

Sentinel SuperPro Microsoft .NET (VB) Interface



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About This Document

This document contains information on using the Sentinel SuperPro Microsoft .NET (VB) interface. It describes the interface requirements, build examples, SuperPro client library APIs and their status codes.

Conventions Used in This Document

Please note the following conventions regarding text this document:

Convention	Meaning
COURIER	Denotes syntax, prompts and code examples. If bold, denotes text you type.
<i>Italics</i>	Text in italics denotes the parameter names, file names and directories, or for emphasis in notes and tips.
Bold Lettering	In procedures, words in boldface type represent keystrokes, menu items, window names or mouse commands.

Suggested References

Refer to the following documentation for more detailed information about Sentinel SuperPro.

Document	What's in it ?
<i>Sentinel SuperPro 6.1 Developer's Guide.</i>	For detailed information about the product features and APIs.
<i>Sentinel SuperPro 6.3.0 Documentation Addendum</i>	Contains information about the product changes since 6.1.1 release.

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Interface Requirements

This section contains information on what is required to use this interface.

Compiler Compatibility

This interface is compatible with the following compiler:

- Microsoft Visual Studio 7.0 IDE (.NET)

Specific Requirements

The interface also requires the following:

- Sentinel System Driver 5.41 or higher
- Sentinel SuperPro Server version 6.3 or higher (for network operations only; not required for cases where *direct-to-driver* communication takes place. Also note that in case of the *direct-to-driver* communication, the network APIs—RNBOsproGetSubLicense, RNBOsproSetProtocol and RNBOsproSetHeartBeat—will return an error whenever called.)

Testing

This interface has been tested on the following platforms:

- Windows 98
- Windows NT
- Windows 2000
- Windows ME
- Windows XP (32-bit)

Build Example Information

The following information can be used for building the example program given with this interface.

Evaluation Program Files

File Name	Description
<i>Activate.vb</i>	The source file for the Activate form.
<i>Activate.resx</i>	The Activate form.
<i>AssemblyInfo.vb</i>	The source file for the AssemblyInfo.
<i>EnumServer.vb</i>	The source file for the EnumServer form.

File Name	Description
<i>EnumServer.resx</i>	The EnumServer form.
<i>KeyInfo.vb</i>	The source file for the KeyInfo form.
<i>KeyInfo.resx</i>	The KeyInfo form.
<i>Passwords.vb</i>	The source file for the Password form.
<i>Passwords.resx</i>	The Password form.
<i>Rnbo.ico</i>	An icon file for <i>sproeval.exe</i> .
<i>Sproeval.vbproj</i>	The project file.
<i>Sproeval.sln</i>	The project solution file.
<i>Sproeval_mainForm.vb</i>	The source file for the main form.
<i>Sproeval_mainForm.resx</i>	The main form.
<i>SuperPro.vb</i>	The source code that implements the calls to the SuperPro APIs.
<i>sx32w.dll</i>	The Sentinel SuperPro dynamic link library .
<i>Build.bat</i>	The batch file to build <i>sproeval.exe</i> .
<i>SuperPro Microsoft .NET (VB) Interface.pdf</i>	(this document).

Build Example Instructions

1. Open the *Sproeval.sln* file in the Microsoft Visual Studio 7.0 IDE.
2. Select **Rebuild All** option from the **Project** menu to build the executable.
3. Run *sproeval.exe* from its location. Ensure that *sx32w.dll* exists under the same directory as *sproeval.exe*.

Tip! In your application you need to use the *superpro.vb* and *sx32w.dll* files to call the SuperPro APIs.

Sentinel SuperPro Interface APIs

The API Packet

All APIs require an APIPACKET structure. It is an 4112-byte array whose internal structure is known only by the SuperPro client library. The Sentinel System Driver uses the data in the APIPACKET to communicate with the SuperPro key. A programmer should never modify the data in the APIPACKET.

Packet Definition

```
Public Const SPRO_APIPACKET_SIZE As Integer = 4112
Public Shared packet As Byte() = New Byte(SPRO_APIPACKET_SIZE) {}
```

The following APIs are supported by this interface.

Note: The equivalent C interface APIs are also included to provide information about the parameters passed. For information on the structures, constants and data types used, refer to the section on “Data Type, Constant and Structure Definitions.”

