## VSG60 API

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## **Chapter 1**

# **VSG60 API Programming Manual**

This document is a reference for the VSG60 application programming interface (API). The API provides a set of functions for controlling the VSG60 signal generator.

## 1.1 Examples

All code examples are located in the examples/folder in the SDK.

## 1.2 Signal Generation

There are two main approaches to generating signals with the VSG60A:

- Basic Signal Generation
- Complex Signal Generation (Streaming)

## 1.3 Build/Version Notes

Versions are of the form major.minor.revision.

A **major** change signifies a significant change in functionality relating to one or more measurements, or the addition of significant functionality. Function prototypes have likely changed.

A **minor** change signifies additions that may improve existing functionality or fix major bugs but makes no changes that might affect existing user's measurements. Function prototypes can change but do not change existing parameters meanings.

A **revision** change signifies minor changes or bug fixes. Function prototypes will not change. Users should be able to update by simply replacing DLL.

Version 1.0.0 - Official release

## 1.4 Development Requirements

- · Windows development
  - Windows 10/11 (Recommended)
  - Windows 7/8 (Minimum)
  - Windows C/C++ development tools and environment.
    - \* API was compiled using VS2012 and VS2019.
      - · VS2012/VS2019 C++ redistributables are required.
  - Library files vsg\_api.h, vsg\_api.lib, and vsg\_api.dll.
- · Linux development
  - Ubuntu 18.04/20.04.
  - Compiled with system GCC compiler on Ubuntu 18.04.
  - Library files vsg\_api.h, vsg\_api.so
- · VSG60 device
- USB 3.0 connectivity provided through 4th generator or later Intel CPUs.
- Dual core Intel i5/i7 processor minimum.

## 1.5 I/Q Data and Output Power

Waveforms are provided to the API as I/Q samples. I/Q samples should be provided as contiguous interleaved real and imaginary pairs.

Example:  $[re_1, im_1, re_2, im_2, ..., re_N, im_N]$  would be an array of N I/Q samples, which would equal 2 \* N contiguous floating-point values.

Each {re, im} pair represents a single sample. Each real and imaginary value should be a 32-bit floating point value. I/Q samples are provided in full scale. An I/Q magnitude equal to 1.0 will transmit at the output level set by the user.

Magnitude of I/Q sample is calculated as  $sqrt(I^2 + Q^2)$ 

To measure the output power of a sample in dBm, use the formula:

Power of I/Q sample = Output power set in vsgSetLevel + 20 \* log<sub>10</sub> (magnitude of I/Q sample)

Internally I/Q samples are scaled to achieve the user-selected output power. The default scaling is 0.5 and increases/decreases around this value to digitally scale where the internal amplifier and attenuator cannot. The internal scale can be queried through the API. Because we use a base scale of 0.5, this means magnitudes greater than 1.0 can be tolerated. Clipping occurs when either I or Q value exceeds 1.0 post scaling. The scaling is performed as such.

Scaled I/Q = { real \* scaleFactor, imag \* scaleFactor }

If you have a waveform with amplitudes much greater than 1.0, it is recommended to query the scale to verify clipping won't occur or scale the entire waveform and adjust the output power to compensate.

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## 1.6 Thread Safety

The VSG60 API is not thread safe. A multi-threaded application is free to call the API from any number of threads if the function calls are synchronized (i.e. using a mutex). Not synchronizing your function calls will lead to undefined behavior.

## 1.7 Multiple Devices and Multiple Processes

The API can manage multiple devices within one process. In each process the API manages a list of open devices to prevent a process from opening a device more than once. You may open multiple devices by specifying the serial number of the device directly or allowing the API to discover them automatically.

If you wish to use the API in multiple processes, it is the user's responsibility to manage a list of devices to prevent the possibility of opening a device twice from two different processes. Two processes communicating to the same device will result in undefined behavior. One possible way to manage inter-process information is to use a named mutex on a Windows system.

If you wish to interface multiple devices on Linux, see Multiple Devices.

## 1.8 Status Codes and Error Handling

All functions return a VsgStatus error code. VsgStatus is an enumerated type representing the success of a given function call. The integer values associated with each status provides information about whether a function call succeeded or failed.

An integer value of zero indicates no error or warnings. Negative integer status values indicate errors and positive values represent warnings.

A descriptive string of each status type can be retrieved using the vsgGetErrorString function.

## 1.9 Functions

All functions other than initialization functions take a device handle as the first parameters. This integer is obtained after opening the device through either the vsgOpenDevice or vsgOpenDeviceBySerial function. This handle uniquely identifies the receiver for the duration of the application execution, or until vsgCloseDevice is called.

Each function returns an error code which can provide warnings or errors related to the execution of the function. There are many cases where you will need to monitor these codes to determine the success or failure of an operation. See a list of common error codes and their descriptions in the Appendix.

