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1 Blackfly S Technical Reference

Welcome to the Blackfly S camera. We offer a number of resources to assist you with the Blackfly S.

- **Spinnaker SDK**—software development kit that provides GenICam-compliant controls to create applications for the camera. Spinnaker is available for download. Each installation includes API documentation for C, C++, and C#.

- **Release Notes**—information about the current firmware release including feature additions or changes, bug fixes, and known issues.

- **Specifications**—information about the camera model as it performs with the current firmware.

- **Getting Started**—quick start guide for installing the camera and software.

- **Installation Guide**—information about installing the camera and SDK, the physical interface and mechanical properties, troubleshooting and how to get help. This document is available as a PDF for download or as a webpage included in the firmware release package.

- **Technical Reference**—information about the features supported by the camera model with the current firmware, including: image format control, acquisition control, sequencing, binning/decimation, and others. This document is available as a PDF for download or as a webpage included in the firmware release package.

- **Firmware**—programming inserted into the programmable ROM of the camera that can be updated in-field. New firmware packages are available for download and include both the firmware file and documentation.

These resources as well as knowledge base articles and application notes can be found on the Support page for the product.

Blackfly S USB3 Support Articles   Blackfly S USB3 Resources

Blackfly S GigE Support Articles   Blackfly S GigE Resources

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2   Specifications and Frame Rates

2.1   General Specifications

	Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7M	Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7C
Firmware Version	1806.0.315.0	1806.0.315.0
Model Name	Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7M	Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7C
Resolution	3208x2200	3208x2200
Frame Rate	51 FPS	51 FPS
Megapixels	7.1 MP	7.1 MP
Sensor	Sony IMX428, CMOS, 1.1"	Sony IMX428, CMOS, 1.1"
Readout Method	Global shutter	Global shutter
Pixel Size	4.5 µm	4.5 µm
Lens Mount	C-mount	C-mount
ADC	12-bit	12-bit
Minimum Frame Rate	1 FPS	1 FPS
Gain Range	0.0 to 47.9943 dB	0.0 to 47.9943 dB
Exposure Range	9.0 µs to 30.0 S	9.0 µs to 30.0 S
Acquisition Mode	Continuous, single frame, multi frame	Continuous, single frame, multi frame
Partial Image Modes	Pixel binning, decimation, ROI	Pixel binning, decimation, ROI
Image Processing	Gamma, lookup table, and sharpness	Color correction matrix, gamma, lookup table, saturation and sharpness
Sequencer	Up to 8 sets using 6 features	Up to 8 sets using 6 features
Image Buffer	240 MB	240 MB
User Sets	2 user configuration sets for custom camera settings	2 user configuration sets for custom camera settings
Flash Memory	6 MB non-volatile memory	6 MB non-volatile memory
Opto-isolated I/O	1 input, 1 output	1 input, 1 output
Non-isolated I/O	1 bi-directional, 1 input	1 bi-directional, 1 input
Serial Port	1 (over non-isolated I/O)	1 (over non-isolated I/O)
Auxiliary Output	3.3 V, 120 mA maximum	3.3 V, 120 mA maximum
Interface	USB 3.1	USB 3.1
Power	8 - 24 V via GPIO or 5 V via USB 3.1 interface	8 - 24 V via GPIO or 5 V via USB 3.1 interface

	Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7M	Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7C
Requirements		
Power Consumption	4.2 W maximum	4.2 W maximum
Dimensions/Mass	29 mm x 29 mm x 39 mm / 53 g	29 mm x 29 mm x 39 mm / 53 g
Machine Vision Standard	USB3 Vision v1.0	USB3 Vision v1.0
Compliance	CE, FCC, KCC, RoHS, REACH. The ECCN for this product is: EAR099	CE, FCC, KCC, RoHS, REACH. The ECCN for this product is: EAR099
Temperature	Operating: 0°C to 50°C Storage: -30°C to 60°C	Operating: 0°C to 50°C Storage: -30°C to 60°C
Humidity	Operating: 20% to 80% (no condensation) Storage: 20% to 95% (no condensation)	Operating: 20% to 80% (no condensation) Storage: 20% to 95% (no condensation)
Warranty	3 years	3 years

2.2 Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7M Supported Pixel Formats

8-bit	10-bit	12-bit	16-bit
mono8	mono10p	mono12p	mono16
		mono12packed	
		mono10packed	

2.3 Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7M Frame Rate Table

Width	Height	Mono8 (8-bit)	Mono10p (10-bit)	Mono12p (12-bit)	Mono16 (16-bit)	ISP	Binning Horizontal	Binning Vertical	Decimation Horizontal	Decimation Vertical	ADC
3208	2200	51	38	28	18	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
1920	1200	92	92	92	74	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
800	600	176	176	176	176	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
600	800	135	135	135	135	Of	1xSensor/1xI	1xSensor/1xI	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-

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Width	Height	Mono8 (8-bit)	Mono10p (10-bit)	Mono12p (12-bit)	Mono16 (16-bit)	ISP	Binning Horizontal	Binning Vertical	Decimation Horizontal	Decimation Vertical	ADC
						f	SP	SP			bit
640	480	215	215	215	215	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
480	640	166	166	166	166	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
320	240	389	389	389	389	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
240	320	307	307	307	307	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
3208	2200	17	17	17	17	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
1920	1200	30	30	30	30	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
800	600	59	59	59	59	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
600	800	45	45	45	45	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
640	480	72	72	72	72	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
480	640	55	55	55	55	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
320	240	130	130	130	130	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
240	320	102	102	102	102	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
1604	1100	133	133	133	88	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	2xSensor	2xSensor	12-bit
1604	1100	66	66	66	66	On	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	2xSensor	2xSensor	12-bit
1604	1100	17	17	17	17	On	1xSensor/2xISP	1xSensor/2xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit

2.4 Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7C Supported Pixel Formats

8-bit	10-bit	12-bit	16-bit	24-bit	32-bit
bayerrg8	bayerrg10p	ycbcr411_8	ycbcr422_8	bgr8	bgra8
mono8	mono10p	bayerrg12p	yuv422packed	ycbcr8	
		mono12p	bayerrg16	yuv444packed	
		yuv411packed	mono16	rgb8packed	
		bayerrg12packed			
		mono12packed			
		bayerrg10packed			
		mono10packed			

2.5 Blackfly S BFS-U3-70S7C Frame Rate Table

Width	Height	BayerRG8 (8-bit)	BayerRG10p (10-bit)	BayerRG12p (12-bit)	BayerRG16 (16-bit)	BGR8 (24-bit)	BGRa8 (32-bit)	ISP	Binning Horizontal	Binning Vertical	Decimation Horizontal	Decimation Vertical	ADC
3208	2200	51	38	28	18	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
1920	1200	92	92	92	74	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
800	600	176	176	176	176	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
600	800	135	135	135	135	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
640	480	215	215	215	215	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
480	640	166	166	166	166	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
320	240	389	389	389	389	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor/1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit

Width	Height	Bayer RG8 (8-bit)	BayerRG 10p (10-bit)	BayerRG 12p (12-bit)	BayerR G16 (16-bit)	BG R8 (24-bit)	BGR a8 (32-bit)	IS P	Binning Horizontal	Binning Vertical	Decimation Horizontal	Decimation Vertical	AD C
240	320	307	307	307	307	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
3208	2200	17	17	17	17	17	11	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
1920	1200	30	30	30	30	30	30	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
800	600	59	59	59	59	59	59	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
600	800	45	45	45	45	45	45	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
640	480	72	72	72	72	72	72	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
480	640	55	55	55	55	55	55	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
320	240	130	130	130	130	130	130	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
240	320	102	102	102	102	102	102	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit
1604	1100	133	133	133	88	N/A	N/A	Off	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	2xSensor	2xSensor	12-bit
1604	1100	66	66	66	66	66	45	On	1xSensor/ 1xISP	1xSensor/ 1xISP	2xSensor	2xSensor	12-bit
1604	1100	17	17	17	17	17	17	On	1xSensor/ 2xISP	1xSensor/ 2xISP	1xSensor	1xSensor	12-bit

3 Acquisition Control

3.1 Acquisition and Frame Rate

There are three acquisition modes:

Continuous - acquires images continuously. This is the default mode.

Multi Frame - acquires a specified number of images before stopping acquisition.

Single Frame - acquires 1 image before stopping acquisition.

Use AcquisitionMode to select your mode. If you select MultiFrame, use AcquisitionFrameCount to specify the number of images to acquire.

Use AcquistionStart and AcquisitionStop to start and stop acquiring images with the selected mode.

The Acquisition Frame Rate can be manually or automatically controlled. Use AcquisitionFrameRateEnable to set this On (manual control) or Off (automatic control). By default, this is Off. If you select manual control, use AcquisitionFrameRate to specify a frame rate.

The ResultingFrameRate reports the actual frame rate at which the camera is streaming. If this does not equal the Acquisition Frame Rate it is because the Exposure Time is greater than the frame time.

3.2 Exposure Time Modes

There are two exposure time modes:

Timed - exposure time is a specified value. This is the default mode.

TriggerWidth - exposure time is controlled by the trigger signal.

Use ExposureMode to make a selection.

When ExposureMode is set to Timed, exposure time can be manually or automatically controlled.

For manual control, set ExposureAuto to Off. Use the ExposureTime control to set the exposure time in microseconds.

For automatic control, set ExposureAuto to Once or Continuous. The camera automatically adjusts the exposure to maximize the dynamic range. Once briefly enables automatic exposure to adapt the device and then sets exposure to manual control (Off). Continuous constantly adapts the device. Continuous is the default setting.

Note: For the Auto Exposure feature, gain and/or exposure time must be set to Continuous.

3.2.1 Trigger Features

Triggering allows you to acquire images at specific times when an event occurs. Triggering works with the acquisition modes and settings. By default, triggering is set to Off. To enable triggering, set TriggerMode to On.

Trigger Type - three options to control the start of triggering. Use TriggerSelector to select an option.

Acquisition Start - A trigger starts acquisition in the selected AcquisitionMode.

In Single Frame mode, the trigger acquires one image.

In Multi Frame mode, the trigger acquires the specified number of images.

In Continuous mode, the trigger acquires images until you stop acquisition.

Frame Start - A trigger is required for each individual image that is acquired.

In Single Frame mode, the trigger acquires one image. For each subsequent trigger you first must use AcquisitionStart to receive more images.

In Multi Frame mode, the trigger acquires the specified number of images. For each subsequent trigger you first must use AcquisitionStart to receive more images.

In Continuous mode, the trigger acquires one image. You do not have to start acquisition again for subsequent triggers.

Frame Burst Start - A trigger acquires a specified number of images. You do not have to start acquisition again for subsequent triggers. This mode is primarily used in Continuous mode, as Single Frame and Multi Frame settings overwrite the burst count. Use AcquisitionBurstFrameCount to specify the number of images to be acquired.

In Single Frame mode, the trigger acquires one image.

In Multi Frame mode, the trigger acquires the number of images specified in AcquisitionFrameCount.

In Continuous mode, the trigger acquires the number of images specified in AcquisitionBurstFrameCount.

Trigger Source - Use TriggerSource to specify the source that can signal the acquisition to acquire images. A trigger source can be one of the physical Line Inputs, User Outputs, Counters, Logic Blocks, and Software.

Trigger Activation - Use TriggerActivation to specify what voltage level or transition that activates a trigger. Trigger activation can be Level Low, Level High, Falling Edge, Rising Edge, or Any Edge.

Trigger Overlap - Use TriggerOverlap to specify whether a trigger responds while the readout of a previously acquired image is still occurring. There are two options: When set to Off, a trigger is disregarded during readout. When set to ReadOut, a trigger acquires another image during readout.

Trigger Delay - Use TriggerDelay to specify the time in microseconds between when the camera receives a trigger and when exposure begins for the image.

Trigger Software - If your trigger source is set to Software, use TriggerSoftware to perform a software trigger.

3.3 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Acquisition Mode	IEnumeration		Beginner	Sets the acquisition mode of the device. Continuous: acquires images continuously. Multi Frame: acquires a specified number of images before stopping acquisition. Single Frame: acquires 1 image before stopping acquisition.
Acquisition Start	ICommand		Beginner	This command starts the acquisition of images.
Acquisition	ICommand		Beginner	This command stops the acquisition of images.

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Stop				
Acquisition Frame Count	IInteger		Beginner	Number of images to acquire during a multi frame acquisition.
Acquisition Burst Frame Count	IInteger		Beginner	This feature is used only if the FrameBurstStart trigger is enabled and the FrameBurstEnd trigger is disabled. Note that the total number of frames captured is also conditioned by AcquisitionFrameCount if AcquisitionMode is MultiFrame and ignored if AcquisitionMode is Single.
Exposure Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Sets the operation mode of the Exposure.
Exposure Time	IFloat		Beginner	Exposure time in microseconds when Exposure Mode is Timed.
Exposure Auto	IEnumeration		Beginner	Sets the automatic exposure mode
Acquisition Frame Rate	IFloat		Beginner	User controlled acquisition frame rate in Hertz
Resulting Frame Rate	IFloat	RO	Beginner	Resulting frame rate in Hertz. If this does not equal the Acquisition Frame Rate it is because the Exposure Time is greater than the frame time.
Acquisition Frame Rate Enable	IBoolean	RW	Beginner	If enabled, AcquisitionFrameRate can be used to manually control the frame rate.
Acquisition Line Rate	IFloat		Beginner	Controls the rate (in Hertz) at which the Lines in a Frame are captured.
Trigger Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Selects the type of trigger to configure.
Trigger Mode [Trigger Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Controls whether or not trigger is active.
Trigger Software [Trigger Selector]	ICommand	WO	Beginner	Generates an internal trigger if Trigger Source is set to Software.

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Trigger Source [Trigger Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Specifies the internal signal or physical input line to use as the trigger source.
Trigger Activation [Trigger Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Specifies the activation mode of the trigger.
Trigger Overlap [Trigger Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Specifies the overlap mode of the trigger.
Trigger Delay [Trigger Selector]	IFloat		Expert	Specifies the delay in microseconds (μs) to apply after the trigger reception before activating it.
Sensor Shutter Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Guru	Sets the shutter mode of the device.

3.4   Acquisition Control Features

3.4.1   Acquisition Mode

Sets the acquisition mode of the device. Continuous: acquires images continuously. Multi Frame: acquires a specified number of images before stopping acquisition. Single Frame: acquires 1 image before stopping acquisition.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Continuous

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Enumeration Values

SingleFrame
MultiFrame

3.4.2 Acquisition Start

This command starts the acquisition of images.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionStart
Interface	ICommand
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.3 Acquisition Stop

This command stops the acquisition of images.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionStop
Interface	ICommand
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.4 Acquisition Frame Count

Number of images to acquire during a multi frame acquisition.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionFrameCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

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3.4.5 Acquisition Burst Frame Count

This feature is used only if the FrameBurstStart trigger is enabled and the FrameBurstEnd trigger is disabled. Note that the total number of frames captured is also conditioned by AcquisitionFrameCount if AcquisitionMode is MultiFrame and ignored if AcquisitionMode is Single.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionBurstFrameCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.6 Exposure Mode

Sets the operation mode of the Exposure.

Property	Value
Name	ExposureMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
Timed
TriggerWidth

3.4.7 Exposure Time

Exposure time in microseconds when Exposure Mode is Timed.

Property	Value
Name	ExposureTime
Interface	IFloat

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Property	Value
Access	
Unit	us
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.8 Exposure Auto

Sets the automatic exposure mode

Property	Value
Name	ExposureAuto
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Off
Once
Continuous

3.4.9 Acquisition Frame Rate

User controlled acquisition frame rate in Hertz

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionFrameRate
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	Hz
Visibility	Beginner

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3.4.10 Resulting Frame Rate

Resulting frame rate in Hertz. If this does not equal the Acquisition Frame Rate it is because the Exposure Time is greater than the frame time.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionResultingFrameRate
Interface	IFloat
Access	RO
Unit	Hz
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.11 Acquisition Frame Rate Enable

If enabled, AcquisitionFrameRate can be used to manually control the frame rate.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionFrameRateEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.12 Acquisition Line Rate

Controls the rate (in Hertz) at which the Lines in a Frame are captured.

Property	Value
Name	AcquisitionLineRate
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	Hz
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.13 Trigger Selector

Selects the type of trigger to configure.

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Property	Value
Name	TriggerSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
AcquisitionStart
FrameStart
FrameBurstStart

3.4.14 Trigger Mode

Controls whether or not trigger is active.

Property	Value
Name	TriggerMode [Trigger Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
Off
On

3.4.15 Trigger Software

Generates an internal trigger if Trigger Source is set to Software.

Property	Value
Name	TriggerSoftware [Trigger Selector]
Interface	ICommand

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Property	Value
Access	WO
Visibility	Beginner

3.4.16 Trigger Source

Specifies the internal signal or physical input line to use as the trigger source.

Property	Value
Name	TriggerSource [Trigger Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Software
Line0
Line1
Line2
Line3
UserOutput0
UserOutput1
UserOutput2
UserOutput3
Counter0Start
Counter1Start
Counter0End
Counter1End
LogicBlock0

Enumeration Values

LogicBlock1
Action0

3.4.17 Trigger Activation

Specifies the activation mode of the trigger.

Property	Value
Name	TriggerActivation [Trigger Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

LevelLow
LevelHigh
FallingEdge
RisingEdge
AnyEdge

3.4.18 Trigger Overlap

Specifies the overlap mode of the trigger.

Property	Value
Name	TriggerOverlap [Trigger Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

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Enumeration Values

Off
ReadOut
PreviousFrame

3.4.19 Trigger Delay

Specifies the delay in microseconds (µs) to apply after the trigger reception before activating it.

Property	Value
Name	TriggerDelay [Trigger Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	us
Visibility	Expert

3.4.20 Sensor Shutter Mode

Sets the shutter mode of the device.

Property	Value
Name	SensorShutterMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

Global

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4 Analog Control

4.1 Gain

Gain is the amount of amplification that is applied to a pixel by the A/D converter. An increase in gain can result in a brighter image but also an increase in noise.

Gain can be manually or automatically controlled.

Use the Gain Selector to choose which gain to control. The All selection is a total amplification across all channels (or taps).

For manual control, set GainAuto to Off. Use the Gain control to set the amplification in dB.

For automatic control, set GainAuto to Once or Continuous. The camera automatically adjusts the gain to maximize the dynamic range. Once briefly enables automatic gain to adapt the device and then sets gain back to manual control (Off). Continuous constantly adapts the device.

Note: For the Auto Exposure feature, gain and/or exposure time must be set to Once or Continuous.

4.2 Black Level

The Black Level feature controls the offset applied to the video signal. It determines the image average when there is no light reaching the sensor.

There are two methods of applying black level: **Analog** and **Digital**. The analog black level controls the offset applied during analog-to-digital (A/D) conversion. The digital black level is an offset applied after the image has been digitized.

The sum of the analog and digital black levels can be set and read by setting Black Level Selector to **All** and then using the Black Level feature to enter or view the percentage offset.

Only the total black level (All) can be set by the user. Based on the value of black level All, the analog and digital black levels are automatically set to achieve the requested total black level.

4.3 White Balance - Color Models

White balance compensates for color shifts caused by different lighting conditions. White balance is specified as the gains of the **Red** and **Blue** channels relative to **Green**. For example, if the blue balance ratio is set to 1.5 then 50% more gain is applied to the blue channel than the green channel. White balance can be manually or automatically controlled.

For manual control, set White Balance Auto to Off. Use the Balance Ratio Selector to select either the Red or Blue channel. Use the Balance Ratio to specify a value for that channel. To disable white balance, set both red and blue balance ratios to 1.0.

For automatic control, set White Balance Auto to Once or Continuous. The camera automatically adjusts the red and blue balance ratios to achieve good color balance. Once runs for a number of iterations and then sets White Balance Auto to Off. Continuous adjusts the values continually if the algorithm determines that the colors are imbalanced. A number of parameters that affect automatic white balance are available in the AutoAlgorithmControl category.

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The white balance can also be modified by selecting a light source with RGB Transform Light Source. Selecting a light source modifies both the red and blue balance ratio values as well as the active RGBtoRGB Color Transformation, to acheive good color for the specified lighting condition.

4.4 Gamma

The Gamma feature controls the gamma correction applied to pixel intensity. The equation used is:

$$P' = P^{\text{Gamma}}$$

where P is the input pixel value and P' is the pixel value after gamma correction. Note that the value for Gamma is defined as the power applied to the pixel value, and not the gamma of the display. If a display with a gamma of 2.0 is used, the image gamma can be set to 0.5 to compensate. For sRGB output, Gamma should be set to 0.4545 (1/2.2).

If linear output data is required, disable gamma by setting GammaEnable to 0.

Gamma and the Pixel Lookup Table (LUT) can both be used at once. Gamma is applied before the Pixel LUT.

4.5 Sharpening - Color Models

The sharpening features control how sharp the image looks.

Sharpening can be enabled (On) or disabled (Off). By default sharpening is disabled. Use Sharpening Enable to switch on or off.

When sharpening is enabled, the remaining sharpening features take effect. When it is disabled, the image is not sharpened.

Sharpening is applied only to an intensity gradient change that is above a specified threshold. This prevents sharpening from amplifying subtle intensity variances in what are otherwise smooth patches, but allows significant edges to be more pronounced.

The threshold is specified as a fraction of the total intensity range, and ranges from 0 to 0.25. A threshold higher than 25% produces little to no difference than 25%. High thresholds sharpen only areas with significant intensity changes. Low thresholds sharpen more areas.

The sharpening threshold can be controlled manually or automatically.

For manual control, set Sharpening Auto to Off. Then set a Sharpening Threshold value to indicate the minimum intensity gradient change to invoke sharpening.

For automatic control, set Sharpening Auto to On. With automatic control, the value of the Sharpening Threshold is set based on the noise level of the camera.

Adjust the sharpening amount with the Sharpening control. This value controls how much to amplify the edges above the Sharpening threshold. A value of 0 does not apply any sharpening. A negative value smooths the image. A positive value amplifies the edges of the image. You can boost by a maximum of 8x, but smoothing is limited to 1x. The default value is 2.0.

