Prior Scientific Instruments

DLL API Description & Command Set

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SDK Version	Changes
1.0.0	Initial version
1.0.1	Adding ODS loader functions
1.0.2	Adding shutter and filter functions Adding logging functions
1.1.0	Adding API for SL160 ,TTL, LED, OEM and controller wide functions
1.2.0	Adding API for WASLV2
1.3.0	Adding API for stage/z backlash
1.4.0	Adding API for XYZ encoder,servo control, Stage reference, correction and skew, drive current control, zplane, nosepice and Theta stages
1.5.0	Extending OEM functionality
1.6.0	SL160 calibration API updated
1.6.1	Added missing documentation for stage.move-relative and z.move-relative commands
1.6.2	Updated 'controller.stage.ss.set' explanation regarding interaction with 'controller.stage.hostdirection.set'
1.7.0	Adding API for alternate "connect" that doesn set default resolutions. Adding API for stage/z joystick speed control
1.8.0	Adding software limits
1.9.2	Added "controller.ilock.get" command which gets the ilock status of the controller

1. Contents

2. Introduction

Prior controllers (ProScan3 and OptiScan3) allow software control of high precision stages (X,Y and Z) in both open and closed loop with stepper or linear motor control. Other connected ancillary equipment can also be also be controlled, such as filter wheels, shutters, LED's and other generic OEM stepper motor controlled devices.

Along with this controller, other equipment can be 'paired' with to provide automated handling of slides and well plates for example. These devices are generically called 'loaders' and their purpose is to select a slide or plate from a hotel and place that on the stage ready for user's scanning application to process.

2.1. DLL and Application Programming Interface

The DLL has a simple function-based application programming interface (API) implemented as a standard Windows "C" DLL. Applications importing the DLL library can be written directly in any programming language such as C, C++, C#, Python etc, or may be designed in environments such as Matlab or Labview.

The interface comprises of five functions:

2.1.1. Version

int PriorScientificSDK_Version(char * const version);

The DLL version number is returned via the *version* pointer. This pointer must be valid and point to a buffer large enough to hold the returned null terminated ASCII string (suggested minimum size of 20 bytes). The returned string is in the format "x.y.z" conforming to *major, minor, patch* semantic versioning notation.

2.1.2. Initialisation

int PriorScientificSDK_Initialise(void);

Before using any other DLL API (other than version) it is necessary for the DLL to configure its internal data structures.

2.1.3. Session Management

The DLL is capable of supporting multiple sessions. A session consists of a connection to a controller (ProScan3 or optiScan3) with associated connected ancillary devices plus also an associated loader (or

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other future devices). Internally these devices are logically connected and aware of each other. Controllers/devices on different sessions are unaware of each other.

Currently this is limited to 10 but may change in the future.

2.1.3.1. Session Open

int PriorScientificSDK_OpenNewSession(void);

Creates a new session and all the required data objects to go with it, returning a non-negative session identifier which should be used when sending commands or closing the session.

2.1.3.2. Session Close

int PriorScientificSDK_CloseSession(int sessionID);

Close the open session specified by sessionID. This destroys all the data objects currently associated with this session. It should be the last function called during any open session.

2.1.4. Commands

*int PriorScientificSDK_cmd(int sessionID, const char * const cmd, char * const result);*

All commands are passed using this function and are ASCII null terminated strings. Internally in the DLL they are truncated to a maximum length of 256 bytes. The calling application is responsible for providing a valid pointer to a buffer of minimum 512 bytes into which a NULL terminated ASCII command result will be written. The result string is only valid if the function response is PRIOR_OK.

int apiError;

char result[512];

apiError = PriorScientificSDK_cmd(sessionID, "controller.stage.position.get", result);

2.2. API Error codes

Refer to section 7.1

2.3. Command Format

All commands consist of two parts: an initial command followed by an optional space separated parameter list.

The command string follows a structured approach identifying main controller, sub device, property or function name. Technically, there is no difference between the two variants, property or function, it is just simple nomenclature style designed to be memorable.

There is no locale conversions available for the command strings, they must be written exactly in lower-case English as described below. Responses also will be in English-Great Britain language-region format. If need be the user should convert into local language, for say, display purposes.

2.3.1. Properties

"controller.stage.position.get" identifies main *controller* (could be ProScan or OptiScan), a sub device of *stage* and a property *position*. Properties have a *get* and *set* operation associated with them and may take parameters.

2.3.2. Methods

"controller.stage.goto-position 1234 5678" identifies main *controller* (could be ProScan or OptiScan), a sub device of *stage* and a function *goto-position* which takes two parameters and X and Y stage position

2.4. String Parameters

All string parameters are ordinary null terminated C-style strings.

If using the DLL in managed environment such as C# then the interface should be imported in the following way.

```
[DllImport("PriorScientificSDK.dll", CallingConvention = CallingConvention.Cdecl)]
        public static extern int PriorScientificSDK_Version(StringBuilder version);

[DllImport("PriorScientificSDK.dll", CallingConvention = CallingConvention.Cdecl)]
    public static extern int PriorScientificSDK_Initialise();

[DllImport("PriorScientificSDK.dll", CallingConvention = CallingConvention.Cdecl)]
    public static extern int PriorScientificSDK_OpenNewSession();

[DllImport("PriorScientificSDK.dll", CallingConvention = CallingConvention.Cdecl)]
    public static extern int PriorScientificSDK_CloseSession(int sessionID);

[DllImport("PriorScientificSDK.dll", CallingConvention = CallingConvention.Cdecl)]
    public static extern int PriorScientificSDK_cmd(int session, StringBuilder tx, StringBuilder rx);
```

These DLL entry points can be used as-is, or abstracted into a C# class specification.

3. **Logging**

3.1. **Log Path**

Description	Logging information from the dll will be written to PriorSDK.log file in the specified folder when logging enabled. If this command not called then the log path defaults to the folder the dll exists in.		
Command	`dll.log.path <path>`		
Parameters	`<path>`	A fully qualified path e.g `"dll.log.path C:\\Users\\fred\\Desktop"`	*string*
Result	"0"		

3.2. **Logging on**

Description	Turn logging on.
Command	`dll.log.on`
Parameters	none
Result	"0"

3.3. **Logging off**

Description	Turn logging off.
Command	`dll.log.off`
Parameters	none
Result	"0"

4. **Controller Commands**

In all cases if the *PriorScientificSDK_cmd* returns *PRIOR_OK* status then the *result* parameter string contains the response from the controller. All numbers are returned as string equivalent values and should be converted by the user application.

If the command returns PRIOR_CONTROLLERERROR then the *controller.lasterror.get* can be used to determine the controller specific error code. See *Controller Error Codes*

4.1. **System Level Commands**

4.1.1. **controller.connect**

Description	Establish a communications connection between the DLL and the controller on the specified port. It also sets some basic modes of operation such as baud rate, compatibility modes and defaults the stage position resolution to 1 micron and focus resolution to 100nm.		
Command	`controller.connect <port>`		
Parameters	`<port>`	The numerical value of the port as described in the device manager. I.e. for "COM3" use the value "3"	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.1.2. **controller.connect.nd**

Description	As per "controller.connect" but stage and z resolutions and directions are left unchanged.		
Command	`controller.connect.nd <port>`		
Parameters	`<port>`	The numerical value of the port as described in the device manager. I.e. for "COM3" use the value "3"	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.1.3. **controller.disconnect**

Description	Closes the currently open communications channel to the controller.
Command	`controller.disconnect`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.1.4. controller.lasterror.get

Description	Returns the last error code
Command	`controller.lasterror.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Last error code

4.1.5. controller.stop.smoothly

Description	Stops all axes moving in a controlled fashion, following the acceleration and jerk settings for each axis. Positional accuracy is maintained.
Command	`controller.stop.smoothly`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.1.6. controller.stop.abruptly

Description	Stops all axes moving immediately, ignoring any acceleration and jerk settings for each axis. Positional accuracy may be lost and re-initialisation of individual axes is recommended.
Command	`controller.stop.abruptly`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.1.7. controller.serialnumber.get

Description	Returns controller serial number.
Command	`controller.serialnumber.get`
Parameters	None
Result	E.g. "577892"

4.1.8. controller.flag.get

Description	Returns a generic flag as an unsigned 32-bit value as hex string. The flag value is "0" following a power on. The user is free to use as required. A common use is to have it as a warm start flag, whereby after Connect() you can determine whether the controller has been powered off since last disconnect
Command	`controller.flag.get`
Parameters	None
Result	32-bit Flag value in HEX format ie ABCD1234

4.1.9. controller.flag.set

Description	Sets a generic flag as an unsigned 32-bit integer.		
Command	`controller.flag.set <f>`		
Parameters	`<f>`	32-bit value as hex string	*string*
Result	"0"		

4.1.10. controller.model.get

Description	Return the controller variant string.
Command	`controller.model.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Eg "H31", "ES11"

4.1.11. controller.ilock.get

Description	Return the status of the Ilock.
Command	`controller.ilock.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Eg ""0", "1"

4.2. Stage Commands

4.2.1. controller.stage.busy.get

Description	Gets the busy (moving) status of the stage
Command	`controller.stage.busy.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" idle, "1" X moving, "2" Y moving, "3" both X&Y moving

