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# Preface

## Purpose of Document

This document describes the operation and programming interface required to use Simpack's Synchronous Link Control (SLC) protocol software running on a Simpack intelligent communications processor (ICP). The basic structure is described for header fields typically required by all SLC message formats. However, for details regarding specific Interline Message Formats and Handling Procedures, refer to the *Systems and Communications Reference Volume 1, Airline Proprietary Standards, Version 1.1*, published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Montreal—Geneva.

## Intended Audience

This document should be read by programmers who are interfacing an application program to the SLC protocol. Simpack recommends that the reader obtain the IATA reference document mentioned above to aid in understanding the details of the SLC protocol that are beyond the scope of this document.

## Organization of Document

[Chapter 1](#) is an introduction to the SLC protocol and supported programming environments.

[Chapter 2](#) summarizes the SLC protocol theory of operation.

[Chapter 3](#) describes the SLC protocol typical sequence of operations.

[Chapter 4](#) explains the SLC commands and responses.

[Chapter 5](#) is the SLC protocol reference providing specific header formats for all SLC commands and responses.

[Chapter 6](#) describes some SLC programming considerations and summarizes SLC error codes.

[Appendix A](#) shows the SLC include file contents.

## **Simpact References**

The following documents provide useful supporting information, depending on the customer's particular hardware and software environments. Most documents are available on-line at Simpact's web site, [www.simpact.com](http://www.simpact.com).

### **General Product Overviews**

- *Freeway 1100 Technical Overview* 25-000-0419
- *Freeway 2000/4000/8800 Technical Overview* 25-000-0374
- *ICP2432 Technical Overview* 25-000-0420
- *ICP6000X Technical Overview* 25-000-0522

### **Hardware Support**

- *Freeway 1100 Hardware Installation Guide* DC 900-1370
- *Freeway 2000/4000 Hardware Installation Guide* DC 900-1331
- *Freeway 8800 Hardware Installation Guide* DC 900-1553
- *Freeway 2000/4000 Hardware Maintenance Guide* DC 900-1332
- *Freeway ICP6000/ICP6000X Hardware Description* DC 900-1020
- *ICP6000(X)/ICP9000(X) Hardware Description and Theory of Operation* DC 900-0408
- *ICP2432 Hardware Description and Theory of Operation* DC 900-1501
- *ICP2432 Hardware Installation Guide* DC 900-1502

### **Freeway Software Installation Support**

- *Freeway Server User's Guide* DC 900-1333
- *Freeway Software Release Addendum: Client Platforms* DC 900-1555

- *Getting Started with Freeway 1100* DC 900-1369
- *Getting Started with Freeway 2000/4000* DC 900-1330
- *Getting Started with Freeway 8800* DC 900-1552
- *Loopback Test Procedures* DC 900-1533

### **Driver Installation and Programming Support**

- *ICP2432 User's Guide for Digital UNIX* DC 900-1513
- *ICP2432 User's Guide for OpenVMS Alpha* DC 900-1511
- *ICP2432 User's Guide for Windows NT* DC 900-1510

### **Application Program Interface (API) Interface Programming Support**

- *Freeway Data Link Interface Reference Guide* DC 900-1385
- *Freeway QIO/SQIO API Reference Guide* DC 900-1355
- *Freeway Server-Resident Application Programmer's Guide* DC 900-1325
- *Freeway Transport Subsystem Interface Reference Guide* DC 900-1386

### **Socket Interface Programming Support**

- *Freeway Client-Server Interface Control Document* DC 900-1303

## **Other References**

- *Systems and Communications Reference Volume 1, Airline Proprietary Standards, Version 1.1*, published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Montreal—Geneva

## **Document Conventions**

Program code samples are written in the “C” programming language.

Physical “ports” on the ICPs are logically referred to as “links.” However, since port and link numbers are usually identical (that is, port 0 is the same as link 0), this document uses the term “link.”

The term “ICP link” refers to a physical port on the ICP (from 0 to 7).

The term “SLC channel” refers to an ICP link configured on an SLC network connection.

The term “SLC network connection” refers to the set of SLC channels (from 1 to 7) that together form the logical connection between the SLC protocol service on the ICP and an SLC network.

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# Introduction

Simpact provides a variety of user-programmable, wide-area network (WAN) connectivity solutions for real-time financial, defense, telecommunications, and process-control applications. Simpact software includes a wide variety of legacy and specialty protocols that run on Simpact's intelligent communication processor (ICP) boards. The protocol software is independent of the hardware and operating system environment.

## 1.1 Protocol Overview

The Synchronous Link Control (SLC) protocol is a legacy protocol used within the airline industry for wide-area network communications. The protocol features synchronous transmission of blocks of characters that contain data or control information. Full-duplex operation (simultaneous transmission and reception) as well as error detection and retransmission capability allow SLC to provide efficient and reliable data transfer at line data rates up to 19200 bits per second.

## 1.2 Supported Hardware

[Section 1.2.1](#) and [Section 1.2.2](#) briefly describe the currently supported hardware and operating system environments. Refer to the *Simpact References* on [page 12](#) for the applicable hardware installation documentation and user's guide for your particular hardware environment.

### 1.2.1 Freeway Server

The Freeway server is a stand-alone box with pre-installed ICPs. It provides multiple data links and a variety of network services to LAN-based clients. Figure 1-1 shows a Freeway server configuration where the client application communicates with the Freeway ICPs using Simpack's data link interface (DLI). Client applications can use either the DLI or socket interface, as described in Section 1.3.1 and Section 1.3.3. A variety of client operating systems are supported (UNIX, VMS, and Windows NT).

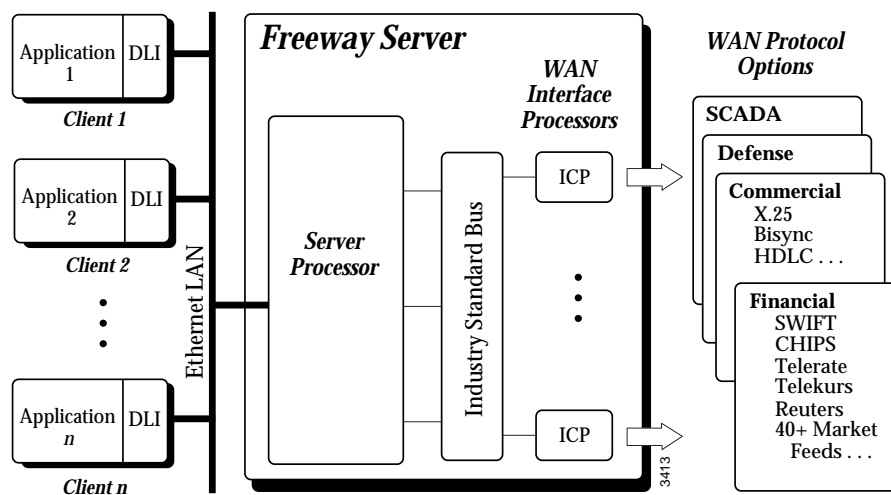
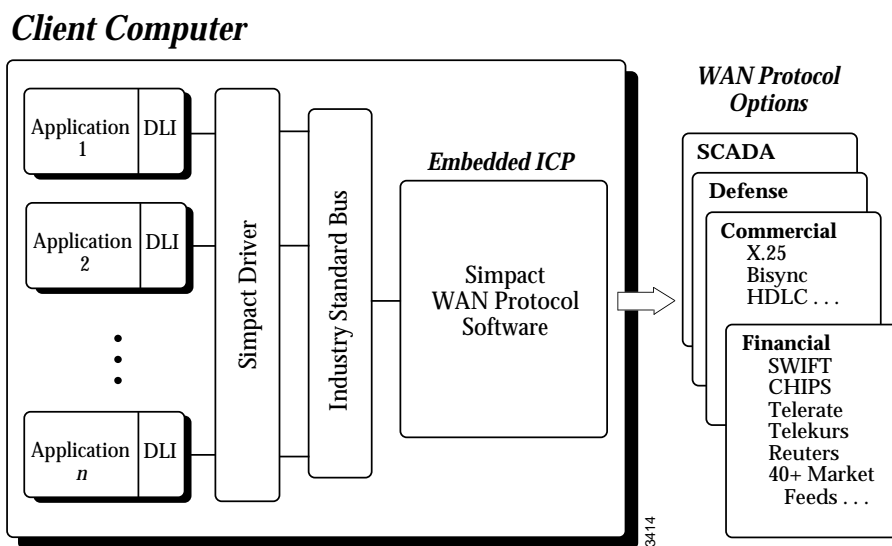


Figure 1-1: Freeway Configuration

### 1.2.2 Embedded ICPs

An ICP installed in a user-provided computer is called an “embedded” ICP. Figure 1-2 shows one possible embedded ICP environment where the client application uses Simpack's DLI programming interface. The currently supported operating systems and their respective supported programming interfaces are described in the following subsections.





**Figure 1-2:** Embedded ICP Configuration

#### 1.2.2.1 Windows NT (Intel or Alpha)

The two supported programming interfaces for an embedded ICP in a Windows NT client computer are the DLI and the driver interface, described in [Section 1.3.1](#) and [Section 1.3.2](#). The primary references are the *Freeway Data Link Interface Reference Guide* and the user's guide for the applicable ICP (for example, the *ICP2432 User's Guide for Windows NT*).

#### 1.2.2.2 OpenVMS

The supported programming interface for an embedded ICP in an OpenVMS client computer is the driver interface, described in [Section 1.3.2](#). The primary reference is the user's guide for the applicable ICP (for example, the *ICP2432 User's Guide for OpenVMS Alpha*).

### 1.2.2.3 Digital UNIX

The supported programming interface for an embedded ICP in a Digital UNIX client computer is the driver interface, described in [Section 1.3.2](#). The primary reference is the user's guide for the applicable ICP (for example, the *ICP2432 User's Guide for Digital UNIX*).

## 1.3 Available Programming Interfaces

The following sections briefly describe the currently supported application programming interfaces that can be used in conjunction with this *Synchronous Link Control (SLC) Programmer's Guide*. Choice of programming interface is dependent upon your hardware environment, as described in the previous [Section 1.2](#).

### 1.3.1 Data Link Interface (DLI)

Simpack's data link interface provides a high-level, session-oriented application programming interface for a variety of client hardware and operating system environments. The DLI concepts that apply to the SLC protocol are briefly described below; refer to the *Freeway Data Link Interface Reference Guide* for details.

- The DLI requires that the application first invoke the `dliInit` function to initialize the DLI, then call the `dliOpen` function to open an I/O path to the ICP.
- *Raw operation* — The SLC protocol uses DLI *Raw* operation, which means that the client application must employ the DLI optional arguments data structure (shown in [Figure 5–1 on page 59](#)) to issue `dliRead` and `dliWrite` commands to a session.
- DLI configuration parameters — The DLI configuration file needs to include only those session parameters whose values differ from the defaults. To use DLI *Raw* operation, you must specify the following parameter:

```
protocol = "raw"
```

- An example SLC test program and supporting DLI and TSI configuration files are provided with the SLC product, as listed below. To run the loopback test program, refer to the *Loopback Test Procedures* document (for the Freeway server) or the appropriate user's guide for your embedded ICP and operating system (for example, the *ICP2432 User's Guide for Windows NT*).

Non-blocking I/O Test Program	DLI Configuration File Name	TSI Configuration File Name
sicalp.c	sicaldcfg	sicaltcfg

### 1.3.2 Driver Interface

The driver interface requires the client application to make low-level calls directly to the ICP's device driver. The driver interface is used when the DLI is not available for a particular environment, or when there is a programming requirement to bypass the DLI. To perform I/O functions, refer to the driver interface document (the typical document naming convention is *ICP2432 User's Guide for <Specific Operating System>*). Then refer to [Chapter 5](#) of this *Synchronous Link Control (SLC) Programmer's Guide* for the protocol-specific header formats. The header formats are very similar between the DLI and driver interfaces.

### 1.3.3 Socket Interface (Freeway Server Only)

The socket interface is available only for the Freeway server environment. Client applications can submit I/O requests directly to the BSD socket or, alternatively, the application can interface to Simpac's transport subsystem interface (TSI) layer, which allows the TSI to perform some of the header management. The primary reference is the *Freeway Client-Server Interface Control Document*, which provides complete header format descriptions.



# **SLC Protocol Theory of Operation**

Simpact's SLC protocol software running on the ICP provides the application with significant control over SLC operations while reducing the overall processing burden on the application. This chapter identifies the principal features of the SLC protocol that are under application control.

## **2.1 SLC Envelope Service**

An SLC envelope consists of leading SYN characters, the DLE control character, the ETB control character and the trailing block check character (BCC) for each SLC block. The SLC software on the ICP always provides the SLC envelope for frames transmitted and removes the SLC envelope from frames received. The ICP generates the BCC for frames transmitted and checks the BCC in frames received.

When the application configures an ICP link for SLC envelope service, the application assumes full responsibility for SLC frame content between the DLE and ETB control characters provided by the SLC envelope. In this case, the application must implement all message handling procedures, block handling procedures, and link control procedures of the SLC protocol.

