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Please note that this documentation was last updated for an older version of Altium Designer. While many of the principles and approaches will remain the same, be aware that interfaces, objects, methods, properties, and the like will have changed since then, and will not reflect the entirety of those found in later versions of the software.

Developed examples:

Use of new IPCB_LayerStack inteface to show available layers:

```
Procedure LayerInfo;
Var
Board : IPCB_B
Stack : IPCB_L
    ar
Board : IPCB_Board;
Stack : IPCB_LayerStack;
LyrObj : IPCB_LayerObject;
LyrClass : string;
Begin
// layer class type nominated (see TLayerClassID list above).
LyrClass : = eLayerClass_Signal;
    Board := PCBServer.GetCurrentPCBBoard;
Stack := Board.LayerStack;
    // get first layer of the class type
LyrObj := Stack.First(LyrClass);
    // exit if layer type is not available in stack
If LyrObj = Nil then Exit;
   // iterate through layers and display each layer name
Repeat
ShowMessage(LyrObj.Name);
LyrObj := Stack.Next(LyrClass, LyrObj);
Util LyrObj = Nil;
```

Use of IPCB_MasterLayerStack interface to show Sub Stack infomation:

```
Procedure SubStackInfo;
Var
Board : IPCB Boa
             ard : IPCB_Board;
sterStack : IPCB_MasterLayerStack;
oStack : IPCB_LayerStack;
Begin
Board := PCBServer.GetCurrentPCBBoard;
masterStack := Board.MasterLayerStack;
subStack := masterStack.Substacks[θ]; // nominate first substack: θ
     ShowInfo('Number of sub stacks: ' + OleStrToString(masterStack.SubstackCount));
ShowInfo('Layers in first sub stack: ' + OleStrToString(subStack.Count));
ShowInfo('Is a flex layer: ' + OleStrToString(subStack.IsFlex));
// if available, select second substack: 1
if masterStack.SubstackCount > 1 then
begin
subStack := masterStack.Substacks[1];
ShowInfo('Layers in second sub stack: ' + OleStrToString(subStack.Count));
ShowInfo('Is a flex layer: ' + OleStrToString(subStack.IsFlex));
      end
else Exit;
End;
```

IPCB MechanicalLayer interface used to display enabled mechanical layers:

```
Procedure MechLayerInfo;
Var
Board : IPCB Boar
Stack : IPCB_Laye
mLyrObj : IPCB Mech:
Lyr : TLayer;
                      : IPCB_Board;: IPCB_LayerStack;: IPCB_MechanicalLayer;: TLayer;
Begin
    Board := PCBServer.GetCurrentPCBBoard;
Stack := Board.LayerStack;
    for Lyr := eMechanical1 to eMechanical16 do begin
        rgin
mLyrObj := Stack.LayerObject[Lyr];
If mLyrObj.MechanicalLayerEnabled then ShowInfo(mLyrObj.Name);
```

