

SDK for APS Master Interface®

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User Manual

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Revision Sheet

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1.0.0	Feb 3rd, 2009	Initial Release
2.0.0	March 9 th , 2011	APS Master Interface Version 3.0 is released with new features, drivers and software interface.
3.0.0	April 17 th , 2012	Picture for Power Supply connection added. Picture for Error Message in Coin Acceptor added. Note added for 64 bit Operative Systems. Currenza Bill Validator picture added.
4.0.0	September 25 th , 2014	Major document update from APS Master Interface Version 4.3.3 is released including Bill Dispenser and Hoppers Control. New driver released to support Windows 7 Professional Operative System.
5.0.0	January 5 th , 2015	New APS Master Interface Version 5.0.0 Turn Key Solution for Credit Card processing, using EMV L1 and L2 certificated devices.
6.0.0	January 1 st , 2020	New APS Master Interface Version 9.8.6 released for Windows 10 compatibility. ccTalk protocol for Hoppers, New Bill Validator and Bill Recycler supported. New driver for Windows 10 32Bits and 64Bits supported.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 System Overview

The APS Master Interface® is a Multi-Protocol software that allows the connection of a Bill Validator, Coin Acceptor, Bill Dispenser, Bill Recycler and Coin Hoppers using the standard MDB Vending Protocol, ccTalk and also vendor specific protocols from Fujitsu, MEI, CPI, JCM and Azkoyen brands. The software also known as a “middleware” runs on a PC with Microsoft Windows 10 32Bits and 64Bits. The APS Master Interface® is connected to one of the USB ports in the PC. The latest version of the APS Master Interface® also integrates a “Turnkey Solution” for Credit Card processing using EMV L1 and L2 devices.

A Multidrop Bus (MDB) is a computer bus in which all components are connected to the same set of electrical wires. A process of arbitration determines which device gets the right to be the sender of information at any point in time. The other devices must listen for the data that is intended to be received by them.

Multidrop Buses are used by Vending Machine controllers to communicate with the vending machine's components. The APS Master Interface® opens the doors for a wide range of customized applications using a simple PC to control all the machine's components.

The Software Development Kit (SDK) for the APS Master Interface® includes all the drivers required to operate the equipment and also a Visual Basic sample code to speed up the learning process on creating new applications with this system.

1.2 Authorized Use Permission

Usage of the APS Master Interface® software is limited to its owner via the APS Terms and Conditions (26/08/2004).

1.3 Points of Contact

For additional information, APS Team can be contacted through our technical support email at techsupport@apsmx.com

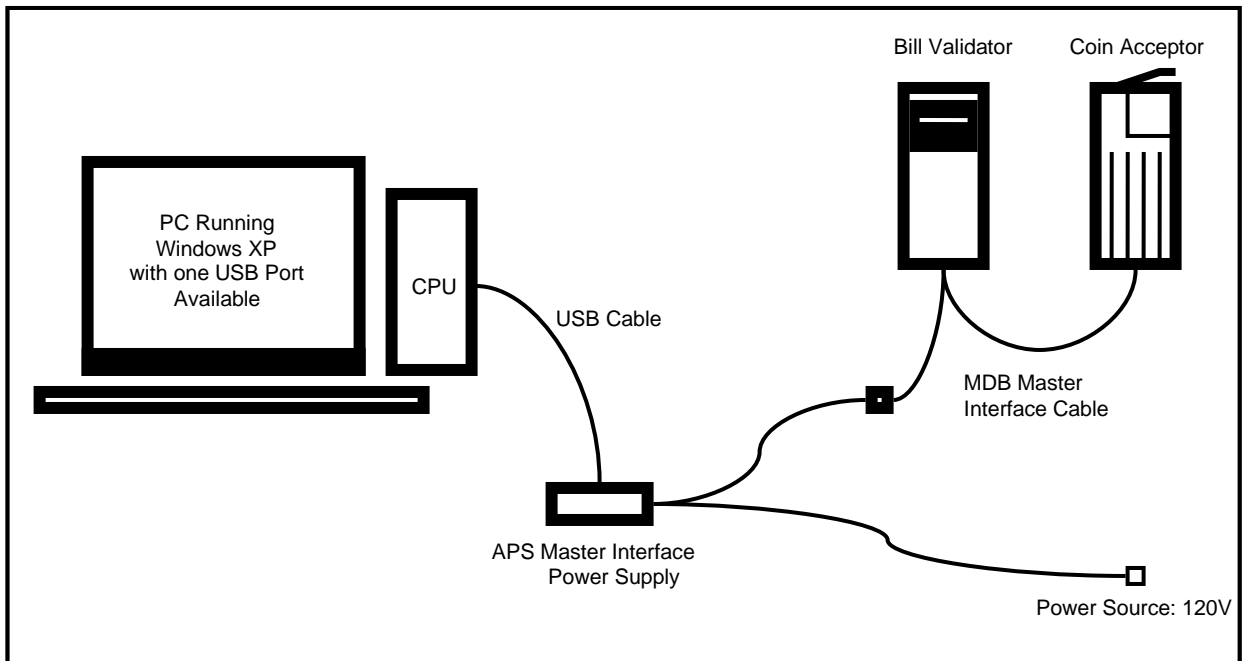
1.4 Acronyms and Abbreviations

MDB	Multidrop Bus
SDK	Software Development Kit
APS	Automatic Payment Systems
APSMI	APS Master Interface

2.0 SYSTEM SUMMARY

2.1 Hardware Configuration

The APS Master Interface® (APSMI) is configured to be connected to one available USB port in a PC Running Windows 10 32Bits and 64Bits. Using the MDB Master Interface Cable it is possible to connect a Bill Validator and/or a Coin Acceptor.



The APSMI is powered up by the USB connection. An additional External Power Supply is required to power up the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor.

The APSMI contains the electrical interface for MDB master, the device is compliant with the timing of the MDB 4.0 Specification. Some low-level parts of the MDB communication is implemented directly on the interface microcontroller. This allow to meet the MDB timing specification and to control the mode bit of the MDB protocol.

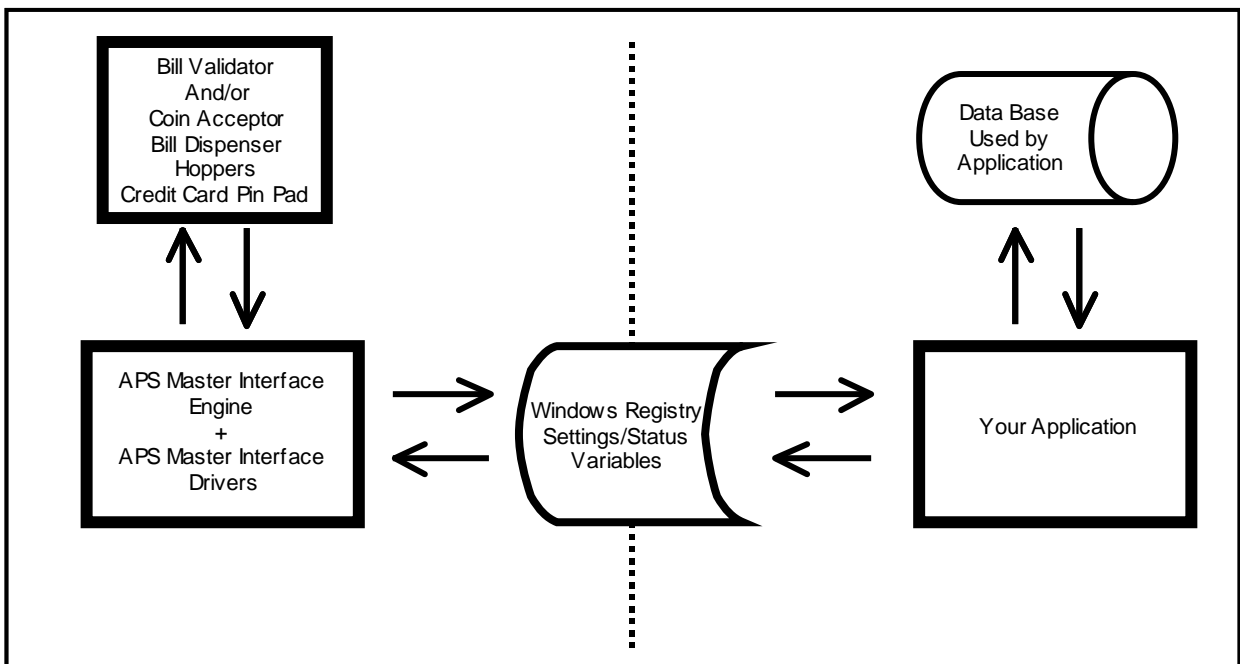
To communicate with a MDB slave, we must use the MDB master of the interface. The timing and mode bit control is handled by the interface microcontroller. The full MDB Data Frame, including command and checksum, is send to the interface endpoint. The response of the MDB slave is then read from the interface endpoint.

2.2 Software Configuration

APS Master Interface Software was developed to allow the interaction of any application written in any programming language that is able to communicate and change "Windows Registry" values in the Windows 10 Operative Systems.

APSMI Software consists of two different modules:

- a) APS Master Interface Drivers: Used to control the APSMI Hardware via USB Port.
- b) APS Master Interface Engine: Used to control the functions of the APSMI Hardware including the operation of one Bill Validator and/or one Coin Acceptor, Bill Dispenser, Bill Recycler, two Hoppers and a Credit Card Reader including its Pin Pad. The APSMI Engine is also the link that communicates those devices with Your Application using Windows Registry variables/values.



Windows Registry values are used to store APSMI Engine settings such as General Settings for Bill Validator and Coin Acceptor, type of bills to accept, value of the type of bills accepted, type of coins to accept, enable/disable delivery of change, etc.

The APSMI Engine must be initialized before the payment procedure starts. The APSMI Engine will run in the background waiting for the Application to trigger the payment process.

A typical Application consist on a software that request the user to provide an account number or a selection of a product, then the system connects to a Data Base to get the amount of money that the user will pay using the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor and/or Credit Card.

Once the amount of money to be paid is defined, Your Application will write this value in a Windows Registry variable. The APSMI Engine continuously monitoring the Windows Registry variables will detect that the value to charge, will activate the Bill Validator and/or Change Acceptor and wait for the user to complete the payment.

While the APSMI Engine is receiving the payment from the user it will continue updating the Windows Registry variables with the due amount, the status of the equipment and the credit already paid. At the same time, your application will wait and monitor the Windows Registry variables until the payment is done, before continuing with the next step in the selling process.

You can also setup in Your Application a "Cancel" button, so the user is able to cancel the payment process at any time. This is also done using the Windows Registry variables communicating with the APSMI Engine.

Once the payment is done the APSMI Engine will calculate the difference between the due amount and the credit, and if necessary, it will dispense the change using coins and/or bills.

2.3 Software License

Every APS Master Interface Hardware is sold with one license of the APS Master Interface Engine software. If you want to install the APSMI Engine in a different computer from the one that the APSMI will be used, you need to request a new license to APS.

If you have any questions regarding our License Policy please contact us (Use contact information provided in Section 1.3 of this Manual).

2.4 System Requirements

Before you install your APS Master Interface Engine software, please make sure your computer meets the following minimal system requirements:

- Microsoft(R) Windows 10(R) Professional (32bits or 64bits)
- Processor Speed not higher than 2.5 GHZ
- 1 LAN Network Port
- 1 USB Port for MDB devices (USB 2.0 preferred)
- 1 RS232 Port for Bill Recycler or Bill Acceptor
- 1 RS232 Serial Port for Coin Hopper (Optional)
- 1 USB Port for Credit Card Pin Pad (Optional)
- 1 RS232 Port for Bill Dispenser (Optional)
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Note: The APS Master Interface Engine now supports 64bit and 32bit Operative Systems.

2.5 Hardware and Software Compatibility for MDB Devices

As we continue looking to increase the amount of Bill Validators and Change Acceptors tested with our APS Master Interface, we can say that most of the MDB protocol devices are compatible with our equipment with minor adjustments.

With the development of the APS Master Interface Engine now you are able to configure each Brand and Model according to the factory settings preloaded in every equipment. If for any reason you need to change the Brand of the equipment used, you can easily do it using the APSMI Engine Console to update your settings.

Here is the list of Coin Acceptors and Bill Validators successfully tested by APS:

 <p>Change Acceptor Brand: MEI Model: Cashflow 7000 Protocol: MDB Windows XP, 7, 10: OK</p>	 <p>Change Acceptor Brand: MEI Model: Cashflow 690/691 Protocol: MDB Windows XP, 7: OK</p>	 <p>Change Acceptor Brand: COINCO Model: GLOBAL MXPF703 Protocol: MDB Windows XP: OK</p>
 <p>Bill Validator Brand: CashCode Model: Backload Validator Protocol: MDB Windows XP, 7: OK Windows 10: NOT OK</p>	 <p>Bill Validator Brand: ICT Model: TAO V MXP4 Protocol: MDB Windows XP, 7: OK Windows 10: NOT OK</p>	 <p>Bill Validator Brand: JCM Model: DBV-500 Protocol: ID003 MDB Protocol: NOT OK Windows XP, 7, 10: OK</p>

If you have a different equipment not listed in this table, please feel free to contact our Technical Support Staff to get the latest information on tested equipment (Use contact information provided in Section 1.3 of this Manual).

