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Programmer's Interface**

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The ASCIIZ string "EVENTS" has been changed to "NESL\_EVENTS".

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## Introduction

The NetWare Event Service Layer (NESL) for 16-Bit DOS allows modules in a system to receive notification about certain events that can occur in the other modules, such as events generated by PCMCIA or APM. However, the NESL is intended to be generic and is not limited to these events.

The NESL works as a DOS TSR (terminate and stay resident) program that provides a set of services any module in the system can use. These services provide a mechanism for generating an event and/or receiving notification when an event occurs. Modules that generate events are referred to as producers; those that receive notification of events are consumers. A module can be both a producer and a consumer.

The event notification is based on event classes. Event classes are defined for a specific group or category of events. A module that produces an event registers as a producer of the event class that the event belongs to. There can be more than one producer of an event class. The NESL keeps track of producers of event classes and maintains a list of consumers for each event class.

When an event occurs, consumers of the event class that the event occurred within are notified. The NESL is not aware of individual events and does not attempt to keep track of them. However, the module that generated the event passes detailed information about the particular event to consumers at notification time. This allows modules to control the level of sensitivity they have to an event notification. For example, if a particular module is only interested in knowing that service has been suspended and does not care about the cause, it can take action every time it receives notification for the “Service Suspend” event class. On the other hand, if a module is only interested in “MLID Card Removal” events within the “Service Suspend” event class, it can filter on the information provided with the notification for the “Service Suspend” event class and take action only if the notification is a result of an “MLID Card Removal” event.

**Example:** An MLID for a PCMCIA card registers as a client of Card Services during load time. It also registers with the NESL as a producer of the “Service Suspend” and “Service Resume” event classes. When the MLID receives and successfully processes a card insertion event, it calls the NESL’s Service Entry Point to generate an “MLID Card Insertion Complete” event. After the MLID receives and processes a card removal

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event from Card Services, it calls the NESL's Service Entry Point to generate an "MLID Card Removal" event. Protocol stacks or other modules that registered with the NESL as consumers of the "Service Suspend" and "Service Resume" event classes receive notification when the events takes place.

## The NetWare Event Service Layer

The NetWare Event Service Layer's (NESL) links producers of events with the consumers of those events. The NESL provides the following services:

- Get NESL Config Pointer
- Register Event Producer
- Deregister Event Producer
- Event Notification
- Register Event Consumer
- Deregister Event Consumer

### Registering and Deregistering Event Producers

Event producers use *RegisterEventProducer* to register with the NESL as a producer of an event class. Once it registers, the event producer calls *EventNotification* to notify event consumers when an event takes place.

**Note** Event producers can also register as event consumers.

When an event producer no longer provides events within an event class, it calls *DeRegisterEventProducer* for that class. For example, an event-providing module that is unloading its clean-up function must first call *DeRegisterEventProducer* for each event class it has added. The module could then complete its unloading process.

### Registering and Deregistering Event Consumers

Event consumers must register with the NESL in order to receive notification when an event occurs. These modules call *RegisterEventConsumer* for each event class they wish to be notified of.

When an event consumer no longer requires event notification, or before it unloads, it must deregister by calling *DeRegisterEventConsumer* for each class it registered for.