4.2.2. controller.stage.position.get

Description	Returns the current stage XY position By default, units for stage position are integer representation of microns. If sub-micron resolution is required and the stage/controller supports it then the user units can be changed. See *controller.stage.ss.set* By default, units for stage position are integer representation of micron steps sizes. See **Error! Reference source not found.** If some other resolution is active then real position in microns = X = X * controller.stage.ss.get / controller.stage.steps-per-micron.get
Command	`controller.stage.position.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"X,Y" ie "1234,5678"

4.2.3. controller.stage.position.set

Description	Sets the current physical position to the specified position is current user units. Positions can only be set when stage is not busy.		
Command	`controller.stage.position.set <X> <Y>`		
Parameters	`<X>`	New X position	*int*
	`<Y>`	New Y position	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.4. controller.stage.goto-position

Description	Request the stage to move to the given position using the existing speed, acceleration and curve settings. The controller will attempt to change these parameters for the axis moving the shortest distance in order to synchronise the end of movements but it does not guarantee this.
Command	`controller.stage.goto-position <X> <Y>`
Parameters	

`<X>`	X-target position	*int*
`<Y>`	Y- target position	*int*

Result	"0"

4.2.5. controller.stage.move-relative

Description	Request the stage to move relative to its current position.
Command	`controller.stage.move-relative <X> <Y>`
Parameters	

`<X>`	X-relative distance	*int*
`<Y>`	Y-relaruve distance	*int*

Result	"0"

4.2.6. controller.stage.move-at-velocity

Description	Request the stage to move at a constant velocity of X and Y microns/s. This is a float value and the controller will round that down to the next whole microstep velocity.
Command	`controller.stage.move-at-velocity <X> <Y>`
Parameters	

`<X>`	X-velocity	*float*
`<Y>`	Y-velocity	*float*

Result	"0"

4.2.7. controller.stage.name.get

Description	Return the name of the stage attached.
Command	`controller.stage.name.get`
Parameters	none
Result	"H101/A" for instance, or "NONE" if no stage

4.2.8. controller.stage.steps-per-micron.get

Description	Returns the number of whole microsteps per micron.
Command	`controller.stage.steps-per-micron.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"25" for instance. This number varies depending on the stage motor/lead screw combination for stepper motor stages or encoder resolution on linear stages. For this example setting *controller.stage.ss.set* to 1 gives a user unit of 0.04microns

4.2.9. controller.stage.limits.get

Description	Returns the limit switch state for the XY axes of the controller
Command	`controller.stage.limits.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing an 4 bit unsigned value with the following bit usage

Bit	3	2	1	0
switch	Y-	Y+	X-	X+

A 1 in a bit position indicates logical switch active state.

4.2.10. controller.stage.swlimits.low.set

Description	Sets the current position of the axis as the low software limit. NOTE: setting of software limits must be done following a power on and are based on actual stage position, not a notional user position number.
Command	`controller.stage.swlimits.low.set <axis>`
Parameters	

`<axis>`	'X' or 'Y'	*char*

Result	"0".

4.2.11. controller.stage.swlimits.high.set

Description	Sets the current position of the axis as the high software limit. NOTE: setting of software limits must be done following a power on and are based on actual stage position, not a notional user position number.
Command	`controller.stage.swlimits.high.set <axis>`
Parameters	

`<axis>`	'X' or 'Y'	*char*

Result	"0".

4.2.12. controller.stage.swlimits.clear

Description	Clears the sw limit settings for the axis
Command	`controller.stage.swlimits.clear <axis>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<axis>`</td><td>'X' or 'Y'</td><td>*char*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0".

4.2.13. controller.stage.speed.get

Description	Returns the maximum speed during a point to point move
Command	`controller.stage.speed.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing the speed in microns/s

4.2.14. controller.stage.speed.set

Description	Sets the maximum speed during a point to point move
Command	`controller.stage.speed.set <max speed>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<max speed>`</td><td>Max speed in microns/s</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0"

4.2.15. controller.stage.acc.get

Description	Gets the maximum acceleration during a point to point move or velocity move
Command	`controller.stage.acceleration.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing the acceleration in microns/s/s

4.2.16. controller.stage.acc.set

Description	Sets the maximum acceleration during a point to point move or velocity move
Command	`controller.stage.acceleration.set <maxacc>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<maxacc>`</td><td>Max acceleration in microns/s/s</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0"

4.2.17. controller.stage.jerk.get

Description	Gets the jerk time during a point to point move
Command	`controller.stage.jerk.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing the time in milliseconds before constant acceleration phase.

4.2.18. controller.stage.jerk.set

Description	Sets the jerk time during a point to point move		
Command	`controller.stage.jerk.set <time>`		
Parameters	`<time>`	Jerk time in milliseconds	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.19. controller.stage.hostdirection.set

Description	Sets the physical direction each stage axis will move given an increasing +ve position. By default positively increasing XY positions will move the stage to its front right position		
Command	`controller.stage.hostdirection.set <X> <Y>`		
Parameters	`<X>`	Direction [-1,1]	*int*
	`<Y>`	Direction [-1,1]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.20. controller.stage.hostdirection.get

Description	Get the current XY directions as applied to positional moves.
Command	`controller.stage.hostdirection.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Eg "1 1" "-1 1" etc

4.2.21. controller.stage.joystickdirection.set

Description	Sets the physical direction each axis will move in relation to the joystick deflection. By default, when looking at the top plate of the stage it will seem to move in the same direction as the deflection of the joystick.		
Command	`controller.stage.joystickdirection.set <X> <Y>`		
Parameters	`<X>`	Direction [-1,1]	*int*
	`<Y>`	Direction [-1,1]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.22. controller.stage.joystickdirection.get

Description	Get the current XY directions as applied to joystick moves.
Command	`controller.stage.joystickdirection.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Eg "1 1" "-1 1" etc

4.2.23. controller.stage.joyxyz.on

Description	Enables the joystick.
Command	`controller.stage.joyxyz.on`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.2.24. controller.stage.joyxyz.off

Description	Disables the joystick.
Command	`controller.stage.joyxyz.off`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.2.25. controller.stage.joyspeed.get

Description	Returns the joystick scaling in %.
Command	`controller.stage.joyspeed.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"100"

4.2.26. controller.stage.joyspeed.set

Description	Sets the joystick scaling in %.
Command	`controller.stage.joyspeed.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.2.27. controller.stage.ss.get

Description	Gets the current user unit step size. By default, the DLL works in user units of whole microns. This value represents the number of micro-steps per micron. This value varies depending on motor type and stage construction. For example, a H101A stage has a 200-step motor and 2mm pitch lead screw. Prior controllers micro-step at 250 steps/full step therefore there are 50000 micro-steps/rev of the motor. 2mm / 50000 = 0.04microns. So theoretically setting SS to 1 results in user unit of 0.04microns, or multiples thereof. In practice, this may not be physically possible due to motor behaviour and mechanical limitations. See also *controller.stage.steps-per-micron.get*
Command	`controller.stage.ss.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Typical responses for a stepper stage are "25", "50" and "100". For a linear stage fitted with typical 50nm encoders the response will be "20"

4.2.28. controller.stage.ss.set

Description	Sets the current user unit step size. Note: changing this value will reset `controller.stage.hostdirection.set` to default value of 1		
Command	`controller.stage.ss.set <ss>`		
Parameters	`<ss>`	Micro-steps per user unit	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.29. controller.stage.backlash.get

Description	gets the electronic stage backlash parameters
Command	`controller.stage.backlash.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"e,b" where e = enabled [0|1], b = backlash correction in microns. EG "1,10"

4.2.30. controller.stage.backlash.set

Description	sets the electronic stage backlash parameters		
Command	`controller.stage.backlash.set <e> <b>`		
Parameters	`<e>`	Enabled [0|1]	*int*
	`<b>`	Backlash distance in microns	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.31. controller.stage.encoder.xy.fitted.get

Description	Get stage X and Y-axes have encoder fitted status.

Command	`controller.stage.encoder.x.fitted.get`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.encoder.y.fitted.get`

Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.2.32. controller.stage.encoder.xy.enabled.get

Description	Get encoder enabled state. By default if fitted, encoders are enabled.

Command	`controller.stage.encoder.x.enabled.get`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.encoder.y.enabled.get`

Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.2.33. controller.stage.encoder.xy.enabled.set

Description	Set encoder enabled state, ie position is determined by closed loop encoder feedback (1) or by dead reckoning (0).		

Command	`controller.stage.encoder.x.enabled.set <e>`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.encoder.y.enabled.set <e>`		

Parameters	`<e>`	Enabled [0|1]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.34. controller.stage.encoder.xy.window.get

Description	Get the window for target position acquisition. By default, this value is zero, stage must be at the requested encoder position N. A value of W means that the target position can be in the range N-W to N+W

Command	`controller.stage.encoder.x.window.get`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.encoder.y.window.get`

Parameters	None
Result	W window range

4.2.35. controller.stage.encoder.xy.window.set

Description	Set thewindow used for target acquisition. Default is zero.		

