual.)
Data	A pointer to the data to be written to the segment.
DataCount	The number of bytes to be written.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Segment data written.
<i>BadRights</i>	The <i>SpecialPort</i> used does not have the right to write the kind of segment desired.
<i>NotASegment</i>	The segment does not exist.
<i>PartitionFull</i>	The partition specified does not have enough disk space to accommodate the segment.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.
<i>OutOfDisk</i>	Writing block -1 will only change the FSData area of the block.

InterceptSegmentCalls

```
function InterceptSegmentCalls
(
    ServPort : Port;
    var OldSysPorts : PtrAllPortArray;
    var OldSysPorts_Cnt : Long;
    var SysPorts : PtrPortArray;
    var SysPorts_Cnt : Long
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

This call is used by a process that wishes to intercept all calls to the segment system. It is intended to be used by trusted system processes only.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	This is the port that is to be used to make the call. It is the Kernel port of the process making the call.
<i>OldSysPorts</i>	This array will be sent to contain the current ports that are being used to make segment calls. All segment calls by other processes in the system will be received on this set of ports.
<i>OldSysPorts_Cnt</i>	This is the count of valid ports in <i>OldSysPorts</i> .
<i>SysPorts</i>	<i>SysPorts</i> will contain the new set of ports that the calling process can use to make segment system requests.
<i>SysPorts_Cnt</i>	This is the count of the number of valid ports that are in <i>SysPorts</i> .

Returns

<i>Success</i>	This is the only possible return.
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SetPagingSegment

```
function SetPagingSegment  
(  
    ServPort : Port;  
    Segment   : SegID  
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

This call is used to specify a segment that can be used as the disk backup for virtual memory. This segment is only used if the system cannot find a paging partition at system initialization time.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	The port of the process that is currently handling the paging system.
<i>Segment</i>	This is the segment ID of the segment that is to be used for virtual memory backing store.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	The call completed without error.
<i>BadSegment</i>	SegID was not a valid segment.

AvailableVM

```
function AvailableVM
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    var NumBytes : long { out parameter }
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

AvailableVM returns the size in bytes of secondary storage remaining as backing store for virtual memory.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of calling process.
<i>NumBytes</i>	Amount of remaining secondary storage available for virtual memory backing store.

Returns

Success

ValidateMemory

```
function ValidateMemory
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    var Address : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes : long;
    CreateMask : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

ValidateMemory marks a given part of a process address space as valid. References to data in this area will succeed and initial reads will return zero.

WARNING

Note that *ValidateMemory* will still return success, even if you have previously validated the same space. Using *ValidateMemory* to validate existing addresses may cause the content of those addresses to be overwritten.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of process to be affected.
<i>Address</i>	Starting address. If this address is nil, the kernel will find an area <i>NumBytes</i> in size and whose starting address is consistent with <i>CreateMask</i> and return that value in address.
<i>NumBytes</i>	Number of bytes to validate (rounded by the system to validate only full pages).
<i>CreateMask</i>	A means of easily specifying a certain alignment for the memory to be validated. The kernel will begin validating memory at the first address greater than or equal to <i>Address</i> such that for every one bit in <i>CreateMask</i> , the corresponding bit in the address is either zero or one, and for every zero bit in <i>CreateMask</i> , the corresponding bit in the address is also zero. Specifying -1 will give you the most convenient alignment. Specifying -256 will give you page alignment.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Memory validated.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

InvalidateMemory

```

function InvalidateMemory
(
    KernelPort    : Port;
    Address       : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes      : long
)
: GeneralReturn;

```

Synopsis

InvalidateMemory marks a given part of a process address space as invalid. References to data in this area will fail. Any secondary storage being used to support this area will be released.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of process to be affected.
<i>Address</i>	Starting address.
<i>NumBytes</i>	Number of bytes to invalidate (rounded by the system to invalidate only full pages).

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Memory invalidated.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

SetProtection

```
function SetProtection
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    Address    : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes   : long;
    Protection  : integer
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

SetProtection changes the protection of valid pages in a process' address space.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of process to be affected.
<i>Address</i>	Starting address.
<i>NumBytes</i>	Number of bytes to change protection of (rounded by the system to change protection of only full pages).
<i>Protection</i>	The new protection bits (i.e., <i>ReadOnly</i> , <i>ReadWrite</i>).

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Memory protected.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

ReadProcessMemory

```
function ReadProcessMemory
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    Address    : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes   : long;
    var Data   : pointer;
    var DataCount : long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

ReadProcessMemory allows a process with access to another process' kernel port to read its virtual memory.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of process whose data is to be read.
<i>Address</i>	Starting address.
<i>NumBytes</i>	Number of bytes to read.
<i>Data</i>	Pointer to area into which data is to be read.
<i>DataCount</i>	Number of bytes actually read.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Memory read.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

WriteProcessMemory

```

function WriteProcessMemory
(
    KernelPort    : Port;
    Address       : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes      : Long;
    Data          : pointer;
    DataCount     : long;
)
: GeneralReturn;

```

Synopsis

WriteProcessMemory allows a process with access to another process' kernel port to write its virtual memory.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of process whose memory is to be written.
<i>Address</i>	Starting address in process to be affected.
<i>NumBytes</i>	Number of bytes to read.
<i>Data</i>	Pointer to data to be written.
<i>DataCount</i>	Number of bytes to write.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Memory written.
<i>MemFault</i>	Illegal address specified.