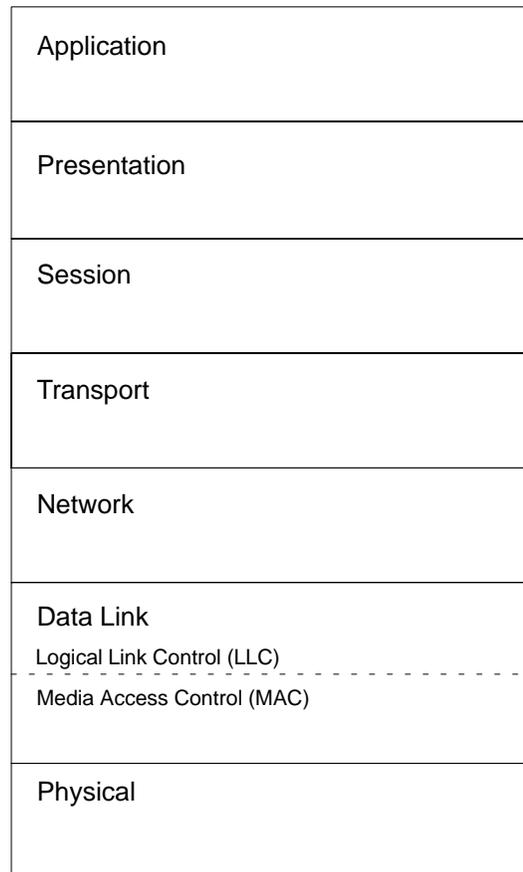
### Signaling Events

The NESL maintains a consumer list for each event class. When an event producer calls the NESL to signal that an event has occurred within a class, the NESL notifies all modules on the consumer list. The order in which the NESL calls the consumers depends upon the OSI layer to which the consumer belongs and upon the direction in which the event notification must take place in the OSI model. (Figure 1 illustrates the OSI model.) The NESL tracks the responses from each module in

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the list and returns a collective response back to the event producer.

**Figure 1**  
**The OSI Model**



## The NESL Programmer's Interface

This section describes the interface that allows other modules to access NESL services.

### Locating the NESL

To locate the NESL, a module must scan the DOS interrupt 2F multiplex IDs between C0h and FFh for the NESL signature string. The module must scan because the NESL uses the interrupt 2F ID dynamically. When the module calls interrupt 2F with the ID of the NESL's location, the interrupt returns with DX:BX containing the address of the NESL's Service Entry Point and with ES:SI pointing to the NESL's signature. This signature is defined as the ASCIIZ string 'NESL\_EVENTS'. To use the NESL's services, the module must call the service entry point with registers set as outlined by the particular function.

## Sample Code for Locating the NESL

The following is sample code for finding the Event Service Layer:

```
NESLSignature    db 'NESL_EVENTS', 0 ; NESL Signature
MULTIPLEX_INT    equ    2Fh          ; Multiplex Interrupt.
MUL_CHKSLT_AVAIL equ    0C000h       ; User defined slot 0 and
                                        ; Function 0
SLOT_IN_USE      equ    0FFh         ; Slot is in use.
ENTER_DOS        equ    21h          ; DOS Interrupt.
GET_INT_VEC      equ    35h          ; Get Interrupt Vector.
FAILED           equ    8005h        ; Failed error code.
```

```
NESL proc near
    push    si
    push    di
    push    bp
    push    ds
    push    es
    mov     ax, (GET_INT_VEC SHL 8) OR MULTIPLEX_INT
    int     ENTER_DOS                ; Let DOS Get vector for us.

    cmp    word ptr es:[bx], 0        ; Check current Vector.
    je     NESLNotPresentExit        ; Has it been hooked?
```

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```
;
; Scan through the 2Fh slots and look for loaded NESL.
;
```

```
cld
mov     ax, MUL_CHKSLT_AVAIL        ; Start after DOS reserved
```

```
LookForNESLLoop:
    push    ax                        ; AH = Slot # and
                                        ; AL= Function 0
    push    ds                        ; DS = CGroup
    int     MULTIPLEX_INT             ; Hit the Multiplex Int functions
    cmp     al, SLOT_IN_USE           ; Slot used?
    pop     ds                        ; DS = CGroup
    pop     ax                        ; AH = Slot # and
                                        ; AL = Function 0
    je     Int2FSlotUsed              ; Was slot in use?
```

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```
;
; Next Slot Please
;
```

```
GetNextSlot:
    inc     ah                        ; AH = Slot # to check next
    jnz    LookForNESLLoop           ; if we wrap after FF then we
                                        ; are done.
    jmp    short NESLNotPresent Exit ; NESL not present.
```

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```
;
; If the slot is used, is it the NESL?
;
```

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```

Int2FSlotUsed:
    mov     di, si           ; ES:DI -> signature string
    mov     si, offset DGROUPE:NESLSignature
    mov     cx, 3           ; Check 6 bytes.
    rep     cmpsw
    jnz     GetNextSlot     ; Not it, keep looking

;-----
; Found the NESL. DX:BX contains address of the NESL's Entry Point.
;-----

xor     ax, ax             ; Successful return code.

FindNESLExit:
    pop     es
    pop     ds
    pop     bp
    pop     di
    pop     si
    ret

NESLNotPresentExit:
    mov     ax, FAILED     ; Error return code.
    or     ax, ax
    jmp     FindNESLExit

FindNESL     endp

```

## NESL Services

This section describes the services provided by the NESL.