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4.6   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Gain Selector	IEnumeration		Beginner	Selects which gain to control. The All selection is a total amplification across all channels (or taps).
Gain [Gain Selector]	IFloat		Beginner	Controls the amplification of the video signal in dB.
Gain Auto	IEnumeration		Beginner	Sets the automatic gain mode. Set to Off for manual control. Set to Once for a single automatic adjustment then return to Off. Set to Continuous for constant adjustment. In automatic modes, the camera adjusts the gain to maximize the dynamic range.
Gain Conversion	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects which gain conversion mode to use.
Black Level Selector	IEnumeration		Beginner	Selects which black level to control. Only All can be set by the user. Analog and Digital are read-only.
Black Level Raw [Black Level Selector]	IInteger		Expert	Controls the offset of the video signal in camera specific units.
Black Level [Black Level Selector]	IFloat		Beginner	Controls the offset of the video signal in percent.
Black Level Clamping Enable	IBoolean	RW	Guru	Enable the black level auto clamping feature which performing dark current compensation.
Balance Ratio Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects a balance ratio to configure once a balance ratio control has been selected.
Balance Ratio [Balance Ratio Selector]	IFloat		Expert	Controls the balance ratio of the selected color relative to green. Used for white balancing.
Balance White Auto	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	White Balance compensates for color shifts caused by different lighting conditions. It can be automatically or manually controlled. For manual control, set to Off. For automatic control, set to Once or Continuous.

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Gamma	IFloat		Beginner	Controls the gamma correction of pixel intensity.
Gamma Enable	IBoolean		Beginner	Enables/disables gamma correction.
Sharpening Enable	IBoolean	RW	Beginner	Enables/disables the sharpening feature. Sharpening is disabled by default.
Sharpening Auto	IBoolean	RW	Beginner	Enables/disables the auto sharpening feature. When enabled, the camera automatically determines the sharpening threshold based on the noise level of the camera.
Sharpening	IFloat	RW	Beginner	Controls the amount to sharpen a signal. The sharpened amount is proportional to the difference between a pixel and its neighbors. A negative value smooths out the difference, while a positive value amplifies the difference. You can boost by a maximum of 8x, but smoothing is limited to 1x (in float). Default value: 2.0
Sharpening Threshold	IFloat	RW	Guru	Controls the minimum intensity gradient change to invoke sharpening. When "Sharpening Auto" is enabled, this is determined automatically by the device. The threshold is specified as a fraction of the total intensity range, and ranges from 0 to 0.25. A threshold higher than 25% produces little to no difference than 25%. High thresholds sharpen only areas with significant intensity changes. Low thresholds sharpen more areas.

4.7   Analog Control Features

4.7.1   Gain Selector

Selects which gain to control. The All selection is a total amplification across all channels (or taps).

Property	Value
Name	GainSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

All

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4.7.2   Gain

Controls the amplification of the video signal in dB.

Property	Value
Name	Gain [Gain Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	dB
Visibility	Beginner

4.7.3   Gain Auto

Sets the automatic gain mode. Set to Off for manual control. Set to Once for a single automatic adjustment then return to Off. Set to Continuous for constant adjustment. In automatic modes, the camera adjusts the gain to maximize the dynamic range.

Property	Value
Name	GainAuto
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
Off
Once
Continuous

4.7.4   Gain Conversion

Selects which gain conversion mode to use.

Property	Value
Name	GainConversion

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Property	Value
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

LCG
HCG

4.7.5 Black Level Selector

Selects which black level to control. Only All can be set by the user. Analog and Digital are read-only.

Property	Value
Name	BlackLevelSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

All
Analog
Digital

4.7.6 Black Level Raw

Controls the offset of the video signal in camera specific units.

Property	Value
Name	BlackLevelRaw [Black Level Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	

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Property	Value
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

4.7.7 Black Level

Controls the offset of the video signal in percent.

Property	Value
Name	BlackLevel [Black Level Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	%
Visibility	Beginner

4.7.8 Black Level Clamping Enable

Enable the black level auto clamping feature which performing dark current compensation.

Property	Value
Name	BlackLevelClampingEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

4.7.9 Balance Ratio Selector

Selects a balance ratio to configure once a balance ratio control has been selected.

Property	Value
Name	BalanceRatioSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

Red
Blue

4.7.10 Balance Ratio

Controls the balance ratio of the selected color relative to green. Used for white balancing.

Property	Value
Name	BalanceRatio [Balance Ratio Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

4.7.11 Balance White Auto

White Balance compensates for color shifts caused by different lighting conditions. It can be automatically or manually controlled. For manual control, set to Off. For automatic control, set to Once or Continuous.

Property	Value
Name	BalanceWhiteAuto
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

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Off
Once
Continuous

4.7.12   Gamma

Controls the gamma correction of pixel intensity.

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Property	Value
Name	Gamma
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

4.7.13 Gamma Enable

Enables/disables gamma correction.

Property	Value
Name	GammaEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

4.7.14 Sharpening Enable

Enables/disables the sharpening feature. Sharpening is disabled by default.

Property	Value
Name	SharpeningEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

4.7.15 Sharpening Auto

Enables/disables the auto sharpening feature. When enabled, the camera automatically determines the sharpening threshold based on the noise level of the camera.

Property	Value
Name	SharpeningAuto

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Property	Value
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

4.7.16 Sharpening

Controls the amount to sharpen a signal. The sharpened amount is proportional to the difference between a pixel and its neighbors. A negative value smooths out the difference, while a positive value amplifies the difference. You can boost by a maximum of 8x, but smoothing is limited to 1x (in float). Default value: 2.0

Property	Value
Name	Sharpening
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

4.7.17 Sharpening Threshold

Controls the minimum intensity gradient change to invoke sharpening. When "Sharpening Auto" is enabled, this is determined automatically by the device. The threshold is specified as a fraction of the total intensity range, and ranges from 0 to 0.25. A threshold higher than 25% produces little to no difference than 25%. High thresholds sharpen only areas with significant intensity changes. Low thresholds sharpen more areas.

Property	Value
Name	SharpeningThreshold
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

5 Image Format Control

5.1 Region Of Interest

An image region of interest (ROI) lets you specify a portion of the image so that after each image is acquired only the pixel information from the specified portion is processed.

Use the following features to specify the location and size of the ROI. All values are in pixels.

OffsetX - Horizontal offset from the origin to the ROI.

Width - Width of the image provided by the device. This reflects the current ROI. The maximum value of this feature takes into account horizontal binning, decimation, or any other function changing the maximum horizontal dimensions of the image and is typically equal to WidthMax minus OffsetX.

OffsetY - Vertical offset from the origin to the ROI.

Height - Height of the image provided by the device. This reflects the current ROI. The maximum value of this feature takes into account vertical binning, decimation, or any other function changing the maximum vertical dimensions of the image and is typically equal to HeightMax minus OffsetY.

5.2 Binning/Decimation

Binning refers to the act of combining the signal from groups of photo-sensitive cells into a larger logical pixel. This is achieved by either adding (additive), averaging (average), or discarding (discard). Binning may be implemented in analog by the sensor or digitally by the Image Signal Processing engine (ISP).

Note: Binning and Decimation cannot operate simultaneously. For one to be active, the other must be inactive. Changes to binning features can only be made while the camera is not streaming.

Use the BinningSelector to choose the binning engine. This affects both horizontal and vertical binning. The choices are:

All - the total amount of binning. In this mode, the camera adjusts the sensor/ISP binning to achieve the best image quality with the fastest frame rate.

Sensor - the portion of binning implemented in analog by the sensor. Binning done by the sensor usually results in a higher frame rate. Unless otherwise specified, or unsupported, binning is done by the sensor by default.

ISP - the portion of binning implemented digitally by the ISP. Unless otherwise specified, binning is done by the ISP if sensor binning is is unsupported or compromises image quality.

Use BinningHorizontalMode and BinningVerticalMode to choose the algorithm to perform the combination. The choices are:

Additive - The response from the combined cells are added, resulting in increased sensitivity (a brighter image).

Average - The response from the combined cells are averaged, resulting in increased signal to noise ratio. Some sensors do not support average binning.

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Use BinningHorizontal and BinningVertical to set the number of cells to combine. Binning values reduce the resolution of the image by a corresponding factor. A value of 1 indicates no binning. This must be set to 1 for decimation to be active.

Use DecimationSelector to choose the decimation engine. The choices are **All** or **Sensor**. Decimation cannot be done by the ISP.

DecimationHorizontalMode and DecimationVerticalMode indicate the algorithm to perform the reduction. There is only one decimation mode supported: **Discard**.

Use DecimationHorizontal and DecimationVertical to set the number of cells to discard. This value reduces the resolution of the image by only retaining a single pixel within a window whose size is the specified decimation factor. A value of 1 indicates no decimation. This must be set to 1 for binning to be active.

5.2.1 Binning/Decimation Feature Dependency

There are many feature dependencies which can affect binning. You can disable the ISP engine which would force all binning to be sensor controlled. However, some pixel formats (such as YUV and RGB) do not allow the ISP to be disabled, as it is required for color interpolation. In addition, not all sensors support average binning.

A simple hierarchical organization of the features means that features higher up have the greatest flexibility. Choices made at the top of the hierarchy adjust features downstream. The camera always attempts to achieve the best possible image quality.

5.3 Pixel Format

Format of the pixel provided by the camera. Use PixelFormat feature to select from a list of supported formats. (Not all formats are supported on all cameras.) Once a format is selected, the following values are derived:

PixelSize provides the total size in bits of the image's pixel.

PixelColorFilter is the type of color filter that is applied to the image. This only applies to bayer formats. The value is None for other formats.

PixelDynamicRangeMin is the minimum value that can be returned during the digitization process. This corresponds to the darkest value of the camera. For color cameras, this returns the smallest value that each color component can take.

PixelDynamicRangeMax is the maximum value that can be returned during the digitization process. This corresponds to the brightest value of the camera. For color cameras, this returns the largest value that each color component can take.

Note: For color cameras, the bayer pixel format is updated if Reverse X and Reverse Y are changed. For example, if the original pixel format is BayerRG8 and Reverse X is switched from Disabled to Enabled, then the pixel format is updated to BayerGR8.

5.3.1 Single Channel 8-bit and 16-bit Formats

| **8-bit Formats** | Mono8 | 8-bit monochrome packed format |
| | BayerGR8 | 8-bit bayer green red packed format |

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	BayerRG8	8-bit bayer red green packed format
	BayerGB8	8-bit bayer green blue packed format
	BayerBG8	8-bit bayer blue green packed format
16-bit Formats	Mono16	16-bit monochrome packed format
	BayerGR16	16-bit bayer green red packed format
	BayerRG16	16-bit bayer red green packed format
	BayerGB16	16-bit bayer green blue packed format
	BayerBG16	16-bit bayer blue green packed format

5.3.2   Single Channel 10-bit Formats

10-bit pixel formats have two different packing formats as defined by USB3 Vision and GigE Vision. **Note:** the packing format is not related to the interface of the camera. Both may be available on USB3 or GigE devices.

The USB3 Vision method is designated with a p. It is a 10-bit format with its bit-stream following the bit packing method illustrated in Figure 1. The first byte of the packed stream contains the eight least significant bits (lsb) of the first pixel. The two lsb of the second byte contain two msb of the first pixel, and the rest of the second byte is packed with the six lsb of the second pixel. The four msb of the second pixels fill into the four lsb of the third byte. The lsb of the third pixel fill in the rest of the third byte, and the remaining bits of the third pixel fill in the lsb of the fourth byte. The bytes are packed following this pattern. In general, pixels are packed into bytes in sequence from lsb, and four pixels pack into five bytes.

This packing format is applied to: Mono10p, BayerGR10p, BayerRG10p, BayerGB10p and BayerBG10p.
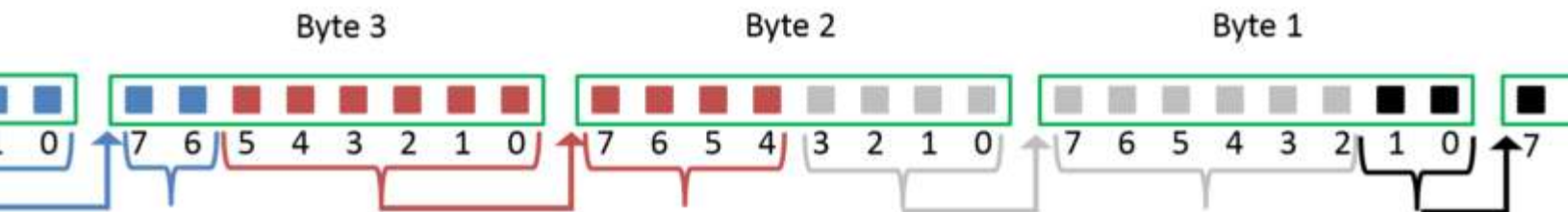
Figure 1. Packing two 10-bit pixels into three bytes.

The GigE Vision method is designated with Packed. It is a 10-bit format with its bit-stream following the bit packing method illustrated in Figure 2. The first byte of the packed stream contains the eight msb of the first pixel. The third byte contains the eight msb of the second pixel. The two lsb of the second byte contains two lsb of the first pixel, and the fifth and the sixth bits of the second byte are packed with the two lsb of the second pixel. The remaining bits in the second bytes are set to null.

This packing format is applied to: Mono10Packed, BayerGR10Packed, BayerRG10Packed, BayerGB10Packed and BayerBG10Packed.

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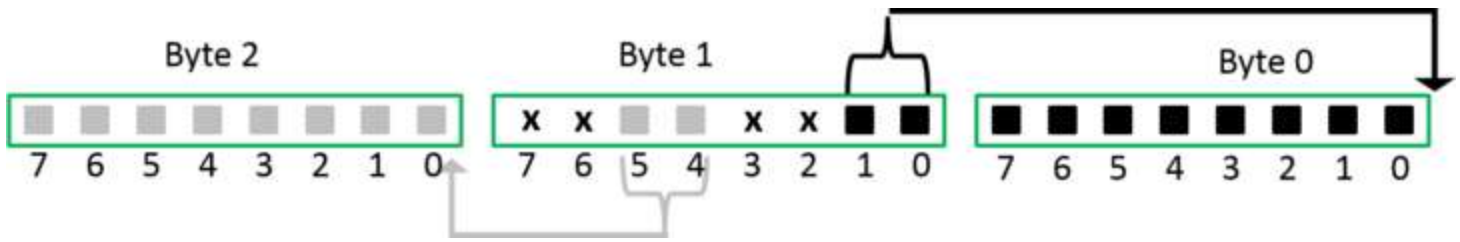
Figure 2. Packing two 10-bit pixels into three bytes.

5.3.3 Single Channel 12-bit Formats

12-bit pixel formats have two different packing formats as defined by USB3 Vision and GigE Vision. **Note:** the packing format is not related to the interface of the camera. Both may be available on USB3 or GigE devices.

The USB3 Vision method is designated with a p. It is a 12-bit format with its bit-stream following the bit packing method illustrated in Figure 3. The first byte of the packed stream contains the eight least significant bits (lsb) of the first pixel. The third byte contains the eight most significant bits (msb) of the second pixel. The four lsb of the second byte contains four msb of the first pixel, and the rest of the second byte is packed with the four lsb of the second pixel.

This packing format is applied to: Mono12p, BayerGR12p, BayerRG12p, BayerGB12p and BayerBG12p.
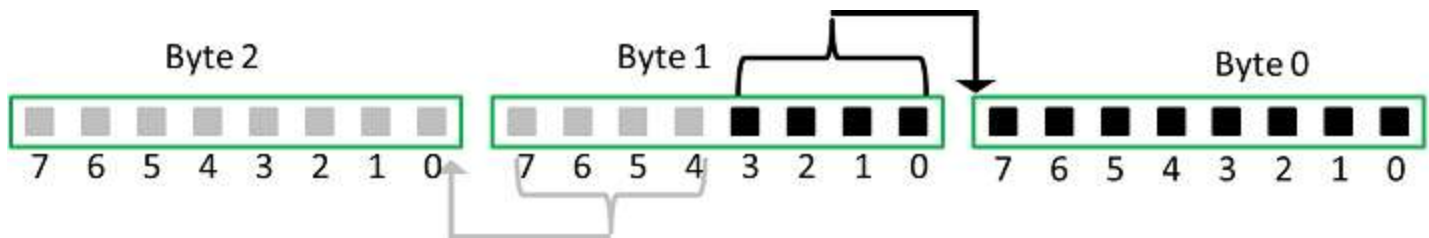
Figure 3. Packing two 12-bit pixels into three bytes.

The GigE Vision method is designated with Packed. It is a 12-bit format with its bit-stream following the bit packing method illustrated in Figure 4. The first byte of the packed stream contains the eight msb of the first pixel. The third byte contains the eight msb of the second pixel. The four lsb of the second byte contains four lsb of the first pixel, and the rest of the second byte is packed with the four lsb of the second pixel.

This packing format is applied to: Mono12Packed, BayerGR12Packed, BayerRG12Packed, BayerGB12Packed and BayerBG12Packed.
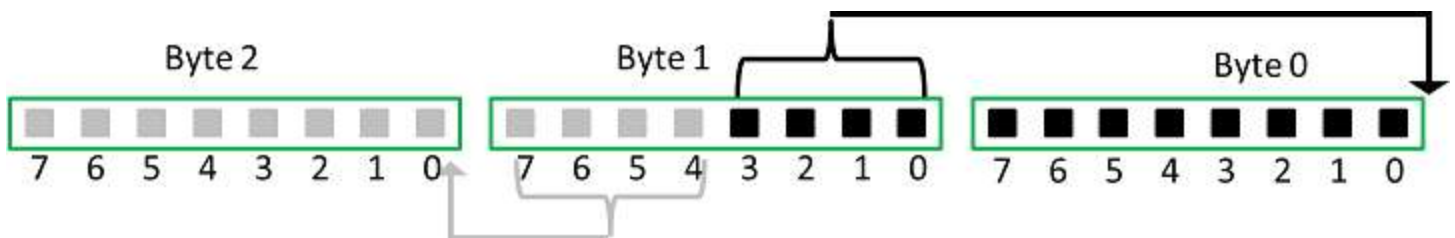
Figure 4. Packing two 12-bit pixels into three bytes.

5.3.4 Multi-Channel Formats - Color Models

For the following pixel formats, the color channels are packed in the order indicated:

RGB8Packed   8-bit red-green-blue packed format

BGR8   8-bit blue-green-red packed format

BGRa8   8-bit blue-green-red-alpha packed format

For YCbCr and YUV pixel formats, the RGB to YCbCr transformation follows Equation 1 below:

$$Y' = 0.299\,R' + 0.587\,G' + 0.114\,B'$$
$$Cb = -0.16874\,R' - 0.33126\,G' + 0.5000\,B' + 128$$
$$Cr = 0.5000\,R' - 0.41869\,G' - 0.08131\,B' + 128$$

5.3.4.1 YCbCr8 / YUV444Packed

8-bit Y-Cb-Cr 4:4:4 format (Figure 5). No sub-sampling on Y, Cb or Cr. The values of Y, Cb and Cr cover the full range from 0 to 255 if the input R, G and B values are in the range of [0, 255].

Figure 5. Y-Cb-Cr 4:4:4 format.
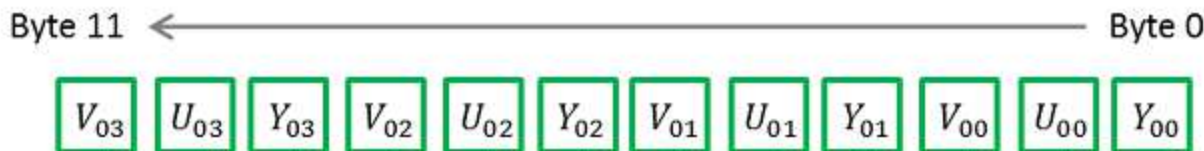
Figure 6. Packing format for **YCbCr8**.
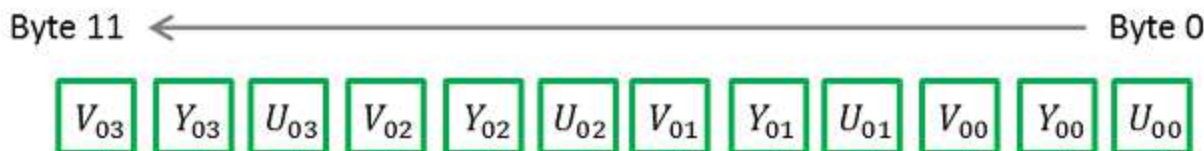
Figure 7. Packing format for **YUV444Packed**.

5.3.4.2 YCbCr422_8 / YUV422Packed

8-bit Y-Cb-Cr 4:2:2 format (Figure 8). No sub-sampling on Y. Cb and Cr are sub-sampled by a factor of 2 in the horizontal direction, but no sub-sampling in the vertical direction. The values of Y, Cb and Cr cover the full range from 0 to 255 if the input R, G and B values are in the range of [0, 255].

Figure 8. Y-Cb-Cr 4:2:2 format.
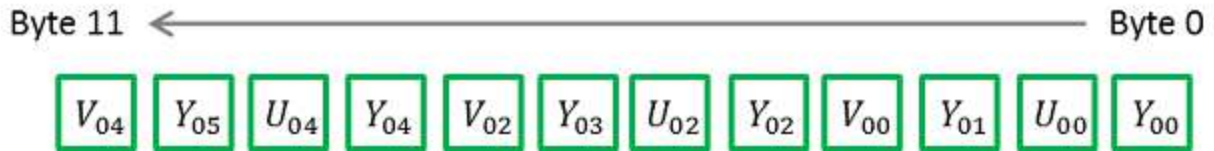
Figure 9. Packing format for **YCbCr422_8**.
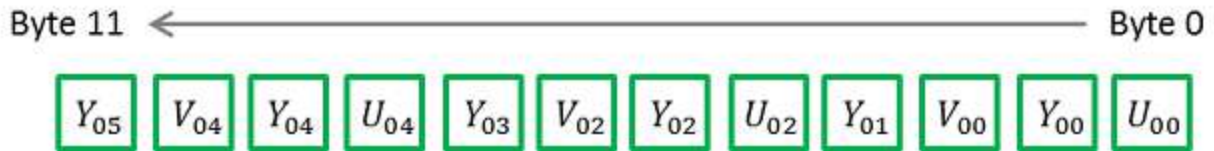
Figure 10. Packing format for **YUV422Packed**.