Touch

```
function Touch
(
    KernelPort : Port;
    Address    : VirtualAddress;
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Touch determines if a given location *Address* is a valid address for the process specified by *KernelPort*.

Arguments

<i>KernelPort</i>	Kernel port of process whose memory is to be queried.
<i>Address</i>	Address to check.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Memory exists.
<i>Failure</i>	Memory is invalid.

5. Accent Disk Handling

5.1. Basic terms

The following type definitions are used by the various disk handling routines:

```

const
  MAXPARTCHARS = 8;      { maximum length for a partition name }
  MAXDPCHARS   = 25;     { maximum length for dev:part name }
  MAXPARTITIONS = 30;    { maximum partitions on one device }
  MAXDEVICES   = 5;      { maximum number of devices }

type
  Port          = long;
  PartString    = string[MAXPARTCHARS];
  DevPartString = string[MAXDPCHARS];
  PartitionType = (Root,Unused,Segment,PLX {...} );
  DiskAddr     = long;
  SegID        = long;

  PartInfo =
  record
    {entry in the PartTable}
    PartHeadFree : DiskAddr; {pointer to Head of Free List}
    PartTailFree : DiskAddr; {pointer to tail of Free List}
    PartInfoBlk  : DiskAddr; {pointer to PartInfoBlock}
    PartRootDir  : SegID;    {SegID of Root Directory}
    PartNumOps   : integer;  {how many operations done since
                             last update of PartInfoBlock}
    PartNumFree  : long;     {HINT of how many free pages}
    PartInUse    : boolean;  {this entry in PartTable is valid}
    PartMounted  : boolean;  {this partition is mounted}
    PartDevice   : integer;  {which disk this partition is in}
    PartStart    : DiskAddr; {Disk Address of 1st page}
    PartEnd      : DiskAddr; {Disk Address of last page}
    PartKind     : PartitionType; {Root or Leaf}
    PartName     : PartString; {name of this partition}
    PartExUse    : boolean;  {Opened exclusively}
    Unused       : long;     {Port is not returned}
  end;

  PartList = array[1..MAXPARTITIONS] of PartInfo;
  ptrPartList = ^PartList;

```

5.2. Disk management routines

GetDiskPartitions

```
function GetDiskPartitions
(
    ServPort : Port;
    interface : DiskInterface;
    log_unit : InterfaceInfo;
    var unitnum : Integer;
    var DevName : DevPartString;
    var PartL : PtrPartList;
    var PartL_Cnt : Long
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

GetDiskPartitions will return information about the partition structure of a specific disk. This call is used by the file system. No other processes have access to this call.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	The port of the disk server.
<i>Interface</i>	Specifies which disk interface is to be used.
<i>Log_unit</i>	The drive number on which the disk is attached.
<i>Unitnum</i>	The unit number as mounted.
<i>DevName</i>	Set to be the name of the device that is at the unit interface.
<i>PartL</i>	A pointer to a structure that contains a list of the partitions that are on the device indexed by Interface.
<i>PartL_Cnt</i>	This is the count of the number of valid partitions in PartL.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Operation Completed.
<i>NotADev</i>	No such device.

PartMount

```
function PartMount
(
    SpecialPort : Port;
    PartName   : DevPartString;
    ExUse      : boolean;
    var RootID  : SegID;
    var PartKind : PartitionType;
    var PartPort : Port;
    var PartS   : DiskAddr;
    var PartE   : DiskAddr
)
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

PartMount makes the specified partition accessible through the port returned as *PartPort*. If *ExUse* is true only one port at a time is allowed to access the partition. If *ExUse* is false, multiple shared mounts are allowed.

Arguments

<i>SpecialPort</i>	A privileged port to the system kernel. Usually only system processes have access to this port.
<i>PartName</i>	A string name for the partition to be mounted. Includes the device name.
<i>ExUse</i>	An option specifying whether this process is willing to share access to the partition.
<i>RootID</i>	The Segment ID of the root directory for this partition.
<i>PartKind</i>	The Partition type of the partition. This is used as a hint to the formatting of the partition.
<i>PartPort</i>	The port that is associated with the partition. It is required to be the <i>SpecialPort</i> in all the segment access calls to permanent segments on this partitions.
<i>PartS</i>	The virtual address of the start of the partition.
<i>PartE</i>	The virtual address for the end of the partition.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Partition mounted.
<i>NotADev</i>	Device part of the name is unrecognized.

NotAPart

The partition does not exist.

PartNotAvail

Either some other process has the partition mounted for exclusive access, or *ExUse* is true and the partition is already mounted.

PartDismount

```
function PartDismount  
(  
    PartPort : Port;  
)  
: GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

PartDismount makes the specified partition inaccessible on this partition port.

