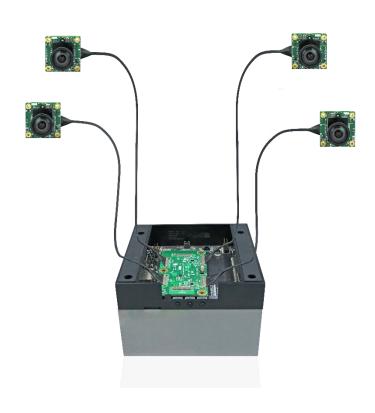
e-CAM56_CUOAGX

eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera Application User Manual



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Introduction to e-CAM56 CUOAGX

e-CAM56_CUOAGX is a 5 MP MIPI camera from e-con Systems, a company with over two decades of experience in designing, developing, and manufacturing OEM cameras It contains up to four IMX568 camera modules in 4-lane mode which are connected to the Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit. The prebuild driver for this camera along with the camera board is provided by e-con Systems.

The NVIDIA® Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit is a small, powerful, computer for embedded applications and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Internet of Things (IoT). It is pre-flashed with a Linux environment, includes support for many common APIs and is supported by NVIDIA® complete development toolchain. The

Jetson AGX Orin[™] development kit supports multiple cameras. This document describes about the usage of application and the special features of the application when it is used with e-CAM56_CUOAGX on the Linux operating systems.

Description

The supported resolutions and frame rates in 4-lane mode for Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit is listed in below table.

Lane Resolution Frame Rate in 10-bit Frame Rate in 12-bit 4 2432 x 2048 79 67 1920 x 1080 4 142 121 4 1280 x 720 202 172 4 640 x 480 280 240

Table 1: Supported Resolutions and Frame Rates

The camera controls of e-CAM56_CUOAGX are as follows:

- Auto exposure (AE) AntiBanding Mode
- AE Lock
- Denoise Mode
- Denoise Strength
- Edge Enhance Mode
- Edge Enhance Strength
- ISP Digital Gain Range
- Exposure Compensation
- Exposure Time Range
- Sensor Gain Range
- Sensor Frame Rate
- AWB Mode



The eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera is a sample libArgus based camera application used to demonstrate the functioning of e-CAM521_CUMI568C_MOD module boards in Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit.

Using eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application, you can perform the following:

- Enumerate and list all video capture devices connected.
- Stream all available resolutions if different resolutions are supported by the device.
- Change controls for all available cameras.
- Capture images in RAW and JPEG formats.
- Record H264 encoded videos.

e-con Systems provides eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera binary file of the application along with source code. Please refer to the *e*-

CAM56_CUOAGX_Release_Notes_<REV>.pdf for the compatible Linux distribution version (L4T version).



Identifying the Deliverables

This section describes about identifying the deliverables.

The release package contains the application source code and eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application executable. The commands and output messages in this manual are represented by different colors as shown in below table.

Table 3: Notation of Colors

Color	Notation		
Blue	Commands running in Jetson development kit		
Red	Output message in Jetson development kit		
Orange	Commands running in host PC		

The steps for identifying the deliverables are as follows:

- 1. Copy the release package tar file to the home directory of the board.
- 2. Run the following commands to extract the e-CAM56_CUOAGX release package.

```
tar -xaf e-
CAM56_CUOAGX_JETSON_XAVIER_ORIN_<L4T_version>_<release
_date>_<release_version>.tar.gz

cd e-
CAM56_CUOAGX_JETSON_XAVIER_ORIN_<L4T_version>_<release
_date>_<release_version>
```

The source code for the eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application is present in the release package at the following location.

Application/eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera/Source/eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera.ta r.gz



Building and Installing MultiCam Application from Source

This section describes about building and installing the eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application from the source.

The steps to build and install MultiCam application from the source are as follows:

1. Run the following commands to install the dependency libraries.

```
$ sudo apt-add-repository universe

$ sudo apt-get update

$ sudo apt-get install cmake build-essential pkg-

config libx11-dev libgtk-3-dev libexpat1-dev libjpeg-

dev libgstreamer1.0-dev libgstreamer-plugins-base1.0-

dev libv41-dev v41-utils
```

Note: If the installation process stops with the **could not get lock** /var/lib/dpkg/lock message, run the following command to remove the file and proceed with the installation.

```
$ sudo rm /var/lib/dpkg/lock
```

2. Run the following commands to enter the source directory.

```
$ cd Application/eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera/Source/
$ tar -xvf eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera.tar.gz
$ cd eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera/argus/
$ mkdir build && cd build
```

3. Run the following make commands to build the MultiCam application from the source.

```
$ cmake ..
$ make -j4
```

4. Run the following make install command to install the build application.

```
$ sudo make install
```

The application will be installed in /usr/local/bin location.



