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Mightex Buffered USB CCD Camera User Manual

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Relevant Products

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INTRODUCTION

Mightex USB 2.0 Buffer CCD camera is designed for low cost machine vision applications. With high speed USB 2.0 interface and powerful PC camera engine, the camera delivers image data at high frame rate. GUI demonstration application and SDK are provided for user's application developments.

PC Requirement

Mightex USB Camera is using USB 2.0 for data collection, USB 2.0 hardware MUST be present on user's PC and Mightex device driver MUST be installed properly before using Mightex demonstration application OR developing application with Mightex SDK.

The minimum requirements for PC are:

Processor: Pentium III, 900M

OS: Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista **RAM:** 256M (512M or greater recommended) **Hard Disk Space:** 40M for software installation.

USB 2.0 Host Controller: Present.

As the camera draws ~360mA from USB port, user should use AC powered PC and self powered USB Hub (if connected) to connect with the camera.

Camera Modules:

Please refer to the following table for camera modules and their main features:

Module	Max	Color/Mono	Shutter	Exposure	Bit	Enclosure	GPIO	Buffer **	Trigger
	Resolution			Time (ms)				(frames)	In /Strobe
									out
CCN-B013-U	1392x1040	Mono(1/2")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	None	4	8	Yes
CCE-B013-U	1392x1040	Mono(1/2")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	8	Yes
CGN-B013-U	1280x960	Mono(1/3")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	None	4	24	Yes
CGE-B013-U	1280x960	Mono(1/3")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	24	Yes
CXE-B013-U	1392x1040	Mono(2/3")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	8	Yes
CXE-C013-U	1392x1040	Color(2/3")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	8	Yes
CCN-C013-U	1392x1040	Color(1/2")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	None	4	8	Yes
CCE-C013-U	1392x1040	Color(1/2")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	8	Yes
CGN-C013-U	1280x960	Color(1/3")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	None	4	24	Yes
CGE-C013-U	1280x960	Color(1/3")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	24	Yes
CCN-B020-U	1616x1232	Mono(1/1.8")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	None	4	8	Yes
CCE-B020-U	1616x1232	Mono(1/1.8")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	8	Yes
CCN-C020-U	1616x1232	Color(1/1.8")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	None	4	8	Yes
CCE-C020-U	1616x1232	Color(1/1.8")	Global	0.05-200,000	8/12	Yes	4	8	Yes

^{*. &}quot;-U" modules are with C mount interface, it's actually with CS mount interface plus a CS-C adapter.

Mightex might provide "-US" modules and an additional CS-C adapter as the "-U" cameras, functionally, "-US" module plus a CS-C adapter is the equivalent to "-U" module.

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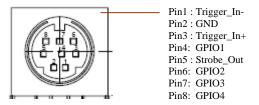
^{**.} Buffer means the camera built-in frame buffer, the value shown is frame buffer under maximum resolution at 8bit, at higher bit (e.g. 12bit), the maximum buffer is less.

Camera Hardware

Mightex USB CCD camera is with two connectors, one is the standard USB 2.0 Type B connector, and the other one is an 8 pin Din connector as following:

*. CCN, CCE, CXN and CXE Modules:

(The following figure is the receptacle of the 8pin connector on the camera module)



Please pay attention that the pin layout above is for the receptacle on the module, the Din 8 connector has the reversed pin layout.

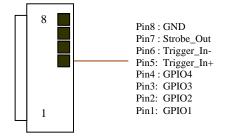
The 8pin cable provided by Mightex has the following color mark for each pin: (**Note:** This 8pin trigger cable is not included in the "standard' package and needs to be purchased separately)

Pin	Signal Description Color			
Pin1	Trigger_In-	BLACK		
Pin2	GND	DEEP BROWN		
Pin3	Trigger_In+	RED		
Pin4	GPIO1	LIGHT BROWN		
Pin5	Strobe Out	YELLOW		
Pin6	GPIO2	GREEN		
Pin7	GPIO3	BLUE		
Pin8	GPIO4	PURPLE		

*.CGN, CGE Modules

Mightex CGN and CGE CCD camera come with two connectors, one is the standard USB 2.0 Type B mini connector, and the other one is a 8 pin connector as following:

(The following figure is the receptacle of the 8pin connector on the camera module)



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The 8pin cable provided by Mightex has the following color mark for each pin: (**Note:** This 8pin trigger cable is not included in the "standard' package and needs to be purchased separately)

Pin	Signal Description	Color(Long Cable)		
Pin1	GPIO1	RED		
Pin2	GPIO2	BLACK		
Pin3	GPIO3	YELLOW		
Pin4	GPIO4	BROWN		
Pin5	Trigger_In+	GREEN		
Pin6	Trigger_In-	BLUE		
Pin7	Strobe_Out	PURPLE		
Pin8	GND	GRAY		

Signal Description:

Trigger In

The Trigger In signal is used for Synchronization of the frame grabbing with external event. There is one on camera, a high speed optocoupler (HCPL0600) for signal isolation.

The Trigger In Signal is a LVTTL signal, the positive edge of the Trigger In signal will assert an effective "External Trigger" which starts a frame grabbing when camera is in "TRIGGER" mode.

Timing Specification:

Timing	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Time
Trigger Pulse Width	100*			us
Trigger Delay			25**	us

^{*.} Pulse Width should be more than 100us at full CCD clock (e.g. 28MHz for CCX), for CCD running at lower clock, the width should be longer (proportionally to the clock, e.g. 200us for 14MHz for CCX)

Strobe Out

The Strobe Out Signal is used to indicate the exposure period of the sensor, so it might be used to synchronize an external lighting source. It's a positive pulse synchronized with the exposure period. The Signal is a LVTTL signal.

GPIO

4 GPIO pins are provided, each GPIO pin provides LVTTL level and 8mA source/sink current while it's configured as output, it can also be configured as Input pin.

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^{**.} Trigger Delay is defined as latency between the assertion of the trigger in signal to sensor starts to expose. It's related to the current frequency of CCD sensor, 25us is the maximum trigger delay at maximum CCD clock (e.g. 28MHz for CCX camera or 32MHz for CGX camera), for lower frequency, the trigger delay is longer (proportionally).

Files on CD

The CD contains the following directories:

\Application \Driver \SDK \Documents \DirectShow \TWAIN

Application sub-directory includes the following files:

- BUFCCDCameraApp.exe the Executable file for operating Mightex Line camera.
- BUF_USBCCDCamera_SDK.dll the DLL used by EXE file
- BufferCameraUsbLib.dll low level DLL used by BUF_USBCCDCamera_SDK.dll internally.

Driver includes sub-dir for different window versions, each has the following files:

- MtUsbBufferCCDCamera.inf the INF file for driver installation
- Mtbufccdusb.cat the signing file
- MtBufCCDUsb.sys the device driver for Mightex Buffer USB Camera.

Documents sub-directory includes User manual and other Guides.

SDK includes the following sub-directories and files:

\LIB directory:

- BUF_USBCCDCamera_SDK.h --- Header files for all data prototypes and dll export functions.
- BUF_USBCCDCamera_SDK.dll --- DLL file exports functions.
- BUF_USBCCDCamera_SDK.lib --- Import lib file, user may use it for VC++ development.
- BufferCameraUsbLib.dll --- DLL file used by "MT_USBCCDCamera_SDK.dll".

\Documents directory:

MighTex Buffer USB Camera SDK Manual.pdf

\Examples directory

\Delphi --- Delphi 5.0 project example.

 $\VC++$ --- VC++ 6.0 project example.

\VB_Application --- VB6 example, it uses stdcall Dll for VB developers.

\Csharp_Applicatoin --- C# example code, it uses stdcall dll too.

TWAIN and DIRECTSHOW directories: TWAIN and DirectShow Drivers for Mightex Buffer CCD camera.

Note: The Buffer CCD camera is developed mainly for user's integration with their own systems, we expect user to use SDK to operate the camera. The Mightex application in CD ROM is only an example for using the camera, so it only shows ways of setting basic attributes of cameras.

