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Preface

Scope of Manual

This manual describes how to install and configure the DTMF remote control software.

Document Conventions

"File > Open" means "click File on the menu bar, then click Open on the list of commands that pops up". "Monitor > Module Details > Reciter" means "click the Monitor icon on the toolbar, then in the navigation pane find the Module Details group, and select Reciter from it".

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Associated Documentation

TB9100 Base Station Customer Service Software User's Manual (MBA-00003-xx.

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1 Introduction

The DTMF remote control software runs on the TB9100 reciter and allows remote control of TB9100 base stations using DTMF tones. The software maps DTMF tone sequences to function codes in the TB9100 Customer Service Software (CSS) Task Manager. The mapping is defined in an .ini configuration file.

DTMF digits can be sent from a radio or dispatcher console. Matched sequences are acted on by any and all TB9100 base stations they are received by.

DTMF sequences of arbitrary length can be mapped to any of the 256 function codes. These are configured in Task Manger to control functions such as channel change, repeater operation, RF frequency and tone transmission.

The DTMF audio is sourced from the TB9100 receiver. The DTMF remote control only works for analog networks.

2 Configuration and Installation

Configuration and installation of the TB9100 DTMF remote control software is carried out by a PC connected to the same IP network as the TB9100 reciter. The TB9100 reciter must be configured using the TB9100 Customer Service Software (CSS) Task Manager.

Prior to installation, a configuration file is created for all DTMF-controlled base stations in a given system. The configuration file contains general DTMF decoder settings, a list of DTMF-controlled base stations, and the DTMF tone sequences to control functions for each base station. The same configuration file is used for all DTMF-controlled base stations in a system, simplifying the installation and support processes.

During installation, the network-connected PC will:

- download the DTMF remote control software to the TB9100 reciter,
- download the configuration file to the TB9100 reciter,
- update the TB9100 reciter to run the DTMF remote control software automatically.

When the installation is complete, the DTMF remote control software automatically starts. At startup, the DTMF remote control software loads the configuration file which contains general configuration items that applies to all DTMF-controlled base stations, and the specific configuration items that applies to each reciter.

The TB9100 reciter must be configured to be controlled by the TB9100 DTMF remote control software. The standard TB9100 CSS Task Manager is used. During configuration, Task Manager items are added to provide DTMF remote control of the required base station functions. This may include channel change, repeater and monitor functions as appropriate.

2.1 Files provided

The deployment zip file contains:

- DTMF remote control binary executable (3203Ax)
- an example configuration file (3203Ax.ini)
- a batch script (deploy.bat)
- a program for executing commands on a remote machine (plink.exe)
- a tool for transferring files securely between computers (pscp.exe).

Both plink.exe and pscp.exe are components of PuTTY; a free and opensource terminal emulator, serial console and network file transfer application. PuTTY, including licensing information is available via http://www.putty.org/. PuTTY, PSCP and Plink use cryptography for secure communications and there may be restrictions in some countries.

2.2 Edit the configuration file

The configuration file is an .ini file stored in the directory /etc/tait/3203Ax.ini on the reciter. You can edit it there or edit the example file 3203Ax.ini before deploying.

The configuration file is in the standard ini file format.

- The [config] section holds general items to change the behaviour of the software.
- The [site map] section maps IP addresses to sequence maps.
- sequence map sections, which set the DTMF to function code mapping for each individual DTMF-controlled base station in the system.

2.2.1 Syntax Rules

Comments start with ';'. Comments can be on the same line as valid content but the ';' must have a space before it.

Sections are specified like [Section Name] on a line of their own. All spaces with the brackets are included in the name.

Keys and values are separated with '=' or ':'. Neither of those characters are valid with a key name. The separators may have spaces around them.

2.2.2 [config] section - user configurable

Inter digit timeout

This defines the maximum gap between two consecutive DTMF tones, in 100s of milliseconds. If no tone occurs in this period then any currently stored sequence is checked against the mapping and then cleared. Default setting is:

inter digit timeout = 20

Allow prefix

Allow input of eg "123456" to match a sequence of "1234" if it is non-ambiguous (ie if there are no mappings for the sequences "12345" and "123456" defined). Only has an effect if "wait on match" is set. Default setting is:

allow prefix = true;

Here

This defines the site name and overrides the 'site map' list for this basestation. The site name must correspond to one of the sequence maps defined in this configuration file. There is no default setting. Example of usage is:

here = San Miguel Mtn

Wait on match

This determines whether DTMF sequences that match a defined sequence are acted on immediately, or wait until a sequence timeout occurs.

