

# Haptic Device Abstraction Layer (HDAL)

## ***API Reference***

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## **Preface**

This manual is a reference to the Haptic Device Abstraction Layer produced by Novint Technologies. It contains reference pages to all the HDAL API functions, constants, and types. This manual was current as of the release of the corresponding version of HDAL.

The technical content of this document was mechanically generated from HDAL source code by Doxygen, a general-purpose utility for documenting C and C++ code. For more information on Doxygen, see <http://www.doxygen.org>.

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# Overview

## Files

The HDAL API is represented in two files. `include\hdl\hdl.h` is the primary interface to HDAL's functionality. It is complete, in that entire applications can be built from it. `include\hdlu\hdlu.h` is a utility interface, presenting functions that may be useful to the developer. HDAL can be used effectively without these utility interface functions.

## Units

The units of measure for the HDAL interface are:

Distance	meters
Force	newtons
Time	seconds

The nominal cycle time is approximately one millisecond. However, since operating systems are not able to control intervals with precision adequate to many applications, a more precise time measure may be needed. For precise time calculations, the application should use some precision clock, such as the Windows `QueryPerformanceCounter` function.

## Coordinate Frame

The coordinate system used by HDAL is a right hand coordinate system:

X	increases to the right
Y	increases upward
Z	increases toward the user.

The origin ( $X = 0$ ,  $Y = 0$ ,  $Z = 0$ ) is approximately at the center of the device workspace.

# HDAL Reference

## C:/novint/projects/DeviceSupport/MainStream/hdal/include/hdl/hdl.h File Reference

Main API for HDAL services.

```
#include <hdl/hdlExports.h>
#include <hdl/hdlErrors.h>
#include <hdl/hdlConstants.h>
```

### Defines

- `#define false 0`
- *logical false value for C programs* `#define HDAL\_ISREADY 0`
- *Normal hdlGetStatus return code.* `#define HDAL\_NOT\_CALIBRATED 0x04`
- *hdlGetStatus code indicating motors not homed* `#define HDAL\_SERVO\_NOT\_STARTED 0x02`
- *hdlGetStatus code indicating servo loop net yet started* `#define HDAL\_UNINITIALIZED 0x01`
- *hdlGetStatus code indicating HDAL not yet initialized* `#define HDL\_BUTTON\_1 0x00000001`
- *Mask for button 1.* `#define HDL\_BUTTON\_2 0x00000002`
- *Mask for button 2.* `#define HDL\_BUTTON\_3 0x00000004`
- *Mask for button 3.* `#define HDL\_BUTTON\_4 0x00000008`
- *Mask for button 4.* `#define HDL\_BUTTON\_ANY 0xffffffff`
- *Mask for any button.* `#define HDL\_DEFAULT\_DEVICE\_ID 0`
- *ID for the default haptic device (usually one installed).* `#define HDL\_INVALID\_HANDLE -1`
- *Handle indicating invalid device handle.* `#define HDL\_SERVOOP\_CONTINUE 1`
- *Return code for continuing servo loop.* `#define HDL\_SERVOOP\_EXIT 0`
- *Return code for exiting servo loop.* `#define true 1`

### logical true value for C programs Typedefs

- `typedef unsigned char bool`
- *define bool type and values for C programmers to use with certain functions* `typedef int HDLDeviceHandle`
- *Handle to differentiate between multiple installed devices.* `typedef int HDLDeviceID`
- *ID to differentiate between multiple installed devices.* `typedef int HDLOpHandle`
- *Type for Servo loop operation handle.* `typedef HDLServoOpExitCode __cdecl HDLServoOp (void *pParam)`
- *Prototype for Servo operation function.* `typedef int HDLServoOpExitCode`

### Type for Servo loop operation exit code. Functions

- `HDLAPI __int64 HDLAPIENTRY HDL\_BUILD\_VERSION (HDL\_VERSION\_INFO\_TYPE versionInfo)`
- *Return Build component of version struct.* `HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY HDL\_MAJOR\_VERSION (HDL\_VERSION\_INFO\_TYPE versionInfo)`
- *Return Major component of version struct.* `HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY HDL\_MINOR\_VERSION (HDL\_VERSION\_INFO\_TYPE versionInfo)`
- *Return Minor component of version struct.* `HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY hdlCatalogDevices (HDL\_AVAILABILITY availability, char *serList, char **masks)`
- *Catalog devices.* `HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY hdlCountDevices ()`
- *Count available devices.* `HDLAPI HDLOpHandle HDLAPIENTRY hdlCreateServoOp (HDLServoOp pServoOp, void *pParam, bool bBlocking)`

