# cepton\_sdk Documentation

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The Cepton SDK provides the following features:

- Networking: Listen for sensor packets.
- Capture Replay: Read sensor packets from a PCAP file.
- Parsing: Parse sensor packets.
- Calibration: Apply sensor calibration.
- Frame Accumulation: Accumulate sensor points and detect frames.

**Note:** Currently, the Cepton LiDAR packet formats are under active development, and are not publicly available. The SDK is required for **Parsing** and **Calibration**. All other SDK features are optional, and can be done manually by the user.

# 1.1 Getting Started

Below is a very simple SDK usage example. For more complete examples, see Samples.

```
#include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
2
   int main(int argc, char **argv) {
     // Initialize SDK with default options
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
         cepton_sdk::api::initialize(cepton_sdk::create_options(), "", true));
6
     // Get all sensors
     for (int i = 0; i < cepton_sdk::get_n_sensors(); ++i) {</pre>
9
       cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info;
10
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
11
           cepton_sdk::get_sensor_information_by_index(i, sensor_info));
12
13
14
     // Listen for points
15
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
16
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
17
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
         callback.listen([&](cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
19
                              const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *c_image_points) {
20
           // Get sensor info
21
           cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info;
```

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```
CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
23
                cepton_sdk::get_sensor_information(handle, sensor_info));
24
25
            // Convert points
            std::vector<cepton_sdk::util::SensorPoint> points(n_points);
27
            for (int i = 0; i < n_points; ++i) {</pre>
28
              cepton_sdk::util::convert_sensor_image_point_to_point(
29
                   c_image_points[i], points[i]);
30
31
          }));
32
33
     // Sleep or do other work...
     // Deinitialize SDK
36
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
37
```

For prototyping, it is recommended to use the high level C++ API. The C++ API also acts as reference code for C API usage. Any C++ functions that directly wrap C functions are not documented; refer to the C function documentation.

The general C SDK workflow is as follows:

- 1. Initialize SDK (cepton\_sdk\_initialize()). See Setup.
- 2. Register point listener callback function (cepton\_sdk\_listen\_image\_frames()). See Points.
- 3. Wait for sensor calibration/information packets, then query sensors. See Sensors.
- 4. Sleep or run replay. Callbacks will occur asynchronously.
- 5. Deinitialize SDK.

#### 1.2 Packets

The SDK passively listens for sensor UDP packets. There are 2 types of sensor packets:

- Calibration/Information: Contains sensor calibration, statistics, and other information. Published at ~1Hz.
- Points: Contains ~100 measurements. Published at ~1000Hz.

#### 1.3 Errors

Many SDK functions return CeptonSensorErrorCode. If this is not CEPTON\_SUCCESS, then the user must call cepton\_sdk\_get\_error(), otherwise the SDK will complain that the error was not checked.

All sensor errors will be returned via FpCeptonSensorErrorCallback, which is registered in cepton\_sdk\_initialize().

# 1.4 Timestamps

All int64 timestamps are microseconds since the Unix epoch (UTC). All float times (measurement period, replay time, frame length, etc.) are time differences measured in seconds. Point timestamps are based on one of the following sources (the first valid source is used):

- 1. GPS (NMEA + PPS)
- 2. PTP
- 3. Host PC

# 1.5 Sensor Fusion

See Process Single, Process Multi.

# 1.6 Multiple Returns

To enable multiple returns, pass the  $CEPTON\_SDK\_CONTROL\_ENABLE\_MULTIPLE\_RETURNS$  flag during initialization.

The returns are as follows:

- 1. Strongest signal.
- 2. Furthest signal, if it is not the strongest. Otherwise, the second strongest signal.

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# **BUILDING**

#### 2.1 CMake

The simplest way to include the SDK is as a CMake subdirectory:

```
add_subdirectory(<cepton_sdk_source_dir>)
...
target_link_libraries(<target> cepton_sdk::cepton_sdk)
```

See CMake.

# 2.2 Manually

It is also possible to manually link to the SDK as follows:

- 1. Add the cepton\_sdk\_redist/include path.
- 2. Link to the correct library binary in cepton\_sdk\_redist/lib or cepton\_sdk\_redist/bin.
- 3. If statically linking, define CEPTON\_SDK\_STATIC.

# 2.3 Windows

**Note:** It is not possible to statically link in debug mode, since the library does not ship with debug symbols.

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# **SAMPLES**

# 3.1 Building

#### 3.1.1 Unix

```
cd cepton_sdk_redist/samples
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
```

#### 3.1.2 Windows

The following commands are for a UNIX command line (e.g. Git Bash).

```
cd cepton_sdk_redist/samples
mkdir build
cd build
cmake -G "Visual Studio 16 2019" ..
```

#### To build from the command line, run

```
cmake --build . --config Release
```

#### To build in Visual Studio

- Click File -> Open -> Project/Solution. Select cepton\_sdk\_redist/samples/build/cepton\_sdk\_samples.sln.
- Build the project.

# 3.2 Basic

Start with Basic or C Basic.

#### 3.2.1 CMake

#### Listing 1: samples/CMakeLists.txt

```
# [ [
   CMake file for building samples.
2
   cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.1)
   set (CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR "${CMAKE_CURRENT_LIST_DIR}")
6
   get_filename_component(CEPTON_SDK_SOURCE_DIR
                           "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/../" ABSOLUTE)
   list(APPEND CMAKE_MODULE_PATH "${CEPTON_SDK_SOURCE_DIR}/cmake")
   include("CeptonVersion")
11
   project (
12
    cepton_sdk_samples
13
     VERSION ${CEPTON_VERSION}
14
     LANGUAGES C CXX)
15
   include("CeptonCommon")
17
18
   if (GCC OR CLANG)
19
     add_flags(-Wall)
20
     add_linker_flags(-pthread)
21
   endif()
22
   # cepton_sdk
24
   add_subdirectory("${CEPTON_SDK_SOURCE_DIR}"
25
                     "${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}/third_party/cepton_sdk")
26
27
   set (CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLE_SOURCES
28
       "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/advanced/frame_accumulator.cpp"
29
       "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/advanced/frame_detector.cpp"
30
       "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/advanced/process_multi.cpp"
31
       "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/advanced/process_single.cpp"
32
       "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/basic.cpp"
33
       "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/callback.cpp"
34
       "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}/error.cpp")
   foreach(path ${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLE_SOURCES})
     get_filename_component(name "${path}" NAME_WE)
37
     add_executable(cepton_sdk_sample_${name} "${path}")
38
     target_include_directories(cepton_sdk_sample_${name}
39
                                 PRIVATE "${CEPTON_SDK_SAMPLES_SOURCE_DIR}")
40
     target_link_libraries(cepton_sdk_sample_${name} cepton_sdk::cepton_sdk)
41
   endforeach()
```

#### 3.2.2 Basic

#### Listing 2: samples/basic.cpp

```
/**
sample code for general SDK usage.

