



# VTracker interface C++ library

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# Overview

**VTracker** C++ library provides standard interface as well defines data structures and rules for different video trackers. **VTracker** interface class doesn't do anything, just provides interface, defines data structures and provides methods to encode/decode commands and encode/decode params. Different video trackers inherit interface from **VTracker** C++ class. **VTracker.h** file contains list of data structures ([VTrackerCommand enum](#), [VTrackerParam enum](#) and [VTrackerParams class](#)) and **VTracker** class declaration. [VTrackerParams class](#) contains video tracker params and includes methods to encode and decode params. [VTrackerCommand enum](#) contains IDs of commands. [VTrackerParam enum](#) contains IDs of params. All video trackers should include params and commands listed in **VTracker.h** file. **VTracker** interface class depends on [Frame](#) class (describes video frame and video frame data structures, necessary for autofocus functions) and [ConfigReader](#) library (provides methods to read/write JSON config files). It uses C++17 standard. The library is licensed under the **Apache 2.0** license.

## Versions

**Table 1** - Library versions.

Version	Release date	What's new
1.0.0	20.07.2023	First version.
1.1.0	10.08.2023	- Data structures updated.
1.2.0	24.09.2023	- Updated encode(...) and decode(...) methods of VTrackerParams. - Added decodeAndExecuteCommand(...) method. - Added example of video tracker implementation.
1.3.0	26.09.2023	- Signature of getParams(...) method changed.
1.3.1	13.11.2023	- Frame class updated.
1.4.1	13.12.2023	- Virtual destructor added. - Frame class updated.
1.4.2	19.03.2024	- Documentation updated. - Frame class updated. - ConfigReader class updated.

## Library files

The library supplied by source code only. The user would be given a set of files in the form of a CMake project (repository). The repository structure is shown below:

```
CMakeLists.txt ----- Main CMake file of the library.  
3rdparty ----- Folder with third-party libraries.  
    CMakeLists.txt ----- CMake file which includes third-party. libraries.
```

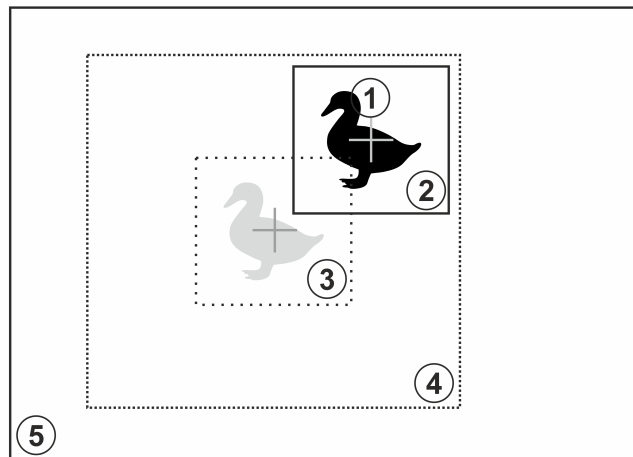
```

ConfigReader ----- Source code of the ConfigReader library.
Frame ----- Source code of the Frame library.
example ----- Folder with custom video tracker class.
CMakeLists.txt ----- CMake file for custom video tracker class.
CustomVTracker.cpp ----- Source code file of the CustomVTracker class.
CustomVTracker.h ----- Header with CustomVTracker class declaration.
CustomVTrackerVersion.h ----- Header file which includes CustomVTracker version.
CustomVTrackerVersion.h.in --- CMake service file to generate version file.
test ----- Folder with codec test application.
CMakeLists.txt ----- CMake file for codec test application.
main.cpp ----- Source code file of VTracker class test application.
src ----- Folder with source code of the library.
CMakeLists.txt ----- CMake file of the library.
VTracker.cpp ----- Source code file of the library.
VTracker.h ----- Header file which includes VTracker class declaration.
VTrackerVersion.h ----- Header file which includes version of the library.
VTrackerVersion.h.in ----- CMake service file to generate version file.

```

## Required operating principles

The video tracker shall provide the following principle of operation: each video frame without dropping must be send to the tracker for processing regardless of the current tracker operation mode. If the tracker is not in tracking mode, the tracker does not perform frame processing, but the processing function must be called by user. Tracker should calculate at least tracking rectangle position (aka object position) for each processed video frame. Figure 1 shows basic principles of object search on video frames.



**Figure 1** - Basic principles of object search. (1 - object image on the current frame, 2 - tracking rectangle calculated after processing of the current frame, 3 - position of the tracking rectangle on the previous frame, 4 - object search window on the current frame relative to the position of the tracking rectangle on the previous frame, 5 - current video frame)

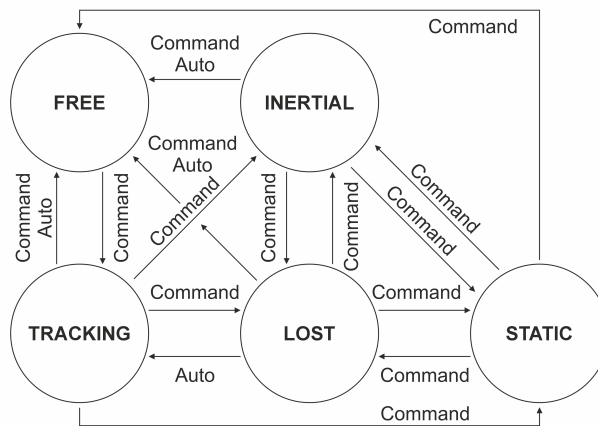
At the moment of object capturing, the rectangular area of the video frame (capture rectangle) specified in the capture parameters (position and size) is taken as the object reference image, on the basis of which the pattern is formed. The algorithm then searches an object in each frame of the video in particular search window. Search window is area bounded by the algorithm's parameters with the center coinciding with the calculated center of the tracking rectangle on the previous video frame (or the center of the capture rectangle if the first frame after capture is being processed, position of search window can be change by user for any video frame). The calculated most probable position of the tracking object (with highest value of correlation function) in the current video frame (calculated center of the tracking rectangle) is taken as

the coordinates of the object. Figure 1 shows a schematic representation of a video frame **(5)** that contains an image of a object **(1)**. Assume that on the previous video frame the object was in the area corresponding to area **(3)**, which is the area of the tracking rectangle (the most probable position of the object) in the previous video frame. The library performs object search in the area **(4)** whose center coincides with the position of the center of the tracking rectangle **(3)** in the previous video frame. Tracker should support (if it possible) follow modes.

