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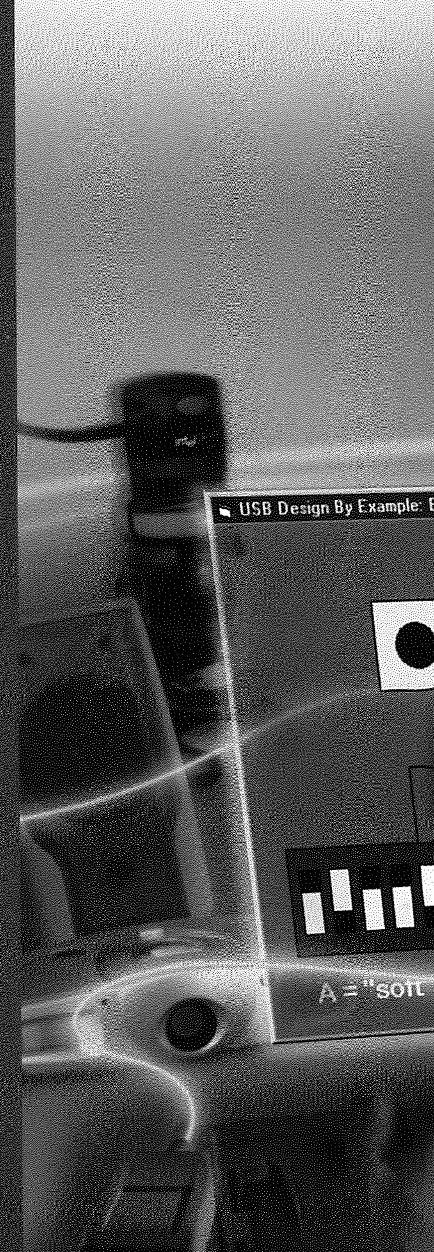

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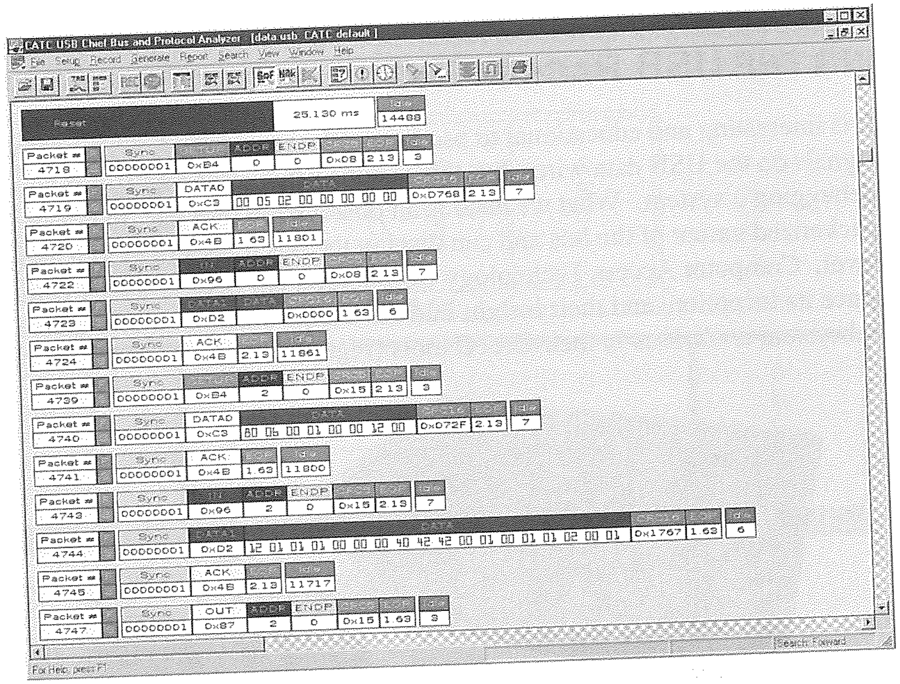

Figure 2-17. USB packets displayed as packets

All of the CATC tools capture bus activity for later analysis. The use of color to display different packet types and the grouping of building-block packets into transactions allow the designer to quickly interpret what has happened on the bus. The simpler CATC tools capture all bus activity while the more elaborate tools have programmable capture and programmable triggers. Being able to isolate packets sent to a specific device or triggering after, for example, device 42 has received 58 DATA0 packets, aids the debugging of more sophisticated USB devices. The high-end CATC tools can also be used to generate bus traffic for device reliability testing and failure analysis.

