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1 Introduction

The WSG family of grippers can be controlled by different standard interfaces using a binary protocol. This manual gives a detailed explanation of the protocol used as well as over the WSG's command set. For getting started with the communication protocol, we recommend the free WSG Commander application running on Microsoft Windows.

The following assumptions are used throughout the manual unless otherwise noted:

- Hexadecimal values are noted with a trailing "h", e.g. 12h, while decimal values are not specially marked.
- The data transmission is based on a little endian representation of multi-byte words, where the least significant byte is transferred first. This means that the integer number 1234h is represented by two consecutive bytes 34h and 12h.
- Floating point values are represented by 4 byte long single precision floating point numbers according to IEEE 754 using the following standard encoding:

D31: sign

D30...23: exponent D22...0: mantissa

- Any set of values is indexed starting with 0, i.e. an array with n elements has an index range of 0...n-1.
- The following data types are used by the command set:
 - integer: Integer number of either 8, 16 or 32 Bit length
 - float: Floating point number
 - string: An ASCII text that must not contain any control characters
 - bit vector: usually flags, where every bit has its special meaning
 - enum: Enumeration. Similar to integer, but every value has a special meaning.

1.1 General Communication Protocol

Regardless of the interface used, the WSG communicates with its host using binary data packets. They consist of a preamble signaling the beginning of a new data packet. Table 1 illustrates the com-



mand format. An identification code describes the content of the packet. It is used as command ID and distinguishes the several commands of the device. The two byte size value determines the size of the packet's payload in bytes. A two byte CRC checksum is added to each packet to verify data integrity.

A sample code for calculating the checksum over a message is given in Appendix C.

If you decide not to use the CRC, e.g. on transmission-safe protocols as TCP/IP, you can disable the checksum evaluation using the WSG's Web Interface (Settings->Command Interface).

To check a received message, you have to calculate the CRC again over the received data (with the preamble) <u>including</u> the received checksum. If the received data is correct, the calculated checksum is 0.

For your first steps, we recommend to use the Custom Command Editor function of the WSG Commander tool (see Chapter Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.) to the interactive ssembly of valid data packets.

Byte	Symbol	Description
02	PREAMBLE	Signals the begin of a new message and has to be AAAAAAh
3	COMMAND_ID	ID byte of the command.
45	SIZE	Size of the packet's payload in bytes. May be 0 for signaling packets.
6n	PAYLOAD	Payload data
n+1n+2	CHECKSUM	CRC checksum of the whole data packet, including the preamble. See Appendix C on how to calculate the checksum. If checksum evaluation is disabled, these bytes are 0.

Table 1: Communication packet structure

Example 1: Packet with ID = 1, no payload:

AAh AAh AAh 01h 00h 00h E8h 10h

Example 2: Packet with ID = 1, two bytes payload (12h, 34h), checksum is 666Dh:

AAh AAh AAh 01h 02h 00h 12h 34h 6Dh 66h



1.2 Command Acknowledge from the WSG

Every command is acknowledged by the WSG using a standardized acknowledge packet according to the following format:

Byte	Symbol	Description
02	PREAMBLE	Signals the begin of a new message and has to be AAAAAAh
3	COMMAND_ID	ID of the command.
45	SIZE	Size of the packet's payload in bytes. This is n – 4, e. g. 2 for a packet with an error code other than E_SUCCESS or 6 for a packet returning E_SUCCESS and a 4-byte command-specific parameter.
67	ERROR_CODE	Error code, see Chapter 0
8n	PARAMS	Command specific parameters. Only available, if the error code is E_SUCCESS.
n+1n+2	CHECKSUM	CRC checksum of the whole data packet, including the preamble. See Appendix C on how to check this checksum. Even if checksum evaluation is disabled, the WSG will always send a valid checksum with its response. When computing the CRC checksum over the whole data including this checksum field, the result has to be 0.

Example 1:	Acknowledging a successfully executed command without any return parameters		
	(here: "Homing"-Command):		
	AAh AAh AAh 20h 02h 00h 00h 00h B3h FDh		
Example 2:	Acknowledging an erroneous command (here, Command ID 0x90 is unknown, so		
	the device returns an E_CMD_UNKNOWN, error code 000Eh, error with this ID):		
	AAh AAh AAh 90h 02h 00h 0Eh 00h FDh 02h		
Example 2:	Acknowledging a successfully executed "Get Acceleration"-Command, returning a		
	4-byte floating point parameter (here: 150.0 mm/s², in hex: 00h 00h 16h 43h):		
	AAh AAh AAh 30h 06h 00h 00h 00h 00h 16h 43h DCh CBh		



1.3 Asynchronous Commands

In case the command result is not immediately available, e.g. on movement or referencing commands, the WSG returns a notification that he did understand the received command and started its execution (command pending). However, the result will not be immediately available and therefore being sent in an additional packet when command execution is completed. The immediate response to such an asynchronous command will be a packet with E_CMD_PENDING as error code, followed by the additional packet returning the command's result:

Example: Acknowledging the reception of a GOTO-Command with E_CMD_PENDING (error

code 001Ah):

AAh AAh AAh 21h 02h 00h 1Ah 00h 67h CBh

After the goal position was reached, the WSG sends the result with an additional

packet (here E_SUCCESS, error code 0000h):

AAh AAh AAh 21h 02h 00h 00h 00h 28h 04h



2 WSG Commander

The tool WSG Commander is provided free of charge and allows an easy familiarization with the WSG's communication protocol and command set. It allows you to send basic commands to the WSG and contains a custom command editor to assemble own data packets. The data traffic to and from the WSG is displayed, so the communication can be understood easily. The software is running on Microsoft Windows XP and can be installed from either your Product CD that ships together with the WSG or can be downloaded at the WSG's Web Interface from the Support Area.