Command	`controller.stage.encoder.x.window.set <w>`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.encoder.y.window.set <w>`		

Parameters	`<w>`	+/- range in encoder counts	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.36. controller.stage.servo.xy.enabled.get

Description	If a stage axis is encoded, then a point to point move is completed via a closed loop operation using the encoder feedback. The PS3 controller also offers the ability to 'servo' on the acquired target position, ie if you apply a force to the stage, then the motors will drive the opposite way trying to maintain original 'target'. This servoing function is stopped when a new goto-position request is received.

Command	`controller.stage.servo.x.enabled.get`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.servo.y.enabled.get`

Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.2.37. controller.stage.servo.xy.enabled.set

Description	Set the stage axis servo operation.		

Command	`controller.stage.servo.x.enabled.set <e>`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.servo.y.enabled.set <e>`		

Parameters	`<e>`	Enabled [0|1]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.38. controller.stage.servo.xy.window.get

Description	Get the window for servo activation. By default, this value is zero, stage must be at the requested encoder position N. Any movement away from N starts a servo move back to N. A value of W means that the target position can be in the range N-W to N+W encoder counts

Command	`controller.stage.servo.x.window.get`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.servo.y.window.get`

Parameters	None
Result	W window range

4.2.39. controller.stage.servo.xy.window.set

Description	Set the active servo window around the target position.		

Command	`controller.stage.servo.x.window.set <w>`
	`also`
	`controller.stage.servo.y.window.set <w>`		

Parameters	`<w>`	+/- servo range in encoder counts	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.40. controller.stage.correction.enabled.get

Description	Get the enabled state of the 4-pt stage correction. Prior stages are calibrated during production and provide linear metric accuracy and squareness correction.
Command	`controller.stage.correction.enabled.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" disabled or "1" enabled

4.2.41. controller.stage.correction.enabled.set

Description	Set the enabled state of the 4-pt stage correction		
Command	`controller.stage.correction.enabled.set <c>`		
Parameters	`<c>`	Enabled [0|1]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.2.42. controller.stage.skew.enabled.get

Description	Set the skew angle of the sample. This allows X axis travel to be aligned with a non-aligned sample edge. Skew is part of the 4-pt correction system so correction must be enabled.
Command	`controller.stage.skew.enabled.get`
Parameters	None
Result	The skewangle in degrees ie "0.00" disabled, or "1.23" enabled

4.2.43. controller.stage.skew.enabled.set

Description	Set the skew angle. The skew angle must be 0 < a < 44.9
Command	`controller.stage.skew.enabled.set <a>`
Parameters	`<a>` | angle [0|44.9] | *float*
Result	"0"

4.2.44. controller.stage.skew.about.a

Description	Position the stage on 1st point of a non-aligned sample edge and set the 1st skew about point. Any previously set skew angle is reset to 0.00
Command	`controller.stage.skew.about.a`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.2.45. controller.stage.skew.about.b

Description	Position the stage on 2nd point of a non-aligned sample edge and set the 2nd skew point. Skew angle is calculated and set in the controller.
Command	`controller.stage.skew.about.b`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.2.46. controller.stage.reference.set

Description	For a non-encoded stage, the stage will home to the physical front-right limit switches and set zero position there. For an encoded stage, the same sequence is followed by a move off the limits until the encoder reference signal for the X and Y-axes is found, zero position being set at the encoder reference mark. This command should be used first if stage mapping correction is to be utilised. (contact Prior to see if your stage is mapped)
Command	`controller.stage.reference.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.3. Z (focus) Commands

4.3.1. controller.z.busy.get

Description	Gets the busy (moving) status of the Z (focus) axis
Command	`controller.z.busy.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" idle, "4" Z moving

4.3.2. controller.z.fitted.get

Description	Gets the fitted status of the Z device
Command	`controller.z.fitted.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.3.3. controller.z.name.get

Description	Return the name of the Z (focus) device attached.
Command	`controller.z.name.get`
Parameters	none
Result	"OPENSTAND" or "NORMAL" for instance, or "NONE" if no stage

4.3.4. controller.z.limits.get

Description	Returns the limit switch state for the Z axis of the controller
Command	`controller.z.limits.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing an 2 bit unsigned value with the following bit usage

Bit	1	0
switch	Z-	Z+

A 1 in a bit position indicates logical switch active state.

4.3.5.   controller.z.swlimits.low.set

Description	Sets the current position of the Z axis as the low software limit. NOTES: setting of software limits must be done following a power on and are based on actual Z position, not a notional user position number
Command	`controller.z.swlimits.low.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0".

4.3.6.   controller.z.swlimits.high.set

Description	Sets the current position of the Z axis as the high software limit.. NOTES: setting of software limits must be done following a power on and are based on actual Z position, not a notional user position number.
Command	`controller.z.swlimits.high.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0".

4.3.7.   controller.z.swlimits.clear

Description	Clears the sw limit settings for theZ axis
Command	`controller.z.swlimits.clear`
Parameters	None
Result	"0".

4.3.8.   controller.z.microns-per-rev.get

Description	Returns the number of whole microns of focus movement that one revolution of the motor causes. The default value is 100, which is typical for a fine focus of a microscope. Other 'known' Prior focus devices will automatically set their values.
Command	`controller.z.microns-per-rev.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"100" for instance.

4.3.9.   controller.z.microns-per-rev.set

Description	Sets the number of whole microns of focus movement that one revolution of the motor causes. The default value of 100 is a typical value for a fine focus of a microscope.		
Command	`controller.z.microns-per-rev.set <upr>`		
Parameters	`<upr>`	Microns per revolution of the fine focus mechanism	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.10. controller.z.steps-per-micron.get

Description	Returns the number of whole microsteps per micron.
Command	`controller.z.steps-per-micron.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"50" for instance. This number varies depending on the focus motor/lead screw combination and also the controller.z.microns-per-rev setting..

4.3.11. controller.z.position.get

Description	Returns the current stage Z position By default, units for stage position are integer representation of 100nm steps sizes. See ***Error! Reference source not found.*** If some other resolution is active then real position in microns = Z = Z * controller.z.ss.get / controller.z.steps-per-micron.get
Command	`controller.z.position.get`
Parameters	None
Result	ie "12345" interpreted as 1234.5 microns if default used

4.3.12. controller.z.position.set

Description	Sets the current physical position to the specified position is current user units. Positions can only be set when Z is not busy.
Command	`controller.z.position.set <Z>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<Z>`</td><td>New Z position</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0"

4.3.13. controller.z.goto-position

Description	Request the Z to move to the given position using the existing speed, acceleration and curve settings.
Command	`controller.z.goto-position <Z>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<Z>`</td><td>Z-target position</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0"

4.3.14. controller.z.move-relative

Description	Request the Z to move relative to the current position using the existing speed, acceleration and curve settings.
Command	`controller.z.move-relative <Z>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<Z>`</td><td>Z-relative distance</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0"

4.3.15. controller.z.move-at-velocity

Description	Request the Z to move at a constant velocity of Z microns/s. This is a float value and the controller will round that down to the next whole micro-step velocity.
Command	`controller.z.move-at-velocity <Z>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<Z>`</td><td>Z-velocity</td><td>*float*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0"

4.3.16. controller.z.speed.get

Description	Returns the maximum speed during a point to point move
Command	`controller.z.speed.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing the speed in microns/s

4.3.17. controller.z.speed.set

Description	Sets the maximum speed during a point to point move		
Command	`controller.z.speed.set <max speed>`		
Parameters	`<max speed>`	Max speed in microns/s	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.18. controller.z.acc.get

Description	Gets the maximum acceleration during a point to point move or velocity move
Command	`controller.z.acceleration.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing the acceleration in microns/s/s

4.3.19. controller.z.acc.set

Description	Sets the maximum acceleration during a point to point move or velocity move		
Command	`controller.z.acceleration.set <maxacc>`		
Parameters	`<maxacc>`	Max acceleration in microns/s/s	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.20. controller.z.jerk.get

Description	Gets the jerk time during a point to point move
Command	`controller.z.jerk.get`
Parameters	None
Result	An integer representing the time in milliseconds before constant acceleration phase.

4.3.21. controller.z.jerk.set

Description	Sets the jerk time during a point to point move		
Command	`controller.z.jerk.set <time>`		
Parameters	`<time>`	Jerk time in milliseconds	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.22. controller.z.hostdirection.set

Description	Sets the physical direction the z axis will move given an increasing +ve position.
Command	`controller.z.hostdirection.set <Z>`
Parameters	`<Z>` Direction [-1,1] *int*
Result	"0"

4.3.23. controller.z.joystickdirection.set

Description	Sets the physical direction each axis will move in relation to the z digipot rotation.
Command	`controller.z.joystickdirection.set <Z>`
Parameters	`<>` Direction [-1,1] *int*
Result	"0"

4.3.24. controller.z.joyspeed.get

Description	Returns the z joystick scaling in %.
Command	`controller.z.joyspeed.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"100"

4.3.25. controller.z.joyspeed.set

Description	Sets the z joystick scaling in %.
Command	`controller.z.joyspeed.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.3.26. controller.z.ss.get

Description	Gets the current user unit step size for Z. By default, the DLL works in user units of 100nm. This value represents the number of micro-steps per 100nm. This value varies depending on motor type and microns-per–rev setting. For example, a NORMAL focus motor on a microscope with 100microns fine focus has 50000 micro-steps/rev of the motor. 100um / 50000 = 2nm. So theoretically setting SS to 1 results in user unit of 2nm, or multiples thereof. In practice, this may not be physically possible due to motor behaviour and mechanical limitations. See also controller.z.microns-per-rev.get
Command	`controller.z.ss.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Typical responses are : "5" for FB20X at 1000 microns/rev and "50" for NORMAL motor attached to focus knob of microscope with 100um per revolution of the fine focus.