RNBOsproFormatPacket

This API initializes and validates the API packet based on its size.

Note: This API must be called before any other RNBOspro API.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproFormatPacket Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproFormatPacket" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                             ByRef ApiPackSize As Integer) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>ApiPackSize</i>	IN	Integer	The size of the packet.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproFormatPacket(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                       RB_WORD packetSize );
```

RNBOsproInitialize

This API initializes the packet and sets the SuperPro server to be contacted if anything is set in the NSP_HOST environment variable.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproInitialize Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproInitialize" (ByVal packet As Byte()) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproInitialize(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet);
```

RNBOsproSetProtocol

This API registers the communication protocol of a client with the SuperPro server. It is called after initializing the structure and before RNBOsproFindFirst API is called. If this API is not used, the default protocol setting remains TCP/IP.

This API will not work if the API packet already has a license; in that case it will return an SP_INVALID_OPERATION error code.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproSetProtocol Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproSetProtocol" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                          ByVal protocolFlag As Int16) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>protocolFlag</i>	IN	Int16	The protocol chosen by the client for communication with the server. The valid values are: NSPRO_TCP_PROTOCOL = 1 NSPRO_IPX_PROTOCOL = 2 NSPRO_NETBEUI_PROTOCOL = 3 NSPRO_SAP_PROTOCOL = 8 [†]

[†] Service Advertising Protocol (SAP) is used for finding the key plugged in the Novell server through broadcast only.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproSetProtocol(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                     PROTOCOL_FLAG protocol);
```

RNBOsproSetContactServer

This API is used to set the contact server for a particular API packet. The contact server can be set as RNBO_STANDALONE, RNBO_SPN_DRIVER, RNBO_SPN_LOCAL, RNBO_SPN_BROADCAST, RNBO_SPN_ALL_MODES, RNBO_SPN_SERVER_MODES or as an IP address, IPX address, NetBEUI name or the name of the machine.

This API will not work if the API packet already has a license; in that case it will return an SP_INVALID_OPERATION error code.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproSetContactServer Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproSetContactServer" (ByVal packet As Byte(),
                                ByVal serverName As String) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>serverName</i>	IN	String	Any of the following reserved strings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ RNBO_STANDALONE▪ RNBO_SPN_DRIVER▪ RNBO_SPN_LOCAL▪ RNBO_SPN_BROADCAST▪ RNBO_SPN_ALL_MODES▪ RNBO_SPN_SERVER_MODES▪ no-net[†] Or, name of the contact server (Servername/IP address/IPX address ^{††})

[†] The no-net mode is deprecated. See the Sentinel SuperPro 6.3 Documentation Addendum for details.

^{††} The IPX address should be represented in the "xx-xx-xx-xx,xx-xx-xx-xx-xx" format, for example 12-34-56-78,9A-BC-DE-F0-12-34.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the "API Status Codes" section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproSetContactServer(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                           char *serverName);
```

RNBOsproFindFirstUnit

This API finds the first key on the SuperPro server with the specified developer ID and gets a license from the key. If RNBOsproFindFirstUnit is called with an API packet, which already has a license, then a SP_INVALID_OPERATION error code is returned.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproFindFirstUnit Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproFindFirstUnit" (ByVal packet As Byte(),
                              ByVal developerID As Int32) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>developerID</i>	IN	Int32	The developer ID of the SuperPro key.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the "API Status Codes" section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproFindFirstUnit(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                       RB_WORD developerID);
```

RNBOsproGetContactServer

This API is used to return the contact server set for a particular API packet.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproGetContactServer Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproGetContactServer" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                                ByVal serverName As Byte(), _
                                ByVal bufferSize As Integer) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>serverName</i>	OUT	Byte()	A buffer in which the server name is copied. A developer needs to ensure that the buffers have sufficient memory.
<i>bufferSize</i>	IN	Integer	The length of the buffer. The maximum length recommended is up to 64 bytes.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproGetContactServer(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                           char *serverNameBuf,
                                           RB_WORD serverNameBufSz);
```

RNBOsproSetHeartBeat

This API customizes the heartbeat of a client. It has to be called only after RNBOsproFindFirst is called. It can be used in following ways:

1. To set an infinite heartbeat for a client by setting the time to INFINITE_HEARTBEAT. In this case, the server will not release the license acquired by a client until RNBOsproReleaseLicense is received by the server for this client.
2. To set the heartbeat to any value between MIN_HEARTBEAT to MAX_HEARTBEAT in multiples of 1 second.