IPCB_LayerStack

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IPCB LayerStack
IPCB_LayerStack_V7 *
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IPCB_LayerStack - Deprecated	IPCB_LayerStack_V7	IPCB_LayerStack (inherits from IPCB_LayerStackBase)
Methods RemoveFromStack (L : IPCB_LayerObject); InsertInStackBelow (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject; L : IPCB_LayerObject); InsertInStackAbove (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject); InsertInStackAbove (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject); FirstLayer : IPCB_LayerObject); FirstLayer : IPCB_LayerObject) : IPCB_LayerObject; NextLayer (L : IPCB_LayerObject) : IPCB_LayerObject; InsertLayer (L : IPCB_LayerObject) : IPCB_LayerObject; InsertLayer (L : TLayer); LastInternalPlane : IPCB_InternalPlane; FirstAvailableSignalLayer : IPCB_LayerObject; FirstAvailableInternalPlane : IPCB_InternalPlane; SignalLayerCount : Integer; GetState_LayerStackStyle : TLayerStackStyle; SetState_LayerStackStyle(SS : TLayerStackStyle);	Methods/Functions RemoveFromStack(L : IPCB_LayerObject_V7); InsertInStackBelow (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject_V7); InsertInStackBelow (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject_V7); InsertInStackAbove (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject_V7); InsertInStackAbove (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject_V7); InsertInStackAbove (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject_V7); InsertInStackAbove (Reft : IPCB_LayerObject_V7); FirstLayer : IPCB_LayerObject_V7) : IPCB_LayerObject_V7; PreviousLayer(L : IPCB_LayerObject_V7) : IPCB_LayerObject_V7; InsertLayer(L : IPCB_LayerObject_V7) : IPCB_LayerObject_V7; InsertLayer(L : IPCB_Layer); LastInternalPlane : IPCB_InternalPlane_V7; FirstAvailableSignalLayer : IPCB_LayerObject_V7; FirstAvailableInternalPlane : IPCB_InternalPlane_V7; SignalLayerCount : Integer; GetState_LayerStackStyle : TLayerStackStyle; SetState_LayerStackStyle(SS : TLayerStackStyle); LayerSInStackCount : Integer;	Methods/Functions I_ObjectAddress : TPCBObjectHandle; ID : WiddeString; StateID : Integer; Count : Integer : Int
Properties Board : IPCB_BoardRead	Properties Board : IPCB_BoardRead	Properties Name : TPCBString

- GetState_Board; LayerObject [L : TLayer]: IPCB_LayerObject - GetState_LayerObject; DelectricTop: IPCB DielectricObject - GetState_DielectricTop; - GetState_DielectricTop;
DielectricBottom: IPCB_DielectricObject
- GetState_DielectricBottom;
ShowDielectricTop: Boolean
- GetState_ShowTopDielectric;
- SetState_ShowTopDielectric;
ShowDielectricBottom: Boolean
- GetState_ShowBotDielectric;
- SetState_ShowBotDielectric;

- GetState_Board;
LayerObject [L : TLayer]: IPCB_LayerObject
- GetState_LayerObject;
DielectricTop : IPCB_DielectricObject
- GetState_DielectricTop;
DielectricBottom: IPCB_DielectricObject
- GetState_DielectricBottom;
ShowDielectricTop : Boolean
- GetState_ShowTopDielectric;
- SetState_ShowTopDielectric;
ShowDielectricBottom: Boolean
- GetState_ShowBotDielectric;
ShowDielectricBottom: Boolean
- GetState_ShowBotDielectric;
- SetState_ShowBotDielectric;

GetState_Name;SetState_Name; SetState IsFlex; --- above inherited from IPCB_LayerStackBase --ShowDielectricTop : Boolean
- GetState_ShowTopDielectric; - SetState_ShowTopDielectric,
- SetState_ShowTopDielectric;
ShowDielectricBottom : Boolean
- GetState_ShowBotDielectric;
- SetState_ShowBotDielectric;

$IPCB_LayerObject$

Inheritance

IPCB_LayerObject *
IPCB_PhysicalLayer
IPCB_ElectricalLayer IPCB_LayerObject_V7 *

IPCB_LayerObject - Deprecated	IPCB_LayerObject_V7 (inherits from>>)	IPCB_LayerObject
Methods I_ObjectAddress : TPCBObjectHandle; IsInLayerStack : Boolean;	Methods/Functions I_ObjectAddress : Pointer IsInLayerStack : Boolean; V7_LayerID : IDispatch; (TV7_Layer) V6_LayerID : TV6_Layer; LayerStack : IPCB_LayerStackBase; above inherited from IPCB_LayerObject Dielectric : IPCB_DielectricObject; LayerID : TV6_Layer;	Methods/Functions I_ObjectAddress : Pointer IsInLayerStack : Boolean; V7_LayerID : IDispatch; (TV7_Layer) V6_LayerID : TV6_Layer; LayerStack : IPCB_LayerStackBase;
Properties LayerStack : IPCB_LayerStack	Properties Name: TPCBString - GetState_LayerName; - SetState_LayerName; UsedByPrims: Boolean - GetState_UsedByPrims; - SetState_UsedByPrims; - above inherited from TPCB_LayerObject CopperThickness: Tcoord - GetState_CopperThickness; - SetState_CopperThickness; - above inherited from TPCB_ElectricalLayer IsDisplayed [Board : IPCB_Board] : Boolean - GetState_IsDisplayed; - SetState_IsDisplayed;	Properties Name : TPCBString - GetState_LayerName; - SetState_LayerName; UsedByPrims : Boolean - GetState_UsedByPrims; - SetState_UsedByPrims;