2.6 Hardware Compatibility for Bill Dispensing

The APS Master Interface allows the connection of one Bill Dispenser to provide change to the users. The Bill Dispenser is connected directly to the RS232 port in the PC.



2.7 Hardware Compatibility for Coin Hoppers

The APS Master Interface Software allows the control of two Coin Hoppers to provide change to the users. The connection requires an additional RS232 Serial Port in the PC and additional hardware (APS Hoppers Interface Parallel or ccTalk).



2.8 Hardware Compatibility for Credit Card Processing

The APS Master Interface Software allows the Credit Card Processing using EMV L1 and L2 Devices. We have developed our software and certified the following devices:



POS Credit Card Pin Pad

Brand: Verifone
Model: VX820
Protocol: USB



Unattended Card Reader and Pin Pad

Brand: Ingenico
Model: iSelf
Protocol: USB



POS Credit Card Pin Pad

Brand: Ingenico
Model: iPP320
Protocol: USB



POS Credit Card Pin Pad

Brand: Ingenico
Model: LANE3000
Protocol: USB

2.9 Hardware Compatibility for Bill Recycler

The APS Master Interface Software allows to control one Bill Recycler JCM IPRO RC using a RS232 serial port and 24V power supply.



2.10 Hardware Compatibility for Bill Validator

The APS Master Interface Software allows to control up to two Bill Validators MEI SC66 Advanced connected to USB ports and/or a RS232 serial ports. Using 2 Bill Validators is a good choice when looking for high capacity and machine uptime for mission critical applications.





3.0 GETTING STARTED

3.1 Installation Files and Folders



3.1.1.1 APS_Master_Interface_Driver_V3.0 Folder for Windows XP

The APS Master Interface hardware requires USB drivers to work with your computer, those files are distributed in the **APS_Master_Interface_Driver_V3.0** folder containing 2 files that you will need once the Interface is connected for the first time to your computer's USB port (Details on how to install the Interface will be described in the next chapters).

Nombre	T...	Tipo	Fecha de modificación
 APS.cat	8 KB	Catálogo de seguridad	1/4/2008 9:39 AM
 APS_MI_V3.inf	4 KB	Información sobre la instalación	3/1/2011 7:55 PM







3.1.1.2 APS_Master_Interface_Driver_Windows7 Folder for Windows 7

The APS Master Interface hardware requires USB drivers to work with your computer, those files are distributed in the **APS_Master_Interface_Driver_Windows7** folder containing 2 files that you will need once the Interface is connected for the first time to your computer's USB port (Details on how to install the Interface will be described in the next chapters).

Name	S...	Type	Date Modified
 APS.cat	8 KB	Security Catalog	14/11/08 4:18 PM
 APS_MI_V3_W7.inf	4 KB	Setup Information	18/05/14 8:09 AM






3.1.1.3 APS_Master_Interface_Driver_Windows10_32_o_64bits for Windows 10

The APS Master Interface hardware requires USB drivers to work with your computer, those files are distributed in the **APS_Master_Interface_Driver_Windows10_32_o_64bits** folder containing the USBDriverInstaller.exe required to install the 32 or 64 bits drivers prior to the connection to the USB port. (Details on how to install the Interface will be described in the next chapters).

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 DIFxAPI_x64.dll	3/3/2017 12:59 PM	Application exten...	508 KB
 DIFxAPI_x86.dll	3/3/2017 12:59 PM	Application exten...	317 KB
 mchpcdc.cat	3/3/2017 12:59 PM	Security Catalog	9 KB
 mchpcdc.inf	3/3/2017 12:59 PM	Setup Information	5 KB
 Readme.txt	3/3/2017 12:59 PM	Text Document	3 KB
 USBDriverInstaller.exe	3/3/2017 12:59 PM	Application	39 KB



3.1.2 APS_Master_Interface_Engine_Vx.x.x Folder

The APS Master Interface Engine is the main application that will be used to setup the parameters and also is used to run in the background to communicate with your application and control the functions of the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor. The installation files are distributed in the **APS_Master_Interface_Engine_Vx.x.x** folder where you will find the following files (Details on how to install the APS Master Interface Engine will be described in the next chapters).

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 Required_Apps	12/17/2019 5:54 PM	File folder	
 APS_Master_Interface_Engine.CAB	10/17/2019 7:08 PM	Cabinet File	10,975 KB
 Readme.txt	1/30/2018 8:18 PM	Text Document	1 KB
 setup.exe	6/18/1998 12:00 AM	Application	138 KB
 SETUP.LST	10/17/2019 7:08 PM	LST File	5 KB

3.1.3 SDK_APS_Master_Interface_Vx.x.x Folder

The SDK for APS Master Interface is distributed in a folder containing a sample application that will help you to develop your own applications (**SDK_APS_Master_Interface_Vx.x.x** Folder), where you will find samples for VB6 and VB.NET:

Name	Date modified	Type
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 VB6	12/18/2019 1:43 PM	File folder

3.1.3.1 APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe

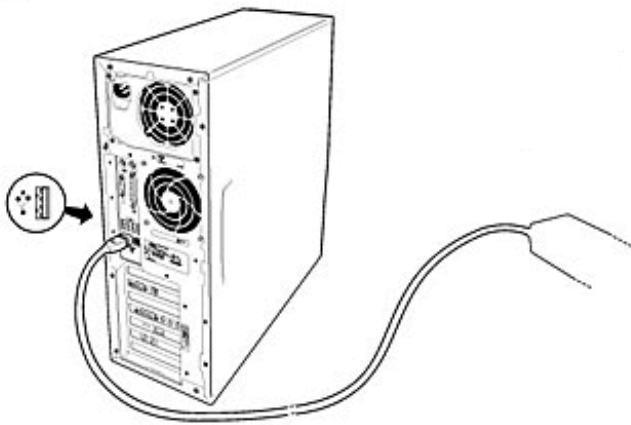
As mentioned before, the APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe is the main application that controls all the functions of the Bill Validator, Bill Recycler, Coin Acceptor, Bill Dispenser, Coin Hoppers and Credit Card Processing. Please note that this file might not run properly if the installation is not completed correctly as it will be described in the next chapters.

This executable file requires several additional components that normally are not installed in a regular Windows XP, 7 or 10 environments. If you start this application prior to the installation of the files, it will return an error message related to the missing components.

3.2 Installing the APS Master Interface

3.2.1.1 Connecting the Interface and Installing the Drivers for Windows XP and Windows 7

After you uncompressed the drivers in your computer follow the next steps to Install your APS Master Interface for the first time:



1. Connect the APS Master Interface to your computer using an USB Cable.

Note: At this stage it is not necessary to connect the MDB Master Cable to your Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor.

The APS Master Interface hardware is powered up directly from the USB port so it is not necessary to connect the power supply neither.

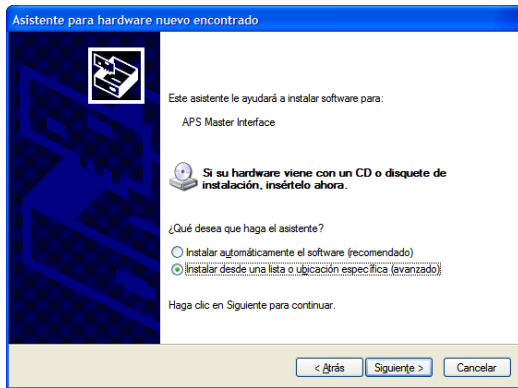


2. Windows XP or Windows 7 will detect your new hardware and start the "Found New Hardware Wizard".

Select the "No, not this time" option.

Click the "Next >" button.

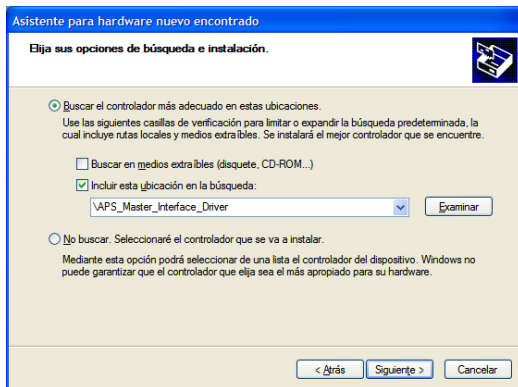
Note: If Windows 7 installs the driver automatically, you will need to reinstall it later using the Device Manager on the Control Panel Menu.



3. The wizard will show the name of the "APS Master Interface" and ask if you have the installation files.

Select the "Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)" option.

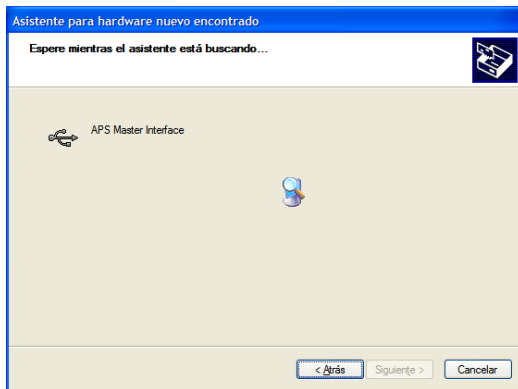
Click the "Next >" button.



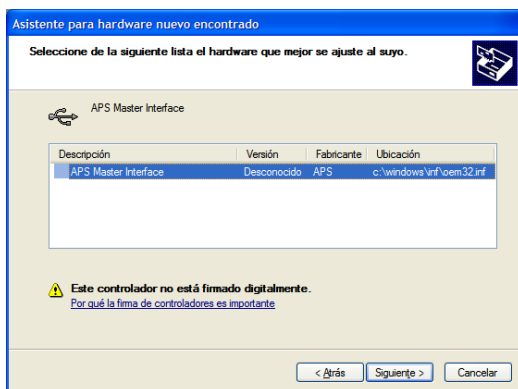
4. The wizard will ask you to choose your search and installation options.

Select "Search for the best drivers in this locations." and disable "Search removable media (floppy, CD-ROM...)".

Select "Include this location in the search:" then click the "Browse" button to find the folder "APS_Master_Interface_Driver_V3".



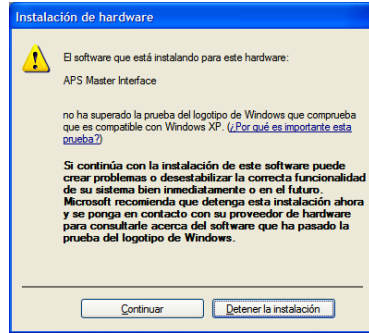
5. The wizard will search for the APS Master Interface drivers in the selected folder.



6. If the destination folder was selected correctly the wizard will show the "APS Master Interface" driver.

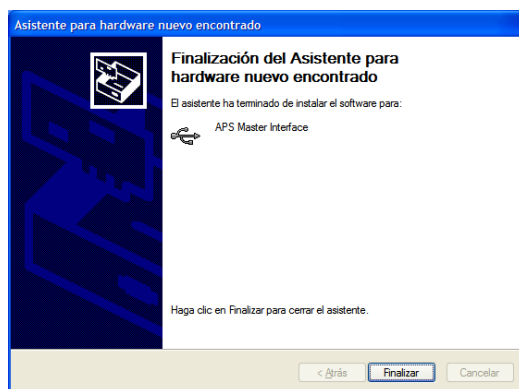
Select the "APS Master Interface".

Click the "Next >" button.



7. You will receive a notification stating that the APS Master Interface "has not passed Windows Logo testing to verify its compatibility with Windows XP".

Ignore the message and click the "Continue Anyway" button.



9. Congratulations! now your APS Master Interface is installed and ready to use.

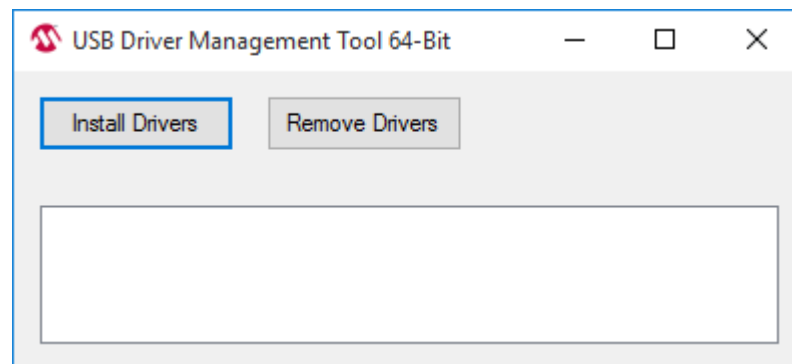
Click "Finish".

3.2.1.2 Connecting the Interface and Installing the Drivers for Windows 10 32bits and Windows 10 64bits.

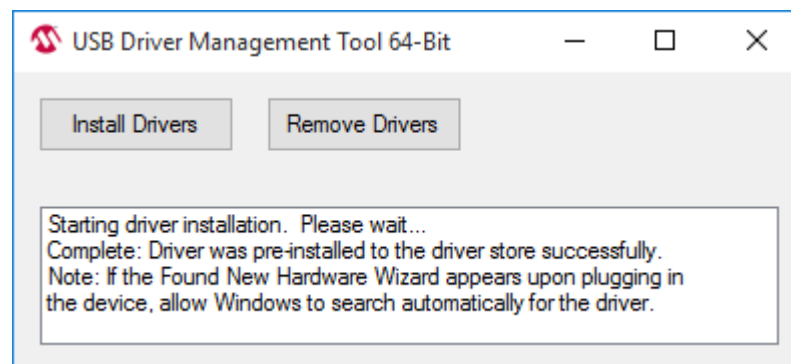
Before you connect the APS Master Interface to your PC USB Port you must install the interface drivers. Locate the “APS_Master_Interface_Driver_Windows10_32_o_64bits” folder where you can find the “USBDriverInstaller.exe” file.