If the API is not used, the default heartbeat setting is 120 seconds.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproSetHeartBeat Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproSetHeartBeat" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
    ByVal heartbeat As Int32) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>heartbeat</i>	IN	Int32	A value that represents time in seconds.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproSetHeartBeat(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                       RB_DWORD heartbeatValue);
```

RNBOsproFindNextUnit

This API finds the next SuperPro key based on the developer ID maintained in the APIPACKET. This API should not be called, unless RNBOsproFindFirstUnit has returned a successful value or, if the licenses available with the contacted server are exhausted (SP_NO_LICENSE_AVAILABLE).

If this API returns success, the system will release the license obtained by RNBOsproFindFirstUnit API call and will contain the data for the next SuperPro key. If this API returns an error value, the APIPACKET will be marked invalid.

To re-initialize the APIPACKET, use RNBOsproFindFirstUnit and optionally, RNBOsproFindNextUnit depending upon the number of SuperPro keys found and the one your program accesses.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproFindNextUnit Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproFindNextUnit" (ByVal packet As Byte()) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproFindNextUnit(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet);
```

RNBOsproRead

This API reads a word at the specified address of the SuperPro key identified by the APIPACKET.

On success, the data variable will contain information from the SuperPro key. If the error code returned is SP_ACCESS_DENIED, an attempt was made to read a non-readable (algorithm) word. For security reasons, algorithm words cannot be read.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproRead Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproRead" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                    ByVal address As Integer, _
                    ByRef data As Int32) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>address</i>	IN	Integer	The cell address to be read.
<i>data</i>	OUT	Int32	Contains the data read from the key.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproRead(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                               RB_WORD address,
                               RBP_WORD data);
```

RNBOsproExtendedRead

This API reads the word and access code at the specified address of the SuperPro key identified by the APIPACKET.

On success, the data variable will contain the information from the SuperPro key and the access code variable will contain the access code. If the error code returned is SP_ACCESS_DENIED, an attempt was made to read a non-readable (algorithm) word. For security reasons, algorithm words cannot be read.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproExtendedRead Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproExtendedRead" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                             ByVal address As Integer, _
                             ByRef data As Int32, _
                             ByRef accessCode As Byte) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>address</i>	IN	Integer	The cell address to be read.

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>data</i>	OUT	Int32	Contains the data read from the key.
<i>accessCode</i>	OUT	Byte	The associated access code returned.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproExtendedRead(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                       RB_WORD            address,
                                       RBP_WORD            data,
                                       RBP_BYTE            accessCode);
```

RNBOsproWrite

This API is used to write a word and its associated access code to the SuperPro key identified by the APIPACKET.

Writing to the SuperPro key requires a write password. The word data is placed in the data variable and its associated access code is placed in the access code variable.

On success, the data and its associated access code are written to the specified word on the SuperPro key. If error code is SP_ACCESS_DENIED, either the write password was incorrect or an attempt was made to write/overwrite a locked cell.

