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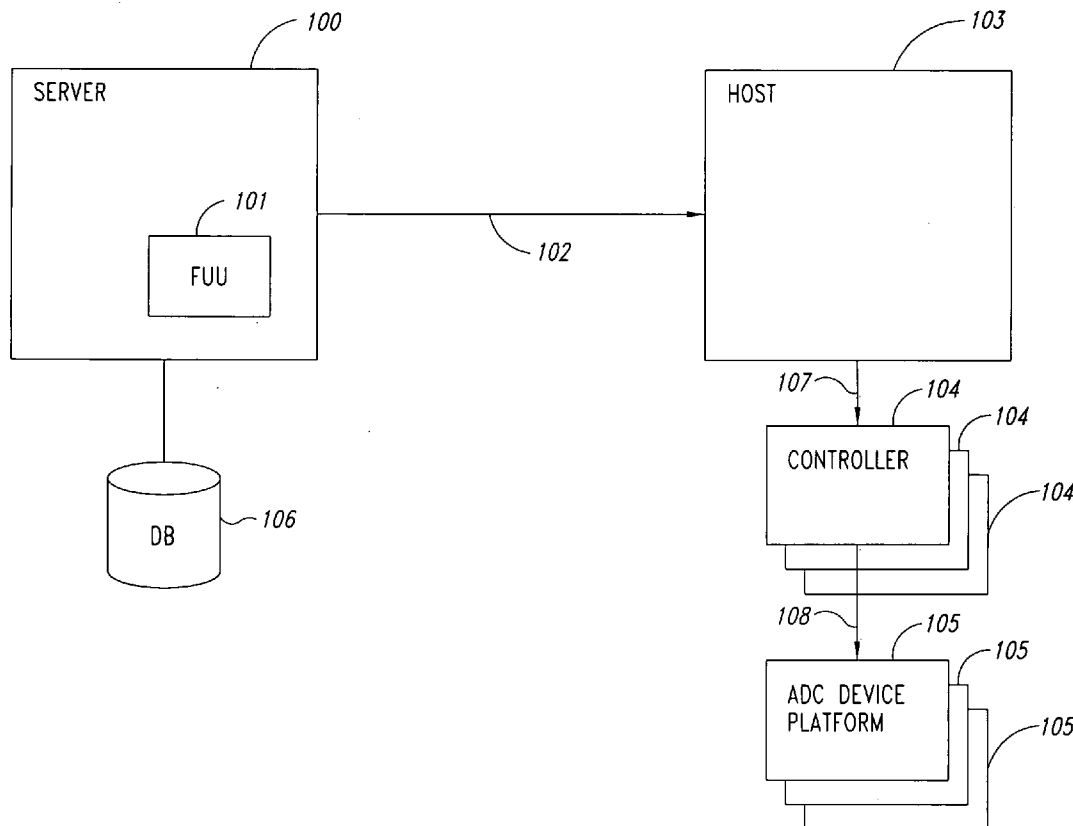
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ABSTRACT

The automated software upgrade utility allows a customer, product supplier or software vendor to upgrade the operating system, firmware, applications and data files on any product regardless of the product type and characteristics. This upgrade process can be invoked from a remote location or via interaction directly with the target device.



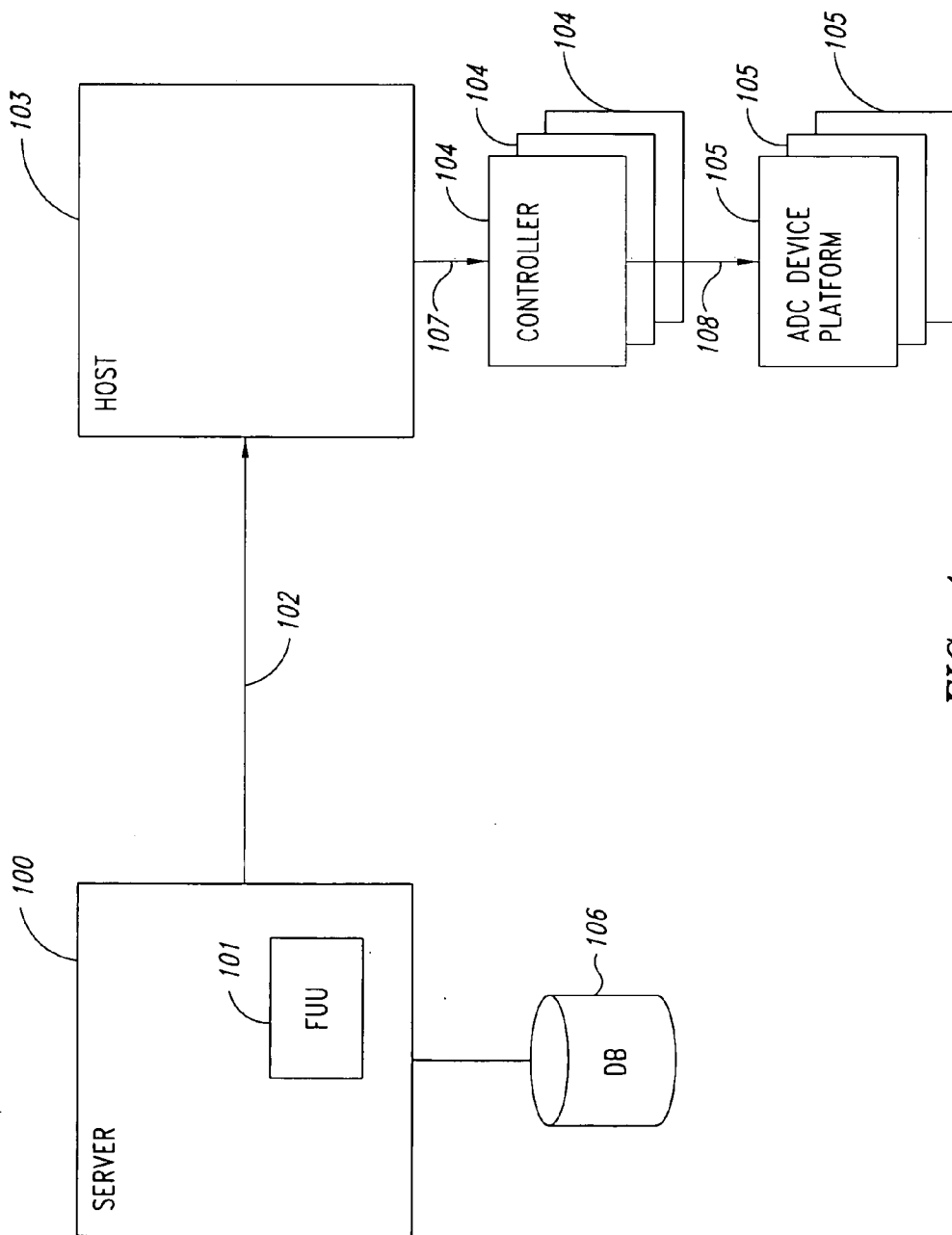


FIG. 1

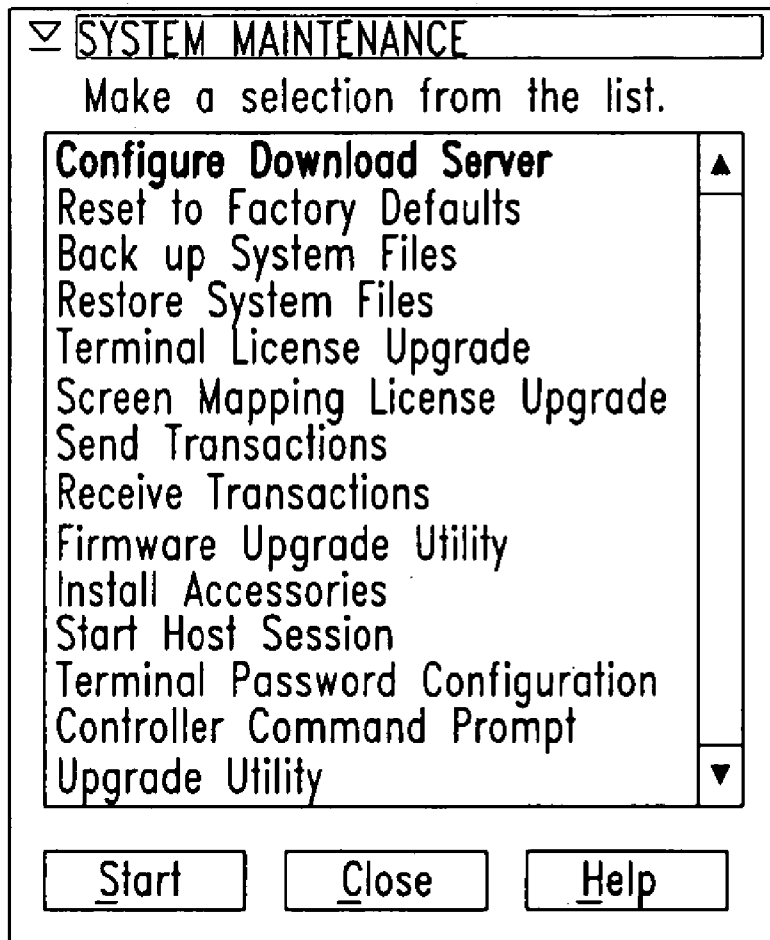


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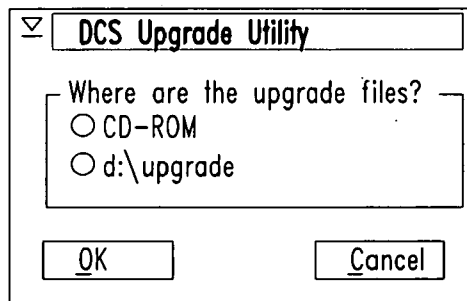


