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# Vimba Image Transform Manual

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# 2 Document history and conventions



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## 2.1 Document history

Version	Date	Changes
1.0	2013-03-22	Initial version
1.2	2013-06-18	Small corrections, layout changes
1.3	2014-08-12	Rework of the whole document
1.4	2015-11-09	Renamed several Vimba components and documents ("AVT" no longer in use), added table for pixel formats and chapter for OpenMP, added return value descriptions for functions
1.5	2016-02-27	Rework of examples and supported transformation table

#### 2.2 Conventions used in this manual

To give this manual an easily understood layout and to emphasize important information, the following typographical styles and symbols are used:

## 2.2.1 Styles

Style	Function	Example
Emphasis	Programs, or highlighting important things	Emphasis
Publication title	Publication titles	Title
Web reference	Links to web pages	Link
Document reference	Links to other documents	Document
Output	Outputs from software GUI	Output
Input	Input commands, modes	Input
Feature	Feature names	Feature



## 2.2.2 Symbols



#### **Practical Tip**



#### Safety-related instructions to avoid malfunctions

Instructions to avoid malfunctions



Further information available online



# 3 General aspects of the library



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The purpose of the Vimba Image Transform library is to transform images received via Vimba APIs into common image formats. It is part of Vimba and doesn't require a separate installation.

Applications using Vimba C or C++ API may need to integrate Vimba Image Transform library as an additional library, whereas a subset of it is seamlessly integrated into the Vimba .NET API via method Frame.Fill() (See the Vimba.NET Manual if installed). As of Vimba 2.0, two additional functions enable setting a compatible destination format without knowing the PFNC (Pixel Format Naming Convention) naming scheme.

#### 3.1 Variants

The Vimba Image Transform Library is available in two variants:

- The **standard variant** executes a function call in a single thread.
- The **OpenMP variant** distributes the function calls over multiple processor cores (parallel computing).

The OpenMP variant is recommended for achieving a high performance with multi-core PCs: Although additional time is required to schedule the sub tasks, its performance roughly scales by the number of free cores.

Both library variants have the same interface and the same name, but are delivered in different folders in the Vimba installation, allowing you to use the variant you want.

The OpenMP variant of the library can be found in the subdirectory OpenMP beneath the single-threaded library variant.

Windows supports OpenMP V2.0, whereas Unix-based systems support OpenMP V4.0.

#### 3.1.1 Optimizing OpenMP performance

The motivation behind OpenMP is to speed up computations by distributing them to the available computing cores (hyper-threading or real ones).

To minimize the additional cost of thread management (starting/stopping threads), the OpenMP runtime environment tries to reuse threads as much as possible.

Since the default values are not adjusted to your particular use case, we recommend optimizing them to achieve high performance with low CPU load.

#### Active waiting tasks and CPU load

Ideally, threads are created when OpenMP is first used in an application, and they are always reused without being interrupted by the system. In cases where the application has no work items ready when tasks finish, the waiting tasks consume CPU power for a certain time and then become passive.

During active waiting, OpenMP uses high CPU load while no real work is done. This may lead to situations where OpenMP consumes too many resources although the use case isn't demanding (low image resolution, slow frame rate).



#### Example

If frames arrive at 10 frames per second, there is one work item every 100 ms. Even if image transformation only takes 10 ms, the threads are active for about 100 ms. OpenMP is underutilized in this case because 90% of what it's doing is waiting for new work.

If frames arrive at 100 frames per second (frames arrive at 10 ms intervals), OpenMP is working to capacity, and all threads can take on new work directly after they have finished the previous one.



It is recommended to use the same OpenMP runtime environment that the Vimba Image Transform library uses (Windows: Visual Studio 2010 or higher; Linux: gomp). In this case, Vimba Image Transform and the application share OpenMP threads, workload is optimally distributed between worker tasks, and waiting threads get new work fast.

#### Setting up environment variables

To optimize OpenMP, set up environment variables that determine the number of threads used and OpenMP's waiting time behavior.

