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Preface

This document helps customers with data security concerns to sanitize or remove memory devices from the MTS400 Series Test Systems.

These products have data storage (memory) devices and data output devices (USB ports). These instructions tell how to clear or sanitize the memory devices and disable the data output devices. The instructions also tell how to declassify an instrument that is not functioning.

Products

The following Tektronix products are covered by this document:

| MTS400 | Base MPEG Test System |
|------------|---|
| MTS430 | Enhanced MPEG Test System |
| MTS4UP GBE | GigE interface upgrade |
| MTS4UP LX | 1000BASE-LX wavelength optical port with LC connector upgrade |
| MTS4UP SX | 1000BASE-SX short wavelength optical port with LC connector upgrade |
| MTS4UP ZX | 1000BASE-ZX long wavelength optical port with LC connector upgrade |
| MTS4UP CU | 1000BASE-T electrical port with RJ45 connector upgrade |
| MTS4UP VS | 8VSB interface upgrade |
| MTS4UP QB2 | QAM (Annex B) interface upgrade |
| MTS4UP CF | COFDM interface upgrade |
| MTS4UP EP | QPSK/8PSK interface upgrade |
| MTS4UP BA | Buffer Analyzer upgrade |
| MTS4UP PA | PES Analyzer upgrade |

Related Documents

The MTS400 Series MPEG Test System Service Manual, Tektronix part number 071-1728-xx, is available on the Tektronix Web site at www.tektronix.com/manuals.

Terms

The following terms may be used in this document:

Clear. This removes data on media/memory before reusing it in a secured area. All reusable memory is cleared to deny access to previously stored information by standard means of access.

Erase. This is equivalent to clear.

Media storage/data export device. Any of several devices that can be used to store or export data from the instrument, such as a USB port.

Nonvolatile memory. Data is retained when the instrument is powered off.

Power off. Some instruments have a "Standby" mode, in which power is still supplied to the instrument. For the purpose of clearing data, putting the instrument in Standby mode does not qualify as powering off. For these products, you will need to either press a rear-panel OFF switch or remove the power source from the instrument.

Remove. This is a physical means to clear the data by removing the memory device from the instrument. Instructions are available in the product Service Manual.

Sanitize. This eradicates the data from media/memory so that the data cannot be recovered by other means or technology. This is typically used when the device will be moved (temporarily or permanently) from a secured area to a non-secured area.

Scrub. This is equivalent to sanitize.

User-modifiable. The user can write to the memory device during normal instrument operation, using the instrument interface or remote control.

Volatile memory. Data is lost when the instrument is powered off.

Clear and Sanitize Procedures

Memory Devices

The following tables list the volatile and nonvolatile memory devices in the standard instrument and listed options. Detailed procedures to clear or sanitize these devices, if any, are shown following each table.

Table 1: Volatile Memory Devices

| Type and minimum size | Function | User modifiable? | Data input method | Location in instrument | To clear | To sanitize |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|----------|--|
| RDRAM 256MB | Microprocessor system memory. | No | Written by processor system. | Enhanced IP (GigE) board. | | Remove the power source from the instrument for at least 20 seconds. |
| QDR RAM 8MB | Microprocessor system memory. | No | Written by processor system. | Enhanced IP (GigE) board. | | Remove the power source from the instrument for at least 20 seconds. |
| SDRAM 16MB | Microprocessor system memory. | No | Written by processor system. | RF interface cards (QAM-B, 8VSB, PSK, COFDM). | | Remove the power source from the instrument for at least 20 seconds. |
| SDRAM 64MB | Mega FIFO. | No | Written by processor system. | A12 card. | | Remove the power source from the instrument for at least 20 seconds. |
| DDRAM 1GB | Processor system memory. | No | Written by processor system. | SBC. | | Remove the power source from the instrument for at least 20 seconds. |
| SRAM | L2 cache. | No | Written by processor system. | SBC. | | Remove the power source from the instrument for at least 20 seconds. |

