

Independent Programmers Council Develops *Roadmap to Control*

The *Roadmap to Control* is a set of recommendations for the implementation and documentation of serial and IP control interfaces within the professional audiovisual and information communications industries.

It was written by professional control system programmers as a project sponsored by Infocomm International® and the Independent Programmers Council, at the request of the Manufacturers Council. The Roadmap is intended to serve as a reference for interface engineers at the equipment manufacturing level.

There are three primary goals of the document:

- to promote easier and more effective integration through a common control reference for manufacturers, integrators and programmers.
- to provide guidelines for defining, implementing and documenting serial and Ethernet communications protocols.
- to help improve sales and profitability by making equipment easier to deploy, control and maintain in the field.

The objectives share the "ease of control" spirit of the successful [Dashboard for Controls](#) document. No standards or proprietary formats are championed, as the document has been written completely by independent parties, without the involvement of any particular manufacturers.

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The document seeks to provide manufacturers with the following key benefits in the development of new products:

- ease of installation and commissioning of the product
- reduced dependency on technical support call centers
- richer feature set implementation for end user

If you are a manufacturer, and wish to market your products as compliant with the recommendations of the InfoComm *Roadmap to Control*, follow the links below to get more information regarding verification:

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