Arguments

PartPort A port associated with a partition. Only system processes have access to partition ports.

Returns

Success Partition dismounted.

PartStillMounted This port can no longer access the partition, but some other ports can.

DirectIO

```
function DirectIO
(
    ServPort : Port;
    var CmdBlk : DirectIOArgs;
    var DataHdr : Header;
    var Data : DiskBuffer
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

This call is used to perform disk I/O while by-passing the paging mechanism. It should be used with care so that it does not interfere with the pager's view of the disk.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	This must be one of the kernel's special ports.
<i>CmdBlk</i>	A record describing the command to be executed is sent to the pager. It returns the IOStatus on completion.
<i>DataHdr</i>	The 16 bit header to be written is passed in. For a head the header is returned.
<i>Data</i>	A single block can be read/written.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	It worked.
<i>Failure</i>	It did not. IOStatus in CmdBlk has the error code.

6. Accent Display Facilities

The Accent kernel provides a number of facilities that are used to quickly update uncovered portions of the display.

6.1. Overview

These operations are executed by the process that is making the call. In general, a client process makes a call to the window manager to update some portion of the display. The client address space window manager code will trap to the kernel and execute the appropriate function to perform the requested operation.

If the portion of the display that was to be updated is on the screen and uncovered, the kernel will perform the operations. If the kernel cannot perform the operation for some reason, it will return a failure indication. At this point, the client interface code will make an IPC request of the window manager process to do the display operation.

6.2. Display Management Routines

The functions described in this section can be found in the module AccCall in the file AccCall.Pas, and in the module AccInt in the file AccentUser.Pas.

CreateRectangle

```
function CreateRectangle
(
    ServPort    : port;
    RecPort     : port;
    BaseAddr    : VirtualAddress;
    ScanWidth   : Integer;
    BaseX       : Integer;
    BaseY       : Integer;
    MaxX        : Integer;
    MaxY        : Integer;
    IsFont      : Boolean
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

CreateRectangle allocates a rectangle (that can be used for screen operations) and associates it with a given port. The rectangle is *Enabled* to receive input.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	Service port (should be the permanent segment port).
<i>RecPort</i>	Port to which the rectangle is attached. If the port already has a rectangle that rectangle is replaced.
<i>BaseAddr</i>	Physical address of memory containing the rectangle.
<i>ScanWidth</i>	Words per scan line for memory containing the rectangle.
<i>BaseX, BaseY</i>	Upper left corner of the rectangle relative to BaseAddress.
<i>MaxX, MaxY</i>	Lower-right corner of the rectangle.
<i>IsFont</i>	This rectangle is really a font. The BaseAddress points to the bitmap area of the font; the font header precedes it. RectDrawByte will only draw characters from a source rectangle that is a font.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Operation completed.
<i>Failure</i>	Port was not the Permanent Segment Port.
<i>BusyRectangle</i>	RectPort has messages outstanding.

DestroyRectangle

```
function DestroyRectangle  
(  
    ServPort    : port;  
    RecPort     : port  
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Deallocate a rectangle record for the specified port.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	Service port (should be the permanent segment port).
<i>RecPort</i>	Port from which the rectangle is to be detached.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Operation completed.
<i>Failure</i>	Port is not the permanent segment port, or the specified port does not have a rectangle.

EnableRectangles

```
function EnableRectangles
(
    ServPort    : port;
    RectList    : PtrPortArray;
    RectList_Cnt : long;
    Enable      : Boolean
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Enables or disables an entire list of rectangles. An enabled rectangle can receive input from the keyboard. This call will not enable the rectangles if any rectangle has messages waiting (to ensure that all requests are processed in the proper order).

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	Service port (should be the permanent segment port).
<i>RectList</i>	Pointer to an array of ports whose rectangles are to be enabled or disabled.
<i>RectList_Cnt</i>	Number of ports in the array whose rectangles are to be enabled or disabled.
<i>Enable</i>	Set to True to enable; False to disable.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Rectangles were enabled or disabled.
<i>Failure</i>	Port was not the permanent segment port, or any of the ports does not correspond to the rectangles.
<i>BusyRectangle</i>	Messages were waiting on one of the ports.