## 1.10 Linux Notes

#### 1.10.1 Throughput

By default, Linux applications cannot increase the priority of individual threads unless ran with elevated privilege (root). On Windows this issue does not exist, and the API will elevate the USB data acquisition threads to a higher priority to ensure USB data loss does not occur. On Linux, the user will need to run their application as root to ensure USB data acquisition is performed at a higher priority.

If this is not done, there is a higher risk of USB data loss.

In our testing, if little additional processing is occurring outside the API, 1 or 2 devices typically will not experience data loss due to this issue. Once the user application increases the processing load or starts performing I/O such as storing data to disk, the occurrence of USB data loss increases and the need to run the application as root increases.

## 1.10.2 Multiple Devices

There are limitations that apply when attempting to use multiple devices on Linux. The maximum amount of memory that can be allocated for USB transfers on Linux is 16MB. A single VSG60A can stay within this limitation, but two devices will exceed this limitation and can cause the API to crash when you do. The USB allocation limit can be changed by writing to the file

/sys/module/usbcore/parameters/usbfs\_memory\_mb

A good value would be N \* 16 where N = 16 is the number of devices you plan on interfacing.

One way to write to this file is with the command sudo sh -c 'echo 32 > /sys/module/usbcore/parameters/usbfs\_memory\_mb'

where 32 can be replaced with any value you wish.

## 1.11 Other Programming Languages

The VSG60 interface is C compatible which ensures it is possible to interface the API in most languages that can call C functions. These languages include C++, C#, Python, MATLAB, LabVIEW, Java, etc. Some examples of calling the VSG60 API in these other languages are included in the code examples folder.

The VSG60 API consists of several enumerated(enum) types, which are often used as parameters. These values can be treated as 32-bit integers when callings the API functions from other programming languages. You will need to match the enumerated values defined in the API header file.

## 1.12 Power Saving CPU Mode

Newer CPU models implement efficient power saving techniques that can interfere with and reduce USB bandwidth. If you are using one of these CPU models, you can experience issues with the VSG60 which might appear as data loss when inspecting the output of the VSG60.

We offer 2 potential solutions to this problem:

- 1) Enable the power saving CPU mode through the API. This has the effect of adding an artificial load to the API to keep the CPU from entering any low power CPU states that might affect the USB throughput. You will see an increase in CPU usage through this method.
- 2) Disable "C-States" in the BIOS of the PC. This prevents the OS from being able to put the CPU in these low power states which affect USB performance. This will increase power consumption of the PC which will affect battery life but will see lower CPU usage (since power saving CPU mode can be disabled).

The default state of this mode is disabled in the API.

PCs most affected are laptops and ultraportable devices running Windows 10.

## 1.13 Contact Information

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## **Chapter 2**

# **Theory of Operation**

There are two primary ways to generate waveforms with the VSG60 API:

- 1. **Basic** Provide a complete waveform which the API will output once or repeat until stopped. This is the simplest method for generation. These methods are ideal for fixed frequency output waveforms up to many seconds in length.
- 2. **Complex** Use the streaming functions which allow for long waveforms or complex sequences which might involve frequency hopping and level changes.

## 2.1 Opening a Device

Before any generation can occur, the device must be opened and initialized. Opening and initializing a device through the API is performed through the vsgOpenDevice or vsgOpenDeviceBySerial functions. These functions will perform the full initialization of the device and if successful, will return an integer handle which can be used to reference the device for the remainder of your program. See the list of all VSG60 devices connected to the PC via the vsgGetDeviceList function.

## 2.2 Basic Signal Generation

To output a static waveform, either once, or repeatedly, use basic signal generation.

#### 2.2.1 Example

For a list of all examples, please see the examples/folder in the SDK.

```
/*
 * This example illustrates generating a pulse signal at a specific freq and level.
 * This example is fully standalone.
 */
#include "vsg_api.h"
#include <cstdio>
#include <vector>
#include <Windows.h>
struct Cplx32f {
    float re, im;
};
void vsg_example_basic_generation_2()
{
    // Open device, get handle, check open result
```