5.3.4.3 YCbCr411_8 / YUV411Packed

8-bit Y-Cb-Cr 4:1:1 format (Figure 11). No sub-sampling on Y. Cb and Cr are sub-sampled by a factor of 4 in the horizontal direction, but no sub-sampling in the vertical direction. The values of Y, Cb and Cr cover the full range from 0 to 255 if the input R, G and B values are in the range of [0, 255].

Figure 11. Y-Cb-Cr 4:1:1 format.
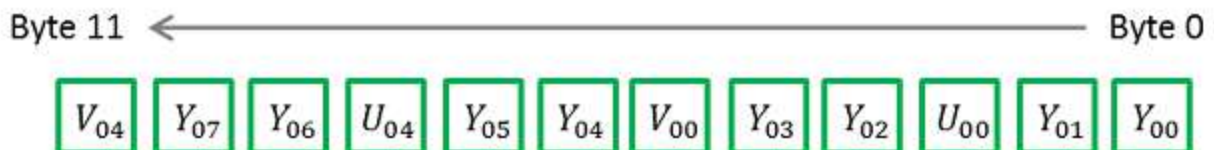
Figure 12. Packing format for **YCbCr411_8**.

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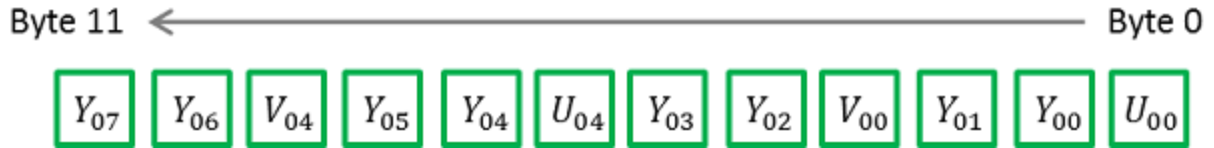
Figure 13. Packing format for **YUV411Packed**.

5.4   ADC Bit Depth

All camera sensors incorporate an analog to digital converter (ADC) to digitize the images.

The camera's ADC is configured to a fixed bit output. This is not the same as pixel size. If the pixel format selected has fewer bits per pixel than the ADC output, the least significant bits are dropped. If the pixel format selected has greater bits per pixel than the ADC output, the least significant bits are padded and can be discarded by the user. Image data is left-aligned across a 2-byte format.

For example, for a 12-bit output, the least significant 4 bits are padded in order to fill 2 bytes (0xFFF0).

A 10-bit conversion produces 1,024 possible values between 0 and 65,472.

A 12-bit conversion produces 4,096 possible values between 0 and 65,520.

A 14-bit conversion produces 16,384 possible values between 0 and 65,532.

Some image sensors support multiple ADC bit depths. A higher ADC bit depth results in better image quality but slower maximum frame rate. Stop acquisition then use the ADC Bit Depth control to make a selection.

5.5   Test Pattern

The camera is capable of outputting continuous static images for testing and development purposes.

Use the TestPatternGeneratorSelector feature to choose which test pattern to control.

> **Sensor** produces a test pattern that varies based on the image sensor.

> **Pipeline Start** inserts a test pattern at the start of the camera's image processing pipeline.

Set the TestPattern feature to Off to disable the selected test pattern generator.

When Sensor is selected, create a test pattern by setting the TestPattern feature to Sensor Test Pattern.

When Pipeline Start is selected, create a test pattern by setting the TestPattern feature to Increment or Variable Frame Sequence. The Increment test pattern increases the pixel value by one 8-bit greyscale value at each pixel location, wrapping around to zero after it reaches 255.

The Variable Frame Sequence option generates a sequence of frames containing varying test pattern. The sequence resets at the start of acquisition.

Both test pattern generators can be enabled at the same time, however, the Pipeline Start test pattern overwrites the Sensor test pattern.

Most image processing features (such as Gamma, Balance Ratio, and others) are still available when the test pattern is on and can alter the test pattern image. Some features for controlling the sensor do not affect the test pattern image, such

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as Exposure Time, Gain, and analog Black Level. It is recommended to turn Exposure Auto and Gain Auto Off when using a test pattern, as those features do not function properly when the test pattern is on.

Note that the test pattern generators must be set to Off to get the actual image data from the sensor.

5.6 Reverse X

When Reverse X is enabled, it horizontally flips the image sent by the camera. The region of interest is applied after flipping.

For color cameras, the bayer pixel format may be changed after flipping. For example, BayerRG16 is changed to BayerGR16.

5.7 Reverse Y

When Reverse Y is enabled, it vertically flips the image sent by the camera. The region of interest is applied after flipping.

For color cameras, the bayer pixel format may be changed after flipping. For example, BayerRG16 is changed to BayerGB16.

5.8 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Sensor Width	IInteger	RO	Expert	Effective width of the sensor in pixels.
Sensor Height	IInteger	RO	Expert	Effective height of the sensor in pixels.
Width Max	IInteger		Expert	Maximum width of the image (in pixels). The dimension is calculated after horizontal binning. WidthMax does not take into account the current Region of interest (Width or OffsetX).
Height Max	IInteger		Expert	Maximum height of the image (in pixels). This dimension is calculated after vertical binning. HeightMax does not take into account the current Region of interest (Height or OffsetY).
Width	IInteger		Beginner	Width of the image provided by the device (in pixels).
Height	IInteger		Beginner	Height of the image provided by the device (in pixels).
Offset X	IInteger		Beginner	Horizontal offset from the origin to the ROI (in pixels).
Offset Y	IInteger		Beginner	Vertical offset from the origin to the ROI (in pixels).
Pixel Format	IEnumeration		Beginner	Format of the pixel provided by the camera.
Pixel Size	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Total size in bits of a pixel of the image.

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Pixel Color Filter	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Type of color filter that is applied to the image. Only applies to Bayer pixel formats. All others have no color filter.
Pixel Dynamic Range Min	IInteger	RO	Expert	Minimum value that can be returned during the digitization process. This corresponds to the darkest value of the camera. For color cameras, this returns the smallest value that each color component can take.
Pixel Dynamic Range Max	IInteger	RO	Expert	Maximum value that can be returned during the digitization process. This corresponds to the brightest value of the camera. For color cameras, this returns the biggest value that each color component can take.
ISP Enable	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Controls whether the image processing core is used for optional pixel format mode (i.e. mono).
Binning Selector	IEnumeration		Beginner	Selects which binning engine is controlled by the BinningHorizontal and BinningVertical features.
Binning Horizontal Mode [Binning Selector]	IEnumeration		Expert	
Binning Vertical Mode [Binning Selector]	IEnumeration		Expert	
Binning Horizontal [Binning Selector]	IInteger		Beginner	Number of horizontal photo-sensitive cells to combine together. This reduces the horizontal resolution (width) of the image. A value of 1 indicates that no horizontal binning is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for decimation to be active.
Binning Vertical [Binning Selector]	IInteger		Beginner	Number of vertical photo-sensitive cells to combine together. This reduces the vertical resolution (height) of the image. A value of 1 indicates that no vertical binning is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for decimation to be active.
Decimation Selector	IEnumeration		Beginner	Selects which decimation layer is controlled by the DecimationHorizontal and DecimationVertical features.
Decimation Horizontal Mode [Decimation Selector]	IEnumeration		Expert	The mode used to reduce the horizontal resolution when DecimationHorizontal is used. The current implementation only supports a single decimation mode: Discard. Average should be achieved via Binning.

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Decimation Vertical Mode [Decimation Selector]	IEnumeration		Expert	The mode used to reduce the vertical resolution when DecimationVertical is used. The current implementation only supports a single decimation mode: Discard. Average should be achieved via Binning.
Decimation Horizontal [Decimation Selector]	IInteger		Beginner	Horizontal decimation of the image. This reduces the horizontal resolution (width) of the image by only retaining a single pixel within a window whose size is the decimation factor specified here. A value of 1 indicates that no horizontal decimation is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for binning to be active.
Decimation Vertical [Decimation Selector]	IInteger		Beginner	Vertical decimation of the image. This reduces the vertical resolution (height) of the image by only retaining a single pixel within a window whose size is the decimation factor specified here. A value of 1 indicates that no vertical decimation is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for binning to be active.
Reverse X	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Horizontally flips the image sent by the device. The region of interest is applied after flipping. For color cameras the bayer pixel format is affected. For example, BayerRG16 changes to BayerGR16.
Reverse Y	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Vertically flips the image sent by the device. The region of interest is applied after flipping. For color cameras the bayer pixel format is affected. For example, BayerRG16 changes to BayerGB16.
Test Pattern Generator Selector	IEnumeration			Selects which test pattern generator is controlled by the TestPattern feature.
Test Pattern [Test Pattern Generator Selector]	IEnumeration			Selects the type of test pattern that is generated by the device as image source.
ADC Bit Depth	IEnumeration		Beginner	Selects which ADC bit depth to use. A higher ADC bit depth results in better image quality but slower maximum frame rate.

5.9   Image Format Control Features

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5.9.1   Sensor Width

Effective width of the sensor in pixels.

Property	Value
Name	SensorWidth
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	3216

5.9.2   Sensor Height

Effective height of the sensor in pixels.

Property	Value
Name	SensorHeight
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	2208

5.9.3   Width Max

Maximum width of the image (in pixels). The dimension is calculated after horizontal binning. WidthMax does not take into account the current Region of interest (Width or OffsetX).

Property	Value
Name	WidthMax
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	

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Property	Value
Visibility	Expert

5.9.4 Height Max

Maximum height of the image (in pixels). This dimension is calculated after vertical binning. HeightMax does not take into account the current Region of interest (Height or OffsetY).

Property	Value
Name	HeightMax
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

5.9.5 Width

Width of the image provided by the device (in pixels).

Property	Value
Name	Width
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.6 Height

Height of the image provided by the device (in pixels).

Property	Value
Name	Height
Interface	IInteger
Access	

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Property	Value
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.7 Offset X

Horizontal offset from the origin to the ROI (in pixels).

Property	Value
Name	OffsetX
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.8 Offset Y

Vertical offset from the origin to the ROI (in pixels).

Property	Value
Name	OffsetY
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.9 Pixel Format

Format of the pixel provided by the camera.

Property	Value
Name	PixelFormat
Interface	IEnumeration

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Property	Value
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Mono8

Mono16

RGB8Packed

BayerGR8

BayerRG8

BayerGB8

BayerBG8

BayerGR16

BayerRG16

BayerGB16

BayerBG16

Mono10Packed

BayerGR10Packed

BayerRG10Packed

BayerGB10Packed

BayerBG10Packed

Mono12Packed

BayerGR12Packed

BayerRG12Packed

BayerGB12Packed

BayerBG12Packed

YUV411Packed

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Enumeration Values

YUV422Packed
YUV444Packed
Mono10p
BayerGR10p
BayerRG10p
BayerGB10p
BayerBG10p
Mono12p
BayerGR12p
BayerRG12p
BayerGB12p
BayerBG12p
YCbCr8
YCbCr422_8
YCbCr411_8
BGR8
BGRa8

5.9.10 Pixel Size

Total size in bits of a pixel of the image.

Property	Value
Name	PixelSize
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

Bpp1
Bpp2
Bpp4
Bpp8
Bpp10
Bpp12
Bpp14
Bpp16
Bpp20
Bpp24
Bpp30
Bpp32
Bpp36
Bpp48
Bpp64
Bpp96

5.9.11   Pixel Color Filter

Type of color filter that is applied to the image. Only applies to Bayer pixel formats. All others have no color filter.

Property	Value
Name	PixelColorFilter
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

None
BayerRG
BayerGB
BayerGR
BayerBG

5.9.12 Pixel Dynamic Range Min

Minimum value that can be returned during the digitization process. This corresponds to the darkest value of the camera. For color cameras, this returns the smallest value that each color component can take.

Property	Value
Name	PixelDynamicRangeMin
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	0

5.9.13 Pixel Dynamic Range Max

Maximum value that can be returned during the digitization process. This corresponds to the brightest value of the camera. For color cameras, this returns the biggest value that each color component can take.

Property	Value
Name	PixelDynamicRangeMax
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

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5.9.14 ISP Enable

Controls whether the image processing core is used for optional pixel format mode (i.e. mono).

Property	Value
Name	IspEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

5.9.15 Binning Selector

Selects which binning engine is controlled by the BinningHorizontal and BinningVertical features.

Property	Value
Name	BinningSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
All
Sensor
ISP

5.9.16 Binning Horizontal Mode

Property	Value
Name	BinningHorizontalMode [Binning Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

Sum
Average

5.9.17 Binning Vertical Mode

Property	Value
Name	BinningVerticalMode [Binning Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Sum
Average

5.9.18 Binning Horizontal

Number of horizontal photo-sensitive cells to combine together. This reduces the horizontal resolution (width) of the image. A value of 1 indicates that no horizontal binning is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for decimation to be active.

Property	Value
Name	BinningHorizontal [Binning Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.19 Binning Vertical

Number of vertical photo-sensitive cells to combine together. This reduces the vertical resolution (height) of the image. A value of 1 indicates that no vertical binning is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for decimation to be active.

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Property	Value
Name	BinningVertical [Binning Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.20 Decimation Selector

Selects which decimation layer is controlled by the DecimationHorizontal and DecimationVertical features.

Property	Value
Name	DecimationSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
All
Sensor

5.9.21 Decimation Horizontal Mode

The mode used to reduce the horizontal resolution when DecimationHorizontal is used. The current implementation only supports a single decimation mode: Discard. Average should be achieved via Binning.

Property	Value
Name	DecimationHorizontalMode [Decimation Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

Discard

5.9.22 Decimation Vertical Mode

The mode used to reduce the vertical resolution when DecimationVertical is used. The current implementation only supports a single decimation mode: Discard. Average should be achieved via Binning.

Property	Value
Name	DecimationVerticalMode [Decimation Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Discard

5.9.23 Decimation Horizontal

Horizontal decimation of the image. This reduces the horizontal resolution (width) of the image by only retaining a single pixel within a window whose size is the decimation factor specified here. A value of 1 indicates that no horizontal decimation is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for binning to be active.

Property	Value
Name	DecimationHorizontal [Decimation Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.24 Decimation Vertical

Vertical decimation of the image. This reduces the vertical resolution (height) of the image by only retaining a single pixel within a window whose size is the decimation factor specified here. A value of 1 indicates that no vertical decimation is performed by the camera. This value must be 1 for binning to be active.

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Property	Value
Name	DecimationVertical [Decimation Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

5.9.25 Reverse X

Horizontally flips the image sent by the device. The region of interest is applied after flipping. For color cameras the bayer pixel format is affected. For example, BayerRG16 changes to BayerGR16.

Property	Value
Name	ReverseX
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

5.9.26 Reverse Y

Vertically flips the image sent by the device. The region of interest is applied after flipping. For color cameras the bayer pixel format is affected. For example, BayerRG16 changes to BayerGB16.

Property	Value
Name	ReverseY
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

5.9.27 Test Pattern Generator Selector

Selects which test pattern generator is controlled by the TestPattern feature.

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Property	Value
Name	TestPatternGeneratorSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	

Enumeration Values

Sensor
PipelineStart

5.9.28 Test Pattern

Selects the type of test pattern that is generated by the device as image source.

Property	Value
Name	TestPattern [Test Pattern Generator Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	

Enumeration Values

Off
Increment
SensorTestPattern

5.9.29 ADC Bit Depth

Selects which ADC bit depth to use. A higher ADC bit depth results in better image quality but slower maximum frame rate.

Property	Value
Name	AdcBitDepth

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Property	Value
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Bit12

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6 Device Control

Device Control provides you with device information and allows you to control some device parameters.

6.1 General Information

Use Device User ID to enter a unique device name. This information is retained over power cycles.

Use Device Indicator Mode to control the status LED. The LED can be active, inactive, or in error mode.

6.2 Bandwidth

Information about the bandwidth usage and link speed is provided.

Use Device Link Throughput Limit to specify what bandwidth is used for the streaming of data. This affects the maximum frame rate. This must be less that the Device Max Throughput.

6.3 Timestamp

Use Timestamp Latch to capture the current timestamp of the device.

6.4 Power Supply

Use the Device Power Supply Selector to choose a power supply, either External or Sensor (Internal). External power is either through the device interface or through GPIO.

6.5 Device Reset

Use Device Reset to soft reboot the camera. Use Factory Reset to clear any user tables loaded and perform a soft reboot of the camera.

6.6 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Device Scan Type	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Scan type of the sensor of the device.
Device Vendor Name	IStringReg		Beginner	Name of the manufacturer of the device.
Device Model Name	IStringReg		Beginner	Model name of the device.
Sensor	IStringReg		Guru	Returns Sensor Description

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Description				
Device Firmware Version	IStringReg		Beginner	Firmware version of the device.
Device Serial Number	IStringReg		Expert	Device serial number. This string is a unique identifier of the device.
Device User ID	IStringReg		Beginner	User Defined Name. This can be used to enter a unique device name. This information is retained over power cycles.
Device TL Type	IEnumeration	RO	Beginner	Transport Layer type of the device.
Device Gen CP Version Major	IInteger	RO	Beginner	Major version of the GenCP protocol supported by the device.
Device Gen CP Version Minor	IInteger	RO	Beginner	Minor version of the GenCP protocol supported by the device.
Device Max Throughput	IInteger	RO	Expert	Maximum bandwidth of the data that can be streamed out of the device. This can be used to estimate if the physical connection(s) can sustain transfer of free-running images from the camera at its maximum speed.
Device Link Speed	IInteger	RO	Guru	Link Speed
Device Link Throughput Limit	IInteger	RW	Expert	Limits the maximum bandwidth of the data that will be streamed out by the device on the selected Link. If necessary, delays will be uniformly inserted between transport layer packets in order to control the peak bandwidth.
Device Link Bandwidth Reserve	IFloat	RW	Expert	Percentage of streamed data bandwidth reserved for packet resend.
Device Link Current Throughput	IInteger	RO	Expert	Current bandwidth of streamed data.
Device Reset	ICommand	WO	Guru	This is a command that immediately resets and reboots the device.
Device Indicator Mode	IEnumeration		Expert	Controls the LED behaviour: Inactive (off), Active (current status), or Error Status (off unless an error occurs).
Device Temperature	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects the location within the device, where the temperature will be measured.

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Selector				
Device Temperature [Device Temperature Selector]	IFloat	RO	Expert	Device temperature in degrees Celsius (C).
Timestamp Latch	ICommand	WO	Expert	Latches the current timestamp counter into TimestampLatchValue.
Timestamp Latch Value	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the latched value of the timestamp counter.
Timestamp Increment	IInteger	RO	Expert	Indicates the timestamp increment in ns/tick.
Device Power Supply Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects the power supply source to control or read.
Power Supply Voltage [Device Power Supply Selector]	IFloat	RO	Expert	Indicates the current voltage of the selected power supply (V).
Power Supply Current [Device Power Supply Selector]	IFloat	RO	Expert	Indicates the output current of the selected power supply (A).
Device Uptime	IInteger	RO	Expert	Total time since the device was powered up in seconds.
Link Uptime	IInteger	RO	Expert	Time since the last phy negotiation (enumeration).
Enumeration Count	IInteger	RO	Expert	Number of enumerations since uptime.
Factory Reset	ICommand	WO	Guru	Returns all user tables to factory default
Max Device Reset Time	IInteger	RO	Expert	Time to wait until device reset complete (ms).

6.7   Device Control Features

6.7.1   Device Scan Type

Scan type of the sensor of the device.

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Property	Value
Name	DeviceScanType
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Areascan

6.7.2 Device Vendor Name

Name of the manufacturer of the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceVendorName
Interface	IStringReg
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

6.7.3 Device Model Name

Model name of the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceModelName
Interface	IStringReg
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

6.7.4 Sensor Description

Returns Sensor Description

Property	Value
Name	SensorDescription
Interface	IStringReg
Access	
Visibility	Guru

6.7.5 Device Firmware Version

Firmware version of the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceFirmwareVersion
Interface	IStringReg
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

6.7.6 Device Serial Number

Device serial number. This string is a unique identifier of the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceSerialNumber
Interface	IStringReg
Access	
Visibility	Expert

6.7.7 Device User ID

User Defined Name. This can be used to enter a unique device name. This information is retained over power cycles.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceUserID
Interface	IStringReg
Access	

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Property	Value
Visibility	Beginner

6.7.8 Device TL Type

Transport Layer type of the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceTLType
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

GigEVision

CameraLink

CameraLinkHS

CoaXPress

USB3Vision

Custom

6.7.9 Device Gen CP Version Major

Major version of the GenCP protocol supported by the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceGenCPVersionMajor
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

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6.7.10 Device Gen CP Version Minor

Minor version of the GenCP protocol supported by the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceGenCPVersionMinor
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

6.7.11 Device Max Throughput

Maximum bandwidth of the data that can be streamed out of the device. This can be used to estimate if the physical connection(s) can sustain transfer of free-running images from the camera at its maximum speed.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceMaxThroughput
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	Bps
Visibility	Expert

6.7.12 Device Link Speed

Link Speed

Property	Value
Name	DeviceLinkSpeed
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

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6.7.13 Device Link Throughput Limit

Limits the maximum bandwidth of the data that will be streamed out by the device on the selected Link. If necessary, delays will be uniformly inserted between transport layer packets in order to control the peak bandwidth.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceLinkThroughputLimit
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	Bps
Visibility	Expert

6.7.14 Device Link Bandwidth Reserve

Percentage of streamed data bandwidth reserved for packet resend.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceLinkBandwidthReserve
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	%
Visibility	Expert

6.7.15 Device Link Current Throughput

Current bandwidth of streamed data.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceLinkCurrentThroughput
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	Bps
Visibility	Expert

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6.7.16 Device Reset

This is a command that immediately resets and reboots the device.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceReset
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Guru

6.7.17 Device Indicator Mode

Controls the LED behaviour: Inactive (off), Active (current status), or Error Status (off unless an error occurs).

Property	Value
Name	DeviceIndicatorMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Inactive
Active
ErrorStatus

6.7.18 Device Temperature Selector

Selects the location within the device, where the temperature will be measured.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceTemperatureSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values
Sensor

6.7.19 Device Temperature

Device temperature in degrees Celsius (C).