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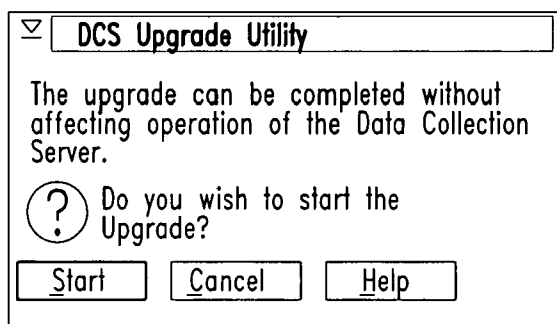


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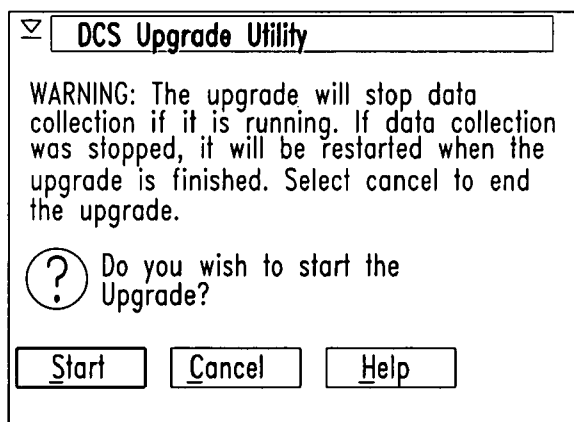


FIG. 5

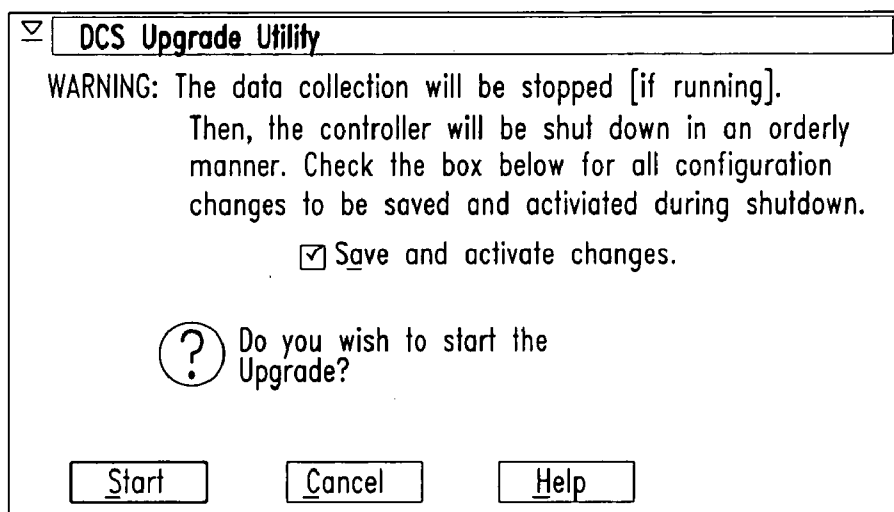


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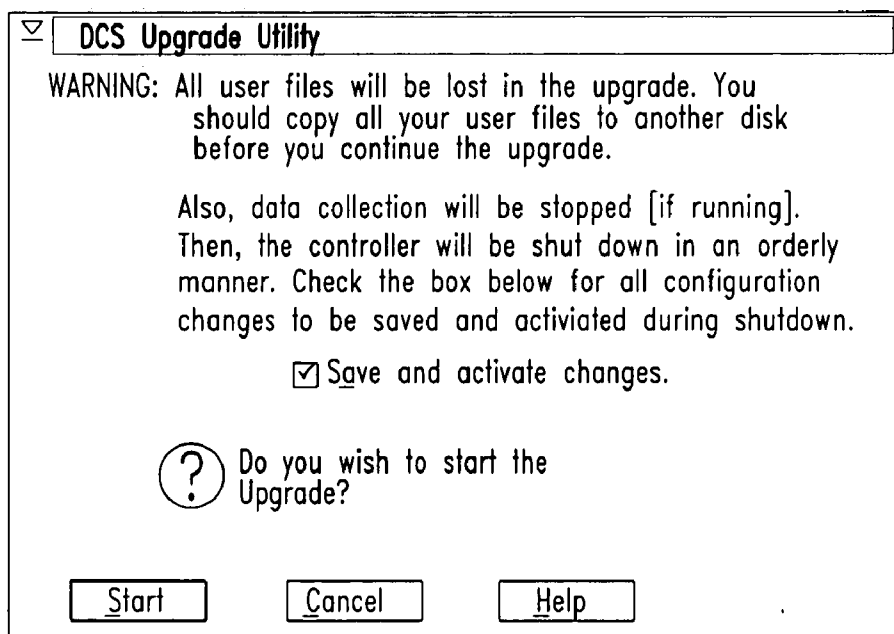


FIG. 7

AUTOMATED SOFTWARE UPGRADE UTILITY

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/664,459, filed Sep. 18, 2000, now pending, which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0002] Additionally, this application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/155,502, filed Sep. 22, 1999, which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING APPENDIX

[0003] This application herein incorporates by reference the Computer Program Listing Appendix attached hereto as CD-ROMs entitled “Philip M. Denby, Douglas L. Hughes, and Jonathan D. Fletcher, “AUTOMATED SOFTWARE UPGRADE UTILITY,” 480062.665C1, Feb. 3, 2005.” This program listing is included on a total of two (2) compact discs. Compact discs “Copy 1” and “Copy 2” are identical copies. The files located on each compact disc copy include:

- [0004] ngextrn.h, 3/26/04, 20 KB
- [0005] ngpblst.c, 3/25/04, 25 KB
- [0006] upgrade.c, 3/25/04, 270 KB
- [0007] upgrade.h, 3/25/04, 25 KB
- [0008] upgrade.ini, 3/25/04, 2004, 20 KB

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0009] Embodiments of this invention relate to automatically upgrading software.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

[0010] Automatic upgrade utilities are known in the prior art. However, prior art automatic upgrade utilities are not known to have provided firmware upgrades across an entire product line for units comprised of a plethora of different characteristics. In addition, prior art on automatic upgrade utilities are not known to operate across any network transports. Prior art on automatic upgrade utilities have rarely operated in the automatic data collection (“ADC”) device platform environment.

[0011] Many suppliers customize their products according to customer requirements. This is especially true with regard to products related to automatic data collection (“ADC”). Accordingly, the precise characteristics of the products sold by the supplier, even within a single product line, vary greatly. In the prior art, upgrades required a confusing disk swapping process and/or a direct serial connection to the device that required considerable user attention to ensure the upgrade completed successfully. Upgrades frequently consumed several hours, as each detail of the product being upgraded had to be painstakingly checked and disks constantly swapped. Moreover, an operator needed to be present to swap the diskettes. The presence of the operator often meant that during business hours the ADC device platform was unavailable for data collection while an upgrade was being accomplished. Many users were extremely reluctant to

perform the installation procedure themselves because they were afraid of making mistakes and they were also concerned that they did not possess the requisite technical understanding to complete the process successfully.

[0012] The following summary lists the issues resolved by implementing the automated upgrade process:

- [0013] Reduce the downtime of the device due to an upgrade being performed
- [0014] Reduce inputs required from the user to eliminate operator error
- [0015] Reduce the time required to perform an upgrade, reduce manpower required
- [0016] Increase the odds of having the upgrade process conclude successfully
- [0017] Allow for scheduling of the upgrade during off-hours
- [0018] Initiate simultaneous upgrades to multiple target devices
- [0019] Allow for grouping of devices to reduce redundant operations
- [0020] Perform the upgrade over a network to many devices as well as over a serial connection to a single device
- [0021] Allow for upgrades to occur from remote, centralized locations
- [0022] Support differing scopes of upgrades via the same utility, i.e. install a patch versus install a new version of the operating system
- [0023] Provide a single utility that can perform upgrades of a device’s operating system, firmware, application and data files.

[0024] The automated software upgrade utility allows a customer, product supplier or software vendor to upgrade the operating system, firmware, applications and data files on any product regardless of the product type and characteristics. This upgrade process can be invoked from a remote location or via interaction directly with the target device.

[0025] The automated upgrade process is independent of the device hardware platform, operating system, the network transport utilized by the device, and the target device itself.

[0026] The automated software upgrade process also allows for modification of the hardware configuration of the target device, e.g., change and reformat a hard drive partition.

[0027] The automated upgrade utility may reside at remote sites, such as the user’s place of business, and periodically query the product supplier for firmware upgrades. Alternatively, the upgrade utility may reside with the product supplier and periodically locate remote products and perform the upgrade process.

[0028] In both configurations, the software upgrade utility retains the ability to identify all pertinent product characteristics, freeing the developer of the firmware upgrade from concerns regarding installing the upgrade across a wide range of product characteristics and nearly endless possible configurations.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0029] FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a suitable environment for aspects of the invention.

[0030] FIG. 2 is an example screen display of an example System Maintenance Menu.

[0031] FIG. 3 is an example screen display of a source inquiry dialog box.

[0032] FIG. 4 is an example screen display of a minor upgrade confirmation dialog box.

[0033] FIG. 5 is an example screen display of a major D upgrade confirmation dialog box.