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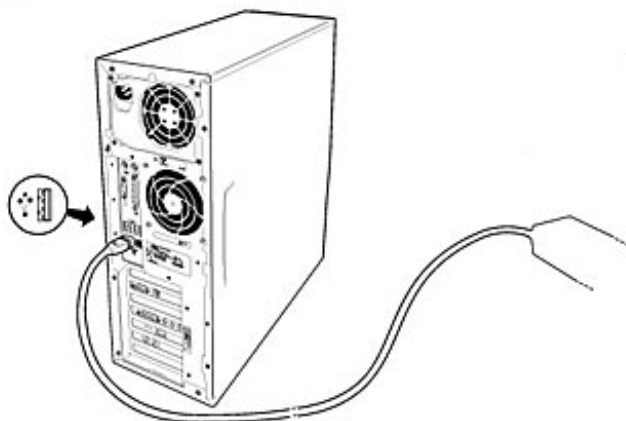
1. Execute the “USBDriverInstaller.exe” file and you will be prompted with the following screen:



2. Click on the “Install Drivers” button.

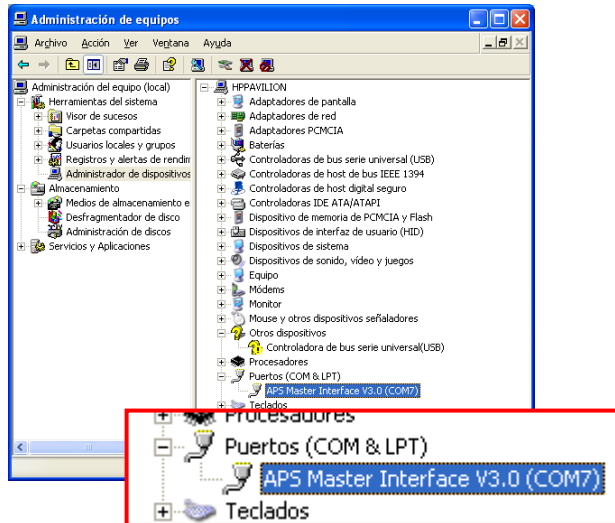


3. Now you can connect the APS Master Interface to the USB Port in your PC and the drivers will be installed automatically. The system will detect if you are using a 32 or 64 bit operative system.



3.2.2.1 Checking the correct installation of the APS Master Interface in Windows 7

At this point, you already installed the drivers that will be used to control the APS Master Interface. You can check if the drivers were installed correctly by following the next steps:



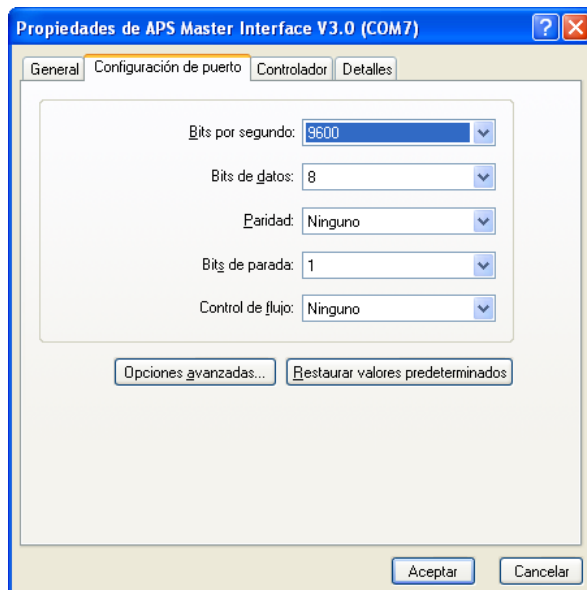
1. Using the Control Panel go to the “Components Manager”, then look for the “Ports (COM & LPT)” section. If the APS Master Interface was correctly installed you will find it there.

The COM port between parentheses indicates the port number where the APS Master Interface is currently connected. If you change to another port this number will be updated.

Note: In Windows 7 the name of the driver will be shown as:

APS Master Interface V3.0 for W7

If this legend is read differently then the driver was installed incorrectly and will need a reinstallation.



2. Right click on the APS Master Interface icon and select “Properties.”

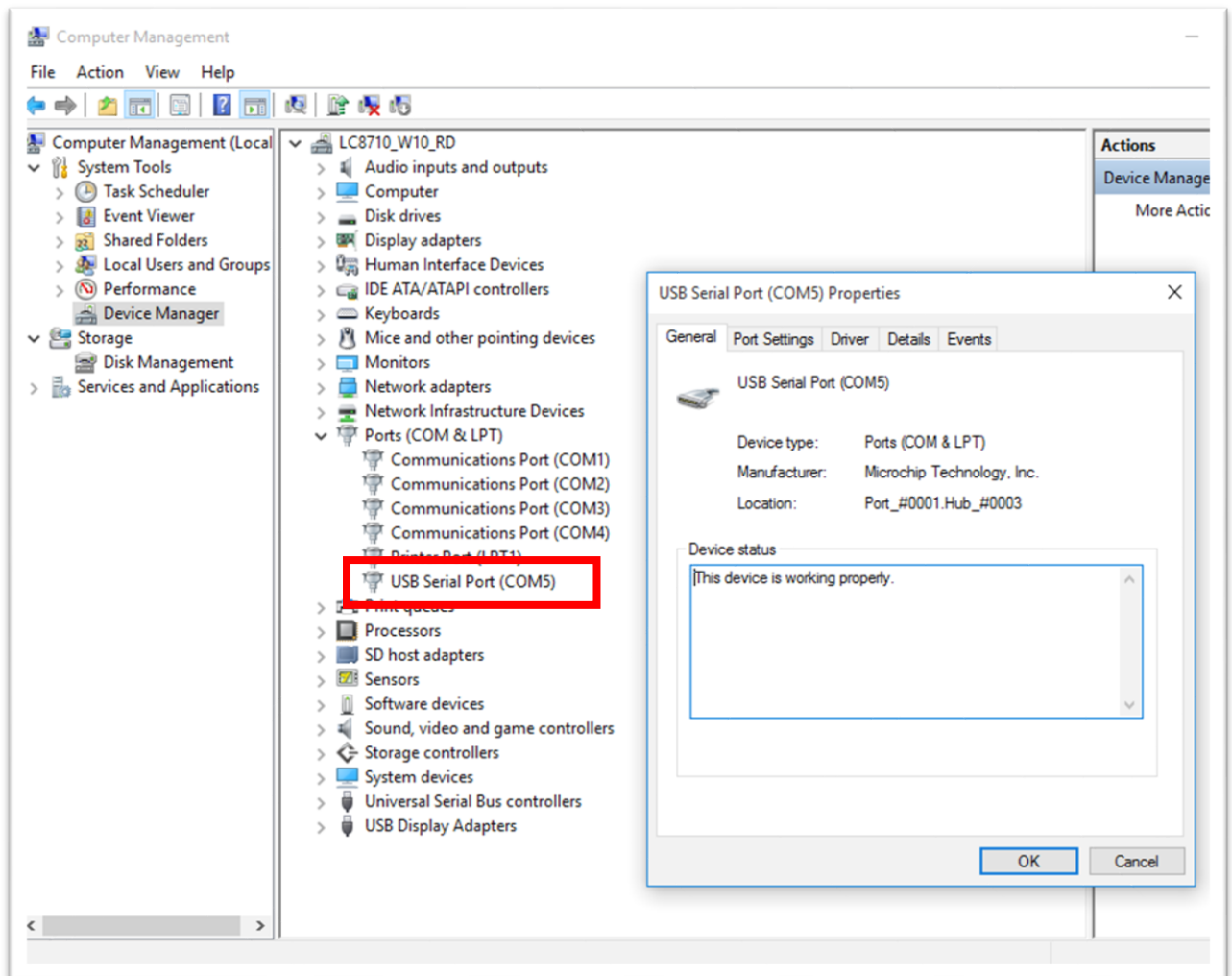
Look for the “Port Configuration” tab and make sure the parameters are setup like the image on the left.

3.2.2.2 Checking the correct installation of the APS Master Interface in Windows 10

At this point, you already installed the drivers that will be used to control the APS Master Interface. You can check if the drivers were installed correctly by following the next steps:

1. Using the Control Panel go to the “Device Manager”, then look for the “Ports (COM & LPT)” section. If the APS Master Interface was correctly installed you will find it there as “USB Serial Port (COMn)” where the n stands for the assigned Port Number.

The COM port between parentheses indicates the port number where the APS Master Interface is currently connected. If you change to another port this number will be updated.



3.3 Installing the APS Master Interface Engine

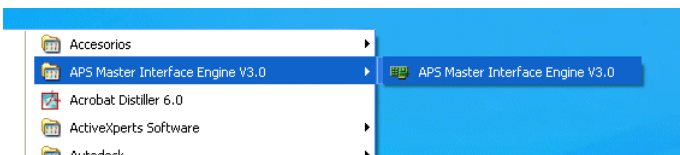
The APS Master Interface Engine (APSMI Engine) is the main software that will be used to setup the parameters of the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor and all other payment devices. Once your application is operating, the APSMI Engine will be running in the background to communicate with your application and control the equipment connected to the interface.



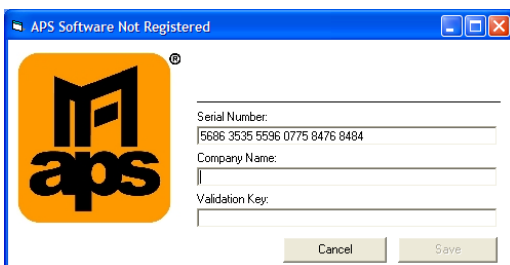
IMPORTANT: The APSMI Engine license can be used in only one computer. If you need to install the APSMI Engine in a different computer you need to buy a new license (Please refer to chapter 2.3 for more details on this matter). Once the software is installed, you cannot uninstall and install it again in a new computer.



1. Find the "Setup.exe" file inside the **APS_Master_Interface_Engine_Vx.x.x** folder and double click on it. Follow the instructions from the install wizard until the application is fully installed.

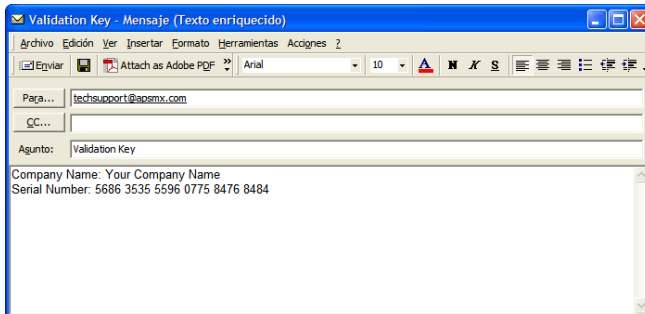


2. Find the "APS Master Interface Engine" in the Start Menu and click on it.



3. You will receive a warning message indicating that your copy of the software is not registered yet: "APS Software Not Registered".

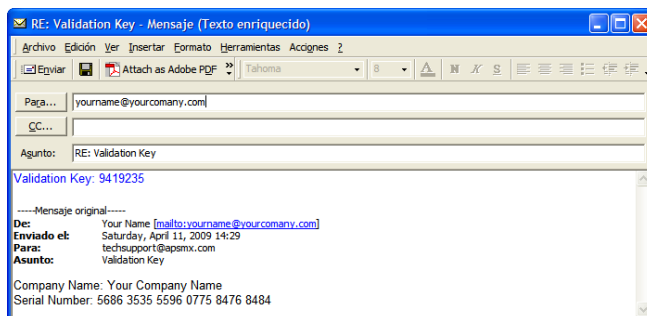
The APSMI Engine software will generate an unique Serial Number for your computer.



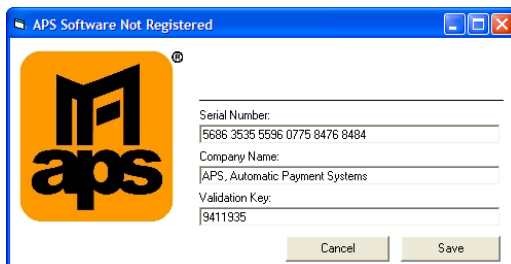
4. Send an email to APS requesting your Validation Key (email address can be found in chapter 1.3).

Write the name of your Company.

Copy and paste the Serial Number into the body of your message.

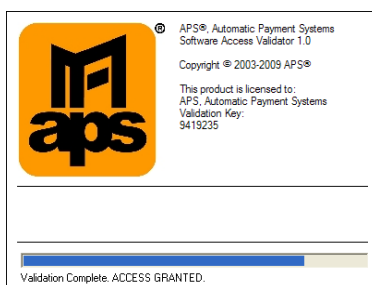


5. You will receive an email back from APS with your Validation Key number.



6. Once you get the Validation Key you will need to open the APSMI Engine again, once you get to the "APS Software Not Registered" screen write your Company Name and Validation Key in the appropriate text boxes.

Click the "Save" button (The screen will be closed).