## GetNESLConfigPointer

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Description</b>           | Returns a pointer to the NESL's configuration table.   |
| <b>Entry State</b>           | BX<br>0000h  |
| <b>Return State</b>          | AX<br>Set to a completion code.<br>ES:SI<br>Pointer to the NESL's configuration table if call is successful.<br><i>Preserved</i><br>DS, BP, SS, SP.                                    |
| <b>Completion Codes (AX)</b> | 0000h <i>Successful</i><br>The service is available and ES:SI contains a valid pointer to the NESL's configuration table.<br>8008h <i>Bad Command</i><br>The service is not available. |

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## RegisterEventProducer

**Description** Allows a module to register as a producer of a particular event class.

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**Entry State**

*BX*

0001h

*ES:SI*

Pointer to a Producer Event Control Block (PECB) with the following fields set to:

*PECB\_ClassName* Pointer to the ASCII string which identifies the class of events.

*PECB\_Flags* bit 0

**Set to 0** if consumers are to be called top\down. (This is based on the value in the Consumer Event Control Block's [CECB] *OSLevel* field; consumers are called from 7 to 1).

**Set to 1** if consumers are to be called bottom\up. (This is based on the value in the CECB's *OSLevel* field; consumers are called from 1 to 7).

bits 1–31

**Reserved.** Set to zero.

**Return State**

*AX*

Set to a completion code.

*ES:SI*

Pointer to the PECB that was passed into the function.

*Preserved*

DS, BP, SS, SP.

**Completion Codes (AX)**

0000h *Successful*

The calling module was successfully registered as a producer of the given event class.

8005h *Fail*

The calling module is already registered as a producer of the given event class.

8008h *Bad Command*

The service is not available.

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**Remarks**

*RegisterEventProducer* registers a module as a producer of a particular event class. This routine contains, and returns, a pointer to a Producer Event Control Block (PECB). Although the event producer provides the memory for the PECB, the NESL owns this memory until the event producer deregisters by calling *DeRegisterEventProducer*.

**RegisterEventProducer** *continued*

Once the application registers, the only PECB field it can change is the *PECB\_DataPtr* field. The application might need to modify this field when it calls *EventNotification*. Until it deregisters, the application must not change any other PECB field.

The calling module sets the PECB *EventClassName* field to point to an ASCIIZ string identifying the event class. Refer to the “Defined Classes and Events” section for a list of class names Novell has defined. The NESL initializes all other fields.

**See Also**

DeRegisterEventProducer  
EventNotification

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## DeRegisterEventProducer

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Description</b>           | Allows a module to deregister as a producer of an event class that it previously registered.  |
| <b>Entry State</b>           | <i>BX</i><br>0002h<br><i>ES:SI</i><br>Pointer to the Producer Event Control Block (PECB) that was passed into <i>RegisterEventProducer</i> for a given event class.   |
| <b>Return State</b>          | <i>AX</i><br>Set to a completion code.<br><i>ES:SI</i><br>Pointer to the PECB was passed into the function.<br><i>Preserved</i><br>DS, BP, SS, SP.  |
| <b>Completion Codes (AX)</b> | 0000h <i>Successful</i><br>The caller was successfully deregistered as a producer of the given event class.<br>8002h <i>Bad Parameter</i><br>The caller was not registered with the NESL as a producer of the given event class.<br>8008h <i>Bad Command</i><br>The service is not available. |
| <b>See Also</b>              | <a href="#">RegisterEventProducer</a>   |