- Linux and Windows
  - OMP\_NUM\_THREADS=[number of threads for OpenMP usage]
     Limits the number of threads that are utilized by OpenMP. Lower this value to reduce the CPU load that OpenMP is taking away from other application threads.
  - OMP\_WAIT\_POLICY=[ACTIVE|PASSIVE]
     Changes the policy OpenMP uses when threads wait for new work to arrive. ACTIVE is the default setting. Under Windows, you can change it only after installing Microsoft KB2686593
     Hotfix. If a too long active waiting time causes high CPU load, change the environment variable to PASSIVE. Then threads don't consume CPU power while waiting for new work.
- Linux
  - GOMP\_SPINCOUNT=[number of spins for active waiting]
     If OpenMP is set to OMP\_WAIT\_POLICY=ACTIVE, this variable determines how long a thread waits actively with consuming CPU power before waiting passively without consuming CPU power. If work items arrive at a high rate, it is best to let the thread's spin wait actively for the next work load. If work items arrive sporadically, a high spin count leads to unnecessary high CPU load.
    - Setting GOMP\_SPINCOUNT to 0 is the same as setting OMP\_WAIT\_POLICY to PASSIVE.

#### **Further reading**

- GCC Environment Variables
- Visual Studio OpenMP Environment Variables

## 3.2 Supported image data formats

In contrast to image *file* formats, image *data* formats contain no embedded meta-data, but only pure images as rectangular arrays of pixels. These pixels have certain characteristics, e.g. a certain color or bit



depth and the endianness for a bit depth of more than eight, and they may appear in a certain order. All this is described in a pixel format name.



All implemented image transformations only accept multi-byte pixel formats in little-endian byte order.

For this library, pixel formats from the IIDC and GigE Vision interface specification, from the Pixel Format Naming Convention as well as common display formats on Windows and Linux platforms have been selected.

The names of the pixel formats mainly match the list of values of the "PixelFormat" feature in the Standard Features Naming Convention of GenlCam, but the concrete name depends on the interface standard according to the following table:

GigE Vision<2.01 FireWire	PFNC (USB3 Vision, GigE Vision>=2.0)
Mono8	Mono8
Mono10	Mono10
-	Mono10p
Mono12	Mono12
-	Mono12p
Mono12Packed	-
Mono14	Mono14
Mono16	Mono16
BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 8	BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 8
BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 10	BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 10
-	BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 10p
BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 12	BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 12
-	BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 12p
BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 12Packed	-
BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 16	BayerXY <sup>2</sup> 16
	FireWire  Mono8  Mono10  -  Mono12  -  Mono12Packed  Mono14  Mono16  BayerXY²8  BayerXY²10  -  BayerXY²12  -  BayerXY²12Packed

Table 1: Vimba pixel formats and their counterparts in interface standards (1/2)



Vimba Pixel format (VmbPixelFormat)	GigE Vision<2.01 FireWire	PFNC (USB3 Vision, GigE Vision>=2.0)
Rgb8	RGB8Packed	RGB8
Bgr8	BGR8Packed	BGR8
Rgba8	RGBA8Packed	RGBa8
Bgra8	BGRA8Packed	BGRa8
Rgb10	RGB10Packed	RGB10
Bgr10	BGR10Packed	BGR10
Rgba10	-	RGBa10
Bgra10	-	BGRa10
Rgb12	RGB12Packed	RGB12
Bgr12	BGR12Packed	BGR12
Rgba12	-	RGBa12
Bgra12	-	BGRa12
Rgb16	RGB16Packed	RGB16
Bgr16	-	BGR16
Rgba16	-	RGBa16
Bgra16	-	BGRa16
Yuv411	YUV411Packed	YUV411_8_UYYVYY
Yuv422	YUV422Packed	YUV422_8_UYVY
Yuv444	YUV444Packed	YUV8_UYV
YCbCr411_8_CbYYCrYY	-	YCbCr411_8_CbYYCrYY (layout/values same as Yuv411)
YCbCr422_8_CbYCrY	-	YCbCr422_8_CbYCrY (layout/values same as Yuv422)
YCbCr8_CbYCr	-	YCbCr8_CbYCr (layout/values same as Yuv444)