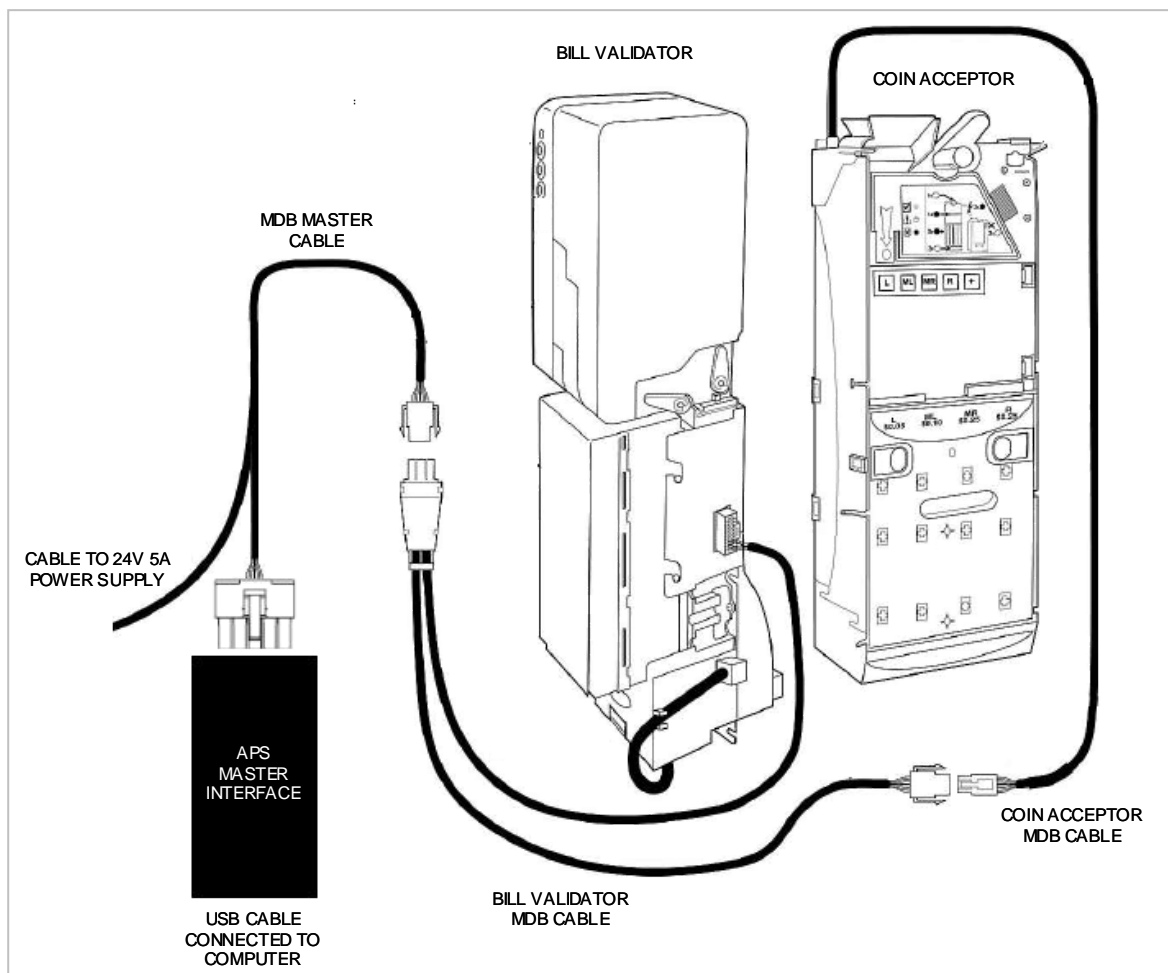
7. In the next chapters you will learn that there are two methods of opening the APSMI Engine. One is by double clicking in the .exe file and the second is calling it directly from the Command prompt (used to run the application in the background).

Regardless of the method you use, if you Registered your software correctly, you will see this screen every time you run the APSMI Engine application.

3.4 Connecting the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor

Once you have installed your APS Master Interface Engine software and registered it you are ready to connect the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor to you APS Master Interface. As we mentioned before, the APSMI will get the power from the USB connection. You will need a Power Supply for the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor (Power requirements change between different brands, usually a 24V to 36V @ 4A power supply should work with your MDB devices).

Please follow the picture bellow as a guide to connect your equipment to the APSMI. You can use a standalone Coin Acceptor or Bill Validator. In case you want to use both equipment, first you must connect your Bill Validator to the MDB Master Cable and then use the built in cable to connect your Coin Acceptor as it is shown in the picture bellow.



Some equipment have to be configured to support the MDB protocol. Please make sure your equipment meet this requirement before connecting it to the APSMI. If your equipment is already included in the list of equipment tested by APS (Chapter 2.5) and you need additional information on how to set it up, please feel free to contact us to support you on this task.

3.4.1 MEI Cashflow7000 Coin Acceptor Error Message

After power connection of the MEI Cashflow7000 Coin Acceptor, you will notice an error message (“Revisar maq. – Err. de comunicación”) in the display. This error message is completely normal and doesn’t affects the functionality of the system.

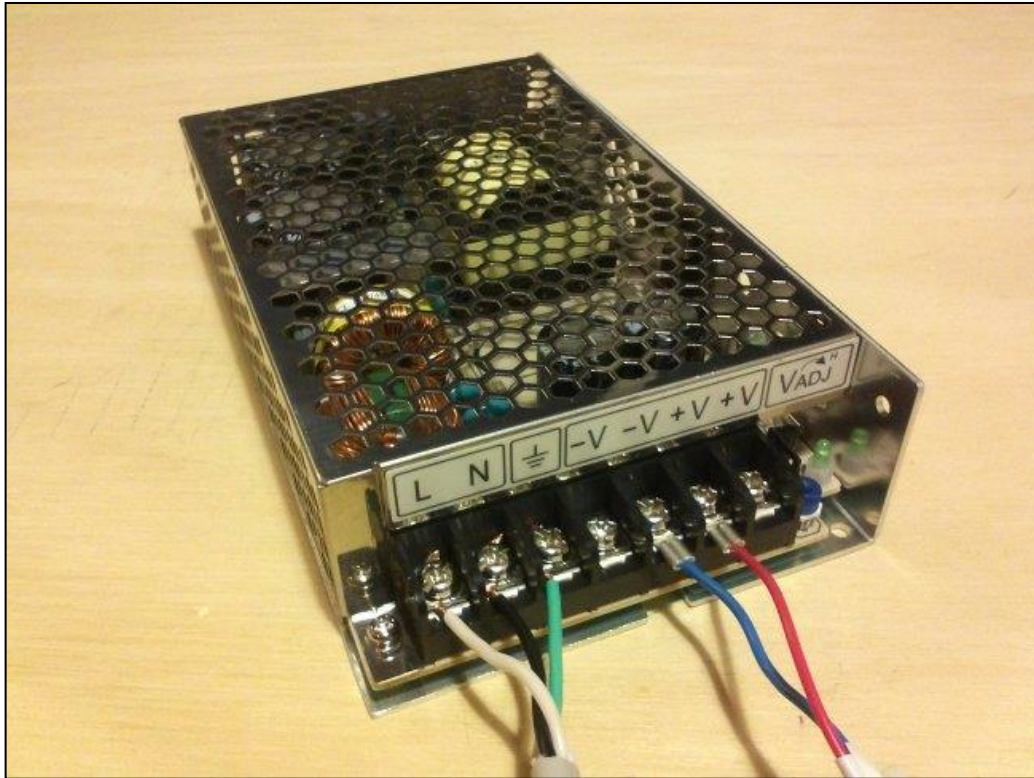
In a regular Vending Machine environment the main controller is constantly communicating the Coin Acceptor to receive coins at any time, so the device is always available to receive coins. If the equipment is disconnected or stops receiving polls from the main controller the equipment shows the indicated error message, once the communication is establish again the message disappears.

Working with the APS Master Interface environment is different, there is not communication or polling between the software and the Coin Acceptor while there are not any operation in progress. When there is a need to charge an amount, the Coin Acceptor will be activated and then the error message will disappear while the payment is in progress. Once the transaction is done, the error message will appear once again.



3.4.2 APS Master Interface – Power Supply Wires Connection

The APS Master Interface integration kit includes a 24V power supply to connect the Bill Validator and Coin Acceptor. The following pictures shows how to correctly connect them.



Reference for B&W printing:

White Cable	>> L
Black Cable	>> N
Green Cable	>> Ground
Blue Cable	>> V-
Red Cable	>> V+

4.0 USING THE SOFTWARE

The APS Master Interface Engine software has two operating modes: APS Master Interface Engine Console (Used to setup parameters, debug your application and test Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor) and the APS Master Interface Engine Hide (Used to control the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor while your application is running. In this mode the APSMI Engine will be running in the background and won't be visible to the user).

4.1 APS Master Interface Engine Console

Before starting the APS Master Interface Engine Console make sure your APS Master Interface, Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor and any other device are connected and powered.

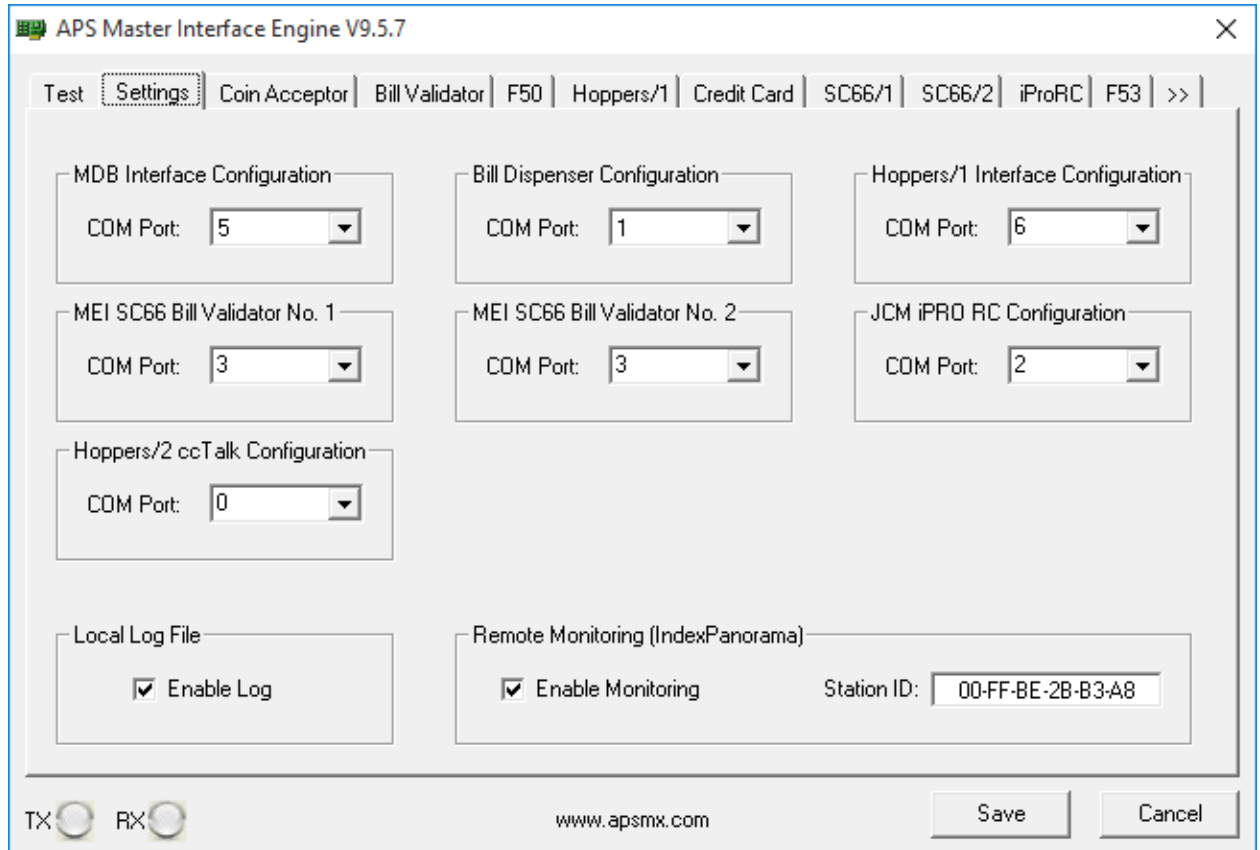
To start the APSMI Engine Console you just need to double click on the file APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe or open it directly from Start Menu and you will see the following screen:



The APSMI Engine Console is divided into 12 sections. Test Console and Settings are used for all the payment devices. Each additional tab is related to the connected equipment. In the following chapters we will describe in detail every single one.

4.1.1 General Settings

The APSMI Engine Settings tab includes the devices configuration ports where the MDB and Hoppers/1 Interface are USB Ports and the remaining ones are RS232 serial ports.



If you don't know what COM Port has been assigned to the APS Master Interface, follow the steps on Section 3.2.2 ("Checking the correct installation of the APS Master Interface").

If you select a wrong Port or the APS Master Interface is not connected properly to that Port you will receive a Port Error message asking you to select another Port.

The Error message will disappear when you have selected the correct Port and the communication is established between your computer and the APS Master Interface.

If you have a computer that doesn't meet the specification described in chapter 2.4, please contact us to help you to define the best parameters for your system (Please note that not all the systems will work with the APSMI).

If you make changes to the General Settings you need to press the "Save" button so they are available next time you run the APSMI Engine Console.