## **2.2 SLC Protocol Service**

When the application configures an ICP link for SLC protocol service, the ICP enhances the basic SLC envelope service to provide additional SLC protocol support. These additional services include network-level support, message blocking support, multi-channel support, retransmission support, safe store support, and stop/resume flow support.

### **2.2.1 Network-level Support**

When the application configures an ICP link for SLC protocol service, it specifies whether high-level network service or low-level network service is required. The application formats each outgoing message and interprets each incoming message, in conformance with the message format for the specified network-level service.

### **2.2.2 Message Blocking Support**

Message blocking support allows the application to send and receive each message in its entirety. The application specifies the attributes of each message sent, and the SLC protocol reports the attributes of each message received.

The ICP handles the message blocking and block handling procedures of the SLC protocol. The ICP provides generation and checking of the transmission sequence identifier and the message block identifier within information blocks, as well as automatic link control block generation and checking for block acknowledgment.

### **2.2.3 Multi-channel Support**

Multi-channel support allows the application to assign up to seven ICP links to support an SLC network connection. Use of multi-channel support increases the traffic throughput capacity of an SLC network connection by distributing message traffic over multiple physical communications channels.

### **2.2.4 Retransmission Support**

Retransmission support allows the application to send a message once, relying upon the ICP to handle both block-level and message-level retransmission requirements of the SLC protocol. After a configurable number of successive message retransmissions without receipt of the corresponding acknowledgment, the ICP reports the failure to the application.

An application can restrict the ICP to block-level retransmissions by setting the maximum number of message transmission attempts (N3) for the ICP link to 1.

### 2.2.5 Safe Store Support

Safe store support allows the application to control when each received message is acknowledged, and to know when each transmitted message has been acknowledged.

For outgoing traffic, the application assigns a message label to each transmitted message. The ICP reports receipt of the corresponding acknowledgment.

For incoming traffic, the SLC protocol reports the message label associated with each message received. The application completes all necessary message protection processing, then sends an acknowledgment to the SLC protocol service on the ICP.

### 2.2.6 Flow Control Support

Flow control support includes both operator-initiated and automatic flow control. Operator control can be used per-channel either to command local operational changes, or to send a flow-control request to the remote site.

For both low-level networks and high-level networks, the SLC protocol defines channel flow control by means of link control blocks. The SLC software on the ICP conforms to flow procedures automatically, except when an overriding operator request is in force. When the ICP receives any link control block that exerts stop/resume flow control, the ICP sends a `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` response to any associated applications with *Control* access or *Master* access. See [Table 4–1 on page 33](#) and [Section 5.4 on page 65](#).

For high-level networks, the SLC protocol also defines network flow control by means of network control blocks. The application reads or writes an individual network control block as a special form of the `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command or response ([Section 5.13 on page 76](#)).





# Typical Sequence of Operations

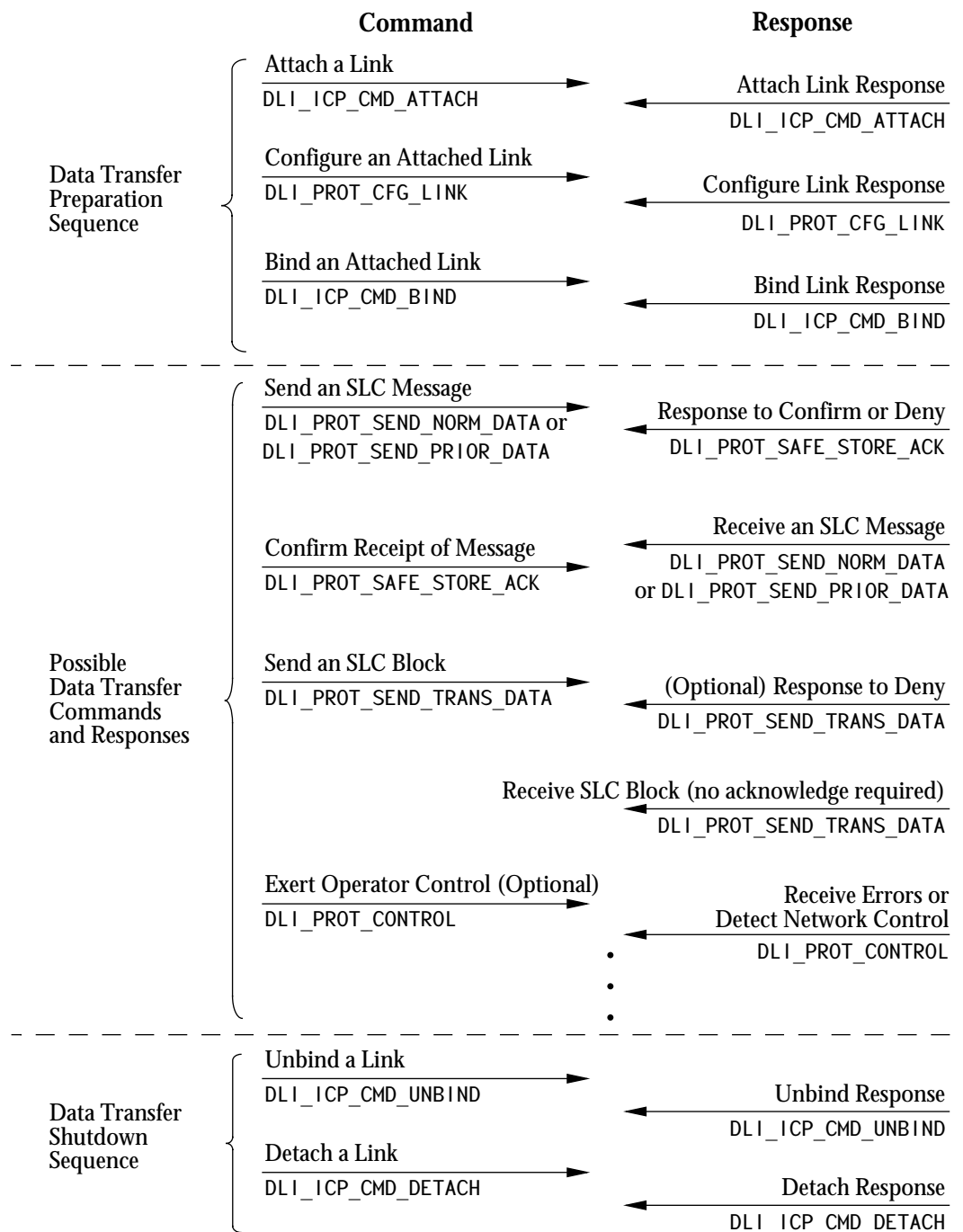
## 3.1 Initialization

[Section 1.3 on page 18](#) summarizes the programming interfaces available for use with the ICP. In all cases, the application first must perform any initialization required by the selected programming interface, and then must open an I/O path to the ICP prior to writing commands or reading responses to the protocol services on the ICP.

After the application establishes an I/O path to the ICP, it writes commands to the ICP, and reads responses from the ICP. See [Chapter 4](#) and [Chapter 5](#) for additional details regarding the command and response formats. This chapter describes the typical sequence to execute selected specific operations.

The sections that follow are presented in the order in which they are generally used. However, restrictions associated with the access mode specified when attaching an ICP link might forbid one or more of the other listed operations.

[Figure 3–1](#) is a diagram of the commands and responses described in [Section 3.2](#) through [Section 3.13](#).



**Figure 3-1:** Typical Commands and Responses

## 3.2 Attaching a Link

The application must successfully attach an ICP link before it can configure, bind, read from, or write to that link. To attach a link, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` command. This allocates the ICP link for application use under the rules for the access mode specified in the request, and associates a session with that link and access mode (defined in [Table 4–1 on page 33](#)).
- The application reads a `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` response with a status field that confirms or denies the request. The returned session identifier is used on all subsequent `DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE` requests.

## 3.3 Configuring an Attached Link

After the application attaches an ICP link with either *Master* or *Control* access mode, it can configure the link prior to binding the link. If a competing application currently has the link bound, the link cannot be configured. If the default configuration for the link is suitable, configuration is not required. To configure a link, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` command.
- The application reads a `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` response with a status field that confirms or denies the request.

## 3.4 Binding an Attached Link

After the application attaches an ICP link with either *Master* or *Control* access mode, it can bind the link. If the link is configured for low-level or high-level SLC network service, then binding a link places it online for SLC message transfer. If the link is config-

ured for SLC envelope service (default), then binding a link places it online for SLC block transfer. To bind a link, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a `DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND` command.
- The application reads a `DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND` response with a status field that confirms or denies the request.

### 3.5 Sending an SLC Message

If an ICP link is configured for low-level or high-level SLC network service, then after the application attaches the ICP link with *Master* access mode and binds the link, it can send data messages to the SLC network via the ICP link. To write a message, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` command or a `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command. Some restrictions might apply due to the specific configuration of the ICP link.
- The application reads a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response with a status field that confirms or denies the request.

### 3.6 Receiving an SLC Message

If an ICP link is configured for low-level or high-level SLC network service, then after the application attaches the ICP link with *Master* access mode and binds the link, it can receive data messages from the SLC network via the ICP link. To read a message, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application reads a `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` response or a `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` response.

- The application writes a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` command that confirms receipt. Some restrictions might apply due to the specific configuration of the ICP link.

### 3.7 Sending an SLC Block

If an ICP link is configured for SLC envelope service (default), then after the application attaches the ICP link with *Master* access mode and binds the link, it can send SLC blocks to the SLC network via the ICP link. The application is responsible for conforming to the SLC protocol restrictions on block content. To write a block, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a `DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA` command. There is no acknowledgment; however, the application detects transmission errors by reading a `DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA` response with a status that indicates the error.

### 3.8 Receiving an SLC Block

If an ICP link is configured for SLC envelope service (default), then after the application attaches the ICP link with *Master* access mode and binds the link, it can receive SLC blocks from the SLC network via the ICP link. To read a block, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application reads a `DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA` response with a status that indicates no error. No acknowledgment is required.

### 3.9 Exerting Operator Control

If an ICP link is configured for low-level or high-level SLC network service, then after the application attaches the ICP link with either *Master* or *Control* access mode and binds the link, it can exert operator control over the link. To exert operator control, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` command. There is no acknowledgment; however, the application detects errors by reading a `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` response with a status that indicates the error.

### 3.10 Detecting Network Control

If an ICP link is configured for low-level or high-level SLC network service, then after the application attaches the ICP link with either *Master* or *Control* access mode and binds the link, it can detect network control over the link. To detect network control, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application reads a `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` response.

### 3.11 Unbinding a Link

After the application attaches the ICP link with either *Master* or *Control* access mode and binds the link, it can unbind the link. Unbinding a link places it offline to the application. When no application with *Master* or *Control* access mode remains bound to an ICP link, the link is offline to the SLC network. To unbind a link, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a `DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND` command.
- The application reads a `DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND` response with a status field that confirms or denies the request.

### 3.12 Reading Reports

After the application attaches an ICP link, it can read reports. The application can also read reports after binding the link. Several types of reports are available. To read a specific report, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a command requesting the desired report. Supported report requests are:

[DLI\\_PROT\\_GET\\_BUF\\_REPORT](#)

[DLI\\_PROT\\_GET\\_LINK\\_CFG](#)

[DLI\\_PROT\\_GET\\_SOFTWARE\\_VER](#)

[DLI\\_PROT\\_GET\\_STATISTICS\\_REPORT](#)

[DLI\\_PROT\\_GET\\_STATUS\\_REPORT](#)

- The application reads the report response of the same type.

### 3.13 Detaching a Link

After the application attaches an ICP link, it can detach the link. Detaching a link relinquishes application access to the link. If an application binds the ICP link, and detaches the link without first unbinding, the ICP quietly handles the implied unbind, then finishes detaching the application. To detach a link, the application must perform the actions listed below.

- The application writes a [DLI\\_ICP\\_CMD\\_DETACH](#) command.
- The application reads a [DLI\\_ICP\\_CMD\\_DETACH](#) response with a status field that confirms or denies the request.

### 3.14 Termination

[Section 1.3 on page 18](#) summarizes the programming interface available for use with the ICP. In all cases the application should be designed to perform the termination sequence recommended by the selected programming interface prior to terminating application execution. An orderly shutdown may be required to successfully close the I/O path to the ICP, release allocated system resources, and complete the capture of trace or log information.





Chapter

4

# Commands and Responses

This chapter describes the commands written to the ICP and the responses received from the ICP. After you are familiar with the functionality, refer to [Chapter 5](#) for detailed header formats to aid in writing application programs to interface to the SLC protocol.

[Table 4–1](#) defines the access modes required for using specific categories of commands and responses. The `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` command ([Section 4.1.1 on page 35](#) and [Section 5.1 on page 62](#)) establishes the access mode. [Table 4–2](#) summarizes the categories, which are explained further in the remainder of this chapter.