The write API can be used only to write/overwrite words with an access code of 0. To overwrite words with other access codes, use the RNBOsproOverwrite API.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproWrite Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproWrite" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                    ByVal wPass As Int32, _
                    ByVal address As Int16, _
                    ByVal data As Int32, _
                    ByVal accessCode As Byte) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>wPass</i>	IN	Int32	The write password of the key.
<i>address</i>	IN	Int16	The cell address to be written.
<i>data</i>	OUT	Int32	Contains the word to write in the key.
<i>accessCode</i>	OUT	Byte	Contains the access code associated with the word to write.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproWrite(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                RB_WORD               writePassword,
                                RB_WORD               address,
                                RB_WORD               data,
                                RB_BYTE               accessCode);
```

RNBOsproOverwrite

This API writes a word and its associated access code to the SuperPro key identified by the APIPACKET.

Overwriting to the SuperPro key requires the write and overwrite passwords. The word data is placed in the data variable and its associated access code is placed in the access code variable. On success, the data and its associated access code are written to the specified word on the SuperPro key. If the error code returned is SP_ACCESS_DENIED, the write password and/or the overwrite passwords were incorrect.

This API can be used to overwrite any word on the SuperPro key with an exception of the words at addresses 0-7.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproOverwrite Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproOverwrite" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                        ByVal wPass As Int32, _
                        ByVal oPass1 As Int32, _
                        ByVal oPass2 As Int32, _
                        ByVal address As Int16, _
                        ByVal datum As Int32, _
                        ByVal accessCode As Byte) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>wPass</i>	IN	Int32	The write password for the key.
<i>oPass1</i>	IN	Int32	The word 1 of the overwrite password.
<i>oPass2</i>	IN	Int32	The word 2 of the overwrite password.
<i>address</i>	IN	Int16	The cell address to be written.
<i>datum</i>	IN	Int32	Contains the word to write in the key.
<i>accessCode</i>	IN	Byte	Contains the access code associated with the word to write.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproOverwrite(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                     RB_WORD writePassword,
                                     RB_WORD overwritePassword1,
                                     RB_WORD overwritePassword2,
                                     RB_WORD address,
                                     RB_WORD data,
                                     RB_BYTE accessCode);
```

RNBOsproDecrement

This API decrements the counter at the specified address of the SuperPro key identified by the APIPACKET. If the API is successful, the counter is decremented by 1. Errors are returned if you try to decrement a locked or hidden word, the counter is already 0, the word at the address is not a counter or, the write password is incorrect.

If the counter is associated with an active algorithm and the counter is decremented to 0, the associated algorithm will be made inactive.

The counter and associated algorithm can appear in the SuperPro as:

Address	Data
N - 2	Counter
N - 1	Counter
N	Algorithm Word 1
N + 1	Algorithm Word 2

If either or both counters exist, the counter is associated with the algorithm. This association will exist only for N = 0C, 14, 1C, 24, 2C, 34, 3C Hex.

An algorithm can have both an associated password and associated counters. The counters can be used to make the algorithm inactive and the password can be used to make the algorithm active. See RNBOsproActivate.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproDecrement Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproDecrement" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                          ByVal wPass As Int32, _
                          ByVal address As Int32) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>wPass</i>	IN	Int32	The write password for the key.
<i>address</i>	IN	Int32	The cell address of the counter to decrement.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```

SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproDecrement(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                   RB_WORD               writePassword,
                                   RB_WORD               address);

```

RNBOsproActivate

This API is used to activate an inactive algorithm at the specified address of the SuperPro key identified by the APIPACKET.

If the API is successful, the algorithm is made active. Errors are returned if the write password is invalid, the activate password is invalid, or the address is not word 1 of an algorithm having an activation password.

The algorithm and associated password will appear in the SuperPro as:

Address	Data
N	Algorithm Word 1
N + 1	Algorithm Word 2
N + 2	Activate Password 1
N + 3	Activate Password 1

The association will only exist for N = 08, 0C, 10, 14, 18, 1C, 20, 24, 28, 2C, 30, 34, 38, 3C Hex. An algorithm can have both an associated password and associated counters. The counters can be used to make an algorithm inactive and the password can be used to make an algorithm active. See RNBOsproDecrement.

Format

```

Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproActivate Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproActivate" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                        ByVal wPass As Int32, _
                        ByVal aPass1 As Int32, _
                        ByVal aPass2 As Int32, _
                        ByVal address As Int16) As System.Int16

```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The APIPACKET defined earlier.
<i>wPass</i>	IN	Int32	The write password for the SuperPro key.
<i>aPass1</i>	IN	Int32	The first word of the activate password.
<i>aPass2</i>	IN	Int32	The second word of the activate password.
<i>address</i>	IN	Int16	The cell address of the first word of an algorithm to activate.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproActivate(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                   RB_WORD               writePassword,
                                   RB_WORD               activatePassword1,
                                   RB_WORD               activatePassword2,
                                   RB_WORD               address);
```

RNBOsproQuery

This API is used to query an active algorithm at the specified address of the SuperPro key identified by the APIPACKET .

The address should be the first word of an active algorithm. The query data variable will point to the first byte of the data to be passed to an active algorithm. The length of the query data is specified in the length variable. On success, the query response of the same length is placed in the buffer pointed by the response variable. The last 4 bytes of the response will also be placed in the response32 variable.