HAPTER SUMMARY

This chapter provided insight into the signals on the bus, the fundamental packetized nature of the bus, and the transactions used to exchange data on the bus. The PC host uses a defined set of requests to control all of the devices attached to the bus, and these devices need to respond in a defined manner. Bus observation, or "sniffer" tools as they are called, are available to monitor and analyze these low-level bus signals.

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Let us assume that the PC host meets all of the
Chapter 1, is running a USB-aware operating s
port. This port could be on the PC host itself (
an external hub. Now we have a new USB I/O
running system. What actually happens betwe
to deliver the many USB features?

After understanding what the PC host is doing
general I/O device. All devices describe thems
tables. We start by looking inside the simplest
discussion to cover the general case. We then
requirements for a device.

There are many "chicken-vs.-egg" situations i
some technical discussions to keep the flow of

VICE DETECTION

Figure 3-1 shows details about the USB cable. The cable has four wires: two power wires for Vcc and Gnd and two signal wires for D+ and D–. The cable end that attaches to the hub has a Series A connector, and the cable end that attaches to the new device is either connected directly (no connector) or has a Series B connector. Both connectors have longer power and ground connector pins to ensure that the device has good voltages before signals are applied.

The hub socket supplies Vcc and Gnd. The current limiter will initially prevent more than 100 mA from being drawn, even instantaneously, from the hub. If excess current is drawn, then the hub informs the host software of this error (see "Enumeration steps," step 5), an error message is displayed on the PC screen, and the device is **not** configured.

Because we haven't plugged in the I/O device yet, it is in the **unattached** state.

In Figure 3-1, note the two biasing resistors in the hub; they ensure that D+ and D– are low when no device is plugged in. There is a single biasing resistor on the device that is attached to either D+ or D–. When the USB cable is plugged in, the biasing resistor causes D+ or D– to rise above ground, and this changed voltage difference is recognized by the hub. We have detected a cable being plugged in! By convention, if the device-biasing resistor is connected to D+, we are informing the hub that this device is full speed (12 Mbps), while a biasing resistor on D– indicates a low speed (1.5 Mbps) device. Simple and effective!

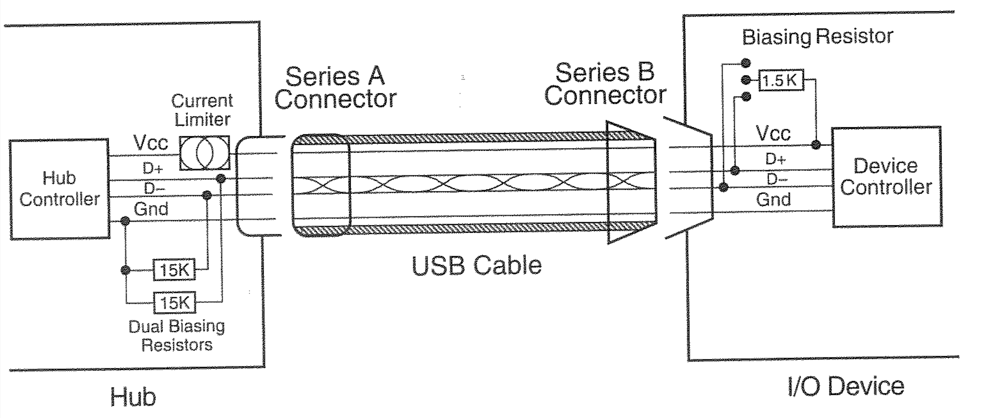

Figure 3-1. USB cable connection details

The I/O device is now in the **attached** state, a
configured and operational, the device moves

The hub updates a STATUS_CHANGE regis
device and then waits to be told what to do.

The PC host controls the enumeration phase a
requests to two devices. The hub that identifi
receive many requests for action, and the new
receive requests. If there are any other hubs b
they will not take part in this process. They w
bus, because that is one of their roles, but bec
by the PC host software during this process, t

The PC host software regularly polls all conne
In most cases a hub has nothing to report so w
this time the hub responds with the STATUS_
port has had a change in status—the PC host-b
begun!

ENUMERATION STEPS

In the following description the PC host is init
ToHub: prefix if the addressed device is the h
addressed device is the newly attached I/O dev

1. **ToHub:Get_Port_Status**: Host discover
2. **ToHub:Clear_Port_Feature(C_PORT_**
in the STATUS_CHANGE register that st
3. **ToHub:Set_Port_Feature(PORT_RESE**
a reset to the I/O device. The hub maintai
10 milliseconds. It then updates the RESE
PORT_CHANGE register and enables the
PORT_ENABLE bit in the PORT_STATU
register update causes an update to the ST
PC host will notice this on its next schedul
4. **ToHub:Get_Port_Status**: The PC host d

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