Table 2: Nonvolatile Memory Devices

| Type and minimum size | Function | User modifiable? | Data input method | Location in instrument | To clear | To sanitize |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Flash 8MB | Holds instrument firmware, processor boot code. | Yes | Firmware operations. | Enhanced IP (GigE) board. | N/A | Return to Tektronix. |
| EEPROM | Holds installed options. | no | Factory configuration. | Enhanced IP (GigE) board. | N/A | Return to Tektronix. |
| Serial PROM | Holds FPGA image. | no | Factory configuration. | Enhanced IP (GigE) board. | N/A | Return to Tektronix. |
| Flash 16MB | Holds card firmware. | Yes | Firmware operations. | RF Interface cards (QAM-B, 8VSB, PSK, COFDM). | N/A | Return to Tektronix. |
| EEPROM | Holds installed options. | no | Factory configuration. | A12 card. | N/A | Return to Tektronix. |
| EEPROM | Holds FPGA image. | no | Factory configuration. | A12 card. | N/A | Return to Tektronix. |
| Flash | BIOS. | no | Factory configuration. | SBC. | N/A | Return to Tektronix. |
| Fixed IDE Hard Drive | Holds operating system and application software. Holds user storable data such as test streams, and measurement results. | Yes | Firmware operations, user input. | Mounted on chassis. | Erase the hard drive with commercial erasure software. Reinstall Microsoft Windows and the instrument software using the supplied recovery discs. | Remove the hard drive. Store the removed hard drive in a secure area or destroy it. |
| Fixed SCSI Hard Drive | Holds user storable data such as test streams, and measurement results. | Yes | Firmware operations, user input. | Mounted on chassis. | Erase the hard drive with commercial erasure software. Format hard disk drive. | Remove the hard drive. Store the removed hard drive in a secure area or destroy it. |

Data Export Devices

The following table lists the data export devices in the standard instrument and listed options:

Table 3: Media Storage / Data Export Disable

| Type and minimum size | Function | User modifiable? | Data input method | Location in instrument | Process to disable |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| LAN Ethernet connector | Transfer data. | N/A | N/A | SBC | N/A |
| LAN Ethernet connector | Transfer data. | N/A | N/A | Enhanced IP (GigE) board. | N/A |
| RF input | Transfer data. | N/A | N/A | RF Interface cards. | N/A |
| DVD +/-RW | Store and transport data. | Yes | User Writeable. | Front of instrument. | Remove all DVDs. Rewriteable DVDs can be formatted, stored in a secure area, or destroyed. Non-rewriteable DVDs can either be stored or destroyed. The DVD drive cannot be disabled. |
| USB device | Store user-storable data such as transport streams, measurement results, and instrument settings. | Yes | User Writeable. | Front of instrument. | Remove all USB memory devices. USB devices can be formatted, stored in a secure area, or destroyed. The USB port cannot be disabled. |
| Floppy Disk | Store and transport data. | Yes | User Writeable. | Front of instrument. | Remove all floppy disks. Rewriteable floppy can be formatted, stored in a secure area, or destroyed. The floppy drive cannot be disabled. |

Clear and Sanitize Procedures

Troubleshooting

How to Clear or Sanitize a Non-Functional Instrument

If your instrument is not functioning and you need to clear or sanitize it, proceed as follows:

Enhanced IP (GigE) Interface Card

This card stores a list of IGMP subscription addresses in use. If this needs to be sanitized, then it must be returned to Tektronix.

RF Interface Cards (QAM (Annex B), 8VSB, PSK, COFDM)

These cards store immediate values in memory, for example, current frequency. These values are lost when power is removed.

Hard Drives (IDE and SCSI)

Remove the hard drive. Store the removed hard drive in a secure area or destroy it.

How to Recover from Clearing or Removing the Instrument Memory

Follow the procedures in the *MTS400 MPEG Test System Getting Started Manual* (Tektronix part number: 071-1505-xx) to reinstall the operating system and the MTS400 applications.

Troubleshooting