- *Schedule an operation (callback) to run in the servo loop.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlDestroyServoOp](#) ([HDLApiOperation](#) hServoOp)
- *Remove an operation (callback) from the servo loop.* HDLAPI [bool](#) HDLAPIENTRY [hdlDeviceDisconnected](#) ()
- *Return connection state of device.* HDLAPI const char \*HDLAPIENTRY [hdlDeviceModel](#) ()
- *Return the device model string.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlDeviceWorkspace](#) (double workspaceDimensions[6])
- *Retrieve the workspace of the device, measured in meters.* HDLAPI [HDL\\_Error](#) HDLAPIENTRY [hdlGetError](#) ()
- *Return the current error code from the error stack.* HDLAPI unsigned int HDLAPIENTRY [hdlGetState](#) ()
- *Query HDAL state.* HDLAPI [bool](#) HDLAPIENTRY [hdlGetVersion](#) ([HDL\\_VERSION\\_REQUEST](#) requestType, [HDL\\_VERSION\\_INFO\\_TYPE](#) \*versionInfo)
- *Get version information.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlGripGetAttribute](#) ([HDL\\_GRIP\\_ATTRIBUTE](#) attributeType, int index, int \*value)
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- *Get grip attribute as a array of vector.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlGripGetAttributev](#) ([HDL\\_GRIP\\_ATTRIBUTE](#) attributeType, int index, double \*value)
- *Get grip attribute as a vector.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlGripQuery](#) ([HDL\\_GRIP\\_ATTRIBUTE](#) attributeID, int \*num)
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- *Extended-initialize a specific named haptic device.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlMakeCurrent](#) ([HDLDeviceHandle](#) hHandle)
- *Make a specific haptic device current (Allows application to send forces to a specific device).* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlSetToolForce](#) (double force[3])
- *Set the force to be generated by the device, measured in newtons.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlStart](#) ()
- *Start servo and all haptic devices.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlStop](#) ()
- *Stop servo and all haptic devices.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlToolButton](#) (bool \*pButton)
- *Return current state of tool button(s).* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlToolButtons](#) (int \*pButton)
- *Return current state of tool buttons.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlToolPosition](#) (double position[3])
- *Return current tool position.* HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdlUninitDevice](#) ([HDLDeviceHandle](#) hHandle)

*Uninitializes a haptic device.*

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## Detailed Description

Main API for HDAL services.

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Haptic Device Abstraction Layer Low level, cross-platform, general purpose interface.

Definition in file [hdl.h](#).

## Typedef Documentation

**typedef int [HDLDeviceHandle](#)**

Handle to differentiate between multiple installed devices.

Handle is an abstraction returned by the initialization routine.

Definition at line 46 of file [hdl.h](#).

**typedef [HDLServoOpExitCode](#) \_\_cdecl [HDLServoOp](#)(void \*pParam)**

Prototype for Servo operation function.

Parameters:

[out] *pParam* Pointer to data required by operation

Returns:

Exit code

Errors: None

Definition at line 77 of file [hdl.h](#).



## Function Documentation

### **HDLAPI \_\_int64 HDLAPIENTRY HDL\_BUILD\_VERSION ([HDL\\_VERSION\\_INFO\\_TYPE versionInfo](#))**

Return Build component of version struct.

Parameters:

[in] *versionInfo* HDL\_VERSION\_INFO\_TYPE struct returned from [hdlGetVersion\(\)](#)

Returns:

Build component

See also:

[hdlGetVersion\(\)](#).

Errors: None.

### **HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY HDL\_MAJOR\_VERSION ([HDL\\_VERSION\\_INFO\\_TYPE versionInfo](#))**

Return Major component of version struct.

Parameters:

[in] *versionInfo* HDL\_VERSION\_INFO\_TYPE struct returned from [hdlGetVersion\(\)](#)

Returns:

Major component

See also:

[hdlGetVersion\(\)](#). Errors: None.