Table 2: Vimba pixel formats and their counterparts in interface standards (2/2)

 $<sup>^{1}\!</sup>$  Allied Vision GigE cameras comply with GigE Vision 1.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>BayerXY is any of BayerGR, BayerRG, BayerGB or BayerBG



Since the following pixel formats span a few bytes, or in some cases several lines, their width and height or size (in pixels) must be divisible by the following values:

Pixel format	Width	Height	Size
Mono12Packed, Mono12p	1	1	2
BayerXY <sup>1</sup>	2	2	1
Yuv411/YCbCr411_8_CbYYCrYY	4	1	1
Yuv422/YCbCr422_8_CbYCrY	2	1	1

Table 3: Minimum sizes for certain pixel formats

## 3.3 Supported transformations

The "Target" values from table 4 can be used within the helper functions 6.3.1 and 6.3.2. Please see an example in section 5.1 for the application of a transformation operation.



Converting an image from a lower to a higher bit depth aligns the image data to the least significant bit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>BayerXY is any of BayerGR, BayerRG, BayerGB or BayerBG



Source	Target	Mono 8Bit	Mono 16Bit	Color <sup>2</sup> 8Bit	Color <sup>2</sup> 16Bit
Mono8		<b>✓</b>	-	✓	-
Mono10		<b>✓</b>	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Mono10p		<b>✓</b>	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Mono12		<b>✓</b>	-	✓	-
Mono12p		<b>✓</b>	-	✓	-
Mono12Packed		✓	-	✓	-
Mono14		✓	-	✓	-
Mono16		✓	✓	✓	-
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 8		✓	-	✓	-
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 10		✓	✓	✓	✓
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 10p		<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 12		<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 12p		<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 12Packed		<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 16		✓	✓	✓	✓
Rgb8		<b>✓</b>	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Bgr8		✓	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Rgba8		<b>✓</b>	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Bgra8		<b>✓</b>	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Yuv411/YCbCr411_8_CbYYC	rYY	<b>✓</b>	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Yuv422/YCbCr422_8_CbYCr	Y	<b>✓</b>	-	<b>✓</b>	-
Yuv444/YCbCr8_CbYCr		✓	-	✓	-

Table 4: Supported transformation formats

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>BayerXY is any of BayerGR, BayerRG, BayerGB or BayerBG

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Color is any of RGB, RGBA, BGR or BGRA format



# 4 API usage



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#### 4.1 General

Every concrete image transformation must specify its three parameters:

- The fully-qualified input image (including complete format specification)
- The complete output format (plus a pointer to enough memory to hold the transformed image)
- The transformation itself (including transformation options if there is more than one possible way from the input format to the output format)

VmbImageTransform() is the main function, which covers all three transformation parameters. It uses two VmbImage pointers to specify the source and destination image and a list of VmbTransformInfo structs to specify the transformation.

To ease filling the structs that are needed for a successful call of VmbImageTransform(), several helper functions for initializing them are available:

- Methods for filling the necessary format information of either the input or the output image (described in chapter Filling Image Information).
- Methods for filling optional transformation parameters to invoke special and additional functionality, as can be seen in chapter Specifying Transformation Options.

## 4.2 Filling Image Information

The transformation library offers an easy way of setting the appropriate compatible destination format. The first two functions, also described in section 6.3.1 and 6.3.2, set a compatible output format and relieves the programmer from learning the PFNC naming scheme. Initialize the VmbImage with:

- 1. VmbSetImageInfoFromInputImage() by providing a Vimba input image, the output layout, and bit depth
- 2. VmbSetImageInfoFromInputParameters() by providing the input format, the input image size, the output layout, and bit depth
- VmbSetImageInfoFromPixelFormat() by providing a VmbPixelFormat\_t value and the size
- 4. VmbSetImageInfoFromString() by providing a string that describes the pixel format and the size (expert)
- 5. Filling the fields explicitly one by one (not recommended).

## 4.3 Specifying Transformation Options

Depending on your application and the desired image characteristics, you can choose between several transformation options.



