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Frontline Test Equipment Announces USB HCI Sniffing Capability For Their Bluetooth Protocol Analyzer

FTS for Bluetooth Now Sniffs Data At Four Interfaces

Charlottesville, VA, USA – May 15, 2003 – Frontline Test Equipment, Inc., the emerging leader in Bluetooth protocol analysis, today announced the addition of support for USB HCI data sniffing capability in FTS[®] for Bluetooth[®], the company's versatile Bluetooth protocol analyzer. The new software-based feature enables FTS for Bluetooth to sniff any Bluetooth device connected to a PC via USB.

Engineers developing and testing Bluetooth products and applications can now sniff data at four interfaces with FTS for Bluetooth—air, serial HCI (HCI UART (H4), Three-Wire UART (H5) and BCSP), USB HCI (H2), and Virtually—individually or simultaneously.

According to Eric Kaplan, Frontline President, “Support for the USB HCI interface makes FTS for Bluetooth the most versatile Bluetooth protocol analyzer available. Because users can now monitor data at literally any point in the data stream, they can detect and solve protocol-related problems more quickly. From a timing perspective, we see the release of USB support dovetailing well with Microsoft's support of Bluetooth in Windows XP and the rapid emergence of USB Bluetooth in the PC world. Over the next 24 months we expect to see tens of millions of Bluetooth devices communicating over the USB interface. Developers will need to troubleshoot those devices, and we expect FTS for Bluetooth to be their tool of choice.”

The feature is available immediately and is included in the \$9,495 FTS for Bluetooth price (US list).

About FTS for Bluetooth

FTS for Bluetooth is emerging as the industry's leading protocol analyzer. Some of the reasons why include: Realtime operation that allows you to analyze data as it is captured (capture, display, decode, filter and detect errors all at the same time), highly portable, finger-sized, air sniffing hardware, excellent piconet synchronization, enhanced support for Park, Hold, and Sniff low power modes, quad-mode sniffing (air, serial HCI, USB HCI, and Virtual), single-click protocol filtering, familiar tree (Explorer style) protocol decode display, TCP/IP support comparable to an Ethernet analyzer, built-in support for user-define decodes and HCI Vendor Extensions, and highly detailed protocol decodes.

About Frontline Test Equipment, Inc.

Founded in 1991, Frontline Test Equipment, Inc. designs, develops, markets, and supports cost-effective, PC-based data communication test tools for the computer and communications industries. (Please see www.fte.com for details.) Frontline is headquartered in Charlottesville, Virginia, USA. The worldwide installed base of Frontline data communication analyzers and testers exceeds 30,000.

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