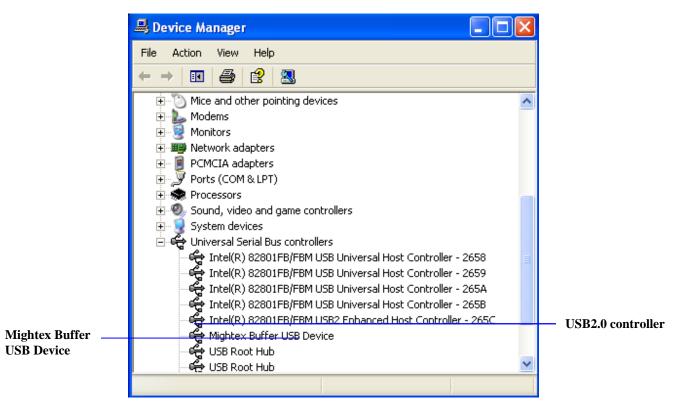
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Software Installation

Note: Please follow the steps for installing the Mightex device from page 8 to page 9 if you see the message "Found New Hardware" upon plugging the device to your PC, and you are using Windows 2003/ XP. If you do not see the "Found New Hardware" message upon plugging in your device to your PC and you are using Windows 7 or Vista, please follow the pages 10-11.

Driver Installation

Mightex Buffer USB CCD Camera uses high speed USB2.0 port (480M) for data collection, USB 2.0 Enhanced Host controller MUST be present on host PC, user may check this by going to "Control Panel | System | Hardware | Device Manager | Universal Serial Bus Controllers", and the "USB Enhanced Host Controller" or "USB2 Enhanced Host Controller" should be present as following:



Windows Device Manager

On a PC with USB Enhanced Host Controller (USB2.0 hardware), user can plug the camera into one of its available USB2.0 port. For the first time, Windows will prompt with "Found New Hardware" as following:



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Please follow these steps in order to install the driver for your C series Mightex camera:

- 1. Please plug in your Mightex device to your PC. A message should pop up that says "Found New Hardware".
- Immediately you will see another window pop up that says "Welcome to the Found New Hardware Device" as shown below

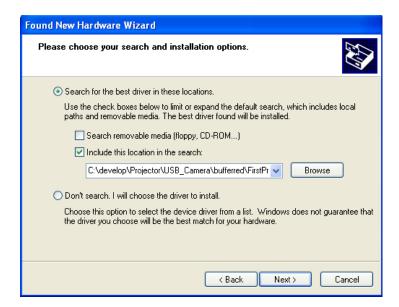


- 3. Please check "No, not this time", and click next
- 4. When you see the following window, please click on "Install from a list or specific location". Please note that prior to clicking on ""Install from a list or specific location" you should have your CD ready in the PC, and in case you don't have the CD you can always go to our website at www.mightex.com and download the software package from the download page of the device (on the search box, just type in the serial number of the device that you will find on the back side of the camera, and clicking on it will take you to the device page)



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5. When you see the following window, first select "Include this location in the search" and Browse for the location of the driver. While you are browsing please click on the driver folder, and then click on "Next".



6. When you see the following window, please click on "Continue Anyway".



7. You will see the following showing the Mightex camera has been successfully installed

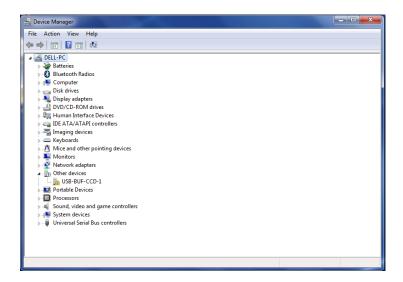


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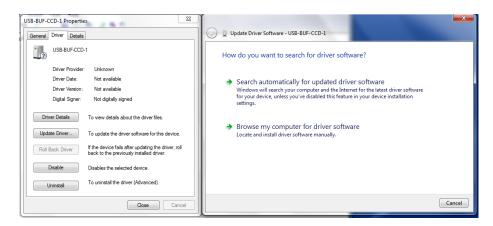
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Please follow the below steps if Windows Vista/7/10 is unable to automatically install the drivers

1. Go to the search box and type "Device Manager". You can also find the "Device Manager" in the Control Panel. After clicking on "Device Manager", the Mightex camera will be located under "Other devices" if the driver is not yet installed, as shown in the below image.



2. Double-click on the device that appears under "Other devices". Go to the "Driver" tab and click on "Update Driver..." as shown below.