4.1.2 Bill Validator Settings

Bill Validator Settings are used to enable/disable the use of a Bill Validator and also to specify the value of a bill assigned to each type.

Click on the Bill Validator Enabled checkbox to activate/deactivate the Bill Validator.

The screenshot shows the 'APS Master Interface Engine V9.5.7' window with the 'Bill Validator' tab selected. The window contains several sections:

- Bill Validator Settings:** Includes a checkbox for 'Bill Validator Enabled' (unchecked). Below it are fields for 'Bill Validator Feature Level', 'Country / Currency Code', 'Bill Scaling Factor', 'Decimal Places', 'Stacker Capacity', 'Bill Security Levels', and 'Escrow Capability', all showing 'N/A'. To the right are fields for 'Manufacturer Code', 'Software Version', 'Serial Number', and 'Model Number', also showing 'N/A'.
- Bill Types Enabled/Disabled:** A grid of 16 checkboxes labeled #01 through #16. Each checkbox is followed by a text box containing the number '0'.
- Bill Validator Diagnostic Status Log:** A large empty text area.
- Bills Cashbox:** Includes fields for 'Total Amount in Cashbox' and 'Qty. of Bills in Cashbox', both showing '0'. A 'Reset' button is located to the right of these fields.

At the bottom of the window, there are 'TX' and 'RX' status indicators, the website 'www.apsmx.com', and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

MDB protocol requires Bill Validators to send the "Bill Type" inserted by the user when the equipment is operating. There are 16 different types of bill supported by the MDB protocol.

The "Bill Type" is a number from 1 to 16. Each Bill Validator manufacturer has different assignments for the value of the "Bill Type". This setting must be updated manually once you have the right value for each type of bill.

Default values for the Bill Validator Settings were defined using an ICT Bill Validator where the "Bill Type" number 01 is not used, number 02 is 20 pesos, etc... "Bill Type" from number 06 to number 16 are not used in this type of Bill Validator.

You can disable the use of a "Bill Type" by clicking in the checkbox next to it. Don't forget to click "Save" if you want to keep your changes. All the fields showing a N/A value will be updated automatically once the Bill Validator is activated and has established the communication with the APS Master Interface.

4.1.3 Coin Acceptor Settings

Coin Acceptor Settings are used to enable/disable the use of a Coin Acceptor and also to specify the type of coins to be used. Please note that unlike the Bill Validator in the Coin Acceptor is not possible to assign the value to each type of coin. This information is already programmed in the Coin Acceptor and will be communicated to the APSMI Engine once the equipment is activated and has established communication with the APS Master Interface.

The screenshot shows the 'Coin Acceptor' settings window in the APS Master Interface Engine V9.5.7. The window has a tabbed interface with 'Coin Acceptor' selected. It contains three main sections: 'Coin Acceptor Settings', 'Coin Types Enabled/Disabled', and 'Change Management'. The 'Coin Acceptor Settings' section includes checkboxes for 'Coin Acceptor Enabled' and 'Enable Change', and text fields for 'Changer Feature Level', 'Country / Currency Code', 'Coin Scaling Factor', 'Decimal Places', 'Manufacturer Code', 'Serial Number', and 'Model Number'. The 'Coin Types Enabled/Disabled' section is a table with 16 rows, each representing a coin type with a checkbox and a value field. The 'Change Management' section includes a table for 'Coin Type' settings with columns for 'Tube Type', 'Value', 'Sensor', and 'SW'. At the bottom, there is a 'Coin Cashbox' section with 'Total Amount in Cashbox' and 'Qty. of Coins in Cashbox' fields, a 'Reset' button, and a 'Coin Acceptor Diagnostic Status Log' text area. The window also features a status bar with 'TX' and 'RX' indicators, the website 'www.apsmx.com', and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Coin Types Enabled/Disabled	
#01 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	#09 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
#02 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	#10 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
#03 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	#11 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
#04 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	#12 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
#05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	#13 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
#06 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	#14 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
#07 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	#15 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
#08 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	#16 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Coin Type	Tube Type	Value	Sensor	SW
Coin Type 1:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coin Type 2:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coin Type 3:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coin Type 4:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coin Type 5:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Amount in Tubes:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

To enable/disable the use of a coin, just click on the checkbox next to the "Coin Type" number.

From Version 3.0 of the APSMI Engine Console until the latest versions is possible to get the actual value of the coins programmed in the Coin Acceptor, also is possible to know the exact quantity of coins in the tubes, their values and the total amount in those tubes. These features were not available in previous versions.

If you want to dispense change automatically using your Coin Acceptor, Bill Dispenser and Coin Hoppers you just need to activate the function by clicking in the "Enable Change" checkbox. **Please note that "Enable Change" is a global setting that will enable or disable the Bill Dispenser and Coin Hoppers automatic change.**

All the fields showing a N/A value will be updated automatically once the Coin Acceptor is activated and has established communication with the APS Master Interface.

4.1.5 F50 Bill Dispenser Settings

F50 Bill Dispenser Settings are used to enable, disable, test and refill the equipment. Connect your Bill Dispenser to an available RS232 Port in your PC, then go to the “General Settings” tab and select the “COM Port” being used under the “Bill Dispenser Configuration” section. If the connection is not possible, it will display an error message asking you to select the right Port. Don’t forget to click “Save” to make the changes permanent.

The screenshot shows the APS Master Interface Engine V9.5.7 window. The 'F50' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. The window is divided into two main sections: 'F50 Bill Dispenser Settings' and 'Bill Dispenser Functions'.

F50 Bill Dispenser Settings:

- ☐ Bill Dispenser Enabled
- Bill Dispenser SW Version: N/A
- Cassette Status: N/A
- Bill Size Max. Length: N/A
- Bill Size Min. Length: N/A
- Bill Size Thickness: N/A
- Bill Dispenser Status: N/A
- Bill Type: 50 (dropdown menu)

Bill Dispenser Functions:

- Quantity of Bills to Dispense: 1
- Quantity of Bills Dispensed: 0
- Dispense Bills (button)
- Bills in Dispenser (Val.): 0
- Bills in Dispenser (Qty.): 0
- Bill Dispenser Refill (button)

At the bottom of the window, there are TX and RX status indicators, the website address www.apsmx.com, and Save and Cancel buttons.

If you want to dispense change using Bills go to the “Bill Dispenser” tab and click on the “Bill Dispenser Enabled” checkbox under the “Bill Dispenser Settings” section, if there everything is working correctly all the fields with “N/A” values will be updated.

By default, the APS Master Interface Engine will set the “Bill Type” to \$50, you can always change this value to any of the options available in the menu. Please note that the Bill Dispenser is not able to identify the type of bill you are using, so it will dispense the notes considering the value you selected here.

You can test the Bill Dispenser typing the quantity of bills you will like to dispense in the “Quantity of Bills to Dispense” field under the “Bill Dispenser Functions” section. Then click on the “Dispense Bills” and the equipment will be activated to dispense the quantity selected and report the actual quantity dispensed in the “Quantity of Bills Dispensed” field. If the Bill Dispenser is empty it will update the “Bill Dispenser Status” to “NOK” value. Once you have loaded the Bill Dispenser you must to click “Bill Dispenser Refill” to override the status.

4.1.6 Hoppers/1 Settings for Parallel Communication Protocol

Hoppers Settings are used to enable, disable and test up to two Coin Hoppers. In order to use these devices with the APS Master Interface Engine you will need an additional hardware: “APS Hoppers Interface”, the one you will connect to an available USB port in the PC.

Once you have connected the “APS Hoppers Interface” to the PC go to the “General Settings” tab and select the “COM Port” being used under the “Hoppers Interface Configuration” section. If the connection is not possible, it will display an error message asking you to select the right Port. Don’t forget to click “Save” to make the changes permanent.

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Test | Settings | Coin Acceptor | Bill Validator | F50 | **Hoppers/1** | Credit Card | SC66/1 | SC66/2 | iProRC | F53 | >> |

APS Hoppers Interface Functions:

☐ Hoppers Enabled

Amount to Dispense:

Amount Dispensed:

Dispense Coins

Hopper No. 1:

Coin Value:

Coins in Hopper (Val):

Coins in Hopper (Qty):

Hopper No. 2:

Coin Value:

Coins in Hopper (Val):

Coins in Hopper (Qty):

Coin Acceptor REFILL from Hopper No. 1:

Coins to Refill (Qty):

REFILL Coin Acceptor

Coins Refilled (Qty):

Coins Refilled (Val):

Hoppers Diagnostic Status Log

TX RX

www.apsmx.com

Save Cancel

If you want the APS Master Interface Engine to use the Coins Hoppers to dispense change, first you need to check the “Hoppers Enabled” checkbox under the “Hoppers Functions” section, then you need to select the “Coin Value” that you will be using under the “Hopper No. X” sections. If for any reason you want to disable an individual hopper but still using the other you can do it by selecting a “Coin Value” of “0”.

To test the configuration, you can type the amount of money to dispense in the “Amount to Dispense” field under the “Hoppers Functions” section and then click “Dispense Coins”. The APS Master Interface Engine algorithm will try to dispense the higher coin value and then use the lowest one to complete the change. At the end of the operation it will report the actual amount dispensed in the “Amount Dispensed” field under the “Hoppers Functions” section.

4.1.7 Credit Card Settings

Credit Card payments processing is offered by APS as a “Turnkey Solution” only. If you are interested in processing Credit and Debit Card transactions using VISA, Master Card and American Express please contact us via email at ventas@apsmx.com

Once you have completed our setup process you will receive a EMV certified Pin Pad terminal that will be used by the APS Master Interface Engine to process the payments. You will also get a User, Password and secure URL. Those values will be used to fill their fields under the Business Parameters section of the Credit Card Tab.

The screenshot shows the 'APS Master Interface Engine V9.5.7' window with the 'Credit Card' tab selected. The window is divided into several sections:

- Pin Pad Settings:** Includes a checkbox for 'Pin Pad Enabled' (unchecked). Below it are fields for 'EMV Full:', 'Model:', 'Serial Number:', 'Trademark:', 'App Version:', 'COM Port:', and 'Pin Pad Printer:', all of which currently display 'N/A'.
- Business Parameters:** Contains fields for 'User:' (3677GJGE1), 'Password:' (masked with asterisks), 'URL:' (https://vip.e-pago.com.mx), 'On Line:' (a red button labeled 'No'), 'Company:' (N/A), 'Branch:' (N/A), and 'Country:' (N/A).
- Test Pin Pad:** Includes fields for 'Número de Tarjeta:' (N/A) and 'Tarjetahabiente:' (N/A). Below these is a 'Read Card' button. A section labeled 'Mensajes en Pantalla Pin Pad:' contains a text area with 'N/A'.
- Vaucher Printer:** A dropdown menu currently set to 'Microsoft Print to PDF'.

At the bottom of the window, there are 'TX' and 'RX' status indicators, the website 'www.apsmx.com', and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

If all parameters are correct and your account is active the “On Line:” text will change to “Yes” with a green background, indicating that now you can start receiving payments with your account. All other settings will be filled automatically by the application.

If you want to check that the Pinpad Terminal is working correctly, click the “Read Card” button in the “Test Pin Pad” section, follow the instructions shown in the “Mensajes en Pantalla Pin Pad:”. If everything is working correctly, your Credit Card number and name will be used to fill the “Número de Tarjeta:” and “Tarjetahabiente” fields under the “Test Pin Pad” section.

In order to print the result of the transaction, it is necessary to specify the “Vaucher Printer”. The list of printers installed in the computer will be updated automatically in the selection menu.

4.1.8 MEI SC66 Advanced Bill Validator Settings (SC66/1 and SC66/2)

SC66/1 and SC66/2 Settings are used to enable/disable the use of one or two MEI SC66 Advanced Bill Validators and also to specify the value of a bill assigned to each type.

Click on the Bill Validator Enabled checkbox to activate/deactivate the Bill Validator.

The screenshot shows the 'APS Master Interface Engine V9.5.7' window with the 'Bill Validator' tab selected. The 'SC66/1' sub-tab is active. The interface is divided into several sections:

- MEI SC66 Bill Validator No. 1 Settings:** Contains a 'Bill Validator Enabled' checkbox (unchecked) and a 'Soft Reset' button. Below are fields for 'M/POST EBDs Toolkit', 'Device Type', 'Acceptor Device CRC', 'Acceptor Serial Number', 'Boot Part Number', 'Variant Name', and 'Cassette', all displaying 'N/A'.
- Bill Types Enabled/Disabled:** A grid of 16 bill types (#01 to #16). Each entry has a checkbox and a value field. Bill types #01 through #06 have their checkboxes checked and values set to 'N/A'. Bill types #07 through #16 have their checkboxes unchecked and values set to 'N/A'.
- MEI SC66 No. 1 Bills Cashbox:** Contains two fields: 'Total Amount In Cashbox' (displaying 190900) and 'Qty. of Bills in Cashbox' (displaying 393). A 'Reset' button is located to the right of these fields.

At the bottom of the window, there are 'TX' and 'RX' status indicators, the website 'www.apsmx.com', and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

The SC66 is connected directly to the PC so it doesn't require the APS Master Interface. It can be connected to a USB or RS232 Port. The type of port is defined by the Bill Validator version.

The "Bill Type" is a number from 1 to 16. Each Bill Validator manufacturer has different assignments for the value of the "Bill Type". This setting is updated automatically when the equipment is connected and is reset.