**Table 4–1:** Access Modes

Access Mode	Code	Applicable Command/Response Categories (see <a href="#">Table 4–2</a> )
<i>Master</i>	SLC_MASTER_MODE	Can use the <a href="#">Access</a> , <a href="#">Link</a> , <a href="#">Data</a> and <a href="#">Report</a> categories
<i>Reader</i>	SLC_READER_MODE	Can only use the <a href="#">Access</a> and <a href="#">Report</a> categories
<i>Control</i>	SLC_CONTROL_MODE	Can only use the <a href="#">Access</a> , <a href="#">Link</a> and <a href="#">Report</a> categories
<i>Trace</i>	SLC_TRACE_MODE	Can only use the <a href="#">Access</a> and <a href="#">Trace</a> categories

**Table 4-2: Command and Response Category Summary**

Category	Code and Description Reference Section	Protocol Usage
<b>Access</b> (Section 4.1)	DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH (Section 4.1.1 on page 35)	Write: Request SLC network access Read: Confirm/deny SLC network access
	DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH (Section 4.1.2 on page 35)	Write: Relinquish SLC network access Read: Confirm/deny SLC network access relinquished
<b>Link</b> (Section 4.2)	DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND (Section 4.2.1 on page 36)	Write: Request SLC network connect Read: Confirm/deny SLC network connect
	DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND (Section 4.2.2 on page 36)	Write: Request SLC network disconnect Read: Confirm/deny SLC network disconnect
	DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK (Section 4.2.3 on page 36)	Write: Set SLC network connection configuration Read: Confirm/deny SLC network connection configuration
	DLI_PROT_CONTROL (Section 4.2.4 on page 40)	Write: Exert operator control Read: Report network control
<b>Data</b> (Section 4.3)	DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK (Section 4.3.1 on page 41)	Write: Transmit message acknowledgment Read: Receive message acknowledgment
	DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA (Section 4.3.2 on page 42)	Write: Transmit low-priority message Read: Receive low-priority message
	DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA (Section 4.3.3 on page 43)	Write: Transmit high-priority message Read: Receive high-priority message
	DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA (Section 4.3.4 on page 45)	Write: Transmit block Read: Receive block
<b>Report</b> (Section 4.4)	DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT (Section 4.4.1 on page 46)	Write: Query SLC buffer usage status Read: Report SLC buffer usage status
	DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG (Section 4.4.2 on page 47)	Write: Query SLC network connection configuration Read: Report SLC network connection configuration
	DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER (Section 4.4.3 on page 47)	Write: Query SLC software version Read: Report SLC software version
	DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT (Section 4.4.4 on page 47)	Write: Query SLC network connection statistics Read: Report SLC network connection statistics
	DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT (Section 4.4.5 on page 51)	Write: Query SLC network connection status Read: Report SLC network connection status
<b>Trace</b> (Section 4.5)	DLI_PROT_LINK_TRACE_DATA (Section 4.5.1 on page 53)	Read only

## 4.1 Access Category

The commands and responses in the Access category are used to establish access control sessions for a specified SLC network connection. Several access modes are supported: *Master*, *Reader*, *Control*, or *Trace* (refer back to [Table 4–1 on page 33](#) for a summary). For each SLC network connection, only one application session is permitted per access mode. The `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` command establishes the access mode. Also see [Section 6.2 on page 83](#) for suggestions on using access modes.

### 4.1.1 Attach

The `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` command obtains access to the SLC network connection associated with a specified ICP data link. The specified ICP data link is channel 1<sup>1</sup> on the SLC network connection. The corresponding `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` response reports the success or failure of the request. If successful, the SLC access session ID assigned to the application is reported. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.1 on page 62](#).

### 4.1.2 Detach

The `DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH` command relinquishes access to the SLC network connection for the ICP link and access mode associated with a specified application session. The corresponding `DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH` response reports the success or failure of the request. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.5 on page 67](#).

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1. When the multi-channel configuration option ([Section 4.2.3 on page 36](#)) is used, the application must specify the ICP link configured as channel 1 on the SLC network connection.

## 4.2 Link Category

The commands and responses in the Link category are used to enable, disable or configure a specified SLC network connection. Only an application session with *Master* or *Control* access mode can use this category.

### 4.2.1 Bind

The `DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND` command enables the SLC network connection to which the application has obtained access. The corresponding `DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND` response reports the success or failure of the request. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.2 on page 63](#).

### 4.2.2 Unbind

The `DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND` command disables the SLC network connection that the application previously enabled. The corresponding `DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND` response reports the success or failure of the request. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.16 on page 81](#).

### 4.2.3 Configure Link

The `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` command contains configuration information as described below for the SLC network connection associated with a specified ICP data link. The configuration can also specify SLC channels 2...7, associating an additional ICP data link with each channel. The application writes this command to configure an SLC network connection and clear its statistics. The corresponding `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` response reports the success or failure of the request. The `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` header formats are detailed in [Section 5.3 on page 64](#).

Examples of a failed configuration request would be if a *Master* or *Control* client is bound to the associated SLC network connection at the time of the request, or if the command contains an invalid configuration option.

The variable-length data area of the `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` command contains a specification list of one or more configuration options for the specified SLC network connection. The available configuration options are listed in [Table 4–3](#). Each configuration option consists of a 16-bit unsigned integer option identifier followed by a 16-bit unsigned integer option value. Configuration options can appear in any order. The ICP uses the default value for each configuration option not present in the specification list.

When the SLC protocol service is configured as `SLC_ENVELOPE_SERVICE`, only the following configuration options are applicable:

`SLC_CLOCK_CFG`

`SLC_EIA_CFG`

`SLC_T11_CFG`

When the SLC protocol service is configured as `SLC_LOW_LEVEL_NETWORK` or `SLC_HIGH_LEVEL_NETWORK`, the configuration options `SLC_C2_CFG` through `SLC_C7_CFG` are optional. When specified, the ICP link numbers must be unique, must not conflict with the `usProtLinkID` header field value, and must not conflict with ICP link numbers assigned to channels associated with another SLC network connection.

**Table 4–3: SLC Configuration Options**

Option	Default	Option Values	Comments
SLC_SERVICE_CFG	✓	SLC_ENVELOPE_SERVICE SLC_LOW_LEVEL_NETWORK SLC_HIGH_LEVEL_NETWORK	SLC Service Support
SLC_BLOCK_SCATTER_CFG	✓	0 = Send message blocks serially 1 = Send message blocks in parallel on multiple channels	Multi-block message channel scatter option
SLC_BLOCK_ACK_CFG	✓	SLC_BLOCK_ACK_FAST SLC_BLOCK_ACK_SAFE	Block-level acknowledgment timing. SLC_BLOCK_ACK_FAST (default) permits immediate acknowledgment of blocks received. SLC_BLOCK_ACK_SAFE delays block-level acknowledgment until the application requests acknowledgment by sending <a href="#">DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK</a> .
SLC_CLOCK_CFG	✓	0 = select network as clock source 1...SLC_CLOCK_MAXIMUM = ICP clock source baud rate	SLC line clock source/rate
SLC_EIA_CFG	✓	SLC_EIA_232 SLC_EIA_449 SLC_EIA_530 SLC_EIA_V35	Electrical Interface
SLC_C2_CFG	Optional	0...(n-1) where n = number of ICP links	ICP link associated with SLC network connection channel 2
SLC_C3_CFG	Optional	0...(n-1) where n = number of ICP links	ICP link associated with SLC network connection channel 3
SLC_C4_CFG	Optional	0...(n-1) where n = number of ICP links	ICP link associated with SLC network connection channel 4
SLC_C5_CFG	Optional	0...(n-1) where n = number of ICP links	ICP link associated with SLC network connection channel 5
SLC_C6_CFG	Optional	0...(n-1) where n = number of ICP links	ICP link associated with SLC network connection channel 6
SLC_C7_CFG	Optional	0...(n-1) where n = number of ICP links	ICP link associated with SLC network connection channel 7

**Table 4–3:** SLC Configuration Options (*Cont'd*)

Option	Default	Option Values	Comments
SLC_N1_CFG	SLC_N1_DEFAULT	1...SLC_N1_MAXIMUM	Refer to IATA <sup>a</sup>
SLC_N2_CFG	SLC_N2_DEFAULT	1...SLC_N2_MAXIMUM	Refer to IATA
SLC_N3_CFG	SLC_N3_DEFAULT	1...SLC_N3_MAXIMUM	Refer to IATA
SLC_N4_CFG	SLC_N4_DEFAULT	1...SLC_N4_MAXIMUM	Refer to IATA
SLC_N5_CFG	SLC_N5_DEFAULT	1...SLC_N5_MAXIMUM	Refer to IATA
SLC_N6_CFG	SLC_N6_DEFAULT	1...SLC_N6_MAXIMUM	Refer to IATA
SLC_T1_CFG	SLC_T1_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T2_CFG	SLC_T2_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T3_CFG	SLC_T3_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T4_CFG	SLC_T4_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T5_CFG	SLC_T5_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T6_CFG	SLC_T6_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T7_CFG	SLC_T7_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T8_CFG	SLC_T8_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T9_CFG	SLC_T9_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T10_CFG	SLC_T10_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Refer to IATA
SLC_T11_CFG	SLC_T11_DEFAULT	1...65535 tenths of a second	Frame transmission time limit

<sup>a</sup> International Air Transport Association (IATA) — see the document reference on [page 13](#) of the *Preface*.

#### **4.2.4 Control**

[DLI\\_PROT\\_CONTROL](#) can be used only when SLC protocol service is configured. It is not supported when SLC envelope service is configured.

An application reads a [DLI\\_PROT\\_CONTROL](#) response when the ICP receives any link control block (LCB) that exerts stop/resume flow control. An application exerts operator control over SLC channel operation by writing a [DLI\\_PROT\\_CONTROL](#) command to the ICP.

The ICP maintains three local operational control flags for each channel simultaneously. The `opr_channel_state` flag retains a value of [SLC\\_OPR\\_CHANNEL\\_START](#) (default) or [SLC\\_OPR\\_CHANNEL\\_STOP](#) until a new value is requested. The `opr_in_state` flag retains a value of [SLC\\_OPR\\_IN\\_RESUME](#) (default) or [SLC\\_OPR\\_IN\\_STOP](#) until a new value is requested. The `opr_out_state` flag retains a value of [SLC\\_OPR\\_OUT\\_RESUME](#) (default) or [SLC\\_OPR\\_OUT\\_STOP](#) until a new value is requested. The [DLI\\_PROT\\_GET\\_STATUS\\_REPORT](#) command can be used to read the current values of these status flags ([Section 5.10 on page 72](#)). The header formats and operator control options are detailed in [Section 5.4 on page 65](#).



## 4.3 Data Category

The commands and responses in the Data category are used to transfer data on the specified SLC network connection. Only an application session with *Master* access mode can use this category.

### 4.3.1 Safe Store Acknowledgment

`DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` can be used only when SLC protocol service is configured. It is not supported when SLC envelope service is configured. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.14 on page 78](#).

After reading a `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` response or a `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` response, the application extracts the `iProtModifier` field value (the ICP message identifier), performs any required message protection operations, then using the same `iProtModifier` field value writes the `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` command to acknowledge that the message has been stored safely. The ICP examines the `iProtModifier` field, and if necessary transmits a link control block with the corresponding acknowledge message label (AML) on the specified SLC network connection.

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` command or a `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command, the ICP uses the `iProtModifier` field value to compute a corresponding message block identifier for each information block transmitted. The application reads a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response when the ICP receives a link control block containing a corresponding acknowledge message label from the SLC network. If the `iICPStatus` field value is `DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK`, receipt of a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response constitutes acknowledgment that the specified message has been stored safely at a remote site. If the `iICPStatus` field value contains a negative error code value, receipt of a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response constitutes a failure in message transmission or a rejection of the specified message by the remote site.

### 4.3.2 Normal Data

`DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` can be used only when SLC protocol service is configured. It is not supported when SLC envelope service is configured. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.12 on page 74](#).

`DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` contains an entire SLC low-priority message. The application writes this command to the ICP to transmit a message through the WAN interface to the SLC network. The application reads this response when the ICP reports a low-priority message received from the WAN interface to the SLC network.

After reading a `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` response, the application extracts the `iProtModifier` field value (the ICP message identifier consisting of the AML value and AML descriptor), performs any required message protection operations, then using same `iProtModifier` field value writes the `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` command to acknowledge that the message has been stored safely. The ICP examines the `iProtModifier` field, and if necessary transmits a link control block with the corresponding acknowledge message label on the specified SLC network connection.

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` command, the ICP uses the `iProtModifier` field (AML value) to compute a corresponding message block identifier for each information block transmitted. The application reads a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response when the ICP reports a corresponding acknowledgment. If the `iICPStatus` field value is `DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK`, receipt of a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response constitutes acknowledgment<sup>2</sup> that the specified message has been stored safely at a remote site. If the `iICPStatus` field value contains a negative error code value, receipt of a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response constitutes a failure in message transmission or a rejection of the specified message by the remote site.