4.3.27. controller.z.ss.set

Description	Sets the current user unit step size.		
Command	`controller.z.ss.set <ss>`		
Parameters	`<ss>`	Micro-steps per user unit	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.28. controller.z.backlash.get

Description	gets the electronic z (focus) backlash parameters
Command	`controller.z.backlash.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"e,b" where e = enabled [0|1], b = backlash correction in microns. EG "1,10"

4.3.29. controller.z.backlash.set

Description	sets the electronic z (focus) backlash parameters		
Command	`controller.z.backlash.set <e> <b>`		
Parameters	`<e>`	Enabled [0|1]	*int*
	`<b>`	Backlash distance in microns	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.30. controller.z.encoder.fitted.get

Description	Get Z encoder fitted status.
Command	`controller.z.encoder.fitted.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.3.31. controller.z.encoder.enabled.get

Description	Get Z encoder enabled state. By default if fitted, encoders are enabled.
Command	`controller.z.encoder.enabled.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.3.32. controller.z.encoder.enabled.set

Description	Set encoder enabled state, ie position is determined by closed loop encoder feedback (1) or by dead reckoning (0).
Command	`controller.z.encoder.enabled.set <e>`
Parameters	`<e>` Enabled [0|1] *int*
Result	"0"

4.3.33. controller.z.encoder.window.get

Description	Get the window for target position acquisition. By default this value is zero, stage must be at the requested encoder position N. A value of W means that the target position can be in the range N-W to N+W
Command	`controller.z.encoder.window.get`
Parameters	None
Result	W window range

4.3.34. controller.z.encoder.window.set

Description	Set the window used for target acquisition. Default is zero.
Command	`controller.z.encoder.window.set <w>`
Parameters	`<w>` +/- range in encoder counts *int*
Result	"0"

4.3.35. controller.z.servo.enabled.get

Description	If a z axis is encoded then a point to point move is completed via a closed loop operation using the encoder feedback. The PS3 controller also offers the ability to 'servo' on the acquired target position, ie if you apply a force to the stage, then the motors will drive the opposite way trying to maintain original 'target'. This servoing function is stopped when a new goto-position request is received.
Command	`controller.z.servo.enabled.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.3.36. controller.z.servo.enabled.set

Description	Set the z axis servo operation.		
Command	`controller.z.servo.enabled.set <e>`		
Parameters	`<e>`	Enabled [0|1]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.37. controller.z.servo.window.get

Description	Get the window for servo activation. By default this value is zero, stage must be at the requested encoder position N. Any movement away from N starts a servo move back to N. A value of W means that the target position can be in the range N-W to N+W encoder counts
Command	`controller.z.servo.window.get`
Parameters	None
Result	W window range

4.3.38. controller.z.servo.window.set

Description	Set the active servo window around the target position.		
Command	`controller.z.servo.window.set <w>`		
Parameters	`<w>`	+/- servo range in encoder counts	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.3.39. controller.z.joyz.on

Description	Enable the Z axis rotary control of the joystick.
Command	`controller.z.joyz.on`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.3.40. controller.z.joyz.off

Description	Disable the Z axis rotary control of the joystick.
Command	`controller.z.joyz.off`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.3.41. controller.z.plane.enabled.get

Description	Query the enabled state of the zplane function. A plane can be defined as 3 points in the XY stage with varying Z. The points on the stage must take the form of a triangle. Do not define the 3 points as a line. As you move the stage around in XY, the Z automatically tracks the plane keeping the sample in focus. It is possible to define a second plane using point 4. In this case there are two triangles defined by points 1,2,3 and points 1,2,4. There is a restriction however such that points 1 and 2 must be either horizontally aligned (with 3 and 4 above and below that line) or vertically aligned (with 3 and 4 to the left and right of that line)
Command	`controller.z.plane.enabled.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.3.42. controller.z.plane.enabled.set

Description	Set zplane enabled state.
Command	`controller.z.plane.enabled.set <e>`
Parameters	`<e>` Enabled state [0|1] *int*
Result	"0"

4.3.43. controller.z.plane.point.set

Description	Use the current XYZ position as one of plane points. Usually points 1..3, optionally a 4th.		
Command	`controller.z.plane.point.set <p>`		
Parameters	`<p>`	Plane point [1..4]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.4. Filter Commands

4.4.1. controller.filter.fitted.get

Description	Gets the fitted status of the specified filter wheel.		
Command	`controller.filter.fitted.get <f>`		
Parameters	`<f>`	Filter Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	"0" not fitted "1" fitted		

4.4.2. controller.filter.name.get

Description	Gets the name of the specified filter wheel.		
Command	`controller.filter.name.get <f>`		
Parameters	`<f>`	Filter Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Eg "HF108-8"		

4.4.3. controller.filter.filters-per-wheel.get

Description	Gets the number of filters on the wheel.		
Command	`controller.filter.filter-per-wheel.get <f>`		
Parameters	`<f>`	Filter Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Eg "8"		

4.4.4. controller.filter.position.get

Description	Gets the current filter wheel position.		
Command	`controller.filter.position.get <f>`		
Parameters	`<f>`	Filter Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Eg "8"		

4.4.5. controller.filter.goto-position

Description	Move to requested filter position.		
Command	`controller.filter.goto-position <f> <p>`		
Parameters	`<f>`	Filter Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<p>`	Filter pos [1..filter-per-wheel]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.4.6. controller.filter.home

Description	Homes the specified wheel. Wheel will spin around, finding its alignment and finish in position 1.
Command	`controller.filter.home <f>`
Parameters	`<f>` Filter Id [1..6] *int*
Result	"0"

4.4.7. controller.filter.busy.get

Description	Gets the busy (moving) status
Command	`controller.filter.busy.get <f>`
Parameters	`<f>` Filter Id [1..6] *int*
Result	"0" idle "1" busy

4.4.8. controller.filter.speed.get

Description	Get the speed in percentage terms of the recommended Prior default value.
Command	`controller.filter.speed.get <f>`
Parameters	`<f>` Filter Id [1..6] *int*
Result	"0".. "100"

4.4.9. controller.filter.speed.set

Description	Adjusts the speed in percentage terms of the recommended Prior default value. Although the speed can be increased above 100% there is the possibility that motor will stall and lose positional accuracy.
Command	`controller.filter.speed.set <f> <s>`
Parameters	`<f>` Filter Id [1..6] *int* `<s>` Percentage of recommended speed *int*
Result	"0"

4.4.10. controller.filter.acc.get

Description	Get the acceleration in percentage terms of the recommended Prior default value.
Command	`controller.filter.acc.get <f>`
Parameters	`<f>` Filter Id [1..6] *int*
Result	"0".. "100"

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4.4.11. controller.filter.acc.set

Description	Adjusts the acceleration in percentage terms of the recommended Prior default value. Although the acceleration can be increased above 100% there is the possibility that motor will stall and lose positional accuracy.
Command	`controller.filter.speed.set <f> <s>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<f>`</td><td>Filter Id [1..6]</td><td>*int*</td></tr><tr><td>`<s>`</td><td>Percentage of recommended acceleration</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	"0"

4.4.12. controller.filter.jerk.get

Description	Gets the jerk time period for any move
Command	`controller.filter.jerk.get <f>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<f>`</td><td>Filter Id [1..6]</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	An integer representing the time in milliseconds before constant acceleration phase.

4.4.13. controller.filter.jerk.set

Description	Sets the jerk time during any move
Command	`controller.filter.jerk.get <f> <time>`
Parameters	<table><tr><td>`<f>`</td><td>Filter Id [1..6]</td><td>*int*</td></tr><tr><td>`<time>`</td><td>Jerk time in milliseconds</td><td>*int*</td></tr></table>
Result	An integer representing the time in milliseconds before constant acceleration phase.

