

# Linux Development Kit pco.camera API

## USB2 USB3



This document describes the development kit API for pco cameras under linux.

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# 1 Introduction

This document provides an detailed description of all functions of the PCO Camera Linux API. The API is a class interface and provides the functionality to write own Applications in a Linux environment.

Any C++ compiler can be used for development.

The intention was to provide a simple interface, which can be used with every PCO camera of the pco.camera series independent from the used interface.

The **PCO** Linux Development Kit includes:

- all header files for compilation
- all source code files for building the common and specific classes
- example code
- precompiled libraries, which are used in the examples
- compiled binaries of the examples

## 1.1 General

The API consist of two classes a communication class which is used to control the camera settings and a grabber class which is used to transfer single or multiple images from the camera to the PC. Because communication with the camera and image transfer depends on the used hardware interface, interface specific classes exist.

For controlling the camera settings a common base class exists. The interface specific classes are subclasses derived from this base class. For image transfers only interface specific classes exist, but main functions use equal function declarations.

Error and warning codes can be found in file pco\_err.h.

PCO\_NOERROR is defined as value '0'.

## 2 Class Documentation

### 2.1 CPco\_com Class Reference

Inherited by [CPco\\_com\\_usb](#).

#### Base Class Functions

Open a communication class and establish a connection with the camera. Communication is done through the `Control_Command` function.

- virtual DWORD [Open\\_Cam](#) (DWORD num)=0
- virtual DWORD [Close\\_Cam](#) ()
- virtual DWORD [Control\\_Command](#) (void\* buf\_in, DWORD size\_in, void\* buf\_out, DWORD size\_out)=0
- void [SetLog](#) (CPco\_Log\* Log)
- CPco\_Log\* [GetLog](#) ()

#### General Control and Status

This section contains general functions to control the camera and to request status information about the camera.

- DWORD [PCO\\_SetRecordingState](#) (WORD recstate)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetRecordingState](#) (WORD\* recstate)
- DWORD [PCO\\_ArmCamera](#) ()
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetActualSize](#) (DWORD\* width, DWORD\* height)
- DWORD [PCO\\_ResetSettingsToDefault](#) ()
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCameraToCurrentTime](#) ()
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetDateTime](#) (struct tm\* strTime)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraSetup](#) (WORD setup\_id, DWORD\* setup\_flag, WORD\* length)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCameraSetup](#) (WORD setup\_id, DWORD\* setup\_flag, WORD length)
- DWORD [PCO\\_RebootCamera](#) ()

#### Camera Description

Functions and comments for Camera description

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraDescriptor](#) (SC2\_Camera\_Description\_Response\* description)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraDescription](#) (SC2\_Camera\_Description\_Response\* response)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraDescription](#) (SC2\_Camera\_Description\_2\_Response\* response)

#### General Camera StatusInformation

This section contains general functions to request general information about the camera and the actual camera state.

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraType](#) (WORD\* wCamType, DWORD\* dwSerialNumber, WORD\* wIfType=NULL)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraName](#) (void\* buf, int length)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetInfo](#) (DWORD typ, void\* buf, int length)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetTemperature](#) (SHORT\* CCDTemp, SHORT\* CAMTemp, SHORT\* ExtTemp)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHealthStatus](#) (unsigned int\* warnings, unsigned int\* errors, unsigned int\* status)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetSensorSignalStatus](#) (DWORD\* status, DWORD\* imagecount)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraBusyStatus](#) (WORD\* camera\_busy)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetExpTrigSignalStatus](#) (WORD\* exptrgsignal)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCOCRuntime](#) (DWORD\* time\_s, DWORD\* time\_ns)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCOCExptime](#) (DWORD\* time\_s, DWORD\* time\_ns)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetImageTiming](#) (SC2\_Get\_Image\_Timing\_Response\* image\_timing)

#### Timing Control and Status

This section contains functions to change and retrieve actual timing settings Setting of delay and exposure times can be done also when recording state is RUN. When recording state is STOP or for any other settings an additional

PCO\_ArmCamera has to be done.

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetTriggerMode](#) (WORD\* mode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetTriggerMode](#) (WORD mode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_ForceTrigger](#) (WORD\* trigger)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetPixelRate](#) (DWORD\* pixelrate)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetPixelRate](#) (DWORD PixelRate)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetDelayExposureTime](#) (DWORD\* delay, DWORD\* expos, WORD\* tb\_delay, WORD\* tb\_expos)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetDelayExposureTime](#) (DWORD delay, DWORD expos, WORD tb\_delay, WORD tb\_expos)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetDelayExposure](#) (DWORD\* delay, DWORD\* expos)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetDelayExposure](#) (DWORD delay, DWORD expos)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetTimebase](#) (WORD\* delay, WORD\* expos)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetTimebase](#) (WORD delay, WORD expos)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetFrameRate](#) (WORD\* wFrameRateStatus, DWORD\* dwFrameRate, DWORD\* dwFrameRateExposure)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetFrameRate](#) (WORD\* wFrameRateStatus, WORD wFrameRateMode, DWORD\* dwFrameRate, DWORD\* dwFrameRateExposure)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetFPSExposureMode](#) (WORD\* wFPSExposureMode, DWORD\* dwFPSExposureTime)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetFPSExposureMode](#) (WORD wFPSExposureMode, DWORD\* dwFPSExposureTime)

## Sensor Control and Status

This section contains functions to change and retrieve actual format settings

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetSensorFormat](#) (WORD\* wSensor)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetSensorFormat](#) (WORD wSensor)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetROI](#) (WORD\* RoiX0, WORD\* RoiY0, WORD\* RoiX1, WORD\* RoiY1)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetROI](#) (WORD RoiX0, WORD RoiY0, WORD RoiX1, WORD RoiY1)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetBinning](#) (WORD\* BinHorz, WORD\* BinVert)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetBinning](#) (WORD BinHorz, WORD BinVert)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetADCOperation](#) (WORD\* wADCOperation)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetADCOperation](#) (WORD num)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetDoubleImageMode](#) (WORD\* wDoubleImage)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetDoubleImageMode](#) (WORD wDoubleImage)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetNoiseFilterMode](#) (WORD\* wNoiseFilterMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetNoiseFilterMode](#) (WORD wNoiseFilterMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetConversionFactor](#) (WORD\* wConvFact)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetConversionFactor](#) (WORD wConvFact)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetIRSensitivity](#) (WORD\* wIR)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetIRSensitivity](#) (WORD wIR)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCoolingSetpointTemperature](#) (SHORT\* sCoolSet)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCoolingSetpointTemperature](#) (SHORT sCoolSet)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCoolingSetpoints](#) (WORD wBlockID, SHORT\* sSetPoints, WORD\* wValidSetPoints)

## Recording Control and Status

This section contains functions to change and retrieve actual recorder settings

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetStorageMode](#) (WORD\* wStorageMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetStorageMode](#) (WORD wStorageMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetRecorderSubmode](#) (WORD\* wRecSubmode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetRecorderSubmode](#) (WORD wRecSubmode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetAcquireMode](#) (WORD\* wAcquMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetAcquireMode](#) (WORD wAcquMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetAcquireModeEx](#) (WORD\* wAcquMode, DWORD\* dwNumberImages)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetAcquireModeEx](#) (WORD wAcquMode, DWORD dwNumberImages)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetAcqEnblSignalStatus](#) (WORD\* wAcquEnableState)

## Storage Control and Status

This section contains functions to change and retrieve actual format settings

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraRamSize](#) (DWORD\* dwRamSize, WORD\* wPageSize)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraRamSegmentSize](#) (DWORD\* dwRamSegSize)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCameraRamSegmentSize](#) (DWORD\* dwRamSegSize)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetActiveRamSegment](#) (WORD\* wActSeg)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetActiveRamSegment](#) (WORD wActSeg)
- DWORD [PCO\\_ClearRamSegment](#) ()

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetNumberOfImagesInSegment](#) (WORD wSegment, DWORD\* dwValid, DWORD\* dwMax)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetSegmentImageSettings](#) (WORD wSegment, WORD\* wRes\_hor, WORD\* wRes\_ver, WORD\* wBin\_x, WORD\* wBin\_y, WORD\* wRoi\_x0, WORD\* wRoi\_y0, WORD\* wRoi\_x1, WORD\* wRoi\_y1)

## Image transfer

This section contains functions to invoke image transfers from the camera

- DWORD [PCO\\_ReadImagesFromSegment](#) (WORD wSegment, DWORD dwStartImage, DWORD dwLastImage)
- DWORD [PCO\\_RequestImage](#) ()
- DWORD [PCO\\_RepeatImage](#) ()
- DWORD [PCO\\_CancelImage](#) ()
- DWORD [PCO\\_CancelImageTransfer](#) ()
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetImageTransferMode](#) (WORD\* wMode, WORD\* wImageWidth, WORD\* wImageHeight, WORD\* wTxWidth, WORD\* wTxHeight, WORD\* wTxLineWordCnt, WORD\* wParam, WORD\* wParamLen)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetImageTransferMode](#) (WORD wMode, WORD wImageWidth, WORD wImageHeight, WORD wTxWidth, WORD wTxHeight, WORD wTxLineWordCnt, WORD\* wParam, WORD wParamLen)

## Image data options

This section contains functions to change and retrieve actual settings for the transferred image data

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetLookupableInfo](#) (WORD wLUTNum, WORD\* wNumberOfLuts, char\* Description, WORD wDescLen, WORD\* wIdentifier, BYTE\* bInputWidth, BYTE\* bOutputWidth, WORD\* wFormat)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetLut](#) (WORD\* Identifier, WORD\* Parameter)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetLut](#) (WORD Identifier, WORD Parameter)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetBitAlignment](#) (WORD\* align)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetBitAlignment](#) (WORD align)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetTimestampMode](#) (WORD\* mode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetTimestampMode](#) (WORD mode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHotPixelCorrectionMode](#) (WORD\* wHotPixelCorrectionMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetHotPixelCorrectionMode](#) (WORD wHotPixelCorrectionMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetMetadataMode](#) (WORD\* wMode, WORD\* wMetadataSize, WORD\* wMetadataVersion)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetMetadataMode](#) (WORD wMode, WORD\* wMetadataSize, WORD\* wMetadataVersion)

## Hardware Input/Output options

This section contains functions to change and retrieve actual settings for Input and output connectors

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignalCount](#) (WORD\* numSignals)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignalDescriptor](#) (WORD SignalNum, SC2\_Get\_HW\_IO\_Signal\_Descriptor\_Response\* SignalDesc)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignalDescriptor](#) (WORD SignalNum, char\* outbuf, int\* size)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignal](#) (WORD SignalNum, WORD\* Enabled, WORD\* Type, WORD\* Polarity, WORD\* FilterSetting, WORD\* Selected)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetHWIOSignal](#) (WORD SignalNum, WORD Enabled, WORD Type, WORD Polarity, WORD FilterSetting, WORD Selected)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignalTiming](#) (WORD SignalNum, WORD Selection, DWORD\* type, DWORD\* Parameter)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetHWIOSignalTiming](#) (WORD SignalNum, WORD Selection, DWORD Parameter)

## Enhanced Timing control status

This section contains functions to change and retrieve further timing settings

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetPowerDownMode](#) (WORD\* wPowerDownMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetPowerDownMode](#) (WORD wPowerDownMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetUserPowerDownTime](#) (DWORD\* dwPdnTime)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetUserPowerDownTime](#) (DWORD dwPdnTime)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetDelayExposureTimeTable](#) (DWORD\* dwDelay, DWORD\* dwExposure, WORD\* wTimeBaseDelay, WORD\* wTimebaseExposure, WORD wCount)



- DWORD [PCO\\_SetDelayExposureTimeTable](#) (DWORD\* dwDelay, DWORD\* dwExposure, WORD wTimeBaseDelay, WORD wTimebaseExposure, WORD wCount)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetModulationMode](#) (WORD\* wModulationMode, DWORD\* dwPeriodicalTime, WORD\* wTimebasePeriodical, DWORD\* dwNumberOfExposures, LONG\* lMonitorOffset)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetModulationMode](#) (WORD wModulationMode, DWORD dwPeriodicalTime, WORD wTimebasePeriodical, DWORD dwNumberOfExposures, LONG lMonitorOffset)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCMOSLinetimeing](#) (WORD\* wParameter, WORD\* wTimebase, DWORD\* dwLineTime)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCMOSLinetimeing\\_res](#) (DWORD\* dwMinLineTime, DWORD\* dwMaxLineTime, DWORD\* dwLineCaps)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCMOSLinetimeing](#) (WORD wParameter, WORD wTimebase, DWORD dwLineTime)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCMOSLineExposureDelay](#) (DWORD\* dwExposureLines, DWORD\* dwDelayLines)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCMOSLineExposureDelay](#) (DWORD dwExposureLines, DWORD dwDelayLines)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCameraSynchMode](#) (WORD\* wCameraSynchMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCameraSynchMode](#) (WORD wCameraSynchMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetFastTimingMode](#) (WORD\* wFastTimingMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetFastTimingMode](#) (WORD wFastTimingMode)

## Enhanced Information

This section contains functions to retrieve further information

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetFirmwareVersion](#) (char\* outbuf, int\* size)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHardwareVersion](#) (char\* outbuf, int\* size)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetFirmwareVersion](#) (SC2\_Firmware\_Versions\_Response\* response)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetFirmwareVersionExt](#) (BYTE bNum, SC2\_Firmware\_Versions\_Response\* response)

## IEEE1394 interface parameters

This section contains functions to change and retrieve parameters for the IEEE1394 interface

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetIEEE1394InterfaceParams](#) (WORD\* wMasterNode, WORD\* wIsochChannel, WORD\* wIsochPacketLen, WORD\* wIsochPacketNum)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetIEEE1394InterfaceParams](#) (WORD wMasterNode, WORD wIsochChannel, WORD wIsochPacketLen, WORD wIsochPacketNum)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetIEEE1394ISOByteorder](#) (WORD\* wMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetIEEE1394ISOByteorder](#) (WORD wMode)

## HD/SDI interface parameters and image transfer control

This section contains functions to control output to the HD/SDI interface

- DWORD [PCO\\_GetInterfaceOutputFormat](#) (WORD wInterface, WORD\* wFormat)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetInterfaceOutputFormat](#) (WORD wInterface, WORD wFormat)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetInterfaceStatus](#) (WORD wInterface, DWORD\* dwWarnings, DWORD\* dwErrors, DWORD\* dwStatus)

## HD/SDI interface image transfer control

- DWORD [PCO\\_PlayImagesFromSegment](#) (WORD wSegment, WORD wInterface, WORD wMode, WORD wSpeed, DWORD dwRangeLow, DWORD dwRangeHigh, DWORD dwStartPos)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetPlayPosition](#) (WORD\* wStatus, DWORD\* dwPosition)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetColorSettings](#) (SC2\_Get\_Color\_Settings\_Response\* ColSetResp)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetColorSettings](#) (SC2\_Set\_Color\_Settings\* SetColSet)
- DWORD [PCO\\_DoWhiteBalance](#) (WORD wMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetWhiteBalanceStatus](#) (WORD\* wStatus, WORD\* wColorTemp, SHORT\* sTint)

## Special control status

This section contains functions to change and retrieve special camera settings

- DWORD [PCO\\_InitiateSelftestProcedure](#) (DWORD\* dwWarn, DWORD\* dwErr)
- DWORD [PCO\\_WriteHotPixelList](#) (WORD wListNo, WORD wNumValid, WORD\* wHotPixX, WORD\* wHotPixY)



- DWORD [PCO\\_ReadHotPixelList](#) (WORD wListNo, WORD wArraySize, WORD\* wNumValid, WORD\* wNumMax, WORD\* wHotPixX, WORD\* wHotPixY)
- DWORD [PCO\\_ClearHotPixelList](#) (WORD wListNo, DWORD dwMagic1, DWORD dwMagic2)
- DWORD [PCO\\_ClearHotPixelList](#) (WORD wListNo)
- DWORD [PCO\\_LoadLookuptable](#) (WORD wIdentifier, WORD wPacketNum, WORD wFormat, WORD wLength, BYTE\* bData)
- DWORD [PCO\\_ReadLookuptable](#) (WORD wIdentifier, WORD wPacketNum, WORD\* wFormat, WORD\* wLength, BYTE\* bData, WORD buflen)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetColorCorrectionMatrix](#) (char\* szCCM, WORD\* len)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetBayerMultiplier](#) (WORD\* wMode, WORD\* wMul)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetBayerMultiplier](#) (WORD wMode, WORD\* wMul)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetFanControlStatus](#) (WORD\* wFanMode, WORD\* wFanMin, WORD\* wFanMax, WORD\* wStepSize, WORD\* wSetValue, WORD\* wActualValue)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetFanControlStatus](#) (WORD wFanMode, WORD wSetValue)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetHWLEDSignal](#) (DWORD\* dwParameter)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetHWLEDSignal](#) (DWORD dwParameter)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetDSNUAdjustMode](#) (WORD\* wMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetDSNUAdjustMode](#) (WORD wMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_InitDSNUAdjustment](#) (WORD\* wMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetCDIMode](#) (WORD\* wMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetCDIMode](#) (WORD wMode)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetPowersaveMode](#) (WORD\* wMode, WORD\* wDelayMinutes)
- DWORD [PCO\\_SetPowersaveMode](#) (WORD wMode, WORD wDelayMinutes)
- DWORD [PCO\\_GetBatteryStatus](#) (WORD\* wBatteryType, WORD\* wBatteryLevel, WORD\* wPowerStatus)

## Class Control Functions

These functions are used to control some internal variables of the class.

- void [gettimeouts](#) (PCO\_SC2\_TIMEOUTS\* strTimeouts)
- void [Set\\_Timeouts](#) (void\* timetable, DWORD length)
- void [Sleep\\_ms](#) (DWORD time\_ms)

### 2.1.1 Detailed Description

Base interface class.

This is the communication class which includes all functions, which build the commands codes which can then be sent to the pco.cameras. Derived from this class are all interface specific classes. This class includes some common functions and defines the mandatory functions that each subclass has to implement.

### 2.1.2 Member Function Documentation

#### 2.1.2.1 Open\_Cam

pcotag Base Class Functions Opens a connection to a pco.camera This is a virtual function the implementation is in the interface specific class

Prototype:

```
virtual DWORD Open_Cam (  
    DWORD num  
);  
[pure virtual]
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description                                      |
|------|-------|--|
| num  | DWORD | Number of the camera to open starting with zero. |

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

Implemented in [CPco\\_com\\_usb](#).

#### 2.1.2.2 Close\_Cam

Closes a connection to a pco.camera.

Prototype:

```
virtual DWORD Close_Cam ( );  
[virtual]
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

Reimplemented in [CPco\\_com\\_usb](#).