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2. In the case of messages sent with no protection indicated, `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` reports transmission success or failure.

[Table 5–16 on page 75](#) lists symbolic names for the `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` AML values that can appear in the `iProtModifier` field for both writes and reads. The validity of these values is influenced by both the network level and the message length. An AML for a single-block message can be used only with a message that fits within a single transmission block on the SLC network. However, an AML for a multi-block message can be used for either a single-block message or a multi-block message.

The `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` data content is variable. It contains selected SLC information block header fields followed by the message information field. The SLC protocol software supports a maximum message information field size of 4000 bytes for low-level network messages or 3840 bytes for high-level network messages. For additional information on data content, see [Section 6.4.2 on page 85](#) and [Section 6.4.3 on page 88](#).

### 4.3.3 Priority Data

`DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` can be used only when SLC protocol service is configured. It is not supported when SLC envelope service is configured. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.13 on page 76](#).

`DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` contains an entire SLC high-priority message. The application writes this command to the ICP to transmit a high-priority message through the WAN interface to the SLC network. The application reads this response when the ICP reports a high-priority message received from the WAN interface to the SLC network.

After reading a `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` response, the application extracts the `iProtModifier` field value (the ICP message identifier consisting of the AML value and AML descriptor), performs any required message protection operations, then using same `iProtModifier` field value writes the `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` command to acknowledge that the message has been stored safely. The ICP examines the `iProtModifier` field, and if necessary, transmits a link control block with the corresponding acknowledge message label on the specified SLC network connection.

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command, the ICP uses the `iProtModifier` field (AML value) to compute a corresponding message block identifier for each information block transmitted. The application reads a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response when the ICP reports a corresponding acknowledgment. If the `iICPStatus` field value is `DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK`, receipt of a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response constitutes acknowledgment<sup>3</sup> that the specified message has been stored safely at a remote site. If the `iICPStatus` field value contains a negative error code value, receipt of a `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` response constitutes a failure in message transmission or a rejection of the specified message by the remote site.

Table 5–18 on page 77 lists symbolic names for the `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` AML values that can appear in the `iProtModifier` field for both writes and reads. The validity of these values is influenced by both the network level and the message length. An AML for a single-block message can be used only with a message that fits within a single transmission block on the SLC network. However, an AML for a multi-block message can be used for either a single-block message or a multi-block message.

The `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` data content is variable. It contains selected SLC information block header fields followed by the (optional) message information field. The SLC protocol software supports a maximum message information field size of 4000 bytes for low-level network messages or 3840 bytes for high-level network messages. For additional information on data content, see Section 6.4.2 on page 85 and Section 6.4.3 on page 88.

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3. In the case of messages sent with no protection indicated, `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` reports transmission success or failure.

#### **4.3.4 Transparent Data**

[DLI\\_PROT\\_SEND\\_TRANS\\_DATA](#) can be used only when SLC envelope service is configured. It can not be used when SLC protocol service is configured. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.15 on page 80](#).

[DLI\\_PROT\\_SEND\\_TRANS\\_DATA](#) contains a single SLC block. The application writes this command to the ICP to transmit a control block or an information block through the WAN interface to the SLC network. The application reads this response when the ICP reports a block received from the WAN interface to the SLC network. The application is responsible for handling all SLC protocol requirements beyond the simple SLC envelope service supported by the ICP. See [Section 2.1 on page 21](#).

## 4.4 Report Category

The Report category is used to request specific reports from the ICP.

### 4.4.1 Get Buffer Report

The `DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT` command requests the current ICP buffer usage. The ICP `DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT` response contains the requested buffer usage information. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.6 on page 68](#).

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT` command to the ICP, it does so with a zero-length data area. The ICP `DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT` response data area contains a report of current buffer usage for the entire ICP using the “C” structure format shown in [Figure 4–1](#), where “UINT32” is a 32-bit unsigned integer data type.

```
typedef struct slc_buf_report_struct
{
    UINT32    available_icp_block_buffers;
    UINT32    available_icp_message_buffers;
    UINT32    queued_rcv_empty_blocks;
    UINT32    queued_rcv_link_control_blocks;
    UINT32    queued_rcv_normal_blocks;
    UINT32    queued_rcv_priority_blocks;
    UINT32    queued_rcv_normal_message;
    UINT32    queued_rcv_priority_message;
    UINT32    queued_xmt_link_control_blocks;
    UINT32    queued_xmt_normal_blocks;
    UINT32    queued_xmt_priority_blocks;
    UINT32    queued_xmt_normal_message;
    UINT32    queued_xmt_priority_message;
} SLC_BUF_REPORT_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4–1:** SLC Buffer Report “C” Structure

#### 4.4.2 Get Link Configuration

The `DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG` command requests the current configuration of a specified SLC network connection. The ICP `DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG` response contains the requested configuration information. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.7 on page 69](#).

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG` command to the ICP, it does so with a zero-length data area. When the ICP replies to this command, the data area of the `DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG` response contains a specification list of all applicable configuration options for the specified SLC network connection. See [Section 4.2.3 on page 36](#).

#### 4.4.3 Get Software Version

The `DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER` command requests software version information from the protocol service on the ICP. The ICP `DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER` response contains the requested version information. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.8 on page 70](#).

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER` command to the ICP, it does so with a zero-length data area. When the ICP sends the corresponding `DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER` response, the data area contains a “c” format text string containing embedded new-line characters (`\n`) and is terminated by a null (`\0`) character.

#### 4.4.4 Get Statistics Report

The `DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT` command requests statistics for a specified SLC network connection. The ICP `DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT` response contains the requested statistics. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.8 on page 70](#).

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT` command to the ICP, it does so with a zero-length data area. The ICP `DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT` response data area contains statistics for the specified SLC network connection using

the “C” structure format shown in [Figure 4–2](#), where “UINT32” is a 32-bit unsigned integer data type.

```
typedef struct slc_statistics_report_struct
{
    UINT32          normal_message_in;
    UINT32          normal_message_out;
    UINT32          priority_message_in;
    UINT32          priority_message_out;
    struct slc_channel_counts_struct channel;
} SLC_STATISTICS_REPORT_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4–2:** SLC Statistics Report “C” Structure

The `slc_channel_counts_struct` within the `SLC_STATISTICS_REPORT_TYPE` and each of the structures within the `slc_channel_counts_struct` are defined in [Figure 4–3](#) through [Figure 4–7](#). Statistics for each channel associated with a specified SLC network connection are cleared when the application writes a `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` command to the ICP ([Section 4.2.3 on page 36](#)).

```
typedef struct slc_channel_counts_struct
{
    struct slc_port_counts_struct    port;
    struct slc_lci_counts_struct     lci_in;
    struct slc_lci_counts_struct     lci_out;
    struct slc_lsi_counts_struct     lsi_in;
    struct slc_lsi_counts_struct     lsi_out;
    struct slc_block_counts_struct   blocks_in;
    struct slc_block_counts_struct   blocks_out;
} SLC_CHANNEL_COUNTS_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4–3:** SLC Channel Counts “C” Structure



```
typedef struct slc_port_counts_struct
{
    UINT32    change_cts;
    UINT32    change_dcd;
    UINT32    change_dsr;
    UINT32    change_dtr;
    UINT32    change_rts;
    UINT32    rcv_bcc;
    UINT32    rcv_frame_too_long;
    UINT32    rcv_no_buffer;
    UINT32    rcv_overrun;
    UNIT32    rcv_parity;
    UINT32    rcv_unexpected_dle;
    UINT32    rcv_unexpected_etb;
    UINT32    rcv_unexpected_syn;
    UINT32    reset_tsi_in;
    UINT32    reset_tsi_out;
    UINT32    xmt_timeout;
    UNIT32    xmt_underrun;
} SLC_PORT_COUNTS_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4-4:** SLC Port Counts “C” Structure

```
typedef struct slc_lci_counts_struct
{
    UINT32    pdm;
    UINT32    aci;
    UINT32    hld;
    UINT32    full_protection;
    UINT32    limited_protection;
    UINT32    no_protection;
    UINT32    end_to_end_protection;
    UINT32    last_block;
    UINT32    not_last_block;
} SLC_LCI_COUNTS_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4-5:** SLC LCI Counts “C” Structure

```
typedef struct    slc_lsi_counts_struct
{
    UINT32    ack;
    UINT32    nak_parity_bcc;
    UINT32    nak_sequence;
    UINT32    enquiry;
    UINT32    aml;
    UINT32    stop[8];    /* [0] = stop all; [1...7] = stop [1...7]    */
    UINT32    resume[8];  /* [0] = resume all; [1...7] = resume [1...7]    */
} SLC_LSI_COUNTS_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4-6:** SLC LSI Counts “C” Structure

```
typedef struct slc_block_counts_struct
{
    UINT32    link_control_blocks;
    UINT32    network_control_blocks;
    UINT32    normal_message_blocks;
    UINT32    priority_message_blocks;
} SLC_BLOCK_COUNTS_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4-7:** SLC Block Counts “C” Structure

#### 4.4.5 Get Status Report

The `DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT` command requests operational status for a specified SLC network connection. The ICP `DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT` response contains the requested status. The header formats are detailed in [Section 5.10 on page 72](#).

When the application writes a `DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT` command to the ICP, it does so with a zero-length data area. When the ICP sends the corresponding `DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT` response, the data area reports the status of operation for the specified SLC network connection using the “C” structure format in [Figure 4–8](#).

```
typedef struct  slc_status_report_struct
{
    struct      slc_msg_status_struct    rcv_normal [NUMBER_OF_AMLS];
    struct      slc_msg_status_struct    rcv_priority [NUMBER_OF_AMLS];
                                         /* One per possible AML value */
    struct      slc_msg_status_struct    xmt_normal [NUMBER_OF_AMLS];
    struct      slc_msg_status_struct    xmt_priority [NUMBER_OF_AMLS];
                                         /* One per possible AML value */
    struct      slc_channel_status_struct channel[CONSTANT_MAX_NETWORK_CHANNELS];
} SLC_STATUS_REPORT_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4–8:** SLC Status Report “C” Structure

Each structure type shown within the `SLC_STATUS_REPORT_TYPE` is defined in [Figure 4–9](#) and [Figure 4–10](#), where “UINT16” is a 16-bit unsigned integer data type.

```
typedef struct   slc_msg_status_struct
{
    UINT16    aml;          /* See Table 5-16 and Table 5-18 */
    UINT16    blocks_acked;
    UINT16    blocks_failed;
    UINT16    blocks_pending;
    UINT16    blocks_total;
    UINT16    characters;
    UINT16    reserved;
    UINT16    state;        /* SLC_MSG_AML_AVAILABLE,
                           SLC_MSG_AML_FORBIDDEN,
                           SLC_MSG_PENDING_TO_HOST,
                           SLC_MSG_RECEIVING_FROM_NETWORK,
                           SLC_MSG_REPORTING_TO_HOST,
                           SLC_MSG_PENDING_TO_NETWORK,
                           SLC_MSG_SENDING_TO_NETWORK,
                           SLC_MSG_WAITING_NETWORK_ACK,
                           or SLC_MSG_WAITING_HOST_ACK */
} SLC_MSG_STATUS_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4-9: SLC Message Status “C” Structure**

```
typedef struct   slc_channel_status_struct
{
    UINT16    channel_number; /* Number 1..7 */
    UINT16    status_validity; /* 0 = Invalid; 1 = Valid */
    UINT16    flow_state;     /* SLC_FLOW_RESUME (default),
                           SLC_FLOW_FAULT_ENQUIRY,
                           SLC_FLOW_INITIALIZATION,
                           SLC_FLOW_FAILURE,
                           or SLC_FLOW_STOP */
    UINT16    opr_channel_state; /* SLC_OPR_CHANNEL_START (default)
                           or SLC_OPR_CHANNEL_STOP */
    UINT16    opr_in_state;    /* SLC_OPR_IN_RESUME (default)
                           or SLC_OPR_IN_STOP */
    UINT16    opr_out_state;   /* SLC_OPR_OUT_RESUME (default)
                           or SLC_OPR_OUT_STOP */
    UINT16    opr_send_state;  /* zero (default)
                           or SLC_OPR_SEND_STOP_ALL
                           or SLC_OPR_SEND_STOP_C1... C7
                           or SLC_OPR_SEND_RESUME_ALL
                           or SLC_OPR_SEND_RESUME_C1... C7 */
    UINT16    state_cts;       /* SLC_SIG_OFF, SLC_SIG_ON,
                           or SLC_SIG_UNSTABLE */
    UINT16    state_dcd;       /* SLC_SIG_OFF...etc. */
    UINT16    state_dsr;       /* SLC_SIG_OFF...etc. */
    UINT16    state_dtr;       /* SLC_SIG_OFF...etc. */
    UINT16    state_rts;       /* SLC_SIG_OFF...etc. */
} SLC_CHANNEL_STATUS_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4-10: SLC Channel Status “C” Structure**

## 4.5 Trace Category

### 4.5.1 Link Trace Data

The `DLI_PROT_LINK_TRACE_DATA` response contains one or more trace report entries. Each report entry contains an `event_header_struct` structure (Figure 4–11), followed by a 16-bit sample size, a 16-bit packet size, and an optional data trace field.