If false, a received sequence that exactly matches a defined sequence, and it is not a substring of a longer sequence, will be acted on immediately.

If true, then a matched sequence is acted on when the sequence timeout expires. This setting may reduce false positives due to long invalid sequences that have a valid prefix. Default setting is:

wait on match = false

Sequence timeout

This timer starts when the first digit is recognized. The currently stored sequence is acted on and cleared when it expires. Default setting is disabled:

sequence timeout = 0

2.2.3 [config] section - advanced

Notice We recommend that you do not change these configuration items.

Stream source

This defines where the DTMF decoder audio is sourced from.

0=audio is sourced from the analog line,

1=audio is sourced from the RF receiver. Audio sourced from the RF receiver contains more noise, uses more resources and is more susceptible to false positives. Default setting is:

stream source = 0

Nice_inc

This defines the priority of DTMF decoder process within the TB9100 reciter. A higher value corresponds to a lower schedule priority. Default setting is:

nice inc = 10

Samples_per_block

Audio samples per block. A block is the minimum window that the DTMF decoder looks for tones in. Increasing the samples per block will improve noise performance but will increase processor usage. Defaults to 102 (the sample rate is 8000Hz). If you are experiencing incorrectly repeated digits on a channel with a low SNR, this may be changed to 204. Default setting is:

samples per block = 102

Filter_dialtone

Filter dialtones from the input before checking for DTMF digits. Default setting is:

filter dialtone = false

Twist / Reverse Twist

Change the acceptable twist in the received tones pairs. Default settings are:

twist = 8

 $reverse_twist = 4$

Threshold

The minimum acceptable tone level for detection, in dBm0. Default setting is:

threshold = -42

2.2.4 [site map] section

The [site map] section contain a list of the TB9100 DTMF remote control base stations in the system. Each list entry contains the name of the TB9100 DTMF remote controlled base station and its IP address. The entries in the [site map] reference the individually defined sequence map for each TB9100 DTMF remote controlled base station.

Example [site map]

10.0.0.10 = San Miguel Mtn

10.0.0.11 = Lake San Marcos

192.168.6.3 = Test

2.2.5 Sequence map sections

These sections are used to define the DTMF to function code mapping for each individual TB9100 DTMF remote controlled base station in the system. They detail which received DTMF sequences generate which TB9100 function codes.

Each Sequence Map Section starts with the name of the TB9100 DTMF remote controlled base station, or base stations IP address. The base station name should correspond to the entries listed in the [site map] section.

Each entry in the sequence map contains DTMF sequences on the left and function codes which are sent to the Task Manager on the right.

Valid DTMF digits are 123456789ABCD*#.

Example

The following defines which DTMF sequences generate which TB9100 function codes for the "San Miguel Mtn "TB9100 reciter. It maps a DTMF sequence of "1051" to the function code "1" and so on:

[San Minguel Mtn] 1051=1;F1 1052=2;F2 1053=3;F3 1054=4;F4 1055=5;F5 1056=6;F6 1057=7;Repeat Enable 1058=8;Repeat Disable TBC=9;Toggle Monitor

When the TB9100 DTMF remote control software is running on a reciter, only one such section is active at any one time. At startup the TB9100 DTMF control software reads the complete configuration file and determines which Sequence Map section applies to that reciter. There are three ways to tell the software which section to use, in order of precedence:

- "Set "here = San Miguel Mtn "in the [config] section to tell the software explicitly which section to use.
- "Set "10.0.0.10 = San Miguel Mtn" in the [site map] section to tell the software that is should use the section "San Miguel Mtn "if its IP address is "10.0.0.10".
- "If neither of the previous two rules are matched then the software will look for a section with a name which matches its IP address (eg "10.0.0.10").

See 'Sample Configuration' at the end of this document for a complete example.

2.3 Software installation

The batch file copies and installs the binary and configuration files to the base station. It also adds the binary to the startup routine and restarts the 3203Ax binary, if running.