### **HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY HDL\_MINOR\_VERSION ([HDL\\_VERSION\\_INFO\\_TYPE versionInfo](#))**

Return Minor component of version struct.

Parameters:

[in] *versionInfo* HDL\_VERSION\_INFO\_TYPE struct returned from [hdlGetVersion\(\)](#)

Returns:

Minor component

See also:

[hdlGetVersion\(\)](#).

Errors: None.

### **HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY hdlCatalogDevices ([HDL\\_AVAILABILITY availability](#), char \* *serList*, char \*\* *masks*)**

Catalog devices.

Parameters:

[in] *availability* Selector describing which devices are "available"

[out] *serList* Pointer to receiver of list of serial numbers (or NULL)

[in] *masks* Pointer to list of masks for hiding devices

Returns:

Number of available devices not masked by "masks" parameter

Errors: none

Note:

"masks" is a null-terminated list of pointers to strings of eight characters each. If a device's serial number "matches" a string, it is said to be "masked" and will not appear in the returned list. For a character to be masked, each character in the serial number must "match" the corresponding

character in the mask. Characters match under the following rules: Anything matches a '.' in the mask Alphabetic characters match a '@' in the mask Digits match a '\*' in the mask For any other character in the mask, only the same character matches. If the masks parameter is NULL, {"@.....", NULL} is used, to correspond to Novint's usage for "auxiliary" devices. .

The list is a simple character array of n\*9 characters, where n is the maximum number of devices expected. Each serial number starts every 9 characters and is a proper null-terminated C string. Typical usage is to call it once with NULL for the list parameter, use the result to allocate space for that many 9-byte arrays (8 characters plus the null terminator), then call it again with a pointer to that storage location.

See the note about calling frequency at `hdlCountDevices`.

## **HDLAPI int HDLAPIENTRY hdlCountDevices ()**

Count available devices.

Parameters:

*None*

Returns:

Number of available devices

Errors: None

Note:

Valid for Novint Falcon devices only. A device is considered "available" if it is connected and not already opened for communication by any application. For instance, if two devices are connected, before `hdlInit***Device()` is called on either of them, this function will return 2. After the initing one device, this function will return 1. Internally, this function calls `hdlCatalogDevices` with `masks = {"@.....", NULL}`. See the notes on `hdlCatalogDevices` for a full explanation, but in brief, this means that `hdlCountDevices` does not count Novint's "auxiliary" devices.

DO NOT call this function within a synchronization callback or as part of the normal servo callback. It is such a time-consuming operation that it will degrade performance unacceptably. For example, with two Falcons connected, the enumeration time on a dual-core 2GHz XP machine required about 80 msec. Rather, it should be called infrequently, such as normal application state change opportunities.

## **HDLAPI [HDLopHandle](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlCreateServoOp ([HDLServoOp](#) pServoOp, void \* pParam, [bool](#) bBlocking)**

Schedule an operation (callback) to run in the servo loop.

Operation is either blocking (client waits until completion) or non-blocking (client continues execution).

Parameters:

[in] *pServoOp* Pointer to servo operation function

[in] *pParam* Pointer to data for servo operation function

[in] *bBlocking* Flag to indicate whether servo loop blocks

Returns:

Handle to servo operation entry

Errors: None

See also:

[hdlDestroyServoOp](#), [hdlInitNamedDevice](#), [hdlInitIndexedDevice](#)

## **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlDestroyServoOp ([HDLopHandle](#) hServoOp)**

Remove an operation (callback) from the servo loop.

Parameters:

[in] *hServoOp* Handle to servo op to remove

Returns:

Nothing  
Errors: None.

Note:

[hdlDestroyServoOp\(\)](#) should be called at application termination time for any servo operation that was added with `bBlocking = false`.

See also:

[hdlCreateServoOp](#), [hdlInitNamedDevice](#), `hdlIndexedDevice`

### **HDLAPI `const char* HDLAPIENTRY hdlDeviceModel ()`**

Return the device model string.

Parameters:

*None*

Returns:

Device model string  
Errors: None

### **HDLAPI `void HDLAPIENTRY hdlDeviceWorkspace (double workspaceDimensions[6])`**

Retrieve the workspace of the device, measured in meters.