Property	Value
Name	DeviceTemperature [Device Temperature Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	RO
Unit	C
Visibility	Expert

6.7.20 Timestamp Latch

Latches the current timestamp counter into TimestampLatchValue.

Property	Value
Name	TimestampLatch
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Expert

6.7.21 Timestamp Latch Value

Returns the latched value of the timestamp counter.

Property	Value
Name	TimestampLatchValue
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

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6.7.22 Timestamp Increment

Indicates the timestamp increment in ns/tick.

Property	Value
Name	TimestampIncrement
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

6.7.23 Device Power Supply Selector

Selects the power supply source to control or read.

Property	Value
Name	DevicePowerSupplySelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
External

6.7.24 Power Supply Voltage

Indicates the current voltage of the selected power supply (V).

Property	Value
Name	PowerSupplyVoltage [Device Power Supply Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	RO
Unit	V
Visibility	Expert

6.7.25 Power Supply Current

Indicates the output current of the selected power supply (A).

Property	Value
Name	PowerSupplyCurrent [Device Power Supply Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	RO
Unit	A
Visibility	Expert

6.7.26 Device Uptime

Total time since the device was powered up in seconds.

Property	Value
Name	DeviceUptime
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	s
Visibility	Expert

6.7.27 Link Uptime

Time since the last phy negotiation (enumeration).

Property	Value
Name	LinkUptime
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	s
Visibility	Expert

6.7.28 Enumeration Count

Number of enumerations since uptime.

Property	Value
Name	EnumerationCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

6.7.29 Factory Reset

Returns all user tables to factory default

Property	Value
Name	FactoryReset
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Guru

6.7.30 Max Device Reset Time

Time to wait until device reset complete (ms).

Property	Value
Name	MaxDeviceResetTime
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	ms
Visibility	Expert

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7 Transport Layer Control

The Transport Layer control provides the following information:

Payload Size - the number of bytes transferred for each image (including chunk data).

USB3 Vision Tab - Message Channel - Channel ID used for the Message Channel.

U3v Version Major/Minor - USB3 Vision standard version.

U3V Capabilities - what the camera supports (SIRM, EIRM and IIDC2).

Max Command Transfer Length - the maximum supported commands that can be sent to the camera.

Max Ack Transfer Length - the maximum supported ack that can be sent to the camera.

Number of Stream Channels - the number of stream channels the camera supports.

Current Speed - the speed of the camera's interface (Super Speed, High Speed).

Link Error Count - the number of errors on the usb link.

Link Recovery Count - the number of times the USB link has recovered.

7.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Payload Size	IInteger		Expert	Provides the number of bytes transferred for each image or chunk on the stream channel.
USB3 Vision	ICategory	RO	Beginner	Category that contains the features pertaining to the USB3 Vision transport layer of the device.
Link Error Count	IInteger	RO	Expert	Counts the number of error on the link.
Link Recovery Count	IInteger	RO	Expert	Counts the number of times the USB link has recovered.

7.2 Transport Layer Control Features

7.2.1 Payload Size

Provides the number of bytes transferred for each image or chunk on the stream channel.

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Property	Value
Name	PayloadSize
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.2.2 USB3 Vision

Category that contains the features pertaining to the USB3 Vision transport layer of the device.

Property	Value
Name	USB3Vision
Interface	ICategory
Access	RO
Visibility	Beginner

7.2.3 Link Error Count

Counts the number of error on the link.

Property	Value
Name	LinkErrorCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.2.4 Link Recovery Count

Counts the number of times the USB link has recovered.

Property	Value
Name	LinkRecoveryCount

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.3 USB3 Vision

Category that contains the features pertaining to the USB3 Vision transport layer of the device.

7.3.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Message Channel	IInteger	RW	Guru	Channel ID Used For The Message Channel.
U3V Version Major	IInteger	RO	Expert	U3V Version.
U3V Version Minor	IInteger	RO	Expert	U3V Version.
U3V Capability	IInteger	RO	Expert	Indicates additional features on the control channel.
U3V SIRM Available [U3V Capability]	IBoolean	RO	Expert	Set if the device supports at least one device streaming interface.
U3V EIRM Available [U3V Capability]	IBoolean	RO	Expert	Set if the device supports at least one device event interface.
U3V IIDC2 Available [U3V Capability]	IBoolean	RO	Expert	Set if the device supports IIDC2 register map.
Max Command Transfer Length	IInteger	RW	Expert	Specifies the max suuported command transfer length of the device.
Max Ack Transfer Length	IInteger	RO	Expert	Specifies the max suuported ack transfer length of the device.
Number of Stream Channels	IInteger	RO	Expert	Number of Stream Channels and its Corresponding Streaming Interface Register Maps.
Current Speed	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Specifies the current speed of the USB link.

7.3.2 USB3 Vision Features

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7.3.2.1 Message Channel

Channel ID Used For The Message Channel.

Property	Value
Name	U3VMessageChannelID
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

7.3.2.2 U3V Version Major

U3V Version.

Property	Value
Name	U3VVersionMajor
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.3 U3V Version Minor

U3V Version.

Property	Value
Name	U3VVersionMinor
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.4 U3V Capability

Indicates additional features on the control channel.

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Property	Value
Name	U3VCPCapability
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	0

7.3.2.5 U3V SIRM Available

Set if the device supports at least one device streaming interface.

Property	Value
Name	U3VCPSIRMAvailable [U3V Capability]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.6 U3V EIRM Available

Set if the device supports at least one device event interface.

Property	Value
Name	U3VCPEIRMAvailable [U3V Capability]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.7 U3V IIDC2 Available

Set if the device supports IIDC2 register map.

Property	Value
Name	U3VCPIIDC2Available [U3V Capability]

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Property	Value
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.8 Max Command Transfer Length

Specifies the max suuported command transfer length of the device.

Property	Value
Name	U3VMaxCommandTransferLength
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.9 Max Ack Transfer Length

Specifies the max suuported ack transfer length of the device.

Property	Value
Name	U3VMaxAcknowledgeTransferLength
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.10 Number of Stream Channels

Number of Stream Channels and its Corresponding Streaming Interface Register Maps.

Property	Value
Name	U3VNumberOfStreamChannels
Interface	IInteger

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Property	Value
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

7.3.2.11 Current Speed

Specifies the current speed of the USB link.

Property	Value
Name	U3VCurrentSpeed
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

LowSpeed
FullSpeed
HighSpeed
SuperSpeed

8   Sequencer Control

The purpose of a sequencer is to allow you to programmatically control the acquisition parameters of an image sequence. You can define not only how the images are captured (i.e. the camera feature settings) but also when the camera transitions from one acquistion setting to another. This is akin to a state machine diagram where the states correspond to the sequencer set feature settings, and the transition among states corresponds to a particular event that triggers the state machine to move from one state to another.

The features to configure and deploy the sequencer are grouped under the Sequencer Control category.

8.1   Sequenced Feature Settings

The feature settings used in a sequence set are a combination of the features specifically configured for the set and what was active when the set was saved. Because many of the camera features are dependently linked to each other, settings may be saved to a set that are outside of the sequencer configuration.

Sequencer features can be classifed as follows:

> **Direct** - direct features are those you define as being part of the set with specified values which may vary from one set to another and are independently recorded for each set. Examples include: exposure time, gain, resolution, and offset.

> **Implied** - implied features are those that are dependent on the direct features. Their settings are recorded for each set. While you do not define their values as part of the set, they are included so that their values are valid. They can be modified during the configuration of a set, but are locked during sequencer operation.

> **Fixed** - fixed features are those that are the preconditions to implied or direct features. These settings are recorded to guarantee the sequenced features are valid. Fixed features have a single value for the entire sequence. This is locked during sequencer configuration and operation.

> **Forced** - forced features are those whose settings are predefined. These are automatic features that if enabled would control other features and invalidate the settings. They are forced into the Off (manual) mode during sequencer operation. During sequencer configuration, they are modifiable, to allow you to achieve the desired conditions which can then be recorded for later operation.

> **Non-sequenced** - non-sequenced are features that are not controlled or affected by the sequencer.

The following diagram provides an example of a web of features and how they are classified based on the fact that a single feature B has been directly sequenced:

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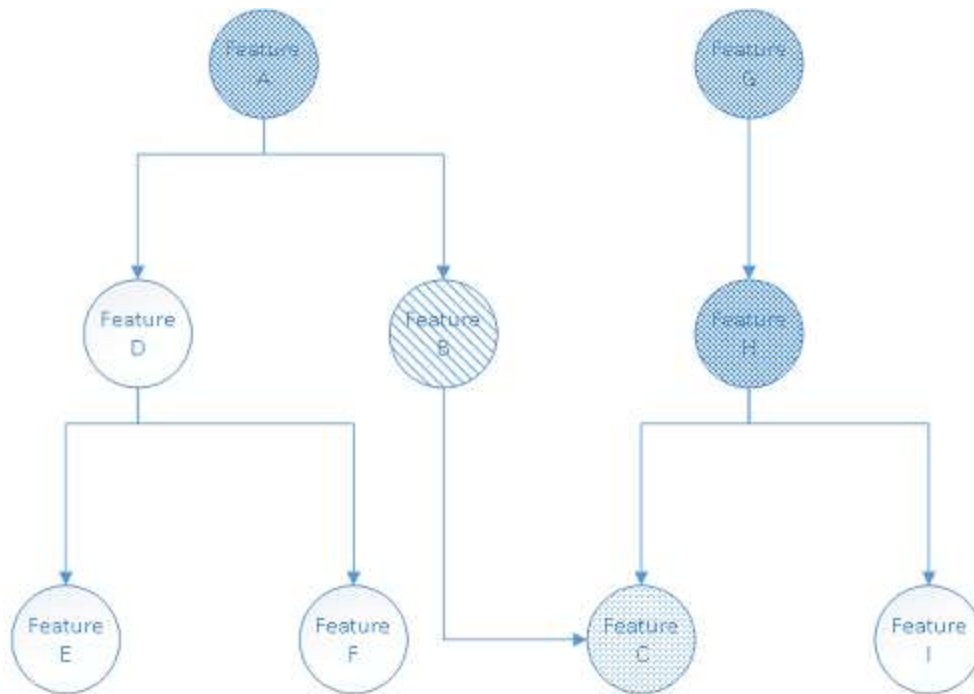
Here is an explanation of how the types of various features are resolved:

- **Direct** - Feature B is the only feature you have requested to be sequenced, making it the sole directly sequenced feature.

- **Implied** - The operational range of feature C is directly affected by feature B, hence it must be sequenced but it is implied only.

- **Fixed** - Feature A controls the operational range of feature B, so it must be fixed to guarantee that the recorded feature B value is legal. Feature C depends on feature H, so it must be fixed. Feature H in turn depends on feature G, so it too must be fixed.

- **Non-sequenced** - Features D, E, and I are not included in the sequence.

8.1.1   Sequencer Configuration

The configuration of a sequencer can be broken down into a number of distinct steps :

1. Enable the direct features.

Use the SequencerFeatureSelector to select which features to directly sequence and set SequencerFeatureEnable to enabled.

Enabling the direct features must be done prior to entering configuration mode as it determines those features that are defined, implied, fixed, and forced. The enabled features are active for all sequencer sets.

2. Enter configuration mode.

Set SequencerConfigurationMode to On.

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When you enter configuration mode, the camera determines those features which are implied and fixed and locks the fixed features from being modified. If any fixed features need to be adjusted, exit configuration mode by setting SequencerConfigurationMode to Off. Make the necessary modifications and enter configuration mode again.

3. Configure the features for each sequencer set.

Use SequencerSetSelector to choose the set to configure. Adjust the features as needed to achieve the desired image. Use the SequencerSetSave command to save the settings to the selected sequencer set.

Once a set is saved, the camera checks that all the settings are valid. SequencerSetValid displays the results of this check. If the sequencer set is not valid, adjust the settings and save the set again.

Note: other previously saved and valid sets may become invalid when a set is saved with a new configuration.

Up to 8 sets can be configured and saved.

Once a sequencer set has been configured and is valid, it can be loaded to the active camera at anytime, just like a User Set. The difference between a User Set and a Sequencer Set is the range of features affected. You can load a sequencer set via SequencerSetLoad at anytime, not just in configuration mode.

Loading is particularly useful when trying to configure multiple sets which may share a similar setup with only minor differences. In that case, you can load an already configured set, select a different set, modify features that are different, and save.

4. Configure the transition between sets.

You must define paths for the sequencer to transition from one set to another. Use SequencerSetSelector to select the set. Then use SequencerPathSelector to select the path. The current implementation only support a single path for each set.

This path defines the event that causes the transition and the next set to which that it transitions. Use SequencerTriggerSource to specify the internal signal or physical input line to use as the trigger source. Use SequencerTriggerActivation to specify the activation mode of the selected trigger source.

Use SequencerSetNext to specify which set follows the transition.

Note: The order of steps 3 and 4 is not important, as long as the correct set has been chosen via the SequencerSetSelector.

5. Configure the starting set.

Use SequencerSetStart to define which set begins the sequencer operation when it is executed.

6. Exit configuration mode.

Set SequencerConfigurationMode to Off.

Once you have exited configuration mode, the camera checks that the sequencer configuration is valid. SequencerConfigurationValid displays the results of this check. If the configuration is not valid, enter configuration mode to adjust the settings.

8.1.2 Sequencer Execution

Note: Before you can execute a sequencer session, your sequencer configuration must be valid and your camera must not be streaming.

Set SequencerMode to On. This locks all sequenced features (direct, implied, fixed, and forced) and loads the starting set.

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Start image acquisition. The sequencer transitions from set to set according to your path definitions. SequencerSetActive displays the current set.

During sequencer execution, all sequenced features (direct, implied, fixed, and forced) are locked as their values are driven by the sequencer. However, you can change any features that are not locked. They behave as per normal operation.

To end the sequencer session, set SequencerMode to Off. The camera is left in the same state as defined by the last sequencer set.

8.1.3 Sequencer Usage Example - Simple features change while acquiring images

In this example, Set 0 and Set 1 are the main sets for the camera to capture images. The directly sequenced features are **Exposure Time, Gain, Width**. Set 0 is defined to acquire full width images with a long exposure and no gain. Set 1 is defined to acquire half-width images with a shorter exposure and higher gain. The transition between the two sets is defined to be triggered by **RisingEdge** of **FrameStart**, meaning that the sequencer should toggle between the two sets grabbing an image based on the feature contents of the corresponding set configuration each time.

Set 0:

- ExposureTime = 4000

- Gain = 1.0

- Width = 1024

- SequencerSetTriggerSource[0] = FrameStart

- SequencerSetTriggerActivation[0] = RisingEdge

- SequencerSetTriggerSource[0] = FrameStart

- SequencerSetNext[0] = 1

Set 1:

- ExposureTime = 2000

- Gain = 2.0

- Width = 512

- SequencerSetTriggerSource[0] = FrameStart

- SequencerSetTriggerActivation[0] = RisingEdge

- SequencerSetTriggerSource[0] = FrameStart

- SequencerSetNext[0] = 0

Sequencer begins execution from Set 0.

The working diagram is shown in the following figure:

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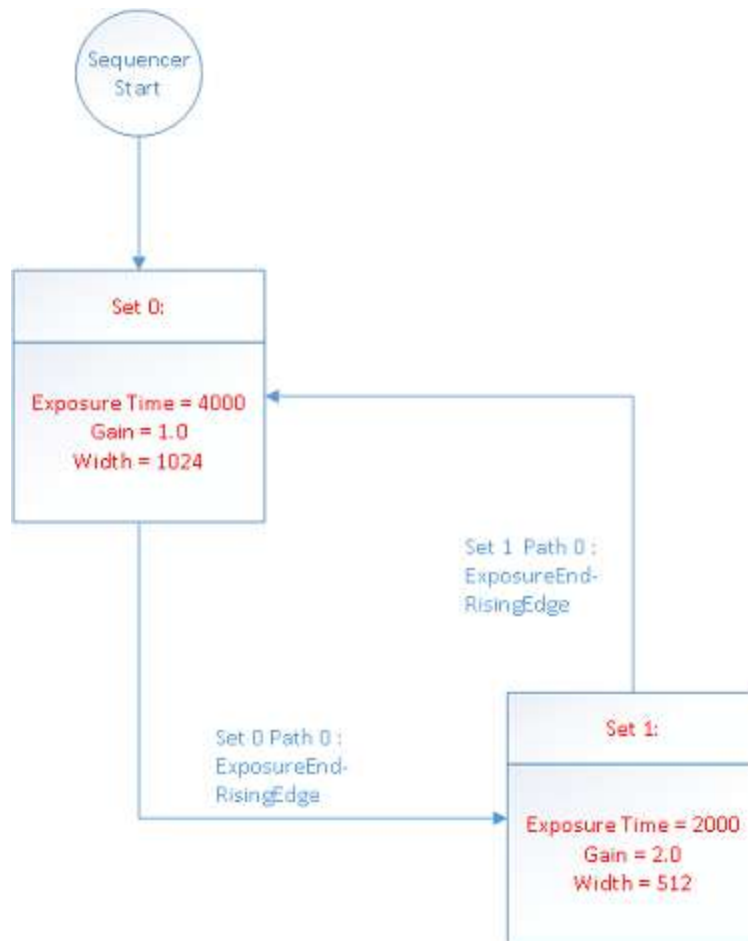
8.2   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Sequencer Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Controls whether or not a sequencer is active.
Sequencer Configuration Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Controls whether or not a sequencer is in configuration mode.
Sequencer Configuration Valid	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Display whether the current sequencer configuration is valid to run.
Sequencer Configuration Reset	ICommand	RW	Expert	Resets the sequencer configuration by erasing all saved sequencer sets.
Sequencer Feature Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects which sequencer features to control.
Sequencer Feature Enable [Sequencer Feature Selector]	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Enables the selected feature and makes it active in all sequencer sets.

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Sequencer Set Start	IInteger	RW	Expert	Sets the first sequencer set to be used.
Sequencer Set Active	IInteger	RO	Expert	Displays the currently active sequencer set.
Sequencer Set Selector	IInteger	RW	Expert	Selects the sequencer set to which subsequent settings apply.
Sequencer Set Valid [Sequencer Set Selector]	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Displays whether the currently selected sequencer set's register contents are valid to use.
Sequencer Set Save [Sequencer Set Selector]	ICommand	RW	Expert	Saves the current device configuration to the currently selected sequencer set.
Sequencer Set Load [Sequencer Set Selector]	ICommand	RW	Expert	Loads currently selected sequencer to the current device configuration.
Sequencer Path Selector [Sequencer Set Selector]	IInteger	RW	Expert	Selects branching path to be used for subsequent settings.
Sequencer Trigger Source [Sequencer Set Selector] [Sequencer Path Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Specifies the internal signal or physical input line to use as the sequencer trigger source.
Sequencer Trigger Activation [Sequencer Set Selector] [Sequencer Path Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Specifies the activation mode of the sequencer trigger.
Sequencer Set Next [Sequencer Set Selector] [Sequencer Path Selector]	IInteger	RW	Expert	Specifies the next sequencer set.

8.3   Sequencer Control Features

8.3.1   Sequencer Mode

Controls whether or not a sequencer is active.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

Off	
On	

8.3.2 Sequencer Configuration Mode

Controls whether or not a sequencer is in configuration mode.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerConfigurationMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Off	
On	

8.3.3 Sequencer Configuration Valid

Display whether the current sequencer configuration is valid to run.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerConfigurationValid
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

No	
Yes	

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8.3.4 Sequencer Configuration Reset

Resets the sequencer configuration by erasing all saved sequencer sets.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerConfigurationReset
Interface	ICommand
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

8.3.5 Sequencer Feature Selector

Selects which sequencer features to control.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerFeatureSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

ExposureTime
Gain
OffsetX
OffsetY
Width
Height

8.3.6 Sequencer Feature Enable

Enables the selected feature and makes it active in all sequencer sets.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerFeatureEnable [Sequencer Feature Selector]

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Property	Value
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

8.3.7 Sequencer Set Start

Sets the first sequencer set to be used.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerSetStart
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

8.3.8 Sequencer Set Active

Displays the currently active sequencer set.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerSetActive
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

8.3.9 Sequencer Set Selector

Selects the sequencer set to which subsequent settings apply.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerSetSelector

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

8.3.10 Sequencer Set Valid

Displays whether the currently selected sequencer set's register contents are valid to use.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerSetValid [Sequencer Set Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

No
Yes

8.3.11 Sequencer Set Save

Saves the current device configuration to the currently selected sequencer set.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerSetSave [Sequencer Set Selector]
Interface	ICommand
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

8.3.12 Sequencer Set Load

Loads currently selected sequencer to the current device configuration.

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Property	Value
Name	SequencerSetLoad [Sequencer Set Selector]
Interface	ICommand
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

8.3.13 Sequencer Path Selector

Selects branching path to be used for subsequent settings.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerPathSelector [Sequencer Set Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

8.3.14 Sequencer Trigger Source

Specifies the internal signal or physical input line to use as the sequencer trigger source.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerTriggerSource [Sequencer Set Selector] [Sequencer Path Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Off
FrameStart

8.3.15 Sequencer Trigger Activation

Specifies the activation mode of the sequencer trigger.

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Property	Value
Name	SequencerTriggerActivation [Sequencer Set Selector] [Sequencer Path Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

RisingEdge
FallingEdge
AnyEdge
LevelHigh
LevelLow

8.3.16 Sequencer Set Next

Specifies the next sequencer set.

Property	Value
Name	SequencerSetNext [Sequencer Set Selector] [Sequencer Path Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

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9   Color Transformation Control

NOTE: To access color transformation controls, ISP must be enabled. The ISP enable feature is under the Image Format control (IspEnable). Color transformation is only available on standard color models. It is not available on polarized color models.

A color transformation is a linear operation applied to input red, green, and blue values for each pixel, which are multiplied by a 3x3 matrix and then added to an offset triplet.

The equation, taking input RGB values and producing three output channels (C0, C1 and C2) is given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} C0_{out} \\ C1_{out} \\ C2_{out} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Gain00 & Gain01 & Gain02 \\ Gain10 & Gain11 & Gain12 \\ Gain20 & Gain21 & Gain22 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{in} \\ G_{in} \\ B_{in} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Offset0 \\ Offset1 \\ Offset2 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are two available color transformations, **RGB to RGB** and **RGB to YUV**.