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```
int handle;
VsgStatus status = vsgOpenDevice(&handle);
if (status < vsgNoError)</pre>
    printf("Error: %s\n", vsgGetErrorString(status));
    return;
// Configure generator
const double freq = 1.0e9; // Hz
const double sampleRate = 50.0e6; // samples per second
const double level = -10.0; // dBm
vsgSetFrequency(handle, freq);
vsgSetLevel(handle, level);
vsgSetSampleRate(handle, sampleRate);
// Create pulse with specific width and period, then continually loop the pulsed signal
const Cplx32f cplxOne = {1.0, 0.0}, cplxZero = {0.0, 0.0};
std::vector<Cplx32f> iq; // The I/Q waveform const double pulseWidth = 1.0e-6; // lus
const double pulsePeriod = 10.0e-6; // 10us
const int pulseOnSamples = pulseWidth * sampleRate;
const int pulseOffSamples = (pulsePeriod - pulseWidth) * sampleRate;
for(int i = 0; i < pulseOnSamples; i++) {</pre>
    iq.push_back(cplxOne);
for(int i = 0; i < pulseOffSamples; i++) {</pre>
    iq.push_back(cplxZero);
vsgRepeatWaveform(handle, (float*)&iq[0], iq.size());
// Will transmit until you close the device or abort
Sleep(5000);
// Stop waveform
vsgAbort (handle);
// Done with device
vsgCloseDevice(handle);
```

## 2.2.2 Usage

Basic signal generation involves configuring the generator and then using one of the following functions:

- vsgOutputWaveform
- vsgRepeatWaveform
- vsgOutputCW (convenience function)

Waveforms are provided as interleaved I/Q complex pairs. The API can output the waveform once using the vsgOutputWaveform function, or continually generate the waveform using the vsgRepeatWaveform function.

The vsgOutputWaveform is a blocking function which returns once fully output. When a waveform is on repeat, any changes in configuration will cause the waveform to be paused, and then restarted once reconfiguration has completed.

Submitting a trigger or I/Q data through the vsgSubmitIQ function will stop any waveforms on repeat.

Calling vsgAbort will end any active waveforms on repeat.

## 2.3 Complex Signal Generation (Streaming)

For long waveform generation or for transmitting a complex sequence of events such as frequency hopping or triggers, a collection of functions are available in the API which allow a user to buffer a sequence of configuration and transmit events.

## 2.3.1 Example

For a list of all examples, please see the examples/folder in the SDK.

