



Host Runtime Transport Specification

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1. About This Guide

1.1. Purpose

This document provides background and customization information about the Host Transport services. These host-based services represent the communication peer to the PAL services on the target device.

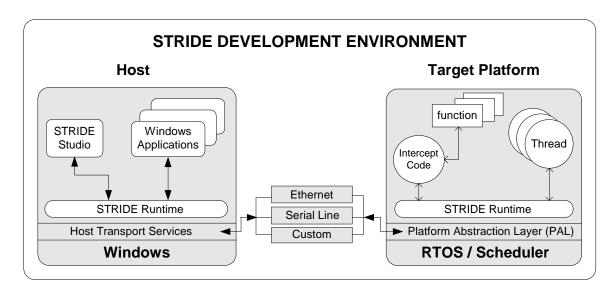


Figure 1. STRIDE Embedded Software Verification Platform

1.2. Document Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

	Indicates time passing, activity
\triangle	Indicates the developer should take special care to avoid errors
	Indicates additional information that could affect performance
\searrow	Indicates interface through use of messaging

1.3. Terms

I-block	STRIDE Communication Model (SCM) term for a packet of data transferred between platforms
message	A communication mechanism between two threads
module	A file containing one (1) or more functions

process

NID Notification Identifier

pool memory Memory allocated from a common pool used by application threads

private memory Non-pool memory that is owned by a sending application thread

Implies a separate address space which typically does not apply to a

task or thread

proxy Software that uses an interface to connect a user to a remote device

public interface Exposed to another component/unit

RFC Remote function call

sender The originator of a message

Temporary code written to replace a unit that has yet to be written or

is otherwise unavailable

task Often used interchangeably with "thread"

thread An independent entity running under the control of an Operating

System

Transport DLL A plug-in library that provides methods for transmitting STRIDE

messages to/from the target.

Transport Server Manages the connection between the Host and Target, using a single

active Transport DLL to create the connection and send/receive data.

1.4. PAL

The PAL, or Platform Abstraction Layer, provides a consistent interface for the STRIDE Runtime regardless of the operating system or data transport used. This interface layer is necessary given the broad variety of operating systems and data transports that exist within embedded systems today.

A small set of functions, written according to the PAL specification, provides a virtual link between your operating system and platform transport mechanism to the STRIDE Runtime. Through the Platform Abstraction Layer, the STRIDE Runtime becomes independent of any specific operating system or transport. The PAL is designed to use standard concepts and services present in almost all operating systems and transport mechanisms. To complete the PAL, you'll need to be familiar with concepts such as event signaling, scheduling, timers, critical section protection, memory allocation and data transfers, all of which are described in detail in the *STRIDE Platform Abstraction Layer Specification*

The "pal.h" header file provided with the STRIDE installation contains all the function prototypes necessary for writing the PAL. The pal.h header file is provided in the STRIDE Platform Abstraction Layer Specification

1.5. Related Documents

The following publications are also available through STRIDE Online Help:

STRIDE Platform Abstraction Layer Specification

STRIDE Runtime Developer's Guide

STRIDE Communication Language Reference Guide

2. Host Transport Services

2.1. Introduction

The Host Transport Services define an interface that enables the STRIDE Runtime on your target to send data to and receive data from the target. The host platform runs a version of the STRIDE Runtime -- the STRIDE Transport Server connects the Transport DLL to the STRIDE Runtime, thus providing indirect access to the target from STRIDE Studio, Autoscript, and other STRIDE applications. Several common transports are already supported within the STRIDE Transport Server, including serial and TCP/IP.

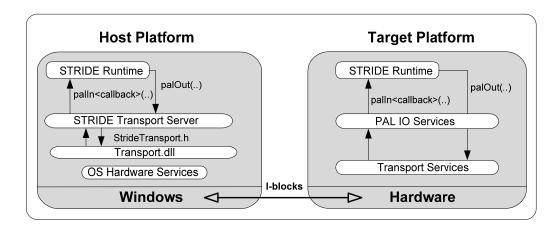


Figure 2. Transport Block Diagram

2.2. Host Services

SendData

The Host Transport Services allow the STRIDE Transport Server on the host to connect with the native target transport mechanism. The Host Transport Services are defined in "transport.h" and each Transport DLL must implement a concrete class derived from IStrideTransport. Each implementation of such a class must implement the four methods listed in Table 2.