**Table 2** - Tracking algorithm operating modes.

Mode	Description
FREE - free mode.	In this mode, video tracker does not perform any calculations. Video tracker only adds video frames to the frame buffer. Conditions for entering FREE mode: <b>1.</b> Once the video tracker has been initialized. This mode is the default mode. <b>2.</b> Automatically when the automatic tracking reset criteria are met. <b>3.</b> After command RESET.
TRACKING - tracking mode.	In this mode the video tracker calculates the automatic tracking and updates all calculated (estimated) object parameters. Criteria for entering TRACKING mode: <b>1.</b> After the CAPTURE command. <b>2.</b> Automatically from LOST mode when object detection criteria are met.
LOST - object loss mode.	In this mode, the video tracker searches object for automatic recapturing (switching to TRACKING mode) and updates it's coordinates in one of the ways specified in the parameters. LOST mode contains the following additional modes: <b>0.</b> Tracking rectangle coordinates are not updated (remain the same as before entering LOST mode). <b>1.</b> The tracking rectangle coordinates are updated based on the components of the object's speed calculated before going into LOST mode. When the tracking rectangle reaches any edge of the frame, the coordinate update in the corresponding direction stops. <b>2.</b> The tracking rectangle coordinates are updated based on the components of the speed of objects in the video frames calculated before going into LOST mode. When the tracking reset criteria is met, the device switches to FREE mode. Criteria for entering LOST mode: <b>1.</b> Automatically when object loss is detected. <b>2.</b> On command from TRACKING mode. <b>3.</b> On command from INERTIAL mode. <b>4.</b> On command from STATIC mode.
INERTIAL - inertial tracking mode.	In this mode the video tracker does not search for an object to recapture automatically, but only updates the coordinates of the tracking rectangle based on the previously calculated velocity components of the objects. Criteria for entering INERTIAL mode: <b>1.</b> On command from TRACKING mode. <b>2.</b> On command from LOST mode. <b>3.</b> On command from STATIC mode.
STATIC - static mode.	This mode does not perform any calculations and the tracking rectangle coordinates remain the same as before going into this mode. This mode is necessary to "freeze" the tracking algorithm for a certain number of frames. For example, if the tracking system is exposed to strong vibrations, it is possible to "freeze" the tracking algorithm until the vibration ends.

Figure 2 shows the operating mode graph and the possible transitions between them. The words auto in figure 2 indicate the ability to change the mode automatically if the relevant criteria are met. the words command indicated the ability to change mode by user's command.



**Figure 2** - Operation modes of the tracking algorithm. (Auto – automatic mode change capability)

Figure 2 shows the graph of operation modes. There are the following conditions for automatic mode changes (word “Auto” in figure 2):

1. Automatic switching from TRACKING to FREE mode is possible only if the tracking rectangle center has touched (coincided in coordinates) any of the video frame edges.
2. The automatic switching from TRACKING to LOST mode is possible when an object loss is detected – when the calculated object detection probability falls below the threshold.
3. Automatic switching from LOST to TRACKING mode is possible when an object is detected again after a loss - when the calculated object detection probability exceeds the threshold.
4. Automatic reset of tracking in the LOST mode (switch to FREE mode) is possible when the center of the tracking rectangle touches the edge of the video frame (if the LOST mode option set to 2), as well as when the number of frames specified in the parameters has expired, at which the algorithm is continuously in LOST mode.
5. Automatic reset of tracking in INERTIAL mode (switch to FREE mode) is possible when the center of the tracking rectangle reaches the edge of the frame.

## VTracker interface class description

### VTracker class declaration

**VTracker** interface class declared in **VTracker.h** file. Class declaration:

```

class VTracker
{
public:

    /// Class destructor.
    virtual ~VTracker();

    /// Get string of current library version.
    static std::string getVersion();

    /// Init video tracker.
    virtual bool initVTracker(VTrackerParams& params) = 0;

    /// Set video tracker param.
    virtual bool setParam(VTrackerParam id, float value) = 0;

    /// Get video tracker param value.

```

```

virtual float getParam(VTrackerParam id) = 0;

/// Get video tracker params (results).
virtual void getParams(VTrackerParams& params) = 0;

/// Execute command.
virtual bool executeCommand(VTrackerCommand id,
                           float arg1 = 0,
                           float arg2 = 0,
                           float arg3 = 0) = 0;

/// Process frame.
virtual bool processFrame(cr::video::Frame& frame) = 0;

/// Get image of internal surfaces.
virtual void getImage(int type, cr::video::Frame& image) = 0;

/// Encode set param command.
static void encodeSetParamCommand(
    uint8_t* data, int& size, VTrackerParam id, float value);

/// Encode command.
static void encodeCommand(
    uint8_t* data, int& size, VTrackerCommand id,
    float arg1 = 0, float arg2 = 0, float arg3 = 0);

/// Decode command.
static int decodeCommand(uint8_t* data,
                        int size,
                        VTrackerParam& paramId,
                        VTrackerCommand& commandId,
                        float& value1,
                        float& value2,
                        float& value3);

/// Decode command.
virtual bool decodeAndExecuteCommand(uint8_t* data, int size) = 0;
};

```

## getVersion method

The **getVersion()** method returns string of current version of **VTracker** class. Particular video tracker class can have it's own **getVersion()** method. Method declaration:

```
static std::string getVersion();
```

Method can be used without **VTracker** class instance:

```
cout << "VTracker class version: " << VTracker::getVersion() << endl;
```

Console output:

## initVTracker method

The **initVTracker(...)** method initializes video tracker by set of params. Method declaration:

```
virtual bool initVTracker(VTrackerParams& params) = 0;
```

Parameter	Value
params	Video tracker params class. Video tracker should initialize all parameters listed in <a href="#">VTrackerParams class</a> .