```
^{\star} This example illustrates how to use the streaming function of the API
   to generate a complex frquuency hopping CW signal.
* This example is fully standalone.
#include "vsg_api.h"
#include <cstdio>
#include <vector>
#include <Windows.h>
struct Cplx32f {
   float re, im;
static double RandBetween (double f1, double f2)
    double r = (double)rand() / (double)RAND_MAX;
    return f1 + r * (f2 - f1);
void vsg_example_complex_freq_hopping()
    // Open device, get handle, check open result
    int handle;
    VsgStatus status = vsgOpenDevice(&handle);
    if(status < vsgNoError) {</pre>
        printf("Error: %s\n", vsgGetErrorString(status));
        return;
    // Configure generator
    const double sampleRate = 50.0e6; // samples per second
    const double level = -10.0; // dBm
    vsgSetLevel(handle, level);
    vsgSetSampleRate(handle, sampleRate);
    // Each frequency switch takes 200us // We will output an 800us CW at each frequency for a hop period of 1ms \,
    std::vector<Cplx32f> iq(800.0e-6 * sampleRate);
    for(int i = 0; i < iq.size(); i++) {
    iq[i].re = 1.0;
    iq[i].im = 0.0;
    // Number of 1ms hops to perform
    int hops = 1000;
    while(hops-- > 0) {
        vsgSetFrequency(handle, RandBetween(990.0e6, 1010.0e6));
        vsgSubmitIQ(handle, (float*)&iq[0], iq.size());
    vsgFlushAndWait (handle);
    // Done with device
    vsgCloseDevice(handle);
```

#### 2.3.2 Usage

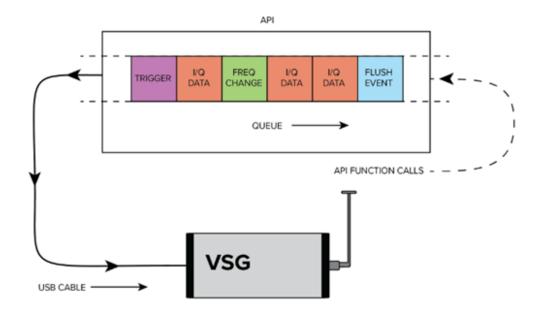
The following functions can be buffered/queued:

- vsgSetFrequency
- vsgSetLevel
- vsgSubmitIQ
- vsgSubmitTrigger
- vsgFlushAndWait

Roughly 1/5th of a second of I/Q data can be buffered. If the buffer is full and vsgSubmitIQ data is called, the function blocks until space is available in the buffer.

Calling vsgAbort will cause all I/Q data in the buffer to be dumped and any pending frequency/level changes to be completed in the order received.

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## 2.4 Closing the Device

When finished, you can close the device and free all resources related to the device with the vsgCloseDevice function. Once closed, the device will appear in the open device list again. It is possible to open and close a device multiple times during the execution of a program.

## 2.5 Recalibration

Recalibration is performed by calling the vsgRecal function which retrieves the current device temperature and recalibrates the device for the current device settings. This will interrupt any signal generation currently in progress.

Large temperature changes affect signal generation in the form of reduce amplitude accuracy and reduced spurious performance, and it is recommended to reconfigure the device after large environmental changes and during device warmup.

Recalibration can occur automatically during periods of activity that include frequency changes, but when generating the same signal for long periods of time, or after a long period of inactivity, a recalibration is recommended.

# **Chapter 3**

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## 3.1 File List

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## Chapter 4

## **File Documentation**

## 4.1 vsg\_api.h File Reference

API functions for the VSG60A vector signal generator.

#### **Macros**

- #define VSG\_MAX\_DEVICES (8)
- #define VSG60\_MIN\_FREQ (30.0e6)
- #define VSG60\_MAX\_FREQ (6.0e9)
- #define VSG\_MIN\_SAMPLE\_RATE (12.5e3)
- #define VSG\_MAX\_SAMPLE\_RATE (54.0e6)
- #define VSG\_MIN\_LEVEL (-120.0)
- #define VSG MAX LEVEL (10.0)
- #define VSG\_MIN\_IQ\_OFFSET (-1024)
- #define VSG\_MAX\_IQ\_OFFSET (1024)
- #define VSG MIN TRIGGER LENGTH (0.1e-6)
- #define VSG\_MAX\_TRIGGER\_LENGTH (0.1)

#### **Enumerations**

- enum VsgTimebaseState { vsgTimebaseStateInternal = 0 , vsgTimebaseStateExternal = 1 }
- enum VsgBool { vsgFalse = 0 , vsgTrue = 1 }
- enum VsgStatus { }

## **Functions**

- VSG\_API const char \* vsgGetAPIVersion ()
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetDeviceList (int \*serials, int \*count)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgOpenDevice (int \*handle)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgOpenDeviceBySerial (int \*handle, int serialNumber)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgCloseDevice (int handle)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgPreset (int handle)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgRecal (int handle)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgAbort (int handle)

- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetSerialNumber (int handle, int \*serial)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgGetFirmwareVersion (int handle, int \*version)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetCalDate (int handle, uint32\_t \*lastCalDate)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgReadTemperature (int handle, float \*temp)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetRFOutputState (int handle, VsgBool enabled)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetRFOutputState (int handle, VsgBool \*enabled)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetTimebase (int handle, VsgTimebaseState state)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetTimebase (int handle, VsgTimebaseState \*state)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetTimebaseOffset (int handle, double ppm)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetTimebaseOffset (int handle, double \*ppm)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetFrequency (int handle, double frequency)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetFrequency (int handle, double \*frequency)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetSampleRate (int handle, double sampleRate)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetSampleRate (int handle, double \*sampleRate)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgSetLevel (int handle, double level)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetLevel (int handle, double \*level)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetAtten (int handle, int atten)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgGetIQScale (int handle, double \*iqScale)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetIQOffset (int handle, int16 t iOffset, int16 t qOffset)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetIQOffset (int handle, int16\_t \*iOffset, int16\_t \*qOffset)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgSetDigitalTuning (int handle, VsgBool enabled)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgGetDigitalTuning (int handle, VsgBool \*enabled)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSetTriggerLength (int handle, double seconds)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgGetTriggerLength (int handle, double \*seconds)
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- VSG API VsgStatus vsgSubmitTrigger (int handle)
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- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgFlushAndWait (int handle)
   VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgOutputWaveform (int handle, float \*ig, int len)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgRepeatWaveform (int handle, float \*iq, int len)
- VSG API VsgStatus vsgOutputCW (int handle)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgIsWaveformActive (int handle, VsgBool \*active)
- VSG\_API VsgStatus vsgGetUSBStatus (int handle)
- VSG API void vsgEnablePowerSavingCpuMode (VsgBool enabled)
- VSG \_API const char \* vsgGetErrorString (VsgStatus status)

## 4.1.1 Detailed Description

API functions for the VSG60A vector signal generator.

This is the main file for user accessible functions for controlling the VSG60A vector signal generator.

#### 4.1.2 Macro Definition Documentation

#### 4.1.2.1 VSG\_MAX\_DEVICES

#define VSG\_MAX\_DEVICES (8)

Maximum number of devices that can be managed by the API.

#### 4.1.2.2 VSG60\_MIN\_FREQ

```
#define VSG60_MIN_FREQ (30.0e6)
```

Minimum configurable center frequency in Hz.

## 4.1.2.3 VSG60\_MAX\_FREQ

```
#define VSG60_MAX_FREQ (6.0e9)
```

Maximum configurable center frequency in Hz.

## 4.1.2.4 VSG\_MIN\_SAMPLE\_RATE

```
#define VSG_MIN_SAMPLE_RATE (12.5e3)
```

Minimum configurable sample (DAC) rate in Hz.

#### 4.1.2.5 VSG\_MAX\_SAMPLE\_RATE

```
#define VSG_MAX_SAMPLE_RATE (54.0e6)
```

Maximum configurable sample (DAC) rate in Hz.

## 4.1.2.6 VSG\_MIN\_LEVEL

```
#define VSG_MIN_LEVEL (-120.0)
```

Minimum configurable output level in dBm.

#### 4.1.2.7 VSG\_MAX\_LEVEL

```
#define VSG_MAX_LEVEL (10.0)
```

Maximum configurable output level in dBm.

### 4.1.2.8 VSG\_MIN\_IQ\_OFFSET