Each query byte may contain any value varying from 0 to 255. Each response byte may also contain any value between 0-255. The length of the response will always be the same as the length of the query bytes. It is the programmer's responsibility to have buffers with sufficient memory.

However, if the address is not the first word of an active algorithm, the return status will be SP_SUCCESS and the response buffer data will be the same as the query buffer data.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproQuery Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproQuery" (ByVal packet      As Byte(), _
                    ByVal address     As Int16, _
                    ByVal queryString As Byte(), _
                    ByVal response    As Byte(), _
                    ByRef response32  As Long, _
                    ByVal length      As Int16) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The APIPACKET defined earlier.
<i>address</i>	IN	Int16	The cell address of the word to query.
<i>queryString</i>	IN	Byte()	The query data sent to the key.
<i>response</i>	OUT	Byte()	The response information received from the key.
<i>response32</i>	OUT	Long	The last 4 bytes of the query response.
<i>length</i>	IN	Int16	The number of query bytes to be sent to an active algorithm and also the length of the response buffer.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproQuery(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                RB_WORD             address,
                                RBP_VOID            queryData,
                                RBP_VOID            response,
                                RBP_DWORD           response32,
                                RB_WORD             length);
```

RNBOsproGetVersion

This API returns the driver's version number and type.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproGetVersion Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproGetVersion" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
        ByRef majv As Byte, _
        ByRef minv As Byte, _
        ByRef rev As Byte, _
        ByRef ostyle As Byte) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>majv</i>	OUT	Byte	The major version number returned.
<i>minv</i>	OUT	Byte	The minor version number returned.
<i>rev</i>	OUT	Byte	The revision level returned.
<i>ostype</i>	OUT	Byte	The operating system driver type. Currently defined types are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. DOS local driver2. Windows 3.x local driver3. Windows Win32s local driver4. Windows 3.x system driver5. Windows NT system driver6. OS/2 system driver7. Windows 95 system driver8. NetWare local driver9. QNX local driver

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproGetVersion(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                      RBP_BYTE           majVer,
                                      RBP_BYTE           minVer,
                                      RBP_BYTE           rev,
                                      RBP_BYTE           osDrvrType);
```

RNBOsproGetHardLimit

This API is used to retrieve the maximum number of licenses supported by a key (the hard limit).

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproGetHardLimit Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproGetHardLimit" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                             ByRef hardlimit As Int32) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>hardlimit</i>	OUT	Int32	A buffer that will hold the hard limit.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproGetHardLimit(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                       RBP_WORD HardLimit);
```

RNBOsproGetKeyInfo

This API is used to get information about a key from a particular server.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproGetKeyInfo Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproGetKeyInfo" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                           ByVal developerId As Int32, _
                           ByVal keyIndex As Int16, _
                           ByVal keyBuffer As Byte()) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>developerID</i>	IN	Int32	The developer ID of the key at the position specified by the <i>keyIndex</i> parameter.
<i>keyIndex</i>	IN	Int16	The index of the key whose information is being sought.
<i>keyBuffer</i>	OUT	Byte()	A reference to the NSPRO_MONITOR_INFO structure. This structure has various fields that provide information about the key.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproGetKeyInfo(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                     RB_WORD          devId,
                                     RB_WORD          keyIndex,
                                     NSPRO_MONITOR_INFO *nsproMonitorInfo);
```

RNBOsproGetFullStatus

This function is used for obtaining the return code of the last called API. It is provided for support purposes only.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproGetFullStatus Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproGetFullStatus" (ByVal packet As Byte()) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.

