

Handheld Devices and SMBus-One™

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Charter

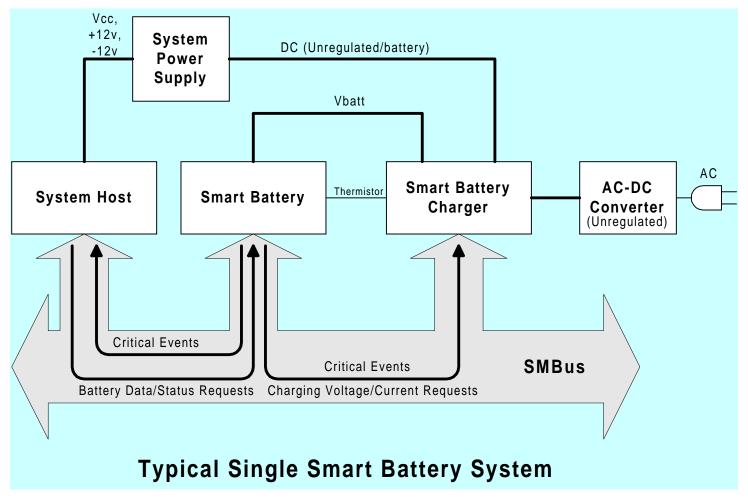
- The SBS chartered a new Special Working Group to define a Handheld Data Set and Physical Layer
 - Work on communications
 - Be simpler than the notebook SMBus
 - Good for driving costs down.



Market Purpose



Notebook SBS System





Parts of an Electronic Battery

- Batteries carrying electronics contain:
 - Fuel gauging
 - Host-battery communications
 - Fault protection (electronic and passive)
 - Abuse-tolerant design



Parts of a Smart Battery

- Options found only in some batteries:
 - Charge control
 - Smart Battery controlling external SB Charger
 - In-pack charge control
 - Historical usage pattern recording
 - Identification



Handheld Devices--today

Notebooks

- Smart Battery--here
- Multiple batteries are in Notebooks
- Standardization is driving cost down
- SMBus is accepted

Mobile Handsets

- Smart Battery is coming
- Multiple batteries are in one charger base
- Cost is an overriding concern
- No agreed physical layer



Goal for a Handheld Data Set

SBDS in PC's

- SMBus only
- 16-bit data
- Ack/Nak in i2c.bus
- Master/Slave
- 33 commands

HDS

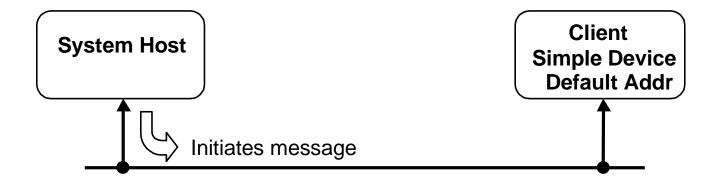
- Open-IP bus
- 8 to 12-bit data
- Robust error handling
- Slave only or M/S
- Few commands



System Models



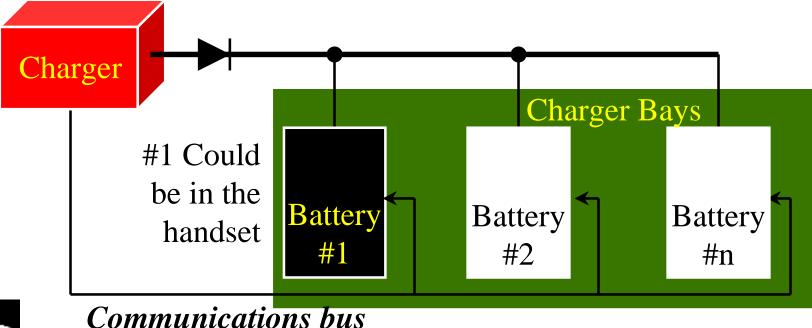
Simplest System Model





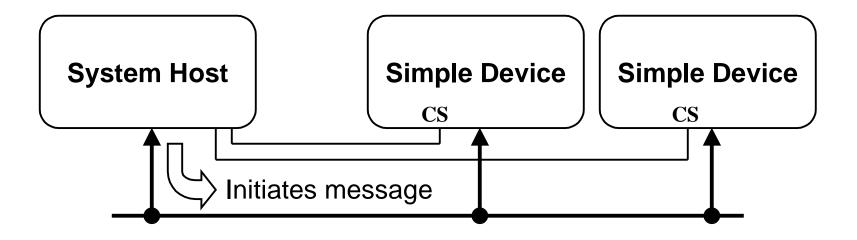
Common Handset System

When each battery has the same address, some selection method is needed!