**Returns:** TRUE if the video tracker initialized or FALSE if not.

## setParam method

The **setParam(...)** method sets new video tracker parameter value. The particular implementation of the video tracker must provide thread-safe **setParam(...)** method call. This means that the **setParam(...)** method can be safely called from any thread. Method declaration:

```
virtual bool setParam(VTrackerParam id, float value) = 0;
```

Parameter	Description
id	Parameter ID according to <a href="#">VTrackerParam enum</a> .
value	Parameter value. Value depends on parameter ID.

**Returns:** TRUE if the parameter was set or FALSE if not.

## getParam method

The **getParam(...)** method returns video tracker parameter value. The particular implementation of the video tracker must provide thread-safe **getParam(...)** method call. This means that the **getParam(...)** method can be safely called from any thread. Method declaration:

```
virtual float getParam(VTrackerParam id) = 0;
```

Parameter	Description
id	Parameter ID according to <a href="#">VTrackerParam enum</a> .

**Returns:** parameter value or -1 if the parameters doesn't exist in particular video tracker.

## getParams method

The **getParams(...)** method returns video tracker params class and tracking results. The particular implementation of the video tracker must provide thread-safe **getParams(...)** method call. This means that the **getParams(...)** method can be safely called from any thread. Method declaration:

```
virtual void getParams(VTrackerParams& params) = 0;
```

Parameter	Description
params	Video tracker parameters class object ( <a href="#">VTrackerParams</a> object).

## executeCommand method

The **executeCommand(...)** method executes video tracker command. The particular implementation of the video tracker must provide thread-safe **executeCommand(...)** method call. This means that the **executeCommand(...)** method can be safely called from any thread. Method declaration:

```
virtual bool executeCommand(VTrackerCommand id, float arg1 = 0, float arg2 = 0, float arg3 = 0) = 0;
```

Parameter	Description
id	Command ID according to <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> .
arg1	First argument. Value depends on command ID (see <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> description).
arg2	Second argument. Value depends on command ID (see <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> description).
arg3	Third argument. Value depends on command ID (see <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> description).

**Returns:** TRUE is the command was executed or FALSE if not.

## processFrame method

The **processFrame(...)** method processes video frame. Method declaration:

```
virtual bool processFrame(cr::video::Frame& frame) = 0;
```

Parameter	Description
frame	Video frame for processing. Video tracker processes only RAW pixel formats (BGR24, RGB24, GRAY, YUYV24, YUYV, UYVY, NV12, NV21, YV12, YU12, see <a href="#">Frame</a> class description). Video trackers should implement all RAW pixel format listed above.



**Returns:** TRUE is the video frame was processed FALSE if not. If video tracker not in tracking mode the method should return TRUE.

## getImage method

The **getImage(...)** method designed to obtain images of internal matrixes. Depends on implementation. Method declaration:

```
virtual void getImage(int type, cr::video::Frame& image) = 0;
```

Parameter	Description
type	Image type. Depends on implementation.
frame	Output frame (see <a href="#">Frame</a> class description). Pixel format depends on implementation.

## encodeSetParamCommand method

The **encodeSetParamCommand(...)** static method designed to encode command to change any parameter for remote video tracker. To control video tracker remotely, the developer has to design his own protocol and according to it encode the command and deliver it over the communication channel. To simplify this, the **VTracker** class contains static methods for encoding the control command. The **VTracker** class provides two types of commands: a parameter change command (SET\_PARAM) and an action command (COMMAND). **encodeSetParamCommand(...)** designed to encode SET\_PARAM command. Method declaration:

```
static void encodeSetParamCommand(uint8_t* data, int& size, VTrackerParam id, float value);
```

Parameter	Description
data	Pointer to data buffer for encoded command. Must have size >= 11.
size	Size of encoded data. Will be 11 bytes.
id	Parameter ID according to <a href="#">VTrackerParam enum</a> .
value	Parameter value. Value depends on parameter ID (see <a href="#">VTrackerParam enum</a> description).

**encodeSetParamCommand(...)** is static and used without **VTracker** class instance. This method used on client side (control system). Command encoding example:

```
outValue = (float)(rand() % 20);  
VTracker::encodeSetParamCommand(  
data, size, VTrackerParam::MULTIPLE_THREADS, outValue);
```

## encodeCommand method

The **encodeCommand(...)** static method designed to encode command for remote video tracker. To control video tracker remotely, the developer has to design his own protocol and according to it encode the command and deliver it over the communication channel. To simplify this, the **VTracker** class contains static methods for encoding the control command. The **VTracker** class provides two types of commands: a parameter change command (SET\_PARAM) and an action command (COMMAND). **encodeCommand(...)** designed to encode COMMAND (action command). Method declaration:

```
static void encodeCommand(uint8_t* data, int& size, VTrackerCommand id, float arg1 = 0, float arg2 = 0, float arg3 = 0);
```

Parameter	Description
data	Pointer to data buffer for encoded command. Must have size >= 19.
size	Size of encoded data. Will be 19 bytes.
id	Command ID according to <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> .
arg1	First argument. Value depends on command ID (see <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> description).
arg2	Second argument. Value depends on command ID (see <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> description).
arg3	Third argument. Value depends on command ID (see <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> description).

**encodeCommand(...)** is static and used without **VTracker** class instance. This method used on client side (control system). Command encoding example:

```
uint8_t data[1024];
int size = 0;
float outValue = (float)(rand() % 20);
float arg1 = (float)(rand() % 20);
float arg2 = (float)(rand() % 20);
float arg3 = (float)(rand() % 20);
VTracker::encodeCommand(data, size, VTrackerCommand::CAPTURE, arg1, arg2, arg3);
```

## decodeCommand method

The **decodeCommand(...)** static method designed to decode command on video tracker side (edge device) which encoded by [encodeSetParamCommand\(...\)](#) or [encodeCommand\(...\)](#) methods. Method declaration:

```
static int decodeCommand(uint8_t* data, int size, VTrackerParam& paramId, VTrackerCommand& commandId, float& value1, float& value2, float& value3);
```

Parameter	Description
data	Pointer to input command.

Parameter	Description
size	Size of command. Should be 11 bytes for SET_PARAM or 19 bytes for COMMAND.
paramId	Parameter ID according to <a href="#">VTrackerParam enum</a> . After decoding SET_PARAM command the method will return parameter ID.
commandId	Command ID according to <a href="#">VTrackerCommand enum</a> . After decoding COMMAND the method will return command ID.
value1	Parameter value or first command argument 1. After decoding SET_PARAM and COMMAND.
value2	Parameter value or second command argument 1. After decoding COMMAND.
value3	Parameter value or third command argument 1. After decoding COMMAND.