1. Run the deploy.bat batch script by double-clicking or run from a command prompt. You must run from the existing directory.

When running from a command prompt, enter "deploy.bat /?" to see the list of arguments. The following optional arguments are available:

deploy.bat [--uninstall] [--fetch] [remote_host] [ssh_password] where:

Batch file arguments

Argument	
uninstall	Remove binary, config and startup directive.
fetch	Fetch binary and configuration files to current directory, same names as on device so we don't overwrite example.ini.
remote_host	The IP or hostname of the target reciter. Will be prompted for name if not supplied.
ssh_password	For SSH access to the reciter. Will be prompted for if not supplied.

- 2. After the batch script is run, a command prompt window appears and asks you for the target reciter's IP address and password. The hostname can be used as an alternative to the IP address.
- 3. Enter the IP address or hostname, then password into the command line, in that order.
- 4. The batch script uses pscp to transfer the binary file and configuration file to the reciter. Then the binary file restarts.

5. If an error occurs, such as a fault in the configuration file prevents installation, a message is printed to the command prompt and to the system log. Refer to Section 3Troubleshooting.

If everything was installed without error, it prints out: TCI ae3203 DTMF Reciter control version 1.1 Copyright 2013 Tait Communications, all rights reserved.

```
Renote host: 192.168.6.3
Password for roote192.168.6.3: klu1

section: [site map]."192.168.6.3" = "San Higuel Htn"
[San Higuel Htn]
1051 = 1
1052 = 2
1053 = 3
1054 = 4
1055 = 5
1056 = 6
1057 = 7
1058 = 8
9999 = 9
TCI asa203 DTHF Reciter control version 1.1
Copyright 2013 Tait Communications, all rights reserved.
All done (press any key)
```

2.4 TB9100 CSS configuration

The TB9100 requires configuration to operate with the TB9100 DTMF remote control software.

The TB9100 DTMF remote control software communicates with the T9100 reciter using network function codes. The TB9100 CSS Task Manager is used to configure what each function code does.

The TB9100 CSS warning of the use of network function codes for changing channel, enabling/disabling RF repeat, and monitor mode, do not apply to the DTMF remote control software. For DTMF remote control the UDP messages are sent from the DTMF remote control process to the reciter process, where both processes are run on the same processor. The UDP message are not sent across the IP network.

Task Manager configuration is outside the scope of this manual, however a sample Task Manager script is provided in the Sample Configuration section of this document. For Task Manager details, refer to the TB9100 Base Station Customer Service Software User's Manual (MBA-00003-xx).

3 Troubleshooting

This section describes what to do if operation is not proceeding as expected. An error in the configuration file should prevent deployment, otherwise you need to connect to the TB9100 reciter using SSH to debug the software in place.

3.1 Run the binary file

The binary is located in /usr/bin/tait/3203Ax. The binary can be run with command line options which may be useful for testing a configuration.

To run the 3203A8 software from command line, the 3203A8 process that was automatically started by the 3203A8 software was installed, may be stopped using the following steps:

- 1. Connect to the TB9100 reciter using an ssh client.
- 2. edit /etc/inittab and comment out the line 'null::respawn:/usr/bin/tait/3203A8'.
- 3. restart the initialization process using 'init -q' so that the previous / etc/inittab changes take effect.
- 4. Enter 'ps' to list the running processes and find the PID (process identifier) for the 3203A8 software.
- 5. Use kill <pid>, where <pid> is the PID (process identifier) obtained in the previous step, to stop the 3203A8 process.
- 6. Once the 3203A8 process is stopped, the 3203A8 software can be run from command line using ./3203A8.
- 7. Run the binary file with the --help argument to get an informative listing of accepted command line arguments. The most useful one is -v to increase the verbosity of debug message. You can use that argument a second time to increase the verbosity even more.

Command line arguments

Argument	
-V	version; print identifying information and exit
-c file	get configuration from `file` instead of `/etc/tait/\$0.ini`
-V	verbose; print active site mapping and sequence map at startup, print function tones as they are sent.