Call this function to retrieve the workspace of the current device. Since not all devices have the same physical workspace dimensions, the application must account for different device workspaces. The workspace is defined in the device reference coordinate frame. It is up to the user to transform positions in this coordinate frame into the application's coordinate frame. See [hdluGenerateHapticToAppWorkspaceTransform](#) for a utility function to assist in this.

Dimension order: `minx`, `miny`, `minz`, `maxx`, `maxy`, `maxz` (left, bottom, far, right, top, near)  
(`minx`, `miny`, `minz`) are the coordinates of the left-bottom-far corner of the device workspace.  
(`maxx`, `maxy`, `maxz`) are the coordinates of the right-top-near corner of the device workspace.

Parameters:

[out] *workspaceDimensions* See explanation above.

Returns:

Nothing  
Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- no current device

### **HDLAPI [HDL\\_Error](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlGetError ()**

Return the current error code from the error stack.

Returns:

Error code on the top of the error stack.  
`HDL_NO_ERROR` if the error stack is empty.

### **HDLAPI `unsigned int HDLAPIENTRY hdlGetState ()`**

Query HDAL state.

Parameters:

*None*

Returns:

Nothing

Errors: manufacturer specific

**Note:**

If return == HDAL\_ISREADY, device is ready. Otherwise, test to see reason:

return && XXXX != 0, where XXXX is

HDAL\_UNINITIALIZED hdlInitNamedDevice failed earlier

HDAL\_SERVO\_NOT\_STARTED [hdlStart\(\)](#) not called earlier

HDAL\_NOT\_CALIBRATED needs autocalibration

**HDLAPI [bool](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlGetVersion ([HDL\\_VERSION\\_REQUEST](#) requestType, [HDL\\_VERSION\\_INFO\\_TYPE](#) \* versionInfo)**

Get version information.

**Parameters:**

[in] *requestType* Type of version information requested

[out] *versionInfo* Requested info

**Returns:**

Success or failure

Errors: None.

Typical usage:

```
HDL\_VERSION\_INFO\_TYPE deviceVersion;  
int deviceMajor;  
int deviceMinor;  
__int64 deviceSerialNumber;  
if (hdlGetVersion(HDL\_DEVICE, &deviceVersion))  
{  
    deviceMajor = HDL\_MAJOR\_VERSION(deviceVersion);  
    deviceMinor = HDL\_MINOR\_VERSION(deviceVersion);  
    deviceSerialNumber = HDL\_BUILD\_VERSION(deviceVersion);  
}
```

**HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlGripQuery ([HDL\\_GRIP\\_ATTRIBUTE](#) attributeID, int \* num)**

Retrieve the number of attributes of a given type on the attached grip.

**Parameters:**

[in] *attributeID* ID of attribute of interest

[out] *num* Count of attributes of requested type

Errors: None

**Note:**

Returns 0 in num parameter if no components of the type exist.

**HDLAPI [HDLDeviceHandle](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlInitDevice ([HDLDeviceID](#) deviceID)**

Initialize a haptic device.

**Parameters:**

[in] *deviceID* ID of haptic device

**Returns:**

Handle to haptic device

Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- could not load device specific dll

**[Deprecated:](#)**

Only supports a single device, deviceID is ignored. Included to support older apps. Use

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#) instead.

See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#)

**HDLAPI [HDLDeviceHandle](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlInitDeviceBySerialNumber (const char \* *serNum*, const char \* *configPath*)**

Initialize a specific haptic device by its serial number.

Parameters:

[in] *serNum* Serial number of haptic device.  
[in] *configPath* Path/file for ini file.  
*configPath* search order:

See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#)

Returns:

Handle to haptic device

Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- could not load device specific dll

Note:

- Support only Falcon devices via serial number

Setup sequence:

```
char SerialNumbers[5][9]; // space for 5 devices; 8-char serial numbers
int m = hdlCatalogDevices(HDL_ALL_DEVICES, SerialNumbers, 0);
char* serNum = < search for desired device >
hdlInitDeviceBySerialNumber(serNum); // 0 <= n < m
hdlStart();
hdlCreateServoOp(...);
```

Teardown sequence:

```
hdlDestroyServoOp(...);
hdlStop();
hdlUninitDevice(...);
```

See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#), [hdlStart](#), [hdlStop](#), [hdlCreateServoOp](#), [hdlDestroyServoOp](#), [hdlUninitDevice](#)

Note:

In C++ programs, *configPath* is optional, with a default value of (const char \*) 0.  
C programs must pass (const char \*) 0 to use default *configPath*

**HDLAPI [HDLDeviceHandle](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlInitIndexedDevice (const int *index*, const char \* *configPath*)**

Initialize a specific indexed haptic device.