Return Code

Returns an integer value that can be interpreted by Rainbow's technical support department.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
RB_WORD SP_API RNBOsproGetFullStatus(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet);
```

RNBOsproGetSubLicense

This API is used to get a sublicense from the read-only data cell.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproGetSubLicense Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproGetSubLicense" (ByVal packet As Byte(),
                             ByVal cellAddress As Int16) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>cellAddress</i>	IN	Int16	The address of the cell to get the sublicense from.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproGetSubLicense(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                       RB_WORD          address);
```


RNBOsproReleaseLicense

This API can be used in two ways:

1. To release the main license by specifying the cell address as zero.
2. To release the sublicense from a particular cell by specifying the cell address of the sublicensing cell as well as the number of sublicenses to be released.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproReleaseLicense Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproReleaseLicense" (ByVal packet As Byte(), _
                               ByVal cellAddress As Int16, _
                               ByRef numOfLic As Int32) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>packet</i>	IN	Byte()	The API packet defined earlier.
<i>cellAddress</i>	IN	Int16	The cell address of the sublicense. If a sublicense is to be released, specify the cell number, otherwise specify <i>zero</i> .
<i>numOfLic</i>	IN/OUT	Int32	A variable containing the number of sublicenses to be released. If the main license is to be released, this can be specified as <i>zero</i> .

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBOsproReleaseLicense(RBP_SPRO_APIPACKET packet,
                                         RB_WORD address,
                                         RBP_WORD numSubLic);
```

RNBOsproEnumServer

This API is used to enumerate the number of SuperPro servers running in a subnet for a particular developer ID.

Format

```
Public Declare Ansi Function RNBOsproEnumServer Lib "sx32w.dll" Alias _
    "RNBOsproEnumServer" (ByVal enumflag As Integer, _
                           ByVal developerid As Int32, _
                           ByVal serverBuffer As Byte(), _
                           ByRef numOfServers As Int16) As System.Int16
```

Parameters

Name	Direction	Parameter Type	Description
<i>enumflag</i>	IN	Integer	The flag used for contacting the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ first-found server that has a license to offer (NSPRO_RET_ON_FIRST_AVAILABLE);▪ or, the first-found server that may have licenses (NSPRO_RET_ON_FIRST);▪ or, all the servers in the network (NSPRO_GET_ALL_SERVERS).
<i>developerid</i>	IN	Int32	The developer ID for the SuperPro device to find. Only the servers that have a key matching the developer ID will respond. If developer ID is specified as &HFFFF, then all servers (for a specified protocol) in the subnet would respond.
<i>serverBuffer</i>	OUT	Byte()	A buffer that contains the server information, such as the server address and the number of licenses available with the each server that responded. A developer needs to ensure that the buffer has sufficient memory.
<i>numOfServers</i>	IN/OUT	Int16	An in-out parameter that contains the desired number of servers to be enumerated. When the function returns, this variable contains the actual number of servers found on the network.

Return Code

On success, returns SP_SUCCESS. Else, returns an error code as defined in the “API Status Codes” section at the end of this document.

Equivalent C Interface API

```
SP_STATUS SP_API RNBosproEnumServer(ENUM_SERVER_FLAG  enumFlag,  
                                     RB_WORD           developerId,  
                                     NSPRO_SERVER_INFO  serverInfo,  
                                     RBP_WORD           numServerInfo);
```

Data Types, Constants and Structure Definitions

This section provides information about the data types, constants and structures used in this document.

Data Types Defined in C Interface

Definition	Data Type in C	Data Type in VB (.NET)
RB_DWORD	unsigned long int	Int32
ENUM_SERVER_FLAG	int	Int16
SP_STATUS	unsigned short int	UInt16
PROTOCOL_FLAG	unsigned short int	UInt16

Definition	Data Type in C	Data Type in VB (.NET)
RB_BYTE	unsigned char	Byte
RBP_DWORD	unsigned long int*	--
RBP_WORD	unsigned short int*	--
RBP_BYTE	unsigned char*	--
RBP_VOID	void*	--

-- Not Applicable

Constants

- Public Const MAX_NAME_LEN As Integer=64 'Maximum host name length
- Public Const MAX_ADDR_LEN As Integer=32 'Maximum host address length

Protocol Constants

'To set the communication protocol flags

```
Public Enum PROTOCOL_FLAG
    NSPRO_TCP_PROTOCOL      = 1
    NSPRO_IPX_PROTOCOL      = 2
    NSPRO_NETBEUI_PROTOCOL = 4
    NSPRO_SAP_PROTOCOL      = 8
End Enum
```

Heartbeat Constants

'Making the license update time programmable

```
Public Const MAX_HEARTBEAT As Integer      = 2592000
Public Const MIN_HEARTBEAT As Integer      = 60
Public Const INFINITE_HEARTBEAT As Integer = -1
```

Enumeration Flag Constants

'Flags to specify the way of enumerating the SuperPro servers

