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1 Introduction

SDI-12 is a standard for interfacing data recorders with microprocessor-based sensors. SDI-12 stands for serial/digital interface at 1200 baud rate.

1.1 SDI-12 Electrical Interface

The SDI-12 electrical interface uses the SDI-12 bus to transmit serial data between SDI-12 data recorders and sensors. The SDI-12 bus is the cable that connects multiple SDI-12 devices.

This is a cable with three conductors:

- 1) a serial data line
- 2) a ground line
- 3) a 12-volt line

1.2 Baud Rate and Byte Frame Format

The baud rate for SDI-12 is 1200. The following shows the byte frame format for SDI-12.

- 1 start bit
- 7 data bits, least significant bit transmitted first
- 1 parity bit, even parity
- 1 stop bit

1.3 SDI-12 Communications Protocol

SDI-12 data recorders and sensors communicate by an exchange of ASCII characters on the data line. The data recorder sends a break to wake up the sensors on the data line. A break is continuous spacing on the data line for at least 12 milliseconds. The data recorder then sends a command. The sensor, in turn, returns the appropriate response. Each command is for a specific sensor. The first character of each command is a unique sensor address that specifies with which sensor the recorder wants to communicate. Other sensors on the SDI-12 bus ignore the command and return to low-power standby mode. When a data recorder tells a sensor to start its

measurement procedure, the recorder does not communicate with any other sensor until the data collection from the first sensor is complete. (During a concurrent measurement command, however, a data recorder can communicate with other sensors while one or more sensors are taking measurements.)

1.4 Device Addresses

The first character of every command must be a sensor address. Likewise, the first character of a response is also the address character. This lets an SDI-12 recorder verify that the response has come from the correct sensor. (An address is a single character used to indicate which sensor is to respond to the command.

ASCII '0' (decimal 48) through ASCII '9' (decimal 57) are the standard addresses which all sensors and data recorders must support. Should there be a need for more than 10 sensors, use an address in the range ASCII 'A' through ASCII 'Z' (decimal 65 through 90) and ASCII 'a' through ASCII 'z'(decimal 97 through 122).

2 SDI-12 Commands and Responses

Refer to the document "SDI-12 **A Serial-Digital Interface Standard for Microprocessor-Based Sensors.**" Version 1.4 Jan 10, 2019 Prepared by the SDI-12 Support Group.

During normal communication, the data recorder sends an address together with a command to a Trime-Pico SDI-12 sensor. The Trime-Pico replies with a "response". In the following descriptions, SDI-12 commands and responses are enclosed in quotes. The SDI-12 address and the command/response terminators are defined as follows:

- "a" Is the sensor address. The following ASCII Characters are valid addresses: "0-9", "A-Z", "a-z". Sensors will be initially programmed at the factory with the address of "0" for use in single sensor systems. Addresses "1 to 9" and "A to Z" or "a to z" can be used for additional sensors connected to the same SDI-12 bus. Address "*" and "?" are "wild card" addresses which select any sensor, regardless of its actual address.
- "!" Is the last character of a command block.
- <CR><LF>" Are carriage return (0D) hex and line feed (0A) hex characters. They are the last two characters of a response block.

NOTE:

- All commands/responses are upper-case printable ASCII characters.
- Commands must be terminated with a "!" character.
- Responses are terminated with <CR><LF> characters.
- The command string must be transmitted in a contiguous block with no gaps of more than 1.66 milliseconds between characters.

2.1 Master SDI 12 Command List

Basic SDI-12 commands

Command	Description
a!	Acknowledge Active
a!	Send Identification
?! *	Send Identification with only one sensor
aAb!	Change Address
?Ab! *	Change Address with only one sensor
?!	Address Query
aM!	Start Measurement
?M! *	Start Measurement with only one sensor
aMC!	Start Measurement and Request CRC
aD0!	Send Data
?D0! *	Send Data with only one sensor
aM1 - aM9!	Not supported, response with a0000!
aMC1! - aMC9!	Not supported, response with a0000!
aV!	Start Verification
aC!	Start Concurrent Measurement
aCC!	Start Concurrent Measurement and Request CRC

aC1! - aC9!	Not supported, response with a00000!
aCC1! - aCC9!	Not supported, response with a00000!
aR0! - aR9!	Not supported, response with a!
aRC0! - aRC9!	Not supported, response with aCRC!