*/
#include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>

#include "common.hpp"
```

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```
/// Sample points callback.
8
   class FramesListener {
Q
    public:
10
     void on_image_frame(cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
11
                           const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *c_image_points) {
12
       // Get sensor info
13
       cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info;
14
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::get_sensor_information(handle, sensor_info));
15
16
       // Convert points
17
       static thread_local std::vector<cepton_sdk::util::SensorPoint> points;
19
       points.resize(n_points);
       for (int i = 0; i < (int)n_points; ++i) {</pre>
20
          cepton_sdk::util::convert_sensor_image_point_to_point(c_image_points[i],
21
                                                                    points[i]);
22
       }
23
24
       // Print
25
        std::printf("Received %i points from sensor %i\n", (int)n_points,
26
                     (int) sensor_info.serial_number);
27
28
   };
29
30
   int main(int argc, char **argv) {
     // Parse arguments
33
     check_help(argc, argv, "cepton_sdk_sample_basic [capture_path]");
     std::string capture_path;
34
     if (argc >= 2) capture_path = argv[1];
35
36
     std::printf("Press Ctrl+C to stop\n");
37
38
      // Initialize SDK
39
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
40
41
     // By default, return points every packet.
42.
43
     // Uncomment to return points every frame.
44
45
     options.frame.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
46
47
     // Uncomment to return points at fixed time interval.
     // options.frame.mode = CEPTON SDK FRAME TIMED;
48
     // options.frame.length = 0.1f;
49
50
     // Wait short duration for sensors to connect.
51
     const bool enable_wait = true;
52
53
     std::printf("Initializing...\n");
54
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
55
          cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options, capture_path, enable_wait));
56
57
     // Get all sensors
     const int n_sensors = (int)cepton_sdk::get_n_sensors();
59
     for (int i = 0; i < n sensors; ++i) {</pre>
60
       cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info;
61
       CEPTON CHECK ERROR (
62
            cepton_sdk::get_sensor_information_by_index(i, sensor_info));
```

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```
std::printf("Sensor: %i\n", (int)sensor_info.serial_number);
64
65
66
     // Listen for points
67
     std::printf("Listening for points...\n");
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
     FramesListener frames_listener;
71
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
72
         callback.listen(&frames_listener, &FramesListener::on_image_frame));
73
74
     // Run (sleep or run replay)
76
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::wait(1.0));
77
     // Deinitialize
78
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
79
```

#### 3.2.3 C Basic

Listing 3: samples/c\_basic.c

```
* Sample code for general C SDK usage.
   #include <stdio.h>
   #include <time.h>
   #include <cepton_sdk.h>
   void check_sdk_error() {
     const char *error_msq;
10
     const auto error_code = cepton_sdk_get_error(&error_msg);
11
     printf("%s: %s\n", cepton_get_error_code_name(error_code), error_msg);
12
13
     exit(1);
16
   int n_frames = 0;
17
   void image_frame_callback(CeptonSensorHandle handle, size_t n_points,
18
                               const struct CeptonSensorImagePoint *c_points,
19
                              void *user_data) {
20
21
     ++n_frames;
22
     // Get sensor info
23
     struct CeptonSensorInformation sensor info;
24
     cepton_sdk_get_sensor_information(handle, &sensor_info);
25
     check_sdk_error();
26
27
   int main() {
29
     // Initialize
30
31
     struct CeptonSDKOptions options = cepton_sdk_create_options();
     options.frame.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
32
     cepton_sdk_initialize(CEPTON_SDK_VERSION, &options, NULL, NULL);
```

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```
check_sdk_error();
34
35
      // Wait for sensor
36
     const int n_sensors = (int)cepton_sdk_get_n_sensors();
37
     while (!cepton_sdk_get_n_sensors())
     for (int i = 0; i < n_sensors; ++i) {</pre>
40
       struct CeptonSensorInformation sensor_info;
41
        cepton_sdk_get_sensor_information_by_index(0, &sensor_info);
42
       check_sdk_error();
43
       printf("Sensor: %i\n", (int)sensor_info.serial_number);
44
      }
45
46
     // Listen for frames
47
     cepton_sdk_listen_image_frames(image_frame_callback, NULL);
48
     check_sdk_error();
49
50
      // Sleep
51
     while (n_frames < 10)</pre>
52
       ;
53
54
      // Deinitialize
55
     cepton_sdk_deinitialize();
56
     check_sdk_error();
57
```

#### 3.2.4 Callback

Listing 4: samples/callback.cpp

```
* Sample code for callback usage.
2
3
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   // Sample global callback.
   void on_image_frame(cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
                        const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *c_image_points) {
     // Handle frame...
9
10
11
   // Sample member callback.
12
   class FramesListener {
13
    public:
14
     void on_image_frame(cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
15
                          const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *c_image_points) {
16
       // Handle frame...
17
18
     }
   } ;
   int main(int argc, char **argv) {
21
22
     // Initialize
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize());
23
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
24
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
25
```

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```
26
     // Listen lambda
27
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
28
         callback.listen([](cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
29
                              const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *c_image_points) {
           // Handle frame...
31
         }));
32
33
     // Listen global function
34
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.listen(on_image_frame));
35
     // Listen member function
     FramesListener frames_listener;
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
39
         callback.listen(&frames_listener, &FramesListener::on_image_frame));
40
41
     // Deinitialize
42
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
```

#### 3.2.5 Error

Listing 5: samples/error.cpp

```
* Sample code for error callback usage.
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   int main(int argc, char** argv) {
6
     // Initialize
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorErrorCallback error_callback;
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
         error_callback.listen([&](cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle,
10
                                    const cepton_sdk::SensorError& error) {
           // Handle error...
12
         }));
13
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::initialize(
14
         CEPTON_SDK_VERSION, cepton_sdk::create_options(),
15
16
         error_callback.global_on_callback, &error_callback));
     // Deinitialize
18
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
19
20
```

#### 3.3 Advanced

#### 3.3.1 Frame Detector

Listing 6: samples/advanced/frame\_detector.cpp

```
* Sample code for custom frame detection.
2
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   int main(int argc, char **argv) {
6
     std::string capture_path;
     if (argc >= 2) capture_path = argv[1];
     // Initialize
10
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
11
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options, capture_path));
12
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
13
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
14
15
     // Get sensor
     while (cepton_sdk::get_n_sensors() == 0)
17
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::wait(0.1f));
18
     cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info;
19
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
20
         cepton_sdk::get_sensor_information_by_index(0, sensor_info));
21
22
     // Create detector
23
     cepton_sdk::util::FrameDetector<> detector(sensor_info);
24
     auto frame_options = cepton_sdk::create_frame_options();
25
     frame_options.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
26
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(detector.set_options(frame_options));
27
     const int stride = sensor_info.segment_count * sensor_info.return_count;
28
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.listen(
29
         [&] (cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
              const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *const c_image_points) {
31
           if (handle != sensor_info.handle) return;
32
33
           for (int i = 0; i < (int)n_points; i += stride) {</pre>
34
             auto &image_point = c_image_points[i];
             if (detector.update(image_point)) {
                auto &result = detector.previous_result();
37
                // `detector.period()` Frame period [seconds].
38
                // `result.timestamp` Frame timestamp [microseconds].
39
40
                // Handle frame...
41
42
           }
43
         }));
44
45
     // Run
46
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::wait(1.0f));
47
48
     // Deinitialize
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
50
51
```

#### 3.3.2 Frame Accumulator

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Listing 7: samples/advanced/frame\_accumulator.cpp

```
* Sample code for custom frame accumulation.
2
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   int main(int argc, char **argv) {
6
     std::string capture_path;
     if (argc >= 2) capture_path = argv[1];
     auto frame_options = cepton_sdk::create_frame_options();
10
11
     // Uncomment to return points every frame.
12
     frame_options.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
13
14
     // Uncomment to return points at fixed time interval.
15
     // frame_options.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_TIMED;
     // frame_options.length = 0.1f;
17
18
     // Initialize
19
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
20
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options, capture_path));
21
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
22
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
23
24
     // Get sensor
25
     while (cepton_sdk::get_n_sensors() == 0)
26
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::wait(0.1f));
27
     cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info;
28
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(
29
         cepton_sdk::get_sensor_information_by_index(0, sensor_info));
31
     // Create accumulator
32
     cepton_sdk::util::FrameAccumulator accumulator(sensor_info);
33
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(accumulator.set_options(frame_options));
34
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.listen(
35
         [&] (cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
              const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *const c_image_points) {
37
           if (handle != sensor_info.handle) return;
38
           accumulator.add_points(n_points, c_image_points);
39
         }));
40
41
     // Listen
42
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(accumulator.callback.listen(
43
         [&] (std::size_t n_points,
44
             const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *const c_image_points) {
45
            // Handle frame...
46
         }));
47
48
49
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::wait(1.0f));
51
     // Deinitialize
52
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
53
54
```

#### 3.3.3 Network

Listing 8: samples/advanced/network.cpp