Figure 1: WSG Commander Main Window

Main Window

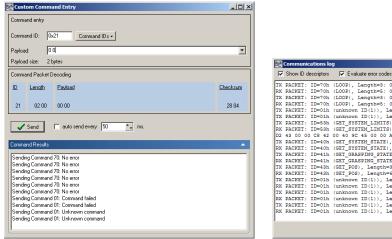
To connect to your WSG, select *Gripper*/*Connect* from the main menu and select the communication interface. Depending on the interface, additional settings may be necessary. Please note that the gripper has to be configured to use the selected interface via its Web Interface. Currently, the following interfaces are supported: RS232, CAN-Bus via ESD-Cards as well as Ethernet TCP/IP and UDP/IP.

Command Editor

Besides the predefined commands on the main window, you can compose your own commands using the Custom Command Entry dialog and send them to the WSG. To open this dialog, select Commands | Command Editor... from the main menu. You can either choose from predefined IDs or



enter your own values here. The payload can consist of bytes in either decimal or hexadecimal (starting with "0x", e.g. 0x20) format, floating point values (followed by a "f", e.g. 150.0f) or text strings (entered in quotation marks, e.g. "text"). The entered data is converted online into a data packet. By clicking on the Send-Button, it is transferred to the gripper.



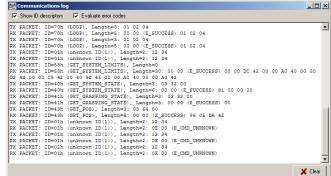


Figure 2: WSG Commander Custom Command Editor (left) and Communication Log (right)

Communication Log

To follow the communication between the WSG Commander and the gripper, you may use the Communication Log Panel. It can be accessed using the main menu's *View|Command log* entry. You can select the log panel to decode IDs and error codes automatically.

If you select one or more bytes inside the log, a popup-menu is displayed and you can convert the selected bytes into their integer or floating point representation as well as decode them as a text string.



The WSG Commander is intended as a tool to you to make the evaluation of the WSG's command set as easy and comfortable as possibly. It comes with no warranty and is not intended to be used in any production environment!



3 Command Set Reference

The following chapter describes the command set of the WSG in detail.

3.1 Connection Management

3.1.1 Loop (06h)

Loop-back command, which returns the received parameters. This command is intended to be used for testing the communication interface.

Command ID: 06h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	LOOPDATA	integer	Payload data to be looped
U	LOOFDATA	iiicgei	A maximum of 256 bytes of payload data can be looped.

Returned Parameters:

The received LOOPDATA is identically returned within the command acknowledge (note, that the two bytes error code is automatically added to the beginning of the message as described in Chapter 1.2).

Possible Error Codes:

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch (more than 256 bytes of payload).

E_INVALID_PARAMETER: Parameter value undefined.

E_CMD_PENDING: No Error, command is pending.



3.1.2 Disconnect Announcement (07h)

Announce the disconnection of the current interface. This command is only available with Ethernet TCP/IP connections and can be used to inform the device about a regular disconnection. Any movement that is executed when the disconnect announcement arrives is aborted immediately. If you send this command before closing the connection, the gripper does not enter FAST STOP on disconnect.



When issuing a Disconnect Announcement, the gripper will wait for disconnection. Commands arriving after a Disconnect Announcement will not be accepted anymore and return an E_ACCESS_DENIED error.

Command ID: 07h

Command Parameters:

No parameters.

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned.

Possible Error Codes:

E SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.

E_NOT_AVAILABLE: Command was used with a non-connection oriented interface



3.2 **Motion Control**

3.2.1 Homing (20h)

Execute a homing sequence to reference the gripper fingers. This command has to be executed prior to any other movement-related command. The direction of homing can be either explicitly specified or can be obtained from the gripper's configuration. During homing, the gripper moves its fingers into the specified direction until it reaches its mechanical end stop. The blocking position is used as new origin for all movement-related commands.



The best positioning performance will be achieved if homing is done into the direction you require the better positioning accuracy.



During homing soft limits are disabled!



Obstacles in the movement range of the fingers and collision with these during homing may result in a wrong reference point for the finger position!

Command ID: 20h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
			Homing direction
0	DIRECTION	enum	0: use default value from system configuration (the default value can be changed via the Web Interface)1: Homing in positive movement direction2: Homing in negative movement direction

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

Immediate errors:

E ACCESS DENIED: Gripper is in FAST STOP state.

E_ALREADY_RUNNING: Gripper is currently moving. Issue a STOP command, first.



E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.
E_INVALID_PARAMETER: Parameter value undefined.
E_CMD_PENDING: No Error, command is pending.

Errors upon completion of the command:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_ABORTED: Homing sequence aborted.

E_AXIS_BLOCKED: Axis was blocked while moving away from the end stop.

E_TIMEOUT: Timeout while homing



3.2.2 Preposition Fingers (21h)

Move the gripper fingers to a defined opening width. This command is intended to preposition the gripper fingers prior to a grasp. For grasping a part, the Grasp Part (25h) command (see page 20) should be used. You can select between absolute movement, where the fingers are positioned to the given value and a relative movement, where the finger's opening width is changed relative to their current position.

This command is executed asynchronously. After reception of the command, the WSG returns a packet with an E_CMD_PENDING error, meaning it did understand and initiated execution of the command. After the goal position was reached, another message is returned, giving the result of the command. More details about asynchronous commands can be found in Chapter 1.3.

Speed and position values that are outside the gripper's physical limits are clamped to the highest/lowest available value. It is a good practice to get the gripper's limits (see Chapter 3.5.4) and check your movement parameters against it before issuing a movement-related command to ensure that the gripper behaves as intended.



For getting in-depth information about the current movement, you may use this command in conjunction with the Get Opening Width command, see Chapter 3.4.4.



Prepositioning always estimates the contact force by measuring the motor current (Force Approximation Mode), regardless of any Force Measurement Fingers that might have been installed.



To grasp or to release a part, please use the Grasp Part command (see page 20 for more details).



The gripper has to be homed and not in a FAST STOP state to start a movement!