*These four commands are not specified in SDI-12 protocol. They use ? instead of a in the responding command and function the same as the commands with a. They should be applied in the case with only one sensor on the bus.

Extended SDI-12 commands unique to the Trime-Pico

Command	Description
aXGP!	Get the Protocol
aXSP+p!	Set the Protocol (p-0:IMP, p-1:SDI-12)
aXGC!	Get the calibration
aXSC+cc!	Set the calibration (cc: 01--15)

2.2 Acknowledge Active Command (a!)

The Acknowledge Active Command returns a simple status response which includes the address of the sensor. Any measurement data in the sensor's buffer is not disturbed.

Command	Response
"a!"	"a<CR><LF>"

Where: a is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").

Example:

Command	Response
0!	0<CR><LF>

2.3 Send Identification Command (a!, ?!)

The Send Identification Command responds with sensor vendor, model, firmware and hardware version. "a!" is used with the sensor address a. "?!" is with ? and for only one sensor on the bus.

Command	Response
"a!"	"allccccccmmmmmmvvvxx...xx<CR><LF>"
"?!"	"allccccccmmmmmmvvvxx...xx<CR><LF>"

Where:

- a is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
- l is an upper-case ASCII character.
- ll is the SDI-12 version compatibility level, e.g. version 1.4 is represented as "14".
- ccccccc is an 8 character vendor identification to be specified by the vendor and usually in the form of a company name or its abbreviation.
- Mmmmmm is a 6 character field specifying the sensor model number.
- vvv is a 3 character field specifying the sensor firmware version number.

xx...xx is an optional field of up to a maximum of 13 characters to be used for serial number and hardware version number.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
0!	014IMKOGmbHPico3200635001-1.16<CR><LF>

Where:

- 0: sensor address
- 14: SDI-12 version 1.4
- IMKO GmbH: company name
- Pico32: sensor model
- 006: sensor firmware versi
- 35001: sensor serial number
- 1.16: sensor hardware version

2.4 Change Address Command (aAb!, ?Ab!)

The Change Address Command allows the sensor address to be changed. "aAb!" is used with the sensor address a. "?Ab!" is with ? and for only one sensor on the bus.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aAb!"	"b<CR><LF>"
"?Ab!"	"b<CR><LF>"

Where:

- a is the current (old) sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
- A is an upper-case ASCII character.
- b is the new sensor address to be programmed ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1A2!	2<CR><LF>

Where:

- 1 is the old sensor address.
- A stands for the Change Address command.
- 2 is the new sensor address.

2.5 Address Query Command(?!)

The command allows to query the address of the sensor if only one sensor is connected on the bus.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"?!"	"a<CR><LF>"

Where:

- a is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
?!	1<CR><LF>

2.6 Start Measurement Command (aM!, ?M!)

This command tells the sensor to take a measurement. The sensor does not return the measurement to the data recorder after this command. It returns the time until the measurements will be ready and the number of measurements that it will make. The send data (D0!) command must be issued to get the measurement(s). "aM!" is used with the sensor address a. "?M!" is with ? and for only one sensor on the bus.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aM!"	"attn<CR><LF>"
"?M!"	"attn<CR><LF>"

Where:	a	is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
	m	stands for starting measurement.
	ttt	is a three-digit integer (000-999) specifying the maximum time, in seconds, the sensor will take to complete the command and have measurement data.
	n	is the number of measurement values the sensor will make and return in one subsequent D command, a single digit integer from 0 to 9.