```
* Sample code for custom networking.
2
3
   #include <asio.hpp>
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   using asio::ip::udp;
   class SocketListener {
10
    public:
11
     SocketListener() : m_socket(m_io_service, udp::v4()) {
12
       m_socket.set_option(asio::socket_base::reuse_address(true));
13
       m_socket.bind(udp::endpoint(udp::v4(), 8808));
14
15
16
     void run() {
17
18
       listen();
       m_io_service.run_for(std::chrono::seconds(5));
19
20
21
     void listen() {
22
       m_socket.async_receive_from(
23
            asio::buffer(m_buffer), m_end_point,
24
            [this] (const asio::error_code& error, std::size_t buffer_size) {
25
              if (buffer_size == 0) return;
26
              if (error == asio::error::operation_aborted) return;
27
              const CeptonSensorHandle handle =
28
                  m_end_point.address().to_v4().to_ulong();
29
              // For more accurate timestamps, a separate network receive thread
30
              // should be
              // used.
32
              const int64_t timestamp = cepton_sdk::util::get_timestamp_usec();
33
              CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::mock_network_receive(
34
                  handle, timestamp, m_buffer.data(), buffer_size));
35
              listen();
36
37
            });
38
39
    private:
40
     asio::io_context m_io_service;
41
     udp::socket m_socket;
42
43
     udp::endpoint m_end_point;
     std::array<uint8_t, 4096> m_buffer;
   };
45
46
   int main() {
47
     // Initialize
48
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
49
     options.control_flags |= CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_DISABLE_NETWORK;
     options.frame.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
51
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options));
52
53
```

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```
// Listen for points
54
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
55
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
56
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(
57
         callback.listen([](cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
58
                             const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint* c_image_points) {
59
           std::printf("Received %i points from sensor %lli\n", (int)n_points,
60
                        (long long) handle);
61
         }));
62
63
     SocketListener listener;
     listener.run();
     // Deinitialize
67
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
68
```

#### 3.3.4 Organize Points

Listing 9: samples/advanced/organize points.cpp

```
** Copyright(C) 2019 Cepton Technologies. All Rights Reserved. **
   ** Contact: https://www.cepton.com
   ** Sample code which opens a cepton sensor pcap file, organizes **
6
   ** the points and continuously saves the most recent organized **
    ** points to a frame to a cvs file "organized_cloud.cvs
    ************************
10
   #include <cepton_sdk_util.hpp>
11
   #include <cepton_sdk/capture.hpp>
12
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
13
   using namespace cepton_sdk::util;
17
   int main(int argc, char** argv) {
     if (argc < 2) return -1;
18
     const std::string capture_path = argv[1];
19
20
     // Initialize sdk
21
22
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
     options.control_flags |= CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_DISABLE_NETWORK;
23
     options.frame.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
24
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options));
25
26
     cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info;
27
28
     OrganizedCloud organized_cloud;
29
     std::ofstream os;
30
31
32
     cepton_sdk::Capture m_capture;
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(m_capture.open_for_read(capture_path));
33
```

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```
CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
35
         cepton_sdk_set_control_flags(CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_DISABLE_NETWORK,
36
                                        CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_DISABLE_NETWORK));
37
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk_clear());
     // Listen for points
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
41
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
42
     callback.listen([@](cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
43
                         const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint* c_image_points) {
44
45
       cepton_sdk::get_sensor_information(handle, sensor_info);
       std::printf("Received %i points from sensor %lli\n", static_cast<iint>(n_points),
48
                    static_cast<long long>(handle));
49
50
       Organizer organizer (sensor_info);
51
52
       organizer.organize_points(n_points,
53
                                   sensor_info.return_count,
54
                                   c_image_points,
55
                                   organized_cloud);
56
57
       os.open("organize_cloud.csv");
58
       for (const auto& point : organized_cloud.points)
         if (point.valid)
61
62.
           float x = 0;
63
           float y = 0;
64
           float z = 0;
65
           cepton_sdk::util::convert_image_point_to_point(
66
                point.image_x, point.image_z, point.distance, x,
67
68
69
           os << x << "," << y << "," << z << "\n";
70
71
       }
72
       os.close();
74
     });
75
76
     while (true) {
77
       cepton_sdk::Capture::PacketHeader header;
78
       const uint8_t* data;
79
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(m_capture.next_packet(header, data));
80
       const cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle =
81
           static cast<cepton sdk::SensorHandle>(header.ip v4)
82
           CEPTON_SENSOR_HANDLE_FLAG_MOCK;
83
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk_mock_network_receive(
84
           handle, header.timestamp, data, static_cast<size_t>(header.data_size)));
   }
```

#### 3.3.5 Process Multi

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Listing 10: samples/advanced/process\_multi.cpp

```
* Sample code for processing offline data from multiple sensors.
2
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   #include "common.hpp"
6
   struct Frame {
     int64_t timestamp;
     std::map<cepton_sdk::SensorHandle, std::vector<cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint>>
         image_points_dict;
11
   };
12
13
   class FrameAccumulator {
14
   public:
15
     void on_image_frame(
         cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
17
         const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint* const c_image_points) {
18
       cepton_sdk::util::LockGuard lock(m_mutex);
19
20
       // Add points to buffer
21
       auto& image_points = m_image_points_dict[handle];
22
       image_points.insert(image_points.end(), c_image_points,
23
                             c_image_points + n_points);
24
25
       check_and_publish();
26
27
28
    private:
29
     void check_and_publish() {
       // Check if frame done
31
       const auto timestamp = cepton_sdk::api::get_time();
32
       if ((timestamp - m_timestamp) < int64_t(m_frame_length * 1e6f)) return;</pre>
33
       m_timestamp = timestamp;
34
       // Add frame to queue
       auto frame = std::make_shared<Frame>();
37
       frame->timestamp = timestamp;
38
       frame->image_points_dict = m_image_points_dict;
39
       m_image_points_dict.clear();
40
       queue.push(frame);
41
42
43
    public:
44
     cepton_sdk::util::SingleConsumerQueue<Frame> queue;
45
46
    private:
47
     std::timed_mutex m_mutex;
48
     float m_frame_length = 0.1f;
     int64_t m_timestamp = 0;
     std::map<cepton_sdk::SensorHandle, std::vector<cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint>>
51
         m_image_points_dict;
52
53
   };
54
   int main(int argc, char** argv) {
```

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```
check_help(argc, argv, "cepton_sdk_sample_process_multi_capture_path");
56
     if (!CEPTON_ASSERT(argc >= 2, "Capture path not provided!")) std::exit(1);
57
     const std::string capture_path = argv[1];
58
     // Initialize
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
61
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options, capture_path));
62
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
63
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
64
65
     // Listen
     FrameAccumulator accumulator;
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
         callback.listen(&accumulator, &FrameAccumulator::on_image_frame));
69
70
     while (!cepton_sdk::capture_replay::is_end()) {
71
       // Get frame
72
       if (accumulator.queue.empty())
73
         CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::capture_replay::resume_blocking(0.1f));
74
       const auto frame = accumulator.queue.pop();
75
       if (!frame) continue;
76
77
       // Do processing...
78
79
     // Deinitialize
82
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
83
```

