

Response by Clive Miller

Dear Consultants,

I would like to indicate my approval and support of the document entitled "Draft Core Receiver Requirements consultation document" (Core_Spec_v1.doc v1). In particular, I am pleased to see item 4.4, "The receiver should optionally provide a suitable contemporary and cost-effective form of data I/O. This could be used to support supplementary assistive equipment (eg. voice synthesis of menu commands)". I believe this would not only be of huge benefit to users if exploited fully, but also provide opportunities to small businesses (ie SMEs) who wish to provide such technology to interface with it, thereby supporting DTI's aim of encouraging SMEs.

I would imagine this interface would take the form of a USB 'b'-type connector working as a serial port, or an ethernet port accepting connections to a suitable port (eg 23 - TELNET). The exact protocol to be used could be the matter for future decision, but initially it should at least provide a means to interact with the device in some form, so as to enable third parties to build suitable equipment and tease out the possible market for such devices, and the need to enhance the protocol used.

Kind regards,

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