### 2.1.2.3 Control\_Command

The main function to communicate with the pco.camera via **PCO** telegrams.

See `sc2_telegram.h` for a list of telegram definitions and `sc2_command.h` for a list of all public commands. Checksum calculation is done in this function, therefore there is no need to pre-calculate it.

Prototype:

```
virtual DWORD Control_Command (  
    void* buf_in,  
    DWORD size_in,  
    void* buf_out,  
    DWORD size_out  
);  
[pure virtual]
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type  | Description  |
|----------|-------|--|
| buf_in   | void* | Pointer to the buffer where the telegram is stored   |
| size_in  | DWORD | Size of the input buffer in bytes  |
| buf_out  | void* | Pointer to the buffer where the response gets stored   |
| size_out | DWORD | Size of the output buffer in bytes. If the returned telegram does not fit into the output buffer |

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

Implemented in [CPco\\_com\\_usb](#).

### 2.1.2.4 SetLog

Sets the logging behaviour for the communication class. If this function is not called no logging is performed. Logging might be useful to follow the program flow of the application. Logging class is available through the library `libpcolog`.

Prototype:

```
void SetLog (  
    CPco_Log* Log  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type      | Description                                |
|------|-----------|--|
| Log  | CPco_Log* | Pointer to a CPco_Log logging class object |

Return value:

None

### 2.1.2.5 GetLog

Returns the currently used logging class object.

Prototype:

```
CPco_Log* GetLog ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

logging class object or NULL if no logging was set.

### 2.1.2.6 PCO\_SetRecordingState

Sets the current recording state and waits until the status is valid. If the state cannot be set within one second (+ current frametime for state [stop]), the function will return an error.

The recording state controls the run state of the camera. If the Recording State is [run], sensor exposure and readout sequences are started depending on current camera settings (trigger mode, acquire mode, external signals...).

The Recording State has the highest priority compared to functions like <acq enbl> or exposure trigger.

When the Recording State is set to [stop], sensor exposure and readout sequences are stopped. If the camera is currently in [sensor\_readout] state, this readout is finished, before camera run state is changed to [sensor\_idle]. If the camera is currently in [sensor\_exposing] state, the exposure is cancelled and camera run state is changed immediately to [sensor\_idle]. In run state [sensor\_idle] the camera is running a special idle mode to prevent dark charge accumulation.

If any camera parameter was changed: before setting the Recording State to [run], the function [PCO\\_ArmCamera](#) must be called. This is to ensure that all settings were correctly and are accepted by the camera. If a successful Recording State [run] command is sent and recording is started, the images from a previous record to the active segment are lost.

The recording status has the highest priority compared to functions like <acq enbl> or <exp trig>. The recording state can be [stop]'ped at any time. The recording state can be set to [run] only if the camera was successfully armed before.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetRecordingState (
    WORD recstate
);
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| recstate | WORD | Variable to set the active recording state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000 = stop camera and wait until recording state = [stop]</li> <li>0x0001 = start camera and wait until recording state = [run]</li> </ul> |

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

### 2.1.2.7 PCO\_GetRecordingState

Requests the current recording state.

This function returns the current Recording State of the camera. The Recording State can change from [run] to [stop] through:

- Call to function PCO\_SetRecordingState [stop]
- PCO\_SetStorageMode is [recorder], PCO\_SetRecorderSubmode is [sequence] and active segment is full
- PCO\_SetStorageMode is [recorder], PCO\_SetRecorderSubmode is [ring buffer],
- PCO\_SetRecordStopEvent is [on] and the given number of images is recorded.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetRecordingState (  
    WORD* recstate  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name     | Type  | Description   |
|----------|-------|---|
| recstate | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to get the current recording state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x0000 = camera is stopped, recording state [stop]</li><li>• 0x0001 = camera is running, recording state [run]</li></ul> |

#### Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

### 2.1.2.8 PCO\_ArmCamera

Arms the camera and validates the settings.

This function does arm, this means prepare the camera for a following recording. All configurations and settings made up to this moment are accepted, validated and the internal settings of the camera are prepared. If the arm was successful the camera state is changed to [armed] and the camera is able to start image recording immediately, when recording state is set to [run].

The command will be rejected, if Recording State is [run], see [PCO\\_GetRecordingState](#).

On power up the camera is in state [not armed] and Recording State [stop]. Camera arm state is changed to [not armed], when settings are changed, with the following exception. Camera arm state is not changed, when settings related to exposure time will be done during Recording State [run].

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ArmCamera ( );
```

#### Parameters:

No parameter

#### Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

### 2.1.2.9 PCO\_GetActualSize

Gets the actual armed image size of the camera. This accounts for binning and ROI. If the user recently changed size influencing values without issuing an ARM, the GetSizes function will return the sizes from the last recording. If no recording occurred, it will return the last ROI settings.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetActualSize (  
    DWORD* width,  
    DWORD* height  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name   | Type   | Description  |
|--------|--------|--|
| width  | DWORD* | Pointer to an DWORD to get the current width in pixel  |
| height | DWORD* | Pointer to an DWORD to get the current height in pixel |

#### Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

#### 2.1.2.10 PCO\_ResetSettingsToDefault

Resets all camera settings to default values. This function can be used to reset all camera settings to its default values. This function is also executed during a power-up sequence. The camera must be stopped before calling this command. Default settings are slightly different for all cameras.

The following are the default settings: .

| Setting:            | Default:   |
|---------------------|--|
| Sensor Format       | Standard   |
| ROI                 | Full resolution                                  |
| Binning             | No binning                                       |
| Pixel Rate          | Depending on camera type                         |
| Gain                | Normal gain (if setting available due to sensor) |
| Double Image Mode   | Off  |
| IR sensitivity      | Off (if setting available due to sensor)         |
| Cooling Set point   | Depending on camera type                         |
| ADC mode            | Using one ADC (if setting available)             |
| Exposure Time       | Depending on camera type (10-20ms)               |
| Delay Time          | 0ms  |
| Trigger Mode        | Auto Trigger                                     |
| Recording state     | Stopped  |
| Memory Segmentation | Total memory allocated to first segment          |
| Storage Mode        | Recorder Ring Buffer                             |
| Acquire Mode        | Auto   |

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ResetSettingsToDefault ( );
```

#### Parameters:

No parameter

#### Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success



### 2.1.2.11 PCO\_SetCameraToCurrentTime

Sets the camera time to current system time.

The date and time is updated automatically, as long as the camera is supplied with power. Camera time is used for the timestamp and metadata. When powering up the camera the camera clock is reset and all date and time information is set to zero. Therefore this command or [PCO\\_SetDateTime](#) should be called once. It might be necessary to call the function again in distinct time intervals, because some deviation between PC time and camera time might occur after some time.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetCameraToCurrentTime ( );
```

#### Parameters:

No parameter

#### Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

### 2.1.2.12 PCO\_SetDateTime

Sets the time and date to the camera. The date and time is updated automatically, as long as the camera is supplied with power. Camera time is used for the timestamp and metadata. When powering up the camera the camera clock is reset and all date and time information is set to zero. Therefore this command or [PCO\\_SetDateTime](#) should be called once. It might be necessary to call the function again in distinct time intervals, because some deviation between PC time and camera time might occur after some time. Note:

- [ms] and [ $\mu$ s] values of the camera clock are set to zero, when this command is executed

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetDateTime (  
    struct tm* strTime  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name    | Type       | Description                |
|---------|------------|----------------------------|
| strTime | struct tm* | Pointer to a tm structure. |

#### Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

### 2.1.2.13 PCO\_GetCameraSetup

Request the current camera setup.

This function is used to query the current operation mode of the camera. Some cameras can work at different operation modes with different descriptor settings.

pco.edge:

To get the current shutter mode input index `setup_id` must be set to 0.

current shutter mode is returned in `setup_flag[0]`

- 0x00000001 = Rolling Shutter
- 0x00000002 = Global Shutter
- 0x00000004 = Global Reset

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraSetup (
    WORD setup_id,
    DWORD* setup_flag,
    WORD* length
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type   | Description   |
|------------|--------|---|
| setup_id   | WORD   | Identification code for selected setup type.  |
| setup_flag | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to get the current setup flags. If set to NULL in input only the array length is returned. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On input this variable can be set to NULL, then only array length is filled with correct value.</li> <li>• On output the array is filled with the available information for the selected setup_id</li> </ul> |
| length     | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On input to indicate the length of the Setup_flag array in DWORDs.</li> <li>• On output the length of the setup_flag array in DWORDS</li> </ul>   |

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

#### 2.1.2.14 PCO\_SetCameraSetup

Sets the camera setup structure (see camera specific structures)

pco.edge:

To get the current shutter mode input index setup\_id must be set to 0.

current shutter mode is returned in setup\_flag[0]

- 0x00000001 = Rolling Shutter
- 0x00000002 = Global Shutter
- 0x00000004 = Global Reset When camera is set to a new shuttermode uit must be reinitialized by calling one of the reboot functions. After rebooting, camera description must be read again see [PCO\\_GetCameraDescription](#).

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetCameraSetup (  
    WORD setup_id,  
    DWORD* setup_flag,  
    WORD length  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type   | Description                                  |
|------------|--------|--|
| setup_id   | WORD   | Identification code for selected setup type. |
| setup_flag | DWORD* | Flags to be set for the selected setup type. |
| length     | WORD   | Number of valid DWORDs in setup_flag array.  |

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

#### 2.1.2.15 PCO\_RebootCamera

Reboot the camera.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_RebootCamera ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

### 2.1.2.16 PCO\_GetCameraDescriptor

Gets the cached camera description data structure. This is a cached value that is retrieved once when `Open_Cam` is called and with every `PCO_GetCameraDescription` call. See `PCO_GetCameraDescription` for a more detailed version of the retrieved camera description structure. Because parameters inside the structure are fixed values, this is the recommended function to work with.

#### PCO\_Description structure

Because different sensors (CCD, CMOS, sCMOS) are used in the different camera models, each camera has its own description. This description should be readout shortly after access to the camera is established. In the description general margins for all sensor related settings and bitfields for available options of the camera are given. This set of information can be used to validate the input parameter for commands, which change camera settings, before they are sent to the camera. The `dwGeneralCapsDESC1` and `dwGeneralCapsDESC2` bitfields in the `PCO_Description` structure can be used to see what options are supported from the connected camera. Supported options may vary with different camera types and also between different firmware versions of one camera type.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraDescriptor (
    SC2_Camera_Description_Response* description
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name        | Type                             | Description   |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---|
| description | SC2_Camera_Description_Response* | Pointer to a PCO description structure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on output structure is filled with cached camera settings</li> </ul> |

#### Return value:

Error code or `PCO_NOERROR` on success

### 2.1.2.17 PCO\_GetCameraDescription

Read the camera description data structure from the camera.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraDescription (
    SC2_Camera_Description_Response* response
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name     | Type                             | Description   |
|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| response | SC2_Camera_Description_Response* | Pointer to a <code>SC2_Camera_Description_Response</code> structure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on output structure is filled with the camera settings</li> </ul> |

#### Return value:

Error code or `PCO_NOERROR` on success

### 2.1.2.18 PCO\_GetCameraDescription

Gets the additional camera descriptions See sc2\_telegram.h for more information.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraDescription (  
    SC2_Camera_Description_2_Response* response  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type                               | Description  |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|
| response | SC2_Camera_Description_2_Response* | Pointer to a SC2_Camera_Description_2_Response structure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>on output structure is filled with the camera settings</li></ul> |

Return value:

Error code or PCO\_NOERROR on success

### 2.1.2.19 PCO\_GetCameraType

Gets the camera type, serial number and interface type.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraType (  
    WORD* wCamType,  
    DWORD* dwSerialNumber,  
    WORD* wIfType = NULL  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name           | Type   | Description  |
|----------------|--------|--|
| wCamType       | WORD*  | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the camera type.         |
| dwSerialNumber | DWORD* | Pointer to DWORD variable to receive the serial number.      |
| wIfType        | WORD*  | Pointer to WORD variable to receive connected Interface type |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.20 PCO\_GetCameraName

Gets the name of the camera.

The string *buf* has to be long enough to get the camera name. Maximum length will be 40 characters including a terminating zero.

The input pointers will be filled with the following parameters:

- Camera name as it is stored inside the camera (e.g. "pco.4000").

#### Return values

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| <i>buf</i> | Null terminated string with camera name |
|------------|---|

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraName (  
    void* buf,  
    int length  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name          | Type  | Description   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| <i>buf</i>    | void* | Pointer to a string to receive the camera name.             |
| <i>length</i> | int   | WORD variable which holds the maximum length of the string. |

#### Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.21 PCO\_GetInfo

Gets the basic information of the camera.

The string buf has to be long enough to get the information.

The input pointer will be filled with one of the following parameters:

- Camera name as it is stored inside the camera (e.g. "pco.4000").
- Sensor name as it is stored inside the camera

#### Return values

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| <i>buf</i> | Null terminated string with requested information |
|------------|---|

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetInfo (  
    DWORD typ,  
    void* buf,  
    int length  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name   | Type  | Description  |
|--------|-------|--|
| typ    | DWORD | selector for information <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1: Camera name</li><li>• 2: Sensor name</li></ul> |
| buf    | void* | Pointer to a string, to receive the requested information  |
| length | int   | int variable which holds the length of buf.  |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0



### 2.1.2.22 PCO\_GetTemperature

Request the current camera and power supply temperatures.

Power supply temperature is not available with all cameras. If it is not available, the temperature will show 0. In case the sensor temperature is not available it will show 0x8000.

The input pointers will be filled with the following parameters:

- CCD temperature as signed word in °C\*10.
- Camera temperature as signed word in °C.
- Power Supply temperature as signed word in °C.

#### Return values

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <i>CCDTemp</i> | CCD temperature value.   |
| <i>CAMTemp</i> | Camera temperature value.  |
| <i>ExtTemp</i> | Extended device temperature value (i.E. Power device). Not supported from all cameras. |

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetTemperature (  
    SHORT* CCDTemp,  
    SHORT* CAMTemp,  
    SHORT* ExtTemp  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name    | Type   | Description   |
|---------|--------|---|
| CCDTemp | SHORT* | Pointer to a SHORT variable, to receive the CCD temp. value.          |
| CAMTemp | SHORT* | Pointer to a SHORT variable, to receive the camera temp. value.       |
| ExtTemp | SHORT* | Pointer to a SHORT variable, to receive the power device temp. value. |

#### Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.23 PCO\_GetHealthStatus

Request the current camera health status: warnings, errors.

It is recommended to call this function frequently (e.g. every 5s, or after calling ARM) in order to recognize camera internal problems, like electronics temperature error. This will enable users to prevent the camera hardware from damage.

- Warnings are encoded as bits of a long word. Bit set indicates warning, bit cleared indicates that the corresponding parameter is OK.
- System errors encoded as bits of a long word. Bit set indicates error, bit cleared indicates that the corresponding status is OK.
- System Status encoded as bits of a long word.

#### Return values

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| <i>warnings</i> | Actual warning state |
| <i>errors</i>   | Actual error state   |
| <i>status</i>   | Actual system state  |

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetHealthStatus (  
    unsigned int* warnings,  
    unsigned int* errors,  
    unsigned int* status  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name     | Type          | Description  |
|----------|---------------|--|
| warnings | unsigned int* | Pointer to a DWORD variable, to receive the warning value. |
| errors   | unsigned int* | Pointer to a DWORD variable, to receive the error value.   |
| status   | unsigned int* | Pointer to a DWORD variable, to receive the error value.   |

#### Return value:

Error code

#### 2.1.2.24 PCO\_GetSensorSignalStatus

Gets the signal state of the camera sensor. Edge only!

The signals must not be deemed to be a real time response of the sensor, since the command path adds a system dependent delay. Sending a command and getting the camera response lasts about 2ms (+/- 1ms; for 'simple' commands). In case you need a closer synchronization use hardware signals.

##### Return values

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <i>status</i>     | Actual camera state                         |
| <i>imagecount</i> | number of last finished image inside camera |

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetSensorSignalStatus (  
    DWORD* status,  
    DWORD* imagecount  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name       | Type   | Description   |
|------------|--------|---|
| status     | DWORD* | DWORD pointer to receive the status flags of the sensor (can be NULL). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bit0: SIGNAL_STATE_BUSY 0x0001</li><li>• Bit1: SIGNAL_STATE_IDLE 0x0002</li><li>• Bit2: SIGNAL_STATE_EXP 0x0004</li><li>• Bit3: SIGNAL_STATE_READ 0x0008</li></ul> |
| imagecount | DWORD* | DWORD pointer to receive the # of the last finished image(can be NULL).   |

##### Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.25 PCO\_GetCameraBusyStatus

Gets the busy state of the camera.

Get camera busy status: a trigger is ignored if the camera is still busy ([exposure] or [readout]). In case of force trigger command, the user may request the camera busy status in order to be able to start a valid force trigger command. Please do not use this function for image synchronization.

**Note:** The busy status is according to the hardware signal <busy> at the <status output> at the rear of pco.power or the camera connectors. Due to response and processing times, e.g., caused by the interface and/or the operating system, the delay between the delivered status and the actual status may be several 10 ms up to 100 ms. If timing is critical, it is strongly recommended that the hardware signal (<busy>) be used.

#### Return values

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <i>camera_busy</i> | Actual camera busy state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000 = camera is [not busy], ready for a new trigger command</li> <li>0x0001 = camera is [busy], not ready for a new trigger command</li> </ul> |
|--------------------|---|

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraBusyStatus (
    WORD* camera_busy
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name        | Type  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| camera_busy | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the busy state. |

#### Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.26 PCO\_GetExpTrigSignalStatus

Get the current status of the <exp trig> user input (one of the <control in> inputs at the rear of pco.power or the camera connectors).

See camera manual for more information about hardware signals.

#### Return values

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <i>exptrgsignal</i> | Actual exposure trigger signal state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000 = exposure trigger signal is off</li> <li>0x0001 = exposure trigger signal is on</li> </ul> |
|---------------------|---|

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetExpTrigSignalStatus (
    WORD* exptrgsignal
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name         | Type  | Description  |
|--------------|-------|--|
| exptrgsignal | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the exposure trigger signal state. |

#### Return value:

Error code.