```
#define VSG_MIN_IQ_OFFSET (-1024)
```

Minimum configurable I/Q offset

## 4.1.2.9 VSG\_MAX\_IQ\_OFFSET

```
#define VSG_MAX_IQ_OFFSET (1024)
```

Maximum configurable I/Q offset

## 4.1.2.10 VSG\_MIN\_TRIGGER\_LENGTH

```
#define VSG_MIN_TRIGGER_LENGTH (0.1e-6)
```

Minimum configurable trigger length in seconds.

## 4.1.2.11 VSG\_MAX\_TRIGGER\_LENGTH

```
#define VSG_MAX_TRIGGER_LENGTH (0.1)
```

Maximum configurable trigger length in seconds.

## 4.1.3 Enumeration Type Documentation

#### 4.1.3.1 VsgTimebaseState

enum VsgTimebaseState

Used to indicate the source of the timebase reference for the device.

## Enumerator

vsgTimebaseStateInternal	Use the internal 10MHz timebase.
vsgTimebaseStateExternal	Use an external 10MHz timebase on the 10 MHz In port.

#### 4.1.3.2 VsgBool

enum VsgBool

Boolean type. Used in public facing functions instead of bool to improve API use from different programming languages.

#### Enumerator

vsgFalse	False					
vsgTrue	True					

## 4.1.3.3 VsgStatus

enum VsgStatus

Status code returned from all API functions.

#### Enumerator

vsgWaveformAlreadyActiveErr	The auto pattern output is already active.
vsgWaveformNotActiveErr	The waveform is already inactive.
vsgUsbXferErr	There was a problem during USB data transfer.
vsgInvalidParameterErr	Required parameter found to have invalid value.
vsgNullPtrErr	One or more required pointer parameters were null.
vsgInvalidDeviceErr	User specified invalid device index.
vsgDeviceNotFoundErr	Unable to open device.
vsgNoError	Function returned successfully. No error.
vsgAlreadyFlushed	There are no pending operations.
vsgSettingClamped	One or more of the provided settings were adjusted.

#### 4.1.4 Function Documentation

#### 4.1.4.1 vsgGetAPIVersion()