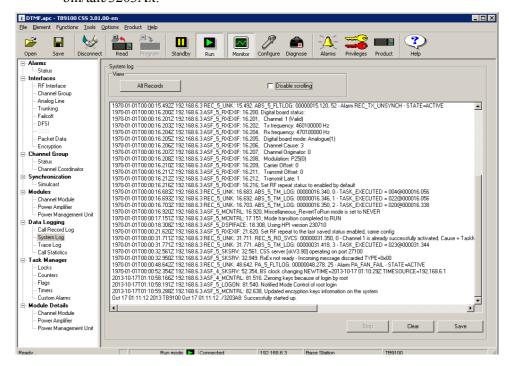
Argument	
-vv	very verbose; also print all DTMF tones as they are recognised, print config file entries as they are parsed
dry-run	do `-v` but exit after parsing the config file
dtmf ["sequence[]"]	act on these (space separated) dtmf sequences, reads from stdin if no argument provided
code ["num[]"]	just forward these (space separated) function codes to the reciter task manager, doesn't do any config file parsing, reads from stdin if no argument
stdout	print tones to stdout instead of sending the to the task manager
stderr	as with `stdout` but print to stderr

Debug messages are printed to the standard output. Errors are printed to the standard error and to the system log.

Multiple instances of the binary may run at once without issue, although you will get duplicate function codes sent to the Task Manager.

3.2 Check the syslog

After installation, check the syslog. The software prints to syslog on both fatal and non-fatal errors. You can view this in the "System Log" and "Trace Log" tabs of the monitor mode of the CSS. It has the name it was run with as a prefix in the log message, which in most cases will be /usr/ bin/tait/3203Ax.



4 Sample Configuration

This section describes the TB9100 DTMF remote control configuration and TB9100 CSS configuration for an 8-site system.

4.1 MA3 8-site system

The Mutual Aid radio system 3 (MA3) operates across eight sites. The base stations at each site are individually controlled using unique 4-digit DTMF sequences.

The 4-digit DTMF sequence is used to:

- select the transmit and receive frequency,
- enable and disable repeater operation,
- toggle monitor on and off at each site.

4.1.1 MA3 DTMF sequences

	San Miguel Mtn	Lake San Marcos	Red Mtn	Monument Peak	Los Pinos Mtn	White Star	North Peak	Palomar Mtn
Repeat Enable	1057	2027	2047	3107	3127	3157	3217	3207
Repeat Disable	1058	2028	2048	3108	3128	3158	3218	3208
Select F1	1051	2021	2041	3101	3121	3151	3211	3201
Select F2	1052	2022	2042	3102	3122	3152	3212	3202
Select F3	1053	2023	2043	3103	3123	3153	3213	3203
Select F4	1054	2024	2044	3104	3124	3154	3214	3204
Select F5	1055	2025	2045	3105	3125	3155	3215	3205
Select F6	1056	2026	2046	3106	3126	3156	3216	3206
Toggle Monitor	9091	9092	9093	9094	9095	9096	9097	9098

All DTMF transmissions are 4-digits in length, with no additional digits at the start or end of the sequence. The dispatcher does not send DTMF tones. The dispatcher selects the channel by an EIA tone sequence.

A MA3 user can not control the MA3 base-stations that are out of range. The audio received at one MA3 site is not repeated at the other sites.

4.1.2 Sample 3208A8.ini configuration for the MA3 system

The following is a sample 3208A.ini configuration for the MA3 system. Most of the comments have been removed from the 3208A.ini to help readability. It is expected that the standard comments in the 3203A8.ini file will be retained to assist support staff that do not have ready access to this manual.

[config]

;default settings are used throughout. These have been included here for

reference

;inter digit timeout = 20

;allow prefix = true;

;here = San Miguel Mtn

;wait on match = false

; sequence timeout = 0

;stream source = 0

; nice inc = 10

; samples per block = 102

;filter dialtone = false

;twist = 8

; reverse twist = 4

;threshold = -42

[site map]

10.0.0.10 = San Miguel Mtn

10.0.0.11 = Lake San Marcos

10.0.0.12 = Red Mtn

10.0.0.13 = Monument Peak

10.0.0.14 = Los Pinos Mtn

10.0.0.15 = White Star

10.0.0.16 = North Peak

10.0.0.17 = Palomar Mtn

[San Miguel Mtn]