You can disable the use of a "Bill Type" by clicking in the checkbox next to it. Don't forget to click "Save" if you want to keep your changes. All the fields showing a N/A value will be updated automatically once the Bill Validator is activated and has established the communication.

4.1.9 JCM IPRO RC Bill Recycler and JCM DBV-500 Bill Validator Settings

iProRC Settings are used to enable/disable the use of one JCM IPRO RC Bill Recycler or a JCM DBV-500 Bill Validator. The equipment is connected directly to a RS232 serial port.

Click on the Bill Recycler Enabled checkbox to activate/deactivate the Bill Recycler or Bill Validator. The “Reset Bill Recycler” button will send a command to the connected device to initialize itself and check if everything is working correctly.

The screenshot shows the 'APS Master Interface Engine V9.5.7' window with the 'iProRC' tab selected. The window contains several sections for configuring the bill recycler and validator.

Bill Recycler Settings:

- ☐ Bill Recycler Enabled
- Reset Bill Recycler button
- Version Data: N/A
- Max Qty Box 1: 30, Actual Qty. CB1: 0, Amount CB1 (\$100): 0
- Max Qty Box 2: 20, Actual Qty. CB2: 0, Amount CB2 (\$50): 0
- Buttons: Collect \$100 from CB1, Collect \$50 from CB2, Collect ALL Bills
- Amount to dispense: 0, Dispense Bills button

Bill Types Enabled/Disabled:

Bill Type	Enabled	Value
#01	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#02	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#03	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#04	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#05	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#06	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#07	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#08	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#09	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#10	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#11	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#12	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#13	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#14	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#15	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
#16	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Bill Recycler Diagnostic Status Log:

Bills Cashbox CB0:

- Total Amount in Cashbox: 0
- Qty. of Bills in Cashbox: 0
- Qty. Rejected from Recycler: 4
- Reset button

At the bottom, there are TX and RX status indicators, the website www.apsmx.com, and Save and Cancel buttons.

The “Max Qty Box 1 and Max Qty Box 2” are settings that define the quantity of bills the equipment will recycle. The maximum value can be set to 80 bills for each denomination.

The "Bill Type" is a number from 1 to 16. Each Bill Validator manufacturer has different assignments for the value of the "Bill Type". This setting is updated automatically when the equipment is connected and is reset.

You can disable the use of a "Bill Type" by clicking in the checkbox next to it. Don't forget to click "Save" if you want to keep your changes. All the fields showing a N/A value will be updated automatically once the Bill Validator is activated and has established the communication.

4.1.10 F53 Bill Dispenser Settings

F53 Bill Dispenser Settings are used to enable, disable, test and refill the equipment. Connect your Bill Dispenser to an available RS232 Port in your PC, then go to the “General Settings” tab and select the “COM Port” being used under the “Bill Dispenser Configuration” section. If the connection is not possible, it will display an error message asking you to select the right Port. Don’t forget to click “Save” to make the changes permanent.

The screenshot shows the APS Master Interface Engine V9.5.7 window with the F53 tab selected. The interface is divided into three main sections:

- F53 Bill Dispenser Settings:** Contains a checkbox for "Bill Dispenser Enabled" (unchecked), and two text boxes for "Firmware Version" and "Firmware Release Date", both showing "N/A".
- Bill Dispenser Functions:** Contains two text boxes for "Amount to Dispense" and "Dispensed Amount", both showing "0", and a "Dispense Bills" button.
- Cassettes Status:** A table showing the status of two cassettes.

	Type	Value	Status	Bills (Val)	Bills (Qty)
Cassette 1:	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Cassette 2:	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0

At the bottom of the window, there are TX and RX status indicators, the website address www.apsmx.com, and Save and Cancel buttons.

If you want to dispense change using Bills go to the “Bill Dispenser” tab and click on the “Bill Dispenser Enabled” checkbox under the “Bill Dispenser Settings” section, if there everything is working correctly all the fields with “N/A” values will be updated.

The APS Master Interface will connect the equipment and update the value of the bills to be dispensed. To change that setting it is necessary to change the magnets in the bill boxes used for that propose. Please note that the Bill Dispenser is not able to identify the type of bill you are using, so it will dispense the notes considering the value you selected here.

You can test the Bill Dispenser typing “Amount to Dispense” and the system will try to complete the quantity using the note values available.

4.1.11 Hoppers/2 Settings for ccTALK Communication Protocol

Hoppers Settings are used to enable, disable and test up to two Coin Hoppers. In order to use these devices with the APS Master Interface Engine you will need an additional hardware: “APS Hoppers Interface for ccTALK”, the one you will connect to an available RS232 serial port.

Once you have connected the “APS Hoppers Interface” to the PC go to the “General Settings” tab and select the “COM Port” being used under the “Hoppers Interface Configuration” section. Note that the ccTalk hoppers require a unique ID to communicate to the software. Use ID 3 for Hopper No. 1 and ID 4 for Hopper No. 2.

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<< Hoppers/2

ccTalk Hoppers Functions

☐ ccTalk Hoppers Enabled

Amount to Dispense: 1

Amount Dispensed: 0

Dispense Coins

Coin Acceptor REFILL from Hopper No. 1

Coins to Refill (Qty): 0

REFILL Coin Acceptor

Coins Refilled (Qty): 0

Coins Refilled (Val): 0

Hopper No. 1 (ccTalk ID 3)

Assy. Code: ...

Coin Value: 5

Coins in Hopper (Val): 0

Coins in Hopper (Qty): 0

Hopper No. 2 (ccTalk ID 4)

Assy. Code: ...

Coin Value: 1

Coins in Hopper (Val): 0

Coins in Hopper (Qty): 0

Hoppers Diagnostic Status Log

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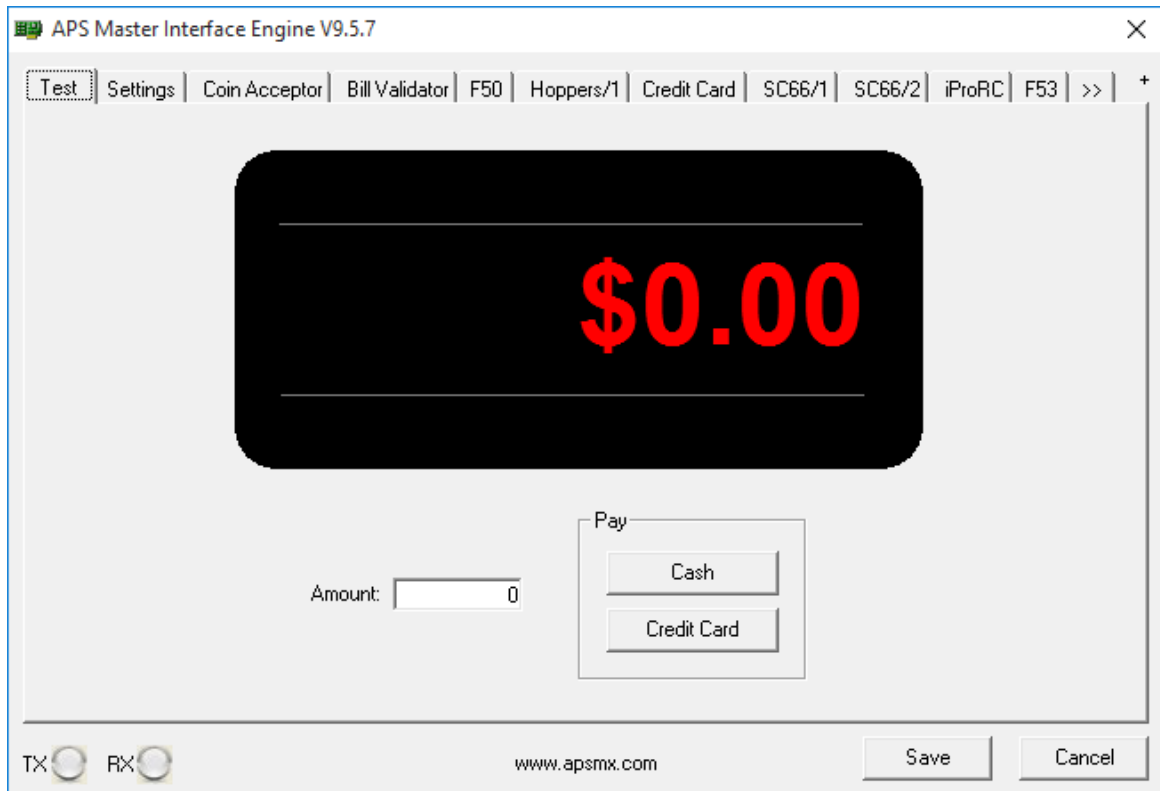
Save Cancel

If you want the APS Master Interface Engine to use the Coins Hoppers to dispense change, first you need to check the “Hoppers Enabled” checkbox under the “Hoppers Functions” section, then you need to select the “Coin Value” that you will be using under the “Hopper No. X” sections. If for any reason you want to disable an individual hopper but still using the other you can do it by selecting a “Coin Value” of “0”.

To test the configuration, you can type the amount of money to dispense in the “Amount to Dispense” field under the “Hoppers Functions” section and then click “Dispense Coins”. The APS Master Interface Engine algorithm will try to dispense the higher coin value and then use the lowest one to complete the change. At the end of the operation it will report the actual amount dispensed in the “Amount Dispensed” field under the “Hoppers Functions” section.

4.1.8 Test Console

Once you have finished with the setup of your parameters you can use the Test Console to verify that your payment devices are working correctly.



To test your equipment you just need to type the Amount of money to be charged in the "Amount" textbox, then click the "Cash" button. The APSMI Engine Console will activate the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor so you can start inserting the money.

When you click the "Cash" button, the text in the button will change to "Stop Payment...". You can click on this button at any time to cancel the payment process. Once the payment operation is in process, the Status Display will change to an active role displaying the status and balance of the amount due. The Status Display is divided in 3 sections:

- a. The top section displays the amount of money due.
- b. The middle section displays the credit or amount of money already paid.
- c. The bottom section display the status of the APSMI Engine Status.

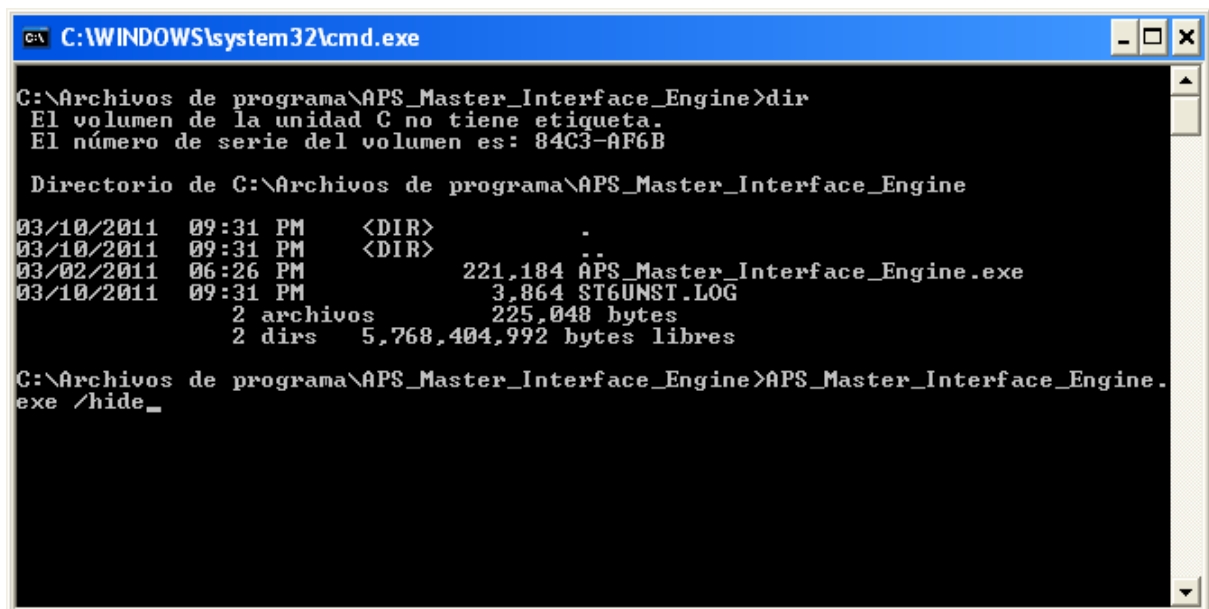
APSMI Engine Test Console is very usefull when you are writing your applications, you can always use it to debug your code and monitor the payment functions. When you integrate APSMI Engine to your application, this is the same software that will communicate with your devices, but the APSMI Engine will be hidden to the user.

4.2 APS Master Interface Engine Console "Hide"

The APS Master Interface Engine Console "Hide" is the same application described in the previous chapter, the only difference is that the application runs in the background without displaying any Forms. While you are using the APSMI Engine Console using the "Hide" parameter, you will be able to control the payment process using your Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor, but you won't be able to change the parameters.

Here an example of how you can call the APSMI Engine Console using a regular DOS line command with the "/hide" parameter.

Once you are programming your application, you need to find the right code to call the APSMI Engine Console from your selected platform. Check our SDK for APS Master Interface with a real example using Visual Basic code.