4.5. Shutter Commands

4.5.1. controller.shutter.fitted.get

Description	Gets the fitted status of the specified shutter.
Command	controller.shutter.fitted.get <s>
Parameters	<s> | Shutter Id [1..6] | *int*
Result	"0" not fitted "1" fitted

4.5.2. controller.shutter.name.get

Description	Gets the name of the specified shutter
Command	controller.shutter.name.get <s>
Parameters	<s> | Shutter Id [1..6] | *int*
Result	Eg "NORMAL"

4.5.3. controller.shutter.open

Description	Open the specified shutter
Command	controller.shutter.open <s>
Parameters	<s> | Shutter Id [1..6] | *int*
Result	0

4.5.4. controller.shutter.close

Description	Close the specified shutter
Command	controller.shutter.close <s>
Parameters	<s> | Shutter Id [1..6] | *int*
Result	0

4.5.5. controller.shutter.state.get

Description	Get the state of the shutter
Command	controller.shutter.state.get <s>
Parameters	<s> | Shutter Id [1..6] | *int*
Result	0 = closed, 1 = open

4.6. Trigger Commands

4.6.1. controller.trigger.resolution.get

Description	Returns the number of encoder counts per micron for the given XYZ axis. All triggers points are specified in terms of raw encoder count. The user application stage positions must be converted from local user units into encoder counts.		
Command	`controller.trigger.resolution.get <axis>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	Axis 'X','Y', or 'Z'	*char*
Result	"0"		

4.6.2. controller.trigger.arm

Description	Create and arm a trigger sequence. Example: A single chord in X with first trigger at 0, followed by 19 triggers every +100 counts, -ve trigger pulse of 1 ms (millisecond) duration. Step 1: Position the stage **before** the first intended trigger point. Step 2: Send 'TRIGGER 0,100,X,20,N,1000'to arm trigger mechanism. Step 3: Move stage over intended triggers (any command or even joystick movement). The triggers will output when X = 0, 100, 200....1800, 1900 encoder counts. The trigger mechanism is automatically disarmed after all specified triggers have been output. Negating the sign of D can be used to trigger in reverse direction. The user application should convert local stage position to encoder counts when using the TRIGGER function. By default the PS3 XY position is reported in microns, the Z position is 100nm steps		
Command	`controller.trigger.arm <F> <D> <A> <N> <P> <W>`		
Parameters	`<F>`	First trigger position in encoder counts	*int*
	`<D>`	Distance between triggers in encoder counts	*int*
	`<A>`	Axis to trigger from 'X', 'Y' or 'Z'	*char*
	`<N>`	Number of triggers in chord	*int*
	`<P>`	trigger pulse polarity 'P' or 'N'	*char*
	`<W>`	trigger pulse in microseconds	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.7. TTL Commands

4.7.1. controller.ttl.in.get

Description	Returns the current tll input state
Command	`controller.ttl.in.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Integer representing the binary pin state of available TTL inputs TTLIN3..0

4.7.2. controller.ttl.out.get

Description	Returns the current tll output state
Command	`controller.ttl.in.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Integer representing the binary pin state of available TTL outputs TTLOUT3..0

4.7.3. controller.ttl.out.set

Description	Returns the current tll input state		
Command	`controller.ttl.out.set <state>`		
Parameters	`<state>`	0..15 for binary output pins TTLOUT3..0	*int*
Result	"0"		

PS3 controllers with rev 'A' to 'F' controller boards have 4 TTL-IN and 4 TTL-OUT

PS3 controllers with Rev 'P' controller boards have 8 TTL-IN and 8 TTL-OUT

4.8. Led Commands

4.8.1. controller.led.fitted.get

Description	Gets the fitted status of the specified led.		
Command	`controller.led.fitted.get <l>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
Result	"0" not fitted "1" fitted		

4.8.2. controller.led.power.get

Description	Gets the power level of the specified led in percent		
Command	`controller.led.power.get <l>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
Result	"0" .. "100"		

4.8.3. controller.led.power.set

Description	Sets the power level of the specified led in percent.		
Command	`controller.led.power.set <l> <p>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
	`<p>`	0..100	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.8.4. controller.led.state.get

Description	Gets the state of the specified led.		
Command	`controller.led.state.get <l>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
Result	"0" off, "1" on		

4.8.5. controller.led.state.set

Description	Sets the state of the specified led.		
Command	`controller.led.state.set <l> <s>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
	`<s>`	0..1	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.8.6. controller.led.fan.get

Description	Sets the on/off state of the specified fan.		
Command	`controller.led.fan.get <f>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
Result	"0" off, "1" on		

4.8.7. controller.led.fan.set

Description	Sets the on/off state of the specified fan.		
Command	`controller.led.fan.set <l> <s>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
	`<s>`	0..1	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.8.8. controller.led.fluor.get

Description	Gets the fluor description of the led.		
Command	`controller.led.fluor.get <l>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
Result	Eg "TRITC"		

4.8.9. controller.led.lambda.get

Description	Gets the wavelength of the led.		
Command	`controller.led.lambda.get <l>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
Result	Eg "525"		

4.8.10. controller.led.temperature.get

Description	Gets the temperature (degrees) of the led.		
Command	`controller.led.temperature.get <l>`		
Parameters	`<l>`	led Id [1..8]	*int*
Result	Eg "30"		

4.9. OEM Commands

OEM axes are stepper motors fitted to the filter axes (1..6) that identify as having normally open or normally closed limit switches depending on their plug and play identifiers. This allows the user to drive them directly as they wish to create OEM applications. Their positions, speeds and accelerations are in units of microsteps or if fitted, encoder resolution.

4.9.1. controller.oem.config

Description	For an axis that has no plug and play identifier the user should configure the axis function. These functions are pre-defined and require the appropriate Prior devices to be fitted (contact Prior for advice). An example of this would be a 2 or 6 position objective changer. For these devices positions are logical device positions, ie an objective identifier. Example: "controller.oem.config 1 HH339" configures filter 1 drive as a 6 position nosepiece.		
Command	`controller.oem.config <id> <name>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<name>`	Device id	*string*
Result	"0"		

4.9.2. controller.oem.position.get

Description	Get the current position of the oem axis. Value returned is in either microsteps, or encoder counts or a logical device position depending on configuration.		
Command	`controller.oem.position.get <id>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Device position		

4.9.3. controller.oem.position.set

Description	Set the current position of the oem axis. Value returned is in either microsteps, or encoder counts or a logical device position depending on configuration. Pre-configured devices may not allow their position to be modified.		
Command	`controller.oem.position.set <id> <p>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<p>`	position	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.9.4. controller.oem.goto-position

Description	Drive the oem axis to the specified position. Units will be microsteps, encoder counts or logical positions depending on configuration.		
Command	`controller.oem.goto-position <id> <pos>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<pos>`	Target position	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.9.5. controller.oem.move-at-velocity

Description	Drive the oem axis at the specified velocity. Units will be microsteps, encoder counts or logical positions depending on configuration. Pre-configured devices may not allow velocity movements.		
Command	`controller.oem.move-at-velocity <id> <vel>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<vel>`	Target velocity	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.9.6. controller.oem.busy.get

Description	Determine whether the oem axis is busy (ie moving)		
Command	`controller.oem.busy.get <id>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	"0" idle, "1" moving		

4.9.7. controller.oem.speed.get

Description	Get the maximum speed of the axis used during a move. This will be in microsteps/s or encoder counts/s.		
Command	`controller.oem.speed.get <id>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Eg "600000"		

4.9.8. controller.oem.speed.set

Description	Set the maximum speed of the axis used during a move. This will be in microsteps/s or encoder counts/s. Pre-defined devices may not allow speed adjustment.		
Command	`controller.oem.speed.set <id> <s>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<s>`	Max speed	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.9.9. controller.oem.acc.get

Description	Get the maximum acceleration of the axis used during a move. This will be in microsteps/s/s or encoder counts/s/s.		
Command	controller.oem.acc.get <id>		
Parameters	<id>	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Eg "2855000"		

4.9.10. controller.oem.acc.set

Description	Set the maximum acceleration of the axis used during a move. This will be in microsteps/s/s or encoder counts/s/s. Pre-defined devices may not allow acc adjustment.		
Command	controller.oem.acc.set <id> <a>		
Parameters	<id>	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	<a>	Max acc	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.9.11. controller.oem.jerk.get

Description	Get the jerk of the axis used during a move. This will be in milliseconds		
Command	controller.oem.jerk.get <id>		
Parameters	<id>	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Eg "13" ms		

4.9.12. controller.oem.jerk.set

Description	Get the jerk of the axis used during a move. This will be in milliseconds. Pre-defined devices may not allow speed adjustment.		
Command	controller.oem.jerk.get <id> <j>		
Parameters	<id>	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	<j>	Jerk (ms)	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.9.13. controller.oem.limits.get

Description	Get the active limits switch status of the axis. Pre-defined devices may not allow speed adjustment.		
Command	controller.oem.limits.get <id>		
Parameters	<id>	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	"0" = no limits active, "1" = +ve switch active, "2" = -ve switch active		

4.9.14. controller.oem.home

Description	Home the axis. For a normal device with limit switches, this will move the axis to the –ve limit switch.
Command	`controller.oem.limits.get <id>`
Parameters	`<id>` | oem Id [1..6] | *int*
Result	"0" = no limits active, "1" = +ve switch active, "2" = -ve switch active

4.9.15. controller.oem.current.get

Description	Gets the OEM devices current settings
Command	`controller.oem.current.get <id>`
Parameters	`<id>` | oem Id [1..6] | *int*
Result	"R,S,T" where : R = running current 0-1500mA S = standby current 0-1500mA T = idle time before switching to standby current 0-1250ms E.g. "1000,500,500" prior default