Launching the Application

This section describes about launching the eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application.

The steps to launch the application are as follows:

- Connect the e-CAM56_CUOAGX camera module to the Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit.
- 2. Run the following command with your IP address of the Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit board to create SSH session from a Linux PC.

ssh nvidia@<ip-address>

The module drivers for e-CAM56_CUOAGX provided by e-con Systems will be loaded automatically during board boot.

Note: The below commands must run in the ssh connection which is established from the host PC. Since the commands run in the Jetson AGX Orin[™] development kit, they follow the same color notation.

3. Run the following command to check whether all the connected cameras are initialized.

```
$ sudo dmesg | grep "Detected eimx568 sensor"
```

The output message appears as shown below.

```
Detected eimx568 sensor
Detected eimx568 sensor
```

The output message indicates that all the cameras connected are initialized properly.

4. Run the following command to check the presence of video nodes.

\$ ls /dev/video*

The output message for a dual camera setup appears as shown below.

/dev/video0 /dev/video1

Note: The number of video node entries will be the same as the number of connected cameras.

5. Run the following command before starting the application.

\$ export DISPLAY=:0

6. Run the following commands to achieve maximum frame rate before launching the eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application in the Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit.



\$ sudo jetson_clocks
\$ sudo nvpmodel -m 0

7. Run the following command to launch the eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application from the terminal.

\$ eCAM Argus MultiCamera

When application is launched, the menu control will appear in the host PC and video display window will appear on the display connected to the Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit.

To close the application, enter the option to quit from the application provided in the terminal UI or press **Ctrl + C** to effectively disable streaming and then continue to close the application using the terminal UI.

Note: Maximum 4 cameras can be streamed using this eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application.



Application Features

This section describes about the MultiCam application features.

The input features that are supported in the current version of eCAM Argus MultiCamera application are as follows:

- Number of Streaming Cameras
- Listing Features of Connected Device

Run the following command to list the command line features.

```
$ eCAM Argus MultiCamera --help
```

The features will appear as shown below.

Number of Streaming Cameras

Run the following command to stream the desired number of cameras.

Selecting Sensor Mode Index

Run the following command to stream the desired sensor mode.



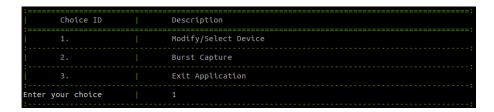
The supported formats and resolutions for 4-lane mode in Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit is listed in below table.

Table 5: Supported Formats and Resolutions

Lane	Resolution	Frame Rate in 10-bit	Frame Rate in 12-bit
4	2432 x 2048	79	67
4	1920 x 1080	142	121
4	1280 x 720	202	172
4	640 x 480	280	240

Listing Features of Connected Device

After choosing the device ID, you can view the screen similar to the screen shown below.



The options to change/modify/utilize the camera modules are as follows:

- Modify/Select Device
- Burst Capture
- Exit Application

Modify/Select Device

When you enter the choice ID to select the modify/select device option, the number of devices launched will be displayed with the range of input device ID. Enter the option for using the e-CAM56_CUOAGX setup; you can view the screen similar to the screen shown below.



Enter the option to select the required Device ID, and you can view the device specific options as shown below.



Choice ID	Description
1.	: List Controls
2.	Get Control Value
3.	Set Control Value
4.	Get Stream Metadata
5.	Image Capture
6.	Video Record
7.	Main Menu
nter your choice	;

The device specific options are as follows:

- <u>List/Get/Set Controls</u>
- <u>Get Stream Metadata</u>
- Image Capture
- Video Record
- Main Menu

You can choose the course of action on the selected device.

List/Get/Set Controls

Enter the choice ID 1 to view the list of controls options. The list of controls option displays the number of controls enumerated in the selected device ID with the minimum and maximum values as shown below.



When you enter choice ID 2, the controls in the above figure will appear again followed with options to get the control value by choosing the control ID. To change the control value, you must enter choice ID 3 instead of 2.