```
Public Enum ENUM_SERVER_FLAG
    NSPRO_RET_ON_FIRST      = 1
    NSPRO_GET_ALL_SERVERS   = 2
    NSPRO_RET_ON_FIRST_AVAILABLE = 4
End Enum
```

Access Modes

'To set an access mode

```
Public Const RNBO_STANDALONE As String      = "RNBO_STANDALONE"
Public Const RNBO_SPN_DRIVER As String      = "RNBO_SPN_DRIVER"
Public Const RNBO_SPN_LOCAL As String       = "RNBO_SPN_LOCAL"
Public Const RNBO_SPN_BROADCAST As String   = "RNBO_SPN_BROADCAST"
Public Const RNBO_SPN_ALL_MODES As String   = "RNBO_SPN_ALL_MODES"
Public Const RNBO_SPN_SERVER_MODES As String = "RNBO_SPN_SERVER_MODES"
```

Query Definition

```
Public Const SPRO_MAX_QUERY_SIZE As Integer = 56
```

Monitoring Information Structure Definition

`Information about the key, used as a part of the MonitorInfo structure

```
Public Class MonitorInfo
    Public serverName() As Byte = New Byte(MAX_NAME_LEN) {}
    Public serverIPAddress() As Byte = New Byte(MAX_ADDR_LEN) {}
    Public serverIPXAddress() As Byte = New Byte(MAX_ADDR_LEN) {}
    Public version() As Byte = New Byte(MAX_NAME_LEN) {}
    Public protocol As System.Int16
    Public sproKeyMonitorInfo As KeyInfo = New KeyInfo()
End Class
```

`Provides information of the SuperPro server with key details

```
Public Structure KeyInfo
    Public developerId As System.Int16
    Public hardLimit As System.Int16
    Public inUse As System.Int16
    Public numTimeOut As System.Int16
    Public highestUse As System.Int16
End Structure
```

Server Information Structure Definition

`The SuperPro server information with the number of licenses available