4.9.16. controller.oem.current.set

Description	Sets the OEM devices current settings		
Command	`controller.oem.current.set <id> <R> <S> <T>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<R>`	running current 0-1500mA	*int*
	`<S>`	standby current 0-1500mA	*int*
	`<T>`	Idle time 0-1250ms	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.9.17. controller.oem.encres.get

Description	Gets the OEM devices encoder resolution. If the device has a plug and play resistor then encoder resolution detection happens automatically as long as plant (motor/encoder) matches Prior standard systems. If a non-Prior motor/encoder combo is used, then device should have no plug and play and be configured via the "oem config" command and the resolution specified manually.		
Command	`controller.oem.encres.get <id>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
Result	Resolution e.g. "10"		

4.9.18. controller.oem.encres.set

Description	Sets the OEM devices encoder resolution. The resolution is expressed as the number of microsteps per 4 (four) encoder counts, and is a signed value. The OEM must calculate this from the equipment they are using.		
Command	`controller.oem.encres.set <id> <res>`		
Parameters	`<id>`	oem Id [1..6]	*int*
	`<res>`	resolution	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.10. Theta commands

4.10.1. controller.theta.fitted.get

Description	Returns the fitted state of a Theta device on the 4th (A) axis. Theta devices are rotary stages fitted on top of the normal XY stage. They have user positions in increments of 1/10th degree
Command	`controller.theta.fitted.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" not fitted "1" fitted

4.10.2. controller.theta.name.get

Description	Returns the name of the theta device (if fitted)
Command	`controller.theta.name.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Eg "H370" or "NONE"

4.10.3. controller.theta.goto-position

Description	Goto an angular position rounded to 1/10th degree modulo 360.		
Command	`controller.theta.goto-position <p>`		
Parameters	`<p>`	Angular position	*float*
Result	"0"		

4.10.4. controller.theta.busy.get

Description	Goto an angular position rounded to 1/10th degree modulo 360.
Command	`controller.theta.busy.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" idle, "8" theta (A axis) moving

4.10.5. controller.theta.usejoystick

Description	Re-designates the Y axis of the joystick to control the theta rotation		
Command	`controller.theta.usejoystick <j>`		
Parameters	`<j>`	Use joystick [0|1]	*int*
Result	"0"		

4.10.6. controller.theta.position.get

Description	Get the current theta position
Command	`controller.theta.position.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.10.7. controller.theta.position.set

Description	set the current theta position to 1/10th degree modulo 360
Command	`controller.theta.position.set <p>`
Parameters	`<p>` | position | *float*
Result	"0"

4.10.8. controller.theta.speed.get

Description	Get the current theta speed. Theta speeds are expressed as 1..100% of pre-defined maximum speeds.
Command	`controller.theta.speed.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.10.9. controller.theta.speed.set

Description	set the theta speed for goto-position moves
Command	`controller.theta.speed.set <p>`
Parameters	`<p>` | Speed [1.100] | *int*
Result	"0"

4.11. **Shuttle commands**

4.11.1. controller.shuttle.fitted.get

Description	Query the fitted status of the wafer shuttle. The wafer shuttle exists on the 4th (A) axis only and is part of a very specific stage type. Contact Prior for full details on how this works.
Command	`controller.shuttle.fitted.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.11.2. controller.shuttle.initialise

Description	Initialise the stage/shuttle to establish known datum points. This call will block until the complex initialisation has completed.
Command	`controller.shuttle.initialise`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.11.3. controller.shuttle.goto-load

Description	Sends the stage/shuttle to the previously programmed load position. The stage/shuttle will wait for the loader to place a new wafer, when the vacuum state has changed indicating a successful load the stage will automatically return to the pre-defend load position.
Command	`controller.shuttle.goto-load`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.11.4. controller.shuttle.goto-home

Description	Send the stage/shuttle to the previously programmed home position.
Command	`controller.shuttle.goto-home`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.11.5. controller.shuttle.home.set

Description	Enters the stage/shuttle into a state whereby the stage and shuttle home position can be established. The Y axis first finds the Y-line and then automatically switches joystick state to control shuttle and X axis of stage.
Command	`controller.shuttle.home.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.11.6. controller.shuttle.home.record

Description	Records the current position as the home position. Switches joystick state back to normal XY control.
Command	`controller.shuttle.home.record`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.11.7. controller.shuttle.load.set

Description	Enters the stage/shuttle into a state whereby the stage and shuttle load position can be established. The Y axis first finds the Y-line and then automatically switches joystick state to control shuttle and X axis of stage.
Command	`controller.shuttle.load.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.11.8. controller.shuttle.load.record

Description	Records the current position as the load position. Switches joystick state to normal XY control.
Command	`controller.shuttle.load.record`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

4.11.9. controller.shuttle.speed.get

Description	Returns the shuttle speed as % of default.
Command	`controller.shuttle.speed.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Shuttle speed as percentage value

4.11.10.　　controller.shuttle.speed.set

Description	Sets the shuttle speed as % of default.
Command	`controller.shuttle.speed.set <s>`
Parameters	`<s>` Speed [0..100%] *int*
Result	"0"

4.11.11.　　controller.shuttle.inline.get

Description	Returns the shuttle inline status. Useful diagnostic check. During the unload/load cycle the controller automatically acquires the inline position such that the shuttle/wand can be extended to the wafer loader.
Command	`controller.shuttle.inline.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.11.12.　　controller.shuttle.vacuum.state.get

Description	Returns the current vacuum state
Command	`controller.shuttle.vacuum.state.get`
Parameters	None
Result	0" – vacuum idle "1" – vacuum off "2" – vacuum unload "3" – vacuum load

4.11.13.　　controller.shuttle.vacuum.state.set

Description	Simulates the vacuum state. Can be useful during initial installation to show system operational before connection to real wafer loader.
Command	`controller.shuttle.vacuum.state.set <s>`
Parameters	`<s>` Force Vacuum state [0..3] *int*
Result	"0

4.11.14. controller.shuttle.vacuum.detected.get

Description	Simulates the vacuum state. Can be useful during initial installation to show system operational before connection to real wafer loader.
Command	`controller.shuttle.detected.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" – no vacuum "1" – there is a vacuum (wafer on wand) "2" – no vacuum device detected – possibly not connected

4.11.15. controller.shuttle.vacuum.wait.get

Description	Returns the wait delay (ms) after the vacuum signal is detected before the shuttle returns to the home position. default = 1000 ms
Command	`controller.shuttle.vacuum.wait.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Wait in ms

4.11.16. controller.shuttle.vacuum.wait.set

Description	Sets the wait delay (ms) after the vacuum signal is detected before the shuttle returns to the home position.		
Command	`controller.shuttle.vacuum.wait.set <t>`		
Parameters	`<t>`	Wait time in milliseconds	*int*
Result	Wait in ms		

4.12. **Nosepiece commands**

4.12.1. controller.nosepiece.fitted.get

Description	The controller will auto detect a nosepiece fitted to any of the drives and reconfigure
Command	`controller.nosepiece.fitted.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.12.2. controller.nosepiece.name.get

Description	Return the name of the fitted nosepiece
Command	`controller.nosepiece.name.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"eg "HH215" "HH339"

4.12.3. controller.nosepiece.no-of-positions.get

Description	Return the number of positions (objectives) the nosepiece has
Command	`controller.nosepiece.no-of-positions.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Eg "2" for HH215, or "6" for HH339

4.12.4. controller.nosepiece.position.get

Description	Get currently selected position (objective)
Command	`controller.nosepiece.position.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Position

4.12.5. controller.nosepiece.goto-position

Description	Select the		
Command	`controller.nosepiece.goto-position <p>`		
Parameters	`<p>`	Position (objective)	*int*
Result	"0"		

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4.12.6. controller.nosepiece.busy.get

Description	Get the busy (moving) status of the nosepiece
Command	`controller.nosepiece.busy.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" or "1"

4.12.7. controller.nosepiece.home

Description	Home the nosepiece to position 1. HH339 and other rotational objectives require a specific homing operation (like filter wheels) to ensure correct operation. The HH215 2 position nosepiece due to its mechanical design does not need homing but it is recommended always to home any nosepiece for consistency
Command	`controller.nosepiece.home`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5. SL160 Loader Commands

5.1. sl160.connect

Description	Establish a communications connection between the DLL and the SL160 loader on the specified port. NOTE: connection to stage controller must be done first.	
Command	`sl160.connect <port>`	
Parameters		
	`<port>` This should be the same port number as used when establishing the connection to the stage controller. The standard ProScan3 controller controls SL160 functions.	*int*
Result	"0"	

5.2. sl160.disconnect

Description	Closes the currently open communications channel to the SL160 loader
Command	`sl160.disconnect`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.3. sl160.status.get

Description	Get the status word from the SL160 loader. See *SL160 Status Word* for bit values.
Command	`sl160.status.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal integer corresponding to bits in the Status Word

5.4. sl160.initialise

Description	After Connect to the loader has occurred, it enters the un-initialised state. From cold power on condition, the loader will move all axes to known datum points to establish its reference positions. If the loader had been left powered on following its last use, then establishing reference points is not needed and the routine returns immediately.
Command	`sl160.initialise`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.5.   sl160.scanhotel