Method Name	Description
Connect	Establish a connection with the device.
Disconnect	Close or terminate the connection with the device.

Send data from the host to the target.

Table 1. IStrideTransport Required Methods

ValidateProperties	Validate the current state of the transports
	properties.

In addition, the transport implementation must arrange to receive incoming data from the target. This is often done in a separate thread whose lifetime is tied to the connection state of the transport (i.e. the thread is only active when as the transport is connected). When this background thread receives data, it should call the ReturnData method on the StrideTransport instance to send the data to the Transport Server and eventually into the STRIDE Runtime.

The StrideTransport base class provides default implementations of the following methods. These default implementations should be sufficient for most needs, but the methods can be overridden as needed.

Table 3. IStrideTransport Inherited Methods

Method Name	Description	
AddListener	Adds a subscriber to this Transport DLL. This method is called by the Transport Server to subscribe to the data and error events described by the IStrideTransportListener interface.	
RemoveListener	Removes a subscriber.	
Name	Returns the transport name.	
Status	Returns the current ConnectStatus value.	
Properties	Returns the current PropertyList container.	
ReturnData	Send incoming data back to the Transport Server for routing to the host runtime. This method should be called by the Transport DLL whenever it receives a complete STRIDE message from the Target device.	
DumpData	Send raw data buffer to the TransportServer for inclusion in the application log (under option). When the TransportDataDump property is enabled (in the Transport Server), any buffers sent via this method will be writte in human readable form to the STRIDE application log.	
QueueData	Used to queue data (bytes) for eventual dumping. This is useful when received data is not known to be a complete STRIDE message until subsequent data is received.	

DumpQueue	Causes any data in the current queue to be dumped (by calling DumpData).
SendEvent	Publishes an event to all current listeners. The event consists of a message string, a type, and a level (or severity).
ConnectNotify	Notifies all listeners when the status has transitioned to CONNECTED.
DisconnectNotify	Notifies all listeners when the status has transitioned to DISCONNECTED.

Each Transport DLL must also implement four global methods to provide a basic object factory and API version information.

Table 3. Required Global Functions

Method Name	Description
getTransport	Returns an instance of the StrideTransport object that your DLL implements. The current use model in the Transport Server requires that the created instance be a singleton (i.e. the same object instance must be returned by all calls to getTransport)
cleanupTransport	Called when the transport is unloaded to allow the singleton transport object instance to be freed and any other resources to be deallocated.
getAPIVersion	Must return the value of TRANSPORT_API_VERSION for which the transport was compiled.
getTransportVersion	Returns a version number for the Transport DLL. This value is not currently used by the Transport Server.