```
VSG_API const char * vsgGetAPIVersion ( )
```

Returns a string indicating the version of the API. The returned string is of the form major.minor.revision. Ascii periods ('.') separate positive integers. Major/minor/revision are not guaranteed to be a single decimal digit. The string is null terminated. The string should not be modified or freed by the user. An example string is below. . . ['3' | '.' | '0' | '.' | '1' | '1' | '1' | '1' | "00" | = "3.0.11"

Returns

## 4.1.4.2 vsgGetDeviceList()

This function is used to retrieve the serial number of all unopened VSG60 devices connected to the PC. If any device is open in a different process, it will be returned by this function. The serial numbers returned can then be used to open specific devices with the vsgOpenDeviceBySerial function.

#### **Parameters**

out	serials	Pointer to array.
in,out	count	Pointer to integer that should equal the size of the serials array. If the function returns successfully, this value will be set to the number devices returned in the serials array. It
Generated by Dox	vgen	will not exceed the size of the serials array.

Returns

## 4.1.4.3 vsgOpenDevice()

Claim the first unopened VSG60 detected on the system. If the device is opened successfully, a handle to the device will be returned. This handle can then be used to interface this device for all future API calls. This function has the same effect as calling vsgGetDeviceList and using the first device found to call vsgOpenDeviceBySerial.

#### **Parameters**

out	handle	Returns device handle.
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Returns

#### 4.1.4.4 vsgOpenDeviceBySerial()

This function operates similarly to vsgOpenDevice except it allows you to specify the device you wish to open. This function is often used in conjunction with vsgGetDeviceList when managing several VSG60 devices on one PC.

#### **Parameters**

out	handle	If this function returns successfully, handle will point to an integer that can be used to access this device through the API.
in	serialNumber	The serial number of the device you wish to open.

**Returns** 

## 4.1.4.5 vsgCloseDevice()

This function should be called when you are finished with the VSG60. It will release all resources for the device and the device will become available again for use in the current process. The device handle specified will no longer point to a valid device and the device must be re-opened again to be used. This function should be called before the process exits.

#### **Parameters**

in <i>handle</i>	Device handle.
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Returns

## 4.1.4.6 vsgPreset()

Performs a full device preset. When this function returns, the hardware will have performed a full reset, the device handle will no longer be valid, vsgCloseDevice will have been called for the device handle, and the device will need to be re-opened. This function can be used to recover from an undesirable device state. This function takes roughly 3 seconds to complete.

#### **Parameters**

in   handle   Device ha
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Returns

#### 4.1.4.7 vsgRecal()

When operating the VSG60 for long periods of time with a fixed configuration, environmental changes leading to changes in the internal operating temperature of the VSG can cause signal drift leading to loss of amplitude accuracy and image rejection performance. This function aborts any current operation, and updates internal temperature corrections for the current configuration.

#### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.

Returns

## 4.1.4.8 vsgAbort()

This function returns the device to an idle state. If any waveform is being generated, it will be stopped. If the device is streaming in the complex generation mode, all I/Q data pending is discarded and all frequency/level changes are finished before returning. When this function returns, the device will be in an idle state.

#### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.
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Returns

## 4.1.4.9 vsgGetSerialNumber()

Retreive the device serial number.

#### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.
out <i>serial</i>		Serial number.

Returns

## 4.1.4.10 vsgGetFirmwareVersion()

Retrieve the firmware version number. The version is a single integer value.

#### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.
out	version	Firmware version.

Returns

## 4.1.4.11 vsgGetCalDate()

Retrieve the last calibration date as the seconds since epoch.

#### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.
out	lastCalDate	Calibration date as seconds since epoch.

Returns

## 4.1.4.12 vsgReadTemperature()

Retrive the device temperature in Celcius. If the device is not idle, the last read temperature is returned, otherwise the device temperature is queried before returning.

#### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.
out	temp	Device temperature in C.

Returns

#### 4.1.4.13 vsgSetRFOutputState()

Use this function to disable the RF output of the VSG60. Even when the VSG is not transmitting, it might still be emitting spurious energy related to clock frequencies and the DC offset. Disabling the RF output will eliminate most spurious signals. The RF output is enabled by default. When the RF output is disabled the only way to enable it again is to call this function. Until then, all actions will continue to be performed but with the RF output disabled. Additionally, the vsgAbort function is called when this function is called. This means any signal actively being generated will be stopped when this function is called.

#### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.
in	enabled	Set to vsgFalse to disable the RF output.

Returns

#### 4.1.4.14 vsgGetRFOutputState()

Retrive the RF output state.

### **Parameters**

in	handle	Device handle.
out	enabled	Returns vsgTrue if the RF output is enabled.

Returns

## 4.1.4.15 vsgSetTimebase()

Specify whether the VSG60 should use its internal 10MHz reference or one provided on the 10MHz reference input port. If external reference is selected and no reference is provided, the frequency error may be off by several PPM. If the state provided matches the current state, the function returns immediately. Any active waveforms are paused, and the stream is flushed before this operation takes place.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
state	New timebase state.

Returns

#### 4.1.4.16 vsgGetTimebase()

Retrieve the current timebase state.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
state	Returns current timebase state.

Returns

## 4.1.4.17 vsgSetTimebaseOffset()

Adjust the VSG60 timebase. The adjustment is provided in parts per million (PPM) This adjustment will only last until the device is closed via vsgCloseDevice or the program is terminated. If the value provided matches the currently set value, this function returns immediately. Any active waveforms are paused, and the stream is flushed before this operation takes place.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
ppm	New timebase offset. The value will be clamped between [-2,+2] ppm.

Returns

## 4.1.4.18 vsgGetTimebaseOffset()

Retrieve the current user configured timebase offset in parts per million (PPM).

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
ppm	Returns current user PPM offset.

Returns

#### 4.1.4.19 vsgSetFrequency()

Set the center frequency of the signal generator. This function is used for both basic and streaming operation. In streaming operation, this operation takes 200us to complete. This operation will occur even if the provided frequency matches the current frequency. This operation may configure a recalibration (at no time penalty).

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
frequency	New center frequency in Hz.

Returns

## 4.1.4.20 vsgGetFrequency()

Retrieve the current center frequency. This function will return the last user configured center frequency even if the hardware has yet to update to the new value.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
frequency	Returns the center frequency in Hz.

#### Returns

## 4.1.4.21 vsgSetSampleRate()

Sets the I/Q (DAC) sample rate of the signal generator. The streaming queue is flushed via vsgFlushAndWait before the sample rate is updated. If the supplied sample rate is the same as the current rate, this function returns immediately and no operation occurs. A full sample rate change takes approximately 200-250ms.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
sampleRate	New sample rate in Hz.

#### Returns

## 4.1.4.22 vsgGetSampleRate()

Retrieve the current I/Q (DAC) sample rate.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
sampleRate	Returns the sample rate in Hz.

Returns

## 4.1.4.23 vsgSetLevel()

Set the output level of the signal generator. The output level represents the output power at the RF output port when I/Q samples of magnitude 1.0 are transmitted. Hardware attenuation, amplification, and digital scaling are used to achieve the requested output level. What values are used depend on the temperature calibration coefficients for individual device and the frequency of the output. In streaming operation, this operation takes 10us to complete. This operation will occur even if the provided level matches the current level. This operation may configure a recalibration (at no time penalty).

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
level	New output level in dBm.

Returns

## 4.1.4.24 vsgGetLevel()

Retrieve the current output level.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
level	Output level in dBm.

Returns

#### 4.1.4.25 vsgSetAtten()

This function allows the customer to guarantee the configuration of the internal attenuator and amplifier directly by specifying a fixed system attenuation. Values that are positive utilize the amplifier to achieve the desired setting. Calling this function overrides the output level configured via vsgSetLevel. A digital I/Q scale of 0.5 is used when attenuation is manually set. See vsgGetlQScale.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.	
atten	Attenuator value between [-50, 20] in 2dB steps. Must be an even number.	1

Returns

#### 4.1.4.26 vsgGetIQScale()

Returns the currently used digital scale applied to the I/Q data before transmitting. The digital scaling is used in conjunction with the hardware amplifier and attenuator to achieve the desired output level. This function does not interrupt any active waveforms or streaming generation.

### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
iqScale	Returns floating point value between [0.0, 1.0].

Returns

### 4.1.4.27 vsgSetIQOffset()

