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The following safety precautions should be observed before using this product and any associated instrumentation. Although some instruments and accessories would normally be used with nonhazardous voltages, there are situations where hazardous conditions may be present.

This product is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid possible injury. Read and follow all installation, operation, and maintenance information carefully before using the product. Refer to the user documentation for complete product specifications.

If the product is used in a manner not specified, the protection provided by the product warranty may be impaired.

The types of product users are:

Responsible body is the individual or group responsible for the use and maintenance of equipment, for ensuring that the equipment is operated within its specifications and operating limits, and for ensuring that operators are adequately trained.

Operators use the product for its intended function. They must be trained in electrical safety procedures and proper use of the instrument. They must be protected from electric shock and contact with hazardous live circuits.

Maintenance personnel perform routine procedures on the product to keep it operating properly, for example, setting the line voltage or replacing consumable materials. Maintenance procedures are described in the user documentation. The procedures explicitly state if the operator may perform them. Otherwise, they should be performed only by service personnel.

Service personnel are trained to work on live circuits, perform safe installations, and repair products. Only properly trained service personnel may perform installation and service procedures.

Keithley Instruments products are designed for use with electrical signals that are rated Measurement Category I and Measurement Category II, as described in the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Standard IEC 60664. Most measurement, control, and data I/O signals are Measurement Category I and must not be directly connected to mains voltage or to voltage sources with high transient overvoltages. Measurement Category II connections require protection for high transient overvoltages often associated with local AC mains connections. Assume all measurement, control, and data I/O connections are for connection to Category I sources unless otherwise marked or described in the user documentation.

Exercise extreme caution when a shock hazard is present. Lethal voltage may be present on cable connector jacks or test fixtures. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) states that a shock hazard exists when voltage levels greater than 30 V RMS, 42.4 V peak, or 60 VDC are present. A good safety practice is to expect that hazardous voltage is present in any unknown circuit before measuring.

Operators of this product must be protected from electric shock at all times. The responsible body must ensure that operators are prevented access and/or insulated from every connection point. In some cases, connections must be exposed to potential human contact. Product operators in these circumstances must be trained to protect themselves from the risk of electric shock. If the circuit is capable of operating at or above 1000 V, no conductive part of the circuit may be exposed.

Do not connect switching cards directly to unlimited power circuits. They are intended to be used with impedance-limited sources. NEVER connect switching cards directly to AC mains. When connecting sources to switching cards, install protective devices to limit fault current and voltage to the card.

Before operating an instrument, ensure that the line cord is connected to a properly-grounded power receptacle. Inspect the connecting cables, test leads, and jumpers for possible wear, cracks, or breaks before each use.

When installing equipment where access to the main power cord is restricted, such as rack mounting, a separate main input power disconnect device must be provided in close proximity to the equipment and within easy reach of the operator.

For maximum safety, do not touch the product, test cables, or any other instruments while power is applied to the circuit under test. ALWAYS remove power from the entire test system and discharge any capacitors before: connecting or disconnecting cables or jumpers, installing or removing switching cards, or making internal changes, such as installing or removing jumpers.

Do not touch any object that could provide a current path to the common side of the circuit under test or power line (earth) ground. Always make measurements with dry hands while standing on a dry, insulated surface capable of withstanding the voltage being measured.

The instrument and accessories must be used in accordance with its specifications and operating instructions, or the safety of the equipment may be impaired.

Do not exceed the maximum signal levels of the instruments and accessories, as defined in the specifications and operating information, and as shown on the instrument or test fixture panels, or switching card.

When fuses are used in a product, replace with the same type and rating for continued protection against fire hazard.

Chassis connections must only be used as shield connections for measuring circuits, NOT as protective earth (safety ground) connections.

If you are using a test fixture, keep the lid closed while power is applied to the device under test. Safe operation requires the use of a lid interlock.

If a  screw is present, connect it to protective earth (safety ground) using the wire recommended in the user documentation.

The  symbol on an instrument means caution, risk of danger. The user should refer to the operating instructions located in the user documentation in all cases where the symbol is marked on the instrument.

The  symbol on an instrument means caution, risk of electric shock. Use standard safety precautions to avoid personal contact with these voltages.

The  symbol on an instrument shows that the surface may be hot. Avoid personal contact to prevent burns.

The  symbol indicates a connection terminal to the equipment frame.

If this  symbol is on a product, it indicates that mercury is present in the display lamp. Please note that the lamp must be properly disposed of according to federal, state, and local laws.

The **WARNING** heading in the user documentation explains dangers that might result in personal injury or death. Always read the associated information very carefully before performing the indicated procedure.

The **CAUTION** heading in the user documentation explains hazards that could damage the instrument. Such damage may invalidate the warranty.

Instrumentation and accessories shall not be connected to humans.

Before performing any maintenance, disconnect the line cord and all test cables.

To maintain protection from electric shock and fire, replacement components in mains circuits — including the power transformer, test leads, and input jacks — must be purchased from Keithley Instruments. Standard fuses with applicable national safety approvals may be used if the rating and type are the same. Other components that are not safety-related may be purchased from other suppliers as long as they are equivalent to the original component (note that selected parts should be purchased only through Keithley Instruments to maintain accuracy and functionality of the product). If you are unsure about the applicability of a replacement component, call a Keithley Instruments office for information.

To clean an instrument, use a damp cloth or mild, water-based cleaner. Clean the exterior of the instrument only. Do not apply cleaner directly to the instrument or allow liquids to enter or spill on the instrument. Products that consist of a circuit board with no case or chassis (e.g., a data acquisition board for installation into a computer) should never require cleaning if handled according to instructions. If the board becomes contaminated and operation is affected, the board should be returned to the factory for proper cleaning/servicing.

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Section 1

Introduction

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Welcome

Thank you for choosing a Keithley Instruments product. The Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument provides manufacturers of electronic components and semiconductor devices with an instrument that combines source and measurement capabilities in a single instrument called a source-measure unit (also called a SMU). This combination simplifies test processes by eliminating synchronization and connection issues associated with multiple instrument solutions. A Model 2657A provides a scalable, high throughput, highly cost-effective solution for precision DC, pulse, and high voltage source-measure testing that also maintains code compatibility with the Series 2600A and 2600B instruments.

Extended warranty

Additional years of warranty coverage are available on many products. These valuable contracts protect you from unbudgeted service expenses and provide additional years of protection at a fraction of the price of a repair. Extended warranties are available on new and existing products. Contact your local Keithley Instruments representative for details.

Contact information

If you have any questions after you review the information in this documentation, please contact your local Keithley Instruments representative or call Keithley Instruments corporate headquarters (toll-free inside the U.S. and Canada only) at 1-888-KEITHLEY (1-888-534-8453), or from outside the U.S. at +1-440-248-0400. For worldwide contact numbers, visit the [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>).