SetKernelWindow

```
function SetKernelWindow  
(  
    ServPort    : port;  
    LeftX       : Integer;  
    TopY        : Integer;  
    Width       : Integer;  
    Height      : Integer;  
    Inverted    : Boolean  
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Sets up a window for the kernel typescript.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	Service port (should be the permanent segment port).
<i>LeftX, TopY</i>	Upper left corner of the kernel window in screen coordinates.
<i>Width, Height</i>	The size of the window.
<i>Inverted</i>	If TRUE, the kernel typescript has white letters on a black background. If FALSE, it has black letters on a white background.

RectRasterOp

```
function RectRasterOp
(
    DstRectangle    : port;
    Action          : Integer;
    DstX            : Integer;
    DstY            : Integer;
    Width           : Integer;
    Height          : Integer;
    SrcRectangle    : port;
    SrcX            : Integer;
    SrcY            : Integer
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Kernel protected RasterOp.

Arguments

- DstRectangle* The port for the the destination rectangle.
- Action* RasterOp function.
- DstX, DstY, Width, Height*
 The area within the destination rectangle for RasterOp destination.
 Relative to upper left corner of destination rectangle.
- SrcRectangle* The port for the source rectangle.
- SrcX, SrcY* The area within the source rectangle for RasterOp source. Relative to
 upper left corner of source rectangle.

Returns

- Success* Operation completed.
- OutOfRectangleBounds*
 Source area is not completely inside source rectangle.
- CoveredRectangle* Source or destination covered. Must call window manager to perform
 operation.
- BusyRectangle* Messages are queued up for the viewport. Must call window manager to
 keep queued operations synchronized.
- BadRectangle* Port is not a rectangle.

RectDrawLine

```
function RectDrawLine
(
  DstRectangle : port;
  Kind        : Integer;
  X1,Y1,X2,Y2 : Integer
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Kernel protected Line Draw routine.

Arguments

<i>DstRectangle</i>	Port for destination rectangle.
<i>Kind</i>	Kind of drawing operation:
0	Erase line
1	Draw line
2	Invert line
<i>X1, Y1</i>	One end point of the line.
<i>X2, Y2</i>	The other end of the line.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Line was drawn.
<i>OutOfRectangleBounds</i>	Source area is not completely inside source rectangle.
<i>CoveredRectangle</i>	The source or destination is covered. Must call window manager to perform operation.
<i>BusyRectangle</i>	Messages are queued up for the viewport. Must call window manager to keep queued operations synchronized.
<i>BadRectangle</i>	Port is not a rectangle.

RectPutString

```
function RectPutString
(
    DstRectangle : port;
    FontRectangle : port;
    Action       : Integer;
    var FirstX   : Integer;
    var FirstY   : Integer;
    StrPtr       : Pointer;
    FirstChar    : Integer;
    var MaxChar  : Integer
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Kernel protected String Draw routine.

Arguments

<i>DstRectangle</i>	The port for the destination rectangle.
<i>FontRectangle</i>	The port for the Font. If NullPort, it uses the system font.
<i>Action</i>	RasterOp Function for drawing characters.
<i>FirstX, FirstY</i>	Drawing position for the origin of the first character. Returns the position of the origin of the next character to draw.
<i>StrPtr</i>	Pointer to a packed array of characters containing the string to draw.
<i>FirstChar</i>	Position of the first character in the string to draw (from 0).
<i>MaxChar</i>	Position of the last character to draw. Returns the number of the last character actually drawn.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	String was drawn.
<i>OutOfRectangleBounds</i>	Source area is not completely inside source rectangle.
<i>CoveredRectangle</i>	Source or destination covered. Must call the window manager to perform the operation.
<i>BadRectangle</i>	Port is not a rectangle.
<i>BusyRectangle</i>	Messages are queued for the viewport. Must call the window manager to keep queued operation synchronized.

NotAFont

FontRectangle was not a font.

RectColor

```
function RectColor
(
    Rectangle : port;
    Action    : Integer;
    X         : Integer;
    Y         : Integer;
    Width     : Integer;
    Height    : Integer
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Operates on one rectangle to set, clear, or invert all its bits. If part of the area to be colored is outside the rectangle, it is ignored (RectColor does NOT return OutOfRectangleBounds).

Arguments

<i>Rectangle</i>	Port for destination rectangle.						
<i>Action</i>	Function to use, as follows: <table> <tr> <td><i>RectWhite</i></td> <td>- set all bits to 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>RectBlack</i></td> <td>- set all bits to 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>RectInvert</i></td> <td>- invert all bits</td> </tr> </table>	<i>RectWhite</i>	- set all bits to 0	<i>RectBlack</i>	- set all bits to 1	<i>RectInvert</i>	- invert all bits
<i>RectWhite</i>	- set all bits to 0						
<i>RectBlack</i>	- set all bits to 1						
<i>RectInvert</i>	- invert all bits						
<i>X, Y</i>	Upper left corner of destination (relative to Rectangle's boundaries).						
<i>Width, Height</i>	Width and height of destination.						

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Operation performed. May be clipped to DstRect's boundaries.
<i>BadRectangle</i>	DstRect is not a rectangle.
<i>CoveredRectangle</i>	DstRect is not enabled (covered).
<i>BusyRectangle</i>	DstRect has messages queued.

RectScroll