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Archivos de programa\APS_Master_Interface_Engine>dir
El volumen de la unidad C no tiene etiqueta.
El número de serie del volumen es: 84C3-AF6B

Directorio de C:\Archivos de programa\APS_Master_Interface_Engine

03/10/2011  09:31 PM    <DIR>          .
03/10/2011  09:31 PM    <DIR>          ..
03/02/2011  06:26 PM             221,184 APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe
03/10/2011  09:31 PM             3,864 ST6UNST.LOG
                2 archivos             225,048 bytes
                2 dirs      5,768,404,992 bytes libres

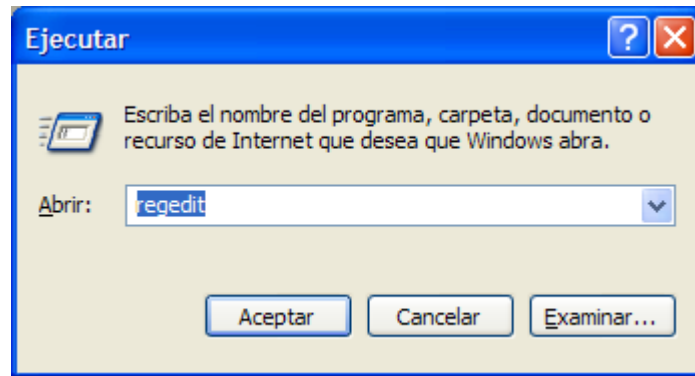
C:\Archivos de programa\APS_Master_Interface_Engine>APS_Master_Interface_Engi-
ne.exe /hide_
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4.2.1 Windows Registry Settings for APSMI Engine Console

The Windows Registry is a database which stores settings and options for Microsoft Windows operating systems. It contains information and settings for hardware, operating system software, most non-operating system software, and per-user settings. The registry also provides a window into the operation of the kernel, exposing runtime information such as performance counters and currently active hardware.

APSMI Engine Console uses the Windows Registry database to save the application parameters and also to communicate with your application. By using this database, we are able to support any programming language since the values are available from any platform.

Windows Registry can be accessed manually using the "Regedit" utility from Windows XP or Windows 7.

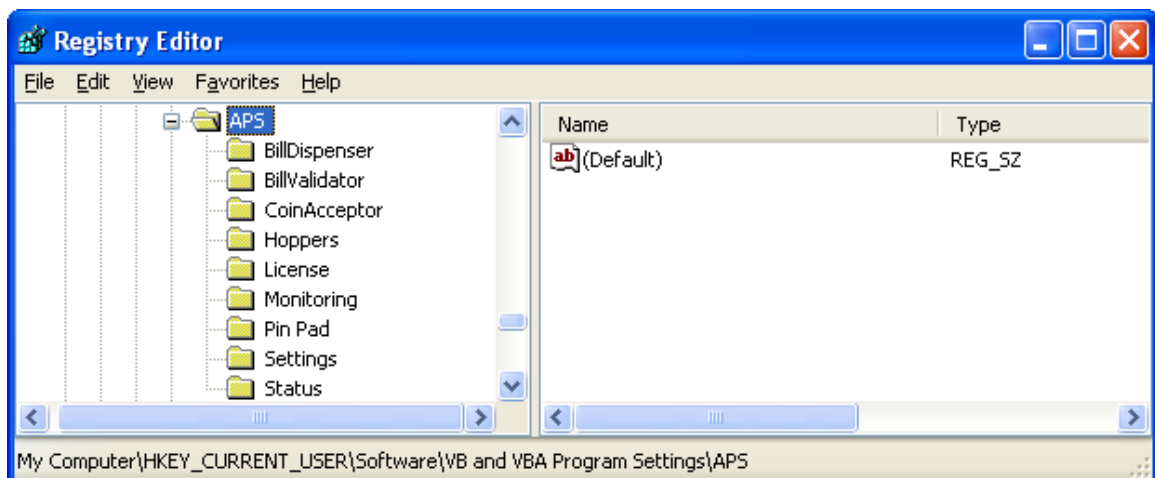


Once the Windows Registry editor is open, you can find the APSMI Engine Console parameters under the HKEY_CURRENT_USER directory in My Computer:

My Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\VB and VBA Program Settings\APS

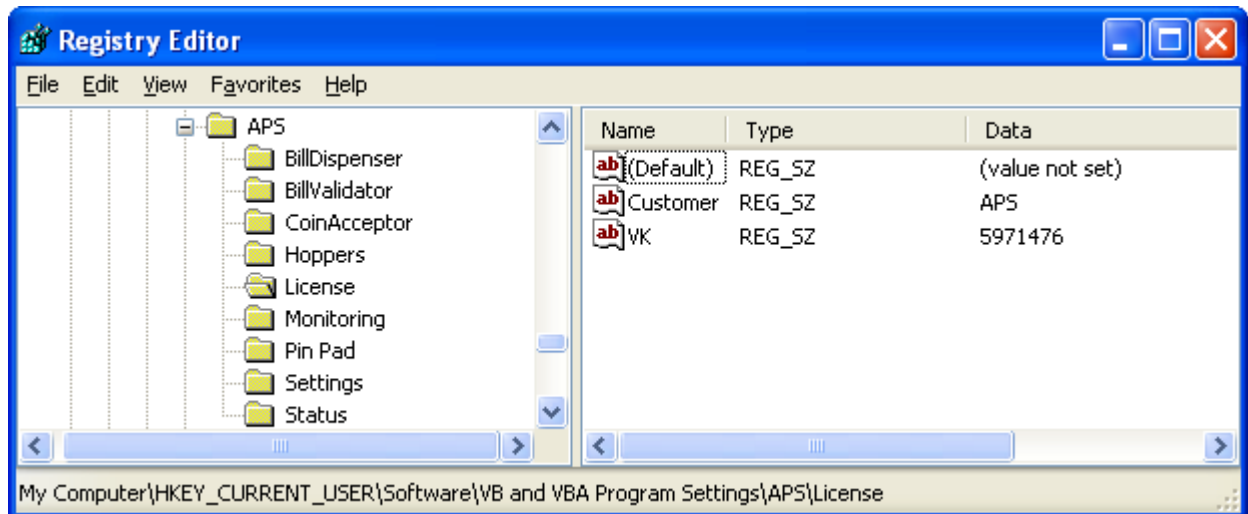
Note: The user name can be different from one computer to another, you can also search for the right path using the "Search" menu option typing "VB and VBA Program Settings" as the searched item.

APSMI Engine Console uses nine Windows Registry categories to storage all the parameters and variables to communicate with your applications: BillDispenser, BillValidator, CoinAcceptor, Hoppers, License, Monitoring, Pin Pad, Settings and Status.



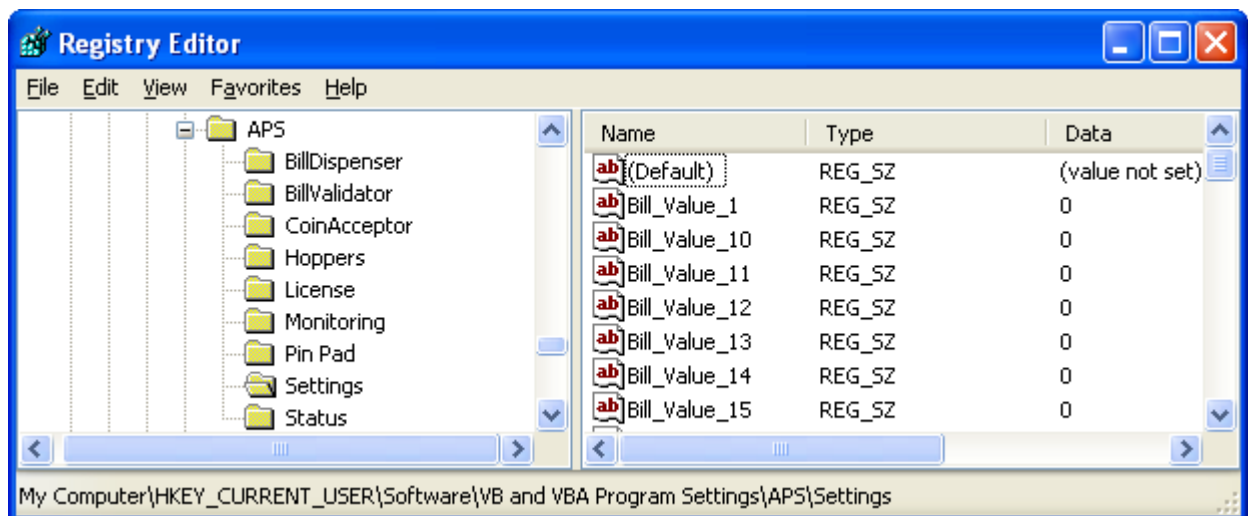
4.2.2 License Windows Registry

License Windows Registry is used to record the values used by the APSMI Engine Console validation software to authenticate the license number registered by the customer. As this value can be changed manually we don't recommend it because any mistake on typing the numbers can block you from using the APSMI Engine Console application.



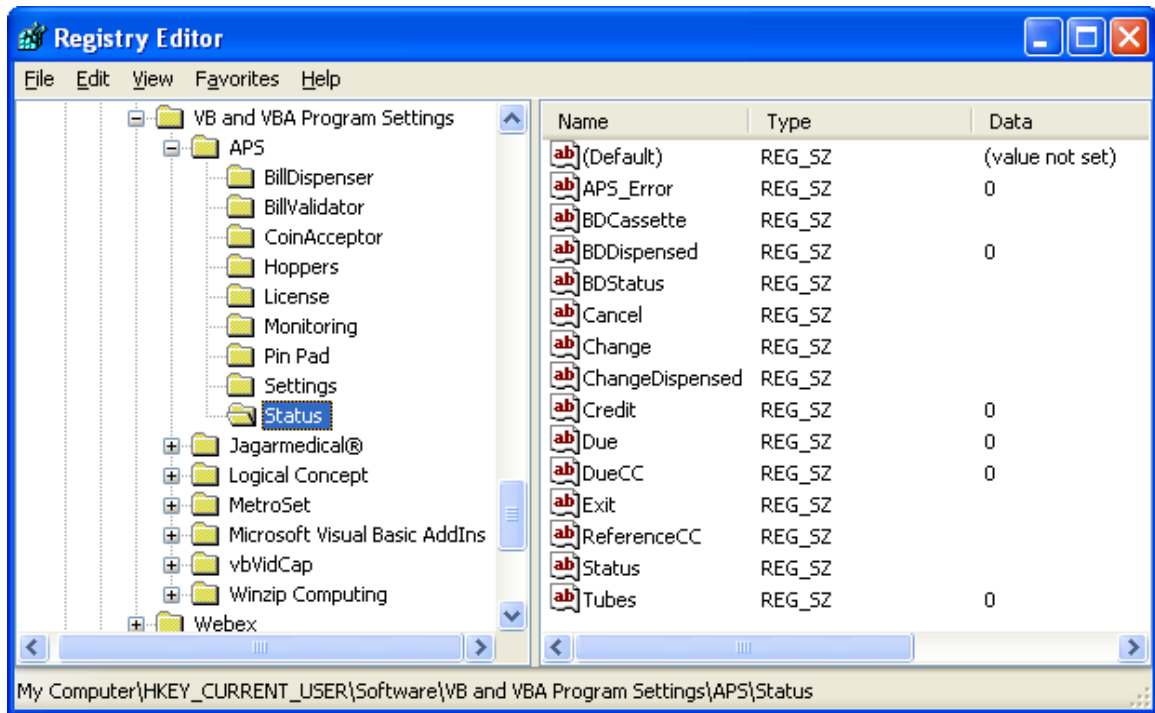
4.2.3 Settings Windows Registry

Settings Windows Registry is used to record the values used by the APSMI Engine Console to set the parameters of the Bill Validator and Coin Acceptor. As this values can be changed manually we recommend using the APSMI Engine Console described in Chapter 4.1



4.2.3 Status Windows Registry

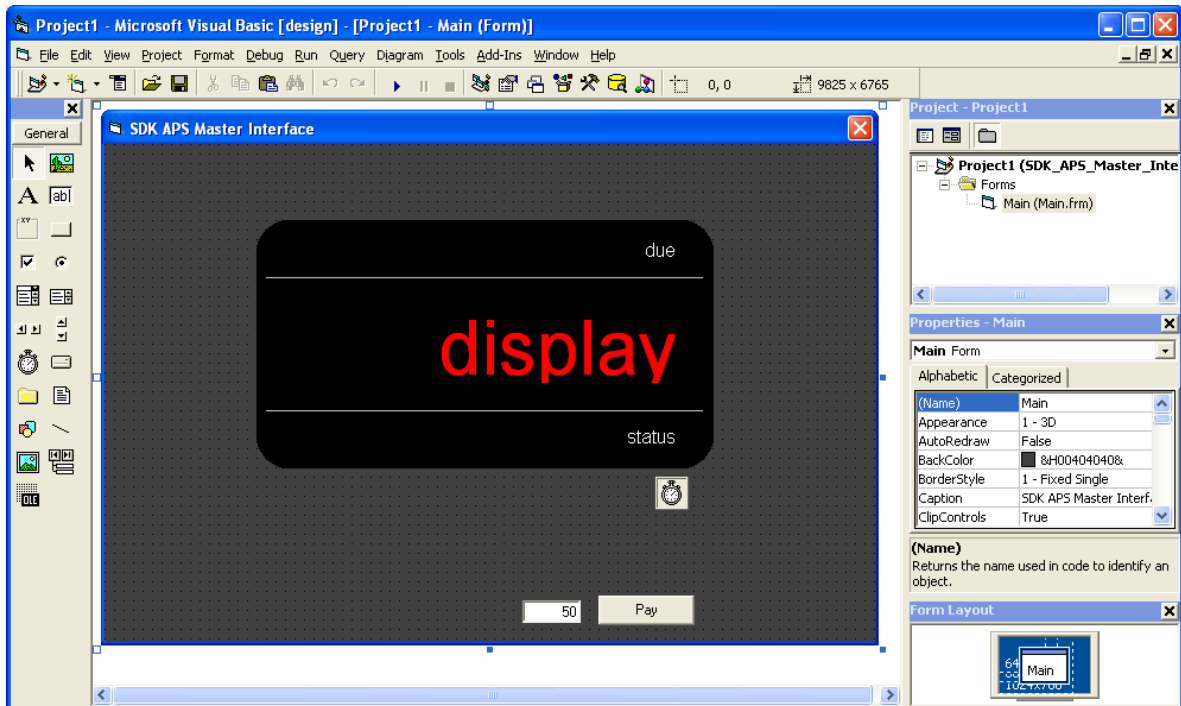
Status Windows Registry values are used to communicate the APSMI Engine Console with your application. While there are 14 variables under this section, only six (Due, DueCC, ReferenceCC, Change, Cancel, Exit) should be updated by your application and the remaining (APS_Error, BDCassette, BDDispensed, BDStatus, ChangeDispensed, Credit, Status, Tubes) will be automatically updated by the APSMI Engine Console.