CD-ROM contents

Two CD-ROMs are shipped with each Series 2650A instrument:

- The Series 2650A Product Information CD-ROM (Keithley Instruments part number 2650AS-950-01)
- Test Script Builder Integrated Development Environment CD-ROM (Keithley Instruments part number KTS-850)

The Series 2650A Product Information CD-ROM contains:

- **Quick Start Guide:** Provides unpacking instructions, describes basic connections, and reviews basic operation information. If you are new to Keithley Instruments equipment, refer to the Quick Start Guide to take the steps needed to unpack, set up, and verify operation.
- **User's Manual:** Provides application examples. If you need a starting point to begin creation of applications, refer to the User's Manual for a variety of specific examples.
- **Reference Manual:** Includes advanced operation topics and maintenance information. Programmers looking for a command reference, and users looking for an in-depth description of the way the instrument works (including troubleshooting and optimization), should refer to the Reference Manual.
- **Model 8010 High Power Test Fixture Interconnection Reference Guide:** A quick reference for making typical test connections using the optional Model 8010 test fixture.
- **Model 8010 High Power Test Fixture User's Manual:** Provides complete connection information and sample applications for the optional Model 8010 test fixture.
- **Accessories information:** Documentation for available accessories.
- **Model 2657A TSB Add-in:** Additional tools for the Test Script Builder Integrated Development Environment (TSB), including Model 2657A-specific examples and help files.
- **Drivers and release notes:** IVI Instrument Driver, National Instruments LabVIEW™ driver, and related release notes.
- **J2SE™ Runtime Environment:** Web browser plug-in that is required to run the web applications that are available through the instrument web interface.
- **Keithley I/O layer and release notes:** The Keithley I/O layer manages communications between Keithley Instruments drivers and software applications and the Model 2657A.
- **Keithley LXI Discovery Browser:** Identifies the IP addresses of instruments connected to the local area network (LAN) that support VXI-11 discovery protocol.

For the latest drivers and additional support information, see the [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>).

The Test Script Builder Integrated Development Environment CD-ROM contains:

- The installation files for the Test Script Builder Integrated Development Environment. This software provides an environment in which you can develop a test program and that gives you the ability to load the test program onto the instrument. Running a program that is loaded on the instrument eliminates the need to send individual commands from the host computer to the instrument when running a test.

Organization of manual sections

The information in this manual is organized into the following major categories:

- **General operation:** Describes the components of the instrument and basic operation.
- **Functions and features:** Describes features and functions, such as relative offset, filters, reading buffers, triggering, the digital I/O port, and TSP-Link synchronization lines.
- **Theory of operation:** Describes the internal circuitry and software of the Model 2657A in detail.
- **Remote commands:** Describes the basics of using remote commands to control the instrument, including descriptions of the factory scripts.
- **Instrument programming:** Describes how to control the instrument using TSP, TSB and TSB Embedded, TSP-Link system system expansion, and TSP-Net.
- **Command reference:** Programming notes and an alphabetic listing of all commands available for the Model 2657A.
- **Troubleshooting guide:** Description of the error queue and basic LAN troubleshooting.
- **Frequently asked questions (FAQs):** Information that addresses commonly asked questions.
- **Next steps:** Contains sources of additional information.
- **Maintenance:** Information on instrument maintenance, including line fuse replacement and firmware upgrades.
- **Calibration:** How to verify and adjust the Model 2657A.
- **LAN concepts and settings:** How to set up the Model 2657A for use on a local area network.
- **Common commands:** Descriptions of IEEE Std. 488.2 common commands.
- **Status model:** Description of the Model 2657A status model.
- **Display character codes:** Listing of the decimal values for the display character codes and their corresponding displays.

Bookmarks for each section of this manual are provided in the PDF version of the documentation. The manual sections are also listed in the Table of Contents located at the beginning of this manual.

For more information about bookmarks, see Adobe® Acrobat® or Reader® help.

Capabilities and features

The Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument has the following features:

- Resistance and power measurement functions
- Four-quadrant sink or source operation
- Contact check function
- High-capacitance mode for load impedance up to 10 μF (microfarads)
- Linear, logarithmic, and custom sweeping and pulsing
- Filtering to reduce reading noise
- High-speed sampling fast analog-to-digital converter (ADC); the fast ADC uses a hardware buffer that can store up to 5,000 readings in a single measure action
- Dual ADCs to measure current and voltage at the same time
- Overvoltage protection
- Safety interlock incorporated into rear-panel digital I/O connection
- Trigger model that supports extensive triggering and synchronization schemes at hardware speeds
- Internal memory stores five user setup options
- Dedicated reading buffers that can each store and recall over 140,000 measurements; additional dynamic reading buffers can be created
- USB flash drive access for saving data buffers, test scripts, and user setups
- Digital I/O port that allows the Model 2657A to control other devices
- Web-based characterization tool that provides easy access to data gathering, sweeping, and pulsing features
- LXI® version 1.4 Core 2011 compliance
- Embedded TSP scripting engine that is accessible from any host interface; responds to high-speed test scripts that are comprised of instrument control commands
- TSP-Link® expansion bus that allows TSP-enabled instruments to trigger and communicate with each other; advanced Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine features enable parallel script execution across the TSP-Link network
- Supports IEEE-488 (GPIB), RS-232, and ethernet local area network (LAN) connections

Additional source and measure features:

- Source \pm DC voltage from 5 mV to 3030 V
- Source \pm DC current from 30 fA to 120.12 mA
- Measure \pm DC voltage from 1 mV to 3030 V
- Measure \pm DC current from 20 fA to 120.12 mA

Section 2

General operation

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General ratings

The Model 2657A instrument's general ratings and connections are listed in the following table.

Category	Specification
Supply voltage range	100 V AC to 240 V AC, 50 Hz or 60 Hz
Input and output connections	See Rear panel (on page 2-5)
Environmental conditions	For indoor use only: Altitude: Maximum 2000 meters (6562 feet) above sea level Operating: 0 °C to 50 °C (32 °F to 122 °F), 70% relative humidity up to 35 °C. Derate 3% relative humidity/°C, 35 °C to 50 °C (95 °F to 122 °F) Storage: -25 °C to 65 °C (-13 °F to 149 °F)

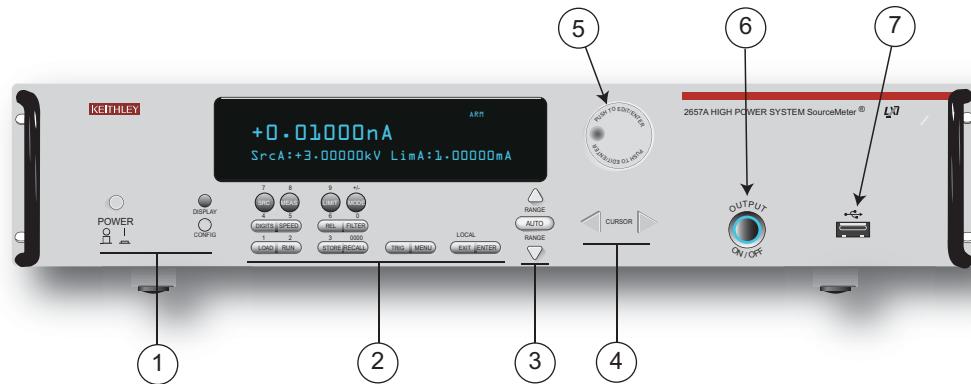
Controls, indicators, and connectors

Model 2657A controls, indicators, and the USB port are on the [front panel](#) (on page 2-2). Make connections to the Model 2657A through connectors on the [rear panel](#) (on page 2-5).