```
Public Class ServerInfo
    Public serverAddress() As Byte = New Byte(MAX_ADDR_LEN) {}
    Public numOfAvail As System.Int16
End Class
```

API Status Codes

On success, all APIs discussed earlier return SP_SUCCESS. Else, they return an error code defined below. This section enumerates all the recoverable API status codes with their description. However, if you receive any unknown error codes, please report it to Rainbow Technologies Technical Support.

Note: The API Status Codes not listed below are obsolete even though they appear in superpro.vb.

Status Code (Decimal)	Description
0	SP_SUCCESS The fuction completed successfully.
1	SP_INVALID_FUNCTION_CODE An invalid function code was specified. See your language's include file for valid API function codes. Generally, this error should not occur if you are using a Rainbow-provided interface to communicate with the driver.

Status Code (Decimal)	Description
2	SP_INVALID_PACKET A checksum error was detected in the command packet, indicating an internal inconsistency. The packet structure may have been tampered with. Generally, this error should not occur if you are using a Rainbow-provided interface to communicate the driver.
3	SP_UNIT_NOT_FOUND The specific unit could not be found. Make sure you are sending the correct information to find the unit. This error is returned by other functions if the unit has disappeared or unplugged.
4	SP_ACCESS_DENIED You attempted to perform an illegal action on a word. For example, you may have tried to read an algorithm/hidden word, write to a locked word, or decrement a word that is not a data nor a counter word.
5	SP_INVALID_MEMORY_ADDRESS You specified an invalid Sentinel SuperPro memory address. Valid addresses are 0-63 decimal(0-3F hex). Cells 0-7 are invalid for many operations. Algorithm descriptors must be referenced by the first (even) address.
6	SP_INVALID_ACCESS_CODE You specified an invalid access code. The access code must be 0 (read/write data), 1 (read only data), 2 (counter), or 3 (algorithm/hidden).
7	SP_PORT_IS_BUSY The port is busy in some other operation.
8	SP_WRITE_NOT_READY The write or decrement action could not be performed due to a momentary lack of sufficient power. Attempt the operation again.
9	SP_NO_PORT_FOUND No ports could be found on the workstation.
10	SP_ALREADY_ZERO You tried to decrement a counter or data word that already contains the value 0. If you are using the counter to control demo program executions, this condition may occur after corresponding algorithm descriptor has been reactivated with its activation password.
12	SP_DRIVER_NOT_INSTALLED The system device driver was not installed or detected. Communication with the unit was not possible. Please verify that the device driver is properly loaded.
13	SP_IO_COMMUNICATIONS_ERROR The system device driver is having problems communicating with the unit. Please verify that the device driver is properly installed.
15	SP_PACKET_TOO_SMALL The API packet is too small.
16	SP_INVALID_PARAMETER The API packet contained an invalid parameter.
18	SP_VERSION_NOT_SUPPORTED The current system device driver is outdated. Please update the system device driver.
19	SP_OS_NOT_SUPPORTED The Operating System or environment is currently not supported by the client library. Please contact Rainbow Technical Support.
20	SP_QUERY_TOO_LONG The maximum length of a query string supported is 56 characters. Retry with a shorter string.
21	SP_INVALID_COMMAND An invalid SuperPro command was specified in the API call.

Status Code (Decimal)	Description
30	SP_DRIVER_IS_BUSY The system device driver is busy. Try the operation again.
31	SP_PORT_ALLOCATION_FAILURE Failed to allocate a parallel port through the Operating System's parallel port contention handler.
32	SP_PORT_RELEASE_FAILURE Failed to release a previously allocated parallel port through the Operating System's parallel port contention handler.
39	SP_ACQUIRE_PORT_TIMEOUT Failed to acquire access to a parallel port within the defined time-out.
42	SP_SIGNAL_NOT_SUPPORTED The particular machine does not support a signal line. For example, an attempt was made to use the ACK line on a NEC 9800 computer. The NEC 9800 does not have an ACK line. Therefore, this error is reported.
57	SP_INIT_NOT_CALLED Failed to call the client library's initialize API. This API must be called prior to the API that generated this error.
58	SP_DRVR_TYPE_NOT_SUPPORTED The type of driver access, either direct I/O or system driver, is not supported for the defined Operating System and client library.
59	SP_FAIL_ON_DRIVER_COMM The client library failed on communicating with a Rainbow system driver.
60	SP_SERVER_PROBABLY_NOT_UP Server is not responding and the client has been timed out.
61	SP_UNKNOWN_HOST Unknown server host. Server host does not seem to be on the network. Invalid hostname.
62	SP_SENDTO_FAILED Client was unable to send message to the server.
63	SP_SOCKET_CREATION_FAILED Client was unable to open network socket. Make sure the TCP/IP or IPX protocol stack is properly installed on the machine.
64	SP_NORESOURCES Could not locate enough licensing resources. Insufficient resources (such as memory) are available to complete the request. An error occurred in attempting to allocate memory needed by function.
65	SP_BROADCAST_NOT_SUPPORTED Broadcast is not supported by the network interface on the machine.
66	SP_BAD_SERVER_MESSAGE Could not understand message received from the server. An error occurred in decrypting(or decoding) a server message at the client end.
67	SP_NO_SERVER_RUNNING Cannot talk to the server. Verify server is running. No server seems to be running. Server on specified host is not available for processing the client request.
68	SP_NO_NETWORK Unable to talk to the specified host. Network communication problems encountered.
69	SP_NO_SERVER_RESPONSE No server responded to client broadcast. Either there is no server running in the subnet or no server in the subnet has a desired key attached. Also can be the case, when a particular server (the contact server for that client) is not responding back.
70	SP_NO_LICENSE_AVAILABLE All licenses are currently in use. Server has no more licenses available for this request.

Status Code (Decimal)	Description
71	SP_INVALID_LICENSE The license is no longer valid. License expired due to timeout.
72	SP_INVALID_OPERATION The specified operation cannot be performed. A license has already been issued for the given APIPACKET. Trying to set contact server after obtaining a license for the given APIPACKET, or trying to make another findfirst call.
73	SP_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL The size of the buffer is not sufficient to hold the expected data.
74	SP_INTERNAL_ERROR Internal error faced in licensing.
75	SP_PACKET_ALREADY_INITIALIZED The given APIPACKET has already been initialized.
76	SP_PROTOCOL_NOT_INSTALLED The protocol specified is not installed.