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# Tausand AB1000 Matlab library example: Multiple Read Example

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Reads continuously and saves data from a Tausand Abacus coincidence counter. Uses functions in the Tausand\_AB1000\_MatlabLibrary. Handles errors and retry readings and connections when lost. To be used in Matlab's command window.

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## Constants to be defined by user

Change this parameter to set how many samples to read:

```
samples_to_read = 10;
```

Change this parameter to set your sampling time. 1000=1s:

```
my_sampling_time_ms = 1000;
```

Change this port to the adequate one:

```
my_port = 'COM23';
```

Define the desired channels to be read. Example:

```
channels_to_read = ["A", "B", "C", "AB", "AC", "multiple_1"];
```

where string "multiple\_1" corresponds to a multi-fold measurement, to be configured, e.g. 'ABC'

## Establish a connection

```
disp("*****");  
disp("MATLAB multiple read example");  
disp("*****");  
disp("1. Establish a connection");
```

```
my_abacus = openAbacus(my_port)
```

```
device_idn = idnQuery(my_abacus);
disp(['Device IDN: ',device_idn]);

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1. Establish a connection

Serial Port Object : Serial-COM23 AB1504

Communication Settings
Port:                COM23
BaudRate:            115200
Terminator:          'LF'

Communication State
Status:              open
RecordStatus:        off

Read/Write State
TransferStatus:      idle
BytesAvailable:      0
ValuesReceived:      21
ValuesSent:          7

Device IDN: Tausand Abacus AB1504
```

## Write and read new settings

```
disp("*****");
disp("2. Write and read new settings");

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2. Write and read new settings

Write settings, using configureByName function:

disp(['Setting sampling time to
',num2str(my_sampling_time_ms),'ms.']);
configureByName(my_abacus,"sampling",my_sampling_time_ms);

Setting sampling time to 1000ms.
```

Several configurations may be applied with a single command line:

```
disp('Configuring coincidence window to 50ns. ');
disp('Configuring delay in channels A, B to 0 and 10ns. ');
disp('Configuring sleep in channels A and B to 20ns. ');
configureByName(my_abacus,...
    ["coincidence_window","delay_A","delay_B","sleep_A","sleep_B"],...
    [50,0,10,20,20]);
%this sets: coincidence_window=50ns, delay_A=0ns, delay_B=10ns,
%sleep_A=0ns, sleep_B=20ns.
```

*Configuring coincidence window to 50ns.  
Configuring delay in channels A, B to 0 and 10ns.  
Configuring sleep in channels A and B to 20ns.*

Configure multiple coincidence counter

```
disp("Configuring multi-fold coincidences to 3-fold ABC.");  
configureMultipleCoincidence(my_abacus, "ABC");
```

*Configuring multi-fold coincidences to 3-fold ABC.*

Upgrade 'TAUSAND:timeout' warning to an error, to catch them.

```
my_warn = warning('error', 'TAUSAND:timeout');
```

Read current settings

```
max_try=5;  
for attempt=1:max_try  
    try  
        [setting_values,setting_labels]=queryAllSettings(my_abacus);  
        current_settings=[setting_labels,setting_values];  
        disp('Current settings are:');  
        disp([setting_labels,setting_values]);  
        break;  
    catch ME  
        switch ME.identifier  
            case {'TAUSAND:unexpectedReadByte',...  
                 'TAUSAND:checksumFailed','TAUSAND:timeout'}  
                %ignore these errors, just retry.  
            case 'MATLAB:serial:fwrite:opfailed'  
                %if connection is lost, maybe device has been  
                %disconnected  
                closeAbacus(my_abacus)  
                try  
                    openAbacus(my_abacus)  
                catch  
                    %ignore error  
                end  
            otherwise  
                warning('Unexpected error. Device connection closed.')  
                closeAbacus(my_abacus)  
                rethrow(ME)  
        end  
    end  
end  
warning(my_warn.state, 'TAUSAND:timeout'); % Restore this warning back  
to their previous (non-error) state  
if (attempt == max_try)  
    error('TAUSAND:timeout',['Communication error after  
,int2str(max_try), ' attempts']);  
end
```