Each trace report (Figure 4–12) begins on a 32-bit boundary within the data area. If the optional data trace (of the preceding trace report entry) does not end on a proper boundary, the trace report is padded to the next 32-bit bound.

In the client software directory for the SLC protocol, the `slc_trac.h` file identifies these two structures. The client program `slc_trac.c` provides an example of how to access the SLC protocol line tracing capability.

```
typedef struct    event_header_struct
{
    INT8          channel;          /* 0 == All network channels
                                     N == Nth network channel      */
    INT8          code;
    INT8          id;
    INT8          status;
    UINT32        msTimeStamp;
} EVENT_HEADER_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4–11:** SLC Trace Event Header “C” Structure

```
typedef struct    event_report_struct
{
    struct event_header_struct event;
    INT16          sample_size;     /* Sample size sent to client      */
    INT16          packet_size;     /* Packet size received on data link */
    char           sample[4];       /* Run-time dimension == sample_size
                                     /* Padded to next LONG bound      */
} EVENT_REPORT_TYPE;
```

**Figure 4–12:** SLC Trace Report “C” Structure

[Figure 4–13](#) shows how to run the `slc_trac` trace program from the command-line prompt on a typical UNIX client. The program requires three parameters, which the operator provides either on the command-line itself, or as answers to questions displayed by the `slc_trac` program (as shown in **bold type**). The actual method for executing the `slc_trac` program on your client may differ from the method shown.

```
prompt% slc_trac
ICP board number (0-5) [0]? 0
ICP link number (0-7) [0]? 0
Trace mode (0=brief, 1=full) [0]? 0

SLC Trace Program.
  ICP board number: 0
  ICP link number: 0
  DLI session name: BOLO
```

**Figure 4–13:** Running the `slc_trac` Program on a UNIX Client

The `slc_trac` program outputs all trace data to the standard error device (`stderr`) as formatted ASCII text. In most client environments, the operator can redirect standard error output to a file or view output directly on the terminal display screen. [Figure 4–14](#) shows a sample of `slc_trac` program trace data output in brief format. [Figure 4–15](#) shows a sample of `slc_trac` program trace data output in full format.

## TIME-STAMP EVENT STATUS

```

1240.705 TRACE ON
1240.805 DTR_1 ON
1241.005 DCD_1 ON
1241.005 DSR_1 ON
1241.005 RTS_1 ON
1241.005 CTS_1 ON
1241.015 XMT_1 5 ENQ TSN=00
1241.025 RCV_1 5 ENQ TSN=00
1241.040 RCV_1 5 ACK TSN=00
1241.040 XMT_1 5 ACK TSN=00
1241.155 RCV_1 130 TSN=01 MBI=0x00 AML=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.155 XMT_1 130 TSN=01 MBI=0x00 AML=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.270 RCV_1 130 TSN=02 MBI=0x20 AML=SLC_AML_B_ND
1241.270 XMT_1 130 TSN=02 MBI=0x20 AML=SLC_AML_B_ND
1241.280 RCV_1 5 AML Code=0x01 Name=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.280 XMT_1 5 AML Code=0x01 Name=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.305 XMT_1 5 AML Code=0x21 Name=SLC_AML_B_ND
1241.320 RCV_1 5 AML Code=0x21 Name=SLC_AML_B_ND
1241.440 XMT_1 130 TSN=03 MBI=0x00 AML=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.450 RCV_1 130 TSN=03 MBI=0x00 AML=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.555 XMT_1 130 TSN=04 MBI=0x20 AML=SLC_AML_B_ND
1241.565 RCV_1 130 TSN=04 MBI=0x20 AML=SLC_AML_B_ND
1241.565 XMT_1 5 AML Code=0x01 Name=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.580 RCV_1 5 AML Code=0x01 Name=SLC_AML_A_ND
1241.580 XMT_1 5 ACK TSN=04
1241.590 RCV_1 5 ACK TSN=04
1241.805 RTS_1 OFF
1241.805 DTR_1 OFF
1241.910 CTS_1 OFF
1242.010 DCD_1 OFF
1242.010 DSR_1 OFF

```

**Figure 4-14:** Sample of Brief Format slc\_trac Trace Data Output

TIME-STAMP EVENT STATUS

```

1289.710 TRACE ON
1289.810 DTR_1 ON
1290.010 DCD_1 ON
1290.010 DSR_1 ON
1290.010 RTS_1 ON
1290.010 CTS_1 ON
1290.020 XMT_1 5 ENQ TSN=00
0000: 10 24 40 17 63 .$.@.c
1290.030 RCV_1 5 ENQ TSN=00
0000: 10 24 40 17 63 .$.@.c
1290.045 RCV_1 5 ACK TSN=00
0000: 10 21 40 17 66 .!$.f
1290.045 XMT_1 5 ACK TSN=00
0000: 10 21 40 17 66 .!$.f
1290.160 RCV_1 130 TSN=01 MBI=0x00 AML=SLC_AML_A_ND
0000: 10 61 00 41 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 41 61 42 .a.A876543210AaB
0010: 62 43 63 44 64 45 65 46 66 47 67 48 68 49 69 4a bCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJ
0020: 6a 4b 6b 4c 6c 4d 6d 4e 6e 4f 6f 50 70 51 71 52 jKkLlMmNnOoPpQqR
0030: 72 53 73 54 74 55 75 56 76 57 77 58 78 59 79 5a rSsTtUuVvWwXxYyZ
0040: 7a 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 43 44 45 z0123456789ABCDE
0050: 46 47 48 49 4a 4b 4c 4d 4e 4f 50 51 52 53 54 55 FGHlJKLMNOPQRSTU
0060: 56 57 58 59 5a 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6a 6b VWXYZabcdefghijk
0070: 6c 6d 6e 6f 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7a 0d lmnopqrstuvwxyz.
0080: 17 13 ..
1290.160 XMT_1 130 TSN=01 MBI=0x00 AML=SLC_AML_A_ND
0000: 10 61 00 41 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 43 .a.A123456789ABC
0010: 44 45 46 47 48 49 4a 4b 4c 4d 4e 4f 50 51 52 53 DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRS
0020: 54 55 56 57 58 59 5a 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 TUVWXYZabcdefghi
0030: 6a 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 jklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0040: 7a 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 41 61 42 62 43 z9876543210AaBbC
0050: 63 44 64 45 65 46 66 47 67 48 68 49 69 4a 6a 4b cDdEeFfGgHhIiJjK
0060: 6b 4c 6c 4d 6d 4e 6e 4f 6f 50 70 51 71 52 72 53 kLlMmNnOoPpQqRrS
0070: 73 54 74 55 75 56 76 57 77 58 78 59 79 5a 7a 0d sTtUuVvWwXxYyZz.
0080: 17 1a ..
1290.275 RCV_1 130 TSN=02 MBI=0x20 AML=SLC_AML_B_ND
0000: 10 62 20 41 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 41 61 42 62 .b.A76543210AaBb
0010: 43 63 44 64 45 65 46 66 47 67 48 68 49 69 4a 6a CcDdEeFfGgHhIiJj
0020: 4b 6b 4c 6c 4d 6d 4e 6e 4f 6f 50 70 51 71 52 72 KkLlMmNnOoPpQqRr
0030: 53 73 54 74 55 75 56 76 57 77 58 78 59 79 5a 7a SsTtUuVvWwXxYyZz
0040: 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 43 44 45 46 0123456789ABCDEF
0050: 47 48 49 4a 4b 4c 4d 4e 4f 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV
0060: 57 58 59 5a 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6a 6b 6c WXYZabcdefghijk
0070: 6d 6e 6f 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7a 39 0d mnopqrstuvwxyz9.
0080: 17 31 .1
1290.275 XMT_1 130 TSN=02 MBI=0x20 AML=SLC_AML_B_ND
0000: 10 62 20 41 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 43 44 .b.A23456789ABCD
0010: 45 46 47 48 49 4a 4b 4c 4d 4e 4f 50 51 52 53 54 EFGHIJKLMNOPQRST
0020: 55 56 57 58 59 5a 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6a UVWXYZabcdefghij
0030: 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7a klmnopqrstuvwxyz
0040: 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 41 61 42 62 43 63 9876543210AaBbCc
0050: 44 64 45 65 46 66 47 67 48 68 49 69 4a 6a 4b 6b DdEeFfGgHhIiJjKk^L

```

Figure 4-15: Sample of Full Format slc\_trac Trace Data Output



# Header Formats

The application and the SLC protocol software on the ICP communicate by sending commands and responses. This chapter identifies the format of each command and response. [Table 5–1 on page 58](#) gives an overview of the categories of commands and responses used by the SLC protocol. The individual header formats are presented alphabetically by command/response name in [Section 5.1](#) through [Section 5.16](#).

[Figure 5–1](#) gives the “C” definition of the optional arguments structure (DLI\_OPT\_ARGS) used when making calls to the DLI interface. [Figure 5–2](#) shows a typical definition of the comparable structures used when making calls directly to a driver interface. [Table 5–2](#) compares the fields used to interface to the DLI versus a driver and also gives a general overview of the typical field values used for the SLC protocol, though there are some request-specific differences noted in the following sections. Refer to the *Freeway Client-Server Interface Control Document* for using the socket interface.

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**Note**

Most of the fields within the ICP\_PACKET structure are in network byte-order. However, each field name that starts with “usProt” or “iProt” is in client byte-order. The client must declare its byte-order characteristics in the [iICPStatus](#) field of each command when making non-DLI calls.

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**Table 5–1: Command and Response Category Summary**

Category	Code and Header Format Reference Section	SLC Protocol Usage
Access	DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH (Section 5.1 on page 62)	Write: Request SLC network access Read: Confirm/deny SLC network access
	DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH (Section 5.5 on page 67)	Write: Relinquish SLC network access Read: Confirm/deny SLC network access relinquished
Link	DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND (Section 5.2 on page 63)	Write: Request SLC network connect Read: Confirm/deny SLC network connect
	DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND (Section 5.16 on page 81)	Write: Request SLC network disconnect Read: Confirm/deny SLC network disconnect
	DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK (Section 5.3 on page 64)	Write: Set SLC network connection configuration Read: Report SLC network connection configuration
	DLI_PROT_CONTROL (Section 5.4 on page 65)	Write: Exert operator control Read: Report network control
Data	DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK (Section 5.14 on page 78)	Write: Transmit message acknowledgment Read: Receive message acknowledgment
	DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA (Section 5.12 on page 74)	Write: Transmit low-priority message Read: Receive low-priority message
	DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA (Section 5.13 on page 76)	Write: Transmit high-priority message Read: Receive high-priority message
	DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA (Section 5.15 on page 80)	Write: Transmit block Read: Receive block
Report	DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT (Section 5.6 on page 68)	Write: Query SLC buffer usage status Read: Report SLC buffer usage status
	DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG (Section 5.7 on page 69)	Write: Query SLC network connection configuration Read: Report SLC network connection configuration
	DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER (Section 5.8 on page 70)	Write: Query SLC software version Read: Report SLC software version
	DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT (Section 5.9 on page 71)	Write: Query SLC network connection statistics Read: Report SLC network connection statistics
	DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT (Section 5.10 on page 72)	Write: Query SLC network connection status Read: Report SLC network connection status
Trace	DLI_PROT_LINK_TRACE_DATA (Section 5.11 on page 73)	Read only

```

typedef struct      _DLI_OPT_ARGS
{
    unsigned short  usFWPacketType;    /* Server's packet type */
    unsigned short  usFWCommand;       /* Server's cmd sent or rcvd */
    unsigned short  usFWStatus;        /* Server's status of I/O ops */
    unsigned short  usICPClientID;     /* old su_id - not used */
    unsigned short  usICPServerID;     /* old sp_id - not used */
    unsigned short  usICPCommand;      /* ICP's command. */
    short           iICPStatus;        /* ICP's command status */
    unsigned short  usICPParms[3];     /* ICP's extra parameters */
    unsigned short  usProtCommand;     /* protocol command */
    short           iProtModifier;     /* protocol cmd's modifier */
    unsigned short  usProtLinkID;      /* protocol link ID */
    unsigned short  usProtCircuitID;   /* protocol circuit ID */
    unsigned short  usProtSessionID;   /* protocol session ID */
    unsigned short  usProtSequence;    /* protocol sequence */
    unsigned short  usProtXParms[1];   /* protocol extra parameters */
} DLI_OPT_ARGS;
typedef DLI_OPT_ARGS *PDLI_OPT_ARGS;
#define DLI_OPT_ARGS_SIZE sizeof(DLI_OPT_ARGS)

```

**Figure 5–1:** “C” Definition of Optional Arguments Structure (DLI Calls)