Front panel

The front panel of the Model 2657A is shown below. The descriptions of the front-panel controls, USB port, and indicators follow the figure.

Figure 1: Front panel Model 2657A



1. Power switch, display and configuration keys

Power switch. The in position turns the Model 2657A on (I); the out position turns it off (O).



POWER
I
O

Toggles between the source-measure display and the user message display.



DISPLAY

Configures a function or operation.



2. SMU setup, performance control, special operation, and numbers

SMU (source-measure unit) setup



SRC	Selects the source function (V or A) and places the cursor in the source field for editing.
MEAS	Cycles through measure functions (V, A, Ω, or W).
LIMIT	Places the cursor in the compliance limit field for editing. Also selects the limit value to edit (V, A, or W).
MODE	Selects a meter mode (I-METER, V-METER, OHM-METER, or WATT-METER).

Performance control



DIGITS	Sets the display resolution (4½, 5½, or 6½ digits).
SPEED	Sets the measurement speed (FAST, MEDIUM, NORMAL, HI-ACCURACY, or OTHER). Setting the speed selects either the fast or integrating A/D converter. When FAST is selected, the fast A/D converter is used; any other selection (MEDIUM, NORMAL, HI-ACCURACY, or OTHER) selects the integrating A/D converter. When the integrating A/D converter is selected, the measurement speed and accuracy are set by controlling the measurement aperture. Also see Speed (on page 2-78).
REL	Controls relative measurements, which allows a baseline value to be subtracted from a reading.
FILTER	Enables or disables the digital filter. You can use this filter to reduce reading noise.

Special operation

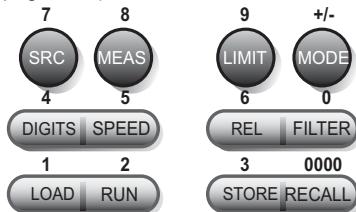


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LOAD	Loads test for execution (FACTORY, USER, or SCRIPTS).
RUN	Runs the last selected factory or user-defined test.
STORE	Accesses reading buffers and takes readings. TAKE_READINGS: Use to take readings and store them in a reading buffer. SAVE: Use to save a reading buffer to nonvolatile memory or to a user-installed flash drive (USB1) in CSV or XML format. Readings include measurements, source values, and timestamp values, if configured.
RECALL	Recalls information (DATA or STATISTICS) stored in a reading buffer: DATA includes stored readings, and if configured, source values and timestamp values; STATISTICS includes MEAN, STD DEV, SAMPLE SIZE, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM, PK-PK.
TRIG	Triggers readings.
MENU	Accesses the main menu (on page 2-11). The main menu can be used to configure many functions and features.
EXIT	Cancels the selection and returns to the previous menu or display. Also used as a LOCAL key to take the instrument out of remote operation.
ENTER	Accepts the selection and moves to the next choice or exits the menu.

Numbers

- Number keys When enabled and in EDIT mode, the number keys (0-9, +/-, 0000) allow direct numeric entry.
Press the navigation wheel  to enter EDIT mode. For more information, see [Setting a value](#) (on page 2-14).



3. Range keys



Selects the next higher source or measure range.



Enables or disables source or measure autorange.



Selects the next lower source or measure range.

In addition to selecting range functions, the up and down range keys change the format for non-range numbers (as an example, when editing the limit value).

4. Cursor keys



Use the CURSOR keys to move the cursor left or right. When the cursor is on the desired source or compliance value digit, push the navigation wheel  to enter edit mode, and turn the navigation wheel to edit the value. Push the navigation wheel again when finished editing. Use the CURSOR keys or the navigation wheel to move through menu items. To view a menu value, use the CURSOR keys for cursor control, and then press the navigation wheel to view the value or sub-menu item.

5. Navigation wheel



Turn the navigation wheel  to:

- Move the cursor to the left and the right (the cursor indicates the selected value or item)
- While in edit mode, increase or decrease a selected source or compliance value

Push the navigation wheel  to:

- Enable or disable edit mode for the selected source or compliance value
- Open menus and submenu items
- Select a menu option or a value

6. Output control



Turns the source output on or off. The source output is on when this switch is illuminated (blue). To turn the output on, an interlock signal of greater than 4 V must be present on the safety interlock pin of the Digital I/O connector.

7. USB port



Use the USB port to connect a USB flash drive to the instrument. The USB flash drive can be used to store reading buffer data, scripts, and user setups. It can also be used to upgrade the firmware.

8. Display indicators (not shown)

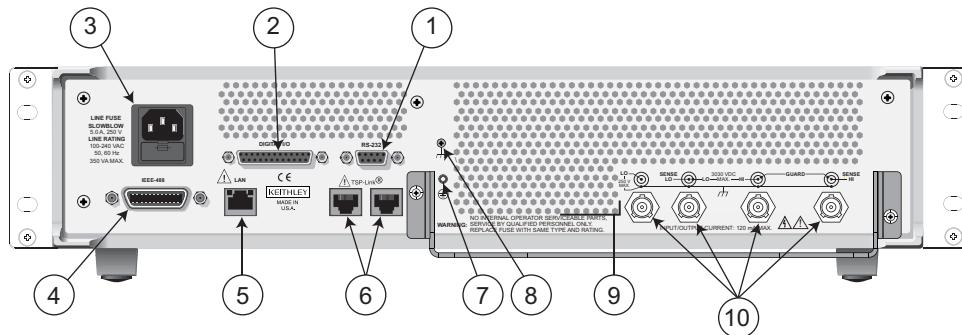
The items listed below represent the possible display indicators and their meanings.

Indicator	Meaning
EDIT	Instrument is in editing mode
ERR	Questionable reading or invalid calibration step
REM	Instrument is in remote mode
TALK	Instrument is addressed to talk
LSTN	Instrument is addressed to listen
SRQ	Service request is asserted
REL	Relative mode is enabled
FILT	Digital filter is enabled
AUTO	Source or measure autorange is selected
* (asterisk)	Readings are being stored in the buffer

Rear panel

The rear panel of Model 2657A is shown below. The descriptions of the rear-panel components follow the figure.

Figure 2: Rear panel Model 2657A



1. RS-232



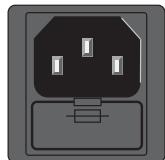
Female DB-9 connector. For RS-232 operation, use a straight-through (not null modem) DB-9 shielded cable (Keithley Instruments Model 7009-5) for connection to a computer.