The **RGB to RGB** transform takes input in the camera's native RGB color space, which varies based on the properties of the camera and sensor. The RGB to RGB transform is usually used to convert from the camera's native color space to sRGB (standard RGB) color space. This operation is often called a Color Correction Matrix (CCM).

The RGB to RGB transform can be enabled/disabled. Select RGB to RGB with Color Transformation Selector and then set Color Transformation Enable to 0 (disabled) or 1 (enabled).

Use the RGB Transform Light Source to select the active RGB to RGB matrix from a set of pre-calibrated matricies optimized for different lighting conditions.

To set your own RGB to RGB matrix, select Custom RGB Transform Light Source, and then use the features Color Transformation Value Selector and Color Transformation Value to set the Gain/Offset coefficients.

The **RGB to YUV** transform happens after the RGBtoRGB transform and after applying Gamma. It is only available for YUV or YCbCr pixel formats, and it cannot be enabled or disabled, except by changing Pixel Format.

For both RGB to RGB and RGB to YUV, the gain/offset values used can be queried by selecting a value with Color Transformation Value Selector and then reading its Color Transformation Value.

In addition to the RGB to RGB transform, the color of the image can also be adjusted with the Saturation control, when Saturation Enable is set to 1. Increasing Saturation makes the colors in the image more vivid.

9.1   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Color Transformation Selector	IEnumeration		Beginner	Selects which Color Transformation module is controlled by the various Color Transformation features
Color Transformation	IBoolean		Beginner	Enables/disables the color transform selected with

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Enable [Color Transformation Selector]				ColorTransformationSelector. For RGB to YUV this is read-only. Enabling/disabling RGB to YUV can only be done by changing pixel format.
Color Transformation Value Selector [Color Transformation Selector]	IEnumeration			Selects the Gain factor or Offset of the Transformation matrix to access in the selected Color Transformation module
Color Transformation Value [Color Transformation Selector] [Color Transformation Value Selector]	IFloat			Represents the value of the selected Gain factor or Offset inside the Transformation matrix in floating point precision.
RGB Transform Light Source	IEnumeration		Expert	Used to select from a set of RGBtoRGB transform matricies calibrated for different light sources. Selecting a value also sets the white balance ratios (BalanceRatioRed and BalanceRatioBlue), but those can be overwritten through manual or auto white balance.
Saturation Enable	IBoolean		Beginner	Enables/disables Saturation adjustment.
Saturation	IFloat		Beginner	Controls the color saturation.

9.2 Color Transformation Control Features

9.2.1 Color Transformation Selector

Selects which Color Transformation module is controlled by the various Color Transformation features

Property	Value
Name	ColorTransformationSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

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Enumeration Values

RGBtoRGB
RGBtoYUV

9.2.2 Color Transformation Enable

Enables/disables the color transform selected with ColorTransformationSelector. For RGB to YUV this is read-only. Enabling/disabling RGB to YUV can only be done by changing pixel format.

Property	Value
Name	ColorTransformationEnable [Color Transformation Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

9.2.3 Color Transformation Value Selector

Selects the Gain factor or Offset of the Transformation matrix to access in the selected Color Transformation module

Property	Value
Name	ColorTransformationValueSelector [Color Transformation Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	

Enumeration Values

Gain00
Gain01
Gain02
Gain10
Gain11
Gain12

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Enumeration Values

Gain20
Gain21
Gain22
Offset0
Offset1
Offset2

9.2.4 Color Transformation Value

Represents the value of the selected Gain factor or Offset inside the Transformation matrix in floating point precision.

Property	Value
Name	ColorTransformationValue [Color Transformation Selector] [Color Transformation Value Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	

9.2.5 RGB Transform Light Source

Used to select from a set of RGBtoRGB transform matricies calibrated for different light sources. Selecting a value also sets the white balance ratios (BalanceRatioRed and BalanceRatioBlue), but those can be overwritten through manual or auto white balance.

Property	Value
Name	RgbTransformLightSource
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

General
Tungsten2800K
WarmFluorescent3000K
CoolFluorescent4000K
Daylight5000K
Cloudy6500K
Shade8000K
Custom

9.2.6 Saturation Enable

Enables/disables Saturation adjustment.

Property	Value
Name	SaturationEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

9.2.7 Saturation

Controls the color saturation.

Property	Value
Name	Saturation
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

10 Auto Algorithm Control

10.1 Auto Exposure (AE)

Auto exposure (AE) control is designed to automatically determine the exposure time and gain of the camera so that the resulting image looks as bright as expected. In general, the camera supports various auto exposure features, and these features produce different results in the final image. In addition, the camera allows users to control how fast the exposure and gain get settled.

Note that for AE to work, Exposure Auto and/or Gain Auto must be set to Once or Continuous.

10.1.1 Auto Exposure Features

To enable AE, Exposure Auto and/or Gain Auto must be set to Once or Continuous. AE automatically determines the exposure time and/or gain according to the target image average.

The target image average can be manually or automatically controlled.

> For **manual** control, set Target Grey Value Auto to Continuous and then set the desired image average in Target Grey Value. This value is a percentage of the maximum pixel value.

> For **automatic** control, set Target Grey Value Auto to Off. The target image average is then automatically determined according to user-defined AE modes and other AE features.

By default, AE uses the full range of exposure time and/or gain and target grey value, but these can be limited.

> Exposure Time Lower Limit / Exposure Time Upper Limit - the lower and upper values in microseconds (µs) that the exposure time may reach when exposure is set to Once or Continuous.

> Gain Lower Limit / Gain Upper Limit - the lower and upper values in decibels (dB) that the gain may reach when gain is set to Once or Continuous.

> Target Grey Value Lower Limit / Target Grey Value Upper Limit - the lower and upper values in percent (%) that the target image average may reach.

Auto Exposure Damping controls how fast the exposure and gain get settled. A small damping value may result in the system being unstable. The range is from 0.0 - 1.0. The default value is 0.5.

If both exposure time and gain are set to Once or Coninuous AE determines which to adjust first by the Auto Exposure Control Priority.

> If **gain** priority is selected, the camera sets the gain to 0 dB, and the exposure is adjusted according to the target grey level. If the maximum exposure is reached before the target grey level is hit, the gain starts to change to meet the target. This mode is used to have the minimum noise.

> If **exposure** priority is selected, the camera sets the exposure to a small value (default is 5 ms). The gain is adjusted according to the target grey level. If maximum gain is reached before the target grey level is hit, the exposure starts to change to meet the target. This mode is used to capture fast motion.

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AE Lighting Mode can compensate for strong light sources in front or behind an object. The options are: Backlight, Frontlight, or Normal. The default lighting mode is Normal. Use the Lighting Mode feature to select depending on your conditions.

10.1.1.1 Backlight Compensation

The backlight compensation mode isused when a strong light is coming from the back of the object. For example, people standing in the shade with the bright sky at the back. A regular auto exposure algorithmmakes the object underexposed in such lighting conditions. Backlight compensation is able to properly expose the object when a strong backlight occurs, regardless of the locations of the object relative to the frame.

10.1.1.2 Excessive Frontlight Compensation

The excessive frontlight compensation mode isused when a strong light is shining in the front of the object while the background is dark. For example, a parking spot that has lights on at night while its surrounding areas are very dark. A regular auto exposure algorithm makes the object overexposed in such lighting conditions. Frontlight compensation is able to properly expose the object when a strong front light and a dark background appear, regardless of the locations of the object relative to the frame.

10.1.1.3 Normal Lighting

If the object of interest in the frame is not under backlight or frontlight conditions, then normal lighting should be used. Select Normal lighting mode to make Metering Mode available.

AE Metering Mode is available only if Lighting Mode is set to Normal. The options are: Average, Spot, and Partial. The default AE metering mode is Average. Use the Metering Mode feature to select depending on your conditions.

10.1.1.4 Average Metering

This mode measures the light from the entire scene uniformly to determine the final exposure value. Every portion of the exposed area has the same contribution.

10.1.1.5 Spot Metering

This mode measures the light from a small area (about 3%) in the center of the scene while the rest of the scene is ignored. This mode isused when the scene has a high contrast and the object of interest is relatively small.

10.1.1.6 Partial Metering

This mode measures the light from a larger area (about 11%) in the center of the scene. This mode is used when very dark or bright regions appear at the edge of the frame.

A **region of interest** (ROI) can be applied to the auto exposure features. This AE ROI can be equal to or smaller than the area of the captured ROI. To use AE ROI:

1. Set the ROI Selector to Auto Exposure.

2. Turn on ROI Enable.

3. Set the horizontal and vertical offsets (relative to the ROI being captured) with ROI Offset X and ROI Offset Y.

4. Set the width and height with ROI Width and ROI Height.

EV Compensation allows you to adjust the resultant image intensity with one control. Positive EV compensation makes the image brighter while negative EV compensation makes the image darker. The range is from -3 to 3 with a step of 1/3. The default value is 0.

10.2 Auto White Balance - Color Models

When White Balance Auto is set to Continuous or Once the camera automatically adjusts the values of Balance Ratio Red and Blue to achieve good color balance. It is used to compensate for color shifts in the image caused by different lighting conditions.

There are two profiles of auto white balance: Indoor and Outdoor. These are selected with White Balance Auto Profile.

> In the **Outdoor** profile, the values of the red and blue balance ratios are restricted to a set of expected values for normal outdoor lighting conditions (i.e., daylight).

> In the **Indoor** profile, the values of the red and blue balance ratios can take any values within specified limits. This allows auto white balance to compensate for artificial lighting such as fluorescent lights that are more greenish than daylight. The Indoor profile can also be used for outdoor conditions, since it does not place restrictions on the white balance solution.

By default, auto white balance uses the full range of balance ratios, but these can be limited.

- White Balance Auto Lower Limit / White Balance Auto Upper Limit - the lower and upper values that auto white balance can set for the red and blue balance ratios.

White Balance Auto Damping controls the speed at which auto white balance adjusts the values of the red and blue balance ratios. The range is from 0 to 1. Higher values of damping result in the white balance changing more gradually.

By default auto white balance examines all of the pixels in the image, but it can also use a region of interest (ROI). A common use for an auto white balance ROI is placing a white object in the image and then specifying the ROI on that object. To use ROI:

1. Set the ROI Selector to Auto White Balance.

2. Turn on ROI Enable.

3. Set the horizontal and vertical offsets (relative to the ROI being captured) with ROI Offset X and ROI Offset Y.

4. Set the width and height with ROI Width and ROI Height.

10.3 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
ROI Selector	IEnumeration		Beginner	Selects which Auto Algorithm is controlled by the RoiEnable, OffsetX, OffsetY, Width, Height features.
ROI Enable [ROI Selector]	IBoolean		Guru	Controls whether a user-specified ROI is used for auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.
ROI Offset X	IInteger		Guru	Controls the x-offset of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
[ROI Selector]				is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.
ROI Offset Y [ROI Selector]	IInteger		Guru	Controls the y-offset of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.
ROI Width [ROI Selector]	IInteger		Guru	Controls the width of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.
ROI Height [ROI Selector]	IInteger		Guru	Controls the width of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.
White Balance Auto Profile	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the profile used by BalanceWhiteAuto.
White Balance Auto Lower Limit	IFloat		Expert	Controls the minimum value Auto White Balance can set for the Red/Blue BalanceRatio.
White Balance Auto Upper Limit	IFloat		Expert	Controls the maximum value Auto White Balance can set the Red/Blue BalanceRatio.
White Balance Auto Damping	IFloat		Expert	Controls how quickly 'BalanceWhiteAuto' adjusts the values for Red and Blue BalanceRatio in response to changing conditions. Higher damping means the changes are more gradual.
Target Grey Value Auto	IEnumeration		Beginner	This indicates whether the target image grey level is automatically set by the camera or manually set by the user. Note that the target grey level is in the linear domain before gamma correction is applied.
Target Grey Value	IFloat	RW		This is the user-specified target grey level (image mean) to apply to the current image. Note that the target grey level is in the linear domain before gamma correction is applied.
Lighting Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Selects a lighting mode: Backlight, Frontlight or Normal (default). a. Backlight compensation: used when a strong light is coming from the back of the object. b. Frontlight compensation: used when a strong light is shining in the front of the object while the background is dark. c. Normal lighting: used when the object is not under backlight or frontlight conditions. When normal lighting is selected, metering modes are available.
Metering Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Selects a metering mode: average, spot, or partial metering. a. Average: Measures the light from the entire scene uniformly to determine the final exposure value. Every portion of the exposed area has the same contribution. b. Spot: Measures a small area (about 3%) in the center of the scene while the rest

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
				of the scene is ignored. This mode is used when the scene has a high contrast and the object of interest is relatively small. c. Partial: Measures the light from a larger area (about 11%) in the center of the scene. This mode is used when very dark or bright regions appear at the edge of the frame. Note: Metering mode is available only when Lighting Mode Selector is Normal.
Exposure Time Lower Limit	IFloat	RW		The smallest exposure time that auto exposure can set.
Exposure Time Upper Limit	IFloat	RW		The largest exposure time that auto exposure can set.
Gain Lower Limit	IFloat	RW		The smallest gain that auto exposure can set.
Gain Upper Limit	IFloat	RW		The largest gain that auto exposure can set.
Target Grey Value Lower Limit	IFloat	RW		The lowest value in percentage that the target mean may reach.
Target Grey Value Upper Limit	IFloat	RW		The highest value in percentage that the target mean may reach.
EV Compensation	IFloat	RW	Beginner	The EV compensation value used in the exposure compensation. This allows you to adjust the resultant image intensity with one control. A positive value makes the image brighter. A negative value makes the image darker. Range from -3 to 3 with a step of 1/3. Default = 0.
Auto Exposure Damping	IFloat	RW	Beginner	It controls how fast the exposure and gain get settled. If the value is too small, it may cause the system to be unstable. Range is from 0.0 to 1.0. Default = 0.2.
Auto Exposure Control Priority	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Selects whether to adjust gain or exposure first. When gain priority is selected, the camera fixes the gain to 0 dB, and the exposure is adjusted according to the target grey level. If the maximum exposure is reached before the target grey level is hit, the gain starts to change to meet the target. This mode is used to have the minimum noise. When exposure priority is selected, the camera sets the exposure to a small value (default is 5 ms). The gain is adjusted according to the target

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
				grey level. If maximum gain is reached before the target grey level is hit, the exposure starts to change to meet the target. This mode is used to capture fast motion.

10.4 Auto Algorithm Control Features

10.4.1 ROI Selector

Selects which Auto Algorithm is controlled by the RoiEnable, OffsetX, OffsetY, Width, Height features.

Property	Value
Name	AutoAlgorithmSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
Awb
Ae

10.4.2 ROI Enable

Controls whether a user-specified ROI is used for auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.

Property	Value
Name	AasRoiEnable [ROI Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Guru

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10.4.3 ROI Offset X

Controls the x-offset of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.

Property	Value
Name	AasRoiOffsetX [ROI Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

10.4.4 ROI Offset Y

Controls the y-offset of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.

Property	Value
Name	AasRoiOffsetY [ROI Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

10.4.5 ROI Width

Controls the width of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.

Property	Value
Name	AasRoiWidth [ROI Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

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10.4.6 ROI Height

Controls the width of the ROI used by the auto algorithm that is currently selected by the AutoAlgorithmSelector feature.

Property	Value
Name	AasRoiHeight [ROI Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

10.4.7 White Balance Auto Profile

Selects the profile used by BalanceWhiteAuto.

Property	Value
Name	BalanceWhiteAutoProfile
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Indoor
Outdoor

10.4.8 White Balance Auto Lower Limit

Controls the minimum value Auto White Balance can set for the Red/Blue BalanceRatio.

Property	Value
Name	BalanceWhiteAutoLowerLimit
Interface	IFloat
Access	

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Property	Value
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

10.4.9 White Balance Auto Upper Limit

Controls the maximum value Auto White Balance can set the Red/Blue BalanceRatio.

Property	Value
Name	BalanceWhiteAutoUpperLimit
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

10.4.10 White Balance Auto Damping

Controls how quickly 'BalanceWhiteAuto' adjusts the values for Red and Blue BalanceRatio in response to changing conditions. Higher damping means the changes are more gradual.

Property	Value
Name	BalanceWhiteAutoDamping
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

10.4.11 Target Grey Value Auto

This indicates whether the target image grey level is automatically set by the camera or manually set by the user. Note that the target grey level is in the linear domain before gamma correction is applied.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureTargetGreyValueAuto

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Property	Value
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Off
Continuous

10.4.12 Target Grey Value

This is the user-specified target grey level (image mean) to apply to the current image. Note that the target grey level is in the linear domain before gamma correction is applied.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureTargetGreyValue
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	%
Visibility	

10.4.13 Lighting Mode

Selects a lighting mode: Backlight, Frontlight or Normal (default). a. Backlight compensation: used when a strong light is coming from the back of the object. b. Frontlight compensation: used when a strong light is shining in the front of the object while the background is dark. c. Normal lighting: used when the object is not under backlight or frontlight conditions. When normal lighting is selected, metering modes are available.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureLightingMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

AutoDetect
Backlight
Frontlight
Normal

10.4.14 Metering Mode

Selects a metering mode: average, spot, or partial metering. a. Average: Measures the light from the entire scene uniformly to determine the final exposure value. Every portion of the exposed area has the same contribution. b. Spot: Measures a small area (about 3%) in the center of the scene while the rest of the scene is ignored. This mode is used when the scene has a high contrast and the object of interest is relatively small. c. Partial: Measures the light from a larger area (about 11%) in the center of the scene. This mode is used when very dark or bright regions appear at the edge of the frame. Note: Metering mode is available only when Lighting Mode Selector is Normal.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureMeteringMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Average
Spot
Partial
CenterWeighted
HistgramPeak

10.4.15 Exposure Time Lower Limit

The smallest exposure time that auto exposure can set.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureExposureTimeLowerLimit

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Property	Value
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	us
Visibility	

10.4.16 Exposure Time Upper Limit

The largest exposure time that auto exposure can set.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureExposureTimeUpperLimit
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	us
Visibility	

10.4.17 Gain Lower Limit

The smallest gain that auto exposure can set.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureGainLowerLimit
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	dB
Visibility	

10.4.18 Gain Upper Limit

The largest gain that auto exposure can set.

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Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureGainUpperLimit
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	dB
Visibility	

10.4.19 Target Grey Value Lower Limit

The lowest value in percentage that the target mean may reach.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureGreyValueLowerLimit
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	%
Visibility	

10.4.20 Target Grey Value Upper Limit

The highest value in percentage that the target mean may reach.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureGreyValueUpperLimit
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	%
Visibility	

10.4.21 EV Compensation

The EV compensation value used in the exposure compensation. This allows you to adjust the resultant image intensity with one control. A positive value makes the image brighter. A negative value makes the image darker. Range from -3 to 3 with a step of 1/3. Default = 0.

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Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureEVCompensation
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

10.4.22 Auto Exposure Damping

It controls how fast the exposure and gain get settled. If the value is too small, it may cause the system to be unstable. Range is from 0.0 to 1.0. Default = 0.2.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureControlLoopDamping
Interface	IFloat
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Beginner

10.4.23 Auto Exposure Control Priority

Selects whether to adjust gain or exposure first. When gain priority is selected, the camera fixes the gain to 0 dB, and the exposure is adjusted according to the target grey level. If the maximum exposure is reached before the target grey level is hit, the gain starts to change to meet the target. This mode is used to have the minimum noise. When exposure priority is selected, the camera sets the exposure to a small value (default is 5 ms). The gain is adjusted according to the target grey level. If maximum gain is reached before the target grey level is hit, the exposure starts to change to meet the target. This mode is used to capture fast motion.

Property	Value
Name	AutoExposureControlPriority
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

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Enumeration Values

Gain

ExposureTime

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11   Flat Field Correction Control

Flat Field Correction (FFC) is used to suppress an image sensor Fixed Pattern Noise (FPN) which is a common image artifact for many CMOS sensors. FFC includes correction for both Dark Signal Non-Uniformity (DSNU) and Pixel Response Non-Uniformity (PRNU). The suppression for DSNU is achieved by black level correction and the suppression for PRNU is achieved by gain correction. A reference equation is given below:

$P_n = \Delta G_n \times (U_n + \Delta O_n)$

Where:

- n could be pixel, row or column index.

- P is the corrected pixel value.

- U is the uncorrected pixel value.

- ΔG is the delta gain (gain correction), which is row/column/pixel dependent.

- ΔO is the delta offset (black level correction), which is row/column/pixel dependent.

Note that our FFC is currently column dependent only since the column FPN is the dominant noise for all sensors we support.

11.0.1   Flat Field Correction Control

FFC can be enabled or disabled using Flat Field Correction Enable. It is enabled by default.

Use Flat Field Correction Mode to select a mode. There are three FFC modes: Factory, User, and Calibration.

11.0.1.1   Factory mode

This is the default mode. In this mode, the camera uses the factory delta gain/offset parameters calibrated by FLIR.

The FFC coefficients change with different camera gain levels.

11.0.1.2   User mode

In this mode, the camera uses fixed FFC coefficients across all camera gain levels. The default values for this mode apply no FFC and are the equivalent of disabling FFC. To modify the values, you must switch to Calibration mode.

11.0.1.3   Calibration mode

In this mode, the Flat Field User Table Control access (R/W) is available. At the same time, FFC will be automatically disabled and become unavailable. Therefore, values entered for delta gain/offset do not take effect until the mode is switched to User and FFC is enabled again.

11.0.2   Flat Field User Table Control

When in Calibration mode, you can access these controls.

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Table x Coordinate specifies the horizontal coordinate of the FFC gain/offset. The FFC implementation supports only the x coordinate, for suppressing the column FPN.

Flat Field Gain specifies the delta gain for each table x coordinate.

Flat Field Offset (16-bit) specifies the delta offset for each table x coordinate. The step size should be queried before writing the value as it is normally much greater than 1 (e.g., 32). Entering a value that is not divisible by the step size results in an error.

User Table Reset sets all FFC parameters back to the last saved values loaded from the camera. If nothing has been previously saved, this resets to the default values which is the equivalent of disabling FFC.

User Table Save saves the FFC parameters into non-volatile memory which is preserved even when the camera is power cycled. This overwrites the existing saved user table.