```
typedef struct    _ICP_PACKET
{
    ICP_HDR      icp_hdr;          /* Network-ordered header      */
    PROT_HDR     prot_hdr;         /* Host-ordered header         */
    char         *data;            /* Variable length data array  */
} ICP_PACKET;

typedef struct    _ICP_HDR
{
    unsigned short usICPClientID; /* Old su_id                   */
    unsigned short usICPServerID; /* Old sp_id                   */
    unsigned short usICPCount;    /* Size of PROT_HDR plus data  */
                                /* (Used only in non-DLI calls) */
    unsigned short usICPCommand;  /* ICP's command               */
    short          iICPStatus;    /* ICP's command status        */
    unsigned short usICPParms[3]; /* ICP's extra parameters      */
} ICP_HDR;

typedef struct    _PROT_HDR
{
    unsigned short usProtCommand; /* Protocol command            */
    short          iProtModifier; /* Protocol command's modifier */
    unsigned short usProtLinkID;  /* Protocol link ID            */
    unsigned short usProtCircuitID; /* Protocol circuit ID         */
    unsigned short usProtSessionID; /* Protocol session ID         */
    unsigned short usProtSequence; /* Protocol sequence           */
    unsigned short usProtXParms[2]; /* Protocol extra parameters    */
} PROT_HDR;
```

**Figure 5-2:** “C” Definition of ICP Packet Structure (Driver Calls)

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**Note**

The `usICPCount` field in the ICP header is unique to non-DLI calls. It is not used in DLI calls.

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**Table 5–2:** Comparison of Optional Arguments Usage (DLI versus Driver Calls)

DLI_OPT_ARGS Field Name (DLI Calls)	ICP_PACKET Field Name (Driver Calls)	Typical SLC Protocol Value
<b>Server Header Fields (network byte-order)</b>		
usFWPacketType	Omitted	FW_DATA
usFWCommand	Omitted	FW_ICP_WRITE FW_ICP_READ
usFWStatus	Omitted	0
<b>ICP Header Fields<sup>a</sup></b>		
usICPClientID	icp_hdr.usICPClientID	0
usICPServerID	icp_hdr.usICPServerID	0
Omitted	icp_hdr.usICPCount	Size of PROT_HDR plus data (non-DLI calls only)
usICPCommand	icp_hdr.usICPCommand	During session establishment: DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND During I/O operations: DLI_ICP_CMD_READ DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE
iICPStatus	icp_hdr.iICPStatus	Write: Client memory order: 0x0000 = Big Endian (i.e., SUN) 0x4000 = Little Endian (i.e., DEC) Read: Command status code: DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK or negative error code (slc_errs.h file)
usICPParms[0]	icp_hdr.usICPParms[0]	ICP return node from DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH
usICPParms[1]	icp_hdr.usICPParms[1]	0
usICPParms[2]	icp_hdr.usICPParms[2]	0
<b>Protocol Header Fields<sup>a</sup></b>		
usProtCommand	prot_hdr.usProtCommand	Request dependent (see Table 5–1 on page 58)
iProtModifier	prot_hdr.iProtModifier	Request dependent
usProtLinkID	prot_hdr.usProtLinkID	ICP link number associated with channel 1 of SLC network connection
usProtCircuitID	prot_hdr.usProtCircuitID	Zero (except DLI_PROT_CONTROL or DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT requests)
usProtSessionID	prot_hdr.usProtSessionID	Protocol Session ID from DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH response
usProtSequence	prot_hdr.usProtSequence	0
usProtXParms[0]	prot_hdr.usProtXParms[0]	0
usProtXParms[1]	prot_hdr.usProtXParms[1]	0
<b>Data: DLI calls – data is buffered separately. Non-DLI calls – data array immediately follows headers.</b>		

<sup>a</sup> For non-DLI calls, ICP Header fields must be network byte-order, and Protocol Header fields must be client byte order.

## 5.1 Attach (All Access Modes)

Table 5–3 shows the `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` header format. See Section 4.1.1 on page 35 for a functional description. There is no associated data area.

**Table 5–3: `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` Header Format**

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= ICP return node <sup>b</sup>	= ICP return node
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= Access mode (Table 4–1 on page 33)	= Access mode (Table 4–1 on page 33)
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= 0	= Session ID assigned by ICP <sup>c</sup>
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

<sup>b</sup> The ICP requires that each `DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH` command written to the ICP declare the ICP node number (3–126) through which the ICP is to send responses to the application. The DLI application programming interface handles this automatically.

<sup>c</sup> This returned Session ID must be provided on all subsequent writes for this link.

## 5.2 Bind (*Master* or *Control* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–4 shows the `DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND` header format. See Section 4.2.1 on page 36 for a functional description. There is no associated data area.

**Table 5–4:** `DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

### 5.3 Configure Link (*Master* or *Control* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–5 shows the `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` header format. See Section 4.2.3 on page 36 for a functional description and information regarding the associated data area.

**Table 5–5: `DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK` Header Format**

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_CFG_LINK</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0 <sup>b</sup>
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

<sup>b</sup> When `iICPStatus` contains a negative error code, `usProtXParms[0]` and `usProtXParms[1]` report the invalid configuration item number and value.



## 5.4 Control (*Master* or *Control* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–6 shows the `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` header format. See Section 4.2.4 on page 40 for a functional description. There is no associated data area. Table 5–7 lists the supported operator control options.

**Table 5–6: `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` Header Format**

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_CONTROL</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_CONTROL</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= Operator control option (Table 5–7)	= Operator control option (Table 5–7)
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= SLC channel number (Table 5–7)	= SLC channel number (Table 5–7)
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

**Table 5–7:** `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` Operator Control Options

SLC Command Code ( <code>iProtModifier</code> Field)	Operator Control Option Command Description	SLC Channel Number ( <code>usProtCircuitID</code> Field)
<b>Write Options:</b>		<b>0</b> = All channels (1...7) <b>1...7</b> = Individual channel (See footnote a below)
<code>SLC_OPR_CHANNEL_START</code>	Set channel online	
<code>SLC_OPR_CHANNEL_STOP</code>	Set channel offline	
<code>SLC_OPR_IN_RESUME</code>	Report incoming data	
<code>SLC_OPR_IN_STOP</code>	Discard all incoming data	
<code>SLC_OPR_OUT_RESUME</code>	Transmit outgoing data	
<code>SLC_OPR_OUT_STOP</code>	Hold outgoing data	
<code>SLC_OPR_SEND_RESUME_ALL</code>	Send LCB <sup>b</sup> ; resume all channel(s)	
<code>SLC_OPR_SEND_RESUME_C1...C7<sup>a</sup></code>	Resume channel 1...Resume channel 7	
<code>SLC_OPR_SEND_STOP_ALL</code>	Send LCB; stop all channel(s)	
<code>SLC_OPR_SEND_STOP_C1...C7<sup>a</sup></code>	Stop channel 1...Stop channel 7	
<b>Read Options:</b>		
<code>SLC_FLOW_RESUME_ALL</code>	Send LCB; resume all channel(s)	
<code>SLC_FLOW_RESUME_C1...C7<sup>a</sup></code>	Resume channel 1...Resume channel 7	
<code>SLC_FLOW_STOP_ALL</code>	Send LCB; stop all channel(s)	
<code>SLC_FLOW_STOP_C1...C7<sup>a</sup></code>	Stop channel 1...Stop channel 7	

<sup>a</sup> For the `SLC_OPR_SEND*` write codes and the `SLC_FLOW*` read codes, the `iProtModifier` field is specified in combination with the `usProtCircuitID` field. For these codes, the `iProtModifier` field controls the content of the command sent, and the `usProtCircuitID` field controls the channel(s) used to send the command to the SLC network; the specified channels could be different for the two fields.

<sup>b</sup> Link Control Block (LCB)

## 5.5 Detach (*Master*, *Reader*, *Control* or *Trace* Access Mode)

Table 5–8 shows the `DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH` header format. See Section 4.1.2 on page 35 for a functional description. There is no associated data area.

**Table 5–8:** `DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_DETACH</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

## 5.6 Get Buffer Report (*Master*, *Reader*, or *Control* Access Mode)

Table 5–9 is the `DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT` header format. See Section 4.4.1 on page 46 for a functional description and the report format associated with the response.

**Table 5–9:** `DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_BUF_REPORT</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

## 5.7 Get Link Configuration (*Master*, *Reader*, or *Control* Access Mode)

Table 5–10 is the `DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG` header format. See Section 4.4.2 on page 47 for a functional description and the report format associated with the response.

**Table 5–10:** `DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_LINK_CFG</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

## 5.8 Get Software Version (*Master*, *Reader*, or *Control* Mode)

Table 5–11 shows the `DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER` header format. See Section 4.4.3 on page 47 for a functional description and the report format associated with the response.

**Table 5–11:** `DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_SOFTWARE_VER</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

## 5.9 Get Statistics Report (*Master*, *Reader*, or *Control* Mode)

Table 5–11 shows the `DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT` header format. See Section 4.4.4 on page 47 for a functional description and the report format associated with the response.

**Table 5–12:** `DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_STATISTICS_REPORT</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0 = Summary of all channels 1...7 = Individual channel	= 0 = Summary of all channels 1...7 = Individual channel
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

## 5.10 Get Status Report (*Master*, *Reader*, or *Control* Mode)

Table 5–13 is the `DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT` header format. See Section 4.4.5 on page 51 for a functional description and the report format associated with the response.

**Table 5–13:** `DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_GET_STATUS_REPORT</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.



## 5.11 Link Trace Data (*Trace* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–14 shows the read-only `DLI_PROT_LINK_TRACE_DATA` header format. See Section 4.5.1 on page 53 for a functional description and the data format associated with the response.

**Table 5–14:** `DLI_PROT_LINK_TRACE_DATA` Header Format

Field	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>	
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>	
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= 0
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>	
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_LINK_TRACE_DATA</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

## 5.12 Normal Data (**Master** Access Mode Only)

Table 5–15 shows the `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` header format. See Section 4.3.2 on page 42 for a functional description and information regarding the associated data area.

**Table 5–15:** `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= Bits 0–7 = AML value (Table 5–16)	= Bits 0–7 = AML value (Table 5–16) Bits 8–15 = AML descriptor
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

**Table 5–16:** `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` AML Values

AML Symbolic Name	Acknowledge Message Label Description
<code>SLC_AML_A_ND</code>	Normal Data message
<code>SLC_AML_B_ND</code>	Normal Data message
<code>SLC_AML_C_ND</code>	Normal Data message
<code>SLC_AML_D_ND</code>	Normal Data message
<code>SLC_AML_E_ND</code>	Normal Data message
<code>SLC_AML_F_ND</code>	Normal Data message
<code>SLC_AML_G_ND</code>	Normal Data message
<code>SLC_AML_H_ND_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message
<code>SLC_AML_I_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_J_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_K_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_L_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_M_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_N_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_O_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_P_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_Q_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_R_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_S_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)
<code>SLC_AML_T_NDH_SBM</code>	Normal Data single-block message (high-level network only)

### 5.13 Priority Data (*Master* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–17 shows the `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` header format. See Section 4.3.3 on page 43 for a functional description and information regarding the associated data area.

**Table 5–17: `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` Header Format**

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= Bits 0–7 = AML value (Table 5–18)	= Bits 0–7 = AML value (Table 5–18) Bits 8–15 = AML descriptor
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

**Table 5–18:** `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` AML Values

AML Symbolic Name	Acknowledge Message Label Description
SLC_AML_A_PD	Priority Data message
SLC_AML_B_PD	Priority Data message
SLC_AML_C_PD	Priority Data message
SLC_AML_D_PD	Priority Data message
SLC_AML_E_PD	Priority Data message
SLC_AML_F_PD	Priority Data message
SLC_AML_G_PD	Priority Data message
SLC_AML_H_PD_SBM	Priority Data single-block message
SLC_AML_I_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_J_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_K_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_L_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_M_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_N_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_O_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_P_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_Q_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_R_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_S_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)
SLC_AML_T_PDH_SBM	Priority Data single-block message (high-level network only)

## 5.14 Safe Store Acknowledgment (*Master* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–19 shows the `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` header format. See Section 4.3.1 on page 41 for a functional description. There is no associated data area.

**Table 5–19:** `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= Bits 0–7 = AML value (Table 5–16 and Table 5–18) Bits 8–15 = AML descriptor (Table 5–20)	= Bits 0–7 = AML value (Table 5–16 and Table 5–18) Bits 8–15 = AML descriptor (Table 5–20)
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.

**Table 5–20:** `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` AML Descriptors

Bit Field Mask Name	Bit Field Values
AMD_MASK_PROTECTION	AMD_FULL_PROTECTION
	AMD_NO_PROTECTION
	AMD_LIMITED_PROTECTION
	AMD_END_TO_END_PROTECTION
AMD_MASK_PRIORITY	AMD_LOW_PRIORITY
	AMD_HIGH_PRIORITY
AMD_MASK_NETWORK	AMD_LOW_NETWORK
	AMD_HIGH_NETWORK
AMD_MASK_BLOCKS	AMD_SINGLE_BLOCK
	AMD_2_BLOCKS
	...
	AMD_16_BLOCKS

## 5.15 Transparent Data (*Master* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–21 shows the `DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA` header format. See Section 4.3.4 on page 45 for a functional description and information regarding the associated data area.

**Table 5–21:** `DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 + data size (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_WRITE</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_READ</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA</code>	= <code>DLI_PROT_SEND_TRANS_DATA</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.



## 5.16 Unbind (*Master* or *Control* Access Mode Only)

Table 5–22 shows the `DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND` header format. See Section 4.2.2 on page 36 for a functional description. There is no associated data area.

**Table 5–22:** `DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND` Header Format

Field	Command Value (Write)	Response Value (Read)
<b>Freeway Header (network byte-order; used in DLI calls only):</b>		
<code>usFWPacketType</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>	= <code>FW_DATA</code>
<code>usFWCommand</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_WRITE</code>	= <code>FW_ICP_READ</code>
<code>usFWStatus</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>ICP Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usICPClientID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPServerID</code>	= 0	= 0
<sup>a</sup> <code>usICPCount</code>	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)	= 16 (non-DLI calls only)
<code>usICPCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND</code>
<code>iICPStatus</code>	= Client memory order (Table 5–2 on page 61)	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK</code> or negative error code ( <code>slc_errs.h</code> file)
<code>usICPParms[0]</code>	= 0	= ICP return node from Attach cmd
<code>usICPParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usICPParms[2]</code>	= 0	= 0
<b>Protocol Header<sup>a</sup></b>		
<code>usProtCommand</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND</code>	= <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_UNBIND</code>
<code>iProtModifier</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtLinkID</code>	= Link number	= Link number
<code>usProtCircuitID</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtSessionID</code>	= Session ID from Attach response	= Session ID from Attach response
<code>usProtSequence</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[0]</code>	= 0	= 0
<code>usProtXParms[1]</code>	= 0	= 0

<sup>a</sup> Requirements for non-DLI calls: ICP Header fields must be in network byte-order, Protocol Header fields must be in client byte order, and the ICP Header `usICPCount` field is required.



This chapter describes recommended strategies for programming applications to access SLC network connections using the SLC protocol software.

## **6.1 SLC Envelope Service versus SLC Protocol Service**

The SLC envelope service gives the application direct control over most ICP link operations, but requires the application to take complete responsibility for the results. The SLC protocol service is provided to make the SLC protocol software easier to use, but reduces application control over and visibility into ICP link operations.

When the SLC protocol service is used, the message blocking operations on the ICP prevent the forwarding of a message to the client until all message blocks have been received. Therefore, network transit centers cannot forward a message until all message blocks have been received by the ICP and the message sent to the application. In a network that has several transit centers between entry and exit centers, accumulated message transit delay could become noticeable. At the cost of increased application complexity, SLC envelope service can be used to reduce such delays by allowing the application to forward message blocks immediately when appropriate.

## **6.2 Application Simplification Using Access Modes**

The architecture of an application has a significant influence on design complexity, and hence on implementation and maintenance costs over the life-time of the software project. By dividing a large problem domain into smaller well-defined tasks, the software developer can usually reduce the effort needed to achieve a successful solution.

Since the SLC protocol software supports multiple access modes simultaneously, the design of an application can be simplified by dividing its responsibilities among several independent processes. For example, a process under operator control could use `SLC_CONTROL_MODE` access to manage link configuration and operations. A second process could use `SLC_READER_MODE` access to gather and record statistics automatically. Finally, a third process could use `SLC_MASTER_MODE` access to handle all SLC message traffic for the SLC network connection. Together, the three processes implement an application that manages one SLC network connection and all of its associated physical channels.

### **6.3 Layered Applications**

A layered application solves multiple problems by coordinating independent solutions to each. For example, a layered application might handle Data Link Operation and Network Routing by coordinating the interactions between other applications that handle these tasks independently.

When more than one SLC network connection is needed, each SLC network connection and its associated SLC channels could be managed independently by an application such as the three-process application described in [Section 6.2](#) Using interprocess communications on the client computer, a layered application can coordinate traffic between low-level SLC network connections and high-level SLC network connections to implement entry/exit center operations. By adding another application to support network routing, a layered application could also implement transit center operations.

### **6.4 Data Content Dependencies**

The SLC protocol service provided is sensitive to the content of selected portions of the message header. The client application is responsible for conforming to the message header format constraints for the configured level of network service. Each section that follows identifies specific message header requirements for each level of SLC network service provided. For more complete information on SLC protocol message formats,

refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) document referenced on [page 13](#) of the *Preface*.

#### 6.4.1 [SLC\\_ENVELOPE\\_SERVICE](#)

This level of SLC service provides transparent transmission and reception of SLC blocks without regard for content. This service requires that the client application provide the content of the SLC frame excluding the leading SYN and DLE control characters, the trailing ETB control character and the Block Check Character (BCC).

The SLC protocol service is not content-sensitive. The client application can send and receive SLC Link Control Blocks (LCBs) and/or Information Blocks directly using [DLI\\_PROT\\_SEND\\_TRANS\\_DATA](#) commands and responses. However, the content of each specified block must *exclude* control characters such as SYN, DLE and/or ETB.

#### 6.4.2 [SLC\\_LOW\\_LEVEL\\_NETWORK](#)

This level of SLC service performs message segmentation and reconstruction operations for low-level network format messages. This requires that the SLC service control the construction of the Transmission Sequence Identifier and the Message Block Identifier fields within each transmitted SLC block.

At the client interface, the [usProtCommand](#) field determines the message priority indication in the constructed Transmission Sequence Identifier field. The [DLI\\_PROT\\_SEND\\_NORM\\_DATA](#) command is associated with a Transmission Sequence Identifier field that contains a low-priority indicator. The [DLI\\_PROT\\_SEND\\_PRIOR\\_DATA](#) command is associated with a Transmission Sequence Identifier field that contains a high-priority indicator.

The [iProtModifier](#) field determines the Acknowledge Message Label portion of the Message Block Identifier series for the message. The [DLI\\_PROT\\_SEND\\_NORM\\_DATA](#) command allows [iProtModifier](#) field values of [SLC\\_AML\\_A\\_ND](#) through [SLC\\_AML\\_G\\_ND](#) for all message lengths, and restricts [SLC\\_AML\\_H\\_ND\\_SBM](#) to single block messages. The

`DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command allows `iProtModifier` field values of `SLC_AML_A_PD` through `SLC_AML_G_PD` for all message lengths, and restricts `SLC_AML_H_PD_SBM` to single block messages.

The client application cannot send Link Control Blocks directly. However, the client can use the `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` command to request transmission of an SLC Link Control Block that contains a STOP flow or RESUME flow request. Furthermore, the `DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` command causes the SLC protocol service to determine whether to transmit a Link Control Block that contains a corresponding Acknowledge Message Label (AML).

#### 6.4.2.1 Low-level Network Message Structure

Figure 6–1 shows the structure of message header information within the data field of all `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` and `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` commands and responses when the SLC network connection is configured for low-level network service. This structure is also defined within the `slc_blks.h` “C” include file.