#### 3.3.6 Process Single

Listing 11: samples/advanced/process\_single.cpp

```
* Sample code for processing offline data from single sensor.
2
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   #include "common.hpp"
6
   struct Frame {
     int64_t timestamp;
9
     cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle;
     std::vector<cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint> image_points;
11
   };
12
13
   int main(int argc, char **argv) {
14
     check_help(argc, argv, "cepton_sdk_sample_process_single capture_path");
15
     if (!CEPTON_ASSERT(argc >= 2, "Capture path not provided!")) std::exit(1);
     const std::string capture_path = argv[1];
18
     // Initialize
19
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
20
     options.frame.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
21
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options, capture_path));
                                                                                (continues on next page)
```

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```
cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
23
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
24
25
26
     cepton_sdk::util::SingleConsumerQueue<Frame> queue;
27
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
28
         callback.listen([&](cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
29
                               const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint *c_image_points) {
30
            // Add frame to queue
31
            auto frame = std::make_shared<Frame>();
32
            frame->timestamp = cepton_sdk::api::get_time();
33
            frame->handle = handle;
            frame->image_points.insert(frame->image_points.end(), c_image_points,
                                         c_image_points + n_points);
36
           queue.push(frame);
37
38
         }));
39
     while (!cepton_sdk::capture_replay::is_end()) {
       // Get frame
41
       if (queue.empty())
42
         CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::capture_replay::resume_blocking(0.1f));
43
       const auto frame = queue.pop();
44
       if (!frame) continue;
45
46
       // Do processing...
47
     }
49
     // Deinitialize
50
     cepton_sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
51
52
```

#### 3.3.7 Replay

Listing 12: samples/advanced/replay.cpp

```
* Sample code for custom packet replaying.
   #include <cepton_sdk/capture.hpp>
   #include <cepton_sdk_api.hpp>
   class CaptureReplay {
   public:
     CaptureReplay(const std::string& path) {
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(m_capture.open_for_read(path));
10
11
       CEPTON CHECK ERROR (
12
           cepton_sdk_set_control_flags(CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_DISABLE_NETWORK,
13
                                          CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_DISABLE_NETWORK));
14
       CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk_clear());
16
17
18
     ~CaptureReplay() {
19
       m_capture.close();
       if (cepton_sdk_is_initialized()) {
```

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```
CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk_clear());
21
        }
22
      }
23
24
     void run() {
25
       while (true) {
26
          cepton_sdk::Capture::PacketHeader header;
27
          const uint8_t* data;
28
         CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(m_capture.next_packet(header, data));
29
30
          const cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle =
31
              (cepton_sdk::SensorHandle)header.ip_v4 |
              CEPTON_SENSOR_HANDLE_FLAG_MOCK;
          CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk_mock_network_receive(
34
              handle, header.timestamp, data, header.data_size));
35
36
      }
37
    private:
39
     cepton_sdk::Capture m_capture;
40
41
42.
   int main(int argc, char** argv) {
43
     if (argc < 2) return -1;
44
     const std::string capture_path = argv[1];
45
47
     // Initialize
     auto options = cepton_sdk::create_options();
48
     options.control_flags |= CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_DISABLE_NETWORK;
49
     options.frame.mode = CEPTON_SDK_FRAME_COVER;
50
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(cepton_sdk::api::initialize(options));
51
52
      // Listen for points
53
     cepton_sdk::api::SensorImageFrameCallback callback;
54
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR(callback.initialize());
55
     CEPTON_CHECK_ERROR (
56
          callback.listen([](cepton_sdk::SensorHandle handle, std::size_t n_points,
57
                              const cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint* c_image_points) {
            std::printf("Received %i points from sensor %lli\n", (int)n_points,
                         (long long) handle);
60
          }));
61
62
63
     CaptureReplay replay(capture_path);
     replay.run();
66
      // Deinitialize
67
     cepton sdk::deinitialize().ignore();
68
```

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#### **INTERNAL**

This page provides a brief description of what goes on inside the SDK.

#### 4.1 Packet Received

Occurs when cepton\_sdk\_mock\_network\_receive is called.

- 1. If the packet is a sensor information packet:
  - Update the internal stored sensor state. This information can be queried with cepton\_sdk\_get\_sensor\_information().
- 2. If the packet is a data packet:
  - If no corresponding sensor information packet has been received, ignore the data packet.
  - Compute points from packet.
  - Apply sensor calibration.
  - Add points to frame accumulator. If frame is complete, emit image frame callback.

#### 4.2 Threads

#### 4.2.1 Networking Thread 0

Created if CEPTON\_SDK\_CONTROL\_DISABLE\_NETWORK is not set.

- Start listening on the UDP port (default: 8808).
- Push received packets on a queue for Thread 1.

#### 4.2.2 Networking Thread 1

Created if CEPTON\_SDK\_CONTROL\_DISABLE\_NETWORK is not set.

- Pop packets from queue.
- Call internal version of cepton\_sdk\_mock\_network\_receive. See Packet Received.

#### 4.2.3 Capture Replay Thread 0

Created by cepton\_sdk\_capture\_replay\_resume().

- While running
  - Read next packet from PCAP file.
  - Sleep to simulate realtime delays.
  - Call cepton\_sdk\_mock\_network\_receive.

# 4.3 Concurrency

All SDK getter functions are thread safe, and can be called from callbacks. Other SDK functions are not guaranteed to be thread safe, and can cause deadlock if called from callbacks.

#### 4.4 Minimal SDK

If desired, the following SDK features can be disabled in the SDK and performed manually by the user:

- Capture Replay: Replay.
- Frame Accumulation: Frame Detector.
- Networking: Network.

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#### **CHAPTER**

# **FIVE**

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#### **TOOLS**

# **6.1 Cepton Viewer**

The Cepton Viewer tool allows viewing raw Cepton sensor data. It is primarily used for sensor debugging.

- View live or replay sensor data.
- View sensor information.
- Update extrinsic sensor transforms.

#### 6.1.1 Downloads

- Windows
- OSX
- Linux

On Linux, you will need to set a static IP for the Ethernet interface: 192.168.0.1/16 (tutorial).

#### 6.1.2 Tutorials

- Overview
- Network Capture
- Sensor Settings

#### 6.1.3 Main Menu

- Hover over menu items to view tooltips.
- When editing value fields, press ESC to undo new value and ENTER to accept new value.

#### 6.1.4 Camera Controls

Command	Mouse
Rotate View	LButton
Translate View	RButton
Zoom View	MButton

#### 6.1.5 Workflows

#### **Open Capture**

• Drag and drop capture file/folder onto the main window.

OR

- Switch to General tab.
- Select Capture -> Load Capture.

#### **Save Capture**

- Switch to General tab.
- Select Capture -> Start Capture.
- Wait for desired duration.
- Select Capture -> Stop Capture.

The capture is saved at ~/Documents/CeptonViewer/<date>/capture\_<time>.

#### **Take Screenshot**

- Switch to General tab.
- Select Tools -> Screenshot.

The screenshot is saved at ~/Documents/CeptonViewer/<date>/screenshot\_<time>.png.

#### **Update Sensor Transforms/Clips**

- Switch to Settings tab.
- For each sensor, update the transforms/clips.
- Select File -> Save/Save As....

#### 6.1.6 Keyboard Shortcuts

#### **GUI**

Command	Key
Hide GUI	F11

#### Replay

Command	Key
Pause/Resume	SPACE

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#### View

Command	Key
Reset Camera Translation	0
Camera Front View	1
Camera Top View	2
Camera Side View	3

# 6.2 Cepton Player

The Cepton Player tool allows creating/viewing data captures.

- View live/replay data.
- Capture data.
- Clip/filter data.
- Measure LiDAR points.
- Export LiDAR points.