1051=1 ;F1

1052=2;F2

1053=3 ;F3

1054=4;F4

1055=5;F5

1056=6 ;F6

1057=7; Repeat Enable

1058=8; Repeat Disable

9091=9; Toggle Monitor

[Lake San Marcos]

2021=1;F1

2022=2;F2 2023=3 ;F3

2024=4 ;F4

2025=5;F5

2026=6;F6

2027=7; Repeat Enable

	2028=8 ;Repeat Disable 9092=9 ;Toggle Monitor
[Red Mtn]	2041=1 ;F1 2042=2 ;F2 2043=3 ;F3 2044=4 ;F4 2045=5 ;F5 2046=6 ;F6 2047=7 ;Repeat Enable 2048=8 ;Repeat Disable 9093=9 ;Toggle Monitor
[Monument Peak]	3101=1 ;F1 3102=2 ;F2 3103=3 ;F3 3104=4 ;F4 3105=5 ;F5 3106=6 ;F6 3107=7 ;Repeat Enable 3108=8 ;Repeat Disable 9094=9 ;Toggle Monitor
[Los Pinos Mtn]	3121=1 ;F1 3122=2 ;F2 3123=3 ;F3 3124=4 ;F4 3125=5 ;F5 3126=6 ;F6 3127=7 ;Repeat Enable 3128=8 ;Repeat Disable 9095=9 ;Toggle Monitor
[White Star]	3151=1 ;F1 3152=2 ;F2 3153=3 ;F3 3154=4 ;F4 3155=5 ;F5 3156=6 ;F6 3157=7 ;Repeat Enable 3158=8 ;Repeat Disable 9096=9 ;Toggle Monitor
[North Peak]	3211=1;F1 3212=2;F2 3213=3;F3 3214=4;F4 3215=5;F5 3216=6;F6

```
3217=7 ;Repeat Enable
3218=8 ;Repeat Disable
9097=9 ;Toggle Monitor
```

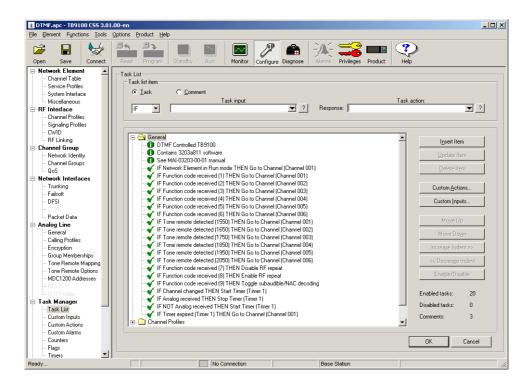
[Palomar Mtn]

3201=1;F1 3202=2;F2 3203=3;F3 3204=4;F4 3205=5;F5 3206=6;F6

3207=7 ;Repeat Enable 3208=8 ;Repeat Disable 9098=9 ;Toggle Monitor

4.1.3 Sample TB9100 Task Manager Script for the MA3 system

The following shows a sample Task Manager script to support the DTMF remote control.



This script contains the following sections:

- Comments
- Initialise TB9100
- Function code control of TB9100 channel
- Tone Remote control of TB9100 channel
- Function code control of TB9100 RF repeat
- Function code control of TB9100 monitor

■ Home channel reversion

This is explained below:

Comments

```
Comment: DTMF Controlled TB9100

Comment: Contains 3208a811 software

Comment See MAI-03203-00-01 manual
```

Comments are recommended for annotating the Task Manager Script. These comments will ensure that Support Staff are aware the base station supports DTMF decoding, and will aid system recovery.

Initialise TB9100

```
IF Network Element in Run mode THEN Go to Channel (Channel 001)
```

This is a default Task Manager item that ensures that the TB9100 goes to channel 1 when it starts up.

Function code control of TB9100 channel

```
IF Function code received (1) THEN GO to Channel (Channel 001)
IF Function code received (2) THEN GO to Channel (Channel 002)
IF Function code received (3) THEN GO to Channel (Channel 003)
IF Function code received (4) THEN GO to Channel (Channel 004)
IF Function code received (5) THEN GO to Channel (Channel 005)
IF Function code received (6) THEN GO to Channel (Channel 006)
```

These Task Manager lines cause the TB9100 to change to the appropriate channel when a function code is sent from the DTMF control software. The function code values correspond to received DTMF sequences as defined in the 3208A8.ini configuration file.