**Returns:** **0** - in case decoding COMMAND, **1** - in case decoding SET\_PARAM command or **-1** in case errors.

**decodeCommand(...)** is static and used without **VTracker** class instance. Command decoding example:

```
// Encode command.
uint8_t data[1024];
int size = 0;
float outValue = (float)(rand() % 20);
float arg1 = (float)(rand() % 20);
float arg2 = (float)(rand() % 20);
float arg3 = (float)(rand() % 20);
VTracker::encodeCommand(data, size, VTrackerCommand::CAPTURE, arg1, arg2, arg3);

// Decode command.
VTrackerCommand commandId;
VTrackerParam paramId;
float inArg1 = (float)(rand() % 20);
float inArg2 = (float)(rand() % 20);
float inArg3 = (float)(rand() % 20);
if (VTracker::decodeCommand(data, size, paramId, commandId, inArg1, inArg2, inArg3) != 0)
{
    cout << "Command not decoded" << endl;
    return false;
}
```

## decodeAndExecuteCommand method

**decodeAndExecuteCommand(...)** method decodes and executes command on video tracker side. The particular implementation of the video tracker must provide thread-safe **decodeAndExecuteCommand(...)** method call. This means that the **decodeAndExecuteCommand(...)** method can be safely called from any thread. Method declaration:

```
virtual bool decodeAndExecuteCommand(uint8_t* data, int size) = 0;
```

Parameter	Description
data	Pointer to input command.

Parameter	Description
Size	Size of command. Must be 11 bytes for SET_PARAM or 19 bytes for COMMAND.

**Returns:** TRUE if command decoded (SET\_PARAM or COMMAND) and executed (action command or set param command).

## Data structures

### VTrackerCommand enum

**VTrackerCommand** enum describes commands supported by video tracker. **VTrackerCommand** enum declared in **VTracker.h** file. Enum declaration:

```
enum class VTrackerCommand
{
    /// Object capture. Arguments:
    /// arg1 - Capture rectangle center X coordinate. -1 - default coordinate.
    /// arg2 - Capture rectangle center Y coordinate. -1 - default coordinate.
    /// arg3 - frame ID. -1 - Capture on last frame.
    CAPTURE = 1,
    /// Object capture command. Arguments:
    /// arg1 - Capture rectangle center X coordinate, percents of frame width.
    /// arg2 - Capture rectangle center Y coordinate, percents of frame width.
    CAPTURE_PERCENTS,
    /// Reset command. No arguments.
    RESET,
    /// Set INERTIAL mode. No arguments.
    SET_INERTIAL_MODE,
    /// Set LOST mode. No arguments.
    SET_LOST_MODE,
    /// Set STATIC mode. No arguments.
    SET_STATIC_MODE,
    /// Adjust tracking rectangle size automatically once. No arguments.
    ADJUST_RECT_SIZE,
    /// Adjust tracking rectangle position automatically once. No arguments.
    ADJUST_RECT_POSITION,
    /// Move tracking rectangle (change position). Arguments:
    /// arg1 - add to X coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change.
    /// arg2 - add to Y coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change.
    MOVE_RECT,
    /// Set tracking rectangle position in FREE mode. Arguments:
    /// arg1 - Rectangle center X coordinate.
    /// arg2 - Rectangle center Y coordinate.
    SET_RECT_POSITION,
    /// Set tracking rectangle position in FREE mode in percents of frame size.
    /// Arguments:
    /// arg1 - Rectangle center X coordinate, percents of frame width.
    /// arg2 - Rectangle center X coordinate, percents of frame height.
    SET_RECT_POSITION_PERCENTS,
    /// Move search window (change position). Arguments:
    /// arg1 - add to X coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change.
```

```

    /// arg2 - add to Y coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change.
    MOVE_SEARCH_WINDOW,
    /// Set search window position. Arguments:
    /// arg1 - Search window center X coordinate.
    /// arg2 - Search window center Y coordinate.
    SET_SEARCH_WINDOW_POSITION,
    /// Set search window position in percents of frame size. Arguments:
    /// arg1 - Search window center X coordinate, percents of frame width.
    /// arg2 - Search window center X coordinate, percents of frame height.
    SET_SEARCH_WINDOW_POSITION_PERCENTS,
    /// Change tracking rectangle size. Arguments:
    /// arg1 - horizontal size add, pixels.
    /// arg2 - vertical size add, pixels.
    CHANGE_RECT_SIZE
};

```

**Table 3** - Video tracker commands description. Some commands maybe unsupported by particular video tracker class. Necessary arguments for **executeCommand(...)** and **encodeCommand(...)** methods described.

Command	Description
CAPTURE	Object capture. Arguments: arg1 - Capture rectangle center X coordinate. -1 - default coordinate, arg2 - Capture rectangle center Y coordinate. -1 - default coordinate, arg3 - frame ID. -1 - Capture on last frame.
CAPTURE_PERCENTS	Object capture command. Arguments: arg1 - Capture rectangle center X coordinate, percents of frame width, arg2 - Capture rectangle center Y coordinate, percents of frame width.
RESET	Reset command. No arguments.
SET_INERTIAL_MODE	Set INERTIAL mode. No arguments.
SET_LOST_MODE	Set LOST mode. No arguments.
SET_STATIC_MODE	Set STATIC mode. No arguments.
ADJUST_RECT_SIZE	Adjust tracking rectangle size automatically once. No arguments.
ADJUST_RECT_POSITION	Adjust tracking rectangle position automatically once. No arguments.
MOVE_RECT	Move tracking rectangle (change position). Arguments: arg1 - add to X coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change, arg2 - add to Y coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change.
SET_RECT_POSITION	Set tracking rectangle position in FREE mode. Arguments: arg1 - Rectangle center X coordinate, arg2 - Rectangle center Y coordinate.