Command ID: 21h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
			D7D2: unused, set to 0
			D1: Stop on Block
0	FLAGS	bit vector	 Stop on block. If a blocking condition in towards the movement direction of the fingers is detected, the motion command returns an E_AXIS_BLOCKED error and the motor is



			stopped, when a blocking condition is detected.
			O: Clamp on block. If a blocking condition in towards the movement direction of the fingers is detected, the motion command returns an E_AXIS_BLOCKED error. The motor is not turned off automatically, but clamps with the previously set force limit.
			If the blocking condition is removed while clamping (e.g. the part between the fingers is being removed), the fingers will snap to the target position.
			D0: Movement Type
			 relative movement The passed width is treated as an offset to the current opening width.
			0: absolute movement The passed width is absolute to the closed fingers (0 mm).
14	WIDTH	float	Opening width in mm
58	SPEED	float	Traveling speed in mm/s

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

Immediate errors:

E_ACCESS_DENIED: Gripper is in FAST STOP state.

E_NOT_INITIALIZED: Gripper is not referenced. Issue a Homing command, first.

E_ALREADY_RUNNING: Gripper is currently moving. Issue a STOP command, first.

E_RANGE_ERROR: Soft limits are enabled and the given position falls into these limits.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.

E_CMD_PENDING: No Error, command is pending.

Errors upon completion of the command:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES: Out of memory

E_AXIS_BLOCKED: Axis is blocked. This may indicate that a part was grasped.



E_RANGE_ERROR: A limit (either soft or hard limit) was reached during movement. Gripper is stopped.

E_TIMEOUT: Timeout while moving

E_CMD_ABORTED: The movement command was aborted, e.g. by a Stop command



3.2.3 Stop (22h)

Immediately stops any ongoing movement. The command sets the SF_AXIS_STOPPED flag. The AXIS STOPPED state does not need to be acknowledged; it is cleared automatically by the next movement command.

If you want to stop the gripper in case of an error, use the FAST STOP command instead.

Command ID: 22h

Command Parameters:

No parameters expected

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: A parameter was given, but not expected.

E_TIMEOUT: Timeout while stopping.



3.2.4 Issue FAST STOP (23h)

This function is similar to an "Emergency Stop". It immediately stops any movement the fastest way and prevents further movement commands from being executed. The FAST STOP state can only be left by issuing a **FAST STOP Acknowledge message**. All movement-related commands are prohibited during FAST STOP and will produce an E_ACCESS_DENIED error.

The FAST STOP state is indicated in the <u>System Flags</u> and logged in the system's log file, so this command should in general be used to react on certain error conditions.



To simply stop the current movement, you may want to use the STOP command instead (see Chapter 3.2.3).

Command ID: 23h

Command Parameters:

No parameters are required

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E SUCCESS: Command succeeded.



3.2.5 Acknowledging a FAST STOP or Fault Condition (24h)

A previously issued <u>FAST STOP</u> or a severe error condition must be acknowledged using this command to bring the WSG back into normal operating mode.

Command ID: 24h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
02	ACK_KEY	string	Acknowledge key string, i.e. the letters "ack" (= 61h 63h 6Bh)

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Acknowledge key is incorrect.



3.2.6 Grasp Part (25h)

Grasp a part by passing its nominal width and the speed at which the part should be grasped. When the command is issued, the gripper moves its fingers to the nominal part width and tries to clamp the expected part with the previously set grasping force. If the gripper can establish the desired grasping force within the defined clamping travel, a part is grasped. If the fingers fall through the clamping travel without establishing the grasping force, no part was found. The clamping travel can be set using the WSG's Web interface. The grasping state is updated with the result of this operation (either PART HOLDING or NO PART) as well as the grasping statistics (see Chapter 3.4.2). If no part was found, the command returns E_CMD_FAILED.



The Grasping State reflects the current state of the process. You can read it using the Get Grasping State command (see Chapter 3.4.2).

Command ID: 25h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
03	WIDTH	float	Nominal width of the part to be grasped in mm.
47	SPEED	float	Grasping speed in mm/s

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

<u>Immediate errors:</u>

E ACCESS DENIED: Gripper is in FAST STOP state.

E ALREADY RUNNING: Gripper is currently moving. Issue a STOP command, first.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.

E RANGE ERROR: WIDTH parameter violates the soft limits.

E_CMD_PENDING: No Error, command is pending.



Errors upon completion of the command:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.
E_CMD_ABORTED: Grasping aborted.

E_CMD_FAILED: No part found.

E_TIMEOUT: Timeout while grasping.



3.2.7 Release Part (26h)

Release a previously grasped part.

Command ID: 26h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
03	OPENWIDTH	float	Opening width in mm to release the part safely.
47	SPEED	float	Opening speed in mm/s

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

Immediate errors:

E_ACCESS_DENIED: Gripper is in FAST STOP state.

E_ALREADY_RUNNING: Gripper is currently moving. Issue a STOP command, first.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.

E_RANGE_ERROR: OPENWIDTH parameter violates the soft limits.

E_CMD_PENDING: No Error, command is pending.

Errors upon completion of the command:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_ABORTED: Releasing aborted.
E_TIMEOUT: Timeout while releasing.



3.3 Motion Configuration

3.3.1 Set Acceleration (30h)

Set the axis acceleration for consecutive movements, started with e.g. Grasp or Preposition Fingers commands.



On startup, a default value is used for acceleration. You can use the Web Interface to change this default value. The acceleration value that is set using the "Set Acceleration" command is only valid for the current session, i.e. if the WSG is restarted, this setting is lost.

Command ID: 30h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
03	ACC	float	Acceleration in mm/s ² . The value is clamped, if it is outside the device's capabilities.	

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Parameter length is incorrect.



3.3.2 Get Acceleration (31h)

Return the currently set axis acceleration.

Command ID: 31h

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
03	ACC	float	Acceleration in mm/s ²

Possible Error Codes:

E SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.



3.3.3 Set Force Limit (32h)

Set the force limit for consecutive prepositioning and grasp commands. The force limit is the maximum grasping force that is applied on a mechanical contact.

- On startup, a default value is used for the force limit. You can use the Web Interface to change this default value. The force value set by this command is only valid for the current session, i.e. if the WSG is restarted, this setting is lost.
- Note: The force limit is defined as the sum of the nominal force times the number of fingers.
- The force in prepositioning mode is always estimated using the motor current. Please keep in mind, that this might not as accurate as a true force measurement!