```
function RectScroll
(
  Rectangle : port;
  X         : Integer;
  Y         : Integer;
  Width     : Integer;
  Height    : Integer;
  Xamt      : Integer;
  Yamt      : Integer
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Scrolls a portion of a viewport up, down, left, or right and erases the part that remains.

Arguments

<i>Rectangle</i>	The port for the destination rectangle.
<i>X, Y</i>	Upper left corner of destination (relative to Rectangle's boundaries).
<i>Width, Height</i>	Width and height of destination.
<i>SrcX</i>	Number of bits to move the area horizontally; negative numbers to move to the left, positive numbers to move to the right.
<i>SrcY</i>	Number of bits to move the area vertically; negative numbers to move up, positive numbers to move down.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Operation performed. May be clipped to Rectangle's boundaries.
<i>BadRectangle</i>	Rectangle is not a rectangle.
<i>CoveredRectangle</i>	Rectangle is not enabled (covered).
<i>BusyRectangle</i>	Rectangle has messages queued.
<i>OutOfRectangleBounds</i>	Area to be moved (starting position) is partially outside Rectangle.

GetRectangleParms

```
function GetRectangleParms
(
    ServPort    : port;
    RectPort    : port;
    var BaseAddr : VirtualAddress;
    var ScanWidth : Integer;
    var BaseX    : Integer;
    var BaseY    : Integer;
    var MaxX    : Integer;
    var MaxY    : Integer;
    var IsFont   : Boolean
): GeneralReturn;
```

Synopsis

Returns the rectangle parameters for a specified port.

Arguments

<i>ServPort</i>	Service port(should be the permanent segment port).
<i>RectPort</i>	Port for which the rectangle is to be returned.
<i>BaseAddr</i>	Returns physical address of memory containing the specified rectangle.
<i>ScanWidth</i>	Returns words per scan line for memory containing rectangle.
<i>BaseX, BaseY</i>	Returns upper left corner of rectangle, relative to BaseAddr.
<i>MaxX, MaxY</i>	Returns lower right corner of rectangle.
<i>IsFont</i>	Returns "This rectangle is really a font". The BaseAddr points to the bitmap area of the font; the font header precedes it. RectDrawByte will only draw characters from a source rectangle that is a font.

Returns

<i>Success</i>	Parameters are returned.
<i>Failure</i>	The ServPort was not the permanent segment port.
<i>BadRectangle</i>	RecPort does not have a rectangle.

7. MatchMaker Interface Specification for Accent

The following is the current MatchMaker specification for Accent. Kernel primitive functions such as Send and Receive are not message operations and are not specified using MatchMaker.

```

subsystem AccInt 100;

type Integer = (TypeInt16, 16);
type Long = (TypeInt32, 32);
type port = (TypePt, 32);
type PtrPortArray = ↑array [] of (TypePt, 32);
type PStatus = (TypePStat, 240);
type Boolean = (TypeBoolean, 16);
type PriorID = (TypeInt16, 16);
type SpiceSegKind = (TypeInt16, 16);
type SegID = (TypeInt32, 32);
type Pointer = ↑array [] of (TypeInt8, 8);
type VirtualAddress = (TypeInt32, 32);
type DiskAddr = (TypeInt32, 32);
type DevPartString = array[26] of (TypeChar,8); {MAXDPCHARS+1}
type PartitionType = (TypeInt16, 16);
type PtrAllPortArray = ↑array [] of (TypePtAll, 32);
type DiskInterface = (TypeInt16, 16);
type InterfaceInfo = Array[3] of (TypeInt16, 16);
type String = (typeString, 648);

simports VMTypes from VMTypes;
simports AccInt from AccInt;
simports VMAlloc from VMAlloc;
simports AccVersion from AccVersion;

routine SetBackLog(
    LocalPort : Port;
    BackLog : Integer);

routine AllocatePort(
    out LocalPort : Port=(TypePTA11,32);
    BackLog : Integer);

routine DeallocatePort(
    LocalPort : Port=(TypePT,32,Dealloc);
    Reason : Long);

routine IndexInterpose(
    MyPort : Port;
    HisIndex : Long;
    out HisPort : Port=(TypePTRReceive,32));

routine PortInterpose(
    MyPort : Port;
    HisPort : Port;
    out MyNewPort : Port=(TypePTRReceive,32));

routine Fork(
    HisKernelPort : Port;
    HisDataPort : Port;
    Ports : PtrPortArray);