#### 4.3.1 Adding color transformations

A common way to transform color images is using a 3x3 matrix with method VmbSetColorCorrectionMatrix3x3(). The matrix you have to specify is a 3x3 row order float matrix.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
rr & rg & rb \\
gr & gg & gb \\
br & bg & bb
\end{array}\right)$$

#### 4.3.2 Changing the debayering algorithm

Every transformation of a Bayer image requires defining how to interpolate or combine the color pixels. Because of better system performance, a simple 2x2 demosaicing algorithm is the default. Changing this algorithm is possible with the help of an additional transformation parameter to

VmbImageTransform(), which can be filled with the help of function VmbSetDebayerMode() (using a VmbDebayerMode as input).

VmbDebayerMode can be one of the following values:

Value	Description
VmbDebayerMode2x2	2x2 with green averaging (this is the default if no debayering algorithm is added as transformation option)
VmbDebayerMode3x3	3x3 with equal green weighting per line
VmbDebayerModeLCAA	Debayering with horizontal local color anti-aliasing <sup>1</sup>
VmbDebayerModeLCAAV	Debayering with horizontal and vertical local color anti-aliasing <sup>1</sup>
VmbDebayerModeYUV422	Debayering with YUV422-alike sub-sampling <sup>1</sup>



If one of VmbDebayerModeLCAA, VmbDebayerModeLCAAV, or VmbDebayerModeYUV422 is used, the input buffers are used as intermediate buffers for the transformation for performance reasons. If you intend to use the input buffer for another purpose, debayer afterwards or copy the input buffer beforehand.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For 8-bit images only



## 4.4 Transforming images

When you've prepared all the parameters of a transformation, use the pre-filled structs and call VmbImageTransform().



Inapplicable transformation options are ignored (e.g. debayering options to a monochrome input image).



# 5 Transformation examples



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## 5.1 Debayering into an Rgb8 image

Example for a transformation of a BayerGR8 image with 640x480 pixels into an Rgb8 image of the same size:

```
VmbImage
                         sourceImage;
VmbImage
                         destinationImage;
VmbTransformInfo
// set size member for verification inside API
sourceImage.Size = sizeof ( sourceImage );
destinationImage.Size = sizeof ( destinationImage );
// attach the data buffers
sourceImage.Data = pInBuffer;
destinationImage.Data = pOutBuffer;
// fill image info from pixel format
VmbSetImageInfoFromPixelFormat ( VmbPixelFormatBayerGR8,
                                   640,
                                   480,
                                   &sourceImage);
// fill destination image info from input image
VmbSetImageInfoFromInputImage ( &sourceImage,
                                  VmbPixelLayoutRGB,
                                  &destinationImage);
// set the debayering algorithm to simple 2 by 2
VmbSetDebayerMode ( VmbDebayerMode2x2, &info );
// perform the transformation
VmbImageTransform ( &sourceImage, &destinationImage, &info, 1 );
```

## 5.2 Debayering into a Mono8 image

Example for preparing a transformation of a BayerRG8 image with 640x480 pixels into a Mono8 image of the same size:



```
destinationImage.Data = pOutBuffer;
// fill image info from pixel format string
std::string name ( "PixelFormatBayerRG8" );
VmbSetImageInfoFromString ( name.c_str(),
                            static_cast < VmbUint32_t > ( name.size() ),
                            640,
                            480,
                            &sourceImage );
// fill image info from pixel known input parameters
VmbSetImageInfoFromInputParameters ( VmbPixelFormatBayerRG8,
                                      640,
                                      480,
                                      VmbPixelLayoutMono,
                                     &destinationImage );
// set the debayering algorithm to 3 by 3
VmbSetDebayerMode ( VmbDebayerMode3x3, &info );
// perform the transformation
VmbImageTransform ( &sourceImage, &destinationImage, &info, 1 );
```