Parameters:

[in] *index* Index of haptic device.  
[in] *configPath* Path/file for ini file.  
*configPath* search order:

See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#)

Returns:

Handle to haptic device

Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- could not load device specific dll

Note:

- Support only Falcon devices via index
- Index refers to alphabetical sort order by serial number

Setup sequence:

```
m = hdlCountDevices();  
hdlInitIndexedDevice(n); // 0 <= n < m  
hdlStart();  
hdlCreateServoOp(...);
```

Teardown sequence:

```
hdlDestroyServoOp(...);  
hdlStop();  
hdlUninitDevice(...);
```

See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#), [hdlStart](#), [hdlStop](#), [hdlCreateServoOp](#), [hdlDestroyServoOp](#), [hdlUninitDevice](#)

Note:

In C++ programs, configPath is optional, with a default value of (const char \*) 0.

C programs must pass (const char \*) 0 to use default configPath

**HDLAPI [HDLDeviceHandle](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlInitIndexedDeviceEx (const int *index*, const char \* *configPath*, [HDLServoOp](#) \* *callback*, void \* *pData*)**

Extended-initialize a specific indexed haptic device.

Parameters:

- [in] *index* Index of haptic device.
- [in] *configPath* Path/file for ini file.
- [in] *callback* Callback function to signal interruption
- [in] *pData* Pointer to data structure passed to callback function

Note:

- Like hdlInitNamedDevice except for additional pointer to callback function. If not null, another init will cause this one to be closed and the callback function to be called. In general, this will be used to signal the original caller that its session with the Falcon has been interrupted

- Usage

```
hdlInitIndexedDevice(...interruptCB);  
hdlStart();  
hdlCreateServoOp(...);
```

- Teardown sequence:

```
hdlDestroyServoOp(...);  
hdlStop();  
hdlUninitDevice(...);  
...  
// This function will be called from the original servo thread as the  
// last act before stopping the servo and releasing the device. The  
// user must take appropriate action inside the client process.  
HDLServoOpExitCode interruptCB(void* pUserData)  
{  
    interrupted = true;  
    //... other action as appropriate  
}
```

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See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#)

**HDLAPI [HDLDeviceHandle](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlInitNamedDevice (const char \* *deviceName*, const char \* *configPath*)**

Initialize a specific named haptic device.

**Parameters:**

[in] *deviceName* Name of haptic device.

[in] *configPath* Path/file for ini file.

*configPath* search order:

1. relative to executable directory
2. relative to executable directory's parent if executable directory is Debug or Release
3. config directory in path specified by NOVINT\_DEVICE\_SUPPORT

**Returns:**

Handle to haptic device

Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- could not load device specific dll

**Note:**

- Support multiple devices via *deviceName* string.

Setup sequence:

```
hdlInitNamedDevice(...);  
hdlStart();  
hdlCreateServoOp(...);
```

Teardown sequence:

```
hdlDestroyServoOp(...);  
hdlStop();  
hdlUninitDevice(...);
```

**See also:**

[hdlInitIndexedDevice](#), [hdlStart](#), [hdlStop](#), [hdlCreateServoOp](#), [hdlDestroyServoOp](#),  
[hdlUninitDevice](#)

**Note:**

In C++ programs, *configPath* is optional, with a default value of (const char \*) 0.

C programs must pass (const char \*) 0 to use default *configPath*

**HDLAPI [HDLDeviceHandle](#) HDLAPIENTRY hdlInitNamedDeviceEx (const char \*  
*deviceName*, const char \* *configPath*, [HDLServoOp](#) \* *callBack*, void \* *pData*)**

Extended-initialize a specific named haptic device.

**Parameters:**

[in] *deviceName* Name of haptic device.