Command	Description
SET_RECT_POSITION_PERCENTS	Set tracking rectangle position in FREE mode in percents of frame size. Arguments: arg1 - Rectangle center X coordinate, percents of frame width, arg2 - Rectangle center Y coordinate, percents of frame height.
MOVE_SEARCH_WINDOW	Move search window (change position). Arguments: arg1 - add to X coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change, arg2 - add to Y coordinate, pixels. 0 - no change.
SET_SEARCH_WINDOW_POSITION	Set search window position. Arguments: arg1 - Search window center X coordinate, arg2 - Search window center Y coordinate.
SET_SEARCH_WINDOW_POSITION_PERCENTS	Set search window position in percents of frame size. Arguments: arg1 - Search window center X coordinate, percents of frame width, arg2 - Search window center Y coordinate, percents of frame height.
CHANGE_RECT_SIZE	Change tracking rectangle size. Arguments: arg1 - horizontal size add, pixels, arg2 - vertical size add, pixels.

## VTrackerParam enum

**VTrackerParam** enum describes parameters supported by video tracker. **VTrackerParam** enum declared in **VTracker.h** file. Enum declaration:

```
enum class VTrackerParam
{
    /// Width of search window, pixels. Set by user.
    SEARCH_WINDOW_WIDTH = 1,
    /// Height of search window, pixels. Set by user.
    SEARCH_WINDOW_HEIGHT,
    /// Tracking rectangle width, pixels. Set by user or can be changed by
    /// tracking algorithm if rectAutoSize == true.
    RECT_WIDTH,
    /// Tracking rectangle height, pixels. Set by user or can be changed by
    /// tracking algorithm if rectAutoSize == true.
    RECT_HEIGHT,
    /// Option for LOST mode. Parameter that defines the behavior of the
    /// tracking algorithm in LOST mode. Default is 0. Possible values:
    /// 0. In LOST mode, the coordinates of the center of the tracking
    /// rectangle are not updated and remain the same as before entering
    /// LOST mode.
    /// 1. The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are updated
    /// based on the components of the object's speed calculated before
    /// going into LOST mode. If the tracking rectangle "touches" the edge
    /// of the video frame, the coordinate updating for this component
```

```

    /// (horizontal or vertical) will stop.
    /// 2. The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are
    /// updated based on the components of the object's speed calculated
    /// before going into LOST mode. The tracking is reset if the center of
    /// the tracking rectangle touches any of the edges of the video frame.
    LOST_MODE_OPTION,
    /// Size of frame buffer (number of frames to store). Set by user.
    FRAME_BUFFER_SIZE,
    /// Maximum number of frames in LOST mode to auto reset of algorithm. Set
    /// by user.
    MAX_FRAMES_IN_LOST_MODE,
    /// Use tracking rectangle auto size flag: 0 - no use, 1 - use. Set by user.
    RECT_AUTO_SIZE,
    /// Use tracking rectangle auto position: 0 - no use, 1 - use. Set by user.
    RECT_AUTO_POSITION,
    /// Use multiple threads for calculations. 0 - one thread, 1 - multiple. Set
    /// by user.
    MULTIPLE_THREADS,
    /// Number of channels for processing. E.g., number of color channels. Set
    /// by user.
    NUM_CHANNELS,
    /// Tracker type. Depends on implementation. Set by user.
    TYPE,
    /// Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
    CUSTOM_1,
    /// Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
    CUSTOM_2,
    /// Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
    CUSTOM_3
};

```

**Table 4** - Video tracker params description. Some params maybe unsupported by particular video tracker.

Parameter	Access	Description
SEARCH_WINDOW_WIDTH	read / write	Width of search window, pixels. Set by user. (see <b>Required operating principles</b> ).
SEARCH_WINDOW_HEIGHT	read / write	Height of search window, pixels. Set by user. (see <b>Required operating principles</b> ).
RECT_WIDTH	read / write	Tracking rectangle width, pixels. (see <b>Required operating principles</b> ). Set by user or can be changed by tracking algorithm if RECT_AUTO_SIZE == 1.
RECT_HEIGHT	read / write	Tracking rectangle height, pixels (see <b>Required operating principles</b> ). Set by user or can be changed by tracking algorithm if RECT_AUTO_SIZE == 1.

Parameter	Access	Description
LOST_MODE_OPTION	read / write	<p>Option for LOST mode. Parameter that defines the behavior of the tracking algorithm in LOST mode. Default is 0. Possible values:</p> <p><b>0.</b> In LOST mode, the coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are not updated and remain the same as before entering LOST mode.</p> <p><b>1.</b> The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are updated based on the components of the object's speed calculated before going into LOST mode. If the tracking rectangle "touches" the edge of the video frame, the coordinate updating for this component (horizontal or vertical) will stop.</p> <p><b>2.</b> The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are updated based on the components of the object's speed calculated before going into LOST mode. The tracking is reset if the center of the tracking rectangle touches any of the edges of the video frame.</p>
FRAME_BUFFER_SIZE	read / write	Size of frame buffer (number of frames to store). Set by user.
MAX_FRAMES_IN_LOST_MODE	read / write	Maximum number of frames in LOST mode to auto reset of algorithm. Set by user.
RECT_AUTO_SIZE	read / write	Use tracking rectangle auto size flag: 0 - no use, 1 - use. Set by user.
RECT_AUTO_POSITION	read / write	Use tracking rectangle auto position: 0 - no use, 1 - use. Set by user.
MULTIPLE_THREADS	read / write	Use multiple threads for calculations. 0 - one thread, 1 - multiple. Set by user.
NUM_CHANNELS	read / write	Number of channels for processing. E.g., number of color channels. Set by user.
TYPE	read / write	Tracker type. Depends on implementation. Set by user.
CUSTOM_1	read / write	Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
CUSTOM_2	read / write	Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
CUSTOM_3	read / write	Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.