11.1   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Flat Field Correction Enable	IBoolean		Beginner	Enable or disable flat field correction.
Flat Field Correction Mode	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects flat field correction mode. Note that flat field correction parameters are accessible only in Calibration mode. When switching modes from Calibration to User or Factory, it is recommended to stop image streaming to give the camera enough time to load the corresponding table.
Flat Field User Table Control	ICategory		Expert	Category that contains User flat field correction table control features.

11.2   Flat Field Correction Control Features

11.2.1   Flat Field Correction Enable

Enable or disable flat field correction.

Property	Value
Name	FfcEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Beginner

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11.2.2 Flat Field Correction Mode

Selects flat field correction mode. Note that flat field correction parameters are accessible only in Calibration mode. When switching modes from Calibration to User or Factory, it is recommended to stop image streaming to give the camera enough time to load the corresponding table.

Property	Value
Name	FfcMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Factory
User
Calibration

11.2.3 Flat Field User Table Control

Category that contains User flat field correction table control features.

Property	Value
Name	FfcUserTableControl
Interface	ICategory
Access	
Visibility	Expert

11.3 Flat Field User Table Control

Category that contains User flat field correction table control features.

11.3.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Table X	IInteger		Expert	Controls the pixel X coordinate of the user flat field correction

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Coordinate				coefficients.
Flat Field Gain [Table X Coordinate]	IFloat		Expert	The value of user flat field gain correction for the current pixel.
Flat Field Offset (16-bit) [Table X Coordinate]	IInteger		Expert	The value of user flat field offset correction for the current pixel.
User Table Reset	ICommand	WO	Expert	Resets the user flat field correction table to the last saved values loaded from the camera. If nothing has been previously saved, this resets to the default values which is the equivalent of disabling FFC.
User Table Save	ICommand	WO	Expert	Saves the current User flat field correction table into the camera, which means the table is still available after a power cycle. Note that this overwrites the existing saved User table.

11.3.2   Flat Field User Table Control Features

11.3.2.1 Table X Coordinate

Controls the pixel X coordinate of the user flat field correction coefficients.

Property	Value
Name	FfcUserTableXCoordinate
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	0

11.3.2.2 Flat Field Gain

The value of user flat field gain correction for the current pixel.

Property	Value
Name	FfcUserGain [Table X Coordinate]
Interface	IFloat

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Property	Value
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

11.3.2.3 Flat Field Offset (16-bit)

The value of user flat field offset correction for the current pixel.

Property	Value
Name	FfcUserOffset [Table X Coordinate]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

11.3.2.4 User Table Reset

Resets the user flat field correction table to the last saved values loaded from the camera. If nothing has been previously saved, this resets to the default values which is the equivalent of disabling FFC.

Property	Value
Name	FfcUserTableReset
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Expert

11.3.2.5 User Table Save

Saves the current User flat field correction table into the camera, which means the table is still available after a power cycle. Note that this overwrites the existing saved User table.

Property	Value
Name	FfcUserTableSave
Interface	ICommand

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Property	Value
Access	WO
Visibility	Expert

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12   Defective Pixel Correction

The camera supports table-based defective pixel correction, where a list of defective pixel coordinates is specified, and the values of those pixels are replaced based on the values of their neighbors. The camera comes with a list of defective pixels calibrated during manufacturing (the factory default table), but you can update or replace this list.

Defect Correct Static Enable turns table-based defective pixel correction On or Off.

Defect Correction Mode controls the method used for replacing the value of pixels within the table. The options are Average or Highlight. Average replaces defective pixels with the average of their neighbors. Highlight is used for debugging purposes and sets pixels within the table to the maximum possible pixel value to highlight them.

12.1   Modifying the List of Defective Pixels

Defect Correct Pixel Count controls the number of defective pixels in the table.

Defect Table Index selects an individual pixel within the table. This is a zero-based index, so if there are *N* pixels in the table, the index range is from 0 to *N*-1. Defect X Coordinate and Defect Y Coordinate define the (X,Y) coordinates of the defective pixel selected by the index. These values can be changed. These (X,Y) coordinates are relative to the full image ROI, when Offset X and Offset Y are both zero.

Changes made to the defective pixel table using these controls do NOT take effect immediately. When you have finished making a series of changes to the table, execute the command Defect Table Apply for the changes to affect images captured by the camera. This writes the table to volatile memory, so changes are lost if the camera loses power.

Defect Table Save saves the table to persistent storage within the camera, so that the modified table is loaded whenever the camera boots up. Saving overwrites the existing table stored in memory.

Defect Table Factory Restore resets the table to its factory default state. This completely overwrites any changes made to the table, both the active table used in images being captured by the camera and the table saved in memory.

Important Note: Because it takes time to download a full defect table, if the camera is streaming when a table is either applied or restored to factory default, the results may appear momentarily corrupted until the complete table is written to the FPGA.

12.1.1   Example: Adding a location to the Defective Pixel Table

These steps illustrate how to add a pixel to the table:

1. Set Offset X and Offset Y to zero, and Width and Height at least large enough so that the defective pixel falls within the image ROI.

2. Note the X and Y coordinates of the defective pixel under these ROI settings.

3. Increase Defect Correct Pixel Count by 1 to add a new defective pixel to the list.

4. Set Defect Table Index to the new value of Defect Correct Pixel Count minus 1, to control the last defective pixel in the table, which is the one that was just added.

5. Set the values of Defect X Coordinate and Defect Y Coordinate to the coordinates of the pixel being added.

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6. Click Defect Table Apply to have the change affect images being captured.

7. Use Defect Table Save to save the modified table so that it is loaded every time the camera boots up.

12.2   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Defect Correct Static Enable	IBoolean		Guru	Enables/Disables table-based defective pixel correction.
Defect Correction Mode	IEnumeration		Guru	Controls the method used for replacing defective pixels.
Defect Table Pixel Count	IInteger		Guru	The number of defective pixel locations in the current table.
Defect Table Index	IInteger		Guru	Controls the offset of the element to access in the defective pixel location table.
Defect X Coordinate [Defect Table Index]	IInteger		Guru	Returns the X coordinate of the defective pixel at DefectTableIndex within the defective pixel table. Changes made do not take effect in captured images until the command DefectTableApply is written.
Defect Y Coordinate [Defect Table Index]	IInteger		Guru	Returns the Y coordinate of the defective pixel at DefectTableIndex within the defective pixel table. Changes made do not take effect in captured images until the command DefectTableApply is written.
Defect Table Apply	ICommand	RW	Guru	Applies the current defect table, so that any changes made affect images captured by the camera. This writes the table to volatile memory, so changes to the table are lost if the camera loses power. To save the table to non-volatile memory, use DefectTableSave.
Defect Table Save	ICommand		Guru	Saves the current defective pixel table non-volatile memory, so that it is preserved when the camera boots up. This overwrites the existing defective pixel table. The new table is loaded whenever the camera powers up.
Defect Table Factory Restore	ICommand		Guru	Restores the Defective Pixel Table to its factory default state, which was calibrated during manufacturing. This permanently overwrites any changes made to the defect table.

12.3 Defective Pixel Correction Features

12.3.1 Defect Correct Static Enable

Enables/Disables table-based defective pixel correction.

Property	Value
Name	DefectCorrectStaticEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Guru

12.3.2 Defect Correction Mode

Controls the method used for replacing defective pixels.

Property	Value
Name	DefectCorrectionMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values
Average
Highlight
Zero

12.3.3 Defect Table Pixel Count

The number of defective pixel locations in the current table.

Property	Value
Name	DefectTablePixelCount
Interface	IInteger

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Property	Value
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

12.3.4 Defect Table Index

Controls the offset of the element to access in the defective pixel location table.

Property	Value
Name	DefectTableIndex
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

12.3.5 Defect X Coordinate

Returns the X coordinate of the defective pixel at DefectTableIndex within the defective pixel table. Changes made do not take effect in captured images until the command DefectTableApply is written.

Property	Value
Name	DefectTableCoordinateX [Defect Table Index]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

12.3.6 Defect Y Coordinate

Returns the Y coordinate of the defective pixel at DefectTableIndex within the defective pixel table. Changes made do not take effect in captured images until the command DefectTableApply is written.

Property	Value
Name	DefectTableCoordinateY [Defect Table Index]

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

12.3.7 Defect Table Apply

Applies the current defect table, so that any changes made affect images captured by the camera. This writes the table to volatile memory, so changes to the table are lost if the camera loses power. To save the table to non-volatile memory, use DefectTableSave.

Property	Value
Name	DefectTableApply
Interface	ICommand
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

12.3.8 Defect Table Save

Saves the current defective pixel table non-volatile memory, so that it is preserved when the camera boots up. This overwrites the existing defective pixel table. The new table is loaded whenever the camera powers up.

Property	Value
Name	DefectTableSave
Interface	ICommand
Access	
Visibility	Guru

12.3.9 Defect Table Factory Restore

Restores the Defective Pixel Table to its factory default state, which was calibrated during manufacturing. This permanently overwrites any changes made to the defect table.

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Property	Value
Name	DefectTableFactoryRestore
Interface	ICommand
Access	
Visibility	Guru

13   User Set Control

Features in the User Set Control category allow you to save camera settings to non-volatile memory so that they can be restored to a known state at any time (after the camera has been restarted).

13.1   Types of User Sets

You can select which user set to configure, save, or load with the UserSetSelector feature. There are two classes of user sets.

- User-defined settings

- Factory-defined settings. A factory-defined Default user set is always available. It represents a typical use case for the camera.

If the factory-defined settings are not ideal, they can be used as a starting point. From there, only a few features may need to be modified to achieve the desired configuration. The UserSetSave feature saves the current camera settings so that they can be recreated later. Once saved, these new custom settings can be loaded at any time.

The UserSetLoad feature loads the specified user set. Note that one can load a set without first saving. In this situation, the user set contents are the factory-defined default settings.

13.2   Start-up User Set

The UserSetDefault feature is used to configure a camera automatically at start-up. This loads the selected user set at start-up time. By default, it applies the factory-defined Default settings. However, you can change it to any user set so that the next time the camera restarts, it comes up with the selected user set.

13.3   User Set Managed Features

Due to limited on-board non-volatile memory, not all features are supported by user sets. See UserSetFeatureSelector for the list of all features that are supported. Features that are not listed are either of single session nature or are managed explicitly via other features, such as Defect Table Save.

13.4   User Set Conversion

The exact list of features managed by user sets may change between different versions of firmware. Consequently, there may not be a perfect match between the set of features saved to non-volatile memory and the set of features handled by the current version of firmware. In this situation, the camera performs any necessary conversions on all saved user sets. This happens automatically the first time the camera is restarted after a firmware update. The conversion performed depends on the nature of the feature discrepancy:

- Obsolete features - Saved features that are no longer supported in the current firmware. These features are ignored and removed from all subsequently saved user sets.

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- Missing features - Saved user sets do not have features that are supported in the current firmware. These missing feature values are filled in using one of the factory-defined sets. If UserSetDefault points to a user-defined set, then the missing feature values are copied from the factory-defined Default set.

13.5   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
User Set Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Selects the feature User Set to load, save or configure.
User Set Load [User Set Selector]	ICommand	RW	Expert	Loads the User Set specified by UserSetSelector to the device and makes it active.
User Set Save [User Set Selector]	ICommand	RW	Beginner	Saves the User Set specified by UserSetSelector to the non-volatile memory of the device.
User Set Default	IEnumeration	RW	Beginner	Selects the feature User Set to load and make active by default when the device is restarted.
User Set Feature Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	List of features that are saved to user sets.
User Set Feature Enable	IBoolean	RO	Expert	Whether or not the selected feature is saved to user sets.

13.6   User Set Control Features

13.6.1   User Set Selector

Selects the feature User Set to load, save or configure.

Property	Value
Name	UserSetSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values

Default
UserSet0
UserSet1

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13.6.2 User Set Load

Loads the User Set specified by UserSetSelector to the device and makes it active.

Property	Value
Name	UserSetLoad [User Set Selector]
Interface	ICommand
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

13.6.3 User Set Save

Saves the User Set specified by UserSetSelector to the non-volatile memory of the device.

Property	Value
Name	UserSetSave [User Set Selector]
Interface	ICommand
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

13.6.4 User Set Default

Selects the feature User Set to load and make active by default when the device is restarted.

Property	Value
Name	UserSetDefault
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Beginner

Enumeration Values
Default
UserSet0
UserSet1

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13.6.5 User Set Feature Selector

List of features that are saved to user sets.

Property	Value
Name	UserSetFeatureSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

AasRoiEnableAe
AasRoiEnableAwb
AasRoiHeightAe
AasRoiHeightAwb
AasRoiOffsetXAe
AasRoiOffsetXAwb
AasRoiOffsetYAe
AasRoiOffsetYAwb
AasRoiWidthAe
AasRoiWidthAwb
AcquisitionBurstFrameCount
AcquisitionFrameCount
AcquisitionFrameRate
AcquisitionFrameRateEnable
AcquisitionLineRate
AcquisitionMode
AdcBitDepth
AutoExposureControlLoopDamping

Enumeration Values

AutoExposureControlPriority

AutoExposureEVCompensation

AutoExposureExposureTimeLowerLimit

AutoExposureExposureTimeUpperLimit

AutoExposureGainLowerLimit

AutoExposureGainUpperLimit

AutoExposureGreyValueLowerLimit

AutoExposureGreyValueUpperLimit

AutoExposureLightingMode

AutoExposureMeteringMode

AutoExposureTargetGreyValue

AutoExposureTargetGreyValueAuto

BalanceRatioBlue

BalanceRatioRed

BalanceWhiteAuto

BalanceWhiteAutoDamping

BalanceWhiteAutoLowerLimit

BalanceWhiteAutoProfile

BalanceWhiteAutoUpperLimit

BinningHorizontalAll

BinningHorizontalMode

BinningVerticalAll

BinningVerticalMode

BlackLevelAll

BlackLevelClampingEnable

ChunkEnableAll

Enumeration Values

ChunkModeActive
ColorTransformationEnable
CounterDelayCounter0
CounterDelayCounter1
CounterDurationCounter0
CounterDurationCounter1
CounterEventActivationCounter0
CounterEventActivationCounter1
CounterEventSourceCounter0
CounterEventSourceCounter1
CounterResetActivationCounter0
CounterResetActivationCounter1
CounterResetSourceCounter0
CounterResetSourceCounter1
CounterTriggerActivationCounter0
CounterTriggerActivationCounter1
CounterTriggerSourceCounter0
CounterTriggerSourceCounter1
DecimationHorizontalAll
DecimationVerticalAll
DefectCorrectStaticEnable
DefectCorrectionMode
DeviceIndicatorMode
DeviceLinkBandwidthReserve
DeviceLinkThroughputLimit
EvCompensationRaw

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Enumeration Values

EventNotificationError
EventNotificationExposureEnd
EventNotificationSerialPortReceive
ExposureActiveMode
ExposureAuto
ExposureMode
ExposureTime
FfcEnable
FfcMode
GainAll
GainAuto
Gamma
GammaEnable
Height
IspEnable
LUTEnable
LineFilterWidthLine0Debounce
LineFilterWidthLine0Deglitch
LineFilterWidthLine1Debounce
LineFilterWidthLine1Deglitch
LineFilterWidthLine2Debounce
LineFilterWidthLine2Deglitch
LineFilterWidthLine3Debounce
LineFilterWidthLine3Deglitch
LineInverterLine0
LineInverterLine1

Enumeration Values

LineInverterLine2
LineInverterLine3
LineModeLine0
LineModeLine1
LineModeLine2
LineModeLine3
LineSourceLine0
LineSourceLine1
LineSourceLine2
LineSourceLine3
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock0Input0
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock0Input1
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock0Input2
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock0Input3
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock1Input0
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock1Input1
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock1Input2
LogicBlockLUTInputActivationLogicBlock1Input3
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock0Input0
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock0Input1
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock0Input2
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock0Input3
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock1Input0
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock1Input1
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock1Input2
LogicBlockLUTInputSourceLogicBlock1Input3

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Enumeration Values

LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAllLogicBlock0Enable

LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAllLogicBlock0Value

LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAllLogicBlock1Enable

LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAllLogicBlock1Value

OffsetX

OffsetY

PixelFormat

ReverseX

ReverseY

RgbTransformLightSource

Saturation

SaturationEnable

SensorShutterMode

SerialPortBaudRateSerialPort0

SerialPortDataBitsSerialPort0

SerialPortParitySerialPort0

SerialPortSourceSerialPort0

SerialPortStopBitsSerialPort0

Sharpening

SharpeningAuto

SharpeningEnable

SharpeningThreshold

TestPatternPipelineStart

TestPatternSensor

TransferBlockCount

TransferControlMode

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Enumeration Values

TransferOperationMode
TriggerActivationAcquisitionStart
TriggerActivationFrameBurstStart
TriggerActivationFrameStart
TriggerDelayAcquisitionStart
TriggerDelayFrameBurstStart
TriggerDelayFrameStart
TriggerModeAcquisitionStart
TriggerModeFrameBurstStart
TriggerModeFrameStart
TriggerOverlapAcquisitionStart
TriggerOverlapFrameBurstStart
TriggerOverlapFrameStart
TriggerSourceAcquisitionStart
TriggerSourceFrameBurstStart
TriggerSourceFrameStart
UserOutputValueAll
V3_3EnableLine0
V3_3EnableLine1
V3_3EnableLine2
V3_3EnableLine3
Width

13.6.6 User Set Feature Enable

Whether or not the selected feature is saved to user sets.

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Property	Value
Name	UserSetFeatureEnable
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

14 Chunk Data Control

Chunk Data allows you the ability to send additional information with the image data. This can be helpful when debugging issues or looking at what settings have been applied to the acquired image.

Use ChunkModeActive to enable chunk data for images.

The following information is available as chunk data:

Image - enabled by default and cannot be disabled.

Image CRC - enabled by default and cannot be disabled.

FrameID

OffsetX

OffsetY

Width

Height

Exposure Time

Gain

Black Level

Pixel Format

ImageTimestamp

Sequencer Set Active

Use ChunkSelector to select a chunk then use ChunkEnable to enable or disable it. Image and ImageCRC cannot be disabled.

Once acquisition has started Chunk data can not be altered. To enable or disable chunks acquisition must be stopped.

14.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Chunk Mode Active	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Activates the inclusion of Chunk data in the payload of the image.
Chunk Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects which chunk data to enable or disable.
Chunk Enable [Chunk Selector]	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Enables the inclusion of the selected Chunk data in the payload of the image.
Chunk Image	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the image payload.
Image CRC	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the CRC of the image payload.

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Chunk Frame ID	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the image frame ID.
Chunk Offset X	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the Offset X of the image included in the payload.
Chunk Offset Y	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the Offset Y of the image included in the payload.
Chunk Width	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the width of the image included in the payload.
Chunk Height	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the height of the image included in the payload.
Chunk Pixel Format	IEnumeration		Expert	Format of the pixel provided by the camera
Chunk Exposure Time	IFloat	RO	Expert	Returns the exposure time used to capture the image.
Chunk Gain Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects which gain to retrieve
Chunk Gain [Chunk Gain Selector]	IFloat	RO	Expert	Returns the gain used to capture the image.
Chunk Black Level Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects which black level to retrieve
Chunk Black Level [Chunk Black Level Selector]	IFloat	RO	Expert	Returns the black level used to capture the image.
Chunk Timestamp	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the Timestamp of the image.
Chunk Sequencer Set Active	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the index of the active set of the running sequencer included in the payload.
Chunk Exposure End Line Status All	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the status of all the I/O lines at the end of exposure event.
Chunk Serial Data Length	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the length of the received serial data that was included in the payload.
Chunk Serial Data	IStringReg		Expert	Returns the serial data that was received.
Chunk Serial Receive Overflow	IBoolean	RO	Expert	Returns the status of the chunk serial receive overflow.

14.2   Chunk Data Control Features

14.2.1 Chunk Mode Active

Activates the inclusion of Chunk data in the payload of the image.

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Property	Value
Name	ChunkModeActive
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

14.2.2 Chunk Selector

Selects which chunk data to enable or disable.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Image
CRC
FrameID
OffsetX
OffsetY
Width
Height
ExposureTime
Gain
BlackLevel
PixelFormat
Timestamp

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Enumeration Values

SequencerSetActive
SerialData
ExposureEndLineStatusAll

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14.2.3 Chunk Enable

Enables the inclusion of the selected Chunk data in the payload of the image.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkEnable [Chunk Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

14.2.4 Chunk Image

Returns the image payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkImage
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.5 Image CRC

Returns the CRC of the image payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkCRC
Interface	IInteger

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Property	Value
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.6 Chunk Frame ID

Returns the image frame ID.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkFrameID
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.7 Chunk Offset X

Returns the Offset X of the image included in the payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkOffsetX
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.8 Chunk Offset Y

Returns the Offset Y of the image included in the payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkOffsetY

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.9 Chunk Width

Returns the width of the image included in the payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkWidth
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.10 Chunk Height

Returns the height of the image included in the payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkHeight
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.11 Chunk Pixel Format

Format of the pixel provided by the camera

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Property	Value
Name	ChunkPixelFormat
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Mono8
Mono12Packed
Mono16
RGB8Packed
YUV422Packed
BayerGR8
BayerRG8
BayerGB8
BayerBG8
YCbCr601_422_8_CbYCrY

14.2.12 Chunk Exposure Time

Returns the exposure time used to capture the image.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkExposureTime
Interface	IFloat
Access	RO
Unit	us
Visibility	Expert

14.2.13 Chunk Gain Selector

Selects which gain to retrieve

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Property	Value
Name	ChunkGainSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

All
Red
Green
Blue

14.2.14 Chunk Gain

Returns the gain used to capture the image.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkGain [Chunk Gain Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	RO
Unit	dB
Visibility	Expert

14.2.15 Chunk Black Level Selector

Selects which black level to retrieve

Property	Value
Name	ChunkBlackLevelSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

All

14.2.16 Chunk Black Level

Returns the black level used to capture the image.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkBlackLevel [Chunk Black Level Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	RO
Unit	%
Visibility	Expert

14.2.17 Chunk Timestamp

Returns the Timestamp of the image.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkTimestamp
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.18 Chunk Sequencer Set Active

Returns the index of the active set of the running sequencer included in the payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkSequencerSetActive
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	

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Property	Value
Visibility	Expert

14.2.19 Chunk Exposure End Line Status All

Returns the status of all the I/O lines at the end of exposure event.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkExposureEndLineStatusAll
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.20 Chunk Serial Data Length

Returns the length of the received serial data that was included in the payload.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkSerialDataLength
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

14.2.21 Chunk Serial Data

Returns the serial data that was received.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkSerialData
Interface	IStringReg
Access	
Visibility	Expert

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14.2.22 Chunk Serial Receive Overflow

Returns the status of the chunk serial receive overflow.