Command ID: 32h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
			Force Limit in Newtons.	
03	FORCE	float	The value is clamped, if it is outside the device's capabilities. The given value is clamped if it is lower than the minimum grasping force and if exceeding the nominal force or if exceeding the overdrive force, depending on the Overdrive Mode flag set (see Overdrive Mode, Chapter 3.3.8).	

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Parameter length is incorrect.



3.3.4 Get Force Limit (33h)

Return the force limit that was previously set by the **Set Force Limit** command.



Note: The force limit is defined as the sum of the nominal force times the number of fingers.

Command ID: 33h

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
03	ACC	float	Force Limit in Newtons

Possible Error Codes:

E SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

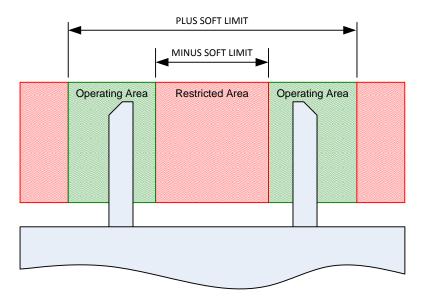
E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.



3.3.5 Set Soft Limits (34h)

Set Soft Limits for both minus and plus direction. With soft limits, you can effectively prevent the fingers to move into a certain area. If soft limits are set, the gripper returns a range error for movement commands if the given finger position is outside these limits and ensures, that the fingers do not enter the restricted area.

If the fingers are moving into the restricted area, a FAST STOP is issued that has to be acknowledged prior to any further movement-related command being accepted (see Chapter 3.2.5).



- The width of the fingers is not considered by the gripper. The opening width is always to the inner side of the base jaws.
- If the gripper fingers are outside the allowed range after setting the soft limits, the resp. system flag is set and movement is only allowed in the direction out of the restricted area.
- By using this command, you can only set soft limits for the current session (i.e. up to the next power cycle). If you want to set soft limits that are loaded per default on power-up, you can use the WSG's Web Interface.



Command ID: 34h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
03	LIMIT_MINUS	float	Soft limit opening width in negative movement direction (mm).	
47	LIMIT_PLUS	float	Soft limit opening width in positive movement direction (mm).	

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.3.6 Get Soft Limits (35h)

Return the soft limits, if set. If no soft limits are currently set, the command will return an E_NOT_AVAILABLE error.

Command ID: 35h

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
03	LIMIT_MINUS	float	Soft limit position in negative movement direction (mm).	
47	LIMIT_PLUS	float	Soft limit position in positive movement direction (mm).	

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NOT_AVAILABLE: No soft limits have been set. E_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES: Out of memory

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.



3.3.7 Clear Soft Limits (36h)

Clear any previously set soft limits.

Command ID: 36h

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.



3.3.8 Overdrive Mode (37h)

Enable or disable Force Overdrive Mode. Per default, the gripper only allows to set a grasping force that is not higher than the nominal value, which can be applied with a duty cycle of 100%. If you set overdrive mode, the grasping force can be increased up to the overdrive limit (see the Get System Limits command in Chapter 3.5.4).



Use the overdrive feature with care! If overdrive mode is enabled and a force is set higher than the nominal force value, the gripper's power dissipation will be increased. Depending on the duty cycle used, this may result in an excessive overheat and forces the gripper to turn off its power electronics. In some cases, excessive overload may also damage the device.



If overdrive mode is disabled and the current grasping force limit is beyond the gripper's nominal force limit, it is automatically reduced to the nominal force.



When Entering and Exiting Overdrive Mode, an resp. entry is created in the system log.

Command ID: 37h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
			D7D1: unused, set to 0 D0: Enable Overdrive Mode	
0	FLAGS	bit vector	 Overdrive Mode enabled. When setting the grasping force limit, the maximum allowed value is the overdrive force. 	
			O: Overdrive Mode disabled. When setting the grasping force limit, the maximum allowed value is the nominal force.	

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.3.9 Tare Force Sensor (38h)

Zeroes the connected Force Sensor used for the Force Control Loop.



This command is only allowed, if not in Force Control Mode (i.e. the grasping state must not be "holding" when issuing this command).

Command ID: 38h

Availability

This command is available from Firmware Version 1.1.0 onwards

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NOT_AVAILABLE: No force sensor installed.

E ACCESS DENIED: Command is not allowed in Force Control Mode!

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.



3.4 **System State Commands**

3.4.1 Get System State (40h)

Get the current system state. This command supports the automatic transmission of update packets in either fixed time intervals or if the system state changes. This gives you a precise control over the bus load of your system.

When sending this command with automatic updates disabled (FLAGS'0=0), one return packet containing the current system state is immediately returned.



A If you select to send automatic update messages only in case the system state changed, the time interval between two packets still is maintained, even if the changing rate of the system state is higher than PERIOD_MS.

Command ID: 40h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
0	FLAGS	bit vector	D7D2: unused, set to 0 D1: Change-sensitive Update: 1: Update on change only 0: Update always D0: Automatic Update: 1: auto update is enabled 0: auto update is disabled	
12	PERIOD_MS	integer	Minimum period between two automatically sent packets in milliseconds.	

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
03	SSTATE	bit vector	System state. See Appendix B for an explanation of the system state.	

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.4.2 Get Grasping State (41h)

Get the current Grasping State. The Grasping State reflects the current state of the grasping process and can be used to monitor it. The following states are possible and will be encoded into a single number:

• Idle (0)

The grasping process is in idle state and is waiting for a command.

Grasping (1)

The fingers are currently closing to grasp a part. The part has not been grasped, yet

• No part found (2)

The fingers have been closed, but no part was found at the specified nominal width. This state will be active until the next grasp or release command is issued.

• Part lost (3)

A part was grasped but then lost before the fingers have been opened again. This state will be active until the next grasp or release command is issued.

• *Holding (4)*

A part was grasped successfully and is now being hold with the grasping force.

• Releasing (5)

The fingers are currently opening towards the opening width to release a part.

• Positioning (6)

The fingers are currently pre-positioned using a "move" command.