# VTrackerParams class description

## VTrackerParams class declaration

**VTrackerParams** class used for video tracker initialization (**initVTracker(...)** method) or to get all actual params and tracking results (**getParams()** method). Also **VTrackerParams** provide structure to write/read params from JSON files (**JSON\_READABLE** macro, see [ConfigReader](#) class description) and provides methods to encode and decode params. Class declaration:

```
class VTrackerParams
{
public:
    /// Tracker mode index: 0 - FREE, 1 - TRACKING, 2 - INERTIAL, 3 - STATIC.
    /// Set by video tracker according to processing results or after command
    /// execution.
    int mode{0};
    /// Tracking rectangle horizontal center position. Calculated by tracking
    /// algorithm.
    int rectX{0};
    /// Tracking rectangle vertical center position. Calculated by tracking
    /// algorithm.
    int rectY{0};
    /// Tracking rectangle width, pixels. Set by user or can be changed by
    /// tracking algorithm if rectAutoSize == true.
    int rectwidth{72};
    /// Tracking rectangle height, pixels. Set by user or can be changed by
    /// tracking algorithm if rectAutoSize == true.
    int rectHeight{72};
    /// Estimated horizontal position of object center, pixels. Calculated by
    /// video tracker.
    int objectX{0};
    /// Estimated vertical position of object center, pixels. Calculated by
    /// video tracker.
    int objectY{0};
    /// Estimated object width, pixels. Calculated by video tracker.
    int objectwidth{72};
    /// Estimated object height, pixels. Calculated by video tracker.
    int objectHeight{72};
    /// Frame counter in LOST mode. After switching in LOST mode the video
    /// tracker start counting from 0. After switching to another mode from
    /// LOST mode the video tracker will reset this counter.
    int lostModeFrameCounter{0};
    /// Counter for processed frames after capture object. After reset tracking
    /// the video tracker will reset counter.
    int frameCounter{0};
    /// Width of processed video frame. Set by video tracker after processing
    /// first video frame.
    int framewidth{0};
    /// Height of processed video frame. Set by video tracker after processing
    /// first video frame.
```

```

int frameHeight{0};
/// Width of search window, pixels. Set by user.
int searchWindowWidth{256};
/// Height of search window, pixels. Set by user.
int searchWindowHeight{256};
/// Horizontal position of search window center. This position will be used
/// for next video frame. Usually it coincides with data tracking rectangle
/// center but can be set by user to move search window for new video frame.
int searchWindowX{0};
/// Vertical position of search window center. This position will be used
/// for next video frame. Usually it coincides with data tracking rectangle
/// center but can be set by user to move search window for new video frame.
int searchWindowY{0};
/// Option for LOST mode. Parameter that defines the behavior of the
/// tracking algorithm in LOST mode. Default is 0. Possible values:
/// 0. In LOST mode, the coordinates of the center of the tracking
/// rectangle are not updated and remain the same as before entering
/// LOST mode.
/// 1. The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are updated
/// based on the components of the object's speed calculated before
/// going into LOST mode. If the tracking rectangle "touches" the edge
/// of the video frame, the coordinate updating for this component
/// (horizontal or vertical) will stop.
/// 2. The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are
/// updated based on the components of the object's speed calculated
/// before going into LOST mode. The tracking is reset if the center of
/// the tracking rectangle touches any of the edges of the video frame.
int lostModeOption{0};
/// Size of frame buffer (number of frames to store). Set by user.
int frameBufferSize{128};
/// Maximum number of frames in LOST mode to auto reset of algorithm. Set
/// by user.
int maxFramesInLostMode{128};
/// ID of last processed frame in frame buffer. Set by video tracker.
int processedFrameId{0};
/// ID of last added frame to frame buffer. Set by video tracker.
int frameId{0};
/// Horizontal velocity of object on video frames (pixel/frame). Calculated
/// by video tracker.
float velX{0.0f};
/// Vertical velocity of object on video frames (pixel/frame). Calculated
/// by video tracker.
float velY{0.0f};
/// Estimated probability of object detection. Calculated by video tracker.
float detectionProbability{0.0f};
/// Use tracking rectangle auto size flag: false - no use, true - use. Set
/// by user.
bool rectAutoSize{false};
/// Use tracking rectangle auto position: false - no use, true - use. Set
/// by user.
bool rectAutoPosition{false};
/// Use multiple threads for calculations. Set by user.
bool multipleThreads{false};
/// Number of channels for processing. E.g., number of color channels. Set
/// by user.
int numChannels{3};

```

```

    /// Tracker type. Depends on implementation. Set by user.
    int type{0};
    /// Processing time for last frame, mks. Calculated by video tracker.
    int processingTimeMks{0};
    /// Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
    float custom1{0.0f};
    /// Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
    float custom2{0.0f};
    /// Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
    float custom3{0.0f};

    JSON_READABLE(VTrackerParams, rectwidth, rectHeight, searchwindowwidth,
                  searchwindowHeight, lostModeOption, frameBufferSize,
                  maxFramesInLostMode, rectAutoSize, rectAutoPosition,
                  multipleThreads, numChannels, type, custom1, custom2, custom3);

    /// operator =
    VTrackerParams& operator= (const VTrackerParams& src);

    /// Encode params.
    bool encode(uint8_t* data, int bufferSize,
               int& size, VTrackerParamsMask* mask = nullptr);

    /// Decode params.
    bool decode(uint8_t* data, int dataSize);
};

```

**Table 5** - VTrackerParams class fields description.

Field	Type	Description
mode	int	Tracker mode index: 0 - FREE, 1 - TRACKING, 2 - INERTIAL, 3 - STATIC. Set by video tracker according to processing results or after command execution.
rectX	int	Tracking rectangle horizontal center position, pixels. Calculated by tracking algorithm.
rectY	int	Tracking rectangle vertical center position, pixels. Calculated by tracking algorithm.
rectWidth	int	Tracking rectangle width, pixels. Set by user or can be changed by tracking algorithm if rectAutoSize == true.
rectHeight	int	Tracking rectangle height, pixels. Set by user or can be changed by tracking algorithm if rectAutoSize == true.
objectX	int	Estimated horizontal position of object center, pixels. Calculated by video tracker.
objectY	int	Estimated vertical position of object center, pixels. Calculated by video tracker.
objectWidth	int	Estimated object width, pixels. Calculated by video tracker.