2.2.1. Stride Transport Methods

The "transport.h" header file defines the following interface to be implemented by a class in the Transport DLLs:

```
ConnectStatusDisconnected = 0,
       ConnectStatusConnected
   };
   typedef std::vector<std::wstring> ErrorList;
   typedef std::vector<IStrideTransportProperty*> PropertyList;
                              SendData(unsigned char* data, long size) = 0;
               ErrorList ValidateProperties() = 0;
   virtual
              bool
bool
   virtual
                             Connect() = 0;
   virtual
                             Disconnect() = 0;
   virtual
   virtual void AddListener(IStrideTransportListener* pListener);
virtual void RemoveListener(IStrideTransportListener* pListener);
                               AddListener(IStrideTransportListener* pListener);
   virtual const std::wstring & Name() const ;
   virtual ConnectStatus Status() const;
   virtual const PropertyList & Properties() const ;
   virtual bool ReturnData(const unsigned char* data, long size);
                bool
                              DumpData(
       const unsigned char* data,
       long size,
       IStrideTransportListener::DumpType type);
               bool
                                QueueData(
       const unsigned char* data,
       long size,
       IStrideTransportListener::DumpType type);
   virtual bool
                           DumpQueue(IStrideTransportListener::DumpType type);
   virtual void SendEvent(
       const std::wstring & message,
       const IStrideTransportListener::EventType & type,
       const IStrideTransportListener::EventLevel & level);
protected:
   typedef std::set<IStrideTransportListener*> ListenerList;
   IStrideTransport(const std::wstring & name) :
        m_Name(name),
        m_Status(ConnectStatusDisconnected);
   virtual ~IStrideTransport();
   virtual bool
                               ConnectNotify();
   virtual
               bool
                               DisconnectNotify();
                  m_SupportedProperties;
m_Listeners;
   PropertyList
   ListenerList
                    m_Listeners;
   ConnectStatus
                    m_Status;
   std::ostringstream m_ReadDumpQueue;
   std::ostringstream m_SendDumpQueue;
private:
   std::wstring m_Name;
};
```

2.2.1.1. Connect

Establish a connection

Prototype

```
bool Connect();
```

Description

Parameters

The **Connect**() method is called to establish the connection for the transport. This often involves checking the current connection properties and opening the physical devices required for the connection. This method returns a bool status to indicate whether the connection was successfully started.

Type

false

None		
Return Type	Values	Description
bool	true	Connection established

Description

Connection attempt failed.

2.2.1.2. Disconnect

Terminate a connection

Prototype

bool Disconnect();

Description

The **Disconnect()** method is called to terminate the connection for the transport. This typically involves closing any physical devices used for the connection and freeing resources. This method returns a bool status to indicate whether the disconnection request was successful.

Parameters	Туре	Description
None		
Return Type	Values	Description
bool	true	Disconnect succeeded
bool	true false	Disconnect succeeded Error encountered during disconnect

2.2.1.3. SendData

Send data from host to target

Prototype

bool SendData(unsigned char* data, long size);

Description

The **SendData**() method is called by the Transport Server to send data from the Host Runtime to the target device. This method returns a bool status to indicate whether the data transfer was successful. This method must be implemented by each Transport DLL and it is only called by the Transport Server. If the Transport DLL is unable to send the data, it should publish an error event to the listeners (using SendEvent or one of the S2TP_ macros) and return false. The Transport Server will log any failed calls to SendData, but it will not attempt to resend the data. If retries are appropriate for a given transport, the Transport DLL must implement the retry logic in its SendData method.

Parameters	Туре	Description
data	Input	Data buffer to send via the transport. This buffer is owned by the caller and should not be freed by the Transport DLL.
size	Input	Size of data in bytes.
Return Type	Values	Description
bool	true	Data sent
	false	Data submission failed

2.2.1.4. ReturnData

Return data from target to host

Prototype

bool ReturnData(unsigned char* data, long size);

Description

The **ReturnData**() method is called by the Transport DLL to feed data from the target device into the STRIDE Runtime (via the Transport Server). This method returns a bool status to indicate whether the data was successfully submitted. The default implementation that exists in the IStrideTransport base class should be sufficient for most transports. The Transport DLL implementer must arrange to read incoming data from the connection (typically in a background thread) and then call ReturnData for all data that is received. This method requires complete STRIDE messages, thus framing (e.g. SLAP) is typically required to guarantee that complete STRIDE messages are give to this method.

Parameters	Type	Description
data	Input	Data buffer to submit
size	Input	Size of data in data, in bytes
Return Type	Values	Description

bool true Data submitted

false Data submission failed.

2.2.1.5. ValidateProperties

Validate the current transport property values.

Prototype

ErrorList ValidateProperties();

Description

The **ValidateProperties**() method is called by clients of the TransportServer to verify that the current property values are legitimate. The Transport implementation should check the current property settings for valid ranges and values as appropriate for the particular transport. This method returns an ErrorList type (vector of strings) that contains error information about invalid properties. If all the properties have valid values, this method should return an empty ErrorList.