3. Please click on the option "Browse my computer for driver software", which will bring up the following screen (below image taken on a 64-bit computer).

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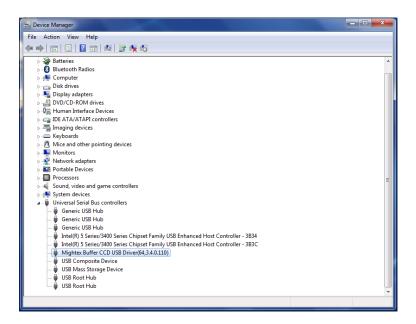


- 4. Browse to the folder location in the software package (downloaded from www.mightex.com or included with the camera package) for your specific Windows version and type (32-bit or 64-bit), and click on the "Next" button.
- 5. Windows will prompt you to install the driver, as shown below.



6. After installing the driver, you will find the camera listed under the "Universal Serial Bus controllers" in "Device Manager", as shown below (64-bit computer).

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Application Installation

User can simply copy all the files under the \Application sub-directory of the CD into a target directory of your local disk.

Note that the \Application sub-directory (and all its files) copied from CDROM might be with "Read-Only" attribute, user should remove the "Read-Only" attribute for this directory, user can do this on the property dialog, which shows up by right clicking the sub-directory, choose "property".

- After you click on the application file, you will see "Device Selection" window pop up
- Click OK in the device selection box. Now you will see the application ready for use.

Application Un-Installation

User may simply delete the whole directory to un-install the software package.

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Software Operation

After proper installation of the device driver and the application, user can simply run the application (EXE file) from your installed directory.

Important: For Windows Vista/7 users, two important notes:

- 1). User should run the application "Run as Administrator", user can click the right button on the application (EXE file), and choose "Run as Administrator" on its popup menu.
- 2). When user wants to grab image files and save to disk, user should NOT use the root path (e.g. C:\) or system path(e.g. C:\Windows)

The application will search all the Mightex Buffer USB CCD Cameras currently attached to the USB bus of your PC, and list them in the "Device Selection" dialog:



Note that the format of the each module is in "ModuleNo: SerialNo", in the above example, there is only one camera attached to the USB in this example. Note that the camera engine allows different type of camera to be attached, up to 8 cameras can be supported by the camera engine, however, if there're more than ONE camera is added in the working set, these cameras have to share the USB2.0 data bandwidth, this means that the frame rate will be decreased while there're more than one cameras in working set.

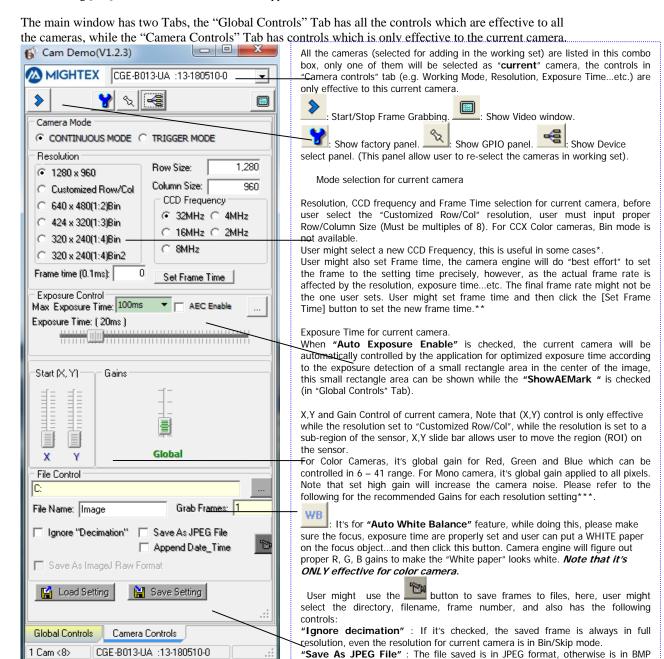
User should choose the camera he wants to operate by checking the checkbox and click [OK].

IMPORTANT: Only the checked cameras will be put in the "working set" of the camera engine. While when more than one camera are selected, the camera engine will grab frames from them simultaneously, however, with the limit of the PC and USB bandwidth, the frame rate will be reduced in this case.