[in] *configPath* Path/file for ini file.

[in] *callBack* Callback function to signal interruption

[in] *pData* Pointer to data structure passed to callback function

**Note:**

- Like `hdlInitNamedDevice` except for additional pointer to callback function. If not null, another init will cause this one to be closed and the callback function to be called. In general, this will be used to signal the original caller that its session with the Falcon has been interrupted

- Usage

```
hdlInitNamedDevice(...interruptCB);  
hdlStart();  
hdlCreateServoOp(...);
```

- Teardown sequence:

```
hdlDestroyServoOp(...);  
hdlStop();  
hdlUninitDevice(...);  
...  
// This function will be called from the original servo thread as the  
// last act before stopping the servo and releasing the device. The  
// user must take appropriate action inside the client process.  
HDLServoOpExitCode interruptCB(void* pData)
```

```

{
    interrupted = true;
    //... other action as appropriate
}

```

•

See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#)

### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlMakeCurrent ([HDLDeviceHandle](#) *hHandle*)**

Make a specific haptic device current (Allows application to send forces to a specific device).

Parameters:

[in] *hHandle* Haptic device handle

Returns:

Nothing

Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- *hHandle* invalid

### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlSetToolForce (double *force*[3])**

Set the force to be generated by the device, measured in newtons.

Forces are in device coordinates. Dimension order: x, y, z

Parameters:

[in] *force* Measured in Newtons; x, y, z order

Returns:

Nothing

Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- no current device
- max force exceeded

### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlStart ()**

Start servo and all haptic devices.

Parameters:

*None*

Returns:

Handle to haptic device

Errors:

- manufacturer specific
- servo could not start

Note:

Starts servo and all haptic devices. Call after all devices are initialized. Start is separated from `hdlInitNamedDevice` to allow all devices to be initialized before servo operations are started. Currently, only one Falcon at a time is supported, but this restriction will be lifted in the future. Other device types supported by HDAL may already allow multiple devices to be connected.

See also:

[hdlStop](#), [hdlInitNamedDevice](#), [hdlInitIndexedDevice](#)

### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlStop ()**

Stop servo and all haptic devices.



In its current form, [hdlStop\(\)](#) does nothing. In the future, it will at least stop processing callback functions. Other changes in behavior are yet to be defined and will be described when implemented.

Parameters:

*None*

Returns:

Nothing

See also:

[hdlStart](#), [hdlInitNamedDevice](#), [hdlInitIndexedDevice](#)

#### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlToolButton ([bool](#) \* *pButton*)**

Return current state of tool button(s).

For multi-button devices, if any button is pressed, *pButton\** is set to true.

Parameters:

[out] *pButton* Pointer to bool to hold button state

Returns:

Nothing

Errors: None

#### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlToolButtons (int \* *pButton*)**

Return current state of tool buttons.

Returned value is a bitmask of buttons, with the least significant bit associated with button "0".

Parameters:

[out] *pButton* Pointer to an int to hold button states

Returns:

Nothing

Errors: None

#### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlToolPosition (double *position*[3])**

Return current tool position.

Parameters:

[out] *position* In x, y, z order, measured in meters.

Returns:

Nothing

Errors: None

#### **HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdlUninitDevice ([HDLDeviceHandle](#) *hHandle*)**

Uninitializes a haptic device.

Parameters:

[in] *hHandle* Handle of haptic device

Returns:

Nothing

Errors: manufacturer specific

See also:

[hdlInitNamedDevice](#), [hdlInitIndexedDevice](#)

## C:/novint/projects/DeviceSupport/MainStream/hdal/include/hdl/hdlConstants.h File Reference

Constants for HDAL.