**2.1.2.27 PCO\_GetCOCRuntime**

Gets the frametime for one image of the camera.

Get and split the 'camera operation code' (COC) runtime into two DWORD. One will hold the longer part, in seconds, and the other will hold the shorter part, in nanoseconds. This function can be used to calculate the FPS. The sum of dwTime\_s and dwTime\_ns covers the delay, exposure and readout time.

**Return values**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <i>time_s</i>  | Time part in seconds of the COC.                                |
| <i>time_ns</i> | Time part in nanoseconds of the COC (range: 0ns-999.999.999ns). |

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetCOCRuntime (
    DWORD* time_s,
    DWORD* time_ns
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name    | Type   | Description  |
|---------|--------|--|
| time_s  | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the time part in seconds.     |
| time_ns | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the time part in nanoseconds. |

**Return value:**

Error code

**2.1.2.28 PCO\_GetCOCExptime**

Gets the actual exposuretime for one image of the camera.

Get and split the actual exposuretime into two DWORD. One will hold the longer part, in seconds, and the other will hold the shorter part, in nanoseconds.

**Return values**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <i>time_s</i>  | Time part in seconds of the exposuretime.                                |
| <i>time_ns</i> | Time part in nanoseconds of the exposuretime (range: 0ns-999.999.999ns). |

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetCOCExptime (
    DWORD* time_s,
    DWORD* time_ns
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name    | Type   | Description  |
|---------|--------|--|
| time_s  | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the time part in seconds.     |
| time_ns | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the time part in nanoseconds. |

**Return value:**

Error code

### 2.1.2.29 PCO\_GetImageTiming

Gets the timing of one image, including trigger delay, trigger jitter, etc.

The input structure will be filled with the following parameters:

- FrameTime\_ns: Nanoseconds part of the time to expose and readout one image.
- FrameTime\_s: Seconds part of the time to expose and readout one image.
- ExposureTime\_ns: Nanoseconds part of the exposure time.
- ExposureTime\_s: Seconds part of the exposure time.
- TriggerSystemDelay\_ns: System internal minimum trigger delay, till a trigger is recognized and executed by the system.
- TriggerSystemJitter\_ns: Maximum possible trigger jitter, which influences the real trigger delay. Real trigger delay=TriggerDelay\_ns +/-TriggerSystemJitter
- TriggerDelay\_ns: Total trigger delay part in ns, till a trigger is recognized and executed by the system.
- TriggerDelay\_s: Total trigger delay part in s, till a trigger is recognized and executed by the system.

#### Return values

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <i>image_timing</i> | SC2_Get_Image_Timing_Response structure filled with camera settings |
|---------------------|---|

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetImageTiming (  
    SC2_Get_Image_Timing_Response* image_timing  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name                | Type                           | Description  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <i>image_timing</i> | SC2_Get_Image_Timing_Response* | Pointer to a SC2_Get_Image_Timing_Response structure |

#### Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.30 PCO\_GetTriggerMode

Get image trigger mode (for further explanation see camera manual).

Trigger modes:

- 0x0000 = [auto trigger]  
An exposure of a new image is started automatically best possible compared to the readout of an image. If a CCD is used, and images are taken in a sequence, then exposures and sensor readout are started simultaneously. Signals at the trigger input (<exp trig>) are irrelevant.
- 0x0001 = [software trigger]:  
An exposure can only be started by a force trigger command.
- 0x0002 = [extern exposure & software trigger]:  
A delay / exposure sequence is started at the RISING or FALLING edge (depending on the DIP switch setting) of the trigger input (<exp trig>).
- 0x0003 = [extern exposure control]: The exposure time is defined by the pulse length at the trigger input (<exp trig>). The delay and exposure time values defined by the set/request delay and exposure command are ineffective. (Exposure time length control is also possible for double image mode; the exposure time of the second image is given by the readout time of the first image.)

**Note:** In the [extern exposure & software trigger] and [extern exposure control] modes, it also depends on the selected acquire mode, if a trigger edge at the trigger input (<exp trig>) will be effective or not (see also [PCO\\_GetAcquireMode\(\)](#) (Auto / External)). A software trigger however will always be effective independent of the state of the <acq enbl> input (concerned trigger modes are: [software trigger] and [extern exposure & software trigger]).

Return values

|             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| <i>mode</i> | Actual trigger mode |
|-------------|---------------------|

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetTriggerMode (  
    WORD* mode  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description  |
|------|-------|--|
| mode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the triggermode. |

Return value:

Error code



**2.1.2.31 PCO\_SetTriggerMode**

Sets the trigger mode of the camera.

See PCO\_GetTriggerMode for a detailed explanation.

The command will be rejected, if Recording State is [run].

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetTriggerMode (
    WORD mode
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type | Description                            |
|------|------|--|
| mode | WORD | WORD variable to hold the triggermode. |

Return value:

Error code

**2.1.2.32 PCO\_ForceTrigger**

Forces a software trigger to the camera.

This software command starts an exposure if the trigger mode is in the [software trigger] (0x0001) state or in the [extern exposure & software trigger] (0x0002) state. If the trigger mode is in the [extern exposure control] (0x0003) state, nothing happens. A ForceTrigger should not be used to generate a distinct timing. To accept a force trigger command the camera must be recording and ready: (recording = [start]) and [not busy]. If a trigger fails it will not trigger future exposures.

Result:

Return values

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <i>trigger</i> | trigger occurrence state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000 = trigger command was unsuccessful because the camera is busy</li> <li>0x0001 = a new image exposure has been triggered by the command</li> </ul> |
|----------------|--|

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ForceTrigger (
    WORD* trigger
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description  |
|---------|-------|--|
| trigger | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive whether a trigger occurred or not. |

Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.33 PCO\_GetPixelRate

Gets the pixelrate for reading images from the image sensor.

Return values

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>pixelrate</i> | Actual pixelrate of image sensor |
|------------------|----------------------------------|

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetPixelRate (  
    DWORD* pixelrate  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type   | Description   |
|-----------|--------|---|
| pixelrate | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the pixelrate. |

Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.34 PCO\_SetPixelRate

Sets the pixelrate of the camera.

For the pco.edge the higher pixelrate needs also execution of PCO\_SetTransferParameter() and [PCO\\_SetLut\(\)](#) with appropriate parameters.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetPixelRate (  
    DWORD PixelRate  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type  | Description                           |
|-----------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| PixelRate | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the pixelrate. |

Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.35 PCO\_GetDelayExposureTime

Gets the exposure and delay time and the time bases of the camera.

Timebase:

- 0 -> value is in ns: exp. time of 100 means 0.0000001s.
- 1 -> value is in  $\mu$ s: exp. time of 100 means 0.0001s.
- 2 -> value is in ms: exp. time of 100 means 0.1s.

Note:

- delay and exposure values are multiplied with the configured timebase unit values
- the range of possible values can be checked with the values defined in the camera description.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetDelayExposureTime (  
    DWORD* delay,  
    DWORD* expos,  
    WORD* tb_delay,  
    WORD* tb_expos  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type   | Description  |
|----------|--------|--|
| delay    | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the delay time.       |
| expos    | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the exposure time.    |
| tb_delay | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the delay timebase.    |
| tb_expos | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the exposure timebase. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.36 PCO\_SetDelayExposureTime

Sets the exposure and delay time and the time bases of the camera.

If the recording state is on, it is possible to change the timing without calling [PCO\\_ArmCamera\(\)](#).

Timebase:

- 0 -> value is in ns: exp. time of 100 means 0.0000001s.
- 1 -> value is in  $\mu$ s: exp. time of 100 means 0.0001s.
- 2 -> value is in ms: exp. time of 100 means 0.1s.

Note: - delay and exposure values are multiplied with the configured timebase unit values

- the range of possible values can be checked with the values defined in the camera description.
- can be used to alter the timing in case the recording state is on. In this case it is not necessary to call [PCO\\_ArmCamera\(\)](#).
- If the recording state is off calling [PCO\\_ArmCamera\(\)](#) is mandatory.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetDelayExposureTime (  
    DWORD delay,  
    DWORD expos,  
    WORD tb_delay,  
    WORD tb_expos  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type  | Description                               |
|----------|-------|---|
| delay    | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the delay time.    |
| expos    | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the exposure time. |
| tb_delay | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the delay timebase. |
| tb_expos | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the exp. timebase.  |

Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.37 PCO\_GetDelayExposure

Gets the exposure and delay time table of the camera. See [PCO\\_SetDelayExposureTime\(\)](#) for a detailed description.

#### Return values

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>delay</i> | Actual delay time of camera    |
| <i>expos</i> | Actual exposure time of camera |

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetDelayExposure (  
    DWORD* delay,  
    DWORD* expos  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type   | Description  |
|-------|--------|--|
| delay | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to receive the delay time.    |
| expos | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to receive the exposure time. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.38 PCO\_SetDelayExposure

Sets the exposure and delay time of the camera without changing the timebase.

If the recording state is on, it is possible to change the timing without calling [PCO\\_ArmCamera](#).

See [PCO\\_SetDelayExposureTime\(\)](#) for a detailed description.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetDelayExposure (  
    DWORD delay,  
    DWORD expos  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description                               |
|-------|-------|---|
| delay | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the delay time.    |
| expos | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the exposure time. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.39 PCO\_GetTimebase

Gets the exposure and delay time bases of the camera. See [PCO\\_SetDelayExposureTime\(\)](#) for a detailed description.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetTimebase (  
    WORD* delay,  
    WORD* expos  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description  |
|-------|-------|--|
| delay | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the delay timebase.    |
| expos | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the exposure timebase. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.40 PCO\_SetTimebase

Sets the exposure and delay time bases of the camera. See [PCO\\_SetDelayExposureTime\(\)](#) for a detailed description.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetTimebase (  
    WORD delay,  
    WORD expos  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type | Description                                   |
|-------|------|---|
| delay | WORD | WORD variable to hold the delay time base.    |
| expos | WORD | WORD variable to hold the exposure time base. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.41 PCO\_GetFrameRate

Get frame rate / exposure time.

**Note:**

- Frame rate and exposure time are also affected by the "Set Delay/Exposure Time" command. It is strongly recommend to use either the "Set Framerate" or the "Set Delay/Exposure Time" command! The last issued command will determine the timing before calling the ARM command.
- Function is not supported by all cameras, at that moment only by the pco.dimax!

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetFrameRate (  
    WORD* wFrameRateStatus,  
    DWORD* dwFrameRate,  
    DWORD* dwFrameRateExposure  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name                | Type   | Description  |
|---------------------|--------|--|
| wFrameRateStatus    | WORD*  | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the status <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x0000: Settings consistent, all conditions met</li><li>• 0x0001: Framerate trimmed, framerate was limited by readout time</li><li>• 0x0002: Framerate trimmed, framerate was limited by exposure time</li><li>• 0x0004: Exposure time trimmed, exposure time cut to frame time</li><li>• 0x8000: The return values dwFrameRate and dwFrameRateExposure are not yet validated. The values returned are the values which were passed with the most recent call of PCO_SetFramerate() function.</li></ul> |
| dwFrameRate         | DWORD* | DWORD variable to receive the actual frame rate in mHz   |
| dwFrameRateExposure | DWORD* | DWORD variable to receive the actual exposure time (in ns)   |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



### 2.1.2.42 PCO\_SetFrameRate

Sets the frame rate mode, rate and exposure time.

Set frame rate and exposure time. This command is intended to set directly the frame rate and the exposure time of the camera. The frame rate is limited by the readout time and the exposure time:

$$Framerate \leq \frac{1}{t_{readout}}$$

$$Framerate \leq \frac{1}{t_{expos}}$$

Please note that there are some overhead times, therefore the real values can differ slightly, e.g. the maximum frame rate will be a little bit less than 1 / exposure time. The mode parameter of the function call defines how the function works if these conditions are not met. The function differs, if the camera is recording (recording state = 1) or if recording is off:

Camera is recording: The frame rate / exposure time is changed immediately. The function returns the actually configured frame rate and exposure time.

Record is off: The frame rate / exposure time is stored. The function does not change the input values for frame rate and exposure time. A succeeding "Arm Camera" command ([PCO\\_ArmCamera\(\)](#)) validates the input parameters together with other settings, e.g. The status returned indicates, if the input parameters are validated. The following procedure is recommended:

- Set frame rate and exposure time using the [PCO\\_SetFrameRate\(\)](#) function.
- Do other settings, before or after the [PCO\\_SetFrameRate\(\)](#) function.
- Call the [PCO\\_ArmCamera\(\)](#) function in order to validate the settings.
- Retrieve the actually set frame rate and exposure time using [PCO\\_GetFrameRate](#).

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetFrameRate (
    WORD* wFrameRateStatus,
    WORD wFramerateMode,
    DWORD* dwFrameRate,
    DWORD* dwFrameRateExposure
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name                | Type   | Description  |
|---------------------|--------|--|
| wFrameRateStatus    | WORD*  | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x0000: Settings consistent, all conditions met</li> <li>• 0x0001: Framerate trimmed, framerate was limited by readout time</li> <li>• 0x0002: Framerate trimmed, framerate was limited by exposure time</li> <li>• 0x0004: Exposure time trimmed, exposure time cut to frame time</li> </ul>                                    |
| wFramerateMode      | WORD   | Pointer to WORD variable to set the frame rate mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x0000: auto mode (camera decides which parameter will be trimmed)</li> <li>• 0x0001: Framerate has priority, (exposure time will be trimmed)</li> <li>• 0x0002: Exposure time has priority, (framerate will be trimmed)</li> <li>• 0x0003: Strict, function shall return with error if values are not possible.</li> </ul> |
| dwFrameRate         | DWORD* | DWORD variable to receive the actual frame rate in mHz (milli!)  |
| dwFrameRateExposure | DWORD* | DWORD variable to receive the actual exposure time (in ns)   |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.43 PCO\_GetFPSExposureMode

The FPS Exposure Mode is available for the pco.1200hs camera model only!

The FPS exposure mode is useful if the user wants to get the maximum exposure time for the maximum frame rate. The maximum image frame rate (FPS = Frames Per Second) depends on the pixelrate, the vertical ROI and the exposure time.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetFPSExposureMode (
    WORD* wFPSExposureMode,
    DWORD* dwFPSExposureTime
);
```

Parameters:

| Name              | Type   | Description   |
|-------------------|--------|---|
| wFPSExposureMode  | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the FPS-exposure-mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: FPS Exposure Mode off, exposure time set by PCO_SetDelay/Exposure Time command</li> <li>1: FPS Exposure Mode on, exposure time set automatically to 1 / FPS max. PCO_SetDelay/Exposure Time commands are ignored.</li> </ul> |
| dwFPSExposureTime | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the FPS exposure time in nanoseconds.  |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.44 PCO\_SetFPSExposureMode

The FPS Exposure Mode is available for the pco.1200hs camera model only!

The FPS exposure mode is useful if the user wants to get the maximum exposure time for the maximum frame rate. The maximum image frame rate (FPS = Frames Per Second) depends on the pixelrate, the vertical ROI and the exposure time.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetFPSExposureMode (
    WORD wFPSExposureMode,
    DWORD* dwFPSExposureTime
);
```

Parameters:

| Name              | Type   | Description   |
|-------------------|--------|---|
| wFPSExposureMode  | WORD   | WORD variable to hold the FPS-exposure-mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: FPS Exposure Mode off, exposure time set by PCO_SetDelay/Exposure Time command</li> <li>1: FPS Exposure Mode on, exposure time set automatically to 1 / FPS max. PCO_SetDelay/Exposure Time commands are ignored.</li> </ul> |
| dwFPSExposureTime | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the FPS exposure time in nanoseconds.  |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.45 PCO\_GetSensorFormat

Gets the sensor format.

The [standard] format uses only effective pixels, while the [extended] format shows all pixels inclusive effective, dark, reference and dummy.

- 0x0000 = [standard]
- 0x0001 = [extended]

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetSensorFormat (  
    WORD* wSensor  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description  |
|---------|-------|--|
| wSensor | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the sensor format. |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

#### 2.1.2.46 PCO\_SetSensorFormat

Sets the sensor format.

The [standard] format uses only effective pixels, while the [extended] format shows all pixels inclusive effective, dark, reference and dummy.

- 0x0000 = [standard]
- 0x0001 = [extended]

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetSensorFormat (  
    WORD wSensor  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name    | Type | Description                                  |
|---------|------|--|
| wSensor | WORD | WORD variable which holds the sensor format. |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.47 PCO\_GetROI

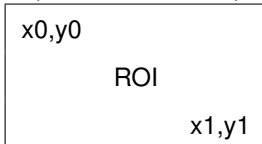
Gets the region of interest of the camera.

Get ROI (region or area of interest) window. The ROI is equal to or smaller than the absolute image area, which is defined by the settings of format and binning.

Some sensors have a ROI stepping. See the camera description and check the parameters wRoiHorStepsDESC and/or wRoiVertStepsDESC. In case stepping is zero ROI setting other than x0=1, x1=max/bin, y0=1, y1=max/bin it not possible.

For dual ADC mode the horizontal ROI must be symmetrical. For a pco.dimax the horizontal and vertical ROI must be symmetrical. For a pco.edge the vertical ROI must be symmetrical.

X0, Y0 start at 1. X1, Y1 end with max. sensor size.



Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetROI (
    WORD* RoiX0,
    WORD* RoiY0,
    WORD* RoiX1,
    WORD* RoiY1
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description   |
|-------|-------|---|
| RoiX0 | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the x value for the upper left corner.  |
| RoiY0 | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the y value for the upper left corner.  |
| RoiX1 | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the x value for the lower right corner. |
| RoiY1 | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the y value for the lower right corner. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.48 PCO\_SetROI

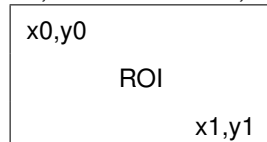
Sets the region of interest of the camera.

Set ROI (region or area of interest) window. The ROI must be equal to or smaller than the absolute image area, which is defined by the settings of format and binning. If the binning settings are changed, the user must adapt the ROI, before [PCO\\_ArmCamera\(\)](#) is accessed. The binning setting sets the limits for the ROI. For example, a sensor with 1600x1200 and binning 2x2 will result in a maximum ROI of 800x600.

Some sensors have a ROI stepping. See the camera description and check the parameters `wRoiHorStepsDESC` and/or `wRoiVertStepsDESC`. In case stepping is zero ROI setting other than `x0=1, x1=max/bin, y0=1, y1=max/bin` is not possible (max depends on the selected sensor format; bin depends on the current binning settings).