[0034] FIG. 6 is an example screen display of a major C upgrade confirmation dialog box.

[0035] FIG. 7 is an example screen display of a severe upgrade confirmation dialog box.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0036] The automated software upgrade utility enables a product supplier or software vendor to remotely upgrade the firmware on any of its products, such as automatic data collection (“ADC”) device platforms, regardless of product type or product characteristics. The upgrade utility may reside at remote sites, such as the product owner’s place of business, and periodically query the product provider for firmware upgrades. Alternatively, the upgrade utility may reside with the product provider and periodically locate products at a product owner’s facility and perform the upgrade process. In both configurations, the software upgrade utility retains the ability to identify all pertinent product characteristics, freeing the developer of the firmware upgrade from concerns regarding installing the upgrade across a wide range of products, each having nearly endless possible configurations. The invention is applicable for both ADC device platforms, ADC servers, and associated devices such as printers and radios.

[0037] Upgrades may be classified from minor to severe. The minor upgrades are typically small software patches that have been determined not to pose a serious problem to other functionality. In contrast, severe upgrades constitute functionality that must be carefully provided to the product so as not to disrupt the product or its functionality.

[0038] The Product Supplier or Software Vendor publishes a software update, i.e., patch, upgrade or new release. The published releases can either be pushed down to the software upgrade server or they can be pulled from the published location.

[0039] Once the software upgrade utility has received the published release, it can be distributed in one of four methods. The first being, the software upgrade utility can act as a publishing location for other software upgrade servers, i.e., push the software release to other software upgrade servers or allow them to pull the latest software releases from the master software upgrade server.

[0040] The second method is to schedule jobs within the software upgrade utility to push the software release to the target device(s), data collection devices registered in IDRS, at the requested time.

[0041] The third method involves when devices initially register with IDRS for the first time. If IDRS is configured such that a specific configuration must exist on the device, and software is a component of that standard configuration, then the designated files are automatically transmitted to the target device.

[0042] The fourth method involves a device that has an outdated version of the software resident. Upon startup of the device a check is done to ensure that the correct version(s) of the applicable software is resident, if not the device initiates the request for the upgrade to be initiated.

[0043] Following are the functional requirements for the automated upgrade utility:

[0044] Allow upgrades or replacement of a device’s operating system, firmware, application and data files from a single utility.

[0045] Allow for scheduling of upgrades to occur at designated scheduled times or initiated manually at any time.

[0046] Allow for devices to be organized into logical groups to allow for a single event to initiate upgrades for multiple devices.

[0047] Allow for the upgrades to be performed via a remote, centralized location as well as from the location where the devices are physically located.

[0048] The upgrade process must be independent of the transport network that the device is attached to.

[0049] The upgrade process must support both devices that exist on wired networks as well as wireless networks.

[0050] The upgrade process itself must not involve any user involvement once it has been initiated.

[0051] Software to be upgraded can originate from any location, i.e. CD-ROM, telnet to the hard disk of system running the upgrade process, retrieved from a web site or bulletin board, etc.

[0052] If the nature of the upgrade requires the hardware configuration of the target device to change, then this must not require user intervention. It must be fully automated as well. An example is changing the size of the hard disk partitions or changing the operating system. After the upgrade is completed, the device must be returned back to a fully functional state such that it can be used in a production environment. All configuration parameters and applications must be restored to allow this to happen.

[0053] FIG. 1 illustrates a server 100 having a firmware upgrade utility 101. The server 100 may be operated by the producer of ADC device platform, for example. The firmware upgrade utility 101 utilizes a transportation network 102 to reach a host 103. The firmware upgrade utility 101 may perform its operations using any transportation network 102. The host 103 may comprise a centralized computing facility for a purchaser of the ADC device platforms products, for example. The host 103 in turn communicates with one or more controllers 104 over a transportation network 107 that in turn communicate with one or more ADC device platforms 105 over a transportation network 108. Each

controller **104** typically communicates with one or more ADC device platforms **105**. The firmware upgrade utility **101** may also perform its operations using any transportation network **107** and any transportation network **108**.

[0054] The upgrade utility **101** determines whether the upgrade concerns the controllers **104** and/or the ADC device platforms **105**. The upgrade utility **101** locates the communications procedure for communicating with the host **103**, the controllers **104**, and if necessary with the ADC device platforms **105**. The upgrade utility **101** then contacts the host **103** and uses resources on the host **103** to communicate with the controllers **104**. For example, the host **103** may identify the type of the transportation network **107** to the upgrade utility **101**. The upgrade utility **101** examines the controller **104** for its characteristics pertinent to the upgrade. Alternatively, the upgrade utility **101** may consult a database **106** that contains the characteristics of the controllers **104** and the ADC device platforms **105**. The upgrade utility **101** then locates the appropriate upgrade, determines how to proceed with the upgrade given the controller's characteristics, and provides the controller **104** with the necessary upgrade. If the upgrade also applies to the ADC device platforms **105**, then the upgrade utility **101** examines the ADC device platform **105** for its characteristics pertinent to the upgrade. Alternatively, the upgrade utility **101** may consult the database **106** for pertinent ADC device platform characteristics. The upgrade utility **101** then locates the appropriate upgrade, determines how to proceed with the upgrade given the ADC device platform's characteristics, and provides the ADC device platform **105** with the necessary upgrade. Finally, the upgrade utility **101** ensures that the controllers **104** and the ADC device platforms are returned to the same state they were in prior to the upgrade.

[0055] 1.1. DCS Upgrade Utility

[0056] 1.1.1. Purpose and use of feature

[0057] The DCS Upgrade Utility is a tool to manage the distribution of upgrade files placed on the Data Collection Server **300** (DCS **300**). The DCS upgrade utility will allow the upgrade process to be started from the DCS **300**, or from the ESD tool. The ESD tool can be at a remote site (remotely) or on the target DCS **300** (locally). The DCS upgrade utility will eliminate diskette swapping and prompting.

[0058] BIOS upgrades will continue to be accomplished by diskette.

[0059] There are four classifications of upgrades: Minor, Reboot, Shutdown, and Severe. A minor upgrade does not require rebooting or shutting processes down. A major C upgrade requires the DCS **300** to reboot. A major D upgrade requires some processes like data collection to shutdown. When the upgrade is finished, the stopped processes will be restarted. A severe upgrade is an upgrade that requires changing partition sizes and/or changing operating systems. This also requires the DCS **300** to reboot. If a severe upgrade is necessary, it will require an upgrade CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.

[0060] 1.1.2. Results of Feature Usage

[0061] Previous upgrades required disk swapping and considerable user input. Sometimes the upgrade took hours. An operator needed to be present to swap diskettes. This

usually meant that during business hours the controller was unavailable for data collection while an upgrade was being accomplished.

[0062] With the DCS Upgrade Utility in conjunction with the ESD tool, a DCS **300** software upgrade can be scheduled for an inactive time and doesn't require that an operator be present when the upgrade is being accomplished. The amount of time an upgrade takes to perform is also reduced. Initiating an upgrade, from the System Maintenance Menu at the DCS **300**, by selecting DCS Upgrade Utility, also requires little attention. Just start the upgrade and walk away.

[0063] 1.1.3. Feature Options

[0064] The upgrade can be started remotely or at a DCS **300** using the ESD tool. A start time can be chosen so the upgrade doesn't interfere with data collection. The upgrade can also be started from the System Maintenance Menu at the DCS **300** by selecting DCS Upgrade Utility.

[0065] 1.1.4. Assumptions

[0066] To use the DCS Upgrade Utility, the DCS software must be at **300** ver 1.0 or greater. Or, To use the DCS Upgrade Utility, the controller must be at **0200** ver 3.0 and have the DCS Upgrade Utility installed. In this case, if the upgrade is started from the controller, "g:\upgrade\upgrade" must be entered at the command line. The DCS Upgrade Utility can be installed from ESD or from a diskette.

[0067] The upgrade files can be transferred over to the DCS **300** by ESD, or FTP without the use of a CD-ROM. The upgrade files can be transferred from an Intermecc Web page to a DCS **300** with ESD. Or, the upgrade files can be transferred from an Intermecc Web page to a PC. Then, ESD or FTP in the binary mode can transfer the files to the DCS **300**. If the upgrade files are to reside on the DCS **300**, up to 120 MegaBytes must be available on drive d: of the hard drive depending on the size of the upgrade files.

[0068] An upgrade CD-ROM must be in the CD-ROM drive or these files need to be present in the d:\upgrade directory to start the upgrade:

[0069] FILE WHEN THE NEW FILE IS COPIED

[0070] upgrade.exe only when the file changes

[0071] *.zip every upgrade

[0072] If a CD-ROM is used in the upgrade of an **0200** controller, the user will need to enable the parallel port in the BIOS at the beginning of the upgrade and disable the parallel port in the BIOS at the end of the upgrade. The DCS **0300** comes with a CD-ROM drive installed and no BIOS changes are necessary.

[0073] 1.1.5. Interfaces to Initiate or Exercise the Feature

[0074] 1.1.5.1. Making Upgrade Files Available to the DCS **0300**

[0075] For each upgrade, new upgrade files will need to be made available to the DCS **300** before the upgrade is initiated. There are several methods to make the files available. The user can place a CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive, or the user can put the files in the d:\upgrade directory with ESD or FTP. There are different ways to make the files

available because some users do not have the capability to utilize TCP/IP and won't be able to use ESD remotely or won't be able to use FTP.