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## EventNotification

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Description</b>           | Allows a module to signal that an event has just occurred in a given class.   |
| <b>Entry State</b>           | <p><i>BX</i></p> <p>0003h</p> <p><i>ES:SI</i></p> <p>Pointer to the Producer Event Control Block (PECB) that was passed into the <i>RegisterEventProducer</i> for the given event class. The following PECB field must be set to:</p> <p><i>PECB_DataPtr</i> Pointer to an Event Parameter Block (EPB) filled out as shown below.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The calling module must not modify any of the other fields in the PECB until the module calls <i>DeRegisterEventProducer</i> for the given event class.</p> <p>The fields of the EPB are set to the following:</p> <p><i>EPB_ClassName</i> Pointer to an ASCIIZ string that identifies the event class.</p> <p><i>EPB_EventName</i> Pointer to an ASCIIZ string that identifies the event within the class.</p> <p><i>EPB_ModuleName</i> Pointer to an ASCIIZ string that identifies the module that generated the event.</p> <p><i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> Pointer to a block of information about the event. This field is event dependent and is defined by the event. If the event has no additional information to pass, this field will be NULL.</p> <p><i>EPB_DataPtr1</i> Pointer to a block of information about the event. This field is event dependent and is defined by the event. If the event has no additional information to pass, this field will be NULL.</p> |
| <b>Return State</b>          | <p><i>AX</i></p> <p>Set to a completion code.</p> <p><i>ES:SI</i></p> <p>Pointer to the PECB that was passed into the function.</p> <p><i>Preserved</i></p> <p>DS, BP, SS, SP.</p>  |
| <b>Completion Codes (AX)</b> | <p>0000h            <i>Successful</i></p> <p>The notification was successful.</p> <p>8005h            <i>Fail</i></p> <p>The notification was generated by a request that was denied by one or more consumers.</p> <p>8008h            <i>Bad Command</i></p> <p>The service is not available.</p>  |

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**EventNotification** *continued*

**Remarks** Refer to the “Defined Classes and Events” section for a list of class and event names that Novell has defined.

When a module calls the notification procedure for each event consumer of the class, it passes a pointer to an EPB as a parameter. This block is considered to be read-only and the event consumer must not modify it.

**See Also** Consumer Notification Procedure  
DeRegisterEventProducer  
RegisterEventProducer

## RegisterEventConsumer

**Description** Allows a module to register as a consumer of a particular event class.

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**Entry State**

*BX*

0004h

*ES:SI*

Pointer to a Consumer Event Control Block (CECB) with the following fields set to:

*CECB\_ClassName* Pointer to an ASCIIZ string which identifies the event class.

*CECB\_NotifProc* The address of a procedure to call when an event in the given class occurs.

*CECB\_OSILevel* The level of the OSI layer which the consumer is located in. This value takes the form of 0xLX, where L is the number (1–7) corresponding to the application's OSI layer and X is the order relative to other modules also registered on that layer. The relative ordering is useful when several system components on the same layer require a certain processing order during the event.

**Return State**

*AX*

Set to a completion code.

*ES:SI*

Pointer to the CECB that was passed into the function.

*Preserved*

DS, BP, SS, and SP.

**Completion Codes (AX)**

0000h            *Successful*

The caller was registered successfully as a consumer of the given event class.

8005h            *Fail*

The caller has already registered as a consumer of this event class.

8008h            *Bad Command*

The service is not available.

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**Remarks**

*RegisterEventConsumer* registers a module as a consumer of a particular event class. This routine contains, and returns, a pointer to a Consumer Event Control Block (CECB). Although the event producer provides the memory for the CECB, the NESL owns this memory until the event consumer deregisters

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**RegisterEventConsumer** *continued*

by calling *DeRegisterEventConsumer*. Once the application registers, and until it deregisters, it must not change any of the CECB fields.

**See Also** [DeRegisterEventConsumer](#)

## DeRegisterEventConsumer

**Description** Allows a module to deregister as a consumer of an event class.

---

**Entry State**

*BX*  
0005h

*ES:SI*  
Points to the Consumer Event Control Block (CECB) that was passed into *RegisterEventConsumer* for the given event class.

**Return State**

*AX*  
Set to a completion code.

*ES:SI*  
Pointer to the CECB that was passed into the function.

*Preserved*  
DS, BP, SS, SP.

**Completion Codes (AX)**

0000h      *Successful*  
The caller has been deregistered as a consumer of the given event class.

8002h      *Bad Parameter*  
The caller was not registered with the NESL as a consumer of the given event class.

8008h      *Bad Command*  
The service is not available.

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**See Also**      [DeRegisterEventConsumer](#)

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## Consumer Notification Procedure

**Description** Called by the NESL to notify the consumer when an event has occurred with an event class for which it has registered.

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**Entry State** *ES:SI*  
Pointer to an Event Parameter Block.

**Return State** *AX*  
Set to a completion code.

*ES:SI*  
Pointer to the Event Parameter Block (EPB) passed into the notification procedure.

*Preserved*  
DS, BP, SS, SP, DI.