2. DIGITAL I/O



Female DB-25 connector. Includes fourteen digital input or output pins, seven GND pins, three +5 V pins, and one pin for interlock (active high enable). For more information, see [Digital I/O](#) (on page 3-80). Use a cable equipped with a male DB-25 connector (Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308).

3. Power module



Contains the AC line receptacle and power line fuse. The instrument can operate on line voltages of 100 V to 240 V AC at line frequencies of 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

4. IEEE-488



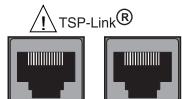
Connector for IEEE-488 (GPIB) operation. Use a shielded cable, such as the Keithley Instruments Model 7007-1 or Model 7007-2.

5. LAN



RJ-45 connector for a local area network (LAN). The LAN interface supports Auto-MDIX, so either a CAT-5 cross-over cable (provided), or a normal CAT-5 straight-through cable (not provided) can be used.

6. TSP-link



Expansion interface that allows a Model 2657A and other TSP-enabled instruments to trigger and communicate with each other. Use a category 5e or higher LAN crossover cable (Keithley Instruments model number CA-180-3A).

7. Protective earth (safety ground)



Ground screw for connection to protective earth (safety ground). Connect to protective earth using recommended wire size (#16 AWG or larger).

8. Chassis ground



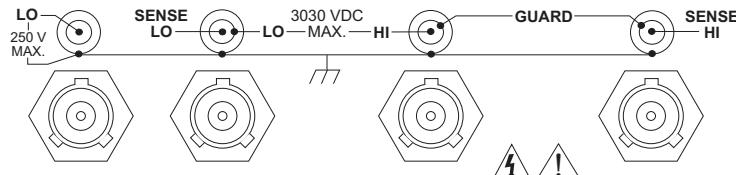
Ground screw for connections to chassis ground. This provides a connection terminal to the equipment frame.

9. Cooling vent



Exhaust vent for the internal cooling fan. Keep the vent free of obstructions to prevent overheating. Also see [Cooling vents](#) (on page 2-7).

10. SMU connections



These high-voltage triaxial connectors provide connections for HI and LO, sense HI and sense LO, guard, and chassis ground. The schematic (above the connections) provides detailed conductor information about each connector.

Cooling vents

The Model 2657A has top and side intake vents and a rear exhaust vent. The rear exhaust vent and either the top or both side intake vents must be unobstructed to properly dissipate heat.

Excessive heat could damage the Model 2657A and degrade its performance. Only operate the Model 2657A in an environment where the ambient temperature does not exceed 50 °C (122 °F).

Do not place a container of liquid (water or coffee, for instance) on the top cover. If it spills, the liquid may enter the case through the vents and cause severe damage.



CAUTION

To prevent damaging heat build-up and ensure specified performance, use the following guidelines.

The rear exhaust vent and either the top or both side intake vents must be unobstructed to properly dissipate heat. Even partial blockage could impair proper cooling.

DO NOT position any devices adjacent to the Model 2657A that force air (heated or unheated) toward its cooling vents or surfaces. This additional airflow could compromise accuracy.

When rack mounting the Model 2657A, make sure there is adequate airflow around both sides to ensure proper cooling. Adequate airflow enables air temperatures within approximately one inch of the Model 2657A surfaces to remain within specified limits under all operating conditions.

Rack mounting high power dissipation equipment adjacent to the Model 2657A could cause excessive heating to occur. To produce specified Model 2657A accuracies, maintain the specified ambient temperature around the surfaces of the Model 2657A. Proper cooling practice, in rack configurations with convection cooling only, places the hottest non-precision equipment (for example, the power supply) at the top of the rack away from and above precision equipment (such as the Model 2657A).

Mount precision equipment as low as possible in the rack, where temperatures are coolest. Adding space panels above and below the Model 2657A will help provide adequate airflow.

Turning your instrument on and off

The following topics describe how to power your instrument on and off, place the instrument in standby, configure the line frequency, and replace the line fuse.

Procedure

The Model 2657A operates from a line voltage of 100 V to 240 V at a frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. At the factory, each Model 2657A is configured to match the power line frequency appropriate for your country (either 50 Hz or 60 Hz). Make sure the operating voltage in your area is compatible.

Follow the procedure below to connect the Model 2657A to line power and turn on the instrument.

⚠ CAUTION

Operating the instrument on an incorrect line voltage may cause damage to the instrument, possibly voiding the warranty.

To turn a Model 2657A on and off:

1. Before plugging in the power cord, make sure that the front panel POWER switch is in the off (O) position.
2. Connect the Model 2657A redundant protective earth (safety ground) located on the [Rear panel](#) (on page 2-5).
3. Connect the female end of the supplied power cord to the AC receptacle on the rear panel.

⚠ WARNING

The power cord supplied with the Model 2657A contains a separate protective earth (safety ground) wire for use with grounded outlets. When proper connections are made, the instrument chassis is connected to power-line ground through the ground wire in the power cord. In addition, a redundant protective earth connection is provided through a screw on the rear panel. In the event of a failure, not using a properly grounded protective earth or grounded outlet may result in personal injury or death due to electric shock.

4. Connect the other end of the power cord to a grounded AC outlet.
5. To turn your instrument on, press the front panel **POWER** switch to place it in the on (I) position.
6. To turn your instrument off, press the front panel **POWER** switch to place it in the off (O) position.

Placing a Model 2657A in standby

⚠ WARNING

Placing the Model 2657A in standby does not place the instrument in a safe state (an interlock (on page 3-84) is provided for this function).

When the instrument is on, the output may be placed in an active output state (output on) or a standby mode (output off). From the front panel, pressing the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control (see [6. Output control](#) (on page 2-4)) toggles the output using the present instrument configuration. You can also place the output in standby over the remote interface by sending the following command:

```
smua.source.output = 0
```

Even though the instrument is placed in standby, the output may not be actually off.

Warmup period

The Model 2657A must be turned on and allowed to warm up for at least two hours to achieve rated accuracies.

Line frequency configuration

At the factory, each Model 2657A is configured to match the power line frequency appropriate for your country (either 50 Hz or 60 Hz). This line frequency is used for aperture (NPLC) calculations.

To configure the line frequency from the front panel:

1. Press the **MENU** key, then turn the navigation wheel  to select **LINE-FREQ**, and then press the **ENTER** key.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select the appropriate frequency and then press the **ENTER** key.
3. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the previous display.

To configure the line frequency from a remote interface:

Set the `localnode.linefreq` attribute to the desired value (50 or 60). The following programming example illustrates how to set the line frequency to 60 Hz:

```
localnode.linefreq = 60
```

Fuse replacement

A rear panel fuse drawer is located below the AC receptacle (refer to [Rear panel](#) (on page 2-5)). This fuse protects the power line input of the instrument. If the line fuse needs to be replaced, refer to [Line fuse replacement](#) (on page A-1).