### Defines

- #define [HDL\\_MAX\\_DEVICES](#) 6
- *Maximum device count.* #define [HDL\\_SERNUM\\_BUFFSIZE](#) 9
- *Length of buffer for serial number (includes null terminator).* #define [HDL\\_VERSION\\_INVALID](#) -1
- *version is invalid* #define [HDL\\_VERSION\\_NOT\\_APPLICABLE](#) -2
- *version field not applicable* #define [HDL\\_VERSION\\_UNAVAILABLE](#) -3

### **version field not available** Typedefs

- typedef \_\_int64 [HDL\\_VERSION\\_INFO\\_TYPE](#)

### Structure returned by hdlGetVersion. Enumerations

- enum [HDL\\_AVAILABILITY](#) { [HDL\\_ALL\\_DEVICES](#), [HDL\\_NOT\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_OTHER\\_APP](#), [HDL\\_NOT\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_ANY\\_APP](#), [HDL\\_DEFAULT\\_AVAILABILITY](#) }  
*Device availability control.*
- enum [HDL\\_GRIP\\_ATTRIBUTE](#) { [HDL\\_GRIP\\_ID](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_HELD](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_POSITION](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_ORIENTATION](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_QUATERNION](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_AXISANGLE](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_OFFSET](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_ANGLE](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_FORCE](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_BUTTON](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_FLOAT](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_TORQUE](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_RGB\\_LIGHT](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_RED\\_LIGHT](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_GREEN\\_LIGHT](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_BLUE\\_LIGHT](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_MEMORY\\_ROM](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_MEMORY\\_RAM](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_MASS](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_GRAVITY\\_COMP](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_RAW\\_ENCODER](#), [HDL\\_GRIP\\_RAW\\_MOTOR](#) }  
*Grip Attributes.*
- enum [HDL\\_VERSION\\_REQUEST](#) { [HDL\\_HDAL](#) = 0x11, [HDL\\_DEVICE](#) = 0x21, [HDL\\_DEVICE\\_SDK](#) = 0x22, [HDL\\_DEVICE\\_COMMS](#) = 0x23, [HDL\\_DEVICE\\_OS](#) = 0x24, [HDL\\_GRIP](#) = 0x33 }  
*Enumeration of version request types.*

### Detailed Description

Constants for HDAL.

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Definition in file [hdlConstants.h](#).

### Typedef Documentation

typedef \_\_int64 [HDL\\_VERSION\\_INFO\\_TYPE](#)

Structure returned by hdlGetVersion.

See also:

[hdlGetVersion](#)

Definition at line 39 of file hdlConstants.h.

## Enumeration Type Documentation

### enum [HDL\\_GRIP\\_ATTRIBUTE](#)

Grip Attributes.

**Enumerator:**

***HDL\_GRIP\_ID*** ID of the attached grip.  
***HDL\_GRIP\_HELD*** is grip being held  
***HDL\_GRIP\_POSITION*** position of grip "center"  
***HDL\_GRIP\_ORIENTATION*** orientation of grip  
***HDL\_GRIP\_QUATERNION*** grip orientation as a quaternion  
***HDL\_GRIP\_AXISANGLE*** grip orientation as an axis-angle pair  
***HDL\_GRIP\_OFFSET*** offset from Falcon base center (center of face plate)  
***HDL\_GRIP\_ANGLE*** Return all four raw angles from a 4DOF grip.  
***HDL\_GRIP\_FORCE*** force sent to grip  
***HDL\_GRIP\_BUTTON*** grip button  
***HDL\_GRIP\_FLOAT*** grip slider/knob  
***HDL\_GRIP\_TORQUE*** torque sent to grip  
***HDL\_GRIP\_RGB\_LIGHT*** Badge LEDs.  
***HDL\_GRIP\_MEMORY\_ROM*** return the contents of the attached grip ROM  
***HDL\_GRIP\_MEMORY\_RAM*** return the contents of the attach grip RAM  
***HDL\_GRIP\_MASS*** return the grip mass, in kg  
***HDL\_GRIP\_GRAVITY\_COMP*** set or return the state of gravity compensation  
***HDL\_GRIP\_RAW\_ENCODER*** return raw 4DOF encoder values  
***HDL\_GRIP\_RAW\_MOTOR*** return most recent raw motor commands

Definition at line 43 of file hdlConstants.h.

### enum [HDL\\_VERSION\\_REQUEST](#)

Enumeration of version request types.

See also:

[hdlGetVersion](#)

**Enumerator:**

***HDL\_HDAL*** version of HDAL  
***HDL\_DEVICE*** device hardware in current device context  
***HDL\_DEVICE\_SDK*** SDK version of current device.  
***HDL\_DEVICE\_COMMS*** communications version of current device  
***HDL\_DEVICE\_OS*** version of device OS  
***HDL\_GRIP*** grip in current device context

Definition at line 22 of file hdlConstants.h.