The 8/12bit selection is only allowed for certain types of cameras.

Note: 8 or 12 bits selection is for Mightex Camera Engine, which is a global function to all the selected cameras, for 12bit camera engine, it grabs frames from camera with 12bit Pixels, in this case, if user chooses "Bitmap Image" in the "Grab Frame Type" option, the camera engine will only use the 8 MSB of the 12bit. If user chooses "Raw Data", the camera engine will return 12bit pixels for user to save it to files.

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The status bar here show how many cameras in working set, and whether the current camera engine is selected as 8 or 12 bits. It also shows which camera is selected as "current" camera, note that all the camera settings in "Camera Controls" tab is "local" to this camera only, while user selects another camera, all these settings are switched to the settings of the new selected

These two buttons are used for user to save/load the settings (of current camera) to/from a ".set" file. User might save all the current settings (e.g. after

"Auto White Balance") to a file...and later load it from the file.

Note that here we assume the "Grab Frame Type" in "Global Controls" is set as "Bitmap Image", if it's "Raw Data", these two checkboxes are disabled, as the saved file is always in RAW data format under the current resolution/decimation setting.

"Append Date_Time": When it's checked, a string of "YYMMDD_HHMMSS" is

attached to the File Name for each frame file.

Note:

*. CCD Frequency:

In most cases, CCD is working at default frequency (e.g. for CCX camera, it's 28MHz), however, user might want to set it to a lower frequency in some cases. For example, if user wants to get better frame rate at a certain exposure time, it might be needed to set CCD Frequency lower. As the CCD sensor's output frame is very related to its frame time and current exposure time, take CCX camera as an example, at 1392x1040@28MHz, the frame time is ~68ms, while ET is less than the frame time (68ms); the frame rate is 15fps. However, if the ET is longer than frame time, the frame rate downs to 5fps (Due to the hardware/firmware design). User might set CCD Frequency to 14MHz in this case, so the frame time is ~136ms at the same resolution, and the frame rate is (15/2) = 7.5fps while ET is less than 136ms.

**. Frame Time:

By default, the frame time is set to minimum internally to make the camera generate maximum frame rate under current resolution at setting exposure time. For example, for CCX-B013-U camera, at 1392x1040 resolution, the frame rate is 15fps @ET<68ms, user might set frame time to 100ms, so the frame rate will be set to 10fps precisely. User can't get frame rate more than 15fps even with the frame time set to less than 68ms as 15fps is the physical output rate of the CCD sensor at this resolution. Similarly if the ET is longer than 100ms, in the above example, set frame time to shorter than 100ms won't generate 10fps rate. So setting frame time works in a "best effort" way.

***. Gains:

- 1). For setting proper exposure for an image, it's recommended to adjust exposure time prior to the gain, as setting high gain will increase the noise (Gain is similar to the ISO settings on consumer camera). For applications which the SNR is important, it's recommended to set Gain not more than 16dB.
- 2). For CCX modules, although the minimum Gain is 6dB, user might has to set it to 14dB when the camera is not in BIN mode, with the current hardware/firmware design, the CCD output (Sony ICX205) is only up to 0.45V as its saturation voltage, even with 6dB gain (2x), it's ~0.9V signal, while the CCD processor is with a 2V reference ADC, only set the Gain to 14dB will let the ADC generate full range data. However, we leave this feasibility to users as in some cases user might still want to set Gain to 6dB to get optimized SNR (rather than the ADC range). In most of the applications, the Minimum Gain recommended for CCX-B013-U is as following:

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No Bin mode (Bin = 0, or Bin = 0x83), gain = 14 (dB)
1:2 Bin mode (Bin = 1), Gain = 8 (dB)
1:3 Bin mode (Bin = 2), Gain = 6 (dB)
1:4 Bin mode (Bin = 3), Gain = 6 (dB)
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3). For **CXX** modules, although the minimum gain is 6dB, user might has to set it to 9dB. When the camera is NOT in BIN mode, with the current hardware/firmware design, the CCD output (Sony ICX285) is only up to \sim 0.8V as its saturation voltage, even with 6dB gain (2x), it's \sim 1.6V signal. While the CCD processor is with a 2V reference ADC, only setting the Gain to 9dB will let the ADC generate full range data. However, we leave this feasibility to users as in some cases, user might still want to set Gain to 6dB to get optimized SNR (rather than the ADC range). In most of the applications, the Minimum Gain recommended for CXX-B013-U is as following:

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No Bin mode (Bin = 0, or Bin = 0x83), Gain = 9 (dB)
1:2 Bin mode (Bin = 1), Gain = 6 (dB)
1:3 Bin mode (Bin = 2), Gain = 6 (dB)
1:4 Bin mode (Bin = 3), Gain = 6 (dB)
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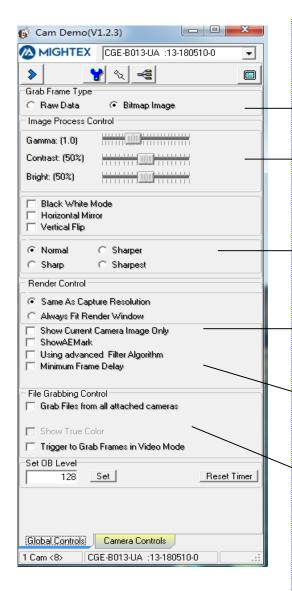
4). For **CGX** modules, although the minimum gain is 6dB, user might have to set it to 15dB when the camera is notin BIN mode. With the current hardware/firmware design, the CCD output (Sony ICX445) is only up to 0.38V as its saturation voltage, even with 6dB gain (2x), it's ~0.76V signal. While the CCD processor is with a 2V reference ADC, only setting the Gain to 15dB will let the ADC generate full range data. Here, we leave this feasibility to users, as in some cases, user might still want to set Gain to 6dB to get optimized SNR (rather than the ADC range). In most of the applications, the Minimum Gain recommended for CGX-B013-U/CGX-C013-U is as following:

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No Bin mode (Bin = 0), Gain = 15 (dB)
1:2 Bin mode (Bin = 0x81), Gain = 8 (dB)
1:3 Bin mode (Bin = 0x82), Gain = 6 (dB)
1:4 Bin mode (Bin = 0x83), Gain = 6 (dB)
1:4 Bin mode (Bin = 0x03), Gain = 6 (dB)
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****. Resolution:

For some modals, they have "1:4 Bin mode2" instead of "1:4 Skip mode". This mode is slightly different from "1:4 Bin mode". For Bin mode, the pixel is the sum of the bin area (e.g. for 1:2 bin, the pixel value is the sum of the 2x2 area, which is actually 4 pixels, it's Row Bin and Column Bin). For Bin mode2, it's sum of the first column pixel of the rows of the bin area, thus it's sum of 2 pixels for a 2x2 area (in 1:2 bin mode), so it's Row Bin and Column Skip.

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Frame Data Format for all cameras. While it's set as "Bitmap Image", the image data from camera engine (and thus shown on video window and might be saved to files) are always 8bit no matter the camera bit selection is 8 or 12 bit. While it's set as "Raw Data", there's no video will be shown on video window, however, the data saved to file will be according to the camera bit selection, it might be 8 or 12 raw data.

Global Gamma, Contrast and Brightness control for BMP image of all cameras. These parameters are used in camera engine while converting the Raw image data to bitmap image.

Global control for images display attributes for all camera, user might click the check boxes to Horizontally mirror or Vertically Flip the image. User might also select the Sharp algorithm to be disable/sharp/sharper/sharpest.

Set the show style of the video window, while "Same As Capture Resolution" show the image in 1:1 style, the "Always Fit Render Window" will stretch the image to fit the current video window size. (This needs much more PC resources, and thus will affect the final frame rate).

"Show Current Camera Image Only": while it's checked, the camera rengine will only grab and show frame from the current camera, otherwise, camera engine will grab and show frames from all selected cameras.

"ShowAEMark" : This is for controlling of appearance of the "Automatic Exposure Control" detection area mark.