Upon completion of the measurement, a service request "a<CR><LF>" is sent to the data recorder indicating the sensor data is ready. The data recorder may wake the sensor with a break and collect the data any time after the service request is received or the specified processing time has elapsed.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1M!	10053<CR><LF>

Where:	1	is the sensor address.
	005	is the maximum time, 5 seconds to complete the measurement.
	3	means 3 measurement values.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1D0!	1+13.24+25.00+20.00<CR><LF>

Where:	1	the sensor address.
	D0	the Send Data command.
	13.24	the moisture value (%).
	25.00	the temperature value (°C).
	20.00	the Trime-EC value (dS/m).

2.7 Start Measurement and Request CRC Command(aMC!)

The command is the same as the command aM! except that it requests the data be returned with a 16 bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) appended to it.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aMC!"	"attn<CR><LF>"

Where:	a	is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
	MC	stands for starting measurement with CRC.

t	ttt	is a three-digit integer (000-999) specifying the maximum time, in seconds, the sensor will take to complete the command and have measurement data.
n	n	is the number of measurement values the sensor will make and return in one subsequent D command, a single digit integer from 0 to 9.

Upon completion of the measurement, a service request "a<CR><LF>" is sent to the data recorder indicating the sensor data is ready. The data recorder may wake the sensor with a break and collect the data any time after the service request is received or the specified processing time has elapsed.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1M!	10053<CR><LF>

Where:	1	is the sensor address.
	005	is the maximum time, 5 seconds to complete the measurement.
	3	means 3 measurement values.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1D0!	1+13.24+25.00+20.00KOj<CR><LF>

Where:	1	the sensor address.
	D0	the Send Data command.
	13.24	the moisture value (%).
	25.00	the temperature value (°C).
	20.00	the Trime-EC value (dS/m).
	KOj	CRC of 1+13.24+25.00+20.00.

2.8 Send Data Command (aD0!)

This command is used to get groups of data from the sensor. D0! is issued after an M, MC, C, CC, or V command. The sensor responds by sending the data. It will be used also in the extended commands. "aD0!" is used with the sensor address a. "?D0!" is with ? and for only one sensor on the bus.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aD0!"	"a<values><CR><LF>" or "a<values><CRC><CR><LF>"
"?D0!"	"a<values><CR><LF>" or "a<values><CRC><CR><LF>"

Where:	a	is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
	D0	the Send Data command.
	<values>	pd.d p - the polarity sign (+ or -) d - numeric digits before the decimal place - the decimal point (optional) d - numeric digits after the decimal point
	<CRC>	3 character CRC code, appended if data was requested with CRC

The command is not an independent one. It depends on which command is carried out prior to it. So its examples are in other commands.

2.9 Start Verification (aV!)

This command tells the sensor to return the system error and the application error in response to a subsequent D command. The format of this command is the same as the M commands. The format of the response is the same as the D commands.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aV!"	"atttn<CR><LF>"

Where:

a	is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
V	stands for starting verification.
ttt	is a three-digit integer (000-999) specifying the maximum time, in seconds, the sensor will take to complete the command and have measurement data.
n	is the number of measurement values the sensor will make and return in one subsequent D command, a single digit integer from 0 to 9.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1V!	10002<CR><LF>

Where:

1	is the sensor address.
000	waits no time, 0 second.
2	means 2 values.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1D0!	1+000+000<CR><LF>

Where:

1	the sensor address.
D0	the Send Data command.
000	no error, the system error.
000	no error, the application error.

2.10 Start Concurrent Measurement Command (aC!)

This command tells the sensor to take a concurrent measurement. A concurrent measurement is one which occurs while other SDI-12 sensors on the bus are also taking measurements. This command is similar to the "aM!" command, however, the nn field has an extra digit and the sensor does not issue a service request when it has completed the measurement. Communicating with other sensors will NOT abort a concurrent measurement. The send data (D0!) command must be issued to collect the measurements(s).