Description	When a hotel is fitted and detected (see *sl160.hotelfitted.get*) it must first be scanned in order to detect which apartments have plates fitted. After scanning, the plates fitted can be determined via *sl160.trayfitted.get*		
Command	`sl160.scanhotel <hotel>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
Result	"0"		

5.6.   sl160.movetostage

Description	Request to move a tray from a hotel apartment to the stage		
Command	`sl160.movetostage <hotel> <apartment>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
	`<apartment>`	Apartment id [1..sl160.maxtraysperhotel.get]	*int*
Result	"0"		

5.7.   sl160.movetohotel

Description	Request to move a tray from the stage to a hotel apartment		
Command	`sl160.movefromstage <hotel> <apartment>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
	`<apartment>`	Apartment id [1..sl160.maxtraysperhotel.get]	*int*
Result	"0"		

5.8.   sl160.stop

Description	Stop the loader immediately and return to the idle state. May require some user intervention.
Command	`sl160.stop`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.9. sl160.previewstate.get

Description	When transferring a tray from hotel to the stage the loader will pause at preview stations, allowing an external preview camera to take an image of slides 1,2,3 & 4.
Command	`sl160.previewstate.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"-1" : preview function not active "0" : not at a preview station, but function active "n" : waiting at preview 'n' station

5.10. sl160.previewstate.set

Description	Acknowledge the preview state after preview image taken. This causes the loader to move to next preview point or continue to load to stage. Note setting state to -1, turns off preview mode and allows tray to be loaded straight to stage.
Command	`sl160.previewstate.set <state>`
Parameters	`<state>` -1, 0 *int*
Result	"0"

5.11. sl160.unloadhotels

Description	Causes the loader to position hotels to the unload position so user can replace them.
Command	`sl160.unloadhotels`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.12. sl160.loadhotels

Description	Determines what hotels user has placed on the hotel shuttle and loads them ready for scanning.
Command	`sl160.loadhotels`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.13. **sl160.lasterror.get**

Description	If the DLL API returns a PRIOR_LOADERERROR then the reason can be determined via this call. Similarly if the SL160_LOADER_ERROR error bit is set in the status word during a loader function (ie move to stage)
Command	`sl160.lasterror.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal string see SL160*Error! Reference source not found.*

5.14. **sl160.lasterror.clear**

Description	Clears the last loader error flag to zero.
Command	`sl160.lasterror.clear`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.15. **sl160.stalledaxis.get**

Description	If the SL_LOADER_AXISSTALLED bit is set in the SL160 Status Word then this returns the offending axis id.
Command	`sl160.stalledaxis.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.16. **sl160.hotelfitted.get**

Description	Determine what hotels are fitted		
Command	`sl160.hotelfitted.get <hotel>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
Result	"0" not fitted, or "1" fitted		

5.17. **sl160.trayfitted.get**

Description	Determine what trays are fitted		
Command	`sl160.trayfitted.get <hotel> <apartment>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..*Error! Reference source not found.*]	*int*
	`<apartment>`	Apartment id [1..*Error! Reference source not found.*]	*int*
Result	"0" not fitted, or "1" fitted		

5.18. sl160.maxhotels.get

Description	Determine the maximum number of supported hotels
Command	sl160.maxhotels.get
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal string representing max hotels count

5.19. sl160.maxtraysperhotel.get

Description	Determine the maximum number of apartments (trays) in hotel
Command	sl160.maxtraysperhotel.get
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal string representing max hotel apartments (trays)

5.20. sl160.axis.jog

Description	Used during initialisation and initial setup/calibration to manually jog the loader axis relative to its current position.		
Command	sl160.axis.jog <axis> <distance>		
Parameters	<axis>	See *SL160 Loader Axes*	*int*
	<distance>	Encoder counts	*int*
Result	"0"		

5.21. sl160.axis.goto

Description	Used during setup/calibration to manually move the loader to a known absolute position. Do not use during initialisation as until initialisation has completed absolute positions are not valid.		
Command	sl160.axis.goto <axis> <absolute position>		
Parameters	<axis>	See *SL160 Loader Axes*	*int*
	<absolute position>	Encoder counts	*int*
Result	"0"		

5.22. sl160.axis.move-at-velocity

Description	Used during setup/calibration to manually move the loader at a given velocity.		
Command	sl160.axis.move-at-velocity <axis> <velocity>		
Parameters	<axis>	See *SL160 Loader Axes*	*int*
	<velocity>	Encoder counts/s	*int*
Result	"0"		

5.23. **sl160.axis.busy.get**

Description	Used to determine whether axis is currently moving. Only needed during setup/calibration when manually moving the loader.		
Command	`sl160.axis.busy.get <axis>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	See *SL160 Loader Axes*	*int*
Result	"0" axis idle, "1" axis busy		

5.24. **sl160.axis.position.get**

Description	Gets the current position of the specified axis. Only really needed during setup/calibration when manually moving the loader.		
Command	`sl160.axis.position.get <axis>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	See *SL160 Loader Axes*	*int*
Result	"0" axis idle, "1" axis busy		

5.25. **sl160.calibration.flags.get**

Description	Returns the calibration flags stored in controller non-volatile memory. Only needed if user is writing their own calibration routine.
Command	`sl160.calibration.flags.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Integer string (contact Prior for details)

5.26. **sl160.calibration.flags.set**

Description	Sets the calibration flags stored in controller Only needed if user is writing their own calibration routine.
Command	`sl160.calibration.flags.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Integer string (contact Prior for details)

5.27. **sl160.calibration.flags.save**

Description	Saves the calibrated positions and flags of the loader into the controller backup and creates a INI file in ProgramData/Prior folder. Only needed if user is writing their own calibration routine.
Command	`sl160.calibration.flags.save`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

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5.28.   sl160.calibration.hotel.set

Description	Sets the current hotel calibration position and flags in the controller. Note: no data is saved to non-volatile backup until *sl160.calibration.flags.save* is called.
Command	`sl160.calibration.hotel.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.29.   sl160.calibration.stage.set

Description	Sets the current stege (XY and Z if Prior variable height stage type system) calibration position and flags. Note: no data is saved to non-volatile backup until *sl160.calibration.flags.save* is called.
Command	`sl160.calibration.stage.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.30.   sl160.calibration.stagexy.get

Description	Returns the calibrated stage XY position. The *movetostage* and *movetohotel* SDK calls automatically move the stage to this position. The user application is responsible for escaping objectives before calling the transfer call.
Command	`sl160.calibration.stagexy.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Calibrated stage position in microns from the stage back right limit switch ie "45087,23345"

5.31.   sl160.calibration.stagez.get

Description	Returns the calibrated stage Z position. If the stage height is controlled by the focus position, ie stage is on an FB20x type system, then the *movetostage* and *movetohotel* SDK calls automatically move the stageZ to this position. The user application is responsible for escaping objectives before calling the transfer call.
Command	`sl160.calibration.stagez.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Calibrated stage position in units of 100nm from the focus bottom limit switch ie "1234"

5.32. sl160.singlestepmode.set

Description	Activate the single step mode of the loader. This is a useful debug facility for stepping through the loaders actions
Command	`sl160.singlestepmode.set <mode>`
Parameters	`<mode>`	"0" off, "1" on	*int*
Result	"0"

5.33. sl160.singlestep

Description	With single step mode activated, this command causes the loader to move one-step through its current action state machine. This is a useful debug facility for stepping through the loaders actions such as transferring trays etc
Command	`sl160.singlestep`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

5.34. sl160.serialnumber.get

Description	Return the serial number of the loader
Command	`sl160.serialnumber.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Serial number of the loader

5.35. sl160.serialnumber.set

Description	Set the serial number during the setup/calibration process. This value is stored in the INI calibration file.
Command	`sl160.serialnumber.set <serial>`
Parameters	`<serial>`	Serial number	*int*
Result	"0"

6. WASLV2 Loader Commands

6.1. waslv2.connect

Description	Establish a communications connection between the DLL and the WASLV2 loader on the specified port. NOTE: connection to stage controller must be done first.
Command	`waslv2.connect <port>`
Parameters	

`<port>`	This should be the same port number as used when establishing the connection to the stage controller. The standard ProScan3 controller controls WASLV2 functions.	*int*

Result	"0"

6.2. waslv2.disconnect

Description	Closes the currently open communications channel to the WASLV2 loader
Command	`waslv2.disconnect`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.3. waslv2.status.get

Description	Get the status word from the WASLV2 loader. See *WASLV2 Status Word* for bit values.
Command	`waslv2.status.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal integer corresponding to bits in the Status Word

6.4. waslv2.initialise

Description	After Connect to the loader has occurred, it enters the un-initialised state. From cold power on condition, the loader will move all axes to known datum points to establish its reference positions. If the loader had been left powered on following its last use, then establishing reference points is not needed and the routine returns immediately.
Command	`waslv2.initialise`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.5. waslv2.scanhotel

Description	When a hotel is fitted and detected (see *sl160.hotelfitted.get*) it must first be scanned in order to detect which apartments have plates fitted. After scanning, the plates fitted can be determined via *sl160.trayfitted.get*
Command	`waslv2.scanhotel <hotel>`
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
Result	"0"