[0076] 1.1.5.1.1.1.1. CD_ROM

[0077] When using a CD-ROM the user will place an Upgrade CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive and initiate the upgrade from the System Maintenance Menu or from ESD (remotely or locally).

[0078] 1.1.5.1.2. ESD Tool

[0079] When using the ESD tool remotely, the user will download a file (e.g. 300V1_0.zip) from an Intermecc Web page to a PC. The ESD tool will unzip the file in a directory. The ESD tool will copy the upgrade files to the d:\upgrade directory on the target DCS 300. The user will then schedule the upgrade using the ESD tool. ESD will initiate the upgrade remotely at the appropriate time. To use this method, the target DCS 300 must have a LAN card installed with IP enabled.

[0080] Alternately, the user can put an upgrade CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive at the target DCS 300 and schedule the upgrade from ESD (locally or remotely).

[0081] 1.1.5.1.3. FTP

[0082] When using FTP, the user will download a file (e.g. 300V1_0.zip) from an Intermecc Web page to a PC. The user will unzip the file in a directory. The user will login into the DCS 300 using FTP and set the binary mode. The user will change directories to d:\upgrade. Then, the user will copy all the files to the DCS 300. To use this method, the target DCS 300 must have a LAN card installed with IP enabled.

[0083] The upgrade can then be started at the DCS 300, from the System Maintenance Menu, or by ESD (remotely or locally).

[0084] 1.1.5.2. Starting the DCS Upgrade Utility

[0085] An upgrade can be initiated from ESD remotely or locally or the upgrade can be started from the DCS 300 System maintenance menu.

[0086] See the ESD section for more information on initiating an upgrade from ESD.

[0087] Referring to FIG. 2, to initiate an upgrade from the DCS 300, select DCS Upgrade Utility from the System Maintenance Menu.

[0088] When DCS Upgrade Utility has been selected a box will show that asks the source of the upgrade files. FIG. 3 is an example screen display of a source inquiry dialog box. Referring to FIG. 3, after the source of the upgrade files has been entered a menu will come up and ask if the user wants to start the upgrade or cancel. Pressing start will initiate the upgrade. Pressing cancel will end the upgrade.

[0089] Different upgrades will cause the DCS Upgrade Utility to present different confirmation dialog boxes to allow the user to have a last chance to cancel the upgrade. FIGS. 4-7 illustrate different dialog boxes that the DCS Upgrade Utility displays dependent upon the severity of the upgrade. Once a Start button has been pressed on any of the dialogs of FIGS. 4-7, the upgrade cannot be stopped.

[0090] 1.1.5.3. Upgrade Behavior

[0091] When the upgrade is started, a file, upgrade.ini, is extracted from the zipped up files. This file contains the parameters of the upgrade, the software version of the upgrade, and a version controller.

[0092] The version controller is a list of versions of DCS 300 software that can be upgraded to its upgrade software version. The DCS 300's software version is compared to the version controller. If the DCS 300's software version is in the list, then the upgrade will proceed. A readme.doc can be found in the same directory as the upgrade files (d:\upgrade or CD-ROM). The readme.doc file contains information on what versions of DCS 300 software the upgrade files can upgrade.

[0093] The parameter list in the upgrade.ini file controls the upgrade behavior. It controls if the DCS 300 needs to reboot, shut down various DCS 300 processes, or proceed as is. The rebooting and process control is done automatically and requires no user input.

[0094] 1.1.5.4. User Interface

[0095] A user at the DCS 300 during an upgrade will see various messages at a command prompt window on the DCS 300 screen depending on the size of the upgrade.

[0096] If the upgrade is a severe upgrade, the DCS 300 will reboot to an alternate operating system. These are the messages that can show on the screen based on additional upgrade.ini parameters:

- [0097] Backing up system files
- [0098] Deleting partitions
- [0099] Creating partitions
- [0100] Formatting partitions
- [0101] Restoring system files
- [0102] Checking video drivers
- [0103] Restoring configuration

[0104] In addition to these messages, the user will see a list of files being copied to the appropriate directories after the partitions are formatted.

[0105] If the upgrade is a major C upgrade, the DCS 300 will reboot to an alternate operating system. These are the messages that can show on the screen based on additional upgrade.ini parameters:

- [0106] Backing up system files
- [0107] Restoring system files
- [0108] Checking video drivers
- [0109] Restoring configuration

[0110] In addition to these messages, the user will see a list of files being copied to the appropriate directories after the system files are backed up.

[0111] If the upgrade is a major D upgrade, these are the messages that can show on command prompt window on the DCS 300 screen:

- [0112] stopping data collection
- [0113] starting data collection

[0114] shutting down the DCS 300 GUI

[0115] starting the DCS 300 GUI

[0116] In addition to these messages, the user will see a list of files being copied to the appropriate directories after the processes have been shut down.

[0117] If the upgrade is a minor upgrade, then all the user will see is a list of files being copied to the appropriate directories.

[0118] The ESD tool can also inquire the version of the upgrade software on the DCS 300 and the version of the DCS 300 software to make sure the upgrade will proceed normally.

[0119] The DCS upgrade Utility will behave the same when the operating system is ported to Windows NT in a future release of the DCS 300.

[0120] 1.2. DCS Upgrade Utility

[0121] Currently a new upgrade kit is developed for each release. The latest was on CD-ROM. Previous upgrade kits were on diskette and took a long time to install.

[0122] With the DCS Upgrade Utility, changes to the C: drive will be zipped up into a file called os_drive.zip. Changes to the D: drive will be zipped up into a file called nextgen.zip. And, changes to the F: drive will be zipped up into a file called boot.zip. The upgrade files will either be and placed in the D:\upgrade directory with the ESD tool, from CD-ROM, or with FTP if the upgrade is ran from the d:\upgrade drive. If the upgrade is ran from the CD-ROM, the zip files will need to be on the CD-ROM. The upgrade can then be initiated by selecting DCS Upgrade Utility from the System Maintenance Menu, scheduled and initiated by ESD, or from the command line. The DCS Upgrade Utility will allow zipped-up files, on CD-ROM or placed in the d:\upgrade, to be exploded into the appropriate directories.

[0123] 1.2.1. Making the Zip Files

[0124] One zip file for each drive will be needed. The zip file will be made with the use of a batch file. The batch file will contain all the names and directories of the files that need to be updated. A typical command in the batch file to zip a single file is "zip -a os_drive.zip c:\ibmcom\1e100t.rsp". This line adds (-a) c:\ibmcom\1e100t.rsp to the zip file os_drive.zip. To zip the entire ibmcom directory, use this command: "zip -a -r -S os_drive.zip c:\ibmcom". Because the files that need updated are different for each upgrade, new zip files will be needed for each

[0125] The same upgrade.ini needs to be zipped up in every zip file. For REBOOT and SEVERE upgrades a list of backup files (upgdbkup.lst) will also need to be zipped up in the zip files. This upgrade.ini is used to verify that the zip file is valid. These are the valid zip file names:

[0126] os_drive.zip—These are changes to the c: drive which contains the main operating system.

[0127] nextgen.zip—These are changes to the d: drive which contains the DCS software. The changes to the upgrade.exe should not be in here unless the upgrade is SEVERE. This is because the upgrade.exe

on the d:\upgrade directory will be running if the upgrade was initiated from the d:\upgrade drive.

[0128] boot.zip—These are changes to the f: drive which is the alternate operating system used by SEVERE and REBOOT upgrades.

[0129] 1.2.2. Upgrade Files

[0130] This is what the directory structure should look like on the CD-ROM and in the d:\upgrade directory:

[0131] Volume in drive D is UNOVA

[0132] Volume Serial Number is D0AD-8D81

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Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\
01/01/01 12:00a <DIR> .
01/01/01 12:00a <DIR> ..
12/08/97 01:17p 83,418,895 OS_DRIVE.ZIP
12/08/97 01:21p 12,131,654 NEXTGEN.ZIP
12/08/97 01:21p 12,131,654 BOOT.ZIP
12/08/97 01:21p 12,131,654 UPGRADE.EXE
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09/04/97 08:31a <DIR> ..
06/04/97 08:30a 761 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s) 761 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\1E100

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09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
04/30/97 11:15a		786 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		786 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\1E100E		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
06/02/97 02:35p		983 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		983 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\1E100ET		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
06/02/97 02:22p		1,367 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		1,367 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\1E100T		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
04/30/97 11:17a		1,160 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		1,160 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\1E1T		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
06/04/97 08:31a		1,134 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		1,134 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\1T		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
05/01/96 02:07p		938 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		938 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\2E		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
06/04/97 08:31a		962 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		962 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\2E100		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
04/30/97 11:18a		1,013 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		1,013 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\2E100T		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
04/30/97 11:19a		1,393 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		1,393 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\2E1T		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
06/04/97 08:31a		1,342 PROTOCOL.INI
3 File(s)		1,342 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\LAN_LESS		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
02/28/96 11:54a		216 NGSETUP.CMD
10/02/95 10:25a		627 PROTOCOL.INI
02/28/96 11:54a		1,509 TCPSTART.CMD
5 File(s)		2,352 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\LIC_STRT		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
04/04/96 07:41a		17 DCMF1.LIC
02/08/96 03:13p		17 DCMF2.LIC
02/08/96 03:15p		17 DCMF3.LIC
06/20/96 12:54p		17 DCML1.LIC
04/04/96 07:42a		17 DCML2.LIC
02/08/96 03:14p		17 DGML3.LIC
03/21/97 07:38a		1,271 NGSYS.BAK
06/26/97 12:54p		1,256 NGSYS.INI
02/08/96 03:14p		17 NOLIMIT.LIC
02/08/96 03:15p		17 NOLIMITF.LIC
12 File(s)		2,663 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\ONE_RF		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
06/02/97 02:07p		388 NET.CFG
3 File(s)		388 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\TWO_RF		

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09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
06/02/97 02:08p		217 NET.CFG
3 File(s)		217 bytes
Directory of D:(OR G:)\UPGRADE\TOOLS\CONFIG\T_AX_CM2		
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	.
09/04/97 08:31a	<DIR>	..
11/01/95 04:43p		4,841 TWAX_CM2.CF2
11/01/95 04:43p		28,928 TWAX_CM2.CFG
11/01/95 04:43p		2,782 TWAX_CM2.NDF
11/01/95 04:43p		325 TWAX_CM2.SEC
6 File(s)		36,876 bytes
Total Files Listed:		
126 File(s)		96,573,903 bytes

[0133] If an upgrade is to be performed from the d:\upgrade drive, and changes to this directory tree should be copied over before upgrade begins.