```

```

routine Status(
    out NStats      : Port;
                   : PStatus);

routine Terminate(
    Reason          : Port;
                   : Long);

routine SetPriority(
    :Port;
    Priority: PriorID);

routine SetLimit(
    ReplyPort      : Port;
    Limit          : Port;
                   : Long);

routine Suspend(   : Port);

routine Resume(    : Port);

routine Examine(
    RegOrStack     : Port;
    Index          : Boolean;
    out Value      : Integer;
                   : Integer);

routine Deposit(
    RegOrStack     : Port;
    Index          : Boolean;
    Value          : Integer;
                   : Integer);

routine SoftInterrupt(
    NormOrEmerg    : Port;
    inout EnOrDisable : Boolean;
                   : Boolean);

routine CreateSegment(
    ImagSegPort    : Port;
    SegmentKind    : Port;
    InitialSize    : SpiceSegKind;
    MaxSize        : Integer;
    Stable         : Integer;
    out Segment    : Boolean;
                   : SegID);

routine TruncateSegment(
    Segment        : Port;
    NewSize        : SegID;
                   : Integer);

routine DestroySegment(
    Segment        : Port;
                   : SegID);

routine ReadSegment(
    Segment        : Port;
    Offset         : SegID;
    NumPages       : Integer;
    out Data       : Integer;
                   : pointer);

routine WriteSegment(
    Segment        : Port;
                   : SegID);

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        Offset      : Integer;
        Data        : pointer);

routine ValidateMemory(
        : Port;
    inout Address  : VirtualAddress;
        NumBytes   : Long;
        CreateMask : Long);

routine InvalidateMemory(
        : Port;
    Address        : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes       : Long);

routine SetProtection(
        : Port;
    Address        : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes       : Long;
    Protection     : Integer);

routine ReadProcessMemory(
        : Port;
    Address        : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes       : Long;
    out Data       : pointer);

routine WriteProcessMemory(
        : Port;
    Address        : VirtualAddress;
    NumBytes       : Long;
    Data           : pointer);

routine GetDiskPartitions(
        : Port;
    interface     : DiskInterface;
    log_unit      : InterfaceInfo;
    out unitnum   : integer;
    out DevName   : DevPartString;
    out PartL     : Pointer=array [] of (TypeINT32,32));

routine PartMount(
        : Port;
    PartName      : DevPartString;
    ExUse         : Boolean;
    out RootId    : SegID;
    out PartKind  : PartitionType;
    out PartPort  : Port;
    out PartS     : DiskAddr;
    out PartE     : DiskAddr);

routine PartDisMount( : Port);

routine SetTempSegPartition(
        : Port;
    PartName      : DevPartString);

routine SetDebugPort(
        : Port;
    DebugPort     : Port);

routine Touch(
        : Port;
    Address        : VirtualAddress);

routine GetPortIndexStatus(
        : Port;

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    PortIndex      : Long;
    out Backlog    : integer;
    out NWaitingMsgs : integer;
    out EWaitingMsgs : integer;
    out PortRight   : Port;
    out PortType    : integer);

routine GetPortStatus(
    PortRight      : Port;
    out Backlog    : integer;
    out NWaitingMsgs : integer;
    out EWaitingMsgs : integer;
    out PortIndex   : Long;
    out PortType    : integer);

routine ExtractAllRights(
    PortIndex      : Long;
    out PortRight   : Port;
    out PortType    : integer);

routine InsertAllRights(
    PortIndex      : Long;
    PortRight      : Port;
    PortType       : integer);

routine CreateProcess(
    out HisKernelPort : Port;
    out HisDataPort   : Port);

routine InterceptSegmentCalls(
    out OldSysPorts   : ptrAllPortArray;
    out SysPorts      : ptrPortArray);

routine DirectIO(
    inout CmdBlk      : Pointer;
    inout DataHdr     : Pointer;
    inout Data        : Pointer);

routine SetPagingSegment(
    Segment          : SegID);

routine CreateRectangle(
    RectPort         : Port;
    BaseAddr         : VirtualAddress;
    ScanWidth        : integer;
    BaseX            : integer;
    BaseY            : integer;
    MaxX             : integer;
    MaxY             : integer;
    IsFont           : Boolean);

routine DestroyRectangle(
    RectPort         : Port);

routine AvailableVM(
    out NumBytes     : long);

```



```
routine EnableRectangles(  
    : Port;  
    RectList : ptrPortArray;  
    Enable   : Boolean);  
  
routine SetKernelWindow(  
    : Port;  
    LeftX   : Integer;  
    TopY    : Integer;  
    Width   : Integer;  
    Height  : Integer;  
    Inverted : Boolean);  
  
routine Accent_Version( :Port;  
    AccVersion: DevPartString);  
  
routine GetRectangleParms(  
    : Port;  
    RectPort : Port;  
    out BaseAddr : VirtualAddress;  
    out ScanWidth : integer;  
    out BaseX     : integer;  
    out BaseY     : integer;  
    out MaxX     : integer;  
    out MaxY     : integer;  
    out IsFont   : Boolean);
```

I. Summary of Calls

The following is a summary of the Pascal calls to Accent. The page on which the operation is fully described appears within square brackets.