The Get Grasping State command supports the automatic transmission of update packets in either fixed time intervals or if the grasping state changes. This gives you a precise control over the bus load of your system.

When sending this command with automatic updates disabled (FLAGS'0=0), one return packet containing the current grasping state is immediately returned.



If you select to send automatic update messages only in case the grasping state changed, the time interval between two packets still is maintained, even if the changing rate of the grasping state is higher than PERIOD_MS.

Command ID: 41h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
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0	FLAGS	bit vector	D7D2: unused, set to 0 D1: Change-sensitive Update: 1: Update on change only 0: Update always D0: Automatic Update: 1: auto update is enabled 0: auto update is disabled
12	PERIOD_MS	integer	Minimum period between two automatically sent packets in milliseconds.

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description	
0	GSTATE	enum	Grasping state: 0: Idle 2: No part found 4: Holding 6: Positioning	1: Grasping 3: Part lost 5: Releasing 7 to 255: Reserved

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.4.3 Get Grasping Statistics (42h)

Get the current statistics for the number of executed grasps, lost or not found parts.

Command ID: 40h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	FLAGS	bit vector	D7D1: unused, set to 0 D0: Reset Statistics: 1: reset grasping statistics after reading 0: do not reset

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
03	TOTAL	integer	Number of total grasps
45	NO_PART	integer	Number of grasps, where no part was found at the given position
67	LOST_PART	integer	Number of grasps, where the part was lost before the gripper was opened again.

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.4.4 Get Opening Width (43h)

Get the current finger position. This command supports the automatic transmission of update packets in either fixed time intervals or if the finger opening width changes. This gives you a precise control over the bus load of your system.

When sending this command with automatic updates disabled (FLAGS'0=0), one return packet containing the current finger position is immediately returned. A change is detected, if the width changes for an absolute amount of at least 0.01 mm.



A If you select to send automatic update messages only in case the finger opening width did change, the time interval between two packets still is maintained, even if the changing rate of the system state is higher than PERIOD MS.



The command returns the distance between the fingers, not their absolute position!

Command ID: 43h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	FLAGS	bit vector	D7D2: unused, set to 0 D1: Change-sensitive Update: 1: Update on change only 0: Update always D0: Automatic Update: 1: auto update is enabled 0: auto update is disabled
12	PERIOD_MS	integer	Minimum period between two automatically sent packets in milliseconds.

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	WIDTH	float	Finger opening width in millimeters.

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E CMD FORMAT ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.4.5 Get Speed (44h)

Get the current finger speed. This command supports the automatic transmission of update packets in either fixed time intervals or if the finger speed changes. This gives you a precise control over the bus load of your system.

When sending this command with automatic updates disabled (FLAGS'0=0), one return packet containing the current finger speed is immediately returned. A change is detected, if the finger speed changes for an absolute amount of at least 0.05 mm/s.



If you select to send automatic update messages only in case the finger speed changed, the time interval between two packets still is maintained, even if the changing rate of the system state is higher than PERIOD MS.



The command returns the relative speed of the fingers to each other.

Command ID: 44h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	FLAGS	bit vector	D7D2: unused, set to 0 D1: Change-sensitive Update: 1: Update on change only 0: Update always D0: Automatic Update: 1: auto update is enabled 0: auto update is disabled
12	PERIOD_MS	integer	Minimum period between two automatically sent packets in milliseconds.

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	SPEED	float	Finger speed in mm/s.

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E CMD FORMAT ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.4.6 Get Force (45h)

Get the current grasping force. This command supports the automatic transmission of update packets in either fixed time intervals or if the grasping force changes. This gives you a precise control over the bus load of your system.

When sending this command with automatic updates disabled (FLAGS'0=0), one return packet containing the current grasping force is immediately returned. A change is detected, if the grasping force changes for an absolute amount of at least 0.05 N.



A If you select to send automatic update messages only in case the grasping force changed, the time interval between two packets still is maintained, even if the changing rate of the system state is higher than PERIOD MS.



The command returns the grasping force, i.e. the sum of the nominal force times the fingers.

Command ID: 45h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	FLAGS	bit vector	D7D2: unused, set to 0 D1: Change-sensitive Update: 1: Update on change only 0: Update always D0: Automatic Update: 1: auto update is enabled 0: auto update is disabled
12	PERIOD_MS	integer	Minimum period between two automatically sent packets in milliseconds.

Returned Parameters:

E	Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
C)	FORCE	float	Grasping force in Newtons.

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E CMD FORMAT ERROR: Command length mismatch.



3.5 System Configuration

3.5.1 Get System Information (50h)

Get some information about the connected gripper that can be used e.g. to evaluate the functional range of the gripper.

Command ID: 50h

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	ТҮРЕ	enum	Gripper Type: 0: unknown 1: WSG 50
1	HWREV	integer	Hardware Revision
23	SWREV	integer	Firmware Revision
47	SN	integer	Serial Number

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.



3.5.2 Set Device Tag (51h)

Set the Device Tag. This tag is a generic text string that can be set to any application-specific value, e.g. the location of the gripper or any additional process information that is used in conjunction with the gripper. The maximum length of the Device Tag is 64 characters. The text string must not contain any control characters. Any terminating NUL characters are automatically stripped from the string.

Command ID: 51h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0n	TAG	string	Device Tag text string. Maximum length is 64 characters.

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.E_OVERRUN: Tag value is too long.

E_INVALID_PARAMETER: Tag contains illegal characters.



3.5.3 Get Device Tag (52h)

Return the Device Tag. If no Device Tag is set, the function returns an E_NOT_AVAILABLE error.

Command ID: 52h

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0n	TAG	string	Device Tag text string.

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: A parameter was given, but not expected.

E_NOT_AVAILABLE: No device tag present.
E_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES: Out of memory.



3.5.4 Get System Limits (53h)

Get the gripper's physical limits for stroke, speed, acceleration and force. You can use these values when sending movement-related commands to the gripper to ensure that all parameters are within the system's limits.