For dual ADC mode the horizontal ROI must be symmetrical. For a `pco.dimax` the horizontal and vertical ROI must be symmetrical. For a `pco.edge` the vertical ROI must be symmetrical.

`X0, Y0` start at 1. `X1, Y1` end with max. sensor size.



Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetROI (
    WORD RoiX0,
    WORD RoiY0,
    WORD RoiX1,
    WORD RoiY1
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type | Description   |
|-------|------|---|
| RoiX0 | WORD | WORD variable to hold the x value for the upper left corner.  |
| RoiY0 | WORD | WORD variable to hold the y value for the upper left corner.  |
| RoiX1 | WORD | WORD variable to hold the x value for the lower right corner. |
| RoiY1 | WORD | WORD variable to hold the y value for the lower right corner. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.49 PCO\_GetBinning

Gets the binning values of the camera.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetBinning (
    WORD* BinHorz,
    WORD* BinVert
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description  |
|---------|-------|--|
| BinHorz | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to hold the horizontal binning value. |
| BinVert | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to hold the vertical binning value.   |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.50 PCO\_SetBinning

Sets the binning values of the camera.

Set binning. If the binning settings are changed, the user must adapt the ROI, before [PCO\\_ArmCamera\(\)](#) is accessed. The binning setting sets the limits for the ROI. E.g. a sensor with 1600x1200 and binning 2x2 will result in a maximum ROI of 800x600.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetBinning (  
    WORD BinHorz,  
    WORD BinVert  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type | Description   |
|---------|------|---|
| BinHorz | WORD | WORD variable to hold the horizontal binning value. |
| BinVert | WORD | WORD variable to hold the vertical binning value.   |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.51 PCO\_GetADCOperation

Get analog-digital-converter (ADC) operation for reading the image sensor data.

Pixel data can be read out using one ADC (better linearity), or in parallel using two ADCs (faster). This option is only available for some camera models (defined in the camera description). If the user sets 2ADCs he must center and adapt the ROI to symmetrical values, e.g. pco.1600: x1,y1,x2,y2=701,1,900,500 (100,1,200,500 is not possible).

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetADCOperation (  
    WORD* wADCOperation  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name          | Type  | Description   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| wADCOperation | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the adc operation mode. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.52 PCO\_SetADCOperation

Sets the adc operation mode of the camera, if available.

Set analog-digital-converter (ADC) operation for reading the image sensor data. Pixel data can be read out using one ADC (better linearity) or in parallel using two ADCs (faster). This option is only available for some camera models. If the user sets 2ADCs he must center and adapt the ROI to symmetrical values, e.g. pco.1600: x1,y1,x2,y2=701,1,900,500 (100,1,200,500 is not possible).

The input data has to be filled with the following parameter:

- operation to be set:
  - 0x0001 = 1 ADC or
  - 0x0002 = 2 ADCs should be used...
- the existence of the number of ADCs can be checked with the values defined in the camera description

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetADCOperation (
    WORD num
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name | Type | Description                                   |
|------|------|---|
| num  | WORD | WORD variable to hold the adc operation mode. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.53 PCO\_GetDoubleImageMode

Gets the double image mode of the camera.

Not applicable to all cameras.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetDoubleImageMode (
    WORD* wDoubleImage
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name         | Type  | Description  |
|--------------|-------|--|
| wDoubleImage | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the double image mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x0001 = double image mode ON</li> <li>• 0x0000 = double image mode OFF</li> </ul> |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.54 PCO\_SetDoubleImageMode

Sets the double image mode of the camera.

Some cameras (defined in the camera description) allow the user to make a double image with two exposures separated by a short interleaving time. A double image is transferred as one frame, that is the two images resulting from the two/double exposures are stitched together as one and are counted as one. Thus the buffer size has to be doubled. The first half of the buffer will be filled with image 'A', the first exposed frame. The second exposure (image 'B') will be transferred to the second half of the buffer.

Not applicable to all cameras.

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetDoubleImageMode (  
    WORD wDoubleImage  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name         | Type | Description   |
|--------------|------|---|
| wDoubleImage | WORD | WORD variable to hold the double image mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x0001 = double image mode ON</li><li>• 0x0000 = double image mode OFF</li></ul> |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.55 PCO\_GetNoiseFilterMode

Get the actual noise filter mode. See the camera descriptor for availability of this feature.

Parameter:

- 0x0000 = [OFF]
- 0x0001 = [ON]
- 0x0101 = [ON + Hot Pixel correction]

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetNoiseFilterMode (  
    WORD* wNoiseFilterMode  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name             | Type  | Description  |
|------------------|-------|--|
| wNoiseFilterMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the noise filter mode. |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



### 2.1.2.56 PCO\_SetNoiseFilterMode

Sets the actual noise filter mode. See the camera descriptor for availability of this feature.

Parameter:

- 0x0000 = [OFF]
- 0x0001 = [ON]
- 0x0101 = [ON + Hot Pixel correction]

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetNoiseFilterMode (  
    WORD wNoiseFilterMode  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name             | Type | Description                                  |
|------------------|------|--|
| wNoiseFilterMode | WORD | WORD variable to hold the noise filter mode. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.57 PCO\_GetConversionFactor

Get image sensor gain setting.

Current conversion factor in electrons/count (the variable must be divided by 100 to get the real value)

i.e. 0x01B3 (hex) = 435 (decimal) = 4.35 electrons/count conversion factor must be valid as defined in the camera description

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetConversionFactor (  
    WORD* wConvFact  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type  | Description  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| wConvFact | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the conversion factor. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.58 PCO\_SetConversionFactor

Set image sensor gain.

Conversion factor to be set in electrons/count (the variable must be divided by 100 to get the real value)

i.e. 0x01B3 (hex) = 435 (decimal) = 4.35 electrons/count

Conversion factor must be valid as defined in the camera description.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetConversionFactor (  
    WORD wConvFact  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type | Description                        |
|-----------|------|------------------------------------|
| wConvFact | WORD | WORD to set the conversion factor. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.59 PCO\_GetIRSensitivity

Gets the IR sensitivity mode of the camera.

This option is only available for special camera models with image sensors that have improved IR sensitivity.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetIRSensitivity (  
    WORD* wIR  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description   |
|------|-------|---|
| wIR  | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the IR sensitivity mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x0000 IR sensitivity OFF</li><li>• 0x0001 IR sensitivity ON</li></ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.60 PCO\_SetIRSensitivity

Gets the IR sensitivity mode of the camera.

Set IR sensitivity for the image sensor. This option is only available for special camera models with image sensors that have improved IR sensitivity.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetIRSensitivity (  
    WORD wIR  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type | Description  |
|------|------|--|
| wIR  | WORD | WORD variable to set the IR sensitivity mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x0000 IR sensitivity OFF</li><li>• 0x0001 IR sensitivity ON</li></ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.61 PCO\_GetCoolingSetpointTemperature

Get the temperature set point for cooling the image sensor (only available for cooled cameras).

If min. cooling set point (in °C) and max. cooling set point (in °C) are zero, then cooling is not available.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCoolingSetpointTemperature (  
    SHORT* sCoolSet  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type   | Description  |
|----------|--------|--|
| sCoolSet | SHORT* | Pointer to a SHORT variable to receive the cooling setpoint temperature. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.62 PCO\_SetCoolingSetpointTemperature

Set the temperature set point for cooling the image sensor (only available for cooled cameras).  
If min. cooling set point (in °C) and max. cooling set point (in °C) are zero, then cooling is not available.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetCoolingSetpointTemperature (  
    SHORT sCoolSet  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name     | Type  | Description  |
|----------|-------|--|
| sCoolSet | SHORT | SHORT variable to hold the cooling setpoint temperature in °C units. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.63 PCO\_GetCoolingSetpoints

Gets the cooling setpoints of the camera.  
This is used when there is no min max range available.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCoolingSetpoints (  
    WORD wBlockID,  
    SHORT* sSetPoints,  
    WORD* wValidSetPoints  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name            | Type   | Description  |
|-----------------|--------|--|
| wBlockID        | WORD   | Number of the block to query (currently 0)   |
| sSetPoints      | SHORT* | Pointer to a SHORT array to receive the possible cooling setpoint temperatures.  |
| wValidSetPoints | WORD*  | WORD Pointer to set the max number of setpoints to query and to get the valid number of set points inside the camera. In case more than COOLING_SETPOINTS_BLOCKSIZE set points are valid they can be queried by incrementing the wBlockID till wNumSetPoints is reached. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.64 PCO\_GetStorageMode

Get storage mode [recorder] or [FIFO buffer].

| Recorder Mode  | FIFO Buffer mode  |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• images are recorded and stored within the internal camera memory camRAM</li><li>• Live View transfers the most recent image to the PC (for viewing/monitoring)</li><li>• indexed or total image readout after the recording has been stopped</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• all images taken are transferred to the PC in chronological order</li><li>• camera memory (camRAM) is used as a huge FIFO buffer to bypass short data transmission bottlenecks</li><li>• if buffer overflows, the oldest images are overwritten</li></ul> |

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetStorageMode (  
    WORD* wStorageMode  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name         | Type  | Description   |
|--------------|-------|---|
| wStorageMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the storage mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0: Recorder</li><li>• 1: FIFO</li></ul> |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.65 PCO\_SetStorageMode

Set storage mode [recorder] or [FIFO buffer].

| Recorder Mode  | FIFO Buffer mode   |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>images are recorded and stored within the internal camera memory camRAM</li> <li>Live View transfers the most recent image to the PC (for viewing/monitoring)</li> <li>indexed or total image readout after the recording has been stopped</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all images taken are transferred to the PC in chronological order</li> <li>camera memory (camRAM) is used as a huge FIFO buffer to bypass short data transmission bottlenecks</li> <li>if buffer overflows, the oldest images are overwritten</li> <li>if set recorder = [stop] is sent, recording is stopped and the transfer of the current image to the PC is finished. Images not read are stored within the segment and can be read with the ReadImageFrom-Segment command.</li> </ul> |

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetStorageMode (
    WORD wStorageMode
);
```

Parameters:

| Name         | Type | Description  |
|--------------|------|--|
| wStorageMode | WORD | WORD variable to hold the storage mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Recorder</li> <li>1: FIFO</li> </ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.66 PCO\_GetRecorderSubmode

Get recorder sub mode: [sequence] or [ring buffer] (see explanation boxes below).

Recorder submode is only available if the storage mode is set to [recorder].

| recorder sub mode = [sequence]   | recorder sub mode = [ring buffer]   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recording is stopped when the allocated buffer is full</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>camera records continuously into ring buffer</li> <li>if the allocated buffer overflows, the oldest images are overwritten</li> <li>recording is stopped by software or disabling acquire signal (&lt;acq enbl&gt;)</li> </ul> |

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetRecorderSubmode (
    WORD* wRecSubmode
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name        | Type  | Description  |
|-------------|-------|--|
| wRecSubmode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the recorder sub mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Sequence</li> <li>1: Ring buffer</li> </ul> |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.67 PCO\_SetRecorderSubmode

Set recorder sub mode: [sequence] or [ring buffer] (see explanation boxes below).

Recorder sub mode is only available if the storage mode is set to [recorder].

| recorder sub mode = [sequence]   | recorder sub mode = [ring buffer]   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recording is stopped when the allocated buffer is full</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>camera records continuously into ring buffer</li> <li>if the allocated buffer overflows, the oldest images are overwritten</li> <li>recording is stopped by software or disabling acquire signal (&lt;acq enbl&gt;)</li> </ul> |

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetRecorderSubmode (
    WORD wRecSubmode
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name        | Type | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| wRecSubmode | WORD | WORD variable to hold the recorder sub mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Sequence</li> <li>1: Ring buffer</li> </ul> |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.68 PCO\_GetAcquireMode

Get acquire mode: [auto] or [external] (see camera manual for explanation)

Acquire modes:

- 0x0000 = [auto] - all images taken are stored
- 0x0001 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a static enable signal of images. If this input is TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), exposure triggers are accepted and images are taken. If this signal is set FALSE, all exposure triggers are ignored and the sensor readout is stopped.
- 0x0002 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a dynamic frame start signal. If this input has got a rising edge TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), a frame will be started with modulation mode. This is only available with modulation mode enabled (see camera description).

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetAcquireMode (
    WORD* wAcquMode
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name      | Type  | Description   |
|-----------|-------|---|
| wAcquMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the acquire mode. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



### 2.1.2.69 PCO\_SetAcquireMode

Set acquire mode: [auto] or [external] (see camera manual for explanation).

Acquire modes:

- 0x0000 = [auto] - all images taken are stored
- 0x0001 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a static enable signal of images. If this input is TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), exposure triggers are accepted and images are taken. If this signal is set FALSE, all exposure triggers are ignored and the sensor readout is stopped.
- 0x0002 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a dynamic frame start signal. If this input has got a rising edge TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), a frame will be started with modulation mode. This is only available with modulation mode enabled (see camera description).

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetAcquireMode (
    WORD wAcquMode
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type | Description                             |
|-----------|------|---|
| wAcquMode | WORD | WORD variable to hold the acquire mode. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.70 PCO\_GetAcquireModeEx

Set acquire mode: [auto] or [external] (see camera manual for explanation).

Acquire modes:

- 0x0000 = [auto] - all images taken are stored
- 0x0001 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a static enable signal of images. If this input is TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), exposure triggers are accepted and images are taken. If this signal is set FALSE, all exposure triggers are ignored and the sensor readout is stopped.
- 0x0002 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a dynamic frame start signal. If this input has got a rising edge TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), a frame will be started with modulation mode. This is only available with modulation mode enabled (see camera description).

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetAcquireModeEx (
    WORD* wAcquMode,
    DWORD* dwNumberImages
);
```

Parameters:

| Name           | Type   | Description  |
|----------------|--------|--|
| wAcquMode      | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the acquire mode.                          |
| dwNumberImages | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the number of images (for mode sequence). |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.71 PCO\_SetAcquireModeEx

Get acquire mode: [auto] or [external] (see camera manual for explanation)

Acquire modes:

- 0x0000 = [auto] - all images taken are stored
- 0x0001 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a static enable signal of images. If this input is TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), exposure triggers are accepted and images are taken. If this signal is set FALSE, all exposure triggers are ignored and the sensor readout is stopped.
- 0x0002 = [external] - the external control input <acq enbl> is a dynamic frame start signal. If this input has got a rising edge TRUE (level depending on the DIP switch), a frame will be started with modulation mode. This is only available with modulation mode enabled (see camera description).

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetAcquireModeEx (
    WORD wAcquMode,
    DWORD dwNumberImages
);
```

Parameters:

| Name           | Type  | Description  |
|----------------|-------|--|
| wAcquMode      | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the acquire mode.                          |
| dwNumberImages | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the number of images (for mode sequence). |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.72 PCO\_GetAcqEnblSignalStatus

Get the current status of the <acq enbl> user input (one of the <control in> inputs at the rear of pco.power or the camera). See camera manual for more information.

**Note:** Due to response and processing times e.g. caused by the interface and/or the operating system, the delay between the delivered status and the actual status may be several 10 ms up to 100 ms. If timing is critical it is strongly recommended to use other trigger modes.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetAcqEnblSignalStatus (
    WORD* wAcquEnableState
);
```

Parameters:

| Name             | Type  | Description   |
|------------------|-------|---|
| wAcquEnableState | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the acquire enable signal status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x0000 = [FALSE]</li> <li>• 0x0001 = [TRUE]</li> </ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.73 PCO\_GetCameraRamSize

Gets the ram and page size of the camera.

One page is the smallest unit for RAM segmentation as well as for storing images. Segment sizes can only be configured as multiples of pages. The size reserved for one image is also calculated as multiples of whole pages. Therefore, there may be some unused RAM memory if the page size is not exactly a multiple of the image size. The number of pages needed for one image depends on the image size (Xres x Yres) divided by the pixels per page (page size). Every page size that has been started must be considered, so if 50.6 pages are used for an image 51 pages are actually needed for this image. With this value of 'pages per image', the user can calculate the number of images fitting into the segment.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraRamSize (  
    DWORD* dwRamSize,  
    WORD* wPageSize  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type   | Description  |
|-----------|--------|--|
| dwRamSize | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the total camera RAM.                 |
| wPageSize | WORD*  | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the pagesize as a multiple of pixels. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.74 PCO\_GetCameraRamSegmentSize

Gets the segment sizes of the camera.

**Note:**

- the sum of all segment sizes must not be larger than the total size of the RAM (as multiples of pages)
- **size** = [0] indicates that the segment will not be used
- using only one segment is possible by assigning the total RAM size to segment 1 and 0x0000 to all other segments.
- The segment number is 1 based, while the array dwRamSegSize is zero based, e.g. ram size of segment 1 is stored in dwRamSegSize[0]!

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraRamSegmentSize (  
    DWORD* dwRamSegSize  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name         | Type   | Description  |
|--------------|--------|--|
| dwRamSegSize | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to receive the ramsegment sizes in pages. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.75 PCO\_SetCameraRamSegmentSize

Set Camera RAM Segment Size. The segment size has to be big enough to hold at least two images.

**Note:**

- the sum of all segment sizes must not be larger than the total size of the RAM (as multiples of pages)
- a single segment size can have the value 0x0000, but the sum of all four segments must be bigger than the size of two images.
- the command will be rejected, if Recording State is [run]
- The segment number is 1 based, while the array dwRamSegSize is zero based, e.g. ram size of segment 1 is stored in dwRamSegSize[0]!
- This function will result in **all** segments being **cleared**. All previously recorded images will be **lost!**}

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_SetCameraRamSegmentSize (  
    DWORD* dwRamSegSize  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name         | Type   | Description  |
|--------------|--------|--|
| dwRamSegSize | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to receive the ramsegmentsize in pages. |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.76 PCO\_GetActiveRamSegment

Get the active camera RAM segment.

