

Introduction to Variable Message Format (VMF)

25–27 August 2008

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Holiday Inn, Potts Point, Sydney NSW

Teaching Arrangements

The course will be conducted from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Morning tea will be available at approximately 10.00am to 10.30am, lunch from 12.30pm to 1.30pm and afternoon tea at approximately 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

Registration Fee: AU\$1980 (Including GST)

Group and PhD student discounts available. Please enquire.

How to Register

To register fill out the registration form (overleaf) and

- fax it to +61-8-8302-3115
- or
- scan and email it to industryeducation@nicta.com.au

Cancellation Policy

At least **4 weeks** notice is required for cancellation of a place in a short course for full reimbursement. If cancellation is later than 4 weeks then the place can either be given to another person or the registrant can be provided with a credit towards other NICTA training.

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www.nicta.com.au/short_courses
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About this course

This course familiarises the delegates with all aspects of current VMF operations. The course is based around the US MIL-STD-188-220, MIL-STD-2045-47001 and MIL-STD-6017. Currently used mainly by the US armed forces, this TDL is emerging as the fastest growing system in today's modern armed forces.

The transmission protocols are considered in detail, as are the message headers, structure, and use of the K-Series VMF messages. Interoperability is an important feature of this course. Attendees will also receive a copy of the manual '*An Introduction to VMF*' plus a CD containing the course presentations.

Target Audience: This course has been developed for military, government and defence industry representatives who are involved in the operation, support, management and provision of VMF systems. The course includes both an operator and engineering perspective to the establishment and management of effective VMF networks.

Brief Course Outline

- VMF history
- VMF requirements, principles, Ethernet, Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) 7 layer model, definitions of throughput
- Frames, Types of Service
- Modes of Operation, Asynchronous Balanced Mode (ABM) etc., Addressing, Unit Reference Number (URN)
- Network Access Delay (NAD), Net Access Control (NAC), Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ), Sliding Window
- Radios, terminals, modems – Tactical Communication Interface Module (TCIM), TacLink, F/A-18 Digital Communication System (DCS), Internet Controller (INC)
- Networks - joining, leaving
- MIL-STD-2045-47001 - Application Header
- MIL-STD-188-220 - CNRs
- VMF Syntax - Field Presence Indicator (FPI), Field Repetition (Recurrence) Indicator (FRI), Group Presence Indicator (GPI), Group Recurrence Indicator (GRI)
- K-Series messages, Functional Area Designators (FAD)
- VMF Uses - Interoperability
- Tactical Internet, User Datagram Protocol (UDP), Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP), intranet protocol (ip), Situational Awareness (SA)
- MIL-STD-188-220 C version changes
- URN Issues
- Entity ID Reference Number (EIRN)
- SA Issues
- Data Forwarding Issues
- VMF for CAS

See the "**more info**" [web page](#) for other topics (time permitting).

About SyntheSys

SyntheSys is a specialist training and consultancy company working in the field of military tactical data links (TDLs). With over 20 years of TDL experience, SyntheSys provides independent, up to date and operationally relevant TDL training. SyntheSys consultants are either highly qualified systems engineers, or former military operational experts with many years of TDL experience. SyntheSys is recognised as a leader in the field of VMF training and consultancy both in the UK and the USA.

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NICTA short courses offer scientists, engineers and managers technical training with a leading edge in areas such as telecommunications, transport, security, defence, logistics, e-government, mining, finance and biotechnology.

There will be ample opportunities for discussion and questions and answers. Morning and afternoon tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided. Extensive workshop materials will be made available to participants.

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Registration Form and Tax Invoice* ABN 62 102 206 173

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Date: _____

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

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Course Fees: Full fee: AU\$1980 (incl. GST)
(Register before **Aug 11th, 2008.**)

Method of Payment (please tick below):

Cheque (payable to National ICT Australia Ltd)
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