- [12] function Send (var MsgHdr : Msg; MaxWait : long; Option : SendOption) : GeneralReturn;
- [14] function SetPortsWaiting (var Ports : PortBitArray) : GeneralReturn;
- [15] function Receive (var MsgHdr : Msg; { inout parameter } MaxWait : long; PortOpt : PortOption; Option : ReceiveOption) : GeneralReturn;
- [17] function EReceive (var xxmsg :Msg; MaxWait :long; PortOpt :PortOption; Option :ReceiveOption) : GeneralReturn;
- [19] function PortsWithMessages (MsgType : long; var Ports : PortBitArray) : GeneralReturn;
- [20] function LockPorts (LockOrUnlock : boolean; Ports : PtrLPortArray; PortsCount : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [21] function MessagesWaiting (MsgType : long; var Ports : PtrLPortArray; var PortsCount : long { inout parameter }) : GeneralReturn;
- [22] function MoveWords (SrcAddr : VirtualAddress; var DstAddr : VirtualAddress; { inout } NumWords : long; Delete : boolean; Create : boolean; Mask : long; DontShare : boolean) : GeneralReturn;
- [23] function SoftEnable (NormOrEmerg : boolean; EnOrDis : boolean) : GeneralReturn;
- [24] function AllocatePort (KernelPort : Port; var LocalPort : Port; { out } Backlog : BacklogValue) : GeneralReturn;
- [25] function SetBacklog (KernelPort : Port; LocalPort : Port; Backlog : BacklogValue) : GeneralReturn;
- [26] function DeallocatePort (KernelPort : Port; LocalPort : Port; Reason : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [27] function IndexInterpose (ServPort : Port; MyPort : Port; HisIndex : long; var HisPort : Port) : GeneralReturn;
- [28] function PortInterpose (ServPort : Port; MyPort : Port; HisPort : Port; var MyNewPort : Port) : GeneralReturn;
- [29] function GetPortIndexStatus (ServPort : Port; PortIndex : Long; var BackLog : Integer; var NWaitingMsgs : Integer; var EWaitingMsgs : Integer; var PortRight : Port; var PortType : Integer) : GeneralReturn;
- [30] function GetPortStatus (ServPort : Port; PortRight : Port; var Backlog : Integer; var NWaitingMsgs : Integer; var EWaitingMsgs : Integer; var PortIndex : Long; var PortType : Integer) : GeneralReturn;
- [31] function ExtractAllRights (ServPort : Port; PortIndex : Long; var PortRight : Port; var PortType : Integer) : GeneralReturn;
- [32] function InsertAllRights (ServPort : Port; PortIndex : Long; var PortRight : Port; var PortType : Integer) : GeneralReturn;
- [34] function Fork (KernelPort : Port; var HisKernelPort : Port; { out parameter } var HisDataPort : Port; { out parameter } Ports : PtrPortArray; PortsCount : long) : GeneralReturn;