## C:/novint/projects/DeviceSupport/MainStream/hdal/include/hdl/hdlErrors.h File Reference

Error codes returned from HDAL.

## Defines

- #define [HDL\\_ERROR\\_INIT\\_FAILED](#) 0x10
- Device initialization error. #define [HDL\\_ERROR\\_INTERNAL](#) 0x02
- HDAL internal error. #define [HDL\\_ERROR\\_STACK\\_OVERFLOW](#) 0x01
- Overflow of error stack. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_DEVICE\\_ALREADY\\_INITED](#) 0x16
- Device already initialized. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_DEVICE\\_FAILURE](#) 0x15
- Failed to initialize device. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_DEVICE\\_NOT\\_CONNECTED](#) 0x17
- Requested device not connected. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_DLL\\_LOAD\\_ERROR](#) 0x14
- Could not load driver DLL. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_ERROR\\_MASK](#) 0x1F
- Mask for all initialization errors. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_INI\\_DLL\\_STRING\\_NOT\\_FOUND](#) 0x12
- No DLL name in configuration file. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_INI\\_MANUFACTURER\\_NAME\\_STRING\\_NOT\\_FOUND](#) 0x13
- No MANUFACTURER\_NAME value in configuration file. #define [HDL\\_INIT\\_INI\\_NOT\\_FOUND](#) 0x11
- Could not find configuration file. #define [HDL\\_NO\\_ERROR](#) 0x0
- No errors on error stack. #define [HDL\\_SERVO\\_START\\_ERROR](#) 0x18

## Could not start servo thread. Typedefs

- typedef int [HDLError](#)

HDAL API Errors.

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## Detailed Description

Error codes returned from HDAL.

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Definition in file [hdlErrors.h](#).

## Typedef Documentation

### typedef int [HDLError](#)

HDAL API Errors.

Client application queries HDAL errors using [hdlGetError\(\)](#). [hdlGetError\(\)](#) returns an error type.

Definition at line 19 of file [hdlErrors.h](#).

## C:/novint/projects/DeviceSupport/MainStream/hdal/include/hdlu/hdlu.h File Reference

Utility functions for HDAL applications.

```
#include <hdl/hdlExports.h>
```

## Functions

- HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY [hdluGenerateHapticToAppWorkspaceTransform](#) (double hapticWorkspace[6], double gameWorkspace[6], [bool](#) useUniformScale, double transformMat[16])
- Generate transform for mapping between haptic and game workspace. HDLAPI double [hdluGetSystemTime](#) (void)

Compute a precise time based on CPU high performance timer.

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## Detailed Description

Utility functions for HDAL applications.

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Haptic Device Abstraction Layer Low level, cross-platform, general purpose interface.

Definition in file [hdlu.h](#).

## Function Documentation

**HDLAPI void HDLAPIENTRY hdluGenerateHapticToAppWorkspaceTransform (double *hapticWorkspace*[6], double *gameWorkspace*[6], [bool](#) *useUniformScale*, double *transformMat*[16])**

Generate transform for mapping between haptic and game workspace.

Inputs specify the minimum and maximum coordinate values of rectangular paralleliped reference boxes. The meanings of the two boxes is arbitrary. The names "hapticWorkspace" and "gameWorkspace" derive from a common usage to transform from device (haptic workspace) units to game workspace units. In such usage, [hdlDeviceWorkspace](#) can be used to get an approximate range of values, but the developer must be aware that this range is approximate, so the resultant transform is only approximate. The function computes and returns (in *transformMat*) the transform matrix that will convert position data relative to the "hapticWorkspace" reference into position data relative to the gameWorkspace reference.

Parameters:

- [in] *hapticWorkspace* minx, miny, minz, maxx, maxy, maxz
- [in] *gameWorkspace* minx, miny, minz, maxx, maxy, maxz
- [in] *useUniformScale* If true, scale the same in all three dimenstions
- [out] *transformMat* Transformation from haptic to game workspace

Returns:

Nothing

Errors: None

**HDLAPI double hdluGetSystemTime (void)**

Compute a precise time based on CPU high performance timer.

Parameters:

*None*

Returns:

Current system time, in seconds from start of epoch

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