Property	Value
Name	ChunkSerialReceiveOverflow
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

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15   LUT Control

Lookup Table (LUT) is a common image processing technique to map a pixel from one value to the other. The camera has an 11-bit input lookup table that produces 9-bit output. When a pixel value is larger than the 11-bit maximum (i.e., 2047), LUT treats it the same as the 2047. The LUT is available for all pixel formats.

- When outputting 8-bit pixel formats, the 9-bit LUT output is rounded down to the 8-bit value.

- When outputting 12-bit pixel formats, the 9-bit LUT output stays as the most significant 9 bits of the 12-bit value and the remaining 3 bits are all zeros.

- When outputting 16-bit pixel formats, the 9-bit LUT output stays as the most significant 9 bits of the 16-bit value and the remaining 7 bits are all zeros.

Therefore, LUT should be used cautiously for 12-bit or 16-bit pixel formats since some of the least significant bits are thrown away.

The factory default LUT is the linear mapping after the camera powers on (P' = P/4).

To customize a LUT:

1. Use the LUT Selector to choose which LUT to control. LUT1 is the only lookup table to allow user access and control.

2. Use LUT Enable to disable the selected LUT before customizing it. Customizations of the LUT apply immediately, therefore an active LUT that is changed may result in unexpected images.

3. Use LUT Index to identify the index (offset) of the coefficient to access.

4. LUT Value returns the value at the entry of the LUT Index. Enter the new value.

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 as necessary.

6. Enable LUT to have changes take effect.

For coding purposes, LUT Value All provides access to all the LUT coefficients in a single string without using an individual LUT Index.

Since only one LUT is available for users to access and control, in RGB and YUV pixel formats, the same LUT applies to all three channels (i.e., red, green and blue). In monochrome and Bayer formats, there is a single channel, regardless of the color or monochrome image sensor.

 Note that the customized LUT is not saved into the camera permanently. After power cycling, the LUT returns to the factory default.

15.1   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
LUT Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects which LUT to control.

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
LUT Enable [LUT Selector]	IBoolean		Expert	Activates the selected LUT.
LUT Index [LUT Selector]	IInteger		Guru	Control the index (offset) of the coefficient to access in the selected LUT.
LUT Value [LUT Selector] [LUT Index]	IInteger		Guru	Returns the Value at entry LUTIndex of the LUT selected by LUTSelector.
LUT Value All [LUT Selector]	IRegister		Guru	Accesses all the LUT coefficients in a single access without using individual LUTIndex.

15.2   LUT Control Features

15.2.1   LUT Selector

Selects which LUT to control.

Property	Value
Name	LUTSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

LUT1

15.2.2   LUT Enable

Activates the selected LUT.

Property	Value
Name	LUTEnable [LUT Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Expert

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15.2.3 LUT Index

Control the index (offset) of the coefficient to access in the selected LUT.

Property	Value
Name	LUTIndex [LUT Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

15.2.4 LUT Value

Returns the Value at entry LUTIndex of the LUT selected by LUTSelector.

Property	Value
Name	LUTValue [LUT Selector] [LUT Index]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

15.2.5 LUT Value All

Accesses all the LUT coefficients in a single access without using individual LUTIndex.

Property	Value
Name	LUTValueAll [LUT Selector]
Interface	IRegister
Access	
Visibility	Guru

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16 Event Control

16.0.1 Event Features

Events allow you to get notified when the camera has performed something you might find interesting. Events are similar to the asynchronous communication but the difference is the initiator is the device.

Once an event is turned on, it has its own XML area where it outputs the event's ID, timestamp, and any applicable event data.

Use EventSelector to choose an event, then use EventNotification to set the event On or Off.

The possible events to choose are:

Exposure End - Event is sent every image when exposure end occurs. Event data includes: the event ID, timestamp, and frame ID.

Error - Event is sent every time an error occurs internally in the device. Event data includes: the event ID, timestamp, frame ID, and error code.

In order to verify that events are working, there is a TriggerEventTest command which allows you to trigger the camera to send a test event out.

Event Test - Event you can trigger to verify events are working properly. This is always enabled. Event data includes: exposure end ID and exposure end timestamp.

16.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Event Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects which Event to enable or disable.
Event Notification [Event Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Enables/Disables the selected event.
Event Exposure End Data	ICategory	RO	Expert	Category that contains all the data features related to the Exposure End Event.
Event Error Data	ICategory	RO	Expert	Category that contains all the data features related to the Error Event.
Event Serial Port Receive Data	ICategory	RO	Expert	Category that contains all the data features related to the Serial Port Receive Event.
Event Test Data	ICategory	RO	Expert	Category that contains all the data features related to the Test Event.

16.2 Event Control Features

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16.2.1 Event Selector

Selects which Event to enable or disable.

Property	Value
Name	EventSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Error
ExposureEnd
SerialPortReceive

16.2.2 Event Notification

Enables/Disables the selected event.

Property	Value
Name	EventNotification [Event Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

On
Off

16.2.3 Event Exposure End Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Exposure End Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventExposureEndData
Interface	ICategory
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

16.2.4 Event Error Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Error Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventErrorData
Interface	ICategory
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

16.2.5 Event Serial Port Receive Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Serial Port Receive Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventSerialPortReceiveData
Interface	ICategory
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

16.2.6 Event Test Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Test Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventTestData
Interface	ICategory
Access	RO

Property	Value
Visibility	Expert

16.3 Event Exposure End Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Exposure End Event.

16.3.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Event Exposure End	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the unique identifier of the Exposure End type of Event.
Event Exposure End Timestamp	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the Timestamp of the Exposure End Event.
Event Exposure End Frame ID	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the unique identifier of the frame (or image) that generated the Exposure End Event.

16.3.2 Event Exposure End Data Features

16.3.2.1 Event Exposure End

Returns the unique identifier of the Exposure End type of Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventExposureEnd
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	0x9C43

16.3.2.2 Event Exposure End Timestamp

Returns the Timestamp of the Exposure End Event.

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Property	Value
Name	EventExposureEndTimestamp
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

16.3.2.3 Event Exposure End Frame ID

Returns the unique identifier of the frame (or image) that generated the Exposure End Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventExposureEndFrameID
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

16.4 Event Error Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Error Event.

16.4.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Event Error	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the unique identifier of the Error type of Event.
Event Error Timestamp	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the Timestamp of the Error Event.
Event Error Frame ID	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the unique identifier of the frame (or image) that generated the Error Event.
Event Error Code	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the error code for the error that happened.

16.4.2 Event Error Data Features

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16.4.2.1 Event Error

Returns the unique identifier of the Error type of Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventError
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	0x9C40

16.4.2.2 Event Error Timestamp

Returns the Timestamp of the Error Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventErrorTimestamp
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

16.4.2.3 Event Error Frame ID

Returns the unique identifier of the frame (or image) that generated the Error Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventErrorFrameID
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

16.4.2.4 Event Error Code

Returns the error code for the error that happened.

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Property	Value
Name	EventErrorCode
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

16.5   Event Serial Port Receive Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Serial Port Receive Event.

16.5.1   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Event Serial Port Receive	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the unique identifier of the Serial Port Receive type of Event.
Event Serial Port Receive Timestamp	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the Timestamp of the Serial Port Receive Event.
Event Serial Data	IStringReg		Expert	Returns the serial data that was received.
Event Serial Data Length	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the length of the received serial data that was included in the event payload.
Event Serial Receive Overflow	IBoolean	RO	Expert	Returns the status of the event serial receive overflow.

16.5.2   Event Serial Port Receive Data Features

16.5.2.1 Event Serial Port Receive

Returns the unique identifier of the Serial Port Receive type of Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventSerialPortReceive
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO

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Property	Value
Unit	
Visibility	Expert
Value	0x9C45

16.5.2.2 Event Serial Port Receive Timestamp

Returns the Timestamp of the Serial Port Receive Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventSerialPortReceiveTimestamp
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

16.5.2.3 Event Serial Data

Returns the serial data that was received.

Property	Value
Name	EventSerialData
Interface	IStringReg
Access	
Visibility	Expert

16.5.2.4 Event Serial Data Length

Returns the length of the received serial data that was included in the event payload.

Property	Value
Name	EventSerialDataLength
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO

Property	Value
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

16.5.2.5 Event Serial Receive Overflow

Returns the status of the event serial receive overflow.

Property	Value
Name	EventSerialReceiveOverflow
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

16.6 Event Test Data

Category that contains all the data features related to the Test Event.

16.6.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Event Test	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the unique identifier of the Test type of Event.
Event Test Timestamp	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the Timestamp of the Test Event.

16.6.2 Event Test Data Features

16.6.2.1 Event Test

Returns the unique identifier of the Test type of Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventTest
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	

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Property	Value
Visibility	Expert
Value	0x4FFF

16.6.2.2 Event Test Timestamp

Returns the Timestamp of the Test Event.

Property	Value
Name	EventTestTimestamp
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

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17 Counter And Timer Control

The Counter and Timer control feature allows you to:

> Create a function generator

> Keep a count of how many times a signal has fired.

Use the CounterSelector to select a counter, either 0 or 1.

Use CounterEventSource to select the event to increment the counter. Possible counter event sources include:

- MHz Tick

- Line Inputs

- User Outputs

- Counter Starts

- Counter Ends

- Logic Block Outputs

- Exposure Start

- Exposure End

- Frame Trigger Wait

When the selected source allows for signal activation, use CounterEventActivation to specify Level Low, Level High, Falling Edge, Rising Edge, or Any Edge.

Use CounterDelay to indicate the maximum number of counts that need to occur before generating the Counter Start event.

Use CounterDuration to indicate the maximum number of counts that need to occur before generating the Counter End event.

Note: Only one of CounterTriggerSource or CounterResetSource can be active at a time. Selecting one disables the other.

Use CounterTriggerSource to select the event to start the counter. Possible counter trigger sources include:

- MHz Tick

- Line Inputs

- User Outputs

- Counter Starts

- Counter Ends

- Logic Block Outputs

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- Exposure Start

- Exposure End

- Frame Trigger Wait

When the selected source allows for signal activation, use CounterTriggerActivation to specify Level Low, Level High, Falling Edge, Rising Edge, or Any Edge.

Use CounterResetSource to select the event to end the counter. Possible counter reset sources include:

- MHz Tick

- Line Inputs

- User Outputs

- Counter Starts

- Counter Ends

- Logic Block Outputs

- Exposure Start

- Exposure End

- Frame Trigger Wait

When the selected source allows for signal activation, use CounterResetActivation to specify Level Low, Level High, Falling Edge, Rising Edge, or Any Edge.

CounterValue indicates the current counter while CounterStatus indicates the current status. CounterValueAtReset indicates the counter's value when a reset occurred.

17.1   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Counter Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects which counter to configure
Counter Event Source [Counter Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the event that will increment the counter
Counter Event Activation [Counter Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the activation mode of the event to increment the Counter.
Counter Duration [Counter Selector]	IInteger		Expert	Sets the duration (or number of events) before the CounterEnd event is generated.
Counter Value [Counter Selector]	IInteger	RO	Expert	Current counter value
Counter Value At Reset	IInteger	RW	Expert	Value of the selected Counter when it was reset

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
[Counter Selector]				by a trigger.
Counter Trigger Source [Counter Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the source of the trigger to start the counter
Counter Trigger Activation [Counter Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the activation mode of the trigger to start the Counter.
Counter Reset Source [Counter Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the signal that will be the source to reset the Counter.
Counter Reset Activation [Counter Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the Activation mode of the Counter Reset Source signal.
Counter Status [Counter Selector]	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Returns the current status of the Counter.
Counter Delay [Counter Selector]	IInteger		Expert	Sets the delay (or number of events) before the CounterStart event is generated.

17.2 Counter And Timer Control Features

17.2.1 Counter Selector

Selects which counter to configure

Property	Value
Name	CounterSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Counter0

Counter1

17.2.2 Counter Event Source

Selects the event that will increment the counter

Property	Value
Name	CounterEventSource [Counter Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Off
MHzTick
Line0
Line1
Line2
Line3
UserOutput0
UserOutput1
UserOutput2
UserOutput3
Counter0Start
Counter1Start
Counter0End
Counter1End
LogicBlock0
LogicBlock1
ExposureStart
ExposureEnd
FrameTriggerWait

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17.2.3 Counter Event Activation

Selects the activation mode of the event to increment the Counter.

Property	Value
Name	CounterEventActivation [Counter Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

LevelLow
LevelHigh
FallingEdge
RisingEdge
AnyEdge

17.2.4 Counter Duration

Sets the duration (or number of events) before the CounterEnd event is generated.

Property	Value
Name	CounterDuration [Counter Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

17.2.5 Counter Value

Current counter value

Property	Value
Name	CounterValue [Counter Selector]

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

17.2.6 Counter Value At Reset

Value of the selected Counter when it was reset by a trigger.

Property	Value
Name	CounterValueAtReset [Counter Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

17.2.7 Counter Trigger Source

Selects the source of the trigger to start the counter

Property	Value
Name	CounterTriggerSource [Counter Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Off
Line0
Line1

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Enumeration Values

Line2
Line3
UserOutput0
UserOutput1
UserOutput2
UserOutput3
Counter0Start
Counter1Start
Counter0End
Counter1End
LogicBlock0
LogicBlock1
ExposureStart
ExposureEnd
FrameTriggerWait

17.2.8 Counter Trigger Activation

Selects the activation mode of the trigger to start the Counter.

Property	Value
Name	CounterTriggerActivation [Counter Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

LevelLow

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Enumeration Values

LevelHigh
FallingEdge
RisingEdge
AnyEdge

17.2.9 Counter Reset Source

Selects the signal that will be the source to reset the Counter.

Property	Value
Name	CounterResetSource [Counter Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Off
Line0
Line1
Line2
Line3
UserOutput0
UserOutput1
UserOutput2
UserOutput3
Counter0Start
Counter1Start
Counter0End

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Enumeration Values

Counter1End
LogicBlock0
LogicBlock1
ExposureStart
ExposureEnd
FrameTriggerWait

17.2.10 Counter Reset Activation

Selects the Activation mode of the Counter Reset Source signal.

Property	Value
Name	CounterResetActivation [Counter Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

LevelLow
LevelHigh
FallingEdge
RisingEdge
AnyEdge

17.2.11 Counter Status

Returns the current status of the Counter.

Property	Value
Name	CounterStatus [Counter Selector]

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Property	Value
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

CounterIdle

CounterTriggerWait

CounterActive

CounterCompleted

CounterOverflow

17.2.12 Counter Delay

Sets the delay (or number of events) before the CounterStart event is generated.

Property	Value
Name	CounterDelay [Counter Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

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18　Test Control

Test Control provides functionality to allow certain features to be exercised.

There are two features available in Test Control:

> **TestEventGenerate** - This feature allows you to generate test events. Executing sends a single TestEvent, which then populates the Event Test Data selector with the ID and the timestamp of when the event occurred.

> **TestPendingAck** - This feature allows you to test the device's pending acknowledge feature. When this feature is written, the device waits for the corresponding time period in milliseconds before acknowledging the write.

> **Test0001** - This feature is for internal testing only.

If a test fails, an error is produced for the log.

18.1　Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Test Pending Ack	IInteger	RW	Guru	Test PENDING_ACK feature.
Test Event Generate	ICommand	WO	Guru	This command generates a test event and sends it to the host.
Test 0001	IInteger	RW	Expert	For testing only.

18.2　Test Control Features

18.2.1　Test Pending Ack

Test PENDING_ACK feature.

Property	Value
Name	TestPendingAck
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

18.2.2 Test Event Generate

This command generates a test event and sends it to the host.

Property	Value
Name	TestEventGenerate
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Guru

18.2.3 Test 0001

For testing only.

Property	Value
Name	Test0001
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

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19   Logic Block Control

For more detail, see TAN2016005 Using Logic Blocks

A Logic Block is a collection of combinatorial logic and latches that allows the user to create new, custom signals inside the camera. Each Logic Block is comprised of 2 lookup tables (LUT) with programmable inputs, truth tables and a flip flop output. There is a LUT for both the D input (Value LUT) and the enable input (Enable LUT) of the flip flop. Both LUTs have 3 inputs and thus have 8 configuration bits for their truth table.
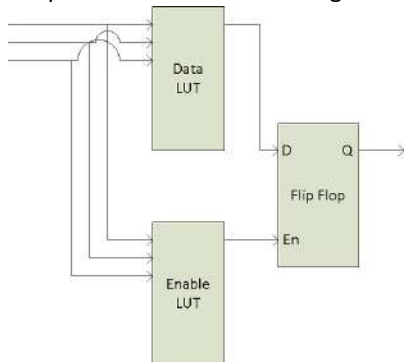
To configure the LUTs first select either the Value or Enable LUT using the LogicBlockLUTSelector, then use the LogicBlockLUTInput to configure the different inputs into the LUT - note that the Value and Enable LUT share the inputs so setting the inputs on one will affect the other. The LogicBlockLUTInputSource selects the internal signal to be used and the LogicBlockLUTInputActivation selects what level or edge to be considered a positive input into the LUT. Once the inputs to the LUT have been selected the entries in the truth table can be configure either individually using the LogicBlockLUTRowIndex and LogicBlockLUTOutput or all at once using the LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAll

The following truth table show a simple AND of Input1 and Input2 while Input0 is not considered ("DON'T CARE").

Source			Output
2	1	0	
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

To program this function into a LUT write the value of 0xC0 (1100 0000b) to the LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAll.

The details of the output Flip Flop output are shown in the following table. The previous value of the Value LUT will remain on the output until the Enable LUT is set at which point the output will be updated to the new value of the Value LUT. This allows latching of a given signal. To effectively bypass the output latch and pass the Value LUT signal through continuously simple program the Enable LUT truth table to all 1's (LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAll = 0xFF)
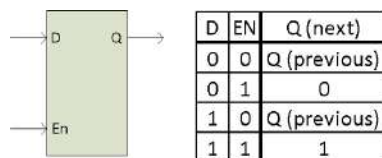
19.1   Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Logic Block Selector	IEnumeration		Guru	Selects which LogicBlock to configure
Logic Block LUT Selector [Logic Block Selector]	IEnumeration		Guru	Selects which LogicBlock LUT to configure
Logic Block LUT Input Selector [Logic Block LUT Selector]	IEnumeration		Guru	Controls which LogicBlockLUT Input Source & Activation to access.
Logic Block LUT Input Source [Logic Block LUT Input Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Guru	Selects the source for the input into the Logic LUT.
Logic Block LUT Input Activation [Logic Block LUT Input Selector]	IEnumeration		Guru	Selects the activation mode of the Logic Input Source signal.
Logic Block LUT Output Value All [Logic Block LUT Selector]	IInteger		Guru	Sets the value of all the output bits in the selected LUT.
Logic Block LUT Row Index [Logic Block LUT Selector]	IInteger		Guru	Controls the row of the truth table to access in the selected LUT.
Logic Block LUT Output Value [Logic Block LUT Row Index]	IBoolean		Guru	Controls the output column of the truth table for the selected LogicBlockLUTRowIndex.

19.2   Logic Block Control Features

19.2.1   Logic Block Selector

Selects which LogicBlock to configure

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockSelector

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Property	Value
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

LogicBlock0
LogicBlock1

19.2.2 Logic Block LUT Selector

Selects which LogicBlock LUT to configure

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockLUTSelector [Logic Block Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

Value
Enable

19.2.3 Logic Block LUT Input Selector

Controls which LogicBlockLUT Input Source & Activation to access.

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockLUTInputSelector [Logic Block LUT Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

Input0
Input1
Input2
Input3

19.2.4 Logic Block LUT Input Source

Selects the source for the input into the Logic LUT.

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockLUTInputSource [Logic Block LUT Input Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

Zero
Line0
Line1
Line2
Line3
UserOutput0
UserOutput1
UserOutput2
UserOutput3
Counter0Start
Counter1Start
Counter0End

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Enumeration Values

Counter1End
LogicBlock0
LogicBlock1
ExposureStart
ExposureEnd
FrameTriggerWait
AcquisitionActive

19.2.5 Logic Block LUT Input Activation

Selects the activation mode of the Logic Input Source signal.

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockLUTInputActivation [Logic Block LUT Input Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

LevelLow
LevelHigh
FallingEdge
RisingEdge
AnyEdge

19.2.6 Logic Block LUT Output Value All

Sets the value of all the output bits in the selected LUT.

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockLUTOutputValueAll [Logic Block LUT Selector]

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

19.2.7 Logic Block LUT Row Index

Controls the row of the truth table to access in the selected LUT.

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockLUTRowIndex [Logic Block LUT Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	
Unit	
Visibility	Guru

19.2.8 Logic Block LUT Output Value

Controls the output column of the truth table for the selected LogicBlockLUTRowIndex.

Property	Value
Name	LogicBlockLUTOutputValue [Logic Block LUT Row Index]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	
Visibility	Guru

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20 Digital IO Control

The camera is equipped with a 6-pin GPIO connector on the back of the case. The connector is a Hirose HR10A-7R-6PB, the mating connector is a Hirose HR10A-7P-6S(73).

Diagram	Color	Pin	Line	Function	Description
	Green	1	3	Power / Input	+12 V DC Camera Power / Non-isolated input
	Black	2	0	Opto Input 1	Opto-isolated input
	Red	3	2	NC / +3.3 V / GPIO	+3.3 V output. Current 120 mA (nominal) Firmware enabled / Non-isolated I/O
	White	4	1	Opto Output 1	Opto-isolated output
	Blue	5	N/A	Opto GND	Ground for opto-isolated I/O, not connected to camera ground
	Brown	6	N/A	GND	DC camera power ground

This section describes how to configure the camera's general purpose digital input and outputs (sometimes referred to as GPIO).

Use LineSelector to choose which of the 4 lines to configure. All the features listed beneath it are controllable on a per line basis.

Use Line Mode to control the direction - either **Input** or **Output** - of the selected I/O line.