- [35] function CreateProcess (KernelPort : Port; var HisKernelPort : Port; { out parameter } var HisDataPort : Port { out parameter }) : GeneralReturn;
- [36] function Terminate (KernelPort : Port; Reason : long;) : GeneralReturn;
- [37] function SetDebugPort (KernelPort : Port; DebugPort : Port) : GeneralReturn;
- [38] function Status (KernelPort : Port; var Status : PStatus) : GeneralReturn;
- [39] function SetPriority (KernelPort : Port; Priority : PriorID) : GeneralReturn;
- [40] function SetLimit (KernelPort : Port; ReplyPort : Port; Limit : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [41] function Suspend (KernelPort : Port;) : GeneralReturn;
- [42] function Resume (KernelPort : Port;) : GeneralReturn;
- [43] function Examine (KernelPort : Port; RegOrStack : boolean; Index : integer; var Value : integer) : GeneralReturn;
- [44] function Deposit (KernelPort : Port; RegOrStack : boolean; Index : integer; Value : integer) : GeneralReturn;
- [45] function SoftInterrupt (KernelPort : Port; NormOrEmerg : boolean; var EnOrDisable : boolean) : GeneralReturn;
- [46] function GetIOSleepID (var SleepID : Long) : GeneralReturn;
- [48] function CreateSegment (SpecialPort : Port; lmagSegPort : Port; SegmentKind : SpiceSegKind; InitialSize : integer; MaximumSize : integer; Stable : boolean; var Segment : SegID) : GeneralReturn;
- [50] function TruncateSegment (SpecialPort : Port; Segment : SegID; NewSize : integer) : GeneralReturn;
- [51] function DestroySegment (SpecialPort : Port; Segment : SegID) : GeneralReturn;
- [52] function ReadSegment (SpecialPort : Port; Segment : SegID; Offset : integer; NumPages : integer; var Data : pointer; var DataCount : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [53] function WriteSegment (SpecialPort : Port; Segment : SegID; Offset : integer; Data : pointer; DataCount : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [54] function InterceptSegmentCalls (ServPort : Port; var OldSysPorts : PtrAllPortArray; var OldSysPorts_Cnt : Long; var SysPorts : PtrPortArray; var SysPorts_Cnt : Long) : GeneralReturn;
- [55] function SetPagingSegment (ServPort : Port; Segment : SegID) : GeneralReturn;
- [56] function AvailableVM (KernelPort : Port; var NumBytes : long { out parameter }) : GeneralReturn;
- [57] function ValidateMemory (KernelPort : Port; var Address : VirtualAddress; NumBytes : long; CreateMask : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [58] function InvalidateMemory (KernelPort : Port; Address : VirtualAddress; NumBytes : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [59] function SetProtection (KernelPort : Port; Address : VirtualAddress; NumBytes : long; Protection : integer) : GeneralReturn;

- [60] function ReadProcessMemory (KernelPort : Port; Address : VirtualAddress; NumBytes : long; var Data : pointer; var DataCount : long) : GeneralReturn;
- [61] function WriteProcessMemory (KernelPort : Port; Address : VirtualAddress; NumBytes : Long; Data : pointer; DataCount : long;) : GeneralReturn;
- [62] function Touch (KernelPort : Port; Address : VirtualAddress;) : GeneralReturn;
- [64] function GetDiskPartitions (ServPort : Port; interface : DiskInterface; log_unit : InterfaceInfo; var unitnum : Integer; var DevName : DevPartString; var PartL : PtrPartList; var PartL_Cnt : Long) : GeneralReturn;
- [65] function PartMount (SpecialPort : Port; PartName : DevPartString; ExUse : boolean; var RootID : SegID; var PartKind : PartitionType; var PartPort : Port; var PartS : DiskAddr; var PartE : DiskAddr) : GeneralReturn;
- [67] function PartDismount (PartPort : Port;) : GeneralReturn;
- [68] function DirectIO (ServPort : Port; var CmdBlk : DirectIOArgs; var DataHdr : Header; var Data : DiskBuffer): GeneralReturn;
- [70] function CreateRectangle (ServPort : port; RecPort : port; BaseAddr : VirtualAddress; ScanWidth : Integer; BaseX : Integer; BaseY : Integer; MaxX : Integer; MaxY : Integer; IsFont : Boolean): GeneralReturn;
- [71] function DestroyRectangle (ServPort : port; RecPort : port): GeneralReturn;
- [72] function EnableRectangles (ServPort : port; RectList : PtrPortArray; RectList_Cnt : long; Enable : Boolean): GeneralReturn;
- [73] function SetKernelWindow (ServPort : port; LeftX : Integer; TopY : Integer; Width : Integer; Height : Integer; Inverted : Boolean): GeneralReturn;
- [74] function RectRasterOp (DstRectangle : port; Action : Integer; DstX : Integer; DstY : Integer; Width : Integer; Height : Integer; SrcRectangle : port; SrcX : Integer; SrcY : Integer): GeneralReturn;
- [75] function RectDrawLine (DstRectangle : port; Kind : Integer; X1,Y1,X2,Y2 : Integer): GeneralReturn;
- [76] function RectPutString (DstRectangle : port; FontRectangle : port; Action : Integer; var FirstX : Integer; var FirstY : Integer; StrPtr : Pointer; FirstChar : Integer; var MaxChar : Integer): GeneralReturn;
- [78] function RectColor (Rectangle : port; Action : Integer; X : Integer; Y : Integer; Width : Integer; Height : Integer): GeneralReturn;
- [79] function RectScroll (Rectangle : port; X : Integer; Y : Integer; Width : Integer; Height : Integer; Xamt : Integer; Yamt : Integer): GeneralReturn;
- [80] function GetRectangleParms (ServPort : port; RectPort : port; var BaseAddr : VirtualAddress; var ScanWidth : Integer; var BaseX : Integer; var BaseY : Integer; var MaxX : Integer; var MaxY : Integer; var IsFont : Boolean): GeneralReturn;