The active segment is where images are stored.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetActiveRamSegment (  
    WORD* wActSeg  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name    | Type  | Description   |
|---------|-------|---|
| wActSeg | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the actual segment. (1 - 4) |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.77 PCO\_SetActiveRamSegment

Set the active camera RAM segment.  
The active segment is where images are stored.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetActiveRamSegment (  
    WORD wActSeg  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name    | Type | Description                               |
|---------|------|---|
| wActSeg | WORD | WORD variable to hold the actual segment. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.78 PCO\_ClearRamSegment

Clear active camera RAM segment, delete all image info and prepare segment for new images.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ClearRamSegment ( );
```

#### Parameters:

No parameter

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.79 PCO\_GetNumberOfImagesInSegment

Get the number of valid images within the segment.

This function is not applicable with cameras without internal recorder memory. The operation is slightly different due to the selected storage mode:

In [recorder mode], if recording is not stopped and in [FIFO buffer mode] the number of images is dynamic due to read and write accesses to the camera RAM. If the **camera storage mode** is in [recorder mode] and recording is stopped, the number is fixed.

In [FIFO buffer] mode the ratio of valid number of images to the maximum number of images is some sort of filling indicator.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetNumberOfImagesInSegment (  
    WORD wSegment,  
    DWORD* dwValid,  
    DWORD* dwMax  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name     | Type   | Description  |
|----------|--------|--|
| wSegment | WORD   | WORD variable that holds the segment to query.   |
| dwValid  | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the valid image count.                                  |
| dwMax    | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the max image count which may be saved to this segment. |

#### Return value:

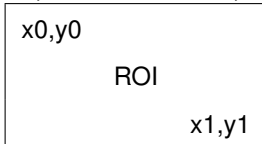
Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.80 PCO\_GetSegmentImageSettings

Get the image settings for images stored into one of the four segments. This function is not applicable with cameras without internal recorder memory.

Gets the sizes information for one segment.

X0, Y0 start at 1. X1, Y1 end with max. sensor size.



Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetSegmentImageSettings (
    WORD wSegment,
    WORD* wRes_hor,
    WORD* wRes_ver,
    WORD* wBin_x,
    WORD* wBin_y,
    WORD* wRoi_x0,
    WORD* wRoi_y0,
    WORD* wRoi_x1,
    WORD* wRoi_y1
);
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type  | Description  |
|----------|-------|--|
| wSegment | WORD  | WORD variable that holds the segment to query.                                       |
| wRes_hor | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the x resolution of the image in segment       |
| wRes_ver | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the y resolution of the image in segment       |
| wBin_x   | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the horizontal binning of the image in segment |
| wBin_y   | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the vertical binning of the image in segment   |
| wRoi_x0  | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the left x offset of the image in segment      |
| wRoi_y0  | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the upper y offset of the image in segment     |
| wRoi_x1  | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the right x offset of the image in segment     |
| wRoi_y1  | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the lower y offset of the image in segment     |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.81 PCO\_ReadImagesFromSegment

Reads the specified images from segment.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ReadImagesFromSegment (  
    WORD wSegment,  
    DWORD dwStartImage,  
    DWORD dwLastImage  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name         | Type  | Description   |
|--------------|-------|---|
| wSegment     | WORD  | WORD variable that holds the segment to query.        |
| dwStartImage | DWORD | DWORD variable that holds the first image to receive. |
| dwLastImage  | DWORD | DWORD variable that holds the last image to receive.  |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.82 PCO\_RequestImage

Requests a single image from the camera.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_RequestImage ( );
```

#### Parameters:

No parameter

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.83 PCO\_RepeatImage

Repeats the last image.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_RepeatImage ( );
```

#### Parameters:

No parameter

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



#### 2.1.2.84 PCO\_CancelImage

PCO\_CancelImage.  
Cancels the image transfer.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_CancelImage ( );
```

**Parameters:**

No parameter

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.85 PCO\_CancelImageTransfer

Cancels the image processing.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_CancelImageTransfer ( );
```

**Parameters:**

No parameter

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.86 PCO\_GetImageTransferMode

Gets the image transfer mode Get the current active transfer mode and the additional parameters for this mode.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetImageTransferMode (  
    WORD* wMode,  
    WORD* wImageWidth,  
    WORD* wImageHeight,  
    WORD* wTxWidth,  
    WORD* wTxHeight,  
    WORD* wTxLineWordCnt,  
    WORD* wParam,  
    WORD* wParamLen  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name           | Type  | Description  |
|----------------|-------|--|
| wMode          | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the image mode. (e.g. full, scaled, cutout etc.) |
| wImageWidth    | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the original image width                         |
| wImageHeight   | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the original image height                        |
| wTxWidth       | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the transferred image width                      |
| wTxHeight      | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the transferred image height                     |
| wTxLineWordCnt | WORD* | Meaning depends on selected mode   |
| wParam         | WORD* | Meaning depends on selected mode   |
| wParamLen      | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive wParam length.                                   |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.87 PCO\_SetImageTransferMode

Sets the image transfer mode Set the current transfer mode and the additional parameters for this mode This function offers the ability to reduce the amount of image data, which is transferred through the interface. It can be used to offer an quick preview of all images stored in the camera.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetImageTransferMode (  
    WORD wMode,  
    WORD wImageWidth,  
    WORD wImageHeight,  
    WORD wTxWidth,  
    WORD wTxHeight,  
    WORD wTxLineWordCnt,  
    WORD* wParam,  
    WORD wParamLen  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name           | Type  | Description   |
|----------------|-------|---|
| wMode          | WORD  | WORD variable to set the image mode. (e.g. full, scaled, cutout etc.) |
| wImageWidth    | WORD  | WORD variable to set the original image width                         |
| wImageHeight   | WORD  | WORD variable to set the original image height                        |
| wTxWidth       | WORD  | WORD variable to set the scaled/cutout image width                    |
| wTxHeight      | WORD  | WORD variable to set the scaled/cutout image height                   |
| wTxLineWordCnt | WORD  | Meaning depends on selected mode                                      |
| wParam         | WORD* | Meaning depends on selected mode                                      |
| wParamLen      | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the wParam length.                              |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.88 PCO\_GetLookupableInfo**

Gets infos about lookup tables in the camera, if available.  
Only available with a pco.edge.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetLookupableInfo (
    WORD wLUTNum,
    WORD* wNumberOfLuts,
    char* Description,
    WORD wDescLen,
    WORD* wIdentifier,
    BYTE* bInputWidth,
    BYTE* bOutputWidth,
    WORD* wFormat
);
```

Parameters:

| Name          | Type  | Description  |
|---------------|-------|--|
| wLUTNum       | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the number of LUT to query.                                  |
| wNumberOfLuts | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the number of LUTs which can be queried        |
| Description   | char* | Pointer to string to receive the description, e.g. "HD/SDI 12 to 10".              |
| wDescLen      | WORD  | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the string length.                             |
| wIdentifier   | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the loadable LUTs. Range from 0x0001 to 0xFFFF |
| bInputWidth   | BYTE* | Pointer to BYTE variable to receive the maximum input in bits.                     |
| bOutputWidth  | BYTE* | Pointer to BYTE variable to receive the maximum output in bits.                    |
| wFormat       | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the accepted data structures (see defines!)    |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.89 PCO\_GetLut**

Gets the active lookup table in the camera, if available.  
Only available with a pco.edge

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetLut (
    WORD* Identifier,
    WORD* Parameter
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type  | Description   |
|------------|-------|---|
| Identifier | WORD* | Currently active LUT, 0x0000 for no LUT   |
| Parameter  | WORD* | Offset: 11 Bit value for fixed offset subtraction before transferring the data via the lookup table |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.90 PCO\_SetLut

Sets the active lookup table in the camera, if available.  
Only available with a pco.edge

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetLut (  
    WORD Identifier,  
    WORD Parameter  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name       | Type | Description   |
|------------|------|---|
| Identifier | WORD | define LUT to be activated, 0x0000 for no LUT, see PCO_GetLookupTableInfo() for available LUTs      |
| Parameter  | WORD | Offset: 11 Bit value for fixed offset subtraction before transferring the data via the lookup table |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.91 PCO\_GetBitAlignment

Gets the actual bit alignment of the raw image data.

Since the image data is less than a WORD, which is 16 bit, the data can be placed in two reasonable ways. Either you set the LSB of the image data to the LSB of the transferred data or you set the MSB of the image data to the MSB of the transferred data.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetBitAlignment (  
    WORD* align  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description  |
|-------|-------|--|
| align | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the bit alignment. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.92 PCO\_SetBitAlignment

Sets the actual bit alignment of the raw image data. See [PCO\\_GetBitAlignment\(\)](#) for details.

Set the following parameter:

- **wBitAlignment:**
  - 0x0000 = [MSB aligned]; all raw image data will be aligned to the MSB. This is the default setting.
  - 0x0001 = [LSB aligned]; all raw image data will be aligned to the LSB.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetBitAlignment (  
    WORD align  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type | Description                                  |
|-------|------|--|
| align | WORD | WORD variable which holds the bit alignment. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.93 PCO\_GetTimestampMode

Get mode of the timestamp function.

The input pointer will be filled with the following parameter:

- 0x0000 = no stamp in image
- 0x0001 = BCD coded stamp in the first 14 pixel
- 0x0002 = BCD coded stamp in the first 14 pixel + ASCII text
- 0x0003 = ASCII text only (see descriptor for availability)

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetTimestampMode (  
    WORD* mode  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description   |
|------|-------|---|
| mode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the time stamp mode. See <a href="#">PCO_SetTimestampMode()</a> for a detailed explanation. |

Return value:

Error code

### 2.1.2.94 PCO\_SetTimestampMode

Set mode of the timestamp function.

To obtain information about the recording time of images this command can be useful. It writes a continuous image number and date / time information with a resolution of 10  $\mu$ s direct into the raw image data. The first 14 pixels (top left corner) are used to hold this information. The numbers are coded in BCD with one byte per pixel, which means that every pixel can hold 2 digits. If the pixels have more resolution as 8 bits, then the BCD digits are left bound adjusted and the lower bits are zero. Additionally to this 14 pixels, the information can be written in ASCII text for direct inspection. An 8 by 8 pixel array is used per ASCII digit. The digits are displayed below the BCD coded line.

The input data should be filled with the following parameter:

- 0x0000 = no stamp in image
- 0x0001 = BCD coded stamp in the first 14 pixel
- 0x0002 = BCD coded stamp in the first 14 pixel + ASCII text
- 0x0003 = ASCII text only (see descriptor for availability)

**Note:**

- the image number is set to value = [1], when an arm command is performed
- using this command without setting the [date] / [time] results in an error message

Format of BCD coded pixels:

| Pixel 1                       | Pixel 2                 | Pixel 3                 | Pixel 4                       | Pixel 5                  | Pixel 6                | Pixel 7           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| image counter (MSB) (00...99) | image counter (00...99) | image counter (00...99) | image counter (LSB) (00...99) | year (MSB) (20)          | year (LSB) (15...99)   | month (01...12)   |
| Pixel 8                       | Pixel 9                 | Pixel 10                | Pixel 11                      | Pixel 12                 | Pixel 13               | Pixel 14          |
| day (01...31)                 | h (00...23)             | min (00...59)           | s (00...59)                   | $\mu$ s* 10000 (00...99) | $\mu$ s* 100 (00...99) | $\mu$ s (00...99) |

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_SetTimestampMode (
    WORD mode
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name | Type | Description                                |
|------|------|--|
| mode | WORD | WORD variable to hold the time stamp mode. |

**Return value:**

Error value or 0 in case of success

### 2.1.2.95 PCO\_GetHotPixelCorrectionMode

Get the Hot Pixel correction mode.

This command is optional and depends on the hardware and firmware. Check the availability according to the camera descriptor (HOT\_PIXEL\_CORRECTION). Mode:

- 0x0000 = [OFF]
- 0x0001 = [ON]

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetHotPixelCorrectionMode (  
    WORD* wHotPixelCorrectionMode  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name                    | Type  | Description  |
|-------------------------|-------|--|
| wHotPixelCorrectionMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the hot pixel correction mode. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.96 PCO\_SetHotPixelCorrectionMode

Get the Hot Pixel correction mode.

This command is optional and depends on the hardware and firmware. Check the availability according to the camera descriptor (HOT\_PIXEL\_CORRECTION). Mode:

- 0x0000 = [OFF]
- 0x0001 = [ON]

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetHotPixelCorrectionMode (  
    WORD wHotPixelCorrectionMode  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name                    | Type | Description  |
|-------------------------|------|--|
| wHotPixelCorrectionMode | WORD | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the hot pixel correction mode. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



### 2.1.2.97 PCO\_GetMetadataMode

Gets the metadata mode.

This command is optional and depends on the hardware and firmware. Check the availability according to the camera descriptor (METADATA). Gets the mode for meta data. See PCO\_GetMetaData() (dimax only) for more information. When wMode is set to 1, the user is responsible to add further line(s) to the buffers, where the number of lines depends on x-resolution and needed wMetaDataSize.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetMetadataMode (  
    WORD* wMode,  
    WORD* wMetaDataSize,  
    WORD* wMetaDataVersion  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name             | Type  | Description   |
|------------------|-------|---|
| wMode            | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable receiving the meta data mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x0000: [OFF]</li><li>• 0x0001: [ON]</li></ul> |
| wMetaDataSize    | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable receiving the meta data block size in additional pixels.   |
| wMetaDataVersion | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable receiving the meta data version information.   |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.98 PCO\_SetMetadataMode

Sets the meta data mode.

This command is optional and depends on the hardware and firmware. Check the availability according to the camera descriptor (METADATA). Sets the mode for meta data. See [PCO\\_GetMetaData\(\)](#) (dimax only) for more information. When `wMetaDataMode` is set to 1, the user is responsible to add further line(s) to the buffers, where the number of lines depends on x-resolution and needed `wMetaDataSize`.

This option is only available with `pco.dimax`

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetMetadataMode (
    WORD wMode,
    WORD* wMetadataSize,
    WORD* wMetadataVersion
);
```

Parameters:

| Name             | Type  | Description  |
|------------------|-------|--|
| wMode            | WORD  | WORD variable to set the meta data mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000: [OFF]</li> <li>0x0001: [ON]</li> </ul> |
| wMetadataSize    | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable receiving the meta data block size in additional pixels.  |
| wMetadataVersion | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable receiving the meta data version information.  |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.99 PCO\_GetHWIOSignalCount

Gets the number of available HW signals. Not applicable to all cameras.

Get the number of hardware IO signals, which are available with the camera. To set and get the single signals use [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignal\(\)](#) (dimax, edge only) and [PCO\\_SetHWIOSignal\(\)](#) (dimax, edge only). This functions is not available with all cameras. Actually it is implemented in the `pco.dimax`.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetHWIOSignalCount (
    WORD* numSignals
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type  | Description                                |
|------------|-------|--|
| numSignals | WORD* | WORD variable to get the number of signals |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.100 PCO\_GetHWIOSignalDescriptor

Gets the signal descriptor of the requested hardware IO signal. Not applicable to all cameras.

To get the number of available hardware IO signals, please call [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignalCount\(\)](#) (dimax edge only). To set and get the single signals use [PCO\\_GetHWIOSignal\(\)](#) (dimax, edge only) and [PCO\\_SetHWIOSignal\(\)](#) (dimax, edge only). This functions is not available with all cameras. Actually it is implemented in the pco.dimax.

The output structure has the following parameters:

- wSignalDefinitions: Flags showing signal options:
  - 0x01: Signal can be enabled/disabled
  - 0x02: Signal is a status output
  - 0x10: Signal function 1 has got parameter value
  - 0x20: Signal function 2 has got parameter value
  - 0x40: Signal function 3 has got parameter value
  - 0x80: Signal function 4 has got parameter value
- wSignalTypes: Flags showing which signal type is available:
  - 0x01: TTL
  - 0x02: High Level TTL
  - 0x04: Contact Mode
  - 0x08: RS485 differential
- wSignalPolarity: Flags showing which signal polarity can be selected:
  - 0x01: Low level active
  - 0x02: High Level active
  - 0x04: Rising edge active
  - 0x08: Falling edge active
- wSignalFilter: Flags showing the filter option:
  - 0x01: Filter can be switched off ( $t > \sim 65\text{ns}$ )
  - 0x02: Filter can be switched to medium ( $t > \sim 1\ \mu\text{s}$ )
  - 0x04: Filter can be switched to high ( $t > \sim 100\text{ms}$ )

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetHWIOSignalDescriptor (
    WORD SignalNum,
    SC2_Get_HW_IO_Signal_Descriptor_Response* SignalDesc
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name       | Type                                      | Description  |
|------------|---|--|
| SignalNum  | WORD                                      | WORD variable to query the signal                                |
| SignalDesc | SC2_Get_HW_IO_Signal_Descriptor_Response* | Pointer to a SIGNAL_DESC structure to get the signal description |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

**2.1.2.101 PCO\_GetHWIOSignalDescriptor**

Gets the signal descriptor of the requested signal number as a string for console output.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetHWIOSignalDescriptor (  
    WORD SignalNum,  
    char* outbuf,  
    int* size  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name      | Type  | Description                                       |
|-----------|-------|---|
| SignalNum | WORD  | WORD variable to query the signal                 |
| outbuf    | char* | Pointer to string to hold the signal description. |
| size      | int*  | Pointer to size of input string                   |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

**2.1.2.102 PCO\_GetHWIOSignal**

Gets the signal options of the requested signal number.

Gets the settings of the requested hardware IO signal. This functions is not available with all cameras. Actually it is implemented in the pco.dimax.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetHWIOSignal (
    WORD SignalNum,
    WORD* Enabled,
    WORD* Type,
    WORD* Polarity,
    WORD* FilterSetting,
    WORD* Selected
);
```

Parameters:

| Name          | Type  | Description   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| SignalNum     | WORD  | Index of the signal   |
| Enabled       | WORD* | Flags showing enable state of the signal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x00: Signal is off</li> <li>0x01: Signal is active</li> </ul>  |
| Type          | WORD* | Flags showing which signal type is selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x01: TTL</li> <li>0x02: High Level TTL</li> <li>0x04: Contact Mode</li> <li>0x08: RS485 differential</li> </ul>   |
| Polarity      | WORD* | Flags showing which signal polarity is selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x01: High level active</li> <li>0x02: Low level active</li> <li>0x04: Rising edge active</li> <li>0x08: Falling edge active</li> </ul>  |
| FilterSetting | WORD* | Flags showing the filter option which is selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x01: Filter can be switched off (<math>t &gt; \sim 65\text{ns}</math>)</li> <li>0x02: Filter can be switched to medium (<math>t &gt; \sim 1\ \mu</math>)</li> <li>0x04: Filter can be switched to high (<math>t &gt; \sim 100\text{ms}</math>)</li> </ul> |
| Selected      | WORD* | In case the HWIOSignaldescription shows more than one SignalNames, this parameter can be used to select a different signal, e.g. 'Status Busy' or 'Status Exposure'.  |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

**2.1.2.103 PCO\_SetHWIOSignal**

Sets the signal options of the requested signal number.