Use 3.3V Enable to supply external circuits with power. This is different than standard logic outputs in that it is comparatively slow to switch but can supply a more significant amount of power. This is only available on some pins.

Use LineInverter to control a logic inverter on the selected line.

LineStatus indicates the current status of the selected line. A checked status (enabled) indicates logic high. An unchecked status (disabled) indicates logic low. Since this node must be polled to get its status it should not be used as a real time control for reading internal signals.

LineStatusAll is a hexadecimal representation of all the line status bits (Line 0 status corresponds to bit 0, Line 1 status with bit 1, etc). This allows simultaneous reading of all line statuses at once.

Use the LineInputFilterSelector to choose a filter. Filters are unique per line. Use LineFilterWidth to set the width of the filter in microseconds. There are two choices of filter:

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set to medium, but output follows

Deglitch - designed to filter out any noise or other spurious signals on the line, it does not consider the state to have transitioned until after the Filter Width time has expired. This means that Deglitch introduces a delay in the signal.

Debounce - designed to filter out rapid connecting and disconnecting common in mechanical switches. This means that Debounce considers the first edge as valid and won't allow a subsequent change of state until after the debounce time has elapsed.

Note: The Deglitch filter is applied before Debounce filter.

Use LineSource to control what signal is output on the line when the Line Mode is set to output. The choices are:

Other Lines - creates a loop back

User Outputs - outputs user controllable internal signals

Counter Active - shows when a counter is in use

Logic Blocks - drives the lines

Exposure Active - indicates when the image sensor is exposing

Frame Trigger Wait - indicates when the camera is ready to accept a new Frame Start trigger

If a User Output is selected as a Line Source, use UserOutputSelector to select which bit to use as internal signals within the camera. Use UserOutputValue to set the selected user output to logic high (enabled) or logic low (disabled).

UserOutputValueAll is a hexadecimal representation of all the user output bits (User Output 0 corresponds to bit 0, User Output 1 with bit 1, etc). Reading or writing User Output Value All allows simultaneous setting or reading of all user outputs at once.

LineFormat is read only and indicates what type of circuit the selected line has. The options for Line Format are:

Tri State - indicates the line is not driven. This is typical for digital inputs.

Opto Coupled - indicates that an opto isolator is being used to isolated the external circuitry from the internal camera electronics.

Open Drain - indicates there is an internal MOSFET that will pull the pin low but requires an external pull up resistor to produce a logic level high signal. This is typical for digital outputs.

20.1 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Line Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects the physical line (or pin) of the external device connector to configure
Line Mode [Line Selector]	IEnumeration		Expert	Controls if the physical Line is used to Input or Output a signal.
3.3V Enable [Line Selector]	IBoolean	RW	Guru	Internally generated 3.3V rail. Enable to supply external circuits with power. This is different than standard logic outputs in that it is comparatively slow to switch but can supply a more significant amount of power. This is only available on some pins.

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Line Inverter [Line Selector]	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Controls the inversion of the signal of the selected input or output line.
Line Status [Line Selector]	IBoolean	RO	Expert	Returns the current status of the selected input or output Line
Line Status All	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the current status of all the line status bits in a hexadecimal representation (Line 0 status corresponds to bit 0, Line 1 status with bit 1, etc). This allows simultaneous reading of all line statuses at once.
Input filter Selector [Line Selector]	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects the kind of input filter to configure: Deglitch or Debounce.
Line Filter Width [Input filter Selector]	IFloat		Expert	Filter width in microseconds for the selected line and filter combination
Line Source [Line Selector]	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects which internal acquisition or I/O source signal to output on the selected line. LineMode must be Output.
Line Format [Line Selector]	IEnumeration	RO	Expert	Displays the current electrical format of the selected physical input or output Line.
Exposure Active Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Control sensor active exposure mode.
User Output Selector	IEnumeration		Expert	Selects which bit of the User Output register is set by UserOutputValue.
User Output Value [User Output Selector]	IBoolean	RW	Expert	Value of the selected user output, either logic high (enabled) or logic low (disabled).
User Output Value All	IInteger		Expert	Returns the current status of all the user output status bits in a hexadecimal representation (UserOutput 0 status corresponds to bit 0, UserOutput 1 status with bit 1, etc). This allows simultaneous reading of all user output statuses at once.

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20.2 Digital IO Control Features

20.2.1 Line Selector

Selects the physical line (or pin) of the external device connector to configure

Property	Value
Name	LineSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Line0
Line1
Line2
Line3

20.2.2 Line Mode

Controls if the physical Line is used to Input or Output a signal.

Property	Value
Name	LineMode [Line Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Input
Output

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20.2.3 3.3V Enable

Internally generated 3.3V rail. Enable to supply external circuits with power. This is different than standard logic outputs in that it is comparatively slow to switch but can supply a more significant amount of power. This is only available on some pins.

Property	Value
Name	V3_3Enable [Line Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

20.2.4 Line Inverter

Controls the inversion of the signal of the selected input or output line.

Property	Value
Name	LineInverter [Line Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

20.2.5 Line Status

Returns the current status of the selected input or output Line

Property	Value
Name	LineStatus [Line Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

20.2.6 Line Status All

Returns the current status of all the line status bits in a hexadecimal representation (Line 0 status corresponds to bit 0, Line 1 status with bit 1, etc). This allows simultaneous reading of all line statuses at once.

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Property	Value
Name	LineStatusAll
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

20.2.7 Input filter Selector

Selects the kind of input filter to configure: Deglitch or Debounce.

Property	Value
Name	LineInputFilterSelector [Line Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Deglitch
Debounce

20.2.8 Line Filter Width

Filter width in microseconds for the selected line and filter combination

Property	Value
Name	LineFilterWidth [Input filter Selector]
Interface	IFloat
Access	
Unit	us
Visibility	Expert

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20.2.9 Line Source

Selects which internal acquisition or I/O source signal to output on the selected line. LineMode must be Output.

Property	Value
Name	LineSource [Line Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Off
Line0
Line1
Line2
Line3
UserOutput0
UserOutput1
UserOutput2
UserOutput3
Counter0Active
Counter1Active
LogicBlock0
LogicBlock1
ExposureActive
FrameTriggerWait
PPSSignal
SerialPort0

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20.2.10 Line Format

Displays the current electrical format of the selected physical input or output Line.

Property	Value
Name	LineFormat [Line Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

TriState
OptoCoupled
OpenDrain

20.2.11 Exposure Active Mode

Control sensor active exposure mode.

Property	Value
Name	ExposureActiveMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Line1
AnyPixels
AllPixels

20.2.12 User Output Selector

Selects which bit of the User Output register is set by UserOutputValue.

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Property	Value
Name	UserOutputSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

UserOutput0
UserOutput1
UserOutput2
UserOutput3

20.2.13 User Output Value

Value of the selected user output, either logic high (enabled) or logic low (disabled).

Property	Value
Name	UserOutputValue [User Output Selector]
Interface	IBoolean
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

20.2.14 User Output Value All

Returns the current status of all the user output status bits in a hexadecimal representation (UserOutput 0 status corresponds to bit 0, UserOutput 1 status with bit 1, etc). This allows simultaneous reading of all user output statuses at once.

Property	Value
Name	UserOutputValueAll
Interface	IInteger
Access	

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Property	Value
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

21 Serial Port Control

21.1 Serial Port

The serial port can be used to transmit and receive serial data through the device using the transport layer. The serial data can be sent through the transport layer in image data (via the SerialData Chunk Data), in control data (via the File Access Control), or in event data (via the SerialPortReceive Event).

The serial port to configure is selected using the SerialPortSelector. The physical line on which to receive serial data is set using the SerialPortSource. The physical line on which to transmit serial data is set using the LineSource in the Digital IO Control. The serial port settings for both the receive and transmit can be set using the SerialPortBaudRate, SerialPortDataBits, SerialPortStopBits, and SerialPortParity.

Serial data can be transmitted and received through the File Access Control. Once the serial port file is opened, data can be transmitted via Write operations and received via Read operations. Received serial data can also be obtained through the SerialPortReceive Event which will be generated when data is available or through the SerialData Chunk Data which is appended into each image payload.

The total number of characters in the serial port transmit and receive queues can be monitored using the SerialTransmitQueueMaxCharacterCount and the SerialReceiveQueueMaxCharacterCount. The current number of characters in the queues can be monitored using the SerialTransmitQueueCurrentCharacterCount and SerialReceiveQueueCurrentCharacterCount. The SerialReceiveQueueCurrentCharacterCount reports the maximum number of characters that can be obtained using the File Access Control. The receive queue can be emptied by executing the SerialReceiveQueueClear.

Serial port framing and parity errors are reported using the SerialRecieveFramingErrorCount and the SerialReceiveParityErrorCount. Overflow errors are reported within the SerialData Chunk Data, the SerialPortReceive Event, or in the FileOperationStatus after executing a Read.

21.2 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Serial Port Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects which serial port of the device to control.
Serial Port Source [Serial Port Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Specifies the physical input Line on which to receive serial data.
Serial Port Baud Rate [Serial Port Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	This feature controls the baud rate used by the selected serial port.
Serial Port Data Bits [Serial Port Selector]	IInteger	RW	Expert	This feature controls the number of data bits used by the selected serial port. Possible values that can be used are between 5 and 9.
Serial Port Stop Bits [Serial Port Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	This feature controls the number of stop bits used by the selected serial port.

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Serial Port Parity [Serial Port Selector]	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	This feature controls the parity used by the selected serial port.
Transmit Queue Max Character Count [Serial Port Selector]	IInteger	RO	Expert	>Returns the maximum number of characters in the serial port transmit queue.
Transmit Queue Current Character Count [Serial Port Selector]	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the number of characters currently in the serial port transmit queue.
Receive Queue Max Character Count [Serial Port Selector]	IInteger	RO	Expert	>Returns the maximum number of characters in the serial port receive queue.
Receive Queue Current Character Count [Serial Port Selector]	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the number of characters currently in the serial port receive queue.
Receive Queue Clear [Serial Port Selector]	ICommand	WO	Expert	This is a command that clears the device serial port receive queue.
Receive Framing Error Count [Serial Port Selector]	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the number of framing errors that have occurred on the serial port.
Receive Parity Error Count [Serial Port Selector]	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the number of parity errors that have occurred on the serial port.

21.3   Serial Port Control Features

21.3.1   Serial Port Selector

Selects which serial port of the device to control.

Property	Value
Name	SerialPortSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

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Enumeration Values

SerialPort0

21.3.2 Serial Port Source

Specifies the physical input Line on which to receive serial data.

Property	Value
Name	SerialPortSource [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Line0
Line1
Line2
Line3
Off

21.3.3 Serial Port Baud Rate

This feature controls the baud rate used by the selected serial port.

Property	Value
Name	SerialPortBaudRate [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Baud300

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Enumeration Values

Baud600
Baud1200
Baud2400
Baud4800
Baud9600
Baud14400
Baud19200
Baud38400
Baud57600
Baud115200

21.3.4 Serial Port Data Bits

This feature controls the number of data bits used by the selected serial port. Possible values that can be used are between 5 and 9.

Property	Value
Name	SerialPortDataBits [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

21.3.5 Serial Port Stop Bits

This feature controls the number of stop bits used by the selected serial port.

Property	Value
Name	SerialPortStopBits [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW

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Property	Value
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

Bits1
Bits1AndAHalf
Bits2

21.3.6 Serial Port Parity

This feature controls the parity used by the selected serial port.

Property	Value
Name	SerialPortParity [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

None
Odd
Even
Mark
Space

21.3.7 Transmit Queue Max Character Count

>Returns the maximum number of characters in the serial port transmit queue.

Property	Value
Name	SerialTransmitQueueMaxCharacterCount [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IInteger

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Property	Value
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

21.3.8 Transmit Queue Current Character Count

Returns the number of characters currently in the serial port transmit queue.

Property	Value
Name	SerialTransmitQueueCurrentCharacterCount [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

21.3.9 Receive Queue Max Character Count

>Returns the maximum number of characters in the serial port receive queue.

Property	Value
Name	SerialReceiveQueueMaxCharacterCount [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

21.3.10 Receive Queue Current Character Count

Returns the number of characters currently in the serial port receive queue.

Property	Value
Name	SerialReceiveQueueCurrentCharacterCount [Serial Port Selector]

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

21.3.11 Receive Queue Clear

This is a command that clears the device serial port receive queue.

Property	Value
Name	SerialReceiveQueueClear [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Expert

21.3.12 Receive Framing Error Count

Returns the number of framing errors that have occurred on the serial port.

Property	Value
Name	SerialReceiveFramingErrorCount [Serial Port Selector]
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

21.3.13 Receive Parity Error Count

Returns the number of parity errors that have occurred on the serial port.

Property	Value
Name	SerialReceiveParityErrorCount [Serial Port Selector]

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Property	Value
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

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21 File Access

21.1 File Access

The file access interface allows access to the cameras file system.

It provides access to the cameras user set files, LUT files and a user definable file.

Usage of the file access features and registers should not be attempted directly. Instead access the file system through the file access interface of the host application.

The user set files are treated differently than the other files in the system. These file when uploaded will modify the user set setting within the camera. If the user set file is from an older version of the camera or a different model, the user sets with in the file will be converted to the appropriate user sets for the new firmware. The file will then be replaced with the updated user set file. If the file contains user sets that are not appropriate for the firmware version on the camera, they will be ignored and discarded. If the file has been modified in any way, the file will be discarded and regenerated.

While a file is open within the file access interface, the camera will not be able to start acquisition. Also, the FileAccessExecute command will be disabled when the camera is in acquisition mode. Care should be taken to not leave any file open within the camera's file system as it will disable the start acquisition register without any feedback as to why.

21.2 Summary Table

Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
File Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Guru	Selects which file is being operated on. This must be set before performing any file operations.
File Operation Selector	IEnumeration	RW	Guru	Sets operation to execute on the selected file when the execute command is given.
File Operation Execute	ICommand	WO	Guru	This is a command that executes the selected file operation on the selected file.
File Open Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Guru	The mode of the file when it is opened. The file can be opened for reading, writting or both. This must be set before opening the file.
File Access Buffer	IRegister	RW	Guru	Defines the intermediate access buffer that allows the exchange of data between the device file storage and the application.
File Access Offset	IInteger	RW	Guru	Controls the Offset of the mapping between the device file storage and the FileAccessBuffer.
File Access	IInteger	RW	Guru	Controls the Length of the mapping between the device file

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Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Length				storage and the FileAccessBuffer.
File Operation Status	IEnumeration	RO	Guru	Represents the file operation execution status.
File Operation Result	IInteger	RO	Guru	Represents the file operation result. For Read or Write operations, the number of successfully read/written bytes is returned.
File Size	IInteger	RO	Guru	Represents the size of the selected file in bytes.

21.3   File Access Features

21.3.1   File Selector

Selects which file is being operated on. This must be set before performing any file operations.

Property	Value
Name	FileSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

UserSetDefault

UserSet0

UserSet1

UserFile1

SerialPort0

21.3.2   File Operation Selector

Sets operation to execute on the selected file when the execute command is given.

Property	Value
Name	FileOperationSelector
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

Open
Close
Read
Write
Delete

21.3.3 File Operation Execute

This is a command that executes the selected file operation on the selected file.

Property	Value
Name	FileOperationExecute
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Guru

21.3.4 File Open Mode

The mode of the file when it is opened. The file can be opened for reading, writting or both. This must be set before opening the file.

Property	Value
Name	FileOpenMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW

Property	Value
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values
Read
Write
ReadWrite

21.3.5 File Access Buffer

Defines the intermediate access buffer that allows the exchange of data between the device file storage and the application.

Property	Value
Name	FileAccessBuffer
Interface	IRegister
Access	RW
Visibility	Guru

21.3.6 File Access Offset

Controls the Offset of the mapping between the device file storage and the FileAccessBuffer.

Property	Value
Name	FileAccessOffset
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	B
Visibility	Guru

21.3.7 File Access Length

Controls the Length of the mapping between the device file storage and the FileAccessBuffer.

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Property	Value
Name	FileAccessLength
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	B
Visibility	Guru

21.3.8   File Operation Status

Represents the file operation execution status.

Property	Value
Name	FileOperationStatus
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RO
Visibility	Guru

Enumeration Values

Success
Failure
Overflow

21.3.9   File Operation Result

Represents the file operation result. For Read or Write operations, the number of successfully read/written bytes is returned.

Property	Value
Name	FileOperationResult
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	

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Property	Value
Visibility	Guru

21.3.10 File Size

Represents the size of the selected file in bytes.

Property	Value
Name	FileSize
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	B
Visibility	Guru

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22 Transfer Control

The Transfer Control category contains features that control the transferring of image data to the host.

An acquisition generates frames that are optionally processed and may have extra data appended (chunk data) before being placed in the transfer queue for transmission out of the device. Once the image data has gone through any processing and had the appropriate data appended it is referred to as a block. These blocks are then handed to the transfer module to be sent out of the device on data streams. The transfer module then transmits these blocks externally on stream channels.

This can be manually or automatically controlled. Use the Transfer Control Mode to select the control method. There are three options: **Basic**, **Automatic**, and **User Controlled**.

In both **Basic** and **Automatic** mode the camera starts transmitting data as soon as there is enough data to fill a link layer packet. This reduces the latency between when the image was acquired and when it is available to the user. As long as the link layer is able to transfer data blocks faster than they are being generated the camera continuously sends one image after another on the stream channel.

There is a **Transfer Queue** which starts to fill up if the link slows down.

> The Transfer Queue Max Block Count indicates the transfer queue's maximum capacity.
>
> The Transfer Queue Current Block Count indicates the number of blocks currently in the transfer queue.
>
> The Transfer Queue Overflow Count indicates the number of blocks that have been lost before being transmitted.
>
> The Transfer Queue Mode indicates the mechanism for transmitting and overwriting blocks in the transfer queue. It is First In First Out, which means the oldest block in the queue is always sent next on the stream channel.

Once the transfer queue is full the camera overwrites the oldest block in the queue with the new block arriving from the acquisition and processing modules that has not already begun being transmitted. At this point the Queue Overflow is incremented. Once the image that is currently being transmitted finishes, the transmission module transmits the next oldest image in the transfer queue.

In **User Controlled** mode you can directly control the transfer of blocks. Use the Transfer Operation Mode to select an operation mode. There are two options: **Continuous** and **Multi Block**.

> **Continuous** sends images without stopping in the same manner as Basic/Automatic, but you can use Transfer Start and Transfer Stop to control the streaming while acquisition runs independently.
>
> **Multi Block** transmits a specified number of blocks and then stops. Use the Transfer Block Count to specific the number of blocks. Use the Transfer Start command to initiate a multi block transfer.

Note: Acquisition can be started and stopped without affecting the transfer queue or transfer state however closing the stream channel clears both the queue and any pending transmissions.

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22.1   Summary Table

| Name	Interface	Access	Visibility	Description
Transfer Control Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the control method for the transfers. Basic and Automatic start transmitting data as soon as there is enough data to fill a link layer packet. User Controlled allows you to directly control the transfer of blocks.
Transfer Operation Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Selects the operation mode of the transfer. Continuous is similar to Basic/Automatic but you can start/stop the transfer while acquisition runs independently. Multi Block transmits a specified number of blocks and then stops.
Transfer Block Count	IInteger	RW	Expert	Specifies the number of data blocks (images) that the device should stream before stopping. This feature is only active if the Transfer Operation Mode is set to Multi Block.
Transfer Queue Max Block Count	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns the maximum number of data blocks (images) in the transfer queue
Transfer Queue Current Block Count	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns number of data blocks (images) currently in the transfer queue.
Transfer Queue Overflow Count	IInteger	RO	Expert	Returns number of images that have been lost before being transmitted because the transmit queue hasn't been cleared fast enough.
Transfer Queue Mode	IEnumeration	RW	Expert	Specifies the operation mode of the transfer queue.
Transfer Start	ICommand	WO	Expert	Starts the streaming of data blocks (images) out of the device. This feature is available when the Transfer Control Mode is set to User Controlled.
Transfer Stop	ICommand	WO	Expert	Stops the streaming of data block (images). The current block transmission is completed. This feature is available when the Transfer Control Mode is set to User Controlled.

22.2   Transfer Control Features

22.2.1 Transfer Control Mode

Selects the control method for the transfers. Basic and Automatic start transmitting data as soon as there is enough data to fill a link layer packet. User Controlled allows you to directly control the transfer of blocks.

Property	Value
Name	TransferControlMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Basic
Automatic
UserControlled

22.2.2 Transfer Operation Mode

Selects the operation mode of the transfer. Continuous is similar to Basic/Automatic but you can start/stop the transfer while acquisition runs independently. Multi Block transmits a specified number of blocks and then stops.

Property	Value
Name	TransferOperationMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values
Continuous
MultiBlock

22.2.3 Transfer Block Count

Specifies the number of data blocks (images) that the device should stream before stopping. This feature is only active if the Transfer Operation Mode is set to Multi Block.

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Property	Value
Name	TransferBlockCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	RW
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

22.2.4 Transfer Queue Max Block Count

Returns the maximum number of data blocks (images) in the transfer queue

Property	Value
Name	TransferQueueMaxBlockCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

22.2.5 Transfer Queue Current Block Count

Returns number of data blocks (images) currently in the transfer queue.

Property	Value
Name	TransferQueueCurrentBlockCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

22.2.6 Transfer Queue Overflow Count

Returns number of images that have been lost before being transmitted because the transmit queue hasn't been cleared fast enough.

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Property	Value
Name	TransferQueueOverflowCount
Interface	IInteger
Access	RO
Unit	
Visibility	Expert

22.2.7 Transfer Queue Mode

Specifies the operation mode of the transfer queue.

Property	Value
Name	TransferQueueMode
Interface	IEnumeration
Access	RW
Visibility	Expert

Enumeration Values

FirstInFirstOut

22.2.8 Transfer Start

Starts the streaming of data blocks (images) out of the device. This feature is available when the Transfer Control Mode is set to User Controlled.

Property	Value
Name	TransferStart
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Expert

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22.2.9 Transfer Stop

Stops the streaming of data block (images). The current block transmission is completed. This feature is available when the Transfer Control Mode is set to User Controlled.

Property	Value
Name	TransferStop
Interface	ICommand
Access	WO
Visibility	Expert

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