# 5.3 Applying a color correction to an Rgb8 image

Example for applying a color correction to an Rgb8 image with 640x480 pixels:

```
VmbImage
                sourceImage;
VmbImage
                 destinationImage;
VmbTransformInfo info;
const VmbFloat_t mat[] = { 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,
                            0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
                            0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f };
// set size member for verification inside API
sourceImage.Size = sizeof ( sourceImage );
destinationImage.Size = sizeof ( destinationImage );
// attach the data buffers
sourceImage.Data = pInBuffer;
destinationImage.Data = pOutBuffer;
// fill image info from pixel format
VmbSetImageInfoFromPixelFormat ( VmbPixelFormatRgb8,
                                640,
                                480,
                                &sourceImage );
```



# 5.4 Debayering a 12-bit image into a Mono16 image with additional color correction

Example for preparing a transformation of a BayerGR12 image with 640x480 pixels into a Mono16 image of the same size:

```
VmbImage
                  sourceImage;
             destinationImage;
VmbImage
VmbTransformInfo info[2];
const VmbFloat_t mat[] = { 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,
                            0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
                            0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f };
// set size member for verification inside API
sourceImage.Size = sizeof ( sourceImage );
destinationImage.Size = sizeof ( destinationImage );
// attach the data buffers
sourceImage.Data = pInBuffer;
destinationImage.Data = pOutBuffer;
// fill image info from pixel format
VmbSetImageInfoFromPixelFormat ( VmbPixelFormatBayerGR12Packed,
                                640,
                                480,
                                &sourceImage );
// fill destination image info from input image
VmbSetImageInfoFromInputImage ( &sourceImage,
                               VmbPixelLayoutMono,
                               &destinationImage);
// set the debayering algorithm to 2 by 2
```



```
VmbSetDebayerMode ( VmbDebayerMode2x2, &info[0] );

// set the transformation matrix
VmbSetColorCorrectionMatrix3x3 ( mat, &info[1] );

// perform the transformation
VmbImageTransform ( &sourceImage, &destinationImage, &info, 2 );
```



# 6 Function reference



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## 6.1 Information

#### 6.1.1 VmbGetVersion()

Inquire the library version. This function can be called at anytime, even before the library is initialized.

	Туре	Name	Description	
out	VmbUint32_t*	pValue	Contains the library version (Major, Minor, Sub, Build)	

• VmbErrorBadParameter: if the given pointer is NULL

#### 6.1.2 VmbGetErrorInfo()

Translate Vimba error codes into a human-readable string.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	VmbError_t	errorCode	The error code to get a readable string for
out	VmbANSIChar_t*	pInfo	Pointer to a zero terminated string that will contain the error information on return
in	VmbUint32_t	maxInfoLength	The length of the pinfo buffer

- VmbErrorBadParameter: if the given pointer is NULL, or if maxInfoLength is 0
- VmbErrorMoreData: if maxInfoLength is too small to hold the complete error information

#### 6.1.3 VmbGetApiInfoString()

Get information about the currently loaded Vimba ImageTransform API.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	VmbAPIInfo_t	infoType	Type of information to return
out	VmbANSIChar_t*	pInfo	Pointer to a zero terminated string that will contain the information on return
in	VmbUint32_t	maxInfoLength	The length of the info buffer

VmbErrorBadParameter: if the given pointer is NULL



• VmbErrorMoreData: if maxInfoLength is too small to hold the complete information

Parameter infoType may be one of the following values:

Value	Description
VmbAPIInfoAll	Return all information about the API
VmbAPIInfoPlatform	Return information about the platform the API was built for (x86 or x64)
VmbAPIInfoBuild	Return info about the API build (debug or release)
VmbApiInfoTechnology	Return info about the supported technologies the API was built for (e.g. OpenMP)

#### 6.2 Transformation

#### 6.2.1 VmbImageTransform()

Transform images from one pixel format to another with possible transformation options. The transformation is defined by the provided images and the desired transformation.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	const VmbImage*	pSource	Image to transform
in/out	VmbImage*	pDestination	Destination image
in	<pre>const VmbTransformInfo*</pre>	pParameter	Optional transform parameters
in	VmbUint32_t	parameterCount	Number of transform parameters

#### VmbErrorBadParameter:

- if any image pointer or their "Data" members is NULL
- if Width or Height don't match between source and destination
- if one of the parameters for the conversion does not fit
- VmbErrorStructSize: if the image structs size don't match their "Size" member
- VmbErrorNotImplemented: if there is no transformation between source and destination format



Fill source and destination image info structure with VmbSetImageInfoFromPixelFormat() or

VmbSetImageInfoFromString() and keep those structures as template. For calls to transform, attach the image to the "Data" member. When set, the optional parameters are constraints on the transform.