Sets the settings of the requested hardware IO signal. This functions is not available with all cameras. Actually it is implemented in the pco.dimax.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_SetHWIOSignal (
    WORD SignalNum,
    WORD Enabled,
    WORD Type,
    WORD Polarity,
    WORD FilterSetting,
    WORD Selected
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name          | Type | Description   |
|---------------|------|---|
| SignalNum     | WORD | Index of the signal   |
| Enabled       | WORD | Flags showing enable state of the signal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x00: Signal is off</li> <li>• 0x01: Signal is active</li> </ul>  |
| Type          | WORD | Flags showing which signal type is selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x01: TTL</li> <li>• 0x02: High Level TTL</li> <li>• 0x04: Contact Mode</li> <li>• 0x08: RS485 differential</li> </ul>   |
| Polarity      | WORD | Flags showing which signal polarity is selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x01: High level active</li> <li>• 0x02: Low level active</li> <li>• 0x04: Rising edge active</li> <li>• 0x08: Falling edge active</li> </ul>  |
| FilterSetting | WORD | Flags showing the filter option which is selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x01: Filter can be switched off (<math>t &gt; \sim 65\text{ns}</math>)</li> <li>• 0x02: Filter can be switched to medium (<math>t &gt; \sim 1\ \mu\text{s}</math>)</li> <li>• 0x04: Filter can be switched to high (<math>t &gt; \sim 100\text{ms}</math>)</li> </ul> |
| Selected      | WORD | In case the HWIOSignaldescription shows more than one SignalNames, this parameter can be used to select a different signal, e.g. 'Status Busy' or 'Status Exposure'.  |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

#### 2.1.2.104 PCO\_GetPowerDownMode

Get mode for CCD or CMOS power down mode (see camera manual).

Mode:

- 0x0000 = [AUTO]
- 0x0001 = [USER]

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetPowerDownMode (  
    WORD* wPowerDownMode  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name           | Type  | Description  |
|----------------|-------|--|
| wPowerDownMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the power down mode. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.105 PCO\_SetPowerDownMode

Set mode for CCD or CMOS power down threshold time control.

Power down functions are controllable when power down mode = [user] is selected (see camera manual).

Mode:

- 0x0000 = [AUTO]
- 0x0001 = [USER]

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetPowerDownMode (  
    WORD wPowerDownMode  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name           | Type | Description                                |
|----------------|------|--|
| wPowerDownMode | WORD | WORD variable to hold the power down mode. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.106 PCO\_GetUserPowerDownTime

Get user values for CCD or CMOS power down threshold time (see camera manual).

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetUserPowerDownTime (  
    DWORD* dwPdnTime  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name      | Type   | Description   |
|-----------|--------|---|
| dwPdnTime | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the power down time. Current CCD power down threshold time as multiples of ms (0ms .. 49.7 days) |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.107 PCO\_SetUserPowerDownTime

Set user values for CCD or CMOS power down threshold time (see camera manual).

If the exposure time is greater than the selected Power Down Time, then the CCD or CMOS sensor is switched (electrically) into a special power down mode to reduce dark current effects. If power down mode = [user] is selected, the power down threshold time set by this function will become effective. The default Power Down Time is one second.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetUserPowerDownTime (  
    DWORD dwPdnTime  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name      | Type  | Description  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| dwPdnTime | DWORD | DWORD variable to set the power down time. Current CCD power down threshold time as multiples of ms (0ms .. 49.7 days) |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



### 2.1.2.108 PCO\_GetDelayExposureTimeTable

Get delay / exposure time table.

**General note:**

For some camera types it is possible to define a table with delay / exposure times (defined in the camera description). After the exposure is started, the camera will take a series of consecutive images with delay and exposure times, as defined in the table. Therefore, a flexible message format has been defined. The table consists of a maximum of 16 delay / exposure time pairs. If an exposure time entry is set to the value zero, then at execution time this delay / exposure pair is disregarded and the sequence is started automatically with the first valid entry in the table. This results in a sequence of 1 to 16 images with different delay and exposure time settings. External automatic image triggering is fully functional for every image in the sequence. If the user wants maximum speed (at CCDs overlapping exposure and read out is taken), [auto trigger] should be selected and the sequence should be controlled with the <acq enbl> input. **Note:**

The commands set delay / exposure time and set delay / exposure time table can only be used alternatively. Using set delay / exposure time has the same effect as using the table command and setting all but the first delay / exposure entry to zero. Despite the same parameter set, this function is different to [PCO\\_GetDelayExposureTime\(\)](#) because the corresponding pointers are used as an array of 16 values each.

Timebase:

- 0: ns
- 1:  $\mu$ s;
- 2: ms

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetDelayExposureTimeTable (
    DWORD* dwDelay,
    DWORD* dwExposure,
    WORD* wTimeBaseDelay,
    WORD* wTimebaseExposure,
    WORD wCount
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name              | Type   | Description   |
|-------------------|--------|---|
| dwDelay           | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to receive the exposure times.             |
| dwExposure        | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to receive the delay times.                |
| wTimeBaseDelay    | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the exp. timebase.            |
| wTimebaseExposure | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the del. timebase.            |
| wCount            | WORD   | Maximum count of delay and exposure pairs, not more than 16 DWORDS. |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.109 PCO\_SetDelayExposureTimeTable

Sets the exposure and delay time table and the time bases of the camera.

Timebase:

- 0: ns
- 1:  $\mu$ S;
- 2: ms

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetDelayExposureTimeTable (  
    DWORD* dwDelay,  
    DWORD* dwExposure,  
    WORD wTimeBaseDelay,  
    WORD wTimebaseExposure,  
    WORD wCount  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name              | Type   | Description  |
|-------------------|--------|--|
| dwDelay           | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to hold the exposure times. |
| dwExposure        | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD array to hold the delay times.    |
| wTimeBaseDelay    | WORD   | WORD variable to hold the exp. timebase.             |
| wTimebaseExposure | WORD   | WORD variable to hold the del. timebase.             |
| wCount            | WORD   | Count of delay and exposure pairs.                   |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

See Also

[PCO\\_GetDelayExposureTimeTable](#)

### 2.1.2.110 PCO\_GetModulationMode

Gets the modulation mode and necessary parameters.

The Modulation Mode is an optional feature which is not available for all camera models. See the descriptors of the camera.

- Current modulation mode:
  - 0x0000 = [modulation mode off]
  - 0x0001 = [modulation mode on]
- Periodical time as a multiple of the timebase unit: The periodical time, delay and exposure time must meet the following condition :  $tp - (te + td) > \text{'Min Per Condition'}$
- Timebase for periodical time
  - 0x0000 => timebase = [ns]
  - 0x0001 => timebase = [ $\mu$ s]
  - 0x0002 => timebase = [ms]
- Number of exposures: number of exposures done for one frame
- Monitor signal offset [ns]: controls the offset for the <status out> signal. The possible range is limited in a very special way. See tm in the above timing diagrams. The minimum range is -tstd...0. The negative limit can be enlarged by adding a delay. The maximum negative monitor offset is limited to -20  $\mu$ s, no matter how long the delay will be set. The positive limit can be enlarged by longer exposure times than the minimum exposure time. The maximum positive monitor offset is limited to 20us, no matter how long the exposure will be set.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetModulationMode (
    WORD* wModulationMode,
    DWORD* dwPeriodicalTime,
    WORD* wTimebasePeriodical,
    DWORD* dwNumberOfExposures,
    LONG* lMonitorOffset
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name                | Type   | Description  |
|---------------------|--------|--|
| wModulationMode     | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the modulation mode        |
| dwPeriodicalTime    | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the periodical time       |
| wTimebasePeriodical | WORD*  | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the time base of pt        |
| dwNumberOfExposures | DWORD* | Pointer to a DWORD variable to receive the number of exposures   |
| lMonitorOffset      | LONG*  | Pointer to a signed DWORD variable to receive the monitor offset |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.111 PCO\_SetModulationMode

Set the modulation mode and necessary parameters.

The Modulation Mode is an optional feature which is not available for all camera models. See the descriptors of the camera.

- Current modulation mode:
  - 0x0000 = [modulation mode off]
  - 0x0001 = [modulation mode on]
- Periodical time as a multiple of the timebase unit: The periodical time, delay and exposure time must meet the following condition :  $tp - (te + td) > \text{'Min Per Condition'}$
- Timebase for periodical time
  - 0x0000 => timebase = [ns]
  - 0x0001 => timebase = [ $\mu$ s]
  - 0x0002 => timebase = [ms]
- Number of exposures: number of exposures done for one frame
- Monitor signal offset [ns]: controls the offset for the <status out> signal. The possible range is limited in a very special way. See tm in the above timing diagrams. The minimum range is -tstd...0. The negative limit can be enlarged by adding a delay. The maximum negative monitor offset is limited to -20  $\mu$ s, no matter how long the delay will be set. The positive limit can be enlarged by longer exposure times than the minimum exposure time. The maximum positive monitor offset is limited to 20us, no matter how long the exposure will be set.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetModulationMode (
    WORD wModulationMode,
    DWORD dwPeriodicalTime,
    WORD wTimebasePeriodical,
    DWORD dwNumberOfExposures,
    LONG lMonitorOffset
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name                | Type  | Description                                    |
|---------------------|-------|--|
| wModulationMode     | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the modulation mode      |
| dwPeriodicalTime    | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the periodical time     |
| wTimebasePeriodical | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the time base of pt      |
| dwNumberOfExposures | DWORD | DWORD variable to hold the number of exposures |
| lMonitorOffset      | LONG  | DWORD variable to hold the monitor offset      |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.112 PCO\_GetCameraSynchMode**

Gets the camera synchronisation mode for a dimax.

Dimax cameras can be cascaded in order to synchronize the timing of a camera chain. It is mandatory to set one of the cameras in the chain to master mode. Usually this is the first camera connected to the chain. All output side connected cameras should be set to slave mode. Those cameras will follow the timing of the master camera, thus all timing settings are disabled at the slave cameras.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCameraSynchMode (
    WORD* wCameraSynchMode
);
```

Parameters:

| Name             | Type  | Description   |
|------------------|-------|---|
| wCameraSynchMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the synch mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x0000 = [off]</li> <li>• 0x0001 = [master]</li> <li>• 0x0002 = [slave]</li> </ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.113 PCO\_SetCameraSynchMode**

Sets the camera synchronisation mode for a dimax.

Dimax cameras can be cascaded in order to synchronize the timing of a camera chain. It is mandatory to set one of the cameras in the chain to master mode. Usually this is the first camera connected to the chain. All output side connected cameras should be set to slave mode. Those cameras will follow the timing of the master camera, thus all timing settings are disabled at the slave cameras.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetCameraSynchMode (
    WORD wCameraSynchMode
);
```

Parameters:

| Name             | Type | Description  |
|------------------|------|--|
| wCameraSynchMode | WORD | WORD variable to set the synch mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x0000 = [off]</li> <li>• 0x0001 = [master]</li> <li>• 0x0002 = [slave]</li> </ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.114 PCO\_GetFastTimingMode**

Gets the camera fast timing mode for a dimax.

To increase the possible exposure time with high frame rates it is possible to enable the 'Fast Timing' mode. This means that the maximum possible exposure time can be longer than in normal mode, while getting stronger offset drops. In case, especially in PIV applications, image quality is less important, but exposure time is, this mode reduces the gap between exposure end and start of the next exposure from  $\sim 75 \mu\text{S}$  to  $3.5 \mu\text{S}$ .

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetFastTimingMode (
    WORD* wFastTimingMode
);
```

Parameters:

| Name            | Type  | Description   |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| wFastTimingMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the fast timing mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000 = [OFF]</li> <li>0x0001 = [ON]</li> </ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.115 PCO\_SetFastTimingMode**

Set the camera fast timing mode for a dimax.

To increase the possible exposure time with high frame rates it is possible to enable the 'Fast Timing' mode. This means that the maximum possible exposure time can be longer than in normal mode, while getting stronger offset drops. In case, especially in PIV applications, image quality is less important, but exposure time is, this mode reduces the gap between exposure end and start of the next exposure from  $\sim 75 \mu\text{S}$  to  $3.5 \mu\text{S}$ .

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetFastTimingMode (
    WORD wFastTimingMode
);
```

Parameters:

| Name            | Type | Description  |
|-----------------|------|--|
| wFastTimingMode | WORD | WORD variable to set the fast timing mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000 = [OFF]</li> <li>0x0001 = [ON]</li> </ul> |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.116 PCO\_GetFirmwareVersion

Gets the firmware versions as string for console output.

If the string size is not large enough, not all firmware strings will be shown.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetFirmwareVersion (  
    char* outbuf,  
    int* size  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name   | Type  | Description  |
|--------|-------|--|
| outbuf | char* | Pointer to string to hold the firmware version output. |
| size   | int*  | Pointer int that holds the size of the string.         |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.117 PCO\_GetHardwareVersion

Gets the hardware versions as string for console output.

If the string size is not large enough, not all hardware strings will be shown.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetHardwareVersion (  
    char* outbuf,  
    int* size  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name   | Type  | Description  |
|--------|-------|--|
| outbuf | char* | Pointer to string to hold the firmware version output. |
| size   | int*  | Pointer to size of the string.                         |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0

### 2.1.2.118 PCO\_GetFirmwareVersion

Gets the firmware versions of first 10 devices in the camera.

Get Firmware version of first 10 devices and the number of installed devices If number of devices exceeds 10 PCO\_GetFirmwareVersionExt must be called with increased block counter

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetFirmwareVersion (  
    SC2_Firmware_Versions_Response* response  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name     | Type                            | Description                             |
|----------|---------------------------------|---|
| response | SC2_Firmware_Versions_Response* | Pointer to a firmware version structure |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.119 PCO\_GetFirmwareVersionExt

Gets the firmware versions of the devices in the camera.

not applicable to all cameras.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetFirmwareVersionExt (  
    BYTE bNum,  
    SC2_Firmware_Versions_Response* response  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name     | Type                            | Description  |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| bNum     | BYTE                            | Pointer to a number, which contains the actual blocknumber |
| response | SC2_Firmware_Versions_Response* | Pointer to a firmware version structure                    |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



**2.1.2.120 PCO\_GetIEEE1394InterfaceParams**

Gets the IEEE1394 interface parameters.

Gets the FireWire transfer parameters.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetIEEE1394InterfaceParams (  
    WORD* wMasterNode,  
    WORD* wIsochChannel,  
    WORD* wIsochPacketLen,  
    WORD* wIsochPacketNum  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name            | Type  | Description  |
|-----------------|-------|--|
| wMasterNode     | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the master node address. |
| wIsochChannel   | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the used ISO channel.    |
| wIsochPacketLen | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the ISO packet length.   |
| wIsochPacketNum | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the ISO packet count.    |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

See Also

[PCO\\_SetIEEE1394InterfaceParams](#)

### 2.1.2.121 PCO\_SetIEEE1394InterfaceParams

PCO\_SetIEEE1394InterfaceParams Sets the IEEE1394 interface parameters.

The user can instantiate a structure \_PCO1394\_ISO\_PARAMS, which is defined in SC2\_SDKAddendum.h.

- bandwidth\_bytes: set to a bandwidth size which is a fraction of 4096 / (num of cameras). e.g. 2
- cameras connected: bandwidth\_bytes = 2048.
- speed\_of\_isotransfer: 1,2,4, whereas 1 is 100MBit/s, 2=200 and 4=400; default is 4.
- number\_of\_isochannel: Channel numbers are 32-bit encoded and the highest bit equals the lowest channel. (e.g. 0x80000000 = channel 0).
- number\_of\_isobuffers: 16...256; default is 128
- byte\_per\_isoframe: set to the same value as bandwidth\_bytes.

Remarks for number\_of\_isochannel: Usually it is not necessary to change this parameter (Open\_Grabber() does it automatically), but in case the user wants to transfer images from more than one camera, the iso channel must be unique for each camera. Only one bit may be set at a time.

In case the user wants to establish a connection, this has to be the first command sent or the camera won't know how to respond to commands.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetIEEE1394InterfaceParams (
    WORD wMasterNode,
    WORD wlsochChannel,
    WORD wlsochPacketLen,
    WORD wlsochPacketNum
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name            | Type | Description                                   |
|-----------------|------|---|
| wMasterNode     | WORD | WORD variable to set the master node address. |
| wlsochChannel   | WORD | WORD variable to set the ISO channel.         |
| wlsochPacketLen | WORD | WORD variable to set the ISO packet length.   |
| wlsochPacketNum | WORD | WORD variable to set the ISO packet count.    |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.122 PCO\_GetIEEE1394ISOByteorder

Gets the IEEE1394 byte order.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetIEEE1394ISOByteorder (
    WORD* wMode
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description  |
|-------|-------|--|
| wMode | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the IEEE1394 byte order. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.123 PCO\_SetIEEE1394ISOByteorder**

Sets the IEEE1394 byte order.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_SetIEEE1394ISOByteorder (  
    WORD wMode  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name  | Type | Description                                   |
|-------|------|---|
| wMode | WORD | WORD variable to set the IEEE1394 byte order. |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.124 PCO\_GetInterfaceOutputFormat**

Gets the actual interface output format.

This is only valid with a dimax with a built in HD/SDI interface. This command can be used to determine the image streaming interface, which is active. If the addressed interface is set to [off], then the standard interface, e.g. GigE or USB, is used to stream the data. If the addressed interface is activated, the standard interface is only for camera control, thus streaming to this interface is disabled.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetInterfaceOutputFormat (  
    WORD wInterface,  
    WORD* wFormat  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name       | Type  | Description   |
|------------|-------|---|
| wInterface | WORD  | WORD variable to get the desired interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0: reserved</li><li>• 1: HD/SDI</li><li>• 2: DVI</li></ul>  |
| wFormat    | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to get the interface format <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0: Output is disabled</li><li>• 1: HD/SDI, 1080p25, RGB</li><li>• 2: HD/SDI, 1080p25, arbitrary raw mode</li></ul> |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.125 PCO\_SetInterfaceOutputFormat**

Sets the actual interface output format.