#### 6.2.1 Install

Requirements:

• Python 3

Install cepton\_alg

```
pip3 install --user -U cepton_alg
```

To launch, run

cepton\_player.py

#### 6.2.2 Workflows

#### **Open Capture**

• Drag and drop capture file/folder onto the main window.

OR

• Select File -> Open Replay.

#### 6.2.3 Camera Controls

Command	Mouse
Rotate View	LButton
Translate View	RButton
Zoom View	Scroll

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#### 6.2.4 Cursors

Interactive cursors use a combination of CTRL + LButton/RButton.

#### **Distance Ruler**

Command	Key
Enable/Disable	D
Measure	CTRL + LButton

#### **Angle Ruler**

Command	Key
Enable/Disable	A
Measure	CTRL + LButton
Set Center	CTRL + RButton

#### **Point Selection**

Command	Key
Enable/Disable	S
Select	CTRL + LButton

# 6.2.5 Keyboard Shortcuts

#### Replay

Command	Key
Pause/Resume	SPACE
Next Frame	N

#### View

Command	Key
Reset View Origin	0
Front View	1
Top View	2
Side View	3

# **6.3 Cepton Export**

The Cepton Export tool allows exporting LiDAR points in various file formats.

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#### 6.3.1 Install

#### Requirements:

• Python 3

# Install the Cepton Python SDK

```
pip3 install --user -U cepton_sdk[samples]
```

#### For usage, run

cepton\_export.py -h

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# **API REFERENCE**

# 7.1 Errors

# **7.1.1 Types**

# class SensorError: public runtime\_error

Error returned by most functions.

Implicitly convertible from/to SensorErrorCode. Getter functions do not return an error, because they cannot fail. Will call CEPTON\_ASSERT if nonzero error is not used (call ignore to manually use error).

# **Public Functions**

```
SensorError (SensorErrorCode code, const std::string &msg)
     Create SensorError class object with SensorErrorCode and error message.
SensorError (SensorErrorCode code)
     Create SensorError class object with error code.
SensorError()
     SensorError class default constructor.
~SensorError()
     SensorError class destructor.
SensorError (const SensorError &other)
    Create SensorError object using SensorError object.
SensorError &operator=(const SensorError &other)
     SensorError class assignment operator.
bool used() const
    Internal use only.
const SensorError &ignore() const
     Mark error as used.
const char *what() const
const std::string &msg() const
     Returns error message.
```

#### SensorErrorCode code () const

Returns error code.

# operator SensorErrorCode() const

Implicitly convert to SensorErrorCode.

#### operator bool() const

Returns false if error code is CEPTON\_SUCCESS, true otherwise.

# const std::string name() const

Returns error code name.

# bool is\_error() const

Returns true if parent object is an error.

# bool is\_fault() const

Returns true if parent object is a fault.

# typedef int32\_t CeptonSensorErrorCode

Error code returned by most library functions.

Must call cepton\_sdk\_get\_error if nonzero error code is returned.

#### enum \_CeptonSensorErrorCode

Values:

#### CEPTON SUCCESS = 0

No error.

# CEPTON ERROR GENERIC = -1

Generic error.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_MEMORY = -2

Failed to allocate heap memory.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_SENSOR\_NOT\_FOUND = -4

Could not find sensor.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_SDK\_VERSION\_MISMATCH = -5

SDK version mismatch.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_COMMUNICATION = -6

Networking error.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_CALLBACKS = -7

Callback already set.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_INVALID\_ARGUMENTS = -8

Invalid value or uninitialized struct.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_ALREADY\_INITIALIZED = -9

Already initialized.

# $\textbf{CEPTON\_ERROR\_NOT\_INITIALIZED} = -10$

Not initialized.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_INVALID\_FILE\_TYPE = -11

Invalid file type.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_FILE\_IO = -12

File IO error.

# CEPTON\_ERROR\_CORRUPT\_FILE = -13 Corrupt/invalid file. CEPTON\_ERROR\_NOT\_OPEN = -14 Not open.

CEPTON ERROR EOF = -15

End of file.

CEPTON FAULT INTERNAL = -1000

Internal sensor parameter out of range.

CEPTON\_FAULT\_EXTREME\_TEMPERATURE = -1001

Extreme sensor temperature fault.

CEPTON\_FAULT\_EXTREME\_HUMIDITY = -1002

Extreme sensor humidity fault.

CEPTON\_FAULT\_EXTREME\_ACCELERATION = -1003

Extreme sensor acceleration fault.

CEPTON FAULT ABNORMAL FOV = -1004

Abnormal sensor FOV fault.

CEPTON\_FAULT\_ABNORMAL\_FRAME\_RATE = -1005

Abnormal sensor frame rate fault.

CEPTON FAULT MOTOR MALFUNCTION = -1006

Sensor motor malfunction fault.

CEPTON FAULT LASER MALFUNCTION = -1007

Sensor laser malfunction fault.

 $\textbf{CEPTON\_FAULT\_DETECTOR\_MALFUNCTION} = -1008$ 

Sensor detector malfunction fault.

# 7.1.2 Methods

# const char \*cepton\_get\_error\_code\_name (CeptonSensorErrorCode error\_code)

Returns error code name string.

Returns empty string if error code is invalid.

Return Error code name string. Owned by SDK. Valid until next SDK call in current thread.

```
int cepton_is_error_code (CeptonSensorErrorCode error_code)
```

Returns whether error code is of the form CEPTON ERROR \*.

int cepton\_is\_fault\_code (CeptonSensorErrorCode error\_code)

Returns whether error\_code is of the form CEPTON\_FAULT\_\*.

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_get\_error(const char \*\*error\_msg)

Returns and clears last sdk error.

Return Error code.

#### **Parameters**

• error\_msg: Returned error message string. Owned by the SDK, and valid until next SDK call in the current thread.

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# 7.2 Setup

# **7.2.1 Types**

# typedef uint32\_t CeptonSDKControl

SDK setup flags.

#### enum \_CeptonSDKControl

Values:

# CEPTON\_SDK\_CONTROL\_DISABLE\_NETWORK = 1 << 1

Disable networking operations.

Useful for running multiple instances of sdk in different processes. Must pass packets manually to cepton\_sdk::mock\_network\_receive.

# CEPTON\_SDK\_CONTROL\_ENABLE\_MULTIPLE\_RETURNS = 1 << 4

Enable multiple returns.

When set, <code>cepton\_sdk::SensorInformation::return\_count</code> will indicate the number of returns per laser. Can only be set at SDK initialization.

#### CEPTON SDK CONTROL HOST TIMESTAMPS = 1 << 6

Always use packet timestamps (disable GPS/PTP timestamps).

```
CEPTON_SDK_CONTROL_RESERVED = 1 << 7
```

# typedef uint32\_t CeptonSDKFrameMode

Controls frequency of points being reported.

# enum \_CeptonSDKFrameMode

Values:

#### ${\tt CEPTON\_SDK\_FRAME\_STREAMING} = 0$

Report points by packet.

# CEPTON\_SDK\_FRAME\_TIMED = 1

Report points at fixed time intervals.

Interval controlled by CeptonSDKFrameOptions::length.

#### CEPTON SDK FRAME COVER = 2

Report points when the field of view is covered once.

Use this for a fast frame rate.

- For Sora series, detects scanline (left-to-right or right-to-left).
- For HR80 series, detects half scan cycle (left-to-right or right-to-left).
- For Vista series, detects half scan cycle.

# CEPTON\_SDK\_FRAME\_CYCLE = 3

Report points when the scan pattern goes through a full cycle.

Use this for a consistent, repeating frame. Typically 2x longer frame than CEPTON\_SDK\_FRAME\_COVER mode.