System information

You can display serial number, firmware revision, and calibration dates by selecting **SYSTEM-INFO** from the main menu.

To view the system information from the front panel:

1. Press the **MENU** key.
2. Select **SYSTEM-INFO**.
3. Select one of the following:
 - **FIRMWARE**
 - **SERIAL#**
 - **CAL**
 - **MEMORY-USAGE**

To retrieve system information from a remote interface:

To retrieve the firmware revision and serial number, send the `*IDN?` query (see [Identification query: *IDN?](#) (on page D-3) for more information).

To determine memory usage, see the [meminfo\(\)](#) (on page 7-143) function.

To determine when calibration was last run, see [smuX.cal.date](#) (on page 7-179).

To determine when calibration is due, see [smuX.cal.due](#) (on page 7-180).

Menu overview

Menu navigation

To navigate through the menus and submenus, the Model 2657A must not be in edit mode (the EDIT indicator is not illuminated).

Selecting menu items

To navigate the Main and Configuration menus, use the editing keys as follows:

- Press either **CURSOR** arrow key to highlight an option.
- Rotate the navigation wheel  (clockwise or counter-clockwise) to highlight an option.
- Press the **ENTER** key (or the navigation wheel ) to select an option.
- Use the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to cancel changes or to return to the previous menu or display.

Quick Tip

For quick menu navigation, turn the navigation wheel  to highlight an option and then press the navigation wheel  to select the highlighted option.

Menu trees

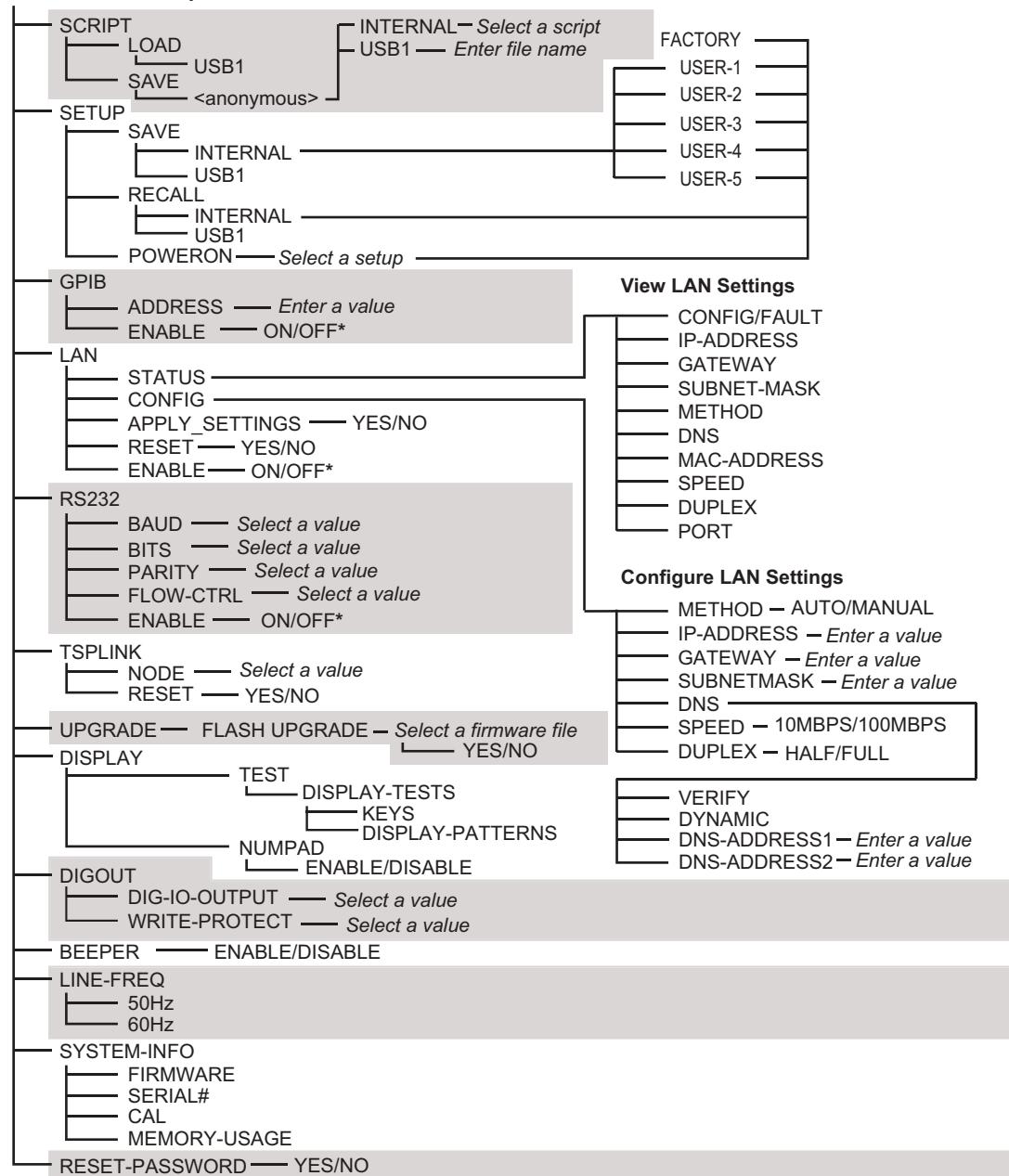
You can configure instrument operation through the menus that are accessed from the front panel.

Main menu

The main menu structure is summarized in the following figure and table. For other menu items, see [Configuration menus](#) (on page 2-13).

Figure 3: Main menu tree

Press the **MENU** key.



* Mutually exclusive

The following table contains descriptions of the main menu options and cross-references to related information. To access a menu option, press the **MENU** key, turn the navigation wheel  to move the cursor to select an item, and press the navigation wheel .