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aC!"	"atttnn<CR><LF>"

Where:

a	is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
C	stands for starting concurrent measurement.
ttt	is a three-digit integer (000-999) specifying the maximum time, in seconds, the sensor will take to complete the command and have measurement data.

nn is the number of measurement values the sensor will make and return in one subsequent D command.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1C!	100503<CR><LF>

Where: 1 is the sensor address.
005 is the maximum time, 5 seconds to complete the measurement.
3 means 3 measurement values.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1D0!	1+13.24+25.00+20.00<CR><LF>

Where: 1 the sensor address.
D0 the Send Data command.
13.24 the moisture value (%).
25.00 the temperature value (°C).
20.00 the Trime-EC value (dS/m).

2.11 Start Concurrent Measurement and Request CRC Command (aCC!)

The command is the same as the command aC! except that it requests the data be returned with a 16 bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) appended to it.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aCC!"	"atttnn<CR><LF>"

Where: a is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
CC stands for starting concurrent measurement with CRC.
ttt is a three-digit integer (000-999) specifying the maximum time, in seconds, the sensor will take to complete the command and have measurement data.
nn is the number of measurement values the sensor will make and return in one subsequent D command.

Upon completion of the measurement, a service request "a<CR><LF>" is sent to the data recorder indicating the sensor data is ready. The data recorder may wake the sensor with a break and collect the data any time after the service request is received or the specified processing time has elapsed.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1CC!	10053<CR><LF>

Where: 1 is the sensor address.
005 is the maximum time, 5 seconds to complete the measurement.
3 means 3 measurement values.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
1D0!	1+13.24+25.00+20.00K0j<CR><LF>

Where:	1	the sensor address.
	D0	the Send Data command.
	13.24	the moisture value (%).
	25.00	the temperature value (°C).
	20.00	the Trime-EC value (dS/m).
	K0j	CRC of 1+13.24+25.00+20.00.

2.12 Get the Protocol (aXGP!)

The command gets the used protocol in the sensor: IMP protocol or SDI-12 protocol.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aXGP!"	"atttn<CR><LF>"

Where:	a	is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
	XGP	stands for the extended command getting the protocol.
	ttt	is a three-digit integer specifying the maximum time in seconds. It is 000 for this command.
	N	is 1, the value number the sensor will return in one subsequent D command.

The data recorder may read the protocol with this command and one subsequent command aD0!.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3XGP!	30001<CR><LF>

Where:	3	is the sensor address.
	000	is the maximum time, 0 second.
	1	means 1 value.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3D0!	3+1<CR><LF>

Where:	3	the sensor address.
	D0	the Send Data command.
	1	the protocol: 0—IMP; 1—SDI-12.

2.13 Set the Protocol (aXSP+p!)

The command sets the used protocol in the sensor: IMP protocol or SDI-12 protocol.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aXSP+p!"	"atttn<CR><LF>"

Where: a is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
 XSP stands for the extended command setting the protocol.
 p means the protocol: 0—IMP; 1—SDI-12.
 ttt is a three-digit integer specifying the maximum time in seconds. It is 001 for this command.
 n is 1, the value number the sensor will return in one subsequent D command.

The data recorder may write the protocol with this command and one subsequent command aD0!.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3XSP+1!	30011<CR><LF>

Where: 3 is the sensor address.
 1 at Command means SDI-12 protocol.
 001 at Response is the maximum time, 1 second.
 1 at Response means 1 value.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3D0!	3+1<CR><LF>

Where: 3 the sensor address.
 D0 the Send Data command.
 1 the SDI-12 protocol.

2.14 Get the Calibration (aXGC!)

The command gets the used calibration in the sensor: 01--15.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aXGC!"	"attn<CR><LF>"

Where: a is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
 XGC stands for the extended command getting the calibration.
 ttt is a three-digit integer specifying the maximum time in seconds. It is 000 for this command.
 n is 1, the value number the sensor will return in one subsequent D command.

The data recorder may read the calibration with this command and one subsequent command aD0!.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3XGC!	30001<CR><LF>

Where: 3 is the sensor address.
 000 is the maximum time, 0 second.
 1 means 1 value.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3D0!	3+01<CR><LF>

Where:

3	the sensor address.
D0	the Send Data command.
01	the calibration 01.