The list of controls are as follows:

- AE AntiBanding
- AE Lock
- <u>Denoise Mode</u>
- Denoise Strength
- Edge Enhance Mode
- Edge Enhance Strength
- ISP Gain Range
- Exposure Compensation
- Exposure Time Range



- Sensor Gain Range
- Sensor Frame Rate
- AWB Mode

The values of e-CAM56_CUOAGX controls are shown in below table.

Table 6: Values of e-CAM56_CUOAGX Controls

Controls	Valid Values	Default Value	Manual Control	Auto Control
AE AntiBanding	Off, auto, 50Hz, 60Hz or [0,3]	Auto	YES	YES
AE Lock	[0,1]	1	YES	NO
Denoise Mode	Off, fast, high or [0,2]	Off	YES	NO
Denoise Strength	[-1,1]	-1	YES	NO
Edge Enhance Mode	Off, fast, high or [0,2]	Fast	YES	NO
Edge Enhance Strength	[-1, 1]	-1	YES	NO
ISP Gain Range	[1]	1	NO	NO
Exposure Compensation	[-2, 2]	0	YES	NO
Exposure Time Range	[450000,400000000] to [450000,400000000]	[450000,200 000000]	YES	YES
Sensor Gain Range	[1.012,15.849] to [1.012, 15.849]	[1.012, 15.849]	YES	YES
Sensor Frame rate	[2.5,35] (based on sensor mode)	35 (based on sensor mode)	YES	NO
AWB Mode	[0,7]	0	YES	YES

AE Antibanding

Enter the option 1 to view the AE Antibanding menu as shown below.



The eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application supports the AE anti-banding modes as follows:

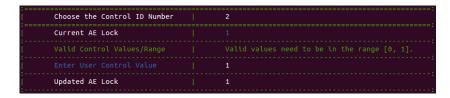
- Off
- Auto
- 50Hz
- 60Hz

By default, the AE anti-banding mode is auto.



AE Lock

Enter the option 2 to view the AE Lock menu as shown below.



When you select the AE Lock menu, it locks the exposure to current values. By default, the AE Lock is selected.

Denoise Mode

Enter the option 3 to view the Denoise Mode menu as shown below.



You can select the required denoise modes, by entering the valid values or ranges. The eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application supports the denoise modes as follows:

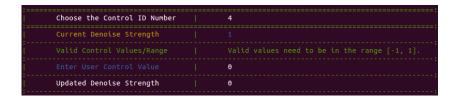
- Off
- Fast
- High Quality

The default denoise mode is off.

Note: When the denoise mode is set to high quality, there is no significant difference due to the denoising capabilities in the current release.

Denoise Strength

Enter the option 4 to view the Denoise Strength menu as shown below.

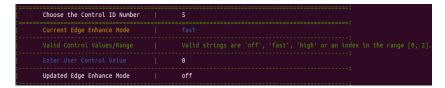


You can also change the denoise strength value from a minimum value of -1.0 to a maximum value of 1.0. The default denoise strength value is 1.0.

Edge Enhance Mode

Enter the option 5 to view the Edge Enhance Mode menu as shown below.





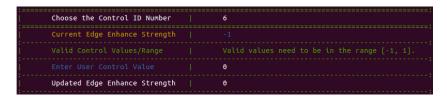
You can select the required edge enhance mode, by entering the valid values or ranges. The eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application supports the edge enhance modes as follows:

- Off
- Fast
- High Quality

The default edge enhance mode is Fast.

Edge Enhance Strength

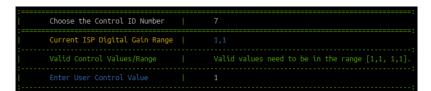
Enter the option 6 to view the Edge Enhance Strength menu as shown below.



You can also change the edge enhance strength value from a minimum value of -1.0 to a maximum value of 1.0. The default edge enhance strength value is -1.0.

ISP Gain Range

Enter the option 7 to view the ISP Gain Range menu as shown below.



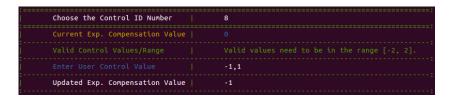
The ISP gain value can be changed from a minimum value of 1 to a maximum value of 256. This gain corresponds to the digital gain additionally provided by the ISP (over and above the sensor gain) and the default value depends upon the luminance of the source. Jetson AGX Orin™ development kit ISP can support a digital gain range of 1 to 256 (amplification factor) corresponding to roughly 0 to 48.16 dB. However, in e- CAM56_CUOAGX, ISP gain has been restricted to 1(Af), according to Nvidia standards. To change ISP Digital gain range, you must change the value of the parameter ispDigitalGain.MaxIspDigitalGain, which is in the camera_overrides_jetson-orin.isp file provided by e-con systems.

