

ABNet™

VMS Interface to Allen-Bradley PLCs

What is ABNet?

ABNet allows direct communication from a VMS program on a VAX, Alphaserver, HP Integrity, vtVAX, vtAlpha, or any VAX/ALPHA Emulation software to an Allen-Bradley PLCs via direct Ethernet connection or via ControlLogix DHRIO Gateway to Data Highway Plus. Supported Allen-Bradley PLCs include ControlLogix, CompactLogix, PLC 5 and SLC 5. The **ABNet** interface can be called from a user's C or FORTRAN program. **ABNet** follows the Rockwell Interchange for VMS call format so that Interchange can be replaced with ABNet by just linking against the **ABNet** libraries. No programming changes or recompile required! ABNet supports the following DTL Interchange calls (additional calls can be added):

- ◆ DTL_C_CONNECT
- ♦ DTL_C_DEFINE
- ♦ DTL_CHANNEL_STATE
- ♦ DTL CLR WID
- DTL CONNECT
- ◆ DTL DEFINE
- **♦ DTL DISCONNECT**
- ◆ DTL ERROR
- DTL ERROR S
- ◆ DTL READEX
- DTL_READEX_W

- **♦ DTL INIT**
- ◆ DTL READ
- ◆ DTL READ W
- **♦ DTL RECEIVE**
- **♦ DTL RECEIVE W**
- ♦ DTL RMW
- **♦ DTL RMW W**
- ♦ DTL_SET_MASK
- ♦ DTL_SET_WID
- ◆ DTL_WRITEEX
- ◆ DTL_WRITEEX_W

- ♦ DTL_SETOPT
- **♦ DTL TST MASK**
- ◆ DTL_TST_WID
- ◆ DTL_UNSOL_DEF
- **♦ DTL WAIT**
- ◆ DTL WRITE
- ♦ DTL_WRITE_W
- ♦ DTL_ZERO_MASK
- DTL UNSOL GETALL
- ◆ DTL GET FLT
- ◆ DTL_PUT_FLT





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Benefits to ABNet

- ✓ Up to 5 times faster than Interchange!
- ✓ Up to 90% less CPU usage than Interchange!
- ✓ Supports Allen-Bradley DHRIO to Data Highway Plus to SLC & PLC 5.
- ✓ Supports direct Ethernet communications to PLC 5/20/40/80E processors, SLC 5/05, CompactLogix & ControlLogix PLCs.
- ✓ Native mode tagname communications to ControlLogix and CompactLogix.

Example PLC 5 Definition String for PLC 5 (or PLC 5 mapped to Logix): N7:1, 10, WORD, MODIFY, 101KA:2, 4, PLC5, 1

Example Definition String Native-Mode Tagname for Logix Communications: TEST_INT:INT, 10, WORD, MODIFY, 101KA:2, 2, LGX, 1

or:

TEST.INT[100]:INT, 10, WORD, MODIFY, 101KA:2, 2, LGX, 1

Supported data types: BOOL, SINT, INT, DINT, REAL, TIMER, COUNTER, USER

- ✓ Supports VAX VMS, Alpha OpenVMS & Integrity Itanium Open VMS Platforms.
- ✓ ABNet relinks to existing Interchange applications no recompile required.
- ✓ ABNet is supported software which preserves your software investment and provides a platform for future system growth.
- ✓ ABMon provides detailed communications diagnostics including monitoring client & server data counters, monitoring of communications queues and the ability to dynamically turn on/off debug/trace.

ABNet Mon - Communications Monitor

- Enables monitoring client and server data structures and counters.
- Enables monitoring of communication queues in-memory.
- ✓ Can dynamically change the verboseness of log messages via mailbox, to the Gateway server, as well as client processes.
- ✓ Detailed tracing and debugging can be enabled to show entry and exit of each and every subroutine.
- ✓ Simple menu-driven text based interface.

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