Parameters	Туре	Description
None		

Return Type	Values	Description
ErrorList	empty	All properties are valid.
	Non-empty	One more properties are invalid. The Elements of ErrorList contain specific information about each validation failure.

2.2.2. Transport Global Functions

2.2.2.1. getTransport

Create a singleton of the Transport Class object.

Prototype

IStrideTransport* getTransport();

Description

The **getTransport**() function is called by the Transport Server to get an instance of the class that implements the IStrideTransport interface in the Transport DLL. By convention, this method should create a new instance of the class upon first call and

should return the same instance (singleton) with each subsequent call. The transport can free that instance when **cleanupTransport** is called.

Parameters	Туре	Description
None		
Return Type	Values	Description
IStrideTransport*	Valid object	The object instance has been created
	NULL	There was an error creating the Stride Transport object.

2.2.2.2. cleanupTransport

Allow the transport DLL to free singleton instance.

Prototype

void cleanupTransport();

Description

The **cleanupTransport**() function is called by the Transport Server when it is no longer actively using that transport DLL. By convention, this method should free the singleton instance of the Stride Transport object that was created by getInstance. It can also free any additional resources that might have been allocated by getInstance.

Parameters	Туре	Description
None		
Return Type	Values	Description
None		

2.2.2.3. getAPIVersion

Returns the Stride Transport API version of the Transport DLL.

Prototype

long getAPIVersion();

Description

The **getAPIVersion()** function is called by the Transport Server to get the TRANSPORT_API_VERSION value for which the Transport DLL was compiled. The Transport Server reads this value to make sure it is compiled against the same version of "transport.h" as the Transport DLL is.

only value that is currently supported.

Parameters	Туре	Description
None		
Return Type	Values	Description
long	1	The first version of "transport.h". This is the

2.2.2.4. getTransportVersion

Returns the Transport DLL version.

Prototype

long getTransportVersion();

Description

Parameters

The **getTransportVersion()** function is called by the Transport Server to get a Transport specific version value. The Transport Server does not current use this value but might choose to in the future. As such, this value is currently determined by the Transport DLL author and has no direct impact on how the transport is loaded or used.

Description

None	,	•
Return Type	Values	Description
long	Any	The current version of the transport, as determined by the author.

2.3. Building a Host Transport Services DLL

Type

Developers can create custom Transport DLLs as necessary to implement target communication using protocols other than basic serial and TCP/IP. The following outlines the steps required to create a custom Transport DLL.

- 1. Create a new C++ Win32 DLL using Microsoft Visual Studio (express editions are fine).
- 2. Add STRIDE_DIR\inc to the project include path.

- 3. If using SLAP framing, add SLAP header and source files to the project.
- 4. Add STRIDE_TRANSPORT preprocessor definition.
- 5. Specify the Multithread DLL version of the MSVC runtime.
- 6. Declare a class that inherits from IStrideTransport.
- 7. Make sure that your class constructor calls the IStrideTransport constructor with a single wide-string argument the name you want to give to your transport. To avoid confusion, we recommend appending "(debug)" to the name for debug conifigurations (this allows you to use both debug and release builds of the transport in the same transport server).
- 8. Setup your transports properties in the constructor as well.
- 9. Declare and implement the Connect method.
- 10. Declare and implement the Disconnect method.
- 11. Declare and implement the SendData method.
- 12. Declare and implement the ValidateProperties method.
- 13. Create a background thread to receive incoming data from the target. This thread should call the ReturnData method (already implemented by the IStrideTransport base class)
- 14. Set the project output to the STRIDE_DIR\transports directory so the DLL will be found by the transport server.
- 15. Build the project and verify that it is loaded by the Transport Server (you can use the Studio connection settings dialog for this).