Field	Type	Description
objectHeight	int	Estimated object height, pixels. Calculated by video tracker.
lostModeFrameCounter	int	Frame counter in LOST mode. After switching in LOST mode the video tracker start counting from 0. After switching to another mode from LOST mode the video tracker will reset this counter.
frameCounter	int	Counter for processed frames after capture object. After reset tracking the video tracker will reset counter.
frameWidth	int	Width of processed video frame. Set by video tracker after processing first video frame.
frameHeight	int	Height of processed video frame. Set by video tracker after processing first video frame.
searchWindowWidth	int	Width of search window, pixels. Set by user.
searchWindowHeight	int	Height of search window, pixels. Set by user.
searchWindowX	int	Horizontal position of search window center. This position will be used for next video frame. Usually it coincides with data tracking rectangle center but can be set by user to move search window for new video frame.
searchWindowY	int	Vertical position of search window center. This position will be used for next video frame. Usually it coincides with data tracking rectangle center but can be set by user to move search window for new video frame.
lostModeOption	int	<p>Option for LOST mode. Parameter that defines the behavior of the tracking algorithm in LOST mode. Default is 0. Possible values:</p> <p><b>0.</b> In LOST mode, the coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are not updated and remain the same as before entering LOST mode.</p> <p><b>1.</b> The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are updated based on the components of the object's speed calculated before going into LOST mode. If the tracking rectangle "touches" the edge of the video frame, the coordinate updating for this component (horizontal or vertical) will stop.</p> <p><b>2.</b> The coordinates of the center of the tracking rectangle are updated based on the components of the object's speed calculated before going into LOST mode. The tracking is reset if the center of the tracking rectangle touches any of the edges of the video frame.</p>
frameBufferSize	int	Size of frame buffer (number of frames to store). Set by user.
maxFramesInLostMode	int	Maximum number of frames in LOST mode to auto reset of algorithm. Set by user.
processedFrameId	int	ID of last processed frame in frame buffer. Set by video tracker.

Field	Type	Description
frameId	int	ID of last added frame to frame buffer. Set by video tracker.
velX	float	Horizontal velocity of object on video frames (pixel/frame). Calculated by video tracker.
velY	float	Vertical velocity of object on video frames (pixel/frame). Calculated by video tracker.
detectionProbability	float	Estimated probability of object detection. Calculated by video tracker.
rectAutoSize	bool	Use tracking rectangle auto size flag: false - no use, true - use. Set by user.
rectAutoPosition	bool	Use tracking rectangle auto position: false - no use, true - use. Set by user.
multipleThreads	bool	Use multiple threads for calculations. Set by user.
numChannels	int	Number of channels for processing. E.g., number of color channels. Set by user.
type	int	Tracker type. Depends on implementation. Set by user.
processingTimeMks	int	Processing time for last frame, mks. Calculated by video tracker.
custom1	float	Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
custom2	float	Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.
custom3	float	Custom parameter. Depends on implementation.

## Serialize video tracker params

[VTrackerParams](#) class provides method **encode(...)** to serialize video tracker params (fields of VTrackerParams class, see Table 5). Serialization of params necessary in case when you need to send params via communication channels. Method provides options to exclude particular parameters from serialization. To do this method inserts binary mask (5 bytes) where each bit represents particular parameter and **decode(...)** method recognizes it. Method doesn't encode initString. Method declaration:

```
bool encode(uint8_t* data, int bufferSize, int& size, VTrackerParamsMask* mask = nullptr);
```

Parameter	Value
data	Pointer to data buffer. Buffer size should be at least <b>135</b> bytes.
bufferSize	Data buffer size. Buffer size should be at least <b>135</b> bytes.
size	Size of encoded data.

Parameter	Value
mask	Parameters mask - pointer to <b>VrackerParamsMask</b> structure. <b>VTrackerParamsMask</b> (declared in VTracker.h file) determines flags for each field (parameter) declared in <a href="#">VTrackerParams class</a> . If the user wants to exclude any parameters from serialization, he can put a pointer to the mask. If the user wants to exclude a particular parameter from serialization, he should set the corresponding flag in the <b>VTrackerParamsMask</b> structure.

**VTrackerParamsMask** structure declaration:

```
typedef struct VTrackerParamsMask
{
    bool mode{true};
    bool rectX{true};
    bool rectY{true};
    bool rectWidth{true};
    bool rectHeight{true};
    bool objectX{true};
    bool objectY{true};
    bool objectWidth{true};
    bool objectHeight{true};
    bool lostModeFrameCounter{true};
    bool frameCounter{true};
    bool frameWidth{true};
    bool frameHeight{true};
    bool searchWindowWidth{true};
    bool searchWindowHeight{true};
    bool searchWindowX{true};
    bool searchWindowY{true};
    bool lostModeOption{true};
    bool frameBufferSize{true};
    bool maxFramesInLostMode{true};
    bool processedFrameId{true};
    bool frameId{true};
    bool velX{true};
    bool velY{true};
    bool detectionProbability{true};
    bool rectAutoSize{true};
    bool rectAutoPosition{true};
    bool multipleThreads{true};
    bool numChannels{true};
    bool type{true};
    bool processingTimeMks{true};
    bool custom1{true};
    bool custom2{true};
    bool custom3{true};
} VTrackerParamsMask;
```

Example without parameters mask:

```
// Prepare random params.
VTrackerParams in;
in.mode = rand() % 255;
in.rectX = rand() % 255;
in.rectY = rand() % 255;

// Encode data.
uint8_t data[1024];
int size = 0;
in.encode(data, 1024, size);
cout << "Encoded data size: " << size << " bytes" << endl;
```

Example with parameters mask:

```
// Prepare random params.
VTrackerParams in;
in.mode = rand() % 255;
in.rectX = rand() % 255;
in.rectY = rand() % 255;

// Prepare mask.
VTrackerParamsMask mask;
mask.mode = true;
mask.rectX = false;
mask.rectY = true;

// Encode data.
uint8_t data[1024];
int size = 0;
in.encode(data, 1024, size, &mask);
cout << "Encoded data size: " << size << " bytes" << endl;
```

## Deserialize video tracker params

[VTrackerParams](#) class provides method **decode(...)** to deserialize params (fields of VTrackerParams class, see Table 5). Deserialization of params necessary in case when you need to receive params via communication channels. Method automatically recognizes which parameters were serialized by **encode(...)** method. Method declaration:

```
bool decode(uint8_t* data, int dataSize);
```

Parameter	Value
data	Pointer to encode data buffer.