[0134] 1.2.3. Starting the DCS Upgrade Utility

[0135] The DCS upgrade utility can be started from ESD, from the System Maintenance Menu, or from the command line. The Upgrade Utility is a stand alone application with the following command line syntax:

[0136] upgrade [q or s]

[0137] The qualifier “q” is optional. It is used to pre-test the upgrade to see if it will proceed normally. The “s” qualifier is used to indicate that a save and activate will be done if it is necessary. Either the “q” or “s” is used, not both at the same time.

[0138] 1.2.3.1. ESD

[0139] IF ESD is used, ESD will first send a system transaction to the message handler with these one of these sets of parameters:

[0140] “d:\upgrade\upgrade /q”—The query of the upgrade started from the d: drive.

[0141] “g:\upgrade\upgrade /q”—The query of the upgrade started from the CD-ROM

[0142] A query will just run the phase 0 part of the upgrade and place the results in a file (upgrade.log). The results include error messages, parameters of the upgrade, the current phase of the upgrade, and the size of the disk drive. ESD will check upgrade.log for error messages. If error messages are found it will not proceed with the upgrade. If no error messages are found, ESD will send a system transaction to the message handler with these parameters:

[0143] “f:\upgrade\upgrade”—The upgrade started from the d: drive

[0144] “g:\upgrade\upgrade—The upgrade started from the CD-ROM

[0145] “f:\upgrade\upgrade /s”—The upgrade started from the d: drive and a save and activate will be done if necessary.

[0146] “g:\upgrade\upgrade /s”—The upgrade started from the CD-ROM and a save and activate will be done if necessary

[0147] 1.2.3.2. System Maintenance Menu

[0148] When the upgrade is started from the system maintenance menu, upgrade.exe is started by 300UpgradeUtil in ngpblist.c. 300UpgradeUtil will prompt the user for the source of the upgrade file, then call upgrade.exe with these parameters:

[0149] "d:\upgrade\upgrade /q"—The query of the upgrade started from the d: drive.

[0150] "g:\upgrade\upgrade /q"—The query of the upgrade started from the CD-ROM

[0151] When the query is done 300UpgradeUtil will parse upgrade.log for error messages. If error messages are found, a message will be displayed on a message box on the GUI and the upgrade will end. If there was no errors, upgrade.ini will be parsed again for the parameters of the upgrade, and prompt for a last chance cancel or start based on the parameters. If start is selected, 300UpgradeUtil will call upgrade.exe with these parameters:

[0152] "f:\upgrade\upgrade"—The upgrade started from the d: drive

[0153] "g:\upgrade\upgrade"—The upgrade started from the CD-ROM

[0154] "f:\upgrade\upgrade /s"—The upgrade started from the d: drive and a save and activate will be done if necessary.

[0155] "g:\upgrade\upgrade /s"—The upgrade started from the CD-ROM and a save and activate will be done if necessary

[0156] 1.2.3.3. Command Line

[0157] When the upgrade is started from the command line, the user will enter send "f:\upgrade\upgrade" or "g:\upgrade\upgrade". This should only be used when a 0200 Controller is upgraded to DCS 300, ver 1.0. No save and activate will be done.

[0158] 1.2.4. Upgrade Control

[0159] In phase 0 of the upgrade, upgrade.ini will be extracted from each zip file. This file will contain the type of the upgrade, the subsections of the type of upgrade, the software version of the upgrade, the version level, and a version controller. The parameters will be used to select the sections of the upgrade that need to be performed. As enhancements are made to the DCS 300, and new sections to the upgrade process are identified, additional parameters can be added to this file and the upgrade executable. The upgrade.ini file is also for security. If the file cannot be extracted from a zip file then the upgrade will not proceed. An upgrade.ini file typically contains the following tags and parameter definitions:

[0160] [Version Level]

[0161] Version=300 x.x

[0162] [Upgrade]

[0163] Type={SEVERE, MINOR, REBOOT, or SHUTDOWN}

[0164] Version=DCS 300 x.x

[0165] [Changed_Software]

[0166] OS={YES or NO}

[0167] NEXTGEN={YES or NO}

[0168] SWAPPER={YES or NO}

[0169] BOOT={YES or NO}

[0170] BOOT_MANAGER={YES or NO}

[0171] [Changed_Partitions]

[0172] OS={YES or NO}

[0173] NEXTGEN={YES or NO}

[0174] SWAPPER={YES or NO}

[0175] BOOT={YES or NO}

[0176] BOOT_MANAGER={YES or NO}

[0177] [OS]

[0178] START={BOTTOM or TOP}

[0179] File_System={FAT or HPFS}

[0180] Vtype={PRIMARY or SECONDARY}

[0181] 540_NAME={currently 0000003f}

[0182] 540_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0183] 2200_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}

[0184] 2200_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0185] 2500_NAME={currently 0000003f}

[0186] 2500_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0187] [SWAPPER]

[0188] START={BOTTOM or TOP}

[0189] File_System={FAT or HPFS}

[0190] Vtype={PRIMARY or LOGICAL}

[0191] 540_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}

[0192] 540_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0193] 2200_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}

[0194] 2200_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0195] 2500_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}

[0196] 2500_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0197] Restore_START={BOTTOM or TOP}

[0198] Restore_File System={FAT or HPFS}

[0199] Restore_Vtype={PRIMARY or LOGICAL}

[0200] Restore_540_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0201] Restore_2200_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0202] Restore_2500_SIZE={the size of the new partition}

[0203] [NEXTGEN]

[0204] START={BOTTOM or TOP}

[0205] File_System={FAT or HPFS}

[0206] Vtype={PRIMARY or SECONDARY}

- [0207] 540_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0208] 540_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0209] 2200_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0210] 2200_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0211] 2500_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0212] 2500_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0213] Restore_START={BOTTOM or TOP}
- [0214] Restore_File_System={FAT or HPFS}
- [0215] Restore_Vtype={PRIMARY or LOGICAL}
- [0216] Restore_540_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0217] Restore_2200_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0218] Restore_2500_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0219] [BOOT]
- [0220] START={BOTTOM or TOP}
- [0221] File_System={FAT or HPFS}
- [0222] Vtype={PRIMARY or LOGICAL}
- [0223] 540_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0224] 540_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0225] 2200_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0226] 2200_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0227] 2500_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0228] 2500_SIZE={the size of the new partition}
- [0229] [BOOT_MANAGER]
- [0230] START={BOTTOM or TOP}
- [0231] Vtype={PRIMARY or LOGICAL}
- [0232] 540_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0233] 2200_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0234] 2500_NAME={e.g. 0000003f}
- [0235] [Processes]
- [0236] NextgenGui={YES or NO}
- [0237] DataCollection={YES or NO}
- [0238] FUU={YES or NO}
- [0239] ViDaemon={YES or NO}
- [0240] [Disk_Size]
- [0241] Num_Cylinders_540_D_Drive={e.g. 97}
- [0242] Num_Cylinders_2200_D_Drive={e.g. 97}
- [0243] Num_Cylinders_2500_D_Drive={e.g. 97}
- [0244] [VIDEO_FIX]
- [0245] Flix_Config={YES or NO}
- [0246] Copy_Files={YES or NO}
- [0247] [Version_Controller]
- [0248] Range={0200 Ver 3.0, DCS 300 Ver x.x-y.y, z.z}
- [0249] 1.2.4.1. Version Level
- [0250] The version level refers to the parameters that can be stored in upgrade.ini. Upgrade.exe (Upgrade.c) contains a version level also. This version level refers to the parameters that upgrade.exe can read. The version numbers must match. When upgrade.exe is ran, it will compare the two version numbers. If the numbers don't match, the upgrade will end.
- [0251] 1.2.4.2. Upgrade
- [0252] The Upgrade header contains the type of upgrade and the version of the upgrade. These are the types of the upgrade (upgrade.ini):
- [0253] MINOR /* no process need to be stopped, no rebooting */
- [0254] REBOOT /* a major upgrade of the c drive including operating system or and upgrade of running d: drive processes on a DCS 300 with OS/2*/
- [0255] SHUTDOWN /* a major upgrade of the d drive that needs processes shut down. This will not be used until the DCS 300 is migrated to Windows NT. The DCS 300 processes should be written with PC hooks to shut down the process remotely. */
- [0256] SEVERE /* a severe upgrade of the DCS 300 which includes repartitioning or a new operating system */
- [0257] The SEVERE and SHUTDOWN upgrades will need to specify additional information (subsections) in the upgrade.ini.
- [0258] 1.2.4.3. Processes
- [0259] The Processes header contains the processes that need to shut down. SHUTDOWN will need to specify which processes to stop, such as nextgen.exe or data collection. A NO means "don't shutdown processes" and a YES means "shutdown the process". For all other types of upgrades this subheading is ignored.
- [0260] 1.2.4.4. Changed Software Changed software is only used for SEVERE and REBOOT upgrades. Changed software contains a list of the partitions that will have software updates. Changed software is used to indicate that the software in a partition has changed. For a SEVERE upgrade, If the partition size or file system will change, then, the corresponding setting here will also need to be set to YES because the software will have to be put back after the partition has been reformatted.
- [0261] 1.2.4.5. Changed_Partitions
- [0262] Changed partitions is only used for SEVERE upgrades. All other types will ignore this information. Changed Partitions contains a list of the partitions that will be changed. If the partition is set to NO, it will not be changed. If it is set to YES, it will be changed. Not all partitions will change. It is possible that only one will change (it didn't change size, it could change the file system perhaps). If the BOOT partition changed, the SWAPPER partition should also be changed. This is so the BOOT

partition can change sizes. These will be set to one if data on the partition changed (files) or the partition information changed (size, file system, . . .).