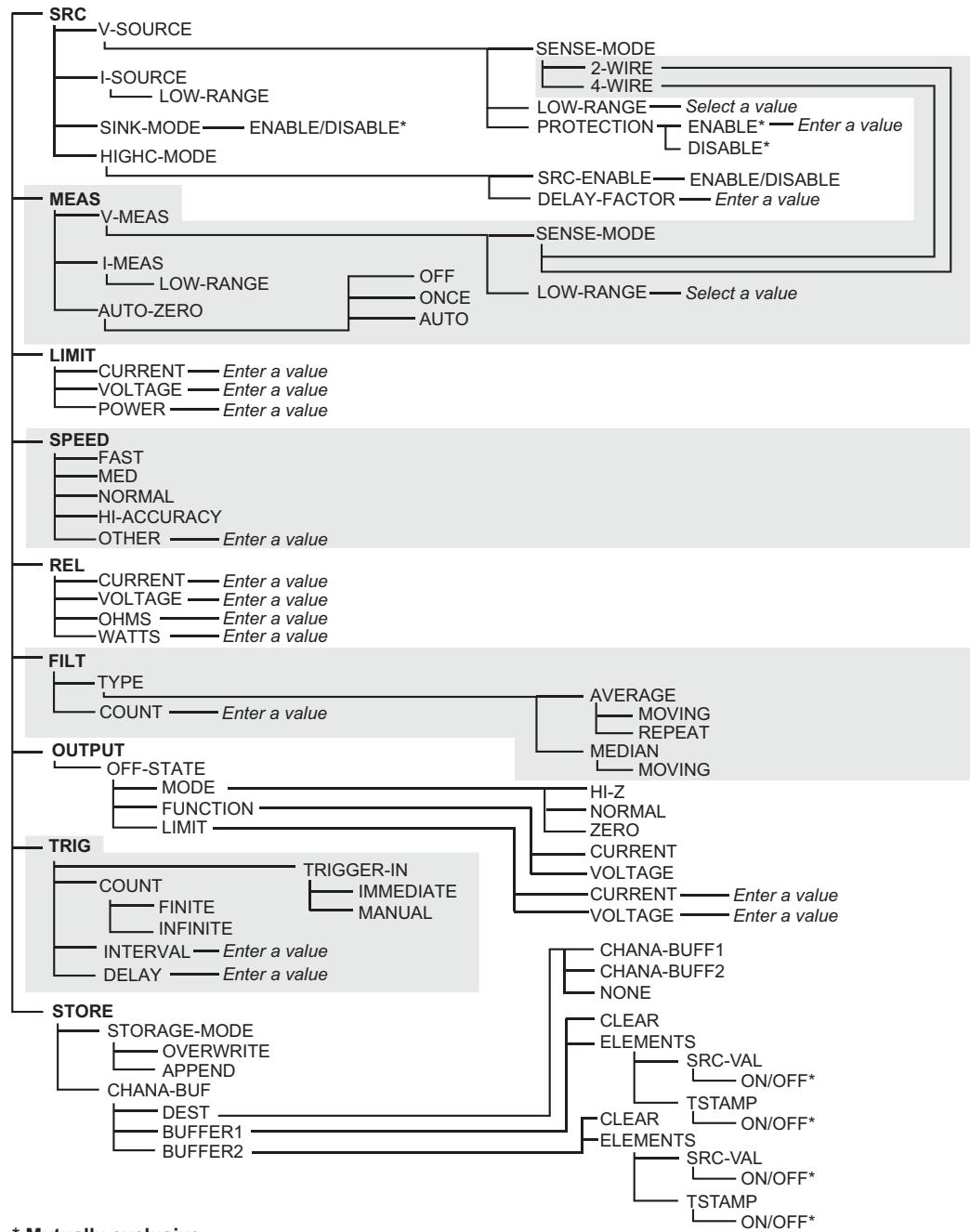
Menu selection	Description	For more information, see:
SCRIPT - LOAD - SAVE	Saves and recalls users scripts Loads scripts into nonvolatile memory Saves scripts	Manage scripts (on page 6-3)
SETUP - SAVE - RECALL - POWERON	Saves and recalls user and factory setup options Saves user setup options Recalls user setup options Sets the configuration used during startup	Saved setups (on page 2-38)
GPIB - ADDRESS - ENABLE	Configures the GPIB interface options Configures the address for the GPIB interface Enables and disables the GPIB interface	Remote communication interfaces (on page 2-79), GPIB operation (on page 2-83)
LAN - STATUS - CONFIG - APPLY_SETTINGS - RESET - ENABLE	Configures the local area network (LAN) Displays LAN connection status Configures the LAN IP address and gateway Applies changes made using the CONFIG menu Restores the default settings Enables and disables the LAN interface	Remote communication interfaces (on page 2-79), LAN communications (on page 2-81), LAN concepts and settings (on page C-1)
RS232 - BAUD - BITS - PARITY - FLOW-CTRL - ENABLE	Controls the options for the RS-232 interface Sets the baud rate Configures the number of bits Sets the parity Configures the flow control Enables and disables the RS-232 interface	Remote communication interfaces (on page 2-79), RS-232 interface operation (on page 2-88)
TSPLINK - NODE - RESET	Configures the instrument in a TSP-Link® network Selects the instrument node identifier Resets the TSP-Link network	TSP-Link system expansion interface (on page 6-49)
UPGRADE	Upgrades the firmware from a USB flash drive	Upgrading the firmware (on page A-4)
DISPLAY - TEST - NUMPAD	Accesses display functions Runs the display test Enables and disables the numeric keypad	Front panel tests (on page A-2) See Numeric entry method in Setting a value (on page 2-14)
DIGOUT - DIG-IO-OUTPUT - WRITE-PROTECT	Controls digital outputs Selects the digital I/O values Write-protects specific digital I/O lines	Digital I/O (on page 3-80)
BEEPER - ENABLE - DISABLE	Controls the key beeps Enables the key beeps Disables the key beeps	Beeper (on page 2-16)
LINE-FREQ - 50Hz - 60Hz	Configures the line frequency Sets the line frequency to 50 Hz Sets the line frequency to 60 Hz	Line frequency configuration (on page 2-9)
SYSTEM-INFO - FIRMWARE - SERIAL# - CAL - MEMORY-USAGE	Displays the system information Displays the version of firmware installed Displays the serial number of the unit Displays the last calibration date Displays memory usage in kilobytes	System information (on page 2-9)
RESET-PASSWORD	Resets the system password	Password management (on page 6-33)

Configuration menus

The configuration menu structure is summarized in the following figure and table. For directions on navigating the menu, see [Menu navigation](#) (on page 2-10). For other menu items, see [Main menu](#) (on page 2-11).

Figure 4: CONFIG menu tree

Press the **CONFIG** key.



Quick Tip

Press the **EXIT** key to return to a previous menu.

The following table contains descriptions of the configuration menus, as well as cross-references to related information. To select a menu, press the **CONFIG** key and then the front-panel key associated with the menu (see the description column in the following table).

To access, press the CONFIG key and then:	Options	For more information, see:
SRC	V-source sense, low range, protection; sink; I-source low range	Range (on page 2-72), Basic source-measure procedure (on page 2-24)
MEAS	V-sense and measure low range; I-measure low range; and auto-zero	Range (on page 2-72), Basic source-measure procedure (on page 2-24)
LIMIT	V-source and I-source compliance limits	Compliance limits (on page 2-18)
SPEED	Measurement speed (NPLC)	Speed (on page 2-78)
REL	Set relative values	Relative offset (on page 3-1)
FILTER	Configure digital filter	Filters (on page 3-2)
OUTPUT ON/OFF	Set off-state, off-function	Output-off states (on page 2-66)
TRIG	Set trigger in, count, interval, and delay	Manual triggering (on page 3-52), Triggering in local mode (on page 2-28)
STORE	Set buffer mode, count, and destination	Reading buffers (on page 3-6)

Setting values

Setting a value

You can adjust a value using either the **Navigation wheel method** or **Numeric entry method** (using the keypad).