**Completion Codes (AX)**

**Request type events**

0000h      *Successful*  
Request granted.

8005h      *Fail*  
Request denied.

**All Other types of events**

0000h      *Successful*

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**Remarks** When the NESL calls the notification procedure for each consumer of a particular event class, it passes the consumer a pointer to the EPB. This block is considered to be read-only, and the event consumer must not modify it.

The NESL obtains the address of the notification procedure from the CECB *CECB\_NotifiProc* field that was passed to *RegisterEventConsumer*.

**See Also** [EventNotification](#)  
[RegisterEventConsumer](#)

## Data Definitions

### Signatures

#### NESLSignature

*NESLSignature* is defined as the ASCIIZ string 'NESL\_EVENTS'

### Tables

#### Configuration Table

The configuration table is defined below.

```
NESLConfigTable  label  byte
  NESL_Cfg_MajVer   dw  1
  NESL_Cfg_MinVer   dw  0
  NESL_Cfg_ModLName dd  ?
  NESL_Cfg_ModSName dd  ?
  NESL_Cfg_ModMajVer dw 1
  NESL_Cfg_ModMinVer dw 0
```

Table 1  
The Configuration  
Table Fields

| <b>The Configuration Table Fields</b> |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Field Name</b>                     | <b>Description</b>  |
| NESL_Cfg_MajVer                       | <p>This field contains the major version number of the configuration table. The current major version is 1.</p> <p>This field will change whenever major changes have been made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. The field will also change whenever the <i>NESL_CFG_MinVer</i> field exceeds its maximum value.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p>                     |
| NESL_Cfg_MinVer                       | <p>This field contains the minor version number of the configuration table. The current minor version is 0.</p> <p>This field will change whenever minor changes are made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. It will also be reset to zero whenever the <i>NESL_CFG_MajVer</i> changes.</p> <p>The maximum value for this field is 99.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p> |
| NESL_Cfg_ModLName                     | <p>This field contains a pointer to the NESL's long name. The name is defined as the ASCIIZ string 'NetWare Event Service Layer for 16-Bit DOS'.</p>  |
| NESL_Cfg_ModSName                     | <p>This field has a pointer to the NESL's short name. The name is defined as the ASCIIZ string 'NESL'.</p>  |

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### The Configuration Table Fields *(continued)*

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| Field Name         | Description   |
|--------------------|---|
| NESL_Cfg_ModMajVer | <p>This field contains the major version number of the NESL. The initial major version is 1.</p> <p>This field will change whenever major changes have been made to the NESL or whenever the <i>NESL_CFG_ModMinVer</i> field exceeds its maximum value.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p>  |
| NESL_Cfg_ModMinVer | <p>This field contains the minor version number of the NESL. The current minor version is 0.</p> <p>This field will change whenever minor changes are made to the NESL. It will also be reset to zero whenever the <i>NESL_CFG_ModMajVer</i> changes.</p> <p>The maximum value for this field is 99.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p> |

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## Structures

### Producer Event Control Block (PECB)

```
PECB struct
    PECB_MajVer      dw 1
    PECB_MinVer      dw 0
    PECB_NextProducer dd 0
    PECB_ClassName   dd 0
    PECB_ConsumerList dd 0
    PECB_DataPtr     dd 0
    PECB_Flags       dd 0
    PECB_Reserved    db 8 dup (0)
PECB ends
```

**Table 2**  
**The PECB Fields**

| <b>The PECB Fields</b> |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Field Name</b>      | <b>Description</b>   |
| PECB_MajVer            | <p>This field contains the major version number of the PECB. The current major version is 1.</p> <p>This field will change whenever major changes have been made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. This field will also change whenever the <i>PECB_MinVer</i> field exceeds its maximum value.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p>                    |
| PECB_MinVer            | <p>This field contains the minor version number of the PECB. The current minor version is 0.</p> <p>This field will change whenever minor changes are made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. It will also be reset to zero whenever the <i>PECB_MajVer</i> changes.</p> <p>The maximum value for this field is 99.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p> |
| PECB_NextProducer      | <p>This field contains a pointer to the next Producer Event Control Block in the list. This field will be a NULL if it is the last PECB in the list.</p>   |
| PECB_ClassName         | <p>This field contains a pointer to an ASCIIZ string which identifies the event class.</p>   |
| PECB_ConsumerList      | <p>This field contains a pointer to a list of consumers for the event class. This field will be NULL if there are no consumers of the event class.</p>   |
| PECB_DataPtr           | <p>This field contains a pointer used to pass in additional information. This field is generally used during event notification.</p>   |