Command ID: 53h

Command Parameters:

No parameters required

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
03	STROKE	float	Gripper stroke in mm
47	MIN_SPEED	float	Minimum speed in mm/s
811	MAX_SPEED	float	Maximum speed in mm/s
1215	MIN_ACC	float	Minimum acceleration in mm/s ²
1619	MAX_ACC	float	Maximum acceleration in mm/s ²
2023	MIN_FORCE	float	Minimum grasping force in N
2427	NOM_FORCE	float	Nominal grasping force in N (duty cycle of 100%)
2831	OVR_FORCE	float	Maximum overdrive grasping force in N (can only be set in Overdrive Mode, see Chapter 3.3.8)

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED: The command does not accept any parameter, but at least one was given.



3.6 Finger Interface

The WSG series of grippers provide a sensor port in each base jaw where sensor fingers can be connected to. These following commands are used to access and control these fingers.

3.6.1 Get Finger Info (60h)

Return information about the connected fingers. Use this command to determine the type of the connected finger and to get the size of one data frame returned by this finger.

Command ID: 60h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	INDEX	integer	Finger index. Range: 0 to finger count -1 (e.g. 01 for the WSG 50).

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	TYPE	enum	Finger type: 0: generic or no finger installed 1: WSG-FMF 2: WSG-DSA 3255: reserved
23	SIZE	integer	Size of one data frame in bytes that is returned by the Finger Get Data (ID 62h) command. If the finger doesn't support the Get Data command, SIZE is 0000h.

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.
E_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS: Finger index is out of bounds.



3.6.2 Get Finger Flags (61h)

Return the state flags for the selected finger.

Command ID: 61h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	INDEX	integer	Finger index. Range: 0 to finger count -1 (e.g. 01 for the WSG 50).

Returned Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description		
			Finger Flags		
			These flags	represent the sta	te of the selected finger.
			Bit Index:	Name	Description
			Bit 0:	POWER_ON	If set, finger is powered up
			Bit 1:	CONFIG_AVAIL	The connected finger provides
					configuration data (i.e. an
01	FLAGS	bit vector			intelligent finger was detected
01	FLAGS	DIL VECTOI			on this sensor port)
			Bit 2:	COMM_OPEN	A communication interface is
					open
			Bit 37:	(reserved)	
			Bit 8:	POWER_FAULT	An Over-Current fault was detected
			Bit 9:	COMM_FAULT	A communication fault occurred during runtime
			Bit 1015	(reserved)	

Possible Error Codes:

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.

E_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS: Finger index is out of bounds.



3.6.3 Finger Power Control (62h)

Enables or disables the power supply for the selected finger. This may be used in conjunction with custom hardware to control the behavior of the finger.

Enabling the power supply is executed as an asynchronous command because the system will wait some time until the finger is powering up. In this case, the first command result is E_CMD_PENDING followed by an E_SUCCESS after approx. 500 ms.

Disabling power is always done directly, i.e. without the E_CMD_PENDING mechanism.



The power supply can only be controlled, if the finger is of generic type.

Command ID: 62h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	INDEX	integer	Finger index. Range: 0 to finger count -1 (e.g. 01 for the WSG 50).
1	ON/OFF	enum	Set this byte to 0 to disable the power supply or to 1 for enabling it. The power supply can only be controlled for generic fingers. All fingers are powered up on system startup by default.

Returned Parameters:

No parameters are returned.

Possible Error Codes:

<u>Immediate errors:</u>

E_SUCCESS: Command succeeded (when disabling power).

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.

E CMD FAILED: Over-current detected while enabling the finger's power supply.

E_CMD_PENDING: Power was enabled, waiting for the finger to startup.

E_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS: Finger index is out of bounds.

Errors upon completion of the command (only when enabling the power):

E_SUCCESS: Enabling the finger's power supply succeeded.



3.6.4 Get Finger Data (63h)

Return the current finger data for predefined finger types. The length of the finger-specific data can be obtained using the Get Finger Info command (see Chapter 3.6.1).



The content and length of the returned data depends on the installed finger type. Please see the documentation of the resp. finger.

Command ID: 63h

Command Parameters:

Byte	Symbol	Data Type	Description
0	INDEX	integer	Finger index. Range: 0 to finger count -1 (e.g. 01 for the WSG 50).

Returned Parameters:

Finger-specific data.

Possible Error Codes:

E SUCCESS: Command succeeded.

E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR: Command length mismatch.

E_IO_ERROR: A communication error occurred while accessing the finger.

E_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS: Finger index is out of bounds.

E NOT AVAILABLE: The selected finger does not support finger-specific data.



4 Appendix A: Error Codes

All commands are acknowledged with an error code. Table 2 lists the valid error codes and describes their reason.

Error code	Symbol name	Description
0	E_SUCCESS	No error occurred, operation was successful
1	E_NOT_AVAILABLE	Function or data is not available
2	E_NO_SENSOR	No measurement converter is connected
3	E_NOT_INITIALIZED	Device was not initialized
4	E_ALREADY_RUNNING	The data acquisition is already running
5	E_FEATURE_NOT_SUPPORTED	The requested feature is currently not available
6	E_INCONSISTENT_DATA	One or more parameters are inconsistent
7	E_TIMEOUT	Timeout error
8	E_READ_ERROR	Error while reading data
9	E_WRITE_ERROR	Error while writing data
10	E_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES	No more memory available
11	E_CHECKSUM_ERROR	Checksum error
12	E_NO_PARAM_EXPECTED	A Parameter was given, but none expected
13	E_NOT_ENOUGH_PARAMS	Not enough parameters for executing the command
14	E_CMD_UNKNOWN	Unknown command
15	E_CMD_FORMAT_ERROR	Command format error
16	E_ACCESS_DENIED	Access denied
17	E_ALREADY_OPEN	Interface is already open
18	E_CMD_FAILED	Error while executing a command
19	E_CMD_ABORTED	Command execution was aborted by the user



20	E_INVALID_HANDLE	Invalid handle
21	E_NOT_FOUND	Device or file not found
22	E_NOT_OPEN	Device or file not open
23	E_IO_ERROR	Input/Output Error
24	E_INVALID_PARAMETER	Wrong parameter
25	E_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS	Index out of bounds
26	E_CMD_PENDING	No error, but the command was not completed, yet. Another return message will follow including an error code, if the function was completed.
27	E_OVERRUN	Data overrun
28	E_RANGE_ERROR	Range error
29	E_AXIS_BLOCKED	Axis blocked
30	E_FILE_EXISTS	File already exists

Table 2: Possible error codes



5 Appendix B: System State Flags

The system state flags are arranged as a 32-bit wide integer value that can be read using the Get System State command (see Chapter 3.4.1). Each bit has a special meaning listed below.