[0263] 1.2.4.6. OS, SWAPPER, NEXTGEN, BOOT, BOOT_MANAGER

[0264] These headings are used only if they are set to YES in the Changed_Partitions heading. They are only used by SEVERE upgrades. All other upgrades ignore this information. The disk drive information is set here. There needs to be partition information for each partition the was set to YES in Changed_Partitions.

[0265] The START parameter indicates if the partition is to be created at the bottom or top of the free space on the disk. The current file system is HPFS. This will be changed to FAT for Windows NT. The files system type is used by fdisk when the new partition is created and by format. Vtype indicates if the partition is primary or logical. Usually the operating system is on the primary partition and is on the c: drive. The size information is used to create the partition. These numbers must be correct for the different drive sizes (540M, 2.5 Gig, and 2.2 Gig) or fdisk will return an error. The name of the drive is important to delete the partition using fdisk. The name can be found by doing a fdisk/query. This will need to be done for all three sizes of drives (540M, 2.5 Gig, and 2.2 Gig). If other sizes of disk drives are used, the information will have to be added here too. These parameters are for fdisk.

[0266] If the name of the partition is not included in the os, swapper, nextgen, or boot sections (used only if the partition was set to YES in Changed_Partitions), then the partition will not be deleted. If the size was no included the partition will not be created. And, if the file system was not specified, the partition will not be formatted.

[0267] For example, for DCS 300 ver 1.0, the swapper partition will need to be deleted, and recreated at a smaller size because there will be two new partitions. For the swapper partition, since it needs to be deleted, the name of the partition will need to be included. Since it also needs to be created at a smaller size the, the size should also be included as well as the file system. The nextgen and the OS partitions will not be deleted or recreated so the size, file system, and name information for the partitions should not be included. The information on the nextgen and the OS partitions will change, so OS and NEXTGEN should be set to YES under the changed software heading in upgrade.ini. Two new partitions will be created—the boot partition and the boot manager. The names for these should not be included because they didn't exist before.

[0268] 1.2.4.7. Disk_Size

[0269] Disk size is the number of cylinders in the d: partition for each of the disk sizes. If a new hard drive is added, new entries will need to be added here. Currently in the field there are 540 Meg hard drives and 2.5 Gig hard drives. Soon there will be 2.2 Gig hard drives.

[0270] 1.2.4.8. Video Fix

[0271] There are currently three type of video cards out in the field. For SEVERE upgrades and reboot upgrades, config.sys will be changed when creat_ng is ran. Also, a new config.ngc might be copied over. If the files are changed, they will have to be changed to reference the correct video

drivers. Fix_Config will need to be set to YES if the config.ngc or config.sys is changed. If operating system is updated or replaced, then the video driver software for the correct card will have to be copied over to the appropriate directories. Copy_Files will need to be set to YES to cause the files to be copied over.

[0272] 1.2.4.9. Version_Controller

[0273] The version controller will contain the range of software that can be upgraded.

[0274] For this release it will be 0200 ver 3.0 that can be upgraded. It can be a list or a range such as 300 ver 3.0-3.3, 3.5.

[0275] 1.2.4.10. Example

[0276] An example upgrade.ini file that will be used for upgrades from 0200 Ver 3.0 to DCS 300 Ver 1.0 is included in the Computer Program Listing Appendix:

[0277] The type of upgrade shown in the example upgrade.ini file is SEVERE because the upgrade needs to delete and create partitions. The only partition that will be deleted is the swapper partition. It is being deleted to make room for two more partitions. The two new partitions are the alternate boot partition (BOOT) and boot manager. The swapper partition will be recreated at a smaller size. The OS and nextgen partitions will not be deleted or recreated, but new files will be copied over.

[0278] Since the swapper, the boot, and the boot manager partitions will change size, the SWAPPER, BOOT, and BOOT_MANAGER settings under changed_partitions are set to YES.

[0279] Data for all the partitions will change, so all the values in the Changed_Software are set to YES.

[0280] For the SWAPPER section, all the information for the partition is added except the name and size of the partition for the 2.2 Gig drive because none exist out in the field.

[0281] For the BOOT section, the boot partition name is not included because no boot partition was there before so no deletion of the partition will be attempted. The delete sections of the upgrade looks for the name of the partition to delete. If the name is NULL the section will be skipped. The new partition will be created at the top (START=TOP) of the free space on the hard drive.

[0282] For the BOOT_MANAGER section, the new partition will be created at the top (START=TOP) of the free space on the hard drive. The name is not included because boot manager was not installed before.

[0283] Creat_ng will be ran, so Fix_Config under Video-Fix will be set to YES.

[0284] For the Version Controller section, controller with 0200 Ver 3.0 software can be upgraded to DCS 300 Ver 1.0.

[0285] 1.2.5. Upgrade.log file

[0286] Upgrade messages will be sent to the controller screen as well as to a file, upgrade.log. At the beginning of the upgrade, a default upgrade.log will be copied over to d:\upgrade. Phase 0 messages are used by ESD and

300UpgradeUtil to determine if the DCS upgrade utility will proceed without errors. This is what the default message file looks like:

[0287] [PHASE]

[0288] phase=

[0289] [DISK_SIZE]

[0290] disk_size=

[0291] [VIDEO_CARD]

[0292] VIDEO_CARD=

[0293] [ERROR_MESSAGES]

[0294] [SUCCESS_MESSAGES]

[0295] If the upgrade is SEVERE and the d: partition is to be deleted and recreated, the upgrade.log will be copied over to the f: drive before the d: drive is deleted.

[0296] 1.2.5.1. Phase heading

[0297] At the completion of each phase, the next phase to be ran is set here. There are currently six phases (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5). None of the upgrades use all six phases. The MINOR upgrade only uses phase 0 and phase 5. A REBOOT upgrade uses phase 0, phase 4, and phase 5. A SEVERE upgrade uses phase 0, phase 1, phase 2, phase 3, and phase 5. A SHUTDOWN upgrade only uses phase 0 and phase 5.

[0298] 1.2.5.2. Disk Size Heading

[0299] The disk size is written to upgrade.log if the upgrade is SEVERE. An IOCTL command is ran that queries the number of cylinders in drive.

[0300] 1.2.5.3. Video Card Heading

[0301] This is used for SEVERE and REBOOT upgrades.

[0302] 1.2.5.4. Error Messages

[0303] These are the error messages that can be put in upgrade.log in phase 0:

[0304] Invalid disk size

[0305] Invalid zip files(s)

[0306] The upgrade files are not compatible with the DCS upgrade utility

[0307] The path for the upgrade files is incorrect.

[0308] The upgrade.ini is incorrect.

[0309] Incorrect number of parameters

[0310] DCS 300 ver x.x can not be upgraded to DCS 300 ver y.y. You must first upgrade to DCS 300 ver z.z the use this upgrade.

[0311] These are the error messages that can be put in upgrade.log in all other phases:

[0312] Creat_ng failed. The error messages can be found in TBD.

[0313] The upgrade completed with errors

[0314] The upgrade could not complete

[0315] Error Copying files to C: Drive

[0316] Error Copying files to D: Drive

[0317] Error Copying files to F: Drive

[0318] Backup failure:

[0319] Restore failure:

[0320] "Could not open master system file list.

[0321] Restore is in progress . . .

[0322] Backup is in progress . . .

[0323] Target directory creation error.

[0324] ERROR—Access to drive denied

[0325] Could not open the migration list file.

[0326] 1.2.5.5. Success Messages

[0327] These are the success messages that can be put in upgrade.log in phase 0:

[0328] DCS 300 ver x.x will be upgraded to DCS 300 version y.y.

[0329] 0200 Controller ver 3.0 will be upgraded to DCS 300 version 1.0.

[0330] These are the success messages that can be put in upgrade.log in all other phases:

[0331] Successful upgrade

[0332] 1.2.6. Save and Activate

[0333] If the /s parameter was passed in, a SEVERE and REBOOT upgrade will test to see if a save and activate is necessary. If the save and activate is necessary, the new default files will be copied over. Then data collection will be stopped, CM/2 will be ran, and then LAPs will be initiated. Timers will be used to wait to wait for data collection to stop, and for CM/2 setup and LAPs to finish.

[0334] 1.2.7. Assumptions

[0335] 1.2.7.1. Processes that Need to be in Place for the Upgrade Utility

[0336] It is assumed that there will be a config file that contains information on the software version. This will help control upgrades because the DCS 300's software version can be compared to the version controller in the upgrade files.