These are two special features for frame grabbing, when the "Grab Files From all attached cameras" is checked, the application will take the

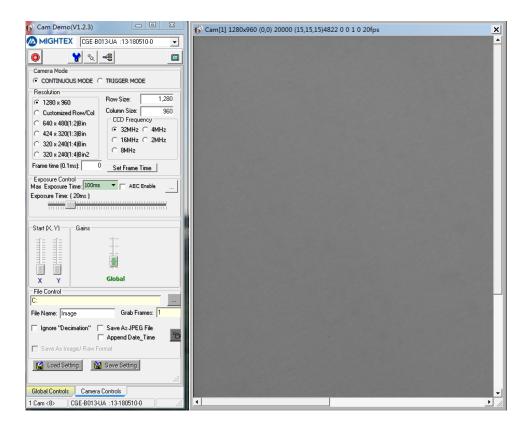
"Frame Grabbing" (click of button of the current camera) as global action, that is, clicking this button for current camera will be equivalent to clicking this button for each camera (one by one) in working set. Before doing that, user might need to set proper File grabbing parameters for each camera in its own "Camera Controls" tab.

"Trigger To Grab Frames in Video Mode" is used in CONTINUOUS mode only, while it's checked, an external trigger signal on the current camera is

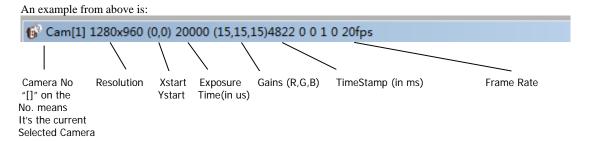
the equivalent to the click of button.

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There's a video window for each camera in working set, user can use the "Show Current Camera Image Only" to control showing of the current camera's video window only OR showing of all video windows. One example is as following (in this case, there're two cameras in working set, and their video windows are all shown):



The title of the video window has the following format: Camera No Resolution (Bin Mode) (X,Y) ExposureTime (Rgain, Ggain, Bgain) TimeStamp FrameRate.



*.Note: for color camera, the R and B in Gains () contains the actual Gain Ratio of the Red and Blue pixels.

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There are some other windows as following:

The button is for operation of GPIO of the current camera.



On this dialog, user can configure the 4 pins as output or input, for output pins, checking the "Outx" box will set the pin to HIGH. For input pins, the "Inx" check box is checked while the input is HIGH. The [Auto Test] and [Simulate Trig] buttons are for service only.

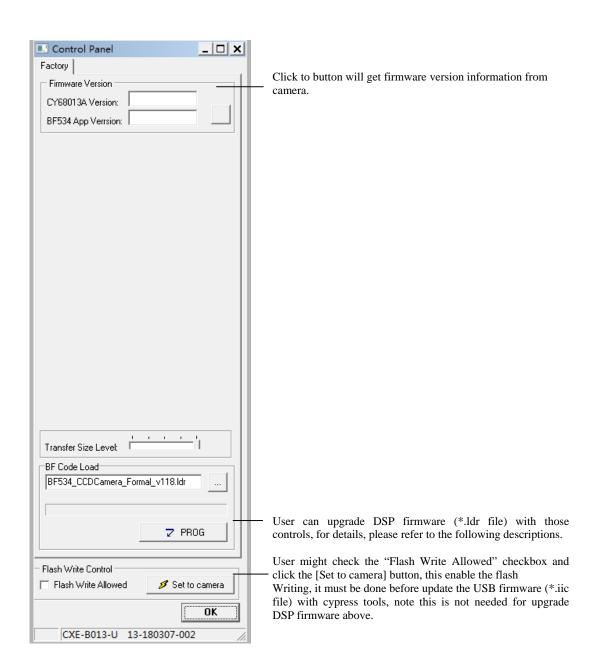
The button allow user to re-select cameras in working set. Note that while doing this, the application will stop the camera engine first....and then allow user to select cameras again, the device selection window will show up (the same window showing up while starting the application) and user can check the camera if he wants to add it in working set, otherwise, leave it unchecked.



Note that this is similar to re-start of the application.

The button is used for show the factory control dialog; user might use it for firmware version query and firmware upgrade.

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For DSP firmware upgrading, user should go this dialog, and then use

*.ldr

to select the new firmware (*.ldr file), And user can click button to start the downloading.

After downloading is successfully, user should power cycle the camera (simply plug Out/In the camera from the USB port), this will activate the new DSP firmware.

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