Ex: ispDigitalGain.MaxIspDigitalGain=256.0000;



Exposure Compensation

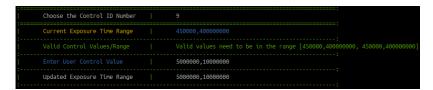
Enter the option 8 to view the Exposure Compensation menu as shown below.



The exposure compensation value can be changed from a minimum value of -2 to a maximum value of +2. The default exposure compensation value is set to 0.

Exposure Time Range

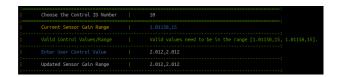
Enter the option 9 to view the Exposure Time Range menu as shown below.



The exposure time range can be changed from a minimum value of 450000 to a maximum value of 400000000 by manually entering the values. Here, the exposure time is denoted in nano seconds (ns) scale. The default exposure set by the application depends upon the luminance of the source. The exposure is controlled by the ISP. However, to set a specific exposure value, you can manually set both the lower and higher range fields to that same specific value.

Sensor Gain Range

Enter the option 10 to view the Sensor Gain Range menu as shown below.

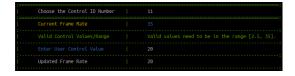


The sensor gain range can be changed from a minimum value of 1.012 to a maximum value of 15 which is represented in amplification factor. IMX568 can support a sensor gain range of 0 to 24 dB corresponding to roughly 1.012 to 15.849 (amplification factor). The default gain value depends upon the luminance of the source. However, to set a specific constant sensor gain value, you can manually set both the lower and higher range fields to that same specific value.

Sensor Frame Rate

Enter the option 11 to view the Sensor Frame Rate menu as shown below.

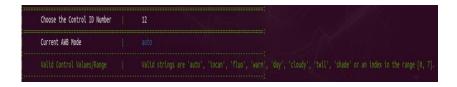




The sensor frame rate can be changed from a minimum value of 2.5 to a maximum value of 35 (varies depending on the sensor mode index) which is represented in frames per second(fps). The default frame rate value depends upon the sensor mode index streamed.

AWB Mode

Enter the option 12 to view the AWB mode menu as shown below.



The AWB mode can be changed from a minimum value of 0 to a maximum value of 7. The default AWB mode value is 0 (Auto). The values from 1-7 denotes various lighting conditions applying which performs White balance for the specific lighting condition.

Get Stream Metadata

The Get Stream Metadata option is provided to query the properties of the captured frame. The metadata contains the data as follows:

- Capture API ID
- AE Lock Status
- Frame Duration
- Stream Frame Rate
- ISP Digital gain
- Frame Readout time
- Frame Scene Luminance
- Sensor Gain
- Sensor Exposure Time
- Sensor ISO Sensitivity
- Sensor Timestamp

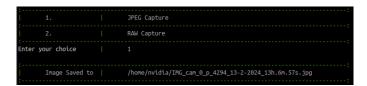
The stream metadata can be viewed in the terminal UI as shown below.



:=====================================	Θ
Capture API ID	34613
AE Lock Stat	1
Frame Duration(ms)	50
Stream FrameRate	20
ISP Dig. Gain	1
Frame Readout	25155
Frame Scene Lux	2189.41
Sensor Gain	2.012
Sensor Exposure	9999
Sensor ISO Sens.	201
Sensor TimeStamp	3807893060

Image Capture

You can capture images from single camera device by entering the option 5 available along with the listing of camera devices. After entering the option, the format in which the image must be saved will be displayed as shown below.



The formats available to save the image are as follows.

- JPEG Capture
- RAW Capture

The format in which the images will be saved is mentioned below.

For example,

JPEG Image: /home/<username>/IMG_cam_<dev>_p_PID_DD-MM-YY_<time>.jpg

RAW Image: /home/<username>/IMG_cam_<dev>_p_PID_DD-MM-YY_<time>.nv12

Note: The RAW format mentioned refers to the uncompressed YUV planar format output from the ISP.

Video Record

You can record videos from a single camera by entering the option 6 available along with the listing of camera devices. After entering the option, the format in which the video must be recorded will be displayed as shown below.

```
| 1. | RAW Frame Dump
| 2. | H264 Encoded
| Enter your choice | 1
| Saving uncompressed RAW video to | /home/nvidia/VID_cam_0_p_4294_13-7-57.raw
| PRODUCER: Done -- exiting.
```



The supported video recording fo™rmats in this application are as follows:

- RAW Frame Dump
- H264 Encoded

The format in which the video recorded is mentioned below.