2.3.1. Required Naming Convention

A Host Transport DLL must follow this naming convention (where <name> is selected by the transport author to insure a unique file name):

transport<name>.dll

2.3.2. Saving Settings

The Transport DLLs support get and set operations for all properties that they expose via the Properties() method. The transport server does not persist any property state for transports, but STRIDE Studio does. Users can select property settings and the active transport to use for connections in Studio. These settings are saved across invocations of Studio and are only valid when connecting using STRIDE Studio.

2.4. Existing DLLs

Several Transport DLLs are available with the standard STRIDE host installation. Transport DLLs are installed into <STRIDE_DIR>\transports directory.

2.4.1. transportRS232.dll

This transport uses a standard serial port with data framed by SLAP. It supports the standard COM port data settings via its properties (baud rate, data bits, etc.).

2.4.2. transportTCP.dll

This transport is used to connect to a target over a TCP connection. This DLL uses SLAP to frame the data before sending it, and decodes a SLAP frame on the receive side. The transport tries to establish a TCP/IP client connection to a listening device. The device address (or DNS name) and TCP port number are configurable properties of the transport.



3. S2 SLAP Package

3.1. Overview

The Simplified Link Application Protocol (SLAP) is a link protocol that is used to transmit and receive frames of data between two platforms. The sole purpose of the SLAP is to guarantee that frames are successfully transmitted between the two platforms.

The SLAP verifies the integrity of the data contained within the frame and is able to resynchronize quickly in the event of missed frames. This is accomplished through the use of "data stuffing".

3.1.1. SLAP Frame

The figure below shows the overall structure of the SLAP frame. The header contains 6 octets used for framing logic. The header uses 8- and 16-bit data elements in defining the frame and follows little-endian byte ordering. In a little-endian architecture, the bytes are transmitted least significant byte (LSB) first for a 16-bit value. The data section can contain between zero (0) and 65,527 octets. The maximum size of a SLAP frame is 65,535 octets.

Header	Frame Data
6 octets	0 – 65527 octets

3.1.2. SLAP Frame Header Format

In the SLAP frame format, shown below, each frame starts with a single octet preamble consisting 0x7E. The preamble signifies the beginning of a SLAP frame.

SLAP uses octet data stuffing in order to allow fast synchronization to the start of frames. A single octet with the value of the PREAMBLE_CHAR appears only at the start of a SLAP frame. Any other octet equal to the PREAMBLE_CHAR will be preceded by the ESC_CHAR with the original octet XOR'd with the XOR_CHAR. This ensures that the Preamble character will only be seen at the start of a SLAP frame. Any octet in the SLAP frame that has a value of the ESC_CHAR is preceded by the ESC_CHAR with the original octet XOR'd with the XOR_CHAR.

Data Stuffing Characters



7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

_ 0
Preamble (0x7E)
Frame Type
Length (low byte)
Length (high byte)
Checksum(low byte)
Checksum(high byte)
Data
Data



Char	Value	Comment
PREAMBLE_C HAR	0x7e	Large non-negative 8-bit value
ESC_CHAR	0x7d	Large non-negative 8-bit value
XOR_CHAR	0x20	Turns 0x7e to 0x5e and 0x7d to 0x5d

The values of the PREAMBLE_CHAR and the ESC_CHAR are selected in order to minimize the likelihood of data octets having the same values.

3.1.3. Examples of Data Stuffing

0x7e is transmitted as 0x7d, 0x5e (0x7e XOR'd with 0x20 = 0x5e)

0x7d is transmitted as 0x7d, 0x5d (0x7d XOR'd with 0x20 = 0x5d)

3.2. SLAP Services

See s2slap.h on page 45 and s2slap.c on page 48.

SLAP files are installed as part of STRIDE Runtime files. SLAP files are installed into <STRIDE_DIR>\runtime\SLAP.