```
typedef struct user_low_level_message_struct
{
    UINT8 lci;
    /* Optional ACI (and extension) inserted here
       REPLACE first few "info" field characters. */
    UINT8 info [CONSTANT_MAX_LO_NET_INFO_BLOCK];
} USER_LOW_LEVEL_MESSAGE_TYPE;
```

**Figure 6–1:** Low-level Network Message Header Structure

Note that transmission sequence identifier and message block identifier fields do not appear within this message structure definition. The SLC protocol service on the ICP handles these two requirements automatically as it provides message-blocking support.

### 6.4.2.2 Link Characteristics Identifier (LCI)

The link characteristics identifier field is required in each SLC message sent or received on a low-level SLC network. Shown as the `lci` field in [Figure 6–1 on page 86](#), the LCI appears as the first byte in the data area of each `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` or `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command or response. [Table 6–1](#) shows the internal format of the LCI field. See also the `slc_bkls.h` “C” include file.

**Table 6–1:** Link Characteristics Identifier (LCI) on Low-level Networks

Link Characteristics Identifier (LCI) — One Character	
<code>LCI_BASE_VALUE</code>	Always set
<code>LCI_PDM</code>	Possible Duplicate Message (PDM) when set
<code>LCI_ACI_PRESENT</code>	Additional Characteristics Identifier (ACI) present when set
<code>LCI_HLD_PRESENT</code>	Always zero (High Level Designators HEX/HEN absent)
<code>LCI_PROTECTION_MASK</code>	Mask to isolate (&) or ignore (&~) Protection bit-field
<code>LCI_FULL_PROTECTION</code>	Protection bit-field value
<code>LCI_LIMITED_PROTECTION</code>	Protection bit-field value
<code>LCI_NO_PROTECTION</code>	Protection bit-field value
<code>LCI_LAST_BLOCK</code>	Always set (to indicate entire message present)

### 6.4.2.3 Additional Characteristics Indicator (ACI)

The additional characteristics indicator field is optional in each SLC message sent and received on a low-level SLC network. If the `LCI_ACI_PRESENT` bit is set in the `lci` field, then the ACI is present, and occupies the leading portion of the `info` field shown in [Figure 6–1 on page 86](#). When present, the ACI and any ACI Extensions have the effect of reducing the maximum message length. [Table 6–2](#) shows the internal format of the `aci` field; each extension of the ACI has the same format.

**Table 6-2:** Additional Characteristics Indicator (ACI) and Extensions on Low-level Networks

<b>Additional Characteristics Indicator (ACI) — One character per ACI or ACI Extension</b>	
ACI_BASE_VALUE	Always set
ACI_EXTENSION	Extension of ACI present when set
ACI_CONTENT_MASK	Mask to isolate (&) or ignore (&~) undefined portion of ACI

### 6.4.3 SLC\_HIGH\_LEVEL\_NETWORK

This level of SLC service performs message segmentation and reconstruction operations for high-level network format messages. This requires that the SLC service control the construction of the Transmission Sequence Identifier and the Message Block Identifier fields within each transmitted SLC block.

At the client interface, the `usProtCommand` field determines the message priority indication in the constructed Transmission Sequence Identifier field. The `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` command is associated with a Transmission Sequence Identifier field that contains a low-priority indicator. The `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command is associated with a Transmission Sequence Identifier field that contains a high-priority indicator.

The `iProtModifier` field determines the Acknowledge Message Label portion of the Message Block Identifier series for the message. The `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` command allows `iProtModifier` field values of `SLC_AML_A_ND` through `SLC_AML_G_ND` for all message lengths, and restricts `SLC_AML_H_ND_SBM` through `SLC_AML_T_NDH_SBM` to single block messages. The `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command allows `iProtModifier` field values of `SLC_AML_A_PD` through `SLC_AML_G_PD` for all message lengths, and restricts `SLC_AML_H_PD_SBM` through `SLC_AML_T_PDH_SBM` to single block messages.

The client application cannot send Link Control Blocks directly. However, the client can use the `DLI_PROT_CONTROL` command to request transmission of an SLC Link Control Block that contains a STOP flow or RESUME flow request. Furthermore, the



`DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK` command causes the SLC protocol service to determine whether to transmit a Link Control Block that contains a corresponding Acknowledge Message Label (AML).

#### 6.4.3.1 High-level Network Message Structure

Figure 6–2 shows the structure of message header information within the data field of all `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` and `DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` commands and responses when the SLC network connection is configured for high-level network service. See also the `slc_blks.h` “C” include file.