# CEPTON\_SDK\_FRAME\_MODE\_MAX = 3

# struct CeptonSDKFrameOptions

SDK frame options.

Must use cepton\_sdk\_create\_frame\_options to create.

# **Public Members** size\_t signature Internal use only. $Cepton SDK Frame Mode \ \mathbf{mode}$ Default: CEPTON\_SDK\_FRAME\_STREAMING. float length Frame length [seconds]. Default: 0.05. Only used if mode=CEPTON\_SDK\_FRAME\_TIMED. struct CeptonSDKFrameOptions cepton sdk create frame options() Create frame options. struct CeptonSDKOptions SDK initialization options. Must call cepton\_sdk\_create\_options to create. **Public Members** size t signature Internal use only. CeptonSDKControl control\_flags Default: 0. struct CeptonSDKFrameOptions frame uint16\_t port Network listen port. Default: 8808. struct CeptonSDKOptions cepton\_sdk\_create\_options() Create SDK options. typedef void (\*cepton\_sdk::FpSensorErrorCallback) (SensorHandle handle, SensorErrorCode error\_code, const char \*error\_msg, const void \*error data, size t error\_data\_size, void \*user\_data) 7.2.2 Methods const char \*cepton\_sdk\_get\_version\_string() Returns library version string. This is different from CEPTON\_SDK\_VERSION. Return Version string. Owned by SDK. Valid until next SDK call in current thread. int cepton\_sdk\_get\_version\_major() Returns library version major.

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int cepton\_sdk\_get\_version\_minor()
Returns library version minor.

int cepton\_sdk\_get\_version\_patch()
Returns library version patch.

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_initialize (int ver, const struct CeptonSDKOptions \*const options, FpCeptonSensorErrorCallback cb, void \*const user data)

Initializes settings and networking.

Must be called before any other sdk function listed below.

#### **Parameters**

- ver: CEPTON SDK VERSION
- options: SDK options.
- cb: Error callback.
- user\_data: Error callback user instance pointer.

# CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_deinitialize()

Resets everything and deallocates memory.

# CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_clear()

Clears sensors.

Use when loading/unloading capture file.

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_set\_control\_flags (CeptonSDKControl mask, CeptonSD-KControl flags)

Sets SDK control flags.

#### **Parameters**

- mask: Bit mask for selecting flags to change.
- flags: Bit flag values.

# CeptonSDKControl cepton\_sdk\_get\_control\_flags()

Returns SDK control flag.

# int cepton\_sdk\_has\_control\_flag (CeptonSDKControl flag)

Returns whether SDK control flag is set.

# uint16\_t cepton\_sdk\_get\_port()

Returns network listen port.

# CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_set\_port (uint16\_t port)

Sets network listen port.

Default: 8808.

# CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_set\_frame\_options (const struct CeptonSDKFrameOptions \*const options)

Sets frame options.

# CeptonSDKFrameMode cepton\_sdk\_get\_frame\_mode()

Returns frame mode.

# float cepton\_sdk\_get\_frame\_length()

Returns frame length.

# 7.3 Sensors

# **7.3.1 Types**

```
typedef uint64_t CeptonSensorHandle
     Sensor identifier.
     Generated from sensor IP address.
typedef uint16_t CeptonSensorModel
     Sensor model.
enum _CeptonSensorModel
     Values:
     HR80W = 3
     HR80T_R2 = 6
     VISTA_860_GEN2 = 7
     VISTA_X120 = 10
     SORA_P60 = 11
     VISTA_P60 = 12
     VISTA X15 = 13
     VISTA_P90 = 14
     SORA_P90 = 15
     VISTA_P61 = 16
     SORA_P61 = 17
     VISTA_H120 = 18
     {\tt CEPTON\_SENSOR\_MODEL\_MAX} = 18
struct CeptonSensorInformation
     Sensor information struct.
     Returned by cepton_sdk_get_sensor_information*.
     Public Members
     CeptonSensorHandle handle
         Sensor identifier (generated from IP address).
     uint64_t serial_number
         Sensor serial number.
     char model_name[28]
         Full sensor model name.
     CeptonSensorModel model
         Sensor model.
     uint16_t reserved
     char firmware_version[28]
         Firmware version string.
```

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```
uint8_t major
    Major firmware version.
uint8 t minor
    Minor firmware version.
uint8 t unused[2]
struct CeptonSensorInformation::[anonymous] formal_firmware_version
    Firmware version struct.
float last_reported_temperature
    [celsius].
float last_reported_humidity
    [%].
float last_reported_age
    [hours].
float measurement_period
    Time between measurements [seconds].
int64_t ptp_ts
    PTP time [microseconds].
uint8_t gps_ts_year
    (0-99) (e.g. 2017 \rightarrow 17)
uint8_t gps_ts_month
    (1-12)
uint8_t gps_ts_day
    (1-31)
uint8_t gps_ts_hour
    (0-23)
uint8_t gps_ts_min
    (0-59)
uint8_t gps_ts_sec
    (0-59)
uint8_t return_count
    Number of returns per measurement.
uint8_t segment_count
    Number of image segments.
uint32_t flags
    Bit flags.
uint32\_t is\_mocked
    Created by capture replay.
uint32_t is_pps_connected
    GPS PPS is available.
uint32_t is_nmea_connected
    GPS NMEA is available.
uint32_t is_ptp_connected
    PTP is available.
```

```
uint32_t is_calibrated
Calibration loaded.

uint32_t is_over_heated
Hit temperature limit.

uint32_t is_sync_firing_enabled
Sync fire enabled (disabled by default).

union CeptonSensorInformation::[anonymous] [anonymous]
```

# 7.3.2 Methods

```
int cepton_is_sora (CeptonSensorModel model)
Returns whether sensor model is of the form SORA_*.

int cepton_is_hr80 (CeptonSensorModel model)
Returns whether sensor model is of the form HR80_*.

int cepton_is_vista (CeptonSensorModel model)
Returns whether sensor model is of the form VISTA_*.

size_t cepton_sdk_get_n_sensors()
```

Get number of sensors attached. Use to check for new sensors. Sensors are not deleted until deinitialization.

```
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_get_sensor_handle_by_serial_number(uint64_t se-
rial_number,
CeptonSen-
sorHandle
*const han-
dle)
```

Looks up sensor handle by serial number.

Returns error if sensor not found.

#### **Parameters**

- serial number: Sensor serial number.
- handle: Sensor handle.

```
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_get_sensor_information_by_index (size_t idx, struct CeptonSensorInformation *const info)
```

Returns sensor information by sensor index.

```
Useful for getting information for all sensors. Valid indices are in range [0, cepton_sdk_get_n_sensors()).
```

Returns error if index invalid.

# **Parameters**

- idx: Sensor index. Returns error if invalid.
- info: Sensor information.

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CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_get\_sensor\_information(CeptonSensorHandle handle, struct CeptonSensorInformation\*const info)

Returns sensor information by sensor handle.

#### **Parameters**

- handle: Sensor handle. Returns error if invalid.
- info: Sensor information.

# 7.4 Points

# **7.4.1 Types**

```
struct CeptonSensorImagePoint
```

Point in pinhole image coordinates (focal length = 1).

To convert to 3d point, use cepton\_sdk::util::convert\_sensor\_image\_point\_to\_point.

# **Public Members**

```
int64 t timestamp
    Unix time [microseconds].
float image_x
    x image coordinate.
float distance
    Distance [meters].
float image_z
    z image coordinate.
float intensity
    Diffuse reflectance (normal: [0-1], retroreflective: >1).
CeptonSensorReturnType return_type
    Return type flags.
uint8_t flags
    Bit flags.
uint8 t valid
     If false, then distance and intensity are invalid.
uint8_t saturated
    If true, then intensity is invalid, and the distance is innacurate.
union CeptonSensorImagePoint::[anonymous] [anonymous]
uint8_t segment_id
uint8_t reserved[1]
```

# 7.4.2 Methods

Callback for receiving image points.

Set the frame options to control the callback rate.

#### **Parameters**

- handle: Sensor handle.
- n\_points: Points array size.
- c\_points: Points array. Owned by SDK.
- user\_data: User instance pointer.