```
VSG_API VsgStatus vsgSetIQOffset (
                int handle,
                int16_t iOffset,
                int16_t qOffset )
```

Specify an additional I/Q offset applied to the I/Q data before transmit. Used to fine improve carrier feedthrough. The offset lasts until the device is closed or the program is terminated. vsgFlushAndWait is called at the beginning of this function. If the supplied value matches the current value, this function returns immediately.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
iOffset	I channel offset between [-1024,1024].
qOffset	Q channel offset between [-1024,1024].

Returns

## 4.1.4.28 vsgGetIQOffset()

Retrieve the user configured I/Q offsets.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
iOffset	Returns I channel offset.
qOffset	Returns Q channel offset.

Returns

### 4.1.4.29 vsgSetDigitalTuning()

If the value is provided is, this function returns immediately with no effect. vsgFlushAndWait is called before the operation occurs. See the VSG60 Product Manual for a description of digital tuning.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
enabled	Set to vsgTrue to enable digital tuning.

Returns

## 4.1.4.30 vsgGetDigitalTuning()

Retrieve whether digital tuning is enabled.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
enabled	Returns vsgTrue if digital tuning is enabled.

Returns

## 4.1.4.31 vsgSetTriggerLength()

```
VSG_API VsgStatus vsgSetTriggerLength (
          int handle,
          double seconds )
```

Set the length of time the output trigger port remains high when a trigger is output. Default is 10us. (10.0e-6) The range of acceptable values is [100ns, 1s] This function does not interrupt any active waveforms or streaming operation.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
seconds	Trigger length in seconds.

Returns

## 4.1.4.32 vsgGetTriggerLength()

```
VSG_API VsgStatus vsgGetTriggerLength (
          int handle,
          double * seconds )
```

Retrieve the output trigger length.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
seconds	Returns the trigger length in seconds.

Returns

### 4.1.4.33 vsgSubmitIQ()

Submit an array of I/Q samples to be generated with the current configuration. If an ARB waveform is currently being transmitted via the vsgRepeatWaveform function, it is aborted, and the device starts operating in the streaming configuration. This function should only be used for streaming operation. For generating simple waveforms, use the vsgOutputWaveform and vsgRepeatWaveform functions. This function will block until there is room in the processing and command queue. See Complex Signal Generation (Streaming) for more information.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
iq	Pointer to array of interleaved I/Q values. The array must be len*2 floating point values.
len	Number of I/Q samples in the iq array

Returns

### 4.1.4.34 vsgSubmitTrigger()

Submit a streaming trigger event. If an ARB waveform is currently being transmitted, it is aborted, and the device starts operating in the streaming configuration. If a trigger is already active when the new trigger is output, it is first toggled low before re-toggling high, resetting the trigger high period in the process. See the Basic Signal Generation section for more information.

#### **Parameters**

nandie   Device nandie.	handle	Device handle.
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Returns

## 4.1.4.35 vsgFlush()

Pushes all pending operations in a stream out to the device. This function should be called after a sequence of streaming events to ensure there are no gaps in the output. Also see vsgFlushAndWait.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
--------	----------------

Returns

## 4.1.4.36 vsgFlushAndWait()

Pushes all pending operations in a stream out to the device and waits for all operations to complete. This function should be called after a sequence of streaming events to ensure there are no gaps in the output. When this function returns, the device will be idle.

#### **Parameters**

handle Device handle
----------------------

Returns

#### 4.1.4.37 vsgOutputWaveform()

Output the I/Q waveform once and returns. This function has the same effect as calling vsgSubmitIQ followed by vsgFlushAndWait. This function returns once the waveform has been transmitted. The device will be in an idle state when returned. If an ARB waveform is active, it is aborted prior to transmission.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
iq	Pointer to arry of interleaved I/Q values. The array must be len*2 floating point values.
len	The number of I/Q samples in the iq array.

#### Returns

#### 4.1.4.38 vsgRepeatWaveform()