Bit No.	Flag Name	Description	
D3121	reserved	These bits are currently unused but may be used in a future release of the WSG firmware.	
		Script Error.	
D20	SF_SCRIPT_FAILURE	An error occurred while executing the script and the script was aborted. This flag is reset when starting a script.	
		A script is currently running.	
D19	SF_SCRIPT_RUNNING	The flag is reset if the script either terminated normally, a script error occurred or the script was terminated manually by the user.	
D18	SE CMD FAILURE	Command Error.	
D10	SF_CMD_FAILURE	The last command returned an error.	
		Finger Fault.	
D17	ing" and "not co	The status of at least one finger is different from "operating" and "not connected". Please check the finger flags for a more detailed error description.	
D16	SF_CURR_FAULT	Engine Current Error.	
D15	CE DOMED FALLE	Power Error. The power supply is outside the valid range.	
D12	SF_POWER_FAULT		
		Temperature Error.	
D14	SF_TEMP_FAULT	The gripper hardware has reached a critical temperature level. All movement-related commands are disabled, until the temperature falls below the critical level.	
		Temperature Warning.	
D13	SF_TEMP_WARNING	The gripper hardware will soon reach a critical temperature level.	



		Fast Stop.
D12	SF_FAST_STOP	The gripper was stopped due to an error condition. You have to acknowledge the error in order to reset this flag and to re-enable movement-related commands.
D1110	reserved	These bits are currently unused but may be used in a future release of the WSG firmware.
		Force Control Mode.
D9	SF_FORCECNTL_MODE	True Force Control is currently enabled by using the installed Force Measurement Finger (WSG-FMF). If this flag is not set, the grasping force is controlled by approximation based on the motor current.
		Overdrive Mode.
D8	SF_OVERDRIVE_MODE	Gripper is in overdrive mode and the grasping force can be set to a value up to the overdrive force limit. If this bit is reset, the grasping force cannot be higher than the gripper's nominal grasping force value.
	SF_TARGET_POS_REACHED	Target position reached.
D7		Set after a Goto or Grasp command, if the target position was successfully reached. This flag is reset on the next movement command.
	SF_AXIS_STOPPED	Axis stopped.
D6		A previous movement command was aborted using the stop command. This flag is reset on the next movement command.
		Positive direction soft limit reached.
D5	SF_SOFT_LIMIT_PLUS	The fingers reached the defined soft limit in positive moving direction. A further movement into this direction is not allowed anymore. This flag is cleared, if the fingers have been moved away from the soft limit position.
		Negative direction soft limit reached.
D4	SF_SOFT_LIMIT_MINUS	The fingers reached the defined soft limit in negative moving direction. A further movement into this direction is not allowed anymore. This flag is cleared, if the fingers have been moved away from the soft limit position.
D3	SF_BLOCKED_PLUS	Axis is blocked in positive moving direction.
<i>U</i> J	SI_DEOCKED_FE03	You may use this flag to detect that a part was grasped.



Da	CE DIOCKED MINITE	Axis is blocked in negative moving direction.	
D2	SF_BLOCKED_MINUS	You may use this flag to detect that a part was grasped.	
D1	SF MOVING	The Fingers are currently moving.	
D1		This flag is reset automatically if the movement stops.	
		Fingers Referenced.	
D0	SF_REFERENCED	If set, the gripper is referenced and accepts movement commands.	



6 Appendix C: Sample code for calculating the checksum

The following code demonstrates how to calculate the CRC checksum for communicating with the WSG (written in ANSI C).