IPCB_InternalPlane				
Inheritance IPCB_LayerObject IPCB_PhysicalLayer IPCB ElectricalLayer IPCB LayerObject_V7 IPCB_InternalPlane * IPCB_InternalPlane_V7 *				
IPCB_InternalPlane - Deprecated	IPCB_InternalPlane_V7	IPCB_InternalPlane		
Methods I ObjectAddress: TPCBObjectHandle; ISInLayerStack: Boolean; above from IPCB_LayerObject	see ->	Methods I ObjectAddress: Pointer IsInLayerStack: Boolean; V7_LayerID: IDispatch; (TV7_Layer) V6_LayerID: TV6_Layer; LayerStack: IPCB_LayerStackBase;		
Properties LayerStack : IPCB_LayerStack - GetState LayerStack; LayerID : TLayer - GetState LayerID; - Write StState LayerID; - Write StState LayerID; - Write StState LayerID; - GetState LayerName; - GetState LayerName; - GetState LayerName; - GoperThickness : TCoord - GetState CopperThickness; - SetState_CopperThickness; - SetState_CopperThickness; - GetState_DieLectric; UsedByPrims : Boolean - GetState_DieLectric; UsedByPrims : Boolean - GetState_UsedByPrims; - SetState_UsedByPrims; - SetState_PreviousLayer; - SetState_PreviousLayer; - SetState_NextLayer; - SetState_NextLayer; - SetState_NextLayer; - SetState_NextLayer; - SetState_NextLayer; - SetState_PullBackDistance; - SetState_PullBackDistance; - SetState_PullBackDistance;	see ->	Properties Name: TPCBString - GetState_LayerName; - SetState_LayerName; UsedByPrims: Boolean - GetState_UsedByPrims; - SetState_UsedByPrims; - above inherited from IPCB_LayerObject CopperThickness: Tcoord - GetState_CopperThickness; - SetState_CopperThickness; - above inherited from IPCB_ElectricalLayer PullBackDistance: Tcoord - GetState_PullBackDistance; - SetState_PullBackDistance; NetName: TPCBString - GetState_NetName; - SetState_NetName;		

- SetState_NetName;	[
FirstPreviousSignalLayer: TLayer		
 GetState_FirstPreviousSignalLayer; 		
FirstNextSignalLayer: TLayer		
- GetState_FirstNextSignalLayer;		

IPCB_LayerSet & IPCB_LayerStackBase

- introduced interfaces.