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### The PECB Fields *(continued)*

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| Field Name    | Description  |
|---------------|--|
| PECB_Flags    | bit 0<br><b>Set to 0</b> if consumers are to be called top\down. Based on the value in the CECB's <i>OSILevel</i> field, they are called from 7 to 1.<br><b>Set to 1</b> if consumers are to be called bottom\up. Based on the value in the CECB's <i>OSILevel</i> field, consumers are called from 1 to 7).<br>bits 1–31<br><b>Reserved.</b> Set to zero. |
| PECB_Reserved | Reserved. Set to zero.   |

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Although the event producer provides the memory for the PECB, the NESL owns this memory until the event producer deregisters by calling *DeRegisterEventProducer*. Once the application registers, the only PECB field it can change is the *PECB\_DataPtr* field. The application might need to modify this field when it calls *EventNotification*. Until it deregisters, the application must not change any other PECB field.

### Consumer Event Control Block (CECB)

```
CECB Struc
    CECB_MajVer      dw 1
    CECB_MinVer      dw 0
    CECB_NextConsumer dd 0
    CECB_ClassName   dd 0
    CECB_NotifiProc  dd 0
    CECB_OSILevel    dw 0
    CECB_Reserved    db 14 dup (0)
CECB ends
```

**Table 3**  
The CECB Fields

| <b>The CECB Fields</b> |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Field Name</b>      | <b>Description</b>   |
| CECB_MajVer            | <p>This field has the major version number of the CECB. The current major version is 1.</p> <p>This field will change whenever major changes have been made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. The field will also change whenever the <i>CECB_MinVer</i> field exceeds its maximum value.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p>  |
| CECB_MinVer            | <p>This field has the minor version number of the CECB. The current minor version is 0.</p> <p>This field will change whenever minor changes are made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. It will also be reset to zero whenever the <i>CECB_MajVer</i> changes.</p> <p>The maximum value for this field is 99.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p>  |
| CECB_NextConsumer      | <p>This field contains a pointer to the next consumer. This field will be a NULL if it is the last CECB in the list.</p>   |
| CECB_ClassName         | <p>This field contains a pointer to an ASCIIZ string which identifies the event class.</p>   |
| CECB_NotifiProc        | <p>This field contains the address of a procedure to call when an event occurs.</p>  |
| CECB_OSILevel          | <p>The application uses this field at registration time to specify which order the consumers are to be called in when an event occurs. This field's value takes the form of 0xLX, where L is the number (1–7) corresponding to the applications OSI Layer and X is the relative order with other modules also registered on that layer. The relative ordering is useful when several system components on the same level require a certain processing order for the event.</p> |
| CECB_Reserved          | <p>Reserved. Set to zero.</p>  |

Although the event consumer provides the memory for the CECB, the NESL owns this memory until the event consumer deregisters by calling *DeRegisterEventConsumer*. Once the

application registers. and until it deregisters, it must not modify any CECB field.