[0337] For ESD to start the DCS Upgrade Utility, a new functionality needs to be added that can spawn a command line utility based on a transaction.

[0338] The GUI needs to be changed to add the DCS 300 Upgrade Utility to the menu options. If the Upgrade Utility was selected, a new procedure in ngpblist.c will start the upgrade with the query option and examine the results in upgrade.log when the query is done. If there were no error in upgrade.log, the GUI will show a last chance box based on the type of upgrade (the type of upgrade is also in upgrade.log). If START was selected, the upgrade utility will be started without the query option.

[0339] The GUI needs to be changed to continuously check to see if there is an IPC call for a quiet save and activate. The upgrade utility will need to be able to do a quiet save and activate without rebooting or user input. Existing procedures like ActivateCfgOK, DcStopTimer, ActivateAfterStop, CheckCmsetup, ActivateAfterCM2, CheckLaps-

Done, and ActivateAfterLaps and the procedures they call will need to be able to accept two more input parameters (quiet, or not quiet, and no reboot, or reboot possible).

[0340] 1.2.7.2. Limitations

[0341] When an upgrade to DCS 300 ver 1 from 0200 ver 3.0 is done, no save and activate will occur because the changes to the DCS software are not in place. Also, the upgrade will need to be started from the command line for the same reasons.

[0342] The SHUTDOWN type of upgrade will not be used until the DCS 300 is migrated to Windows NT. The new DCS 300 processes should be written with IPC hooks to stop them remotely.

[0343] Much of the previous upgrade kit (upgrade to V3.0 on CD-ROM) can be used. Changes will need to be made to the sections, though. Phases of the upgrade will be used again with the addition of the upgrade parameter list in upgrade.ini.

[0344] 1.2.8. Software Structure

[0345] 1.2.8.1. ngpblist.c

[0346] For upgrades started from the GUI, code will need to be added to ngpblist.c to add the DCS 300 Upgrade Utility. A new dialog will be created when this option is selected. Under the create event of this dialog a new function (300UpgradeUtil) will be added that will prompt the user for which directory the upgrade files are in. Based upon the choice, 300UpgradeUtil will call upgrade.exe with these parameters: “upgrade /d:\upgrade /q”, if “D: Drive” was selected or “upgrade /g:\upgrade /q” if the “CD-ROM” option was selected. Upgrade.exe will perform phase 0 of the upgrade and quit. Phase 0 determines if the upgrade files are valid, extracts upgrade.ini from the upgrade files, determines if the upgrade.exe is compatible with the upgrade.ini, and determines the type of upgrade. The results of phase 0 is output to upgrade.log. Then upgrade.exe ends. The CreateUpgradeUtil function spawns the upgrade.exe. It then starts a xvt_timer and for each timer event generated, calls CkUpgradeLogFile. This function looks for the update.log file and when successfully opened verifies that no errors were generated by the upgrade.exe application. If errors are present, they are presented to the user in a XVT message dialog otherwise the success message that was written to the log file is displayed. If there were no errors, and based on the type of upgrade, a last resort box will show asking if the user wants to start or cancel the upgrade.

[0347] 1.2.8.1.1. Pseudo-Code for ngpblist.c

[0348] Pseudo-code for example procedures that SideButtonsMenuListOk calls for the upgrade utility are included in the Computer Program Listing Appendix in file “ngpblist.c.” These procedures include:

[0349] SideButtonsMenuListOK

[0350] CreateUpgradeUtil

[0351] 1.2.8.2. UpgradeUtilok (WINDOW xdWindow)

[0352] This function is called when the user clicks the OK button in the DCS Upgrade Utility dialog.

[0353] If CD-ROM was selected as the source then verify a CD is in the drive.

[0354] If not display an error.

[0355] Spawn the upgrade.exe application using the /q (query) option for a parameter.

[0356] Start the xvt_timer

[0357] 1.2.8.3. CkUpgradeLogFile(VOID)

[0358] This function is called when a E_TIMER event is received in the DCS Upgrade Utility dialog. Loop until a successful open is performed on the upgrade.log file or until nn timer events have been generated. If we time out, then inform the user and quit the process. After a successful open is performed, parse the upgrade.log file using the function:

[0359] LONG FindValue (PSZ pszFilePath, PSZ pszSection, /* “[ERROR_MESSAGES]”/PCHAR szFindString)

[0360] If no errors are found then parse the file again and display the messages written under the “[SUCCESS_MESSAGES]” section in a xvt_note dialog.

[0361] When we return from the note dialog, parse the upgrade.log file and find the type, (section=“[UPGRADE_TYPE]”).

[0362] Based on the type, display the appropriate dialog (see functional spec. for the different levels of upgrades.

[0363] If the type is MINOR or SHUTDOWN, show the user a Start or Cancel type dialog allowing the user to proceed or abort the process. Upgrade.exe is again called with no parameters.

[0364] IF the type is REBOOT or SEVERE, show the user a Star or Canel type dialog along with a check box to Save and Activate their current configuration.

[0365] Upgrade.exe is again called and if the Save and Activate check box is checked, then /s is passed in as a parameter to the call.

[0366] 1.2.8.4. Upgrade.exe

[0367] There are six phases to the upgrade. Phase 0 tests to see if the upgrade files are valid and examines the parameters of the upgrade. Phases 1, 2, and 3 are for SEVERE upgrades only. Phases 1, 2, and 3 delete, create, and format partitions. Phase 4 reboots the DCS 300 to the f: drive if the type of upgrade is REBOOT. MINOR and SHUTDOWN upgrades will jump from phase 0 to phase 5. Phase 5 extracts the zip files.

[0368] 1.2.8.4.1. Phase 0

[0369] Phase 0 does these tests for each possible zip file:

[0370] A check is done to see if the zip file exists (it is not an error if it does not exist)

[0371] If it exists the upgrade.ini is extracted from it

[0372] If there wasn't an upgrade.ini and error is logged to upgrade.log and the upgrade ends.

[0373] If there was an upgrade.inii, its version is compared to the version of upgrade.exe.

[0374] If the versions don't match, an error message is logged in upgrade.log and the upgrade ends.

[0375] At this point, if there is no upgrade.ini, an error message is logged to upgrade.log and the upgrade ends. If there is an upgrade.ini the version of the DCS 300 is compared to the version controller in upgrade.ini. If the DCS version doesn't fall in the range in the version controller, an error message is logged to upgrade.log and the upgrade ends. Next the type of upgrade is retrieved and logged to upgrade.log. If it is a SEVERE upgrade, the disk size is also logged to upgrade.log. If no errors have occurred, the success messages is logged to upgrade.log. The message tells the current version of the DCS 300 and the version it is being upgraded to. If the "q" parameter was used to call upgrade.exe, the upgrade will end. If the "q" parameter was not used the phase is set to the proper value and the upgrade continues. The new phase is logged in upgrade.log.

[0376] 1.2.8.4.2. Phase 1 (used by SEVERE only)

[0377] The DCS 300 will do a save and activate if the /s parameter was passed in.

[0378] Phase 1 will extract upgdbkup.lst from one of the zip files and back up the users system files to the d:\upgrade directory. In phase 2 these files will be copied to the boot partition (f: drive).

[0379] If BOOT=YES was set in upgrade.ini, phase I will delete the swapper partition if the name was set in upgrade.ini. This is so the boot partition can change sizes. Next, the boot partition will be deleted if the the name was set in upgrade.ini. If the delete of the boot partition failed an error message recorded to upgrade.log. The old partition settings will be in the upgrade.ini. If the partitions were deleted successfully, the new boot partition will be created if the size is not equal to zero.

[0380] Phase 2 will be entered in the upgrade.log so that when the DCS reboots, phase two will be started.

[0381] A new config.sys and startup.cmd will be copied over the old so that when the DCS 300 reboots to the c: drive, the upgrade program will run.

[0382] Now the DCS 300 will reboot if it hasn't already.

[0383] 1.2.8.4.3. Phase 2 (Used by SEVERE Only)

[0384] Phase two will format the swapper partition in the specified file system if the file system was set in upgrade.ini. If it fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log and an error message will print to the screen and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is not functional but it is bootable to the C: drive.

[0385] If no error occur, the boot partition will be formatted in the specified file system if the file system was set in upgrade.ini. If an error occurs, an error message will be written to upgrade.log and the DCS 300 will be set up to boot up normally and the DCS will reboot to the C: drive. The DCS 300 is fully functional, but the upgrade failed. If no errors occur, boot_drive.zip will be exploded into the new drive and the backed up system files will be copied over as well as the upgrade.ini and upgrade.log files.

[0386] If errors occur during the copying, an error message will be written to upgrade.log and the DCS 300 will be set up to boot up normally and the DCS will reboot. The

DCS 300 is fully functional, but the upgrade failed. If the e: drive was not deleted before, it can be now if SWAPPER=YES under the changed partitions heading in upgrade.ini. If it fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log and a error message will print to the screen and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is fully functional.

[0387] If there was no errors and If NEXTGEN=YES under the changed partitions heading in upgrade.ini, the d: drive will now be deleted if the name was set in upgrade.ini. If it fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, the swapper partition will be recreated, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is not functional but it is bootable to the C: drive.

[0388] If there was no errors and If OS=YES under the changed partitions heading in upgrade.ini, the c: drive will now be deleted if the was set in upgrade.ini. If it fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is not functional but it is bootable to the c: drive.