The Slap Services routines include:

- s2slapTxMsgFormat()
- s2slapRXMsgExtract()
- s2slapDataReady()

3.2.1. s2slapTxMsgFormat

Format SLAP frame

Prototype

Description



The **s2slapTxMsgFormat()** routine is used to format a buffer into a SLAP frame prior to transmitting the data across a link. It places header information, calculates a checksum, and adds any data stuffing characters. If the destination buffer is too small to hold the entire frame, the function returns a false value and the *pwDestSize* parameter is set to the size needed to hold the completed SLAP frame.

Parameters	Туре	Description
pyDest	Output	Destination for the Slap frame
wDestSize	Input	Size of destination buffer
pwDestSize	Output	Size of Slap frame
pySrc	Input	Data to frame
wSrcSize	Input	Size of data
yType	Input	Payload type
Return Type	Values	Description
s2_BOOL	s2_TRUE	pyDest contains a valid SLAP frame
	s2_FALSE	pyDest is too small to hold the SLAP frame. pwDestSize indicates the size needed.



Example

```
void TransmitFrame(palBYTE *pyBuffer, palWORD wSize)
    palBYTE *pySLAPFrame;
    palWORD wOutSize;
   /* Use 0 as the destination size to see how big the buffer
needs to be */
s2slapTxMsgFormat(NULL,0,&wOutSize,pyBuffer,wSize,S2_SLAP_TYPE_IB
LOCK);
    /* allocate new buffer for SLAP frame */
    pyIBlockOut = palMemAlloc(wOutSize);
    /* Format SLAP Frame from data buffer */
s2slapTxMsgFormat(pySLAPFrame,wOutSize,&wOutSize,pyBuffer,wSize,S
2 SLAP TYPE IBLOCK);
    /* Send Frame across transport */
    myTransportSend(pySLAPFrame,wOutSize);
    /* Free frame buffer */
    palMemFree(pySLAPFrame);
```



3.2.2. s2slapRxMsgExtract

Extract a data buffer from SLAP frame

Prototype

Description

The **s2slapRxMsgExtract**() routine is used to extract a data buffer from a SLAP Frame. Since data may become segmented across a transport, this routine handles multiple calls with different-sized pieces of data. When it finds a complete frame, it calls **s2slapDataReady**() with the data buffer. For example, if two frames (sizes 12 bytes and 7 bytes) are transmitted across a link that sends 5 bytes at a time, the first two 5-byte segments will contain an incomplete frame 1. The third segment will contain part of frame 1 and part of frame 2. After the third segment, **s2slapDataReady**() is called with the data from frame 1. After the fourth segment, it is called again with frame 2.

Alternatively, if a single buffer containing multiple frames is passed into **s2slapTxMsgExtract()**, **s2slapDataReady()** is called after each complete frame is parsed.

Parameters	Туре	Description
pyDest	Output	Destination buffer
wDestMaxSize	Input	Size of destination buffer
pySrc	Input	Data from Slap frame
wSrcSize	Input	Size of data
Return Type	Values	Description
s2_BOOL	S2_TRUE	No errors encountered during buffer extract
	S2_FALSE	An error occurred.



Example

```
/* Destination Buffer */
#define MAX_DEST_SIZE 1024
palBYTE yDestBuffer[MAX_DEST_SIZE];

/* routine called when data is received by transport */
void ReceiveData(palBYTE *pyBuffer, palWORD wSize)
{
    /* extract data */
    s2slapRxExtract(yDestBuffer,MAX_DEST_SIZE,pyBuffer,wSize);
}
```



3.2.3. s2slapDataReady

Extracted data ready

Prototype

Description

The **s2slapDataReady()** routine is called by **s2slapRxExtract()** when data from a complete SLAP frame is available. This is a user-implemented routine.

Parameters	Туре	Description
pyDataBuffer	Input	Buffer containing extracted data
wSize	Input	Size in bytes of data in pyDataBuffer
yType	Input	What type of data is contained in pyDataBuffer

Return Type	Values	Description
void		N/A

Example



```
memcpy(pyIBlockIn,pyDataBuffer,wSize);

ptInDataCb(pyIBlockIn,wSize);
}
```