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
typedef struct
  unsigned short length; //! < Length of the message's payload in bytes
  unsigned char id; //! ID of the message 's payload'
unsigned char *data; //! Pointer to the message's payload
} TMESSAGE; //!< command message format
//! Status codes
typedef enum
  //!< Data overrun
   E OVERRUN,
   E_RANGE_ERROR,
                            //!< Range error
   E_AXIS_BLOCKED,
                          //!< Axis is blocked
   E FILE EXISTS
                             //!< File already exists
} TStat;
#define SER MSG NUM HEADER BYTES 3 //!< number of header bytes
#define SER MSG HEADER BYTE 0xAA
                                     //!< header byte value
const unsigned short CRC TABLE[256] = {
  0000h, 0x1021, 0x2042, 0x3063, 0x4084, 0x50a5, 0x60c6, 0x70e7,
```



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0x8108, 0x9129, 0xa14a, 0xb16b, 0xc18c, 0xd1ad, 0xe1ce, 0xf1ef,
  0x1231, 0x0210, 0x3273, 0x2252, 0x52b5, 0x4294, 0x72f7, 0x62d6,
  0x9339, 0x8318, 0xb37b, 0xa35a, 0xd3bd, 0xc39c, 0xf3ff, 0xe3de,
  0x2462, 0x3443, 0x0420, 0x1401, 0x64e6, 0x74c7, 0x44a4, 0x5485,
  0xa56a, 0xb54b, 0x8528, 0x9509, 0xe5ee, 0xf5cf, 0xc5ac, 0xd58d,
  0x3653, 0x2672, 0x1611, 0x0630, 0x76d7, 0x66f6, 0x5695, 0x46b4,
  0xb75b, 0xa77a, 0x9719, 0x8738, 0xf7df, 0xe7fe, 0xd79d, 0xc7bc,
  0x48c4, 0x58e5, 0x6886, 0x78a7, 0x0840, 0x1861, 0x2802, 0x3823, 0xc9cc, 0xd9ed, 0xe98e, 0xf9af, 0x8948, 0x9969, 0xa90a, 0xb92b,
  0x5af5, 0x4ad4, 0x7ab7, 0x6a96, 0x1a71, 0x0a50, 0x3a33, 0x2a12,
  Oxdbfd, Oxcbdc, Oxfbbf, Oxeb9e, Ox9b79, Ox8b58, Oxbb3b, Oxab1a,
  0x6ca6, 0x7c87, 0x4ce4, 0x5cc5, 0x2c22, 0x3c03, 0x0c60, 0x1c41,
  Oxedae, Oxfd8f, Oxcdec, Oxddcd, Oxad2a, Oxbd0b, Ox8d68, Ox9d49,
  0x7e97, 0x6eb6, 0x5ed5, 0x4ef4, 0x3e13, 0x2e32, 0x1e51, 0x0e70,
  Oxff9f, Oxefbe, Oxdfdd, Oxcffc, Oxbf1b, Oxaf3a, Ox9f59, Ox8f78,
  0x9188, 0x81a9, 0xb1ca, 0xa1eb, 0xd10c, 0xc12d, 0xf14e, 0xe16f,
  0x1080, 0x00a1, 0x30c2, 0x20e3, 0x5004, 0x4025, 0x7046, 0x6067,
  0x83b9, 0x9398, 0xa3fb, 0xb3da, 0xc33d, 0xd31c, 0xe37f, 0xf35e,
  0x02b1, 0x1290, 0x22f3, 0x32d2, 0x4235, 0x5214, 0x6277, 0x7256,
  Oxb5ea, Oxa5cb, Ox95a8, Ox8589, Oxf56e, Oxe54f, Oxd52c, Oxc50d,
  0x34e2, 0x24c3, 0x14a0, 0x0481, 0x7466, 0x6447, 0x5424, 0x4405,
  0xa7db, 0xb7fa, 0x8799, 0x97b8, 0xe75f, 0xf77e, 0xc71d, 0xd73c,
  0x26d3, 0x36f2, 0x0691, 0x16b0, 0x6657, 0x7676, 0x4615, 0x5634,
  Oxd94c, Oxc96d, Oxf90e, Oxe92f, Ox99c8, Ox89e9, Oxb98a, Oxa9ab,
  0x5844, 0x4865, 0x7806, 0x6827, 0x18c0, 0x08e1, 0x3882, 0x28a3,
  0xcb7d, 0xdb5c, 0xeb3f, 0xfb1e, 0x8bf9, 0x9bd8, 0xabbb, 0xbb9a,
  0x4a75, 0x5a54, 0x6a37, 0x7a16, 0x0af1, 0x1ad0, 0x2ab3, 0x3a92,
  Oxfd2e, OxedOf, Oxdd6c, Oxcd4d, Oxbdaa, Oxad8b, Ox9de8, Ox8dc9,
  0x7c26, 0x6c07, 0x5c64, 0x4c45, 0x3ca2, 0x2c83, 0x1ce0, 0x0cc1, 0xef1f, 0xff3e, 0xcf5d, 0xdf7c, 0xaf9b, 0xbfba, 0x8fd9, 0x9ff8,
  0x6e17, 0x7e36, 0x4e55, 0x5e74, 0x2e93, 0x3eb2, 0x0ed1, 0x1ef0
/*!
Calculates the CRC checksum of an array by using a table.
The start value for calculating the CRC should be set to 0xFFFF.
@param *data points to the byte array from which checksum should
        be calculated
@param size size of the byte array
@param crc value calculated over another array and start value
        of the crc16 calculation
@return CRC16 checksum
static unsigned short checksum update crc16( unsigned char *data,
  unsigned int size, unsigned short crc )
  unsigned long c;
  /* process each byte prior to checksum field */
  for ( c=0; c < size; c++ )
     crc = CRC TABLE[ (crc ^ *(data ++ )) & 0x00FF] ^ (crc >> 8);
  return( crc );
```



```
/*!
Builds a data packet from the given message.
You have to free the returned buffer, if you do not use it anymore.
@param *msg Pointer to the source message
@param *size Returns the size of the created buffer
@return buffer containing the bytewise packet data or NULL in case
    of an error.
static unsigned char *msg build( TMESSAGE * msg, unsigned int *size )
  unsigned char *buf;
  unsigned short chksum;
  unsigned int c, len;
  len = MSG NUM HEADER BYTES + 3 + 2 + msg->length;
  buf = malloc( len );
  if ( !buf )
    *size = 0;
    return( NULL );
  // Assemble the message header:
  for ( c=0; c<MSG NUM HEADER BYTES; c++ ) buf[c] = MSG HEADER BYTE;
  buf[ MSG NUM HEADER_BYTES ] = msg->id; // Message ID
  buf[ MSG_NUM_HEADER_BYTES + 1 ] = lo( msg->length ); // Msg. length low byte
  buf[ MSG NUM HEADER BYTES + 2 ] = hi( msg->length ); // Msg. length high byte
  // Copy payload to buffer:
  if ( msg->length ) memcpy( &buf[ MSG NUM HEADER BYTES + 3 ], msg->data, msg->length );
  // Calculate the checksum over the header, include the preamble:
  chksum = checksum update crc16( buf, MSG NUM HEADER BYTES + 3 + msg->length, 0xFFFF );
  // Add checksum to message:
  buf[ MSG NUM HEADER BYTES + 3 + msg->length ] = lo( chksum );
  buf[ MSG NUM HEADER BYTES + 4 + msg->length ] = hi( chksum );
  *size = len;
  return( buf );
/*!
Send a message to an open file handle
@param *file Handle of an open file to which the message should be sent
           Pointer to the message that should be sent
@param *msg
@return E SUCCESS, if successful, otherwise error code
TStat msg_send( FILE * file, TMESSAGE * msg )
```



```
unsigned int c, size;

// Convert message into byte sequence:
unsigned char *buf = msg_build( msg, &size );
if ( !buf ) return( E_INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCES );

// Transmit buffer:
c = fwrite( buf, size, 1, file );

// Free allocated memory:
free( buf );
if ( c != 1 ) return( E_WRITE_ERROR );

return( E_SUCCESS );
```

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