[0389] If there were no errors, the deleted partitions will now be recreated through fdisk if the sizes were set in upgrade.ini. If a partition creation fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is not functional and it is not bootable to the c: drive.

[0390] If no errors occur creating the partitions, the DCS will reboot to the f: drive if OS, NEXTGEN, or SWAPPER is set to YES under the changed partitions heading in upgrade.ini.

[0391] 1.2.8.4.4. Phase 3 (Used by SEVERE Only)

[0392] Phase three will first format the os partition in the specified file system if the file system was set in upgrade.ini. If the format fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is not functional and it is not bootable to the c: drive because there is no operating system on the c: drive. The DCS 300 was booted from the f: drive and is at a command prompt.

[0393] If there are no errors, the nextgen partition will be formatted in the specified file system if the file system was set in upgrade.ini. If the format fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is not functional and it is not bootable to the c: drive because there is no operating system on the c: drive. The DCS 300 was booted from the f: drive and is at a command prompt.

[0394] If there are no errors, the swapper partition will be formatted in the specified file system if the file system was set in upgrade.ini. If the format fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is not functional and it is not bootable to the c: drive because there is no operating system on the c: drive. The DCS 300 was booted from the f: drive and is at a command prompt. If there are no errors, the upgrade zip files are now ready to be exploded—increment the phase to 5 .

[0395] 1.2.8.4.5. Phase 4 (Used by REBOOT Only)

[0396] The phase is set to 5 in the log file. The DCS 300 will do a save and activate if the /s parameter was passed in and if a save and activate is necessary. Now the DCS 300 will reboot.

[0397] 1.2.8.4.6. Phase 5

[0398] If REBOOT was set in upgrade.ini, upgdbkup.lst will be extracted from one of the zip files. This is the list of files to be backed up and restored. The system files will be copied to the d:\upgrade\backup directory. If the backup fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will reboot the DCS 300 to the c: drive. The DCS 300 is fully functional and operation will resume as normal except the upgrade did not complete successfully.

[0399] If the REBOOT parameter is set under the changed partitions heading in upgrade.ini, upgrade.exe will run CreatUpgradeTmpFile. This procedure will read the last successful section from ng_config.log and copy it to a temp file to be used when creat_ng is ran. If the CreatUpgradeTmpFile fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will reboot the DCS 300 to the c: drive. The DCS 300 is fully functional and operation will resume as normal except the upgrade did not complete successfully.

[0400] If the SHUTDOWN parameter is set under the changed partitions heading in upgrade.ini, the nextgen processes will now be stopped.

[0401] For all upgrades, the zip files will now be extracted to the appropriate drive and directories. If OS=YES under the changed_software heading in upgrade.ini, os_drive.zip will be exploded in the c: drive. If the unzip fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is might or might not be functional and it might or might not be bootable. The status is unknown because the c: drive is corrupted. The DCS 300 was booted from the f: drive and is at a command prompt.

[0402] If there is no errors and NEXTGEN=YES under the changed_software heading in upgrade.ini, nextgen_drive.zip will be exploded in the d: drive. If the unzip fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will end. The DCS 300 is might or might not be functional but it is bootable to the c: drive. The DCS 300 was booted from the f: drive and is at a command prompt.

[0403] If there is no errors and the REBOOT or SEVERE parameter is set, creat_ng will be ran to restore the user configuration. If the creat_ng fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will reboot to the c: drive and end. The DCS 300 is functional but not configured.

[0404] If there is no errors and the REBOOT or SEVERE parameter is set, the procedure systemRestore will be ran to restore the backed up system files. If the systemRestore fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will reboot to the c: drive and end. The DCS 300 is functional but not configured fully.

[0405] If there is no errors and the REBOOT or SEVERE parameter is set, the procedure EnableTcpiInConfigSys will be ran to start TCP/IP in the config.sys if it was set before. If TcpiInConfigSys fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the

screen, and the upgrade will reboot to the c: drive and end. The DCS 300 is functional but not configured fully.

[0406] If there is no errors and the REBOOT or SEVERE parameter is set, the procedure HostNAMERestore will be ran to restore the host name in config.sys. If HostNAMERestore fails, an error message will be recorded to upgrade.log, an error message will print to the screen, and the upgrade will reboot to the c: drive and end. The DCS 300 is functional but not configured fully.

[0407] If the REBOOT or SEVERE parameter is set, the DCS 300 will now reboot to the c: drive and be ready for normal operation.

[0408] If the SHUTDOWN parameter is set, the stopped processes will now be restarted.

[0409] If there was any errors configuring the controller fully, the user will have to reconfigure the DCS 300.

[0410] 1.2.8.4.7. Pseudo-Code for upgrade.c

[0411] The main body of upgrade.c calls these functions:

[0412] main

[0413] SearchAndAddStringtoFile

[0414] FormatPartition

[0415] DiskSize

[0416] CreatePartitions

[0417] IncrementPhase

[0418] HostNameRestore

[0419] FindValue

[0420] UpdtConfigLog

[0421] SystemBackup

[0422] SystemRestore

[0423] CreateUpgradeTmpFile

[0424] DosExecPgmWrapper

[0425] EnableTcpiInConfigSys

[0426] SaveAndActivate

[0427] RestoreVideoType()

[0428] SaveVideoType()

[0429] A copy of pseudo-code for an example "upgrade.c" file is included in the Computer Program Listing Appendix.

[0430] 1.2.8.4.8. Pseudo-Code for Upgrade.h

[0431] A copy of pseudo-code for an example header definition is included as file "upgrade.h" in the Computer Program Listing Appendix.

[0432] 1.2.9. Data Organization

[0433] Changes will be made to a SysMaintitems structure in a ngextrn.h file. A copy of pseudo-code for an example header definition is included as file "ngextm.h" in the Computer Program Listing Appendix.

1. A system for automatically upgrading executable instructions on client devices over a network that selectively

provides data communication between the system and the client devices, the system comprising:

at least one memory storing at least one version of a set of upgraded instructions selectively loadable to the client device and executable thereby; and

a server coupled to the memory and operable to execute a first set of server instructions to push the at least one version of the set of upgraded instructions to at least one of the client devices based on a current configuration of the client device, and operable to execute a second set of instructions to allow at least one of the client devices to pull the at least one version of the set of upgraded instructions to the client device based on a current configuration of the client device.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the client device is an automatic data collection device selected from the group comprising a radio frequency identification reader, a machine-readable symbol reader; and a magnetic stripe reader.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the current configuration of the client device is stored at the server.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the client device periodically contacts the server to determine the availability of a specific version of the set of upgraded instruction stored in the at least one memory.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein from time to time, the server contacts the client device at a scheduled time to determine the current configuration of the client device.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one version of a set of upgraded instructions stored at the at least memory device comprises at least one of an operating system; an application; and a set of user data.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one version of a set of upgraded instructions stored at the at least memory device comprises an upgraded operating system.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein the server operable to organize a plurality of client devices into a logical group and allow for a single event to initiate at least one of a push or a pull of the set of upgraded instructions to each of the client devices in the logical group.

9. A method for automatically upgrading executable instructions on client devices, the method comprising:

storing remotely from the client devices at least two versions of client executable upgraded instructions selectively loadable to the client device and executable thereby;

communicatively coupling a server and at least one of the client devices;

operating the server in at least a first instance to push an installation of at least a first version of client executable upgraded instructions to the client device; and

operating the server in at least a second instance to allow at least one of the client devices to pull an installation of the first version of client executable upgraded instructions to the client device.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the first instance occurs before the second instance.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein the second instance occurs before the first instance.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

determining a configuration of the client device;

selecting between the at least two versions of client executable upgraded instructions based on the determined configuration of the client device.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:

storing the configuration of the client device at the server.

14. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

determining an availability of a specific version of client executable upgraded instructions.

15. The method of claim 9 wherein the installation of a new operating system comprises:

determining a configuration of at least one of the client devices;

archiving an application and a set of user data of the client device on the server;

providing a version of installation software of the new operating system to the client device corresponding to the configuration of the client device;

rebooting the client device;

installing a version of the archived application optimized to the new operating system on the client device; and

restoring the archived set of user data to the client device.

16. A method for automatically upgrading instructions on a client device, the client device having memory for storing instructions, the method comprising:

providing data communication between a number of client devices and a server through a network;

storing in a memory accessible by the server, a plurality of versions of client upgrade instructions selectively loadable to the client device and executable thereby;

in at least one instance pushing an installation of at least one of the versions of client upgrade instructions from the server to at least one of the client devices; and

in at least a second instance, pulling an installation of at least one of the versions of client upgrade instructions from the server to at least one of the client devices.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

determining a configuration of at least one of the client devices; and

selecting one of the versions of client upgrade instructions based on the determined configuration of the at least one of the client devices before pushing or pulling an installation of at least one of the versions of client upgrade instructions from the server to at least one of the client devices.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising:

storing a representation of the configuration of the client device at the server.

19. The method of claim 17, further comprising:

storing a representation of the configuration of the client device at the client device.

20. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

from time-to-time, the client device determining whether a specific version of client upgrade instructions is available on the server.

21. The method of claim 16 wherein storing in a memory accessible by the server, a plurality of versions of client upgrade instructions selectively loadable to the client device and executable thereby comprises storing an upgrade version of an operating system.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

determining a configuration of the client device;

archiving an application and a set of user data of the client device on the server;

providing the upgrade version of the operating system to the client device corresponding to the configuration of the client device;

rebooting the client device;

installing a version of the archived application optimized to the upgraded version of the operating system on the client device; and

restoring the archived set of user data to the client device.

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