Navigation wheel method:

1. Use the **CURSOR** arrow keys (or turn the navigation wheel ) to move the cursor to the digit that needs to be changed.
2. Press the navigation wheel  or the **ENTER** key to enter edit mode. The **EDIT** indicator is illuminated.
3. Rotate the navigation wheel  to set the appropriate value.
4. Press the **ENTER** key to select the value or press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to cancel the change.
5. To return to the main menu, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key.

Numeric entry method:

NOTE

The numeric entry method may only be used if the numeric keypad is enabled.

Quick Tip

To set a value to zero, press the **0000** numeric entry key. To toggle the polarity of a value, press the **+/-** numeric entry key.

1. If the keypad is disabled, press the **MENU** key, then select **DISPLAY > NUMPAD > ENABLE**.
2. Use the **CURSOR** arrow keys (or turn the navigation wheel ) to move the cursor to the value that needs to be changed.
3. Press the navigation wheel  or the **ENTER** key to enter edit mode. The **EDIT** indicator is illuminated.
4. Press any of the number keys (0-9, +/-, 0000) (see [2. SMU setup, performance control, special operation, and numbers](#) (on page 2-3)). The cursor moves to the next digit on the right.
5. Repeat the above steps as required to set the values.
6. Press the **ENTER** key to select the value or press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to cancel the change.
7. To return to the main menu, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key.

Setting source and compliance values

When the Model 2657A is in the edit mode (**EDIT** indicator is on), the editing controls are used to set source and compliance values. Note that when you edit the source value, source autoranging is turned off and remains off until you turn it on again.

NOTE

To cancel source editing, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key.

To edit the source value:

1. Press the **SRC** key. The cursor flashes in the source value field.
2. Use the **CURSOR** keys (or turn the navigation wheel ) to move the cursor to the digit that needs to be changed.
3. Press the navigation wheel  or the **ENTER** key to edit the source value. The **EDIT** indicator is illuminated.
4. Change the source value (see [Setting values](#) (on page 2-14)).

NOTE

The **+/-** key toggles the polarity. The **0000** key sets the value to 0.

5. When finished, press the **ENTER** key (the **EDIT** indicator is not illuminated).

To edit compliance limit values:

1. Press the **LIMIT** key.
2. Use the **CURSOR** keys (or turn the navigation wheel ) to move the cursor to the digit that needs to be changed.
3. Press the navigation wheel or the **ENTER** key to enter edit mode. The **EDIT** indicator is illuminated.
4. Change the compliance value (see [Setting values](#) (on page 2-14)).
5. When finished, press the **ENTER** key (the **EDIT** indicator is not illuminated).

NOTE

The up and down range keys change the format of the limit value.

Beeper

The Model 2657A includes a beeper. When it is enabled, a beep indicates one of the following actions have occurred:

- A front-panel key was pressed: A short beep, similar to a key click, is issued.
- The navigation wheel  was turned or pressed: A short beep is issued.
- A longer beep is issued when you press the OUTPUT ON/OFF control (turn the output on or off).

To turn the beeper on or off from the front panel:

1. Press the **MENU** key, and then select **BEEPER**.
2. Select one of the following:
 - **ENABLE**
 - **DISABLE**

To turn the beeper on or off from a remote interface:

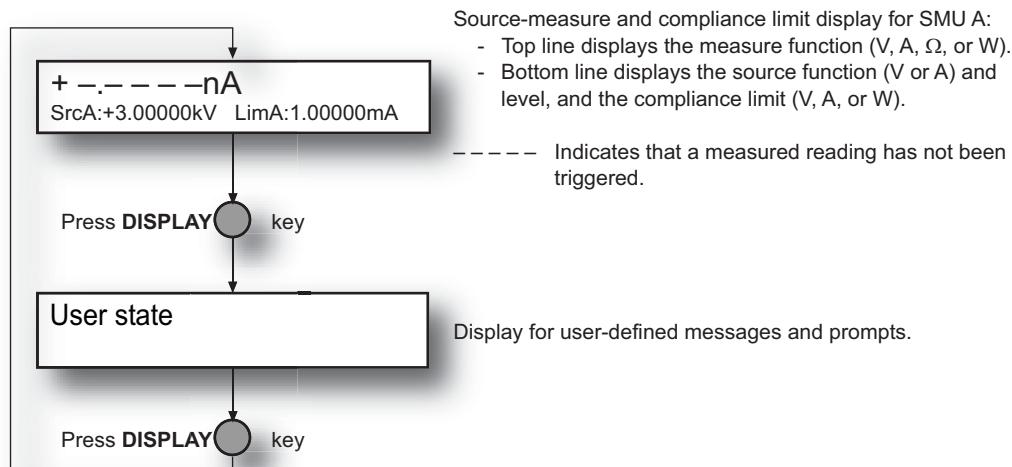
Set the `beeper.enable` attribute. For example, to enable the beeper, send:

```
beeper.enable = 1
```

Display mode

Use the **DISPLAY** key to scroll through the various display modes shown in the figure below. Refer to [Display operations](#) (on page 3-68) for more information about the display.

Figure 5: Display modes



Basic operation

WARNING

Hazardous voltages may be present on all output and guard terminals. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never make or break connections to the Model 2657A while the instrument is powered on. Turn off the equipment from the front panel or disconnect the main power cord from the rear of the Model 2657A before handling cables. Putting the equipment into standby does not guarantee that the outputs are powered off if a hardware or software fault occurs.

Operation overview

Quick Tip

Before you begin any of the following front panel procedures, make sure that you exit out of the menu structure. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key as many times as needed to return to the main display.

Source-measure capabilities

From the front panel, the instrument can be configured to perform the following source-measure operations:

- **Source voltage:** Measure and display current, voltage, resistance, or power
- **Source current:** Measure and display voltage, current, resistance, or power
- **Measure resistance:** Display resistance calculated from voltage and current components of measurement (can optionally specify source voltage or source current value)
- **Measure power:** Display power calculated from voltage and current components of measurement (can optionally specify source voltage or source current value)
- **Measure only (V or I):** Display voltage or current measurement

Voltage and current

The following table lists the source and measure limits for the voltage and current functions. The full range of operation is explained in [Operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4).

Model 2657A source-measure capabilities*

Range	Source	Measure	Range	Source	Measure
200 V	± 202 V	± 202 V	1 nA	± 1.01 nA	± 1.01 nA
500 V	± 505 V	± 505 V	10 nA	± 10.1 nA	± 10.1 nA
1500 V	± 1515 V	± 1515 V	100 nA	± 101 nA	± 101 nA
3000 V	± 3030 V	± 3030 V	1 µA	± 1.01 µA	± 1.01 µA
			10 µA	± 10.1 µA	± 10.1 µA
			100 µA	± 101 µA	± 101 µA
			1 mA	± 1.01 mA	± 1.01 mA
			2 mA	± 2.02 mA	± 2.02 mA
			20 mA	± 20.2 mA	± 20.2 mA
			120 mA	± 121.2 mA	± 121.2 mA

* Maximum power = 182 W

Compliance limits

When sourcing voltage, the Model 2657A can be set to limit current or power. Conversely, when sourcing current, the Model 2657A can be set to limit voltage or power. In steady-state conditions, the Model 2657A output will not exceed the limit. The maximum limit is the same as the maximum values listed in the following table.