```
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_listen_image_frames (FpCeptonSensorImageDataCallback cb, void *const user data)
```

Sets image frame callback.

Returns points at frequency specified by <code>cepton\_sdk::FrameOptions::mode</code>. Each frame contains all possible points (use <code>cepton\_sdk::SensorImagePoint::valid</code> to filter points). Points are ordered by measurement, segment, and return:

```
measurement_count = n_points / (segment_count * return_count)
idx = ((i_measurement) * segment_count + i_segment) * return_count + i_return
```

Returns error if callback already registered.

```
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_unlisten_image_frames()
Clears image frame callback.
```

# 7.5 Capture Replay

PCAP capture file replay. Functions are not thread safe, and should only be called from the main thread.

```
int cepton_sdk_capture_replay_is_open()
```

Returns whether capture replay is open.

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_capture\_replay\_open (const char \*const path)

Opens capture replay.

Must be called before any other replay functions listed below.

# **Parameters**

• path: Path to PCAP capture file.

```
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_capture_replay_close() Closes capture replay.
```

```
const char *cepton_sdk_capture_replay_get_filename()
```

Returns capture replay file name.

```
int64_t cepton_sdk_capture_replay_get_start_time()
```

Returns capture start Unix timestamp [microseconds].

```
float cepton_sdk_capture_replay_get_position()
     Returns capture file position [seconds].
float cepton_sdk_capture_replay_get_length()
     Returns capture file length [seconds].
int cepton_sdk_capture_replay_is_end()
     Returns whether at end of capture file.
     This is only relevant when using resume blocking methods.
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_capture_replay_seek (float position)
     Seek to capture file position [seconds].
     Parameters
            • position: Seek position in range [0.0, capture length).
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_capture_replay_set_enable_loop (int enable_loop)
     Sets capture replay looping.
     If enabled, replay will automatically rewind at end.
int cepton_sdk_capture_replay_get_enable_loop()
     Returns whether capture replay looping is enabled.
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_capture_replay_set_speed (float speed)
     Sets speed multiplier for asynchronous replay.
float cepton_sdk_capture_replay_get_speed()
     Returns capture replay speed.
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_capture_replay_resume_blocking_once()
     Replay next packet in current thread without sleeping.
     Pauses replay thread if running.
CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton_sdk_capture_replay_resume_blocking (float duration)
     Replay multiple packets synchronously.
     No sleep between packets. Pauses replay thread if running.
     Parameters
            • duration: Duration to replay. Must be non-negative.
int cepton_sdk_capture_replay_is_running()
```

Returns true if replay thread is running.

# CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton sdk capture replay resume()

Resumes asynchronous replay thread.

Packets are replayed in realtime. Replay thread sleeps in between packets.

# CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_capture\_replay\_pause()

Pauses asynchronous replay thread.

# 7.6 Networking

Network callback for debugging.

# **7.6.1 Types**

typedef void (\*FpCeptonNetworkReceiveCallback) (\*CeptonSensorHandle handle, int64\_t timestamp, const uint8\_t \*buffer, size\_t buffer\_size, void \*user\_data)

Callback for receiving network packets.

Returns error if callback already set.

#### **Parameters**

- handle: Sensor handle.
- timestamp: Packet Unix timestamp [microseconds].
- buffer: Packet bytes.
- buffer\_size: Buffer size.
- user\_data: User instance pointer.

# 7.6.2 Methods

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_listen\_network\_packet (FpCeptonNetworkReceiveCallback cb, void \*const user data)

Sets network packets callback.

For internal use.

Returns error if callback already registered.

#### **Parameters**

- · cb: Callback.
- user\_data: User instance pointer.

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_unlisten\_network\_packet()

Clears network packet callback.

# 7.7 Serial

Serial callback. Primarily used for receiving data from GPS/INS attached to sensor.

# **7.7.1 Types**

typedef void (\*FpCeptonSerialReceiveCallback) (\*CeptonSensorHandle handle, const char \*str, void \*user\_data)

Callback for receiving serial data (e.g. NMEA).

# **Parameters**

- handle: Sensor handle.
- str: Serial line string. Owned by SDK.
- user\_data: User instance pointer.

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# 7.7.2 Methods

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_listen\_serial\_lines(FpCeptonSerialReceiveCallback cb, void \*const user\_data)

Sets serial line callback.

Useful for listening to NMEA data from GPS attached to sensor. Each callback contains 1 line of serial data (including newline characters).

Returns error if callback already registered.

#### **Parameters**

- · cb: Callback.
- user\_data: User instance pointer.

CeptonSensorErrorCode cepton\_sdk\_unlisten\_serial\_lines()

Clears serial line callback.

# 7.8 C++

High level C++ API for prototyping (cepton\_sdk.hpp, cepton\_sdk\_api.hpp). Methods are agnostic to live/replay mode.

```
bool cepton_sdk::api::is_live()
```

Returns whether capture replay is not open.

```
bool cepton_sdk::api::is_end()
```

Returns whether capture replay is at the end and enable loop is false.

```
int64_t cepton_sdk::api::get_time()
```

Returns live or capture replay time.

```
SensorError cepton_sdk::api::wait (float t_length = -1.0f)
```

Sleeps or resumes capture replay for duration.

If t\_length < 0, then waits forever.

# **7.8.1 Errors**

# CEPTON\_PROCESS\_ERROR (code)

Add context to error.

# CEPTON\_CHECK\_ERROR (code)

If error, raise.

# CEPTON\_LOG\_ERROR (code)

If error, print.

# $\textbf{CEPTON\_RETURN\_ERROR} \ (code)$

If error, return.

# 7.8.2 Setup

```
SensorError cepton_sdk::api::initialize(Options options = create_options(), const std::string &capture_path = "", bool enable_wait = false)

Initialize SDK and optionally starts capture replay.

If enable_wait is true, waits a few seconds to initialize sensors.

SensorError cepton_sdk::api::open_replay(const std::string &capture_path, bool enable_wait = false)

Opens capture replay.

If enable_wait is true, replays a few seconds to initialize sensors.

bool cepton_sdk::api::has_control_flags(Control mask)

Returns whether indicated control flags are set.

SensorError cepton_sdk::api::enable_control_flags(Control mask, bool tf)

Enables/disables indicated control flags.
```

**class** SensorErrorCallback: public cepton\_sdk::util::Callback<SensorHandle, const SensorError&> Callback for sensor errors.

#### **Public Static Functions**

```
static void global_on_callback (SensorHandle handle, SensorErrorCode error_code, const char *error_msg, const void *const error_data, size_t error_data_size, void *const instance)
```

**class SensorImageFrameCallback**: **public** cepton\_sdk::util::Callback<SensorHandle, std::size\_t, **const** SensorImagePoilCallback for image frames.

Must call initialize before use.

### **Public Functions**

```
~SensorImageFrameCallback ()
SensorImageFrameCallback class destructor.

SensorError initialize ()
Initializes SensorImageFrameCallback object.