## 6.3 Helper functions

## 6.3.1 VmbSetImageInfoFromInputImage()

Set image info member values in VmbImage from input VmbImage. Use simple target layout and bit per pixel values to set the desired target format.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	const VmbImage*	plnputmage	Source image for transformation operation
in	VmbPixelLayout_t	OutputPixelLayout	Pixel layout of the target image
in	VmbUint32_t	BitPerPixel	Bits per pixel of the target image
in/out	VmbImage*	pOutputImage	Pointer to Vimba image to set the info to

#### • VmbErrorBadParameter:

- if the given pointer is NULL
- if one of the parameters for the conversion does not fit
- VmbErrorNotImplemented: transformation is not supported



## 6.3.2 VmbSetImageInfoFromInputParameters()

Set image info member values in VmbImage from pixel format. Use simple target layout and bit per pixel values to set the desired target format.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	VmbPixelFormat_t	InputPixelFormat	PixelFormat describes the pixel format used by the image data member
in	VmbUint32_t	Width	Width of the image in pixels
in	VmbUint32_t	Height	Height of the image in pixels
in	VmbPixelLayout_t	OutputPixelLayout	Pixel layout of the target image
in	VmbUint32_t	BitsPerPixel	Bits per pixel of the target image
in/out	VmbImage*	pOutputImage	Pointer to Vimba image to set the info to

- VmbErrorBadParameter: if the given pointer is NULL or one of the image struct members is invalid
- VmbErrorNotImplemented: transformation is not supported

#### 6.3.3 VmbSetImageInfoFromPixelFormat()

This is an expert function. Set image info member values in VmbImage from pixel format. Please use table 5 from appendix as reference.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	VmbPixelFormat_t	PixelFormat	PixelFormat describes the pixel format used by the image data member.
in	VmbUint32_t	Width	Width of the image in pixels
in	VmbUint32_t	Height	Height of the image in pixels
in/out	VmbImage*	plmage	Pointer to Vimba image to set the info to

- VmbErrorBadParameter: if the given pointer is NULL or one of the image struct members is invalid
- VmbErrorStructSize: if the image struct size doesn't match its "Size" member



VmbPixelFormat\_t can be obtained from Vimba C/C++ APIs frame or from the
PixelFormat feature. For displaying images, it is suggested to use
VmbSetImageInfoFromString() or to look up a matching VmbPixelFormat.



#### 6.3.4 VmbSetImageInfoFromString()

This is an expert function. Set image info member values in VmbImage from string.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	const VmbANSIChar_t*	imageFormat	Image format as a (const) case insensitive string that is either a PixelFormat (Vmb is optional) or a pixel struct name
in	VmbUint32_t	StringLength	The length of the pixel format string
in	VmbUint32_t	Width	Width of the image in pixels
in	VmbUint32_t	Height	Height of the image in pixels
in/out	VmbImage*	plmage	Pointer to Vimba image to set the info to

#### VmbErrorBadParameter:

- if one of the given pointers or the "Data" member in the image is NULL
- if Width or Height don't match between source and destination
- if one of the parameters for the conversion does not fit
- VmbErrorStructSize: if the image struct size does not match its "Size" member
- VmbErrorResources: if the there was a memory fault during processing

#### 6.3.5 VmbSetDebayerMode()

Set transformation options to a predefined debayering mode.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	VmbDebayerMode_t	DebayerMode	The mode used for debayering the source raw image, default mode is 2x2 debayering. Debayering modes only work for image widths and heights divisible by two.
in/out	VmbTransformInfo_t*	pTransformInfo	Parameter that contains information about special transform functionality.

• VmbErrorBadParameter: if the given pointer is NULL



Debayering is only applicable to image formats with both an even width and an even height.