4.3 SDK APS Master Interface – Main Form

Integrating the APS Master Interface Engine to your application is very simple. We have developed a Visual Basic sample application that can be used to explain how to control the payment systems connected to your machine.

The SDK APS Master Interface is distributed in a .zip file as described in chapter 3.1.3. The Visual Basic Project has one form named “Main.frm”.



4.3.1 Main Form elements: “due”

The Main Form has several labels that are used to display the current status of the payment process. The “due” Label is used to display the amount to be paid by the customer when the customer clicks on the “Cash” button.

This is a fix value that won’t change during the payment.

4.3.2 Main Form elements: “display”

The “display” Label is used to show the amount of money introduced into the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor during the payment process. This value is not fix and will change every time a coin or bill is inserted.

4.3.3 Main Form elements: “status”

The “status” Label is used to show the current step on the payment process after the Pay Button is pressed. The APS Master Interface Engine will report 4 possible conditions: “Insert Coins or Bills...”, “Payment Completed”, “Transaction Cancelled”, “Dispensing change...”, “Error: Coin Acceptor”, “Error: Bill Validator”.

4.3.3.1 Insert Coins or Bills...

“Insert Coins or Bills...” status will be displayed after the Pay Button is pressed. If the setup is properly configured in this step the Bill Acceptor and/or Coin Validator should be active and ready to receive Bills and/or Coins.

4.3.3.2 Payment Completed

“Payment Completed” status is used to indicate that the user has completed the payment process. At this step the “due” and “credit” amounts have the same monetary value.

4.3.3.3 Transaction Cancelled

After they Cash Button is pressed to start the payment process, it will change the text displayed in the Button from “Cash” to “Cancel”.

If the Cancel button is pressed, it will stop the payment process and the “status” Label will display the “Transaction Cancelled” legend.

If the APS Master Interface is setup to dispense change, the application will return the credit amount using coins only.

4.3.3.4 Dispensing change...

“Dispensing change...” status is used to indicate that the Coin Acceptor is returning coins to the client. Dispensing change process time can vary depending on the amount to be returned.

4.3.3.5 Error: Coin Acceptor, Error: Bill Validator

“Error: Coin Acceptor” or “Error: Bill Validator” status is used to indicate that during the payment process there was an error with one of those two devices. The payment process will be cancelled and the status variable will be updated with one of these values. “Credit” variable will keep the last known value.

4.4 SDK APS Master Interface – Visual Basic Code

As we explained in the previous section, the SDK APS Master Interface sample application has one form called “Main.frm”. In this section we will explain the 4 “Subroutines” used to communicate the application with the “APS Master Interface Engine”.

Option Explicit

```
Private Sub Form_Load()  
Dim InitEngine AS Double
```

```
' Open APS Master Interface Engine  
' This Engine will perform all the functions and communication between your computer and  
' the payment systems: Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor  
' If you want to debug your application, you can omit the /hide parameter to view the  
' APS Master Interface Engine Console.  
InitEngine = Shell("APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe /hide", 1)  
  
' Reset "Regedit" variables  
' These variables are used to communicate your application with the APS Master Interface Engine  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Due", "0"  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Credit", "0"  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Status", ""  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Cancel", ""  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Exit", ""  
  
display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")  
status.Caption = ""  
due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")  
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub Form_Terminate()  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Exit", "1"  
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub Pay_Click()  
If Pay.Caption = "Pay" Then  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Due", Val(amountToPay.Text)  
Timer1.Enabled = True  
Pay.Caption = "Cancel"  
Else  
Pay.Caption = "Pay"  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Cancel", "1"  
display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")  
status.Caption = ""  
due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")  
Timer1.Enabled = False  
End If  
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub Timer1_Timer()  
display.Caption = Format(Val(GetSetting("APS", "Status", "credit", "")), "currency")  
  
due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(Val(GetSetting("APS", "Status", "due", "")), "currency")  
  
status.Caption = GetSetting("APS", "Status", "Status", "")  
  
Select Case GetSetting("APS", "Status", "Status", "")  
Case "Credit Card Approved"  
Case "Credit Card Denied"  
Case "Pin Pad Error"
```

```
Case "Transaction Cancelled"
    display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")
    due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")
    Pay.Caption = "Pay"
    Timer1.Enabled = False

Case "Insert Coins or Bills..."

Case "Payment Completed"
    display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")
    due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")
    Pay.Caption = "Pay"
    Timer1.Enabled = False

Case "Error: Coin Acceptor"
    display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")
    due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")
    Pay.Caption = "Pay"
    Timer1.Enabled = False

Case "Error: Bill Validator"
    display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")
    due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")
    Pay.Caption = "Pay"
    Timer1.Enabled = False

Case "Dispensing change..."

Case "Change dispensed"
End Select

End Sub
```

4.4.1 Sub Form Load()

The “Sub Form Load()” is the first code executed when the application is launched. The “Shell” function is used to start the “APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe” with the “/hide” parameter set as we described in chapter 4.2. The number “1” parameter of the “Shell” function is used to stop the execution of next steps until the “APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe” is loaded.

```
Private Sub Form_Load()  
Dim InitEngine As Double  
  
'   Open APS Master Interface Engine  
'   This Engine will perform all the functions and communication between your computer and  
'   the payment systems: Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor  
'   If you want to debug your application, you can omit the /hide parameter to view the  
'   APS Master Interface Engine Console.  
InitEngine = Shell("APS_Master_Interface_Engine.exe /hide", 1)  
  
'   Reset "Regedit" variables  
'   These variables are used to communicate your application with the APS Master Interface Engine  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Due", "0"  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Credit", "0"  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Status", ""  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Cancel", ""  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Exit", ""  
  
display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")  
status.Caption = ""  
due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")  
End Sub
```

“SaveSetting” is the Visual Basic Function used to write into the Regedit variables. As we explained before, these variables are being monitored by the “APS_Master_Interface_Engine” application that is running in the background.

4.4.2 Sub Form Terminate()

The “Sub Form Terminate()” will request to stop the “APS_Master_Interface_Engine” application by Saving the value “1” into the “Exit” Regedit variable.

```
Private Sub Form_Terminate()  
SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Exit", "1"  
End Sub
```

4.4.3 Sub Form Pay_Click()

The “Sub Form Pay_Click()” is the action attached to the “Pay CommandButton” from the “Main.frm”. When the button is clicked the application will check the current legend on the button, based in this information will decide if the application should start the payment process or cancel it.

The payment process starts by setting the “Due” Regedit variable to a value greater than 0. At this moment, the APS Master Interface Engine will activate the Bill Validator and/or Coin Acceptor according to the parameters setup. If you want to process they payment using a Credit Card, then you will need to save the value in the “DueCC” variable.

In order to monitor the payment process and know when the process is completed we use a “Timer” control. In this case our “Timer1” control is setup to cycle every 5ms once it is enabled.

```
Private Sub Pay_Click()  
    If Pay.Caption = "Pay" Then  
        SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Due", Val(amountToPay.Text)  
        Timer1.Enabled = True  
        Pay.Caption = "Cancel"  
    Else  
        Pay.Caption = "Pay"  
        SaveSetting "APS", "Status", "Cancel", "1"  
        display.Caption = Format(0, "currency")  
        status.Caption = ""  
        due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(0, "currency")  
        Timer1.Enabled = False  
    End If  
End Sub
```

To notify to the APS Master Interface Engine that the payment process should Stop it is necessary to setup the “Cancel” Regedit variable to “1”. If the dispense change parameter is setup the current credit amount will be returned to the client.

4.4.4 Sub Timer1_Timer()

The “Sub Timer1_Timer()” will be running in cycles every 5ms to monitor the status of the “credit”, “due” and “status” Regedit variables. The information will be displayed in the “Main.frm” Text Labels. Once the “due” amount is equal or less than 0 the cycle stops.

```
Private Sub Timer1_Timer()  
  
    display.Caption = Format(Val(GetSetting("APS", "Status", "credit", "")), "currency")  
    due.Caption = "DUE AMOUNT: " & Format(Val(GetSetting("APS", "Status", "due", "")), "currency")  
    status.Caption = GetSetting("APS", "Status", "Status", "")  
  
    If Val(GetSetting("APS", "Status", "due", "")) <= 0 Then  
        Timer1.Enabled = False  
        Pay.Caption = "Pay"  
    End If  
End Sub
```

4.5 Additional Functions

In addition to the basic functions mentioned in the previous chapter there are additional functions included in the APS Master Interface that can be used to increase the control of the cash transactions and payment processes.

4.5.1 Disable and enable bills at Runtime

As you already now, you can manually setup the bills that you want to use during the payment process. You can also perform this task during runtime, before you set the amount to be paid. Set the “BillTypeX_Enabled” value to “1” under the “BillValidator” registry values to allow the use of that bill type, use the value “0” to disable it. Then save the amount to be paid in “due”.

4.5.2 Change Dispensed after a cash transaction

After each transaction you can always check the value of the “CashDispensed” variable under the “Status” registry variables. This variable returns the actual amount dispensed in change, considering the coins dispensed by the Coin Acceptor, Coin Hoppers and Bill Dispenser. This function is updated in both manual and automatic change dispensing.

4.5.3 Manual Change Dispensing

While the APS Master Interface software is in an idle state you can manually dispense change by writing the amount of money in the “Change” variable under the “Status” registry variables. The system will use the enabled equipment for this task: Coin Acceptor and/or Bill Dispenser and/or Coins Hoppers.

If the “Enable Change” option under “Coin Acceptor” is disabled, the system will temporarily activate the “Enable Change” parameter to dispense the money, once the operation is completed it will return the “Enable Change” variable to its original value.

When more than one equipment is used to dispense change, the APS Master Interface software will try to use the highest bill and/or coin available. If the equipment is enabled, the algorithm will try to use the Bill Validator first, followed by the Coin Acceptor and finally the Coins Hoppers.

4.5.4 APS Master Interface Startup Error

The APS Master Interface is a very robust and tested system, however there might be occasions where the APS Master Interface is unable to boot correctly, caused by a driver and/or hardware malfunction. If the system is unable to load it correctly it will report it saving a value “1” in the “APS_Error” registry variable under the “Status” section.

4.5.5 Cancel Cash Transaction without dispensing change

If for any reason you need to cancel the current Cash Transaction without dispensing change, you can do it by writing a value “2” in the “Cancel” registry variable under the “Status” section. Even if the Bill Dispenser and Coins Hoppers are enable this function will override their settings and not dispense any change. If you use the value “1” the system will cancel the transaction and dispense the current “Credit” amount.

4.5.6 Coin Tubes Quantity update after each transaction

The Coin Tubes amount is updated after each transaction in the “Tubes” variable under the “Status” section. However, this value is updated individually for each coin type in their assigned tubes also. You can check what is the quantity of coins per tube in the “tubeCoinQtyX” variable under the “CoinAcceptor” section of the registry variables. The type of coin is recorded under the “tubeCoinTypeX” under the same section.

4.5.7 Coin Acceptor and Bill Validator Error handling at Runtime

In case of any communication errors during Runtime between the APS Master Interface software and the Coin Acceptor or Bill Validator the systems will retry 3 times to recover it from the error, if the communication is not possible, the system will report the error using the “Status” variable under the “Status” section with the values “Error: Coin Acceptor” or “Error: Bill Validator”.

4.5.8 Setup Reference ID for Credit Card Transactions

If you want to process a payment using a Credit Card, you will need to write the amount to charge in the “DueCC” Regedit variable, under the “Status” section. Every Credit Card transaction must have a Reference ID for further reference in case of any dispute. You can create any reference number selection (Customer Account Number, Phone Number, etc...) and write it in the “ReferenceCC” Regedit variable before you write the amount to change in “DueCC”.

If you write a value in “DueCC” and “ReferenceCC” is empty, the APS Master Interface Engine will generate a random number, using a combination of the computer unique id values and the date and time when the transaction was completed. After the payment is completed or rejected, the “ReferenceCC” number will be erased.



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