Tone Remote control of TB9100 channel

```
IF Tone remote detected (1550) THEN Go to Channel (Channel 001)
IF Tone remote detected (1650) THEN Go to Channel (Channel 002)
IF Tone remote detected (1750) THEN Go to Channel (Channel 003)
IF Tone remote detected (1850) THEN Go to Channel (Channel 004)
IF Tone remote detected (1950) THEN Go to Channel (Channel 005)
IF Tone remote detected (2050) THEN Go to Channel (Channel 006)
```

A requirement of the MA3 system is that the TB9100 channel selection is controlled by DTMF sequence, or from EIA tones from the dispatcher console. These Task Manager lines cause the TB9100 to change to the appropriate channel when EIA tone remote is sent from the line connected dispatcher console

Function code control of TB9100 RF repeat

```
IF Function code received (7) THEN Disable RF repeat
IF Function code received (8) THEN Disable RF repeat
```

A requirement of the MA3 system is that the TB9100 RF repeat is controlled by DTMF sequence.

In the CSS > Channel Table, the RF Repeat column should be set to 'DispatchControlled'

Function code control of TB9100 monitor

```
IF Function code received (9) THEN Toggle subaudible/NAC decoding
```

A requirement of the MA3 system is that the TB9100 monitor is controlled by DTMF sequence.

In the TB9100 the monitor mode disables the analog lines selective squelch and NAC, CTCSS and DCS filters. Monitor mode has no impact of the reciters RF repeat function.

For this application the TB9100 Subaudible/NAC decode lock is used instead of the TB9100 monitor mode, as this can be used to toggle whether or not signals are repeated based on selective squelch, NAC, CTCSS and DCS signals.

Home channel reversion

```
IF Channel changed THEN Start Timer (Timer 1)

IF Analog received THEN Stop Timer (Timer 1)

IF NOT Analog received THEN Start Timer (Timer 1)

IF Timer expired (Timer 1) THEN Go to Channel (Channel 001)
```

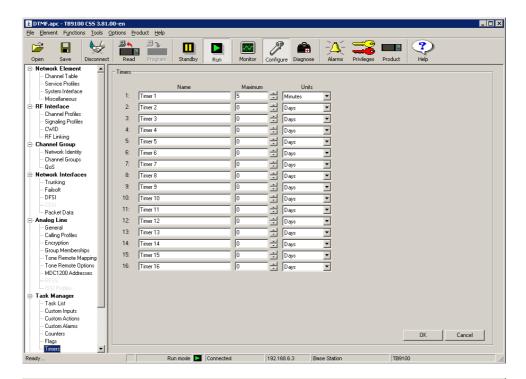
A requirement of the MA3 system is that the DTMF-controlled channel change reverts to a 'Home Channel' after a period of inactivity. These Task Manager entries use a programmable timer to provide the required behavior. The programmable timer is configured on the CSS > Configure > Task Manager > Timers page.

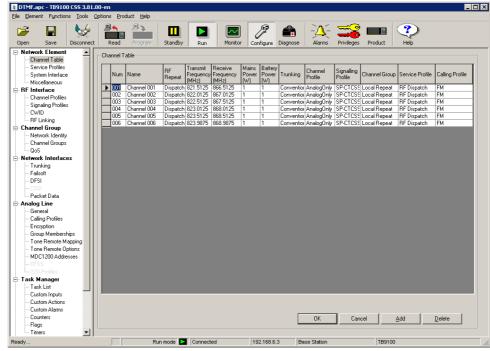
4.1.4 MA3 transmit and receive frequency pairs

Six frequency pairs can be selected using the DTMF sequences:

MA3 Frequencies	Transmit (MHz)	Receive (MHz)
F1 - ITAC1	821.5125	866.5125
F2 - ITAC2	822.0125	867.0125
F3 - ITAC3	822.5125	867.5125
F4 - ITAC4	823.0125	868.0125
F5 - CLEMARS	823.5125	868.5125
F6 - FIREMARS	823.9875	868.9875

These are defined in the CSS Channel Table.





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