Inheritance

IPCB_LayerStackBase IPCB_MasterLayerStack * IPCB_LayerStack *

IPCB_LayerSet	IPCB_LayerStackBase	IPCB_MasterLayerStack
Methods/Functions Contains(L : TV7_Layer) : Boolean; IsFinite : Boolean; IsFinite : Boolean; LayerIterator : IPCB_LayerIterator; GetFirstLayer : TV7_Layer; ContainsInternalPlaneLayers : Boolean; IsEmpty : Boolean; IsEmpty : Boolean; IsEmpty : Boolean; IsEmpty : Boolean; Iostring : WideString; EqualTo [IdAyerSet : TlayerPartitionSet) : Boolean; SerializerOstring : WideString; Include(L : TV7_Layer) : IPCB_LayerSet; ExcludeAlLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; ExcludeAlLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; ExcludeSignalLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; ExcludeMechanicalLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeMechanicalLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeMechanicalLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeMechanicalLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeMechanicalLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeAlLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeAlLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeAlLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeAlLayers : IPCB_LayerSet; IncludeAlLayerSet : IPCB_LayerSet; Intersection(LayerSet : IPCB_LayerSet) : IPCB_LayerSet; Union(LayerSet : IPCB_LayerSet) : IPCB_LayerSet; EqualTo(AlayerSet : IPCB_LayerSet) : Boolean;	Methods/Functions I_ObjectAddress : Pointer ID : MideString; StateID : Integer; Count : Integer; / (three versions (usage in source) Iterator : IPCB_LayerObjectIterator; //three versions First(t : TLayerClassID) : IPCB_LayerObject; Last(t : TLayerClassID) : IPCB_LayerObject; Last(t : TLayerClassID) : ARefLayer : IPCB_LayerObject) : IPCB_LayerObject; Previous(t : TLayerClassID; ARefLayer : IPCB_LayerObject) : IPCB_LayerObject;	Methods/Functions I ObjectAddress : Pointer ID : WideString; StateID : Integer; Count : Integer; Count : Integer; Count : Integer; Count : Integer; Iterator : IPCB LayerObjectIterator; //three versions First(t : TLayerClassID) : IPCB LayerObject; Last(t : TLayerClassID) : IPCB LayerObject; Last(t : TLayerClassID) : IPCB LayerObject; Next(t : TLayerClassID) : IPCB LayerObject) : IPCB LayerObject; Previous(t : TLayerClassID) : ARefLayer : IPCB LayerObject) : IPCB LayerObject; above inherited from IPCB LayerStackBase Board : IPCB Board; Createlayer (ALayer : IPCB LayerObject) : Boolean; InsertOnTop (ALayer : IPCB LayerObject) : IPCB LayerObject; InsertOnTop (ALayer : IPCB LayerObject) : IPCB LayerObject; InsertOnBottom (ARefLayer, ALayer : IPCB LayerObject) : IPCB LayerObject; InsertADBOttom (ARefLayer, ALayer : IPCB LayerObject) : IPCB LayerObject; DisableLayer (ASubstack : IPCB LayerStack; ALayer : IPCB LayerObject); EnableLayer (ASubstack : IPCB LayerStack; ALayer : IPCB LayerObject); CreateSubstack : IPCB LayerStack; RemoveSubstack (Substack : IPCB LayerStack) : Boolean; Import_FromParameters (Params : PChar); GetSubstack(ASubstackID : TPCBString) : IPCB_LayerStack; Substack(Count : Integer;
	Properties Name : TPCBString	Properties Name: TPCBString - GetState_Name; - SetState_Name; ISFlex: Boolean - GetState_ISFlex; - SetState_IsFlex; - SetState_IsFlex; - Showe inherited from IPCB_LayerStackBase Substacks[Index: Integer]: IPCB_LayerStack - GetState_Substacks; LayerStackStyle: TLayerStackStyle - GetState_LayerStackStyle - SetState_LayerStackStyle;

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IPCB_LayerSet
IPCB_LayerStackBase
IPCB_MasterLayerStack
IPCB_LayerSetUtils
IPCB_LayerUtils
IPCB_LayerIterator
IPCB_LayerListIterator
IPCB_LayerObjectIterator
IPCB_PhysicalLayer - Note: = IPCB_LayerObject
IPCB_SolderMaskLayer - Note: = IPCB_DielectricLayer
IPCB_OverlayLayer - Note: = IPCB_PhysicalLayer
IPCB_PasteMaskLayer - Note: = IPCB_PhysicalLayer
IPCB_ElectricalLayer
IPCB_SignalLayer
IPCB_InternalPlane_V7 - Note: = IPCB_InternalPlane
IPCB_DielectricObject - Note: now = IPCB_DielectricLayer
IPCB_SplitPlane - from IPCB_Group
IPCB_SplitPlaneRegion - from IPCB_Region
IPCB_ObjectClass
IPCB_ObjectClass2
IPCB_ObjectClassBase
IPCB_ObjectClass1
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Note:

• If Scripting system

TLayer = Integer; Else TLayer = TV7_Layer; End

Constant definitions:

• If Scripting system eNoLayer = eV6_NoLayer; eTopLayer = eV6_TopLayer; etc... Else eNoLayer = eV7_NoLayer; eTopLayer = eV7_TopLayer; etc... End

Note: 'Else' indicates SDK

Type: TLayerClassID

TLayerClassID = (eLayerClass_All, eLayerClass_Mechanical, eLayerClass_Physical, eLayerClass_Electrical, eLayerClass_Dielectric, eLayerClass_Signal, eLayerClass_InternalPlane, eLayerClass_SolderMask, eLayerClass_Overlay, eLayerClass_PasteMask);

Type: Tv6_Layer - (equiv TLayer; Enum Type)
TV6_Layer = (eV6_NoLayer, eV6_TopLayer, eV6_MidLayer1, eV6_MidLayer2, eV6_MidLayer3, eV6_MidLayer4, eV6_MidLayer5, eV6_MidLayer6, eV6_MidLayer7, eV6_MidLayer19, eV6_MidLayer11, eV6_MidLayer11, eV6_MidLayer13, eV6_MidLayer12, eV6_MidLayer19, eV6_MidLayer20, eV6_MidLayer21, eV6_MidLayer22, eV6_MidLayer23, eV6_MidLayer23, eV6_MidLayer23, eV6_MidLayer24, eV6_MidLayer24, eV6_MidLayer27, eV6_MidLayer27, eV6_MidLayer28, eV6_MidLayer29, eV6_MidLayer29,

Enum Type: TV6 PlotLayer - (equiv TPlotLayer)

Enum Type: Tv6_PlotLayer - (equiv TPlotLayer)
TV6_PlotLayer = (eV6_NullPlot, eV6_DayerPlot, eV6_MidLayer1Plot, eV6_MidLayer1Plot, eV6_MidLayer3Plot, eV6_MidLayer5Plot, eV6_MidLayer1Plot, eV6_MidLayer2Plot, eV6_MidLayer3Plot, eV6_MidLayer3Pl

Constant: cLayerStrings - as before cLayerStrings - as before cLayerStrings : Array[TV6_Layer] of TDynamicString = ('NoLayer', 'TopLayer', 'MidLayer1', 'MidLayer2', 'MidLayer3', 'MidLayer5', 'MidLayer5', 'MidLayer6', 'MidLayer7', 'MidLayer7', 'MidLayer9', 'MidLayer10', 'MidLayer10', 'MidLayer11', 'MidLayer11', 'MidLayer12', 'MidLayer12', 'MidLayer12', 'MidLayer23', 'MidLayer23', 'MidLayer23', 'MidLayer23', 'MidLayer23', 'MidLayer25', 'MidLayer25', 'MidLayer28', 'MidLayer29', 'MidLayer29' 'ViaHoleLayer');

Constant (V7_Layer): TLayerConstant
TLayerConstant = (cNoLayer, cIgnoreLayer, cTopLayer, cMidLayer1, cMidLayer2, cMidLayer3, cMidLayer3, cMidLayer5, cMidLayer6, cMidLayer6, cMidLayer7, cMidLayer8, cMidLayer9, cMidLayer10, cMidLayer11, cMidLayer12, cMidLayer13, cMidLayer14, cMidLayer14, cMidLayer15, cMidLayer15, cMidLayer17, cMidLayer19, cMidLayer20, cMidLayer20, cMidLayer22, cMidLayer23, cMidLayer24, cMidLayer25, cMidLayer26, cMidLayer27, cMidLayer28, cMidLayer29, cMidLayer3, cMidLayer29, cMidLayer3, c

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