This option is only available with pco.dimax and HD/SDI interface. This command can be used to set the image streaming interface, which is active. If the addressed interface is set to [off], then the standard interface, e.g. GigE or USB, is used to stream the data. If the addressed interface is activated, the standard interface is only for camera control, thus streaming to this interface is disabled.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_SetInterfaceOutputFormat (
    WORD wInterface,
    WORD wFormat
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name       | Type | Description  |
|------------|------|--|
| wInterface | WORD | WORD variable to set the desired interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: reserved</li> <li>1: HD/SDI</li> <li>4: DVI</li> </ul>   |
| wFormat    | WORD | WORD variable to set the interface format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Output is disabled</li> <li>1: HD/SDI, 1080p25, RGB</li> <li>2: HD/SDI, 1080p25, arbitrary raw mode</li> </ul> |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.126 PCO\_GetInterfaceStatus**

Get interface status messages. This option is only available with pco.dimax and HD/SDI interface.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_GetInterfaceStatus (
    WORD wInterface,
    DWORD* dwWarnings,
    DWORD* dwErrors,
    DWORD* dwStatus
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name       | Type   | Description  |
|------------|--------|--|
| wInterface | WORD   | WORD variable holding the interface to be queried. |
| dwWarnings | DWORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the warnings.  |
| dwErrors   | DWORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the errors.    |
| dwStatus   | DWORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the status.    |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.127 PCO\_PlayImagesFromSegment

Plays the images recorded to the camera RAM.

This option is only available with pco.dimax and HD/SDI interface. **Note:** Command is only valid, if **storage mode** is set to [recorder] and recording to the camera RAM segment is stopped!

The play speed is defined by the Speed parameter together with the Mode parameter:

- Fast forward: The play position is increased by [Speed], i.e. [Speed - 1] images are leaped.
- Fast rewind: The play position is decreased by [Speed], i.e. [Speed - 1] images are leaped.
- Slow forward: The current image is sent [Speed] times before the position is increased
- Slow rewind: The current image is sent [Speed] times before the position is decreased

The play command can also be sent to change parameters (e.g. speed) while a play is active. The new parameters will be changed immediately. It is possible to change parameters like play speed or play direction without changing the current position by setting Start No. to -1 or 0xFFFFFFFFH in the DWORD format.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_PlayImagesFromSegment (
    WORD wSegment,
    WORD wInterface,
    WORD wMode,
    WORD wSpeed,
    DWORD dwRangeLow,
    DWORD dwRangeHigh,
    DWORD dwStartPos
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name        | Type  | Description  |
|-------------|-------|--|
| wSegment    | WORD  | WORD variable with the segment to read from  |
| wInterface  | WORD  | WORD variable to set the interface (0x0001 for HDSDI)  |
| wMode       | WORD  | WORD variable to set the play mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0: Stop play,</li> <li>• 1: Fast forward (step 'wSpeed' images),</li> <li>• 2: Fast rewind (step 'wSpeed' images),</li> <li>• 3: Slow forward (show each image 'wSpeed'-times)</li> <li>• 4: Slow rewind (show each image 'wSpeed'-times)</li> <li>• Additional flags: 0x0100-&gt; - 0: Repeat last image <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1: Repeat sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| wSpeed      | WORD  | WORD variable to set the stepping or repeat count  |
| dwRangeLow  | DWORD | Lowest image number to be played   |
| dwRangeHigh | DWORD | Highest image number to be played  |
| dwStartPos  | DWORD | Set position to image number #, -1: unchanged  |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.128 PCO\_GetPlayPosition**

The "Get Play Position" command requests at which position the play pointer of the currently started sequence is. When the command "Play Images from Segment" was called, the sequence is started and the response message is sent immediately, whereas it may take seconds or up to minutes, until the sequence transmission is finished.

**Note:** Due to time necessary for communication and processing the command, the actual pointer may be 1 or 2 images ahead at the time, when the response is sent completely.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetPlayPosition (
    WORD* wStatus,
    DWORD* dwPosition
);
```

Parameters:

| Name         | Type   | Description  |
|--------------|--------|--|
| wStatus      | WORD*  | WORD variable to get the status of image play state machine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: no play is active, or play has already stopped</li> <li>1: play is active, position is valid</li> </ul> |
| dwPosition,: | DWORD* | Number of the image currently sent to the interface. It is between Range Low and Range High, as set by "Play Images from Segment". Only valid when sequence play is still active.                              |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.129 PCO\_GetColorSettings**

Gets the color convert settings inside the camera.

This option is only available with pco.dimax and HD-SDI interface.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetColorSettings (
    SC2_Get_Color_Settings_Response* ColSetResp
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type                             | Description  |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|
| ColSetResp | SC2_Get_Color_Settings_Response* | Pointer to a SC2_Set_Color_Settings structure to receive the color set data. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.130 PCO\_SetColorSettings

Sets the color convert settings inside the camera.

This option is only available with pco.dimax and HD-SDI interface.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetColorSettings (  
    SC2_Set_Color_Settings* SetColSet  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type                    | Description  |
|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| SetColSet | SC2_Set_Color_Settings* | Pointer to a SC2_Set_Color_Settings structure to set the color set data. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.131 PCO\_DoWhiteBalance

Starts a white balancing calculation.

This option is only available with pco.dimax and HD-SDI interface.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_DoWhiteBalance (  
    WORD wMode  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type | Description  |
|-------|------|--|
| wMode | WORD | WORD variable to set the meta data mode. Set to 1. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.132 PCO\_GetWhiteBalanceStatus

Gets the white balancing status.

This option is only available with pco.dimax and HD-SDI interface.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetWhiteBalanceStatus (  
    WORD* wStatus,  
    WORD* wColorTemp,  
    SHORT* sTint  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type   | Description  |
|------------|--------|--|
| wStatus    | WORD*  | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the status.            |
| wColorTemp | WORD*  | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the color temperature. |
| sTint      | SHORT* | Pointer to SHORT variable to receive the tint.             |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.133 PCO\_InitiateSelftestProcedure

Starts a self test procedure.

See PCO\_GetCameraHealthStatus().

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_InitiateSelftestProcedure (  
    DWORD* dwWarn,  
    DWORD* dwErr  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name   | Type   | Description                                    |
|--------|--------|--|
| dwWarn | DWORD* | Pointer to DWORD variable to receive warnings. |
| dwErr  | DWORD* | Pointer to DWORD variable to receive errors.   |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



### 2.1.2.134 PCO\_WriteHotPixelList

Writes a hot pixel list to the camera.

This command is optional and depends on the hardware and firmware. Check the availability according to the camera descriptor (HOT\_PIXEL\_CORRECTION). To change the hot pixel list inside the camera, please call [PCO\\_ReadHotPixelList\(\)](#) first, then modify the list and write it back with this command. We recommend doing a backup of the list after readout. An invalid list will break the hot pixel correction!

The x and y coordinates have to be consistent, that means corresponding coordinate pairs must have the same index!

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_WriteHotPixelList (  
    WORD wListNo,  
    WORD wNumValid,  
    WORD* wHotPixX,  
    WORD* wHotPixY  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name      | Type  | Description  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| wListNo   | WORD  | WORD variable which holds the number of the list (zero based). |
| wNumValid | WORD  | WORD variable which holds the number of valid members          |
| wHotPixX  | WORD* | WORD array which holds the x coordinates of a hotpixel list    |
| wHotPixY  | WORD* | WORD array which holds the y coordinates of a hotpixel list    |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.135 PCO\_ReadHotPixelList

Reads a hot pixel list from the camera.

This command is optional and depends on the hardware and firmware. Check the availability according to the camera descriptor (HOT\_PIXEL\_CORRECTION). To change the hot pixel list inside the camera, please call this command first, then modify the list and write it back with [PCO\\_WriteHotPixelList\(\)](#). We recommend doing a backup of the list after readout. An invalid list will break the hot pixel correction!

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ReadHotPixelList (  
    WORD wListNo,  
    WORD wArraySize,  
    WORD* wNumValid,  
    WORD* wNumMax,  
    WORD* wHotPixX,  
    WORD* wHotPixY  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type  | Description  |
|------------|-------|--|
| wListNo    | WORD  | WORD variable which holds the number of the list (zero based).   |
| wArraySize | WORD  | WORD variable which holds the number of members, which can be transferred to the list  |
| wNumValid  | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the number of valid hotpixel.  |
| wNumMax    | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the max. possible number of hotpixel.  |
| wHotPixX   | WORD* | WORD array which gets the x coordinates of a hotpixel list This ptr can be set to ZERO if only the valid and max number have to be read. |
| wHotPixY   | WORD* | WORD array which gets the y coordinates of a hotpixel list This ptr can be set to ZERO if only the valid and max number have to be read. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.136 PCO\_ClearHotPixelList

Clears a hot pixel list in the camera.

This command is optional and depends on the hardware and firmware. Check the availability according to the camera descriptor (HOT\_PIXEL\_CORRECTION). To change the hot pixel list inside the camera, please first call [PCO\\_ReadHotPixelList\(\)](#). Then modify the list and write it back with [PCO\\_WriteHotPixelList\(\)](#). We recommend doing a backup of the list after readout. An invalid list will break the hot pixel correction! This command clears the list addressed completely. Use with caution!

Set the following parameter:

- wListNo: Number of the list to modify (0 ...).
- dwMagic1: Unlock code, set to 0x1000AFFE
- dwMagic2: Unlock code, set to 0x2000ABBA

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ClearHotPixelList (  
    WORD wListNo,  
    DWORD dwMagic1,  
    DWORD dwMagic2  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name     | Type  | Description  |
|----------|-------|--|
| wListNo  | WORD  | WORD variable which holds the number of the list (zero based). |
| dwMagic1 | DWORD | DWORD variable which holds the unlock code 1.                  |
| dwMagic2 | DWORD | DWORD variable which holds the unlock code 2.                  |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.137 PCO\_ClearHotPixelList

This is an overloaded member function, provided for convenience. It differs from the above function only in what argument(s) it accepts.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ClearHotPixelList (  
    WORD wListNo  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name    | Type | Description |
|---------|------|-------------|
| wListNo | WORD |             |

#### Return value:

### 2.1.2.138 PCO\_LoadLookuptable

Loads a lookup table to the camera, if available.  
Only available with a pco.edge.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_LoadLookuptable (  
    WORD wIdentifier,  
    WORD wPacketNum,  
    WORD wFormat,  
    WORD wLength,  
    BYTE* bData  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name        | Type  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| wIdentifier | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the LUT to be loaded                                |
| wPacketNum  | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the packet number to load the LUT in several steps. |
| wFormat     | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the data structure in bData (see defines)           |
| wLength     | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the length of the data structure                    |
| bData       | BYTE* | Pointer to BYTE to hold the actual data                                   |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.139 PCO\_ReadLookuptable

Reads a lookup table from the camera, if available.  
Only available with a pco.edge.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_ReadLookuptable (  
    WORD wIdentifier,  
    WORD wPacketNum,  
    WORD* wFormat,  
    WORD* wLength,  
    BYTE* bData,  
    WORD buflen  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name        | Type  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| wIdentifier | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the LUT to be read                                      |
| wPacketNum  | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the packet number to read the LUT in several steps.     |
| wFormat     | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the data structure in bData (see defines) |
| wLength     | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to receive the length of the data structure          |
| bData       | BYTE* | Pointer to BYTE array to receive the data                                     |
| buflen      | WORD  | WORD variable to hold the length of the BYTE array (bData)                    |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.140 PCO\_GetColorCorrectionMatrix

Gets the color multiplier matrix to normalize the color values of a color camera to 6500k.  
Only available with a dimax

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetColorCorrectionMatrix (  
    char* szCCM,  
    WORD* len  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description                                     |
|-------|-------|---|
| szCCM | char* | Pointer to a string to hold the values.         |
| len   | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD that holds the string length. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.141 PCO\_GetBayerMultiplier**

Requests the Bayer multipliers.

The Bayer multipliers are used by cameras with color sensor in order to compensate the color response of the sensor and the optical setup. Thus when exposed to white light the R Gr Gb B pixels will ideally show the same amplitude. This option is only available with a pco.dimax

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetBayerMultiplier (
    WORD* wMode,
    WORD* wMul
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description  |
|-------|-------|--|
| wMode | WORD* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0001: The returned values are changed, but not yet saved.</li> <li>0x0002: The returned values are saved.</li> </ul>  |
| wMul  | WORD* | Pointer to an array of four WORD; Red/GreenRed/GreenBlue/Blue Multiplier: Number from 0 to 3999, where 1000 corresponds to multiplier of 1.0 (leave values unchanged). Element 0 is the same as in the color descriptor. See wColorPatternDESC in PCO_Description. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.142 PCO\_SetBayerMultiplier**

Sets the Bayer multipliers.

The Bayer multipliers are used by cameras with color sensor in order to compensate the color response of the sensor and the optical setup. Thus when exposed to white light the R Gr Gb B pixels will ideally show the same amplitude. This option is only available with a pco.dimax

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetBayerMultiplier (
    WORD wMode,
    WORD* wMul
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description  |
|-------|-------|--|
| wMode | WORD  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0001: Set new values immediately but do not save.</li> <li>0x0002: Save values and set immediately.</li> </ul>  |
| wMul  | WORD* | Pointer to an array of four WORD; Red-GreenRed-GreenBlue-Blue Multiplier: Number from 0 to 3999, where 1000 corresponds to multiplier of 1.0 (leave values unchanged). Element 0 is the same as in the color descriptor. See wColorPatternDESC in PCO_Description. |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.143 PCO\_GetFanControlStatus

Get parameters for fan operation control.

Only supported from cameras which have GENERALCAPS1\_FAN\_CONTROL Bit set in the descriptor. Get possible Parameter values which can be set with the [PCO\\_SetFanControlStatus\(\)](#) function in UserMode.

Mode can be set to

- 0x0000 = Automatic: Fan speed is controlled depending on camera temperature.
- 0x0001 = UserMode:

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetFanControlStatus (  
    WORD* wFanMode,  
    WORD* wFanMin,  
    WORD* wFanMax,  
    WORD* wStepSize,  
    WORD* wSetValue,  
    WORD* wActualValue  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name         | Type  | Description   |
|--------------|-------|---|
| wFanMode     | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to get the actual fan operation control mode     |
| wFanMin      | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable which holds the minimal setting for fan speed    |
| wFanMax      | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable which holds the maximal setting for fan speed    |
| wStepSize    | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable which holds the steps for fan speed setting      |
| wSetValue    | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to get the fan speed setting, from last set call |
| wActualValue | WORD* | Pointer to WORD variable to get the actual fan speed                      |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.144 PCO\_SetFanControlStatus

Set parameters to control Fan operation.

Only supported from cameras which have GENERALCAPS1\_FAN\_CONTROL Bit set in the descriptor. Mode can be set to

- 0x0000 = Automatic: Fan speed is controlled depending on camera temperature.
- 0x0001 = User:

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetFanControlStatus (  
    WORD wFanMode,  
    WORD wSetValue  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name      | Type | Description             |
|-----------|------|-------------------------|
| wFanMode  | WORD | switch fan control mode |
| wSetValue | WORD |                         |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.145 PCO\_GetHWLEDSignal

Get operating state of the backpanel LEDs.

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetHWLEDSignal (  
    DWORD* dwParameter  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name        | Type   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| dwParameter | DWORD* | DWORD variable to get operating state of LED's. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x00000000 = [OFF]</li><li>• 0xFFFFFFFF = [ON]</li></ul> |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.



#### 2.1.2.146 PCO\_SetHWLEDSignal

Switch the operating state of the back panel LEDs.

To ensure, that light of the camera LED's doesn't spoil lowlight level exposures, the state of the LED can be changed. With this command LED's could be switched OFF and on again to get minimal status information of the camera.

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetHWLEDSignal (  
    DWORD dwParameter  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name        | Type  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| dwParameter | DWORD | DWORD variable to set the Led Signals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0x00000000 = [OFF]</li><li>• 0xFFFFFFFF = [ON]</li></ul> |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

#### 2.1.2.147 PCO\_GetDSNUAdjustMode

Gets the camera internal DSNU adjustment mode.

Only available with a dimax.

##### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetDSNUAdjustMode (  
    WORD* wMode  
);
```

##### Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description   |
|-------|-------|---|
| wMode | WORD* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0: no DSNU correction.</li><li>• 1: automatic DSNU correction.</li><li>• 2: manual DSNU correction.</li></ul> |

##### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.148 PCO\_SetDSNUAdjustMode**

Sets the camera internal DSNU adjustment mode.  
Only available with a dimax.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_SetDSNUAdjustMode (  
    WORD wMode  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name  | Type | Description   |
|-------|------|---|
| wMode | WORD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0: no DSNU correction.</li><li>• 1: automatic DSNU correction.</li><li>• 2: manual DSNU correction.</li></ul> |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.149 PCO\_InitDSNUAdjustment**

Starts the camera internal DSNU adjustment in case it is set to manual.  
Only available with a dimax.

**Prototype:**

```
DWORD PCO_InitDSNUAdjustment (  
    WORD* wMode  
);
```

**Parameters:**

| Name  | Type  | Description   |
|-------|-------|---|
| wMode | WORD* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0: no DSNU correction.</li><li>• 1: automatic DSNU correction.</li><li>• 2: manual DSNU correction.</li></ul> |

**Return value:**

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.150 PCO\_GetCDIMode

Gets the correlated double image mode of the camera.  
Only available with a dimax.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetCDIMode (  
    WORD* wMode  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type  | Description   |
|-------|-------|---|
| wMode | WORD* | Pointer to a WORD variable to receive the correlated double image mode. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.151 PCO\_SetCDIMode

Sets the correlated double image mode of the camera.  
Only available with a dimax.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetCDIMode (  
    WORD wMode  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name  | Type | Description  |
|-------|------|--|
| wMode | WORD | WORD variable to set the correlated double image mode. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.152 PCO\_GetPowersaveMode

Gets the camera power save mode.  
Not applicable to all cameras.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetPowersaveMode (  
    WORD* wMode,  
    WORD* wDelayMinutes  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name          | Type  | Description   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| wMode         | WORD* | WORD pointer to get the actual power save mode. (0-off,default; 1-on)   |
| wDelayMinutes | WORD* | WORD pointer to get the delay until the camera enters power save mode after main power loss. The actual switching delay is between wDelayMinutes and wDelayMinutes + 1. Possible range is 1 - 60. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

### 2.1.2.153 PCO\_SetPowersaveMode

Sets the camera power save mode.  
Not applicable to all cameras.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_SetPowersaveMode (  
    WORD wMode,  
    WORD wDelayMinutes  
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name          | Type | Description   |
|---------------|------|---|
| wMode         | WORD | WORD to set the actual power save mode. (0-off,default; 1-on)   |
| wDelayMinutes | WORD | WORD to set the delay until the camera enters power save mode after main power loss. The actual switching delay is between wDelayMinutes and wDelayMinutes + 1. Possible range is 1 - 60. |

#### Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.154 PCO\_GetBatteryStatus**

Gets the camera battery status.