```
typedef struct user_high_level_message_struct
{
    UINT8 lci;
    UINT8 hex [2];
    UINT8 hen [2];
    UINT8 mci;
    /* Optional ACI (and extension) inserted here
       do NOT count as "info" field characters. */
    UINT8 info [CONSTANT_MAX_HI_NET_INFO_BLOCK];
} USER_HIGH_LEVEL_MESSAGE_TYPE;
```

**Figure 6–2:** High-level Network Message Header Structure

Note that transmission sequence identifier (TSI) and message block identifier (MBI) fields do not appear within this message structure definition. The SLC protocol service on the ICP handles TSI and MBI field requirements automatically as it provides message-blocking support.

#### 6.4.3.2 Link Characteristics Identifier (LCI)

The link characteristics identifier field is required in each SLC message sent or received on a high-level SLC network. Shown as the `lci` field in Figure 6–2, the LCI appears as the first byte in the data area of each `DLI_PROT_SEND_NORM_DATA` or

`DLI_PROT_SEND_PRIOR_DATA` command or response. [Table 6–3](#) shows the internal format of the `lci` field. See also the `slc_bkls.h` “C” include file.

**Table 6–3:** Link Characteristics Identifier (LCI) on High-level Networks

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<b>Link Characteristics Identifier (LCI) — One Character</b>	
<code>LCI_BASE_VALUE</code>	Always set
<code>LCI_PDM</code>	Possible Duplicate Message (PDM) when set
<code>LCI_ACI_PRESENT</code>	Additional Characteristics Identifier (ACI) present when set
<code>LCI_HLD_PRESENT</code>	Always set (High Level Designators HEX/HEN present)
<code>LCI_PROTECTION_MASK</code>	Mask to isolate (&) or ignore (&~) Protection bit-field
<code>LCI_FULL_PROTECTION</code>	Protection bit-field value
<code>LCI_LIMITED_PROTECTION</code>	Protection bit-field value
<code>LCI_NO_PROTECTION</code>	Protection bit-field value
<code>LCI_END_TO_END_PROTECTION</code>	Protection bit-field value
<code>LCI_LAST_BLOCK</code>	Always set (to indicate entire message present)

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#### 6.4.3.3 High-level Designators (HEX and HEN)

High-level designators are required in each SLC message sent or received on a high-level SLC network. These fields identify the high-level exit center (HEX) and the high-level entry center (HEN) for the message. Shown as the `hex` and `hen` fields in [Figure 6–2 on page 89](#), the HEX and HEN contain two bytes each, and immediately follow the LCI. Coding of the `hex` and `hen` fields forbids use of the control characters DLE (0x10), ETB (0x17) or SYN (0x16), but is otherwise unrestricted. The SLC protocol service on the ICP validates the coding of the `hex` and `hen` fields, but otherwise ignores the content of these fields.

#### 6.4.3.4 Message Characteristics Identifier (MCI)

The message characteristics identifier field is required in each SLC message sent or received on a high-level SLC network. Shown as the `mci` field in [Figure 6–2 on page 89](#), the MCI contains one byte, and immediately follows the HEN. The MCI specifies the nature of the message information content and coding. The SLC protocol service on the ICP validates the coding of the MCI, but otherwise ignores the content of this field. [Table 6–4](#) shows the internal format of the `mci` field. See also the `slc_blks.h` “C” include file.

**Table 6–4:** Message Characteristics Identifier (MCI) on High-level Networks

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**Message Characteristics Identifier (MCI) — One Character**

<code>MCI_BASE_VALUE</code>	Always set
<code>MCI_FORMAT_MASK</code>	Mask to isolate (&) or ignore (&~) Format bit-field
<code>MCI_FORMAT_CONVENTIONAL</code>	Format bit-field value
<code>MCI_FORMAT_CONVERSATIONAL</code>	Format bit-field value
<code>MCI_FORMAT_HOST_TO_HOST</code>	Format bit-field value
<code>MCI_FORMAT_NETWORK_CONTROL</code>	Format bit-field value
<code>MCI_INQUIRY</code>	Indicates inquiry when set (response when zero)
<code>MCI_CODE_CONVERSION_MASK</code>	Mask to isolate (&) or ignore (&~) Code bit-field
<code>MCI_CODE_5BIT_PADDED</code>	Code bit-field value
<code>MCI_CODE_6BIT_PADDED</code>	Code bit-field value
<code>MCI_CODE_7BIT</code>	Code bit-field value
<code>MCI_MESSAGE_REJECTED</code>	Indicates rejected message when set (normal status when zero)

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### 6.4.3.5 Additional Characteristics Indicator (ACI)

The additional characteristics indicator field is optional in each SLC message sent and received on a high-level SLC network. If the `LCI_ACI_PRESENT` bit is set in the `lci` field, then the ACI is present, and is inserted between the `mci` field and the `info` field shown in [Figure 6–2 on page 89](#). When present, the ACI and any ACI Extensions do not reduce the maximum message length. [Table 6–5](#) shows the internal format of the `aci` field; each extension of the ACI has the same format.

**Table 6–5:** Additional Characteristics Indicator (ACI) and Extensions on High-level Networks

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Additional Characteristics Indicator (ACI) — One character per ACI or ACI Extension	
<code>ACI_BASE_VALUE</code>	Always set
<code>ACI_EXTENSION</code>	Extension of ACI present when set
<code>ACI_CONTENT_MASK</code>	Mask to isolate (&) or ignore (&~) undefined portion of ACI

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## 6.5 Error Conditions

### 6.5.1 iICPStatus Field Codes

The `iICPStatus` field serves two purposes. When the client application writes a command, this field identifies the client's memory organization as Big Endian (0x0000) or Little Endian (0x4000). When the client application reads a response, this field contains either `DLI_ICP_CMD_STATUS_OK` (zero) or a negative error code.

If the client application uses the DLI application program interface, the DLI automatically fills in the correct memory organization indicator when the client application writes a command to the SLC protocol service. If the client application uses any other means to access the SLC protocol service on the ICP, the application must fill this field in correctly.

Table 6–6 describes each negative error code that the SLC protocol service can report in the `iICPStatus` field. The client application should always use the symbolic name when referencing a specific SLC error within program code, because the assigned values defined within the `slc_errs.h` file are subject to change.

**Table 6–6:** Error Codes Reported in the `iICPStatus` Field

Error Code ( <code>iICPStatus</code> field)	Description
<code>SLC_ERR_ACCESS_CONFLICT</code>	Another <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_ATTACH</code> command has reserved the same access mode on the same SLC network connection, or the specified ICP link is currently used as channel 2–7 on another SLC network connection.
<code>SLC_ERR_ACCESS_CONTROL_FORBIDDEN</code>	The requested command is not permitted under <code>SLC_CONTROL_MODE</code> access.
<code>SLC_ERR_ACCESS_READER_FORBIDDEN</code>	The requested command is not permitted under <code>SLC_READER_MODE</code> access.
<code>SLC_ERR_ACCESS_TRACE_FORBIDDEN</code>	The requested command is not permitted under <code>SLC_TRACE_MODE</code> access.
<code>SLC_ERR_ACI_EXTENSION</code>	The command contains an extended Additional Characteristics Indicator that exceeds <code>MAX_ACI_EXTENSION</code> characters.

**Table 6–6:** Error Codes Reported in the `iICPStatus` Field (*Cont'd*)

Error Code ( <code>iICPStatus</code> field)	Description
SLC_ERR_AML_DUPLICATE	Transmission of a previous message for the same Acknowledge Message Label (AML) has not yet been completed or acknowledged.
SLC_ERR_AML_VALUE	The Acknowledge Message Label (AML) value specified in bits 0-7 of the <code>iProtModifier</code> field is not valid for the current network service level configuration.
SLC_ERR_BLOCK_HEADER_SIZE	Required message header fields are missing or improperly formatted.
SLC_ERR_BUFFER_MEMORY_EXHAUSTED	The message cannot be transmitted due to insufficient availability of SLC block buffers.
SLC_ERR_CFG_CHANNEL_IN_USE	A channel cannot be re-configured because it is currently in use.
SLC_ERR_CFG_ITEM_IDENTIFIER	A configuration item identifier within the specified configuration is not valid.
SLC_ERR_CFG_ITEM_VALUE	A configuration item value within the specified configuration is not valid.
SLC_ERR_CFG_UNDEFINED	The SLC network connection specified by the <code>usProtLinkID</code> field is not configured.
SLC_ERR_CONTROL_FAILURE	The requested <code>DLI_PROT_CONTROL</code> command function cannot be executed because a required channel on the specified SLC network connection is off-line.
SLC_ERR_HEN_VALUE	The required High Level Designator HEN field contains a control character DLE, ETB or SYN.
SLC_ERR_HEX_VALUE	The required High Level Designator HEX field contains a control character DLE, ETB or SYN.
SLC_ERR_ICPCOMMAND	The <code>usICPCommand</code> field is not valid.
SLC_ERR_ICPCOMMAND_PROTCOMMAND_CONFLICT	The <code>usProtCommand</code> field value conflicts with the <code>usICPCommand</code> field value.
SLC_ERR_LCI_BASE_VALUE	In the required Link Characteristics Identifier field, the <code>LCI_BASE_VALUE</code> bit is not set.
SLC_ERR_LCI_END_TO_END_PROTECTION	In the required Link Characteristics Identifier field, the <code>LCI_PROTECTION_MASK</code> bit-field contains an end-to-end protection specification that is not permitted on an SLC network configured for <code>SLC_LOW_LEVEL_NETWORK</code> service.

**Table 6–6:** Error Codes Reported in the `iICPStatus` Field (*Cont'd*)

Error Code ( <code>iICPStatus</code> field)	Description
SLC_ERR_LCI_HLD_MISSING or SLC_ERR_LCI_HLD_PRESENT	In the required Link Characteristics Identifier field, the <code>LCI_HLD_PRESENT</code> bit is not consistent with the configured level of SLC network service. This bit must be set to indicate the presence of High Level Designators (HEX/HEN) on an SLC network configured for <code>SLC_HIGH_LEVEL_NETWORK</code> service, but must be zero on an SLC network configured for <code>SLC_LOW_LEVEL_NETWORK</code> service.
SLC_ERR_LCI_LAST_BLOCK_MISSING	The <code>LCI_LAST_BLOCK</code> bit in the LCI must be set to indicate that the entire message is present.
SLC_ERR_LCI_MISSING	The required Link Characteristics Identifier field is not present.
SLC_ERR_MCI_BASE_VALUE	In the required Message Characteristics Identifier field, the <code>MCI_BASE_VALUE</code> bit is not set.
SLC_ERR_MESSAGE_REPEAT_ABORTED	Automatic message retransmission initiated by a T6 time-out condition cannot be achieved because SLC block buffers previously submitted for transmission are missing in action. This error can occur due to non-optimal configuration of items <code>SLC_T1_CFG</code> through <code>SLC_T11_CFG</code> , or due to intermittent errors on one channel when <code>SLC_BLOCK_SCATTER_CFG</code> is enabled.
SLC_ERR_MESSAGE_REPEAT_LIMIT	Automatic retransmission of the message has completed the configured number of attempts without detecting the required acknowledgment.
SLC_ERR_PORT_XMIT_FAILURE	SLC block transmission did not complete within the configured <code>SLC_T11_CFG</code> time limit.
SLC_ERR_PROTCIRCUIT	The specified <code>usProtCircuitID</code> field is not valid.
SLC_ERR_PROTCOMMAND	The specified <code>usProtCommand</code> field is not valid.
SLC_ERR_PROTLINKID	The specified <code>usProtLinkID</code> field is not valid.
SLC_ERR_PROTMODIFIER	The specified <code>iProtModifier</code> field is not valid.
SLC_ERR_PROTSESSION	The specified <code>usProtSessionID</code> field is not valid.
SLC_ERR_SEND	The requested command is not valid. The <code>iProtModifier</code> field in a <code>DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK</code> command specifies an invalid AML, or the value indicated in the <code>usProtCommand</code> field is inconsistent with the <code>SLC_SERVICE_CFG</code> configuration.
SLC_ERR_SEND_BIND_REQUIRED	The requested command cannot be executed until after successful completion of a <code>DLI_ICP_CMD_BIND</code> command.
SLC_ERR_SEND_CFG_INVALID	The requested command is not permitted under the current configuration.

**Table 6–6:** Error Codes Reported in the `iICPStatus` Field (*Cont'd*)

Error Code ( <code>iICPStatus</code> field)	Description
SLC_ERR_SIZE	The message is too large to be transmitted in sixteen or fewer SLC information blocks formatted in accordance with the current <code>SLC_SERVICE_CFG</code> configuration.
SLC_ERR_TOO_LATE	The <code>DLI_PROT_SAFE_STORE_ACK</code> command was received too late to send acknowledgment. Either the remote site has commenced message retransmission, or a change in the SLC network connection state invalidates acknowledgment at this time

### 6.5.2 Receive Error Statistics

Note that in order to minimize non-productive reports of errors, the SLC protocol service maintains local link statistics for several types of receive errors rather than reporting them by means of the `iICPStatus` field in a response. The receive errors in this class are shown in [Table 6–7](#) in the context of the link statistics fields which count them.

**Table 6–7:** Link Statistics Receive Error Codes

Receive Error Code	Link Statistics Field (See <a href="#">Figure 4–4</a> on page 49)
SLC_ERR_PORT_RECV_BCC	Counted as <code>rcv_bcc</code> errors.
SLC_ERR_PORT_RECV_FRAME_TOO_LONG	Counted as <code>rcv_frame_too_long</code> errors.
SLC_ERR_PORT_RECV_OVERRUN	Counted as <code>rcv_overrun</code> errors.
SLC_ERR_PORT_RECV_PARITY	Counted as <code>rcv_parity</code> errors.
SLC_ERR_PORT_RECV_DLE	Counted as <code>rcv_unexpected_dle</code> errors.
SLC_ERR_PORT_RECV_ETB	Counted as <code>rcv_unexpected_etb</code> errors.
SLC_ERR_PORT_RECV_SYN	Counted as <code>rcv_unexpected_syn</code> errors.



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Appendix  
**A**

# Include Files

[Table A-1](#) summarizes the include files normally required by application programs for inclusion of the definitions of symbolically named values and data structures referenced in this document.

**Table A-1:** SLC Include Files

Include File	Description
slc_blks.h	SLC protocol block structure and field definitions
slc_defs.h	Data symbol definitions
slc_errs.h	Error code symbol definitions
slc_trac.h	Data symbol definitions
slc_typs.h	Structure type definitions
slc_user.h	References other include files



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