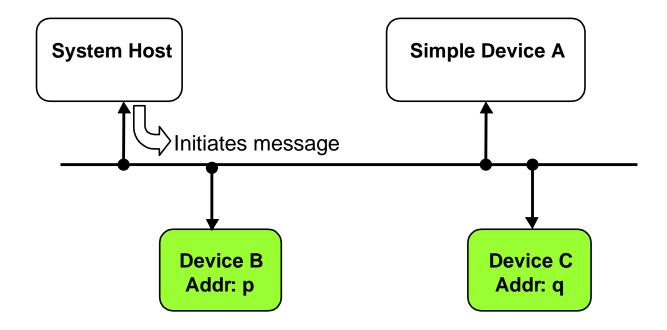


Simplest Model with Selector



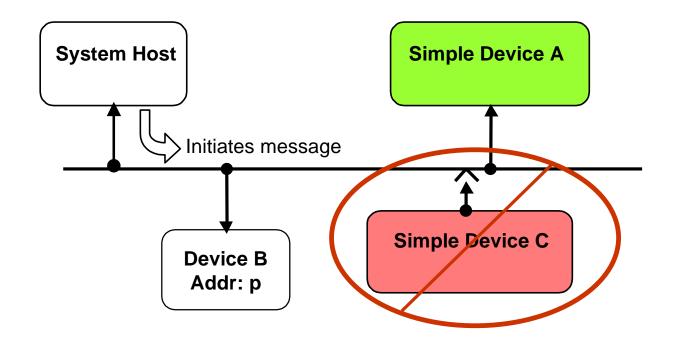


Addressable Device Model



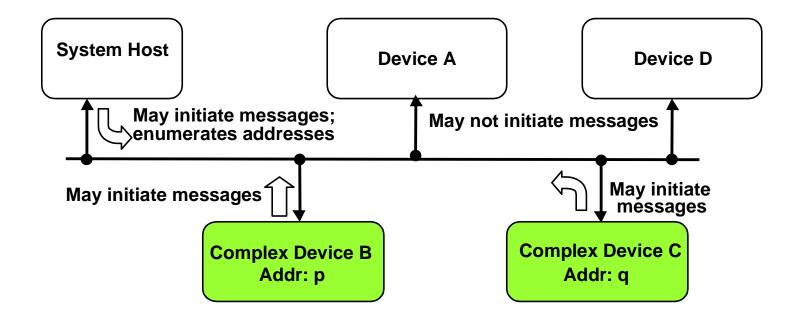


Disallowed Case Combined Addressable-simple Models





Complex System Model H/PC, P/PC Applications





Summary--Handheld Devices

Type of System

- #1 Simple system (cellular phone handset)
- #2 System that requires several devices on the bus.(power mgmt bus in handset)
- #3 Complex system (H/PC system)

Device

Features

- One Address
- Point-to-point
- Slave-only
- Fixed Address or
- S/W Address
- Multi-node bus
- Slave-only
- Multi-node bus
- Fixed Address &
- S/W Address
- Master / Slave

SBS

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Summary--Selector Methods

- Use a selector-bridge to separate each battery from the bus unless selected
 - Selector switches power and bus lines
- Selector switches hardware enable lines
 - Introduce additionally one pin / pack
- Add software selection to the battery
 - Adds complexity to software; no switches



Physical Layer for HH Devices



Physical Layer for Handhelds

- BODIP is one alternative but not popular within the HH Data WG
- Introduce SMBus-One as a practical solution



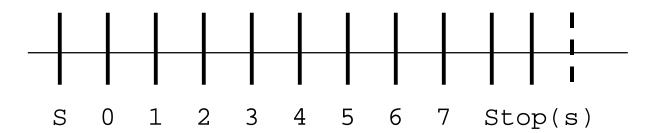
BODIP[†] Method from *Power'97*

- Sony defined three fields, each 16 bytes
 - 1st field = customer data
 - 2nd & 3rd field = manufacturer data
- One-way broadcasting
- Data rate = 1200bps



BODIP Protocol

- Each field has a two-byte start block (0x0707) and end block (0x8787)
- Data block in the field is 12 bytes
- Each byte contains a UART-style start bit, stop bits and 8 data bits





Concerns with BODIP

- Too slow for wide applicability
- Fixed-data rate
- One-way protocol does not please many OEM's that prefer complete control of the Host-Battery link
- Some aspects may not be Open-IP
- BODIP has variations



SMBus-One

- A new bus
- One-wire, positive logic, low-power
- Multiple data rates
- Robust data integrity
- Bi-directional transfer
- Suitable across all system models



Summary

- An SBS for handheld communications--
- SMBus-One is a simple, one-wire bus
- Good for driving costs down.
- Encompasses multi-bay battery charging
- Ensures data integrity in rough environments



Call To Action

- Actively interested?
 - Join the SBS IF as an Adopter
 - Join the HH Data Spec Working Group
- Please send comments to us at
 - hhdata@www.sbs-forum.org (Data Set)
 - smbusone@www.sbs-forum.org (Bus)