## 6.3.6 VmbSetColorCorrectionMatrix3x3()

Set transformation options to a 3x3 color matrix transformation.

	Туре	Name	Description
in	<pre>const VmbFloat_t*</pre>	pMatrix	Color correction matrix
in/out	VmbTransformInfo_t*	pTransformInfo	Parameter that is filled with information about special transform functionality.

• VmbErrorBadParameter: if one of the given pointers is NULL



# 7 Structs



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## 7.1 Vmblmage

VmbImage encapsulates image data for the transformation function.

Struct entry		Purpose
VmbUint32_t	Size	Size of the structure
void*	Data	Pointer to the payload received from Vimba C/C++ API or to the display image data
VmbImageInfo	ImageInfo	Internal information data used for mapping the images to the correct transformation, imageInfo data can be set with VmbSetImageInfo() helper functions from VmbPixelFormat_t or format string

## 7.2 VmblmageInfo

VmbImageInfo contains image information needed for the transformation function.

Struct entry		Purpose
VmbUint32_t	Width	The width of the image in pixels. For macro pixel formats like YUV, it is the width in sub pixels
VmbUint32_t	Height	The height of the image in pixels
VmbInt32_t	Stride	The offset from the current line to the next line, a value not equal to Width is currently not supported
VmbPixelInfo	PixelInfo	Information about the pixel format



## 7.3 VmbPixelInfo

VmbPixelInfo describes the pixel format of an image.

Struct entry		Purpose
VmbUint32_t	BitsPerPixel	Number of bits for one image pixel, or sub pixel in macro pixel formats
VmbUint32_t	BitsUsed	Number of bits used per pixel, e.g. RGB12 has 48 bits per pixel and 36 bits used
VmbAlignment_t	Alignment	For image formats where BitsPerPixel is not equal to bitsUsed, the alignment specifies the bit layout of the pixel
VmbEndianness_t	Endianness	Specifies the endianness of pixels that are larger than one byte
VmbPixelLayout_t	PixelLayout	Describes the layout of the pixel component, e.g., RGB or BGR layout
VmbBayerPattern_t	BayerPattern	For raw image data, this field specifies the color filter array layout of the sensor

## 7.4 VmbTransformInfo

Transformation parameters given as a pointer to a **VmbTransformInfo** struct are used to invoke special and additional functionality, which is applied while interpreting the source image (debayering) or transforming the images (color correction).

Struct entry		Purpose
VmbTransformType_t	TransformType	Transform info type, may be VmbTransformTypeDe-bayerMode or VmbTransformTypeColorCorrection-Matrix
VmbTransformParameter	Parameter	Transform info variant, may be VmbTransformParameterDebayer or VmbTransformParameterMatrix3x3



# A Supported PFNC transformations

Source	Target	Mono8	Mono10	Mono12	Mono14	Mono16	Rgb/Bgr8	Rgba/Bgra8	Rgb/Bgr10	Rgba/Bgra10	Rgb/Bgr12	Rgba/Bgra12	Rgb/Bgr14	Rgba/Bgra14	Rgb/Bgr16	Rgba/Bgra16	Yuv422
Mono8		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~
Mono10		~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono10p		~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono12		<b>~</b>	-	<b>~</b>	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Mono12p		<b>~</b>	-	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Mono12Packed		<b>~</b>	-	~	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Mono14		<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	-	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-
Mono16		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-
BayerXY¹8		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~
BayerXY¹10		<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BayerXY¹10p		<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 12		<b>~</b>	-	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 12p		<b>~</b>	-	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 12Packed		<b>~</b>	-	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-
BayerXY <sup>1</sup> 16		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	~	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-
Rgb8		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bgr8		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rgba8 / Argb8		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bgra8		<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	~	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yuv411/YCbCr411_8_CbYYCr	YY	~	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yuv422/YCbCr422_8_CbYCrY	7	~	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>
Yuv444/YCbCr8_CbYCr		~	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5: Supported PFNC transformations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>BayerXY is any of BayerGR, BayerRG, BayerGB or BayerBG