Not applicable to all cameras.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PCO_GetBatteryStatus (
    WORD* wBatteryType,
    WORD* wBatteryLevel,
    WORD* wPowerStatus
);
```

Parameters:

| Name          | Type  | Description   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| wBatteryType  | WORD* | WORD pointer to get the battery type. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0000 = no battery mounted</li> <li>0x0001 = nickel metal hydride type</li> <li>0x0002 = lithium ion type</li> <li>0x0003 = lithium iron phosphate type</li> <li>0xFFFF = unknown battery type</li> </ul> |
| wBatteryLevel | WORD* | WORD pointer to get the battery level in percent.   |
| wPowerStatus  | WORD* | WORD pointer to get the power status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x0001 = power supply is available</li> <li>0x0002 = battery mounted and detected</li> <li>0x0004 = battery is charged</li> </ul>  |

Return value:

Error message, 0 in case of success else less than 0.

**2.1.2.155 gettimeouts**

Gets the current timeouts for images and telegrams.

Prototype:

```
void gettimeouts (
    PCO_SC2_TIMEOUTS* strTimeouts
);
```

Parameters:

| Name        | Type              | Description                             |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| strTimeouts | PCO_SC2_TIMEOUTS* | Pointer to a PCO_SC2_TIMEOUTS structure |

Return value:

### 2.1.2.156 Set\_Timeouts

Sets the timeouts of the camera communication class.

Prototype:

```
void Set_Timeouts (  
    void* timetable,  
    DWORD length  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name      | Type  | Description   |
|-----------|-------|---|
| timetable | void* | Pointer to a DWORD array. First DWORD is the command timeout, second the image timeout, third the transfer timeout. |
| length    | DWORD | Length of the array in bytes, a maximum of 12 bytes are used.   |

Return value:

### 2.1.2.157 Sleep\_ms

Common sleep function.

Prototype:

```
void Sleep_ms (  
    DWORD time_ms  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description         |
|---------|-------|---------------------|
| time_ms | DWORD | Time to sleep in ms |

Return value:

None

## 2.2 CPco\_com\_usb Class Reference

Inherits [CPco\\_com](#).

### Public Member Functions

- DWORD [Open\\_Cam](#) (DWORD num)
- DWORD [Open\\_Cam\\_Ext](#) (DWORD num, SC2\_OpenStruct\* open)
- DWORD [Close\\_Cam](#) ()
- bool [IsOpen](#) ()
- DWORD [Control\\_Command](#) (void\* buf\_in, DWORD size\_in, void\* buf\_out, DWORD size\_out)
- bool [getCoding](#) ()

### Protected Attributes

- sem\_t [sMutex](#)
- bool [gl\\_Coding](#)

### 2.2.1 Detailed Description

The [CPco\\_com\\_usb](#) class, extends [CPco\\_com](#).

This is the communication class to exchange messages (telegrams) with a pco.camera.

### 2.2.2 Member Function Documentation

#### 2.2.2.1 Open\_Cam

Prototype:

```
DWORD Open_Cam (  
    DWORD num  
);  
[virtual]
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description |
|------|-------|-------------|
| num  | DWORD |             |

Return value:

Error or 0 on success

Implements [CPco\\_com](#).

#### 2.2.2.2 Open\_Cam\_Ext

Prototype:

```
DWORD Open_Cam_Ext (  
    DWORD num,  
    SC2_OpenStruct* open  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type            | Description |
|------|-----------------|-------------|
| num  | DWORD           |             |
| open | SC2_OpenStruct* |             |

Return value:

Error or 0 on success



### 2.2.2.3 Close\_Cam

Closes a connection to a pco camera.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Close_Cam ( );  
[virtual]
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

Error or 0 on success

Reimplemented from [CPco\\_com](#).

### 2.2.2.4 IsOpen

Returns connection status.

Prototype:

```
bool IsOpen ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

1 if a connection is open, 0 else

### 2.2.2.5 Control\_Command

Prototype:

```
DWORD Control_Command (  
    void* buf_in,  
    DWORD size_in,  
    void* buf_out,  
    DWORD size_out  
);  
[virtual]
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type  | Description |
|----------|-------|-------------|
| buf_in   | void* | desc        |
| size_in  | DWORD | desc        |
| buf_out  | void* | desc        |
| size_out | DWORD |             |

Return value:

Error or 0 on success

Implements [CPco\\_com](#).

### 2.2.2.6 getCoding

Returns the value of the gl\_Coding member variable.

Prototype:

```
bool getCoding ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

1 if pixelfly coding is active, 0 else

## 2.3 CPco\_grab\_usb Class Reference

### Public Member Functions

- [CPco\\_grab\\_usb](#) ([CPco\\_com\\_usb](#)\* camera=NULL)
- [DWORD Open\\_Grabber](#) (int board)
- [DWORD Open\\_Grabber](#) (int board, int initmode)
- [DWORD Close\\_Grabber](#) ()
- [bool IsOpen](#) ()
- [void SetLog](#) ([CPco\\_Log](#)\* elog)

### Image Acquire Functions

These functions are used to acquire images from the camera. Synchronous functions do not return until grab and data decoding is finished Asynchronous functions do not return until grab is finished

- [DWORD Acquire\\_Image](#) (void\* adr)
- [DWORD Acquire\\_Image](#) (void\* adr, int timeout)
- [DWORD Get\\_Image](#) (WORD Segment, [DWORD ImageNr](#), void\* adr)
- [DWORD Acquire\\_Image\\_Async](#) (void\* adr)
- [DWORD Acquire\\_Image\\_Async](#) (void\* adr, int timeout)
- [DWORD Acquire\\_Image\\_Async\\_wait](#) (void\* adr)
- [DWORD Acquire\\_Image\\_Async\\_wait](#) (void\* adr, int timeout)
- [DWORD Acquire\\_Image\\_Async](#) (void\* adr, int timeout, [BOOL](#) waitforimage)

### Class Control Functions

These functions are used to control and retrieve some internal variables of the class.

- [DWORD Set\\_Grabber\\_Timeout](#) (int timeout)
- [DWORD Get\\_Grabber\\_Timeout](#) (int\* timeout)
- [DWORD PostArm](#) (int userset=0)
- [DWORD Set\\_Grabber\\_Size](#) (int width, int height, int bitpix)
- [DWORD Set\\_Grabber\\_Size](#) (int width, int height)
- [DWORD Get\\_actual\\_size](#) (unsigned int\* width, unsigned int\* height, unsigned int\* bitpix)
- [DWORD Set\\_DataFormat](#) ([DWORD](#) dataformat)
- [DWORD Get\\_DataFormat](#) ()
- [void SetBitAlignment](#) (int align)
- [int Get\\_Height](#) ()
- [int Get\\_Width](#) ()
- [void Set\\_Async\\_Packet\\_Size](#) (int size)
- [int Get\\_Async\\_Packet\\_Size](#) ()

### 2.3.1 Detailed Description

The [CPco\\_grab\\_usb](#) class.

This is the (virtual) grabber class for USB. It is responsible for image transfers by allocating and submitting USB transfers. The images are split up into smaller packets for performance reasons and/or other limitations. Libusb-1.0 is used for the transfers. The [CPco\\_grab\\_usb](#) class provides synchronous and asynchronous acquire functions for image transfers.

Some cameras use special coding for the transferred image data, which is queried from the camera during [Open\\_Grabber](#) call. Decoding of the image data is done during the USB transfers in a special thread, which is setup for each image. Therefore, when using the asynchronous acquire functions for image transfers, only the last transfer should call one of the `Asynch_wait` functions. All synchronous functions wait until decoding is finished.

### 2.3.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 2.3.2.1 CPco\_grab\_usb

Constructor for the class. It is possible (though not very useful) to create a class object without passing it a camera class object pointer as parameter.

Prototype:

```
CPco_grab_usb (  
    CPco_com_usb* camera = NULL  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name   | Type                 | Description   |
|--------|----------------------|---|
| camera | <b>CPco_com_usb*</b> | A <a href="#">CPco_com_usb</a> object with a previously opened pco.camera |

Return value:

### 2.3.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 2.3.3.1 Open\_Grabber

Opens the grabber and retrieves the necessary variables from the camera object.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Open_Grabber (  
    int board  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type | Description   |
|-------|------|---|
| board | int  | Set to zero if there is only one camera connected. <code>Open_Cam()</code> on the appropriate class object <b>must</b> be called first or this will fail! |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.2 Open\_Grabber

Opens the grabber and retrieves the necessary variables from the camera object.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Open_Grabber (  
    int board,  
    int initmode  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name     | Type | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| board    | int  | Set to zero if there is only one camera connected. Open_Cam() on the appropriate class object <b>must</b> be called first or this will fail! |
| initmode | int  | not used   |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.3 Close\_Grabber

Closes the grabber. This should be done before calling Close\_Cam().

Prototype:

```
DWORD Close_Grabber ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.4 IsOpen

Check if grabber is opened.

Prototype:

```
BOOL IsOpen ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

openstatus

- true grabber is opened
- false grabber is closed

### 2.3.3.5 SetLog

Sets the logging behaviour for the grabber class.

If this function is not called no logging is performed. Logging might be useful to follow the program flow of the application.

Prototype:

```
void SetLog (  
    CPco_Log* elog  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type      | Description  |
|------|-----------|--|
| elog | CPco_Log* | CPco_Log* Pointer to a CPco_Log logging class object |

Return value:

### 2.3.3.6 Acquire\_Image

A simple image acquisition function.

This function is synchronous. It does not return until either an image is grabbed and completely transferred to the given address or the timeout has been reached.

Start\_Acquire() is called, when Grabber is not already started. Then the function is waiting until a single image is in the grabber buffer. Stop\_Acquire() is called when grabber was not started.

Internal timeout setting is used, see [Set\\_Grabber\\_Timeout](#).

Prototype:

```
DWORD Acquire_Image (  
    void* adr  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description                                    |
|------|-------|--|
| adr  | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.7 Acquire\_Image

A simple image acquisition function. This function is synchronous. It does not return until either an image is grabbed and completely transferred to the given address or the timeout has been reached.

Start\_Acquire() is called, when Grabber is not already started. Then the function is waiting until a single image is in the grabber buffer. Stop\_Acquire is called when grabber was not started.

Custom timeout setting is used.

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD Acquire_Image (
    void* adr,
    int timeout
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description                                    |
|---------|-------|--|
| adr     | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored |
| timeout | int   | time to wait for image in ms                   |

#### Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.8 Get\_Image

Transfers an image from the recorder buffer of the camera.

This function is synchronous. It does not return until either an image is grabbed and completely transferred to the given address or the timeout has been reached.

Start\_Acquire() is called, when Grabber is not already started. Then the function does request an image from the camera and is waiting until this image is in the grabber buffer. Stop\_Acquire is called when grabber was not started. Internal timeout setting is used, see [Set\\_Grabber\\_Timeout](#).

#### Prototype:

```
DWORD Get_Image (
    WORD Segment,
    DWORD ImageNr,
    void* adr
);
```

#### Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description                                    |
|---------|-------|--|
| Segment | WORD  | select segment of recorder buffer              |
| ImageNr | DWORD | select image in recorder buffer                |
| adr     | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored |

#### Return value:

Error or 0 in case of success

### 2.3.3.9 Acquire\_Image\_Async

Setup an image transfer. (Non-Blocking)

Prepare all necessary data structures to start a (image)-data transfer from the camera over the usb-bus and return immediately. Transfer is cancelled if no image data arrive before timeout run out.

Internal timeout setting is used, see [Set\\_Grabber\\_Timeout](#).

Prototype:

```
DWORD Acquire_Image_Async (  
    void* adr  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description                                    |
|------|-------|--|
| adr  | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.10 Acquire\_Image\_Async

Setup an image transfer. (Non-Blocking)

Prepare all necessary data structures to start a (image)-data transfer from the camera over the usb-bus and return immediately. Transfer is cancelled if no image data arrive before timeout run out.

Internal timeout setting is used, see [Set\\_Grabber\\_Timeout](#).

Prototype:

```
DWORD Acquire_Image_Async (  
    void* adr,  
    int timeout  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description                                    |
|---------|-------|--|
| adr     | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored |
| timeout | int   | time to wait for image in ms                   |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.



### 2.3.3.11 Acquire\_Image\_Async\_wait

Setup an image transfer and wait until image is decoded. (Blocking)

Prepare all necessary data structures to start a (image)-data transfer from the camera over the usb-bus. Wait until image data is successfully decoded and transferred to the given address. Transfer is cancelled if no image data arrive before timeout run out. Transfers an image from the camera and waits for decoding to be finished

Internal timeout setting is used, see [Set\\_Grabber\\_Timeout](#).

Prototype:

```
DWORD Acquire_Image_Async_wait (  
    void* adr  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type  | Description                                    |
|------|-------|--|
| adr  | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.12 Acquire\_Image\_Async\_wait

Setup an image transfer and wait until image is decoded. (Blocking)

Prepare all necessary data structures to start a (image)-data transfer from the camera over the usb-bus. Wait until image data is successfully decoded and transferred to the given address. Transfer is cancelled if no image data arrive before timeout run out. Transfers an image from the camera and waits for decoding to be finished

Custom timeout setting is used.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Acquire_Image_Async_wait (  
    void* adr,  
    int timeout  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type  | Description                                    |
|---------|-------|--|
| adr     | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored |
| timeout | int   | time to wait for image in ms                   |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.13 Acquire\_Image\_Async

Asynchronous image transfer function.

Prepare all necessary data structures to start a (image)-data transfer from the camera over the usb-bus and return immediately. Transfer is cancelled if no image data arrive before timeout run out. Parameter waitforimage is used to determine if this is a Blocking or Non-Blocking function. The default behaviour is to **not** wait for the decoding (if necessary) to finish. It is recommended to use the overloaded functions! Transfer is cancelled if no image data arrive before timeout run out.

Custom timeout setting is used.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Acquire_Image_Async (  
    void* adr,  
    int timeout,  
    BOOL waitforimage  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name         | Type  | Description   |
|--------------|-------|---|
| adr          | void* | Pointer to address where the image gets stored  |
| timeout      | int   | time to wait for image in ms  |
| waitforimage | BOOL  | If set to TRUE, this function waits until <b>all</b> transferred images up to this one are completely decoded. Otherwise set this to false, or use the overloaded member functions. |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.14 Set\_Grabber\_Timeout

Sets general timeout for all image acquire functions without timeout parameter.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Set_Grabber_Timeout (  
    int timeout  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type | Description                     |
|---------|------|---------------------------------|
| timeout | int  | timeout for image acquire in ms |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.15 Get\_Grabber\_Timeout

Gets the current timeout for all image acquire functions without timeout parameter.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Get_Grabber_Timeout (  
    int* timeout  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type | Description  |
|---------|------|--|
| timeout | int* | Pointer to integer variable to get the timeout for image acquire in ms |

Return value:

Error or 0 in case of success

### 2.3.3.16 PostArm

Get camera settings and set internal parameters

This function call should be called after Arm\_Camera is called and is an overall replacement for the following functions. Parameter userset is used to determine if the grabber parameters are changed (recommended) or not.

Prototype:

```
DWORD PostArm (  
    int userset = 0  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name    | Type | Description   |
|---------|------|---|
| userset | int  | If set to 0 (default), this function does setup the grabber class correctly for following image transfers. If set to any other value grabber class <b>must</b> be setup with the following functions. |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.17 Set\_Grabber\_Size

Sets the grabber size.

It is extremely important to set this before any images are transferred! If any of the settings are changed that influence the image size Set\_Grabber\_Size **must** be called again before any images are transferred! If this is not done, memory or segmentation faults will occur!

Prototype:

```
DWORD Set_Grabber_Size (  
    int width,  
    int height,  
    int bitpix  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name   | Type | Description  |
|--------|------|--|
| width  | int  | width of the picture in pixel  |
| height | int  | height of the picture in pixel   |
| bitpix | int  | number of bits per pixel. This value is rounded up to a multiple of 8. |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.18 Set\_Grabber\_Size

This is an overloaded member function, provided for convenience. It differs from the above function only in what argument(s) it accepts.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Set_Grabber_Size (  
    int width,  
    int height  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name   | Type | Description                    |
|--------|------|--------------------------------|
| width  | int  | width of the picture in pixel  |
| height | int  | height of the picture in pixel |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.19 Get\_actual\_size

Returns the current grabber sizes.

Prototype:

```
int Get_actual_size (  
    unsigned int* width,  
    unsigned int* height,  
    unsigned int* bitpix  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name   | Type          | Description   |
|--------|---------------|---|
| width  | unsigned int* | pointer to variable on return current width         |
| height | unsigned int* | pointer to variable on return current height        |
| bitpix | unsigned int* | pointer to variabl on return current bits per pixel |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.20 Set\_DataFormat

Set the dataformat for the following image transfers

At the moment this call is only a dummy function without really usefulness.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Set_DataFormat (  
    DWORD dataformat  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name       | Type  | Description    |
|------------|-------|----------------|
| dataformat | DWORD | New Dataformat |

Return value:

Errorcode or 0 in case of success.

### 2.3.3.21 Get\_DataFormat

Returns the current grabber format.

Prototype:

```
DWORD Get_DataFormat ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

current Dataformat

### 2.3.3.22 SetBitAlignment

Set BitAlignment parameter to the grabber class, which is needed for correct handling of image data.

Prototype:

```
void SetBitAlignment (  
    int align  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name  | Type | Description   |
|-------|------|---|
| align | int  | value retrieved from camera after last PCO_ArmCamera() call |

Return value:

### 2.3.3.23 Get\_Height

Returns the current grabber height.

Prototype:

```
int Get_Height ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

Current height.

### 2.3.3.24 Get\_Width

Returns the current grabber width.

Prototype:

```
int Get_Width ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

Current width.

### 2.3.3.25 Set\_Async\_Packet\_Size

Set packet size for USB transfers For effective data handling packet size should be set between 256kB and 1MB.

Prototype:

```
void Set_Async_Packet_Size (  
    int size  
);
```

Parameters:

| Name | Type | Description              |
|------|------|--------------------------|
| size | int  | value of new packet size |

Return value:

### 2.3.3.26 Get\_Async\_Packet\_Size

Returns the currently used packet size for USB transfers.

Prototype:

```
int Get_Async_Packet_Size ( );
```

Parameters:

No parameter

Return value:

Current packet size.