### Event Parameter Block (EPB)

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EPB  struc
    EPB_MajVer      dw  1
    EPB_MinVer      dw  0
    EPB_ClassName   dd  ?
    EPB_EventName   dd  ?
    EPB_ModuleName  dd  ?
    EPB_DataPtr0    dd  ?
    EPB_DataPtr1    dd  ?
    EPB_Reserved    db  8 dup (0)
EPB  ends

```

**Table 4**  
The EPB Fields

| <b>The EPB Fields</b> |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Field Name</b>     | <b>Description</b>  |
| EPB_MajVer            | <p>This field has the major version number of the EPB. The current major version is 1. This field will change whenever major changes have been made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. This field will also change whenever the <i>EPB_MinVer</i> field exceeds its maximum value.</p> <p>Novell controls this field.</p>                         |
| EPB_MinVer            | <p>This field contains the minor version number of the EPB. The current minor version is 0.</p> <p>This field will change whenever minor changes are made to the format of the configuration table or field definitions. It will also be reset to zero whenever the <i>EPB_MajVer</i> changes.</p> <p>The maximum value for this field is 99. Novell controls this field.</p> |
| EPB_ClassName         | <p>This field has a pointer to ASCIIZ string that identifies the event class.</p>   |
| EPB_EventName         | <p>This field has a pointer to an ASCIIZ string that identifies the event within the class.</p>   |
| EPB_ModuleName        | <p>This field has a pointer to an ASCIIZ string that identifies the module that produced the event.</p>   |

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**The EPB Fields** *(continued)*

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| <b>Field Name</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|-------------------|--|
| EPB_DataPtr0      | This field has a pointer to a block of information about the event. This field is event dependent and will be defined by the event. If the event has no additional information to pass, this field will be NULL. |
| EPB_DataPtr1      | This field has a pointer to a block of information about the event. This field is event dependent and will be defined by the event. If the event has no additional information to pass, this field will be NULL. |
| EPB_Reserved      | Reserved. Set to zero.   |

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The event producer provides the memory for the EPB.

## Classes and Events

### Defining Classes and Events

Anyone can define an event class as well as the events within any class by defining unique names for them. These names must be ASCII strings. The class definition must include a description of the class and the direction in which the event consumers will be called: an event consumer can be called either from the top of the OSI model down or from the bottom of the OSI model up (See Figure 1).

Events that are added to existing classes must fall within the definition of that class.

**Note** Contact Novell Labs to register new event classes and event names.

### Defined Classes and Events

Event classes and specific events within the class are identified with ASCII strings. We have defined four classes of events along with some specific events within each class.

We have defined the following list of event classes.

- Service Suspend
- Service Resume
- Service/Status Change
- Suspend Request

These classes and their events are described on the following pages.

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## Service Suspend

The Service Suspend event class contains events that suspends a service. This class is called from the top of the OSI model down.

**Table 5**  
**Events in the Service Suspend Class**

| <b>Events in the Service Suspend Class</b> |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Event Name</b>                          | <b>Description</b>  |
| MLID Cable Disconnect                      | This event indicates that the cable has been disconnected from a given NIC. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.  |
| MLID Card Removal                          | This event is triggered by the hardware and indicates that the PC Card has been removed. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block. Even though this event puts the MLID into shutdown mode, it does not generate a shutdown event. |
| MLID Hardware Failure                      | This event indicates that a serious hardware failure has occurred with the NIC. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.  |
| MLID Not In Range                          | This wireless event indicates that there is no access point in range. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.  |
| MLID Shutdown                              | This event is triggered through the MLID control services and indicates that the MLID was shutdown. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.  |
| MLID Media Access Denied                   | This event indicates that access to the physical medium was either denied or unsuccessful. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the Event Parameter Block <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field.  |

## Service Resume

The Service Resume event class contains events that indicate either the availability of a new service or the restoration of a previously available service. This class is called from the bottom of the OSI model up.

**Table 6**  
Events in the Service  
Resume Class

| <b>Events in the Service Resume Class</b> |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Event Name</b>                         | <b>Description</b>   |
| MLID Cable Reconnect                      | This event indicates that the cable has been reconnected to a given NIC. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.  |
| MLID Card Insertion Complete              | This event is triggered by the hardware and indicates that a PC card has been inserted in a socket and that the MLID and LAN adapter are fully functional. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block. This event does not trigger a reset event. |
| MLID In Range                             | This wireless event indicates that an access point is in range again. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.   |
| MLID Reset                                | This event is triggered by the MLID control services and indicates that an MLID was just reset. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.   |

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## Service/Status Change

The Service/Status event class contains events that signal a change in either the status or the current level of service. This class is called from the top of the OSI model down.

**Table 7**  
**Events in the Service/  
Status Class**

| <b>Events in the Service/Status Class</b> |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Event Name</b>                         | <b>Description</b>  |
| MLID Access Point Change                  | This event indicates that a station has moved from one access point's range to another and that the new access point will start serving the station. A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block.   |
| MLID Speed Change                         | This event indicates that there has been a change in the communication speed. For example, in the wireless environment this could be caused by the radio link due to a change in the quality of the signal.<br>A pointer to the MLID's configuration table is passed in the <i>EPB_DataPtr0</i> field of the Event Parameter Block. |

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### **Suspend Request**

The Suspend Request class contains events that request permission to suspend the services. This class is called from the bottom of the OSI model up.

Currently no events have been defined for this class.