*Current settings are:*

*"sampling" "1000"*

```
"coincidence_window"    "50"  
"delay_A"               "0"  
"delay_B"               "10"  
"delay_C"               "0"  
"delay_D"               "0"  
"sleep_A"               "20"  
"sleep_B"               "20"  
"sleep_C"               "0"  
"sleep_D"               "0"  
"config_multiple_1"     "224"
```

## Create plaintext file

```
disp("*****");  
disp("3. Create file");  
date_time_string = string(datetime,'yyyy-MM-dd_HH:mm:ss');  
file_name =  
    strcat('data_multipleReadExample_',date_time_string,'.txt');  
  
*****  
3. Create file  
  
Create file,  
  
myfile = fopen(file_name, 'a'); %create file in append mode  
disp(strcat("File ",file_name," has been created"));  
  
File data_multipleReadExample_2021-03-16_172336.txt has been created  
  
and write file headers,  
  
fwrite(myfile,['multipleReadExample',newline]);  
fwrite(myfile,['-----',newline]);  
fwrite(myfile,['Begin time: ',char(date_time_string),newline]);  
fwrite(myfile,['Device IDN: ',device_idn,newline]);  
fwrite(myfile,['Serial port: ',my_abacus.port,newline]);  
fwrite(myfile,['Settings: ',newline]);  
fprintf(myfile,'%s\t%s\n',[setting_labels,num2str(setting_values)]);  
fwrite(myfile,[newline,newline]);
```

## Multiple read using function waitAndGetValues

```
disp("*****");  
disp('4. Multiple read using waitAndGetValues function begins');  
tMultipleReadExample = tic;  
for sample=1:samples_to_read  
    try  
        if sample == 1  
            %get column header and data  
            [my_data,my_headers] =  
waitAndGetValues(my_abacus,channels_to_read);  
            column_headers = ["PC_time",my_headers'];  
            fprintf('\t%s',column_headers); %print in command window
```

```
fprintf('\n');
fprintf(myfile,'%s\t',column_headers); %print in file
fwrite(myfile,newline);
else
    my_data = waitAndGetValues(my_abacus,channels_to_read);
end
s=strcat(sprintf('%.3f',toc(tMultipleReadExample)),sprintf('\t
%d',my_data),string(newline));
fwrite(myfile,s);
t = [num2str(sample),'/',num2str(samples_to_read)];
fprintf('%s\t%s',t,s); %print data in command window
catch ME
    switch ME.identifier
        case {'TAUSAND:unexpectedReadByte',...
              'TAUSAND:checksumFailed','TAUSAND:timeout'}
            %ignore these errors, just continue.
        case 'MATLAB:serial:fwrite:opfailed'
            %if connection is lost, maybe device has been
            %disconnected
            closeAbacus(my_abacus)
            try
                openAbacus(my_abacus)
            catch
                %ignore error
            end
        otherwise
            warning('Unexpected error. Device connection closed.
File access closed.')
            fclose(myfile);
            closeAbacus(my_abacus)
            rethrow(ME)
        end
    end
end

*****
4. Multiple read using waitAndGetValues function begins
PC_time counters_ID counter_A counter_B counter_C counter_AB
counter_AC counter_multiple_1
1/10 0.857 62 3472 31251 31251 3472 3472 3472
2/10 2.034 63 3472 31251 31251 3472 3472 3472
3/10 2.935 64 3473 31250 31250 3473 3473 3473
4/10 3.908 65 3472 31251 31251 3472 3472 3472
5/10 4.909 66 3472 31251 31251 3472 3472 3472
6/10 5.903 67 3472 31250 31250 3472 3472 3472
7/10 6.966 68 3473 31251 31251 3473 3473 3473
8/10 7.906 69 3472 31251 31251 3472 3472 3472
9/10 8.946 70 3472 31250 31250 3472 3472 3472
10/10 9.968 71 3473 31251 31251 3473 3473 3473
```

## Close connection and close file

```
fclose(myfile);
```

```
disp(strcat("File ",file_name," has been closed.));  
closeAbacus(my_abacus)  
disp(strcat("Connection to device in port ",my_abacus.name," has been  
closed.));
```

*File data\_multipleReadExample\_2021-03-16\_172336.txt has been closed.  
Connection to device in port Serial-COM23 AB1504 has been closed.*

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