

**SIMPLWINDOWS
NAME:**

Lectrosonics Analog to Serial Symbol (TXA)

CATEGORY:

Mixer

VERSION:

1.0

SUMMARY:

Allows a 1-8 byte Analog to Serial symbol (TXA) to be used with LecNet timing

GENERAL NOTES:

This module will control a Lectrosonics device, using RS232. These devices operate on the Lectrosonics LecNet bus. Multiple Lectrosonics devices can be placed on this bus, including the AV62, MM8, AM8, AM16, and TH2. Each device on the LecNet bus must have a unique address. This address must be entered into the module at the ADDRESS input, using an external INIT symbol. Valid address values are 128-254 decimal, or 80-FE Hex. Using this addressing scheme, multiple Lectrosonics devices can be controlled by using only one Crestron Com port.

This module allows a 1-8 character variable string to be sent to the LecNet device using LecNet timing requirements. It is used similar to a TXA symbol, where each byte of the string is defined by an analog input. The maximum length string that can be sent is 8 characters. You must use the correct trigger input for the length of string that you are sending. Any unused analog inputs must be driven by an INIT symbol set to an arbitrary value.

This module provides a simple way to send user defined variable strings to any Lectrosonics device, while adhering to the timing requirements of the LecNet bus. It is especially useful for implementing matrix routing control.

Since multiple LecNet devices can be attached to a single Crestron com port, care must be taken to be sure that two commands are not sent simultaneously by the Crestron system, to two different LecNet devices. This module prevents this from happening by using a chaining feature.

Simply stated, the chaining feature allows multiple modules to be connected together in sequence, such that each module will only send out a command when it's turn comes around. If multiple modules have a command to send out at the same time, the chaining feature will sequence the commands such that each command is sent at the proper time. The chaining feature also operates within the module, such that if multiple inputs are activated simultaneously on a module, each requested function will be sent to the LecNet device in turn.

To implement the chaining feature, the CYCLE-START input, and the WAITING and CYCLE-DONE outputs are utilized, as well as a companion module called LECNET SEQUENCER. If, for example, there are five Lectrosonics modules in a program, you would connect the CYCLE-DONE output of the first module to the CYCLE-START input of the second module. Then connect the CYCLE-DONE output of the second module to the CYCLE-START input of the third module, and so on. When you get to the last LecNet module in the program, connect the CYCLE-DONE output to the DONE input of the LECNET SEQUENCER module. The CYCLE-START output of the LECNET SEQUENCER should now be connected to the CYCLE-START input of the first module. This forms a continuous loop through all modules and the LECNET SEQUENCER.

The theory of operation is that when any of the modules has a command to be sent, it will put its WAITING output high. When the LECNET SEQUENCER sees that any of the WAITING lines are high, it will pulse its CYCLE-START output which will ripple through all LecNet modules in the program. Any modules which have a command to be sent will send the command when the ripple reaches their respective module. When the ripple returns to the LECNET SEQUENCER module at the DONE input, if any modules still have their WAITING output high, it will restart the ripple. Otherwise, it will stop.

To implement this, you must take the WAITING output of all Lectrosonics modules, and put them into an OR gate and a NOR gate. The outputs of these two gates should be connected to the WAITING and NOT-WAITING inputs of the LECNET SEQUENCER module.

See the sample program for an example of how this is all implemented.

Note that even if you are only using one module, you must still use the LECNET SEQUENCER module to activate your single module.

**CRESTRON
HARDWARE
REQUIRED:** ST-COM,
CNXCOM

**SETUP OF CRESTRON
HARDWARE:** Baud Rate - 9600
Parity - None
Data Bits - 8
Stop Bits - 1

VENDOR FIRMWARE: None

VENDOR SETUP: The address of the Lectrosonics device must be set to match the address programmed in the Crestron system. This can be done using the Lectrosonics LecNet PC software.

CABLE NUMBER: Use the cable included with the Lectrosonics device to connect the Crestron system to the LecNet bus

CONTROL:

ADDRESS	A	Address of the AM16. This should come from an INIT symbol.
TRIGGER-* -BYTE-COMMAND	D	Pulse to send the command of the specified number of bytes
ANALOG-*	A	Used to set up the value for each byte in the string to be sent. See the help screen for the TXA (Analog to Serial) symbol for more information
CYCLE-START	D	Start the processing of this module. After CYCLE-START has been pulsed, any commands which it has pending will be sent out
LECNET-RX\$	S	Serial data signal to route to a 2-way RS232 port

FEEDBACK:

WAITING	D	High when this module is waiting for servicing (a command is waiting to be sent) Should be
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routed through an OR gate and a NOR gate,
to a LECNET SEQUENCER module

CYCLE-DONE D Pulses when the module is finished sending
out commands. Should be connected to the
CYCLE-START input on the next module, or to
the DONE input on the LECNET SEQUENCER
module

LECNET-TX\$ S Serial data signal to be routed to a 2-way
RS232 port

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COMPILER USED FOR TESTING: SimplWindows Version 1.30.01

SAMPLE PROGRAM: LECTTSTE

REVISION HISTORY: None