```
VSG_API VsgStatus vsgRepeatWaveform (
                int handle,
                float * iq,
                int len )
```

This function instructs the API to continually generate the provided waveform. A full copy of the waveform is made before generation occurs. This function blocks until signal generation has begun. The repeated waveform is only stopped after calling the vsgAbort function or by calling a function that interrupts operation. Setting any other configuration value, such as frequency, level, etc. will pause the waveform until the configuration completes and then generation starts again from the beginning. See vsgIsWaveformActive.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
iq	Pointer to arry of interleaved I/Q values. The array must be len*2 floating point values.
len	The number of I/Q samples in the iq array.

### Returns

#### 4.1.4.39 vsgOutputCW()

Convenience function which outputs a CW signal with the current frequency, level, and sample rate. This function has the same effect as calling vsgRepeatWaveform with a single I/Q value of {1,0}.

#### **Parameters**

handle Device handle.
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Returns

## 4.1.4.40 vsglsWaveformActive()

```
\begin{tabular}{lll} VSG\_API & VsgStatus & vsgIsWaveformActive & ( & int & handle, & & \\ & & VsgBool & * & active & ) \end{tabular}
```

Detect whether a waveform is currently being generated via the vsgRepeatWaveform function.

#### **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.
active	Returns vsgTrue if a waveform is currently being transmitted.

Returns

## 4.1.4.41 vsgGetUSBStatus()

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} VSG\_API & VsgStatus & vsgGetUSBStatus & ( \\ & int & handle & ) \end{tabular}
```

Return the USB status warning.

## **Parameters**

handle	Device handle.

Returns

#### 4.1.4.42 vsgEnablePowerSavingCpuMode()

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} VSG\_API & void & vsgEnablePowerSavingCpuMode & ( & VsgBool & enabled & ) \end{tabular}
```

Enable power saving CPU mode See Power Saving CPU Mode for more information.

#### **Parameters**

enabled Set to vsgTrue to enable power saving CPU mode.

#### 4.1.4.43 vsgGetErrorString()

Retrieve an ascii description string for a given VsgStatus. The string is useful for printing an debugging purposes.

#### **Parameters**

```
status Status returned from an API function.
```

#### Returns

A pointer to a null terminated string. The memory should not be freed/deallocated/modified.

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```
1 // Copyright (c) 2022, Signal Hound, Inc.
2 // For licensing information, please see the API license in the software_licenses folder
13 #ifndef VSG_API_H
14 #define VSG_API_H
15
16 #if WTN32
17 #ifdef VSG_EXPORT
18 #define VSG_API __declspec(dllexport)
19 #else
20 #define VSG_API
21 #endif
2.2
       // bare minimum stdint typedef support
23
24 #if _MSC_VER < 1700 // For VS2010 or earlier
           typedef signed char
                                       int8_t;
           typedef short
           typedef int
28
           typedef long long
                                        int64 t:
          typedef unsigned char
                                       uint8_t;
uint16_t;
29
           typedef unsigned short
30
           typedef unsigned int
                                        uint32_t;
           typedef unsigned long long uint64_t;
33 #else
34 #include <stdint.h>
35 #endif
36 #else // Linux
37 #include <stdint.h>
38 #define VSG_API __attribute__((visibility("default")))
```

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39 #endif
42 #define VSG_MAX_DEVICES (8)
44 #define VSG60_MIN_FREQ (30.0e6)
46 #define VSG60_MAX_FREQ (6.0e9)
48 #define VSG_MIN_SAMPLE_RATE (12.5e3)
50 #define VSG_MAX_SAMPLE_RATE (54.0e6)
52 #define VSG_MIN_LEVEL (-120.0)
54 #define VSG_MAX_LEVEL (10.0)
56 #define VSG_MIN_IQ_OFFSET (-1024)
58 #define VSG_MAX_IQ_OFFSET (1024)
60 #define VSG MIN TRIGGER LENGTH (0.1e-6)
62 #define VSG_MAX_TRIGGER_LENGTH (0.1)
67 typedef enum VsgTimebaseState {
     vsgTimebaseStateInternal = 0, // default
vsgTimebaseStateExternal = 1
69
71
72 } VsgTimebaseState;
73
78 typedef enum VsgBool {
       vsgFalse = 0,
80
82
       vsgTrue = 1
83 } VsqBool;
84
88 typedef enum VsqStatus {
      // Internal use only
90
       vsgFileIOErr = -1000,
91
       vsgMemErr = -999,
92
       vsgInvalidOperationErr = -11,
93
94
96
       vsgWaveformAlreadyActiveErr = -10,
98
       vsgWaveformNotActiveErr = -9,
99
101
        vsqUsbXferErr = -5
103
        vsqInvalidParameterErr = -4,
        vsgNullPtrErr = -3,
105
        vsgInvalidDeviceErr = -2,
107
109
        vsgDeviceNotFoundErr = -1,
110
112
        vsgNoError = 0,
113
       vsgAlreadyFlushed = 1,
115
117
        vsgSettingClamped = 2
118 } VsgStatus;
119
120 #ifdef __cplusplus
121 extern "C" {
122 #endif
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709 } // Extern C
710 #endif
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