For example,

RAW: /home/<username>/VID_cam_<dev>_p_PID_<time>.raw

H264: /home/<username>/VID_cam_<dev>_p_PID_<time>.mp4

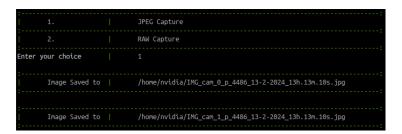
Note: When the RAW Frame Dump format is selected, the timer is restricted to 5 seconds and the video stream automatically closes.

Main Menu

Enter the option 7 to navigate to the main menu.

Burst Capture

The Burst Capture option helps to concurrently capture images from all the devices actively running on the application. When you select the Burst Capture option, you can view the supported formats to save images as shown below.



The supported formats to save images are as follows:

- JPEG Capture
- RAW Capture

The format in which the images will be saved is mentioned below.

For example,

JPEG Image: /home/nvidia/IMG_cam_<dev>_p_PID_DD-MM-YYYY_<time>.jpg

RAW Image: /home/nvidia/IMG_cam_<dev>_p_PID_DD-MM-YYYY_<time>.nv12

Note: The RAW format mentioned refers to the uncompressed YUV planar format output from the ISP.



Burst Record

The Burst Record option helps to concurrently record H264 encoded videos from all the active devices running on the application. When you select the Burst Record option, you can view the screen similar to the screen shown below.

Exit Application

Enter the Choice ID 3 to exit the application.



Troubleshooting

In this section, you can view the list of commonly occurring issues and their troubleshooting steps.

When I capture a JPEG image and leave the application on free running for one or two hours, I am getting a JPEG encoder timeout.

This is a known limitation. Once the JPEG encoder timeout occurs, the streaming will be fine. But when you try to capture an image, the application would hang.

To recover the application, you must kill the application and run the following command

\$ sudo service nvargus-daemon restart

What should I do when I am unable to close application using Ctrl+C

Use **Ctrl+Z** to exit from the eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application.

What should I do when I encounter a streaming issue?

Run the following commands before launching the application.

```
sudo jetson_clocks
sudo /home/max-isp-vi-clks.sh
sudo nvpmodel -m 0
```

When I try to Burst Capture for raw images it causes the application to close.

This is a known limitation, To recover the application, you must kill the application and run the following command

```
$ sudo service nvargus-daemon restart
```

Burst capture with to save the still images with RAW format not working.

This is a known issue and will be fixed in the next release.

Video recording option with h264 format gives segmentation fault.

This is a known issue and will be fixed in the next release.

ISP digital gain control value change through error on terminal

This is a known behaviour. As we have limited the ISP digital gain value to 1.

When try to set the control value, applications through an error.



1. Why the preview frame rate becomes slow when I record videos using camera? Why the recorded video plays very fast?

You must run the following commands before opening the application.

```
$ sudo jetson_clocks
$ sudo /home/max-isp-vi-clks.sh
$ sudo nvpmodel -m 0
```

If the required clock is not provided to the ISP and VI, the performance issues might occur while streaming and recording simultaneously.

2. Why auto mode in AE antibanding is not working?

This is a known issue in NVIDIA® ISP.

3. Why is burst record option missing in certain sensor modes?

Burst record option is supported when the frame rate is 30 fps or below.



What's Next?

After understanding the usage of eCAM_Argus_MultiCamera application, you can refer to the *e-CAM56_CUOAGX Release Notes* to understand more about e-CAM56_CUOAGX.



Glossary

ISP: Image Signal Processor.

JPEG: Joint Photographic Experts Group.

MIPI: Mobile Industry Processor Interface.

SSH: Secure Shell.



Support

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If you need any support on e-CAM56_CUOAGX product, please contact us using the Live Chat option available on our website - https://www.e-consystems.com/

Creating a Ticket

If you need to create a ticket for any type of issue, please visit the ticketing page on our website - https://www.e-consystems.com/create-ticket.asp

RMA

To know about our Return Material Authorization (RMA) policy, please visit the RMA Policy page on our website - https://www.e-consystems.com/RMA-Policy.asp

General Product Warranty Terms

To know about our General Product Warranty Terms, please visit the General Warranty Terms page on our website - https://www.e-consystems.com/warranty.asp



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