2.15 Set the Calibration (aXSC+cc!)

The command sets the used calibration in the sensor: 01--15.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
"aXSC+cc!"	"atttn<CR><LF>"

Where:

a	is the sensor address ("0-9", "A-Z", "a-z").
XSC	stands for the extended command setting the calibration.
cc	means the calibration: 01--15.
ttt	is a three-digit integer specifying the maximum time in seconds. It is 001 for this command.
n	is 1, the value number the sensor will return in one subsequent D command.

The data recorder may write the calibration with this command and one subsequent command aD0!.

Example:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3XSC+02!	30011<CR><LF>

Where:

3	is the sensor address.
02 at Command	means the calibration.
001 at Response	is the maximum time, 1 second.
1 at Response	means 1 value.

<u>Subsequent Command</u>	<u>Response</u>
3D0!	3+02<CR><LF>

Where:

3	the sensor address.
D0	the Send Data command.
02	the calibration.

3 HIGH VOLUME COMMANDS and METADATA COMMANDS

The high volume commands and metadata commands, introduced in version 1.4 of the SDI-12 Specification. Refer to the document "SDI-12 **A Serial-Digital Interface Standard for Microprocessor-Based Sensors.**" Version 1.4 Jan 10, 2019 Prepared by the SDI-12 Support Group.

High volume commands:

Command	Description
aHA!	Not supported, response with a000000!
aHB!	Not supported, response with a000000!

The high volume commands expand the concurrent measurement commands to allow up to 999 parameters to be returned from a sensor.

Metadata commands:

Command	Description
aIM!	response with a0053!
aIMC!	response with a0053!
aIM1! - aIM9!	not supported, response with a0000!
aIMC1! - aIMC9!	not supported, response with a0000!
aIV!	not supported, response with a0000!
aIC!	response with a00503!
aICC!	response with a00503!
aIC1! - aIC9!	not supported, response with a0000!
aICC1! - aICC9!	not supported, response with a0000!

The metadata commands provide a means to get the response to a command without actually initiating a measurement.

4 Appendix A Error Message

The following table lists all error messages.

Error Message Table Version 1.00

Code	Error Message
0	no error
	System Errors (1--99)
	Serial communication errors
1	received address block invalid, first byte should be 253
2	received address block check CRC
3	received data block check CRC
4	time out of receiving data block
5	V24
6	UART
7	time out of transmitting address block
8	time out of transmitting data block
	Command errors
20	no command
21	parameter number isn't in table
22	get page parameter
23	set page parameter
24	parameter is not writable
25	TDR scan parameter
26	have no support right
27	setting all parameters needs support right
28	the event of TDRScan must be set in advance
29	baud rate is too small
30	baud rate is too big
	EEPROM errors
41	no response from EEPROM
42	page writing is out of range
43	SCL stuck to low
44	SDA stuck to low
45	write memory address
46	write data to EEPROM
47	get & set image parameter
	ASIC errors
50	ASIC check is failed
	Others

60	Voltage too low
	Application Errors (100--199)
	TDR measuring errors
100	TDR position is over flow
101	TDR position is under flow
102	get ASIC temperature
103	EC divisor is zero
105	Tp is out of range
106	Resister is out of range
108	No reflect point is found
	ADC, DAC, material temperature
120	A/D convert
121	D/A convert
122,123	get material temperature
	Calculate
130	minimal or maximal gain threshold in calculating coefficients
131	divisor is zero in ASIC temperature compensation
132	actual moisture is too large in DAC
133	actual moisture is too small in DAC
134	actual temperature is too large in DAC
135	actual temperature is too small in DAC
136	TpMDivisor is zero
137	T to Ms mode is out of range
138	Ratio divisor is zero
	SelfTest
150	DAC code is too small
151	DAC code is too large
200-254	reserved
255	more data

NOTES:

A large rectangular grid of graph paper, consisting of 20 columns and 30 rows of small squares. The grid is intended for taking notes.

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