SensorError deinitialize ()
Deinitializes SensorImageFrameCallback object.

bool is_initialized() const
Returns true if SensorImageFrameCallback is initialized.
```

# 7.8.3 Sensors

```
bool cepton_sdk::api::has_sensor_by_serial_number (uint64_t serial_number)
Returns whether SDK has sensor with serial number.
```

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```
SensorError cepton_sdk::api::get_sensor_information_by_serial_number (uint64_t serial_number, SensorInformation & info)
```

Returns sensor information by serial number.

Returns error if sensor not found.

# 7.9 Utilities

Utility functions and classes for prototyping (cepton\_sdk\_util.hpp).

# **7.9.1 Common**

```
int64_t cepton_sdk::util::get_timestamp_usec()
    Returns current unix timestamp [microseconds].
```

This is the timestamp format used by all sdk functions.

# **7.9.2 Points**

# struct SensorPoint

3d point class.

Can't subclass from SensorImagePoint, needs to be POD.

# **Public Members**

```
int64_t timestamp
Unix time [microseconds].

float image_x
x image coordinate.

float distance
Distance [meters].

float image_z
z image coordinate.

float intensity
Diffuse reflectance.

CeptonSensorReturnType return_type
Strongest or farthest return.

uint8_t flags
Bit flags.
uint8_t valid
```

If false, then the distance and intensity are invalid.

```
uint8 t saturated
          If true, then the intensity is invalid. Also, the distance is valid, but inaccurate.
     union cepton_sdk::util::SensorPoint::[anonymous] [anonymous]
     float x
          x cartesian coordinate
     float y
          y cartesian coordinate
     float z
          z cartesian coordinate
void cepton_sdk::util::convert_sensor_image_point_to_point (const
                                                                                       SensorImage-
                                                                                      &image_point,
                                                                             SensorPoint &point)
     Convenience
                       method
                                             convert
                                                           cepton_sdk::SensorImagePoint
                                                                                                       to
     cepton_sdk::SensorPoint.
7.9.3 Callbacks
template<typename ...TArgs>
class Callback
     Expands SDK callback functionality.
     Allows for multiple callbacks to be registered. Allows for registering lambdas and member functions. See
     samples/basic.cpp.
     Public Functions
     void clear()
          Clear all listeners.
     SensorError listen (const std::function<void) TArgs...
          > & func, uint64_t *const id = nullptrRegister std::function.
          Parameters
                • func: Callback function.
                • id: Identifier used for unlisten.
     template<typename TClass>
     SensorError listen (TClass *const instance, MemberFunction<TClass, TArgs...> func, uint64_t
                           *const id = nullptr)
          Register instance member function.
          Parameters
                • instance: Parent class instance pointer.
                • func: Callback function pointer.
                • id: Identifier used for unlisten.
     SensorError unlisten (uint64_t id)
```

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Unregister function.

#### **Parameters**

• id: Identifier returned by listen.

```
void operator() (TArgs... args) const
```

Emit callback.

Calls all registered functions with args.

#### **Public Static Functions**

```
static void global_on_callback (TArgs... args, void *const instance)
Used for registering as c callback.
```

# 7.9.4 Frames

template<typename **TData** = bool>

**class FrameDetector**: **public** cepton\_sdk::util::internal::FrameDetectorBase<*TData*> Detects frames in streaming sensor data.

Result::type

• Sora: 0=left-right, 1=right-left

• HR80: 0=left-right, 1=right-left

· Vista: undefined

#### **Public Functions**

```
FrameDetector (const SensorInformation & sensor_info)
```

FrameDetector class constructor passing in SensorInformation.

```
const FrameOptions &get_options() const
```

Returns frame options for *FrameDetector*.

```
SensorError set_options (const FrameOptions & options)
```

Set frame options.

```
void reset()
```

Completely resets detector.

Only use if also clearing points accumulator.

bool update (const SensorImagePoint &point, const TData &data = TData())

Returns true if frame found.

Automatically resets after frame is found.

#### class FrameAccumulator

Accumulates image points, and emits frames to callback.

See samples/frame.cpp.

# **Public Functions**

```
FrameAccumulator (const SensorInformation & sensor_info)
```

FrameAccumulator class constructor passing in SensorInformation.

# FrameOptions get\_options() const

Return frame options for FrameAccumulator.

```
SensorError set_options (const FrameOptions & options)
```

Set options for FrameAccumulator.

```
void clear()
```

void add\_points (std::size\_t n\_points, const SensorImagePoint \*const image\_points)

#### **Public Members**

Callback<std::size\_t, const SensorImagePoint \*> callback
Frames callback.

# 7.9.5 Organizer

### struct OrganizedCloud

The OrganizedCloud struct An organized version of the cepton point cloud.

#### **Public Functions**

```
int getIndex (int row, int col, int n_return)
```

getIndex Returns the index of the point corresponding to the inputed row, col and return number.

# Return

#### **Parameters**

- [in] row: Row index
- [in] col: Col index
- [in] n return: Return index

# **Public Members**

#### int64\_t timestamp\_start

timestamp\_start The time of the oldest point in the cloud

# int64\_t timestamp\_end

timestamp\_end The time of the newest point in the cloud

# int height

height Height of the cloud. Represents how many rows there are in the cloud

#### int width

width Width of the cloud. Represents how many columns there are in the cloud

# int n\_returns

n\_returns Number of return represented by the cloud.

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#### std::vector<*CellInfo*> info cells

info\_cells Vector of cell info which provide information about the matching points

# std::vector<CeptonSensorImagePoint> points

points Vector of organized points. Stored in Return, Row, Col order. So to get a point at row 10, col 15, return 1 would be points[(row \* width

• col) n returns + return

#### struct CellInfo

The CellInfo struct.

#### **Public Members**

#### bool occupied\_cell = false

occupied\_cell Is the cell at this index occupied with a point. If false can't assume this represents free space.

#### int original\_index = -1

original\_index Index of the point that was used to generate the organized point. Can be used to match back with orginial data if required. Should only be use if occupied\_cell is true.

#### class Organizer

The *Organizer* class Performs organization on cepton unorganized points. Creates an angular grid, places each point within that grid and outputs a point for each location in the grid in a row/col format. Thread safe. Defaults to a 0.4deg spaced grid.

# **Public Types**

#### enum OrganizerMode

Values:

# RECENT

Output the most recent point from the frame that fell within the grid

#### CENTER

Output the center of the grid. Uses median point distance.

#### **Public Functions**

```
Organizer (cepton_sdk::SensorInformation sensor_info)
```

Organizer.

#### **Parameters**

• sensor\_info: Sensor info for organizer. Used to set min/max angles

```
void organize_points (const int num_points_in, const int n_returns, const CeptonSensorIm-agePoint *const unorganized_points, cepton_sdk::util::OrganizedCloud &organized_points)
```

organize\_points

#### **Parameters**

• [in] num\_points\_in: Number of unorganized points

```
• [in] n_returns: Number of returns
```

- [in] unorganized\_points: Unorganized points to proces
- [out] organized\_points: Points in organized form

```
void mode (OrganizerMode mode)
```

mode

#### **Parameters**

• mode: Change the mode of the organizer. [RECENT] Points are the most recent which fill within the grid. [CENTER] Points outputted are at the center of the grid. More even spacing but less accurate.

# void binSize (float bin\_size)

binSize Change the bin size of the organizer

#### **Parameters**

• bin\_size: The horizontal and vertical bin size to set. In radians

```
void settings (OrganizerSettings organizer_settings) settings
```

#### **Parameters**

• organizer\_settings: Change organizer settings

```
OrganizerSettings settings() settings
```

**Return** The settings the organizer is using

# struct OrganizerSettings

#### **Public Members**

```
float horizontal_range_radians = to_radians(70.f)
float vertical_range_radians = to_radians(30.f)
float horizontal_bin_size_radians = to_radians(0.4f)
float vertical_bin_size_radians = to_radians(0.4f)

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