**Returns:** TRUE if data decoded (deserialized) or FALSE if not.

Example:

```
// Prepare random params.
VTrackerParams in;
```

```

in.mode = rand() % 255;
in.rectX = rand() % 255;
in.rectY = rand() % 255;

// Encode data.
uint8_t data[1024];
int size = 0;
in.encode(data, 1024, size);
cout << "Encoded data size: " << size << " bytes" << endl;

// Decode data.
VTrackerParams out;
if (!out.decode(data, size))
{
    cout << "Can't decode data" << endl;
    return false;
}

```

## Read params from JSON file and write to JSON file

**VTracker** library depends on [ConfigReader](#) library which provides method to read params from JSON file and to write params to JSON file. Example of writing and reading params to JSON file:

```

// Prepare random params.
VTrackerParams in;
in.mode = rand() % 255;
in.rectX = rand() % 255;
in.rectY = rand() % 255;

// Write params to file.
cr::utils::ConfigReader inConfig;
inConfig.set(in, "VTrackerParams");
inConfig.writeToFile("VTrackerParams.json");

// Read params from file.
cr::utils::ConfigReader outConfig;
if(!outConfig.readFromFile("VTrackerParams.json"))
{
    cout << "Can't open config file" << endl;
    return false;
}

// Obtain params from config reader.
VTrackerParams out;
if(!outConfig.get(out, "VTrackerParams"))
{
    cout << "Can't read params from file" << endl;
    return false;
}

```

**VTrackerParams.json** will look like:



```
{
  "VTrackerParams": {
    "custom1": 155.0,
    "custom2": 239.0,
    "custom3": 79.0,
    "frameBufferSize": 130,
    "lostModeOption": 65,
    "maxFramesInLostMode": 111,
    "multipleThreads": true,
    "numChannels": 47,
    "rectAutoPosition": true,
    "rectAutoSize": true,
    "rectHeight": 18,
    "rectWidth": 2,
    "searchWindowHeight": 19,
    "searchWindowWidth": 195,
    "type": 213
  }
}
```

## Build and connect to your project

Typical commands to build **VTracker** library:

```
git clone https://github.com/ConstantRobotics-Ltd/VTracker.git
cd VTracker
git submodule update --init --recursive
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
```

If you want connect **VTracker** library to your CMake project as source code you can make follow. For example, if your repository has structure:

```
CMakeLists.txt
src
  CMakeList.txt
  yourLib.h
  yourLib.cpp
```

You can add repository **VTracker** as submodule by commands:

```
cd <your repository folder>
git submodule add https://github.com/ConstantRobotics-Ltd/VTracker.git 3rdparty/VTracker
git submodule update --init --recursive
```

In you repository folder will be created folder **3rdparty/VTracker** which contains files of **VTracker** repository with subrepositories **Frame** and **ConfigReader**. New structure of your repository:

```

CMakeLists.txt
src
    CMakeList.txt
    yourLib.h
    yourLib.cpp
3rdparty
    VTracker

```

Create CMakeLists.txt file in **3rdparty** folder. CMakeLists.txt should contain:

```

cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.13)

#####
## 3RD-PARTY
## dependencies for the project
#####
project(3rdparty LANGUAGES CXX)

#####
## SETTINGS
## basic 3rd-party settings before use
#####
# To inherit the top-level architecture when the project is used as a submodule.
SET(PARENT ${PARENT}_YOUR_PROJECT_3RDPARTY)
# Disable self-overwriting of parameters inside included subdirectories.
SET(${PARENT}_SUBMODULE_CACHE_OVERWRITE OFF CACHE BOOL "" FORCE)

#####
## CONFIGURATION
## 3rd-party submodules configuration
#####
SET(${PARENT}_SUBMODULE_VTRACKER ON CACHE BOOL "" FORCE)
if (${PARENT}_SUBMODULE_VTRACKER)
    SET(${PARENT}_VTRACKER ON CACHE BOOL "" FORCE)
    SET(${PARENT}_VTRACKER_TEST OFF CACHE BOOL "" FORCE)
    SET(${PARENT}_VTRACKER_EXAMPLE OFF CACHE BOOL "" FORCE)
endif()

#####
## INCLUDING SUBDIRECTORIES
## Adding subdirectories according to the 3rd-party configuration
#####
if (${PARENT}_SUBMODULE_VTRACKER)
    add_subdirectory(VTracker)
endif()

```

File **3rdparty/CMakeLists.txt** adds folder **VTracker** to your project and excludes test application (VTracker class test applications) from compiling. Your repository new structure will be:

```
CMakeLists.txt
src
  CMakeList.txt
  yourLib.h
  yourLib.cpp
3rdparty
  CMakeLists.txt
  VTracker
```

Next you need include folder 3rdparty in main **CMakeLists.txt** file of your repository. Add string at the end of your main **CMakeLists.txt**:

```
add_subdirectory(3rdparty)
```

Next you have to include VTracker library in your **src/CMakeLists.txt** file:

```
target_link_libraries(${PROJECT_NAME} VTracker)
```

Done!

## How to make custom implementation

The **VTracker** class provides only an interface, data structures, and methods for encoding and decoding commands and params. To create your own implementation of the video tracker, you must include the VTracker repository in your project (see [Build and connect to your project](#) section). The catalogue **example** (see [Library files](#) section) includes an example of the design of the custom video tracker. You must implement all the methods of the VTracker interface class. Custom video tracker class declaration:

```
class CustomVTracker: public VTracker
{
public:

    /// Class constructor.
    CustomVTracker();

    /// Class destructor.
    ~CustomVTracker();

    /// Get string of current library version.
    static std::string getVersion();

    /// Init video tracker.
    bool initVTracker(VTrackerParams& params);

    /// Set video tracker param.
    bool setParam(VTrackerParam id, float value);

    /// Get video tracker param value.
    float getParam(VTrackerParam id);

    /// Get video tracker params (results).
```

```

void getParams(VTrackerParams& params);

/// Execute command.
bool executeCommand(VTrackerCommand id,
                    float arg1 = 0,
                    float arg2 = 0,
                    float arg3 = 0);

/// Process frame.
bool processFrame(cr::video::Frame& frame);

/// Get image of internal surfaces.
void getImage(int type, cr::video::Frame& image);

public:

    /// Video tracker params (default params).
    VTrackerParams m_params;
};

```