6.6. waslv2.movetostage

Description	Request to move a tray from a hotel apartment to the stage		
Command	`waslv2.movetostage <hotel> <apartment>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
	`<apartment>`	Apartment id [1..sl160.maxtraysperhotel.get]	*int*
Result	"0"		

6.7. waslv2.movetohotel

Description	Request to move a tray from the stage to a hotel apartment		
Command	`waslv2.movefromstage <hotel> <apartment>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
	`<apartment>`	Apartment id [1..sl160.maxtraysperhotel.get]	*int*
Result	"0"		

6.8. waslv2.stop

Description	Stop the loader immediately and return to the idle state. May require some user intervention.
Command	`waslv2.stop`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.9. waslv2.previewstate.get

Description	When transferring a tray from hotel to the stage the loader will pause at two preview stations, allowing an external preview camera to take an image of slides 1 & 2 when at preview point 1 and slides 3 & 4 when at preview point 2. Preview state should be polled, and user action taken when at position 1 or 2.
Command	`waslv2.previewstate.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0" - not at a preview station "1" - waiting at preview 1 station "2" - waiting at preview 2 station

6.10. waslv2.previewstate.set

Description	Cancel the preview state after preview image taken. Causes loader to move to next preview point or continue to load to stage		
Command	`waslv2.previewstate.set <state>`		
Parameters	`<state>`	0	*int*
Result	"0"		

6.11. waslv2.unloadhotels

Description	Causes the loader to position hotels to the unload position so user can replace them.
Command	`waslv2.unloadhotels`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.12. waslv2.loadhotels

Description	Determine what hotels user has placed on the shuttle and loads them ready for scanning.
Command	`waslv2.loadhotels`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.13. **waslv2.lasterror.get**

Description	If the DLL API returns a PRIOR_LOADERERROR then the reason can be determined via this call. Similarly if the WASLV2_LOADER_ERROR error bit is set in the status word during a loader function (ie move to stage)
Command	`waslv2.lasterror.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal string see ***Error! Reference source not found.***

6.14. **waslv2.lasterror.clear**

Description	Clears the last loader error flag to zero.
Command	`waslv2.lasterror.clear`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.15. **waslv2.stalledaxis.get**

Description	If the SL_LOADER_AXISSTALLED bit is set in the WASLV2 Status Word then this returns the offending axis id.
Command	`waslv2.stalledaxis.get`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.16. **waslv2.hotelfitted.get**

Description	Determine what hotels are fitted		
Command	`waslv2.hotelfitted.get <hotel>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..sl160.maxhotels.get]	*int*
Result	"0" not fitted, or "1" fitted		

6.17. **waslv2.trayfitted.get**

Description	Determine what trays are fitted		
Command	`waslv2.trayfitted.get <hotel> <apartment>`		
Parameters	`<hotel>`	Hotel id [1..***Error! Reference source not found.***]	*int*
	`<apartment>`	Apartment id [1..***Error! Reference source not found.***]	*int*
Result	"0" not fitted, or "1" fitted		

6.18. **waslv2.maxhotels.get**

Description	Determine the maximum number of supported hotels
Command	`waslv2.maxhotels.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal string representing max hotels count

6.19. **waslv2.maxtraysperhotel.get**

Description	Determine the maximum number of apartments (trays) in hotel
Command	`waslv2.maxtraysperhotel.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Decimal string representing max hotel apartments (trays)

6.20. **waslv2.axis.jog**

Description	Used during initialisation and initial setup/calibration to manually jog the loader axis relative to its current position.		
Command	`waslv2.axis.jog <axis> <distance>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	See *WASLV2 Loader Axes*	*int*
	`<distance>`	Encoder counts	*int*
Result	"0"		

6.21. **waslv2.axis.goto**

Description	Used during setup/calibration to manually move the loader to a known absolute position. Do not use during initialisation as until initialisation has completed absolute positions are not valid.		
Command	`waslv2.axis.goto <axis> <absolute position>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	See *WASLV2 Loader Axes*	*int*
	`<absolute position>`	Encoder counts	*int*
Result	"0"		

6.22. **waslv2.axis.move-at-velocity**

Description	Used during setup/calibration to manually move the loader at a given velocity.		
Command	`waslv2.axis.move-at-velocity <axis> <velocity>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	See *WASLV2 Loader Axes*	*int*
	`<velocity>`	Encoder counts/s	*int*
Result	"0"		

6.23. waslv2.axis.busy.get

Description	Used to determine whether axis is currently moving. Only needed during setup/calibration when manually moving the loader.		
Command	`waslv2.axis.busy.get <axis>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	See *WASLV2 Loader Axes*	*int*
Result	"0" axis idle, "1" axis busy		

6.24. waslv2.axis.position.get

Description	Used to determine whether axis is currently moving. Only needed during setup/calibration when manually moving the loader.		
Command	`waslv2.axis.position.get <axis>`		
Parameters	`<axis>`	See *WASLV2 Loader Axes*	*int*
Result	"0" axis idle, "1" axis busy		

6.25. waslv2.calibration.set

Description	Stores the current positions of the loader as the calibrated load/unload position. Only needed during initial stage calibration.
Command	`waslv2.calibration.set`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.26. waslv2.calibration.save

Description	Saves the calibrated positions of the loader into the controller backup and creates a INI file in ProgramData/Prior folder. Only needed during initial stage calibration.
Command	`waslv2.calibration.save`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.27. waslv2.calibration.stagexy.get

Description	Returns the calibrated stage XY position. The application must position the stage to this position before loading or unloading trays to the stage.
Command	`waslv2.calibration.stagexy.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Calibrated stage position in microns from the stage back right limit switch ie "45087,23345"

6.28. **waslv2.reloadsetup**

Description	Reload the setup with immediate effect on loader positions. Useful during initial calibration when manually tweaking calibrated hotel and stage positions.
Command	`waslv2.reloadesetup`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.29. **waslv2.singlestepmode.set**

Description	Activate the single step mode of the loader. This is a useful debug facility for stepping through the loaders actions		
Command	`waslv2.singlestepmode.set <mode>`		
Parameters	`<mode>`	"0" off, "1" on	*int*
Result	"0"		

6.30. **waslv2.singlestep**

Description	With single step mode activated, this command causes the loader to move one-step through its current action state machine. This is a useful debug facility for stepping through the loaders actions such as transferring trays etc
Command	`waslv2.singlestep`
Parameters	None
Result	"0"

6.31. **waslv2.serialnumber.get**

Description	Return the serial number of the loader
Command	`waslv2.serialnumber.get`
Parameters	None
Result	Serial number of the loader

6.32. **waslv2.serialnumber.set**

Description	Set the serial number during the setup/calibration process. This value is stored in the INI calibration file.		
Command	`waslv2.serialnumber.set <serial>`		
Parameters	`<serial>`	Serial number	*int*
Result	"0"		

7. APPENDIX

7.1. API Error Codes

SDK name	API Code	Meaning
PRIOR_OK	0	The DLL function call succeeded ok.
PRIOR_UNRECOGNISED_COMMAND	-10001	The requested command was not recognised. Check spelling.
PRIOR_FAILEDTOOPENPORT	-10002	The requested communications port could not be opened. Check port identification and make sure its not already opened by another application.
PRIOR_FAILEDTOFINDCONTROLLER	-10003	The port was opened but no Prior controller found
PRIOR_NOTCONNECTED	-10004	The session is not currently connected to a controller.
PRIOR_ALREADYCONNECTED	-10005	The session is already connected to a controller.
PRIOR_INVALID_PARAMETERS	-10007	Command parameters are incorrect, either incorrect values or number of parameters.
PRIOR_UNRECOGNISED_DEVICE	-10008	The specified ancilliary controller device is not valid. Probably not connected to controller.
PRIOR_APPDATAPATHERROR	-10009	Failure to open file in the application data folder.
PRIOR_LOADERERROR	-10010	A error occurred on the loader in question.Check <loadertype>.lasterror.get
PRIOR_CONTROLLERERROR	-10011	A error occurred on the controller in question. Check controller.lasterr.get
PRIOR_NOTIMPLEMENTEDYET	-10012	Command is valid but not yet implemented.
PRIOR_UNEXPECTED_ERROR	-10100	Something odd happened. Provide Prior with details.
PRIOR_SDK_NOT_INITIALISED	-10200	Call the DLL initalisation routine first before anything else.
PRIOR_SDK_INVALID_SESSION	-10300	An invalid session ID has been specified.
PRIOR_SDK_NOMORE_SESSIONS	-10301	Exceeded session limit of DLL.

7.2. Controller Error Codes
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7.3. SL160 Loader Axes
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7.4. SL160 Loader States
Refer to file PriorScientificSDK.h for full details

7.5. SL160 Status Word
Refer to file PriorScientificSDK.h for full details

7.6. SL160 Get Last Error codes

Refer to file PriorScientificSDK.h for full details

7.7. WASLV2 Loader Axes
Refer to file PriorScientificSDK.h for full details

7.8. WASLV2 Loader States
Refer to file PriorScientificSDK.h for full details

7.9. WASLV2 Status Word
Refer to file PriorScientificSDK.h for full details

7.10. WASLV2 Get Last Error codes

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