The limit circuit will limit in either polarity regardless of the polarity of the source or limit value. The accuracy of the limit opposite in polarity from the source is diminished unless the instrument is in [sink mode](#) (on page 2-21). The maximum limits are based on source range. For more information, see [Compliance limit principles](#) (on page 4-2).

The limit operation of the instrument changes dependent on the source mode (current or voltage), load, and the configured limits (current, voltage, and power). It is important to distinguish both the current and voltage limits from the power limit. As the names imply, the current limit restricts the current for sourced voltage, and the voltage limit restricts the voltage for a sourced current. The power limit, however, restricts power by lowering the present limit in effect (voltage or current) as needed to restrict the SMU from exceeding the specified power limit. For additional details on using limits, including load considerations when specifying both a current (or a voltage) limit and a power limit, see [Operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4).

Maximum limits for Model 2657A

Range	Maximum limit
200 V	120 mA
500 V	120 mA
1500 V	120 mA
3000 V	20 mA

Range	Maximum limit
1 nA	3000 V
10 nA	
100 nA	
1 µA	
10 µA	
100 µA	
1 mA	
2 mA	
20 mA	
120 mA	1500 V

Setting the limit

Front-panel limit

Set the limit from the front panel as follows:

1. Press the **LIMIT** key to directly access limit editing. Pressing the **LIMIT** key while in limit edit mode will toggle the display between the complementary function limit and the power limit display.
2. Press the navigation wheel  and set the limit to the new value.
3. Press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  to complete editing.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the normal display.

Remote limit

The table below summarizes basic commands to program a limit. For a more complete description of these commands, refer to the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1).

Limit commands

Command	Description
<code>smua.source.limiti = limit</code>	Set current limit.
<code>smua.source.limitv = limit</code>	Set voltage limit.
<code>smua.source.limitp = limit</code>	Set power limit.
<code>compliance = smua.source.compliance</code>	Test if in limit (<code>true</code> = in limit; <code>false</code> = not in limit).

The following programming example illustrates how to set the current, voltage, and power limit to 50 mA, 200 V, and 1 W respectively:

```
smua.source.limiti = 50e-3  
smua.source.limitv = 200  
smua.source.limitp = 1
```

The following programming example illustrates how to print the limit state:

```
print(smua.source.compliance)
```

A returned value of `true` indicates one of three things:

- If the instrument is configured as a current source, the voltage limit has been reached
- If the instrument is configured as a voltage source, the current limit has been reached
- The SMU is in sink limit.

Sink operation

CAUTION

Carefully consider and configure the appropriate output-off state, source, and compliance limits before connecting the Model 2657A to a device that can deliver energy (for example, other voltage sources, batteries, capacitors, or solar cells). Configure recommended instrument settings before making connections to the device. Failure to consider the output-off state, source, and compliance limits may result in damage to the instrument or to the device under test (DUT).

When operating as a sink (V and I have opposite polarity), the SourceMeter instrument is dissipating power rather than sourcing it. An external source (for example, a battery) or an energy storage device (for example, a capacitor) can force operation into the sink region.

NOTE

The accuracy of the limit opposite in polarity from the source is diminished unless the instrument is in sink mode. Also see [Compliance limit principles](#) (on page 4-2).

For example, if a 12 V battery is connected to the V-Source (HI to battery +) that is programmed for +10 V, sink operation will occur in the second quadrant (source +V and measure -I).

CAUTION

When using the I-Source as a sink, always set the voltage compliance limit and configure [overvoltage protection \(OVP\)](#) (on page 2-65) to levels that are higher than the external voltage level. Failure to do so could result in excessive current flow into the Model 2657A and incorrect measurements.

The sink operating limits are shown in [Continuous power operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4).

Sink mode

When operating as a sink, limit inaccuracies are introduced. Enabling sink mode reduces the source limit inaccuracy seen when operating in quadrants II and IV (quadrants I and III will show this source limit inaccuracy).

Setting the sink mode using the front panel

To enable or disable the sink mode from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key and then the **SRC** key.
2. Select **SINK-MODE**.
3. Select **ENABLE** or **DISABLE**.
4. Push the **ENTER** key. Sink mode is enabled or disabled, as applicable.
5. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the main display.

Setting the sink mode from the remote interface

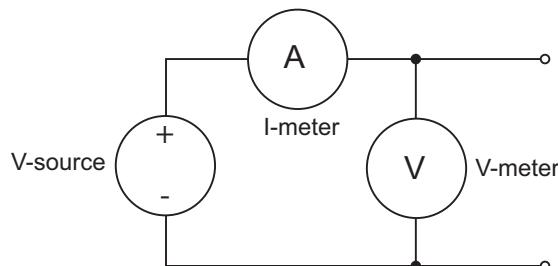
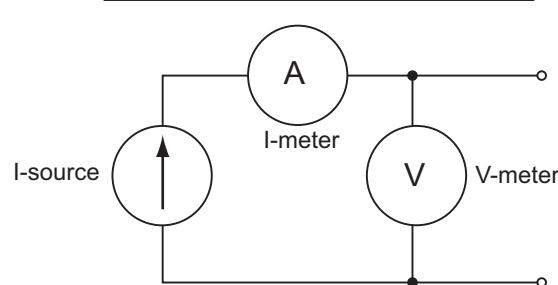
To enable or disable sink mode from the remote interface:

The programming example below illustrates how to enable sink mode (to disable, set the attribute to smua.DISABLE):

```
smua.source.sink = smua.ENABLE
```

Fundamental circuit configurations

The fundamental source-measure configurations for the Model 2657A are shown in the figure below. When sourcing voltage, you can measure current or voltage (see A: Source V). When sourcing current, you can measure voltage or current (see B: Source I). See [Basic circuit configurations](#) (on page 4-18) for detailed information.

Figure 6: Fundamental source-measure configurations**A: Source V****B: Source I**

Operation considerations for the ADC

The following paragraphs discuss autozero and NPLC caching. Autozero and NPLC caching only apply to the integrating [analog-to-digital converter](#) (on page 4-1) (ADC). They are not used with the fast (high-speed) ADC.

Autozero

The integrating ADC of the Model 2657A uses a ratiometric A/D conversion technique. To ensure accuracy of readings, the instrument must periodically obtain fresh measurements of its internal ground and voltage reference. Separate reference and zero measurements are used for each aperture.

As summarized in the "Autozero settings" table, there are three different settings for autozero. By default, the instrument automatically checks these reference measurements whenever a signal measurement is made (AUTO). If the reference measurements are out of date when a signal measurement is made, the instrument will automatically take two more A/D conversions, one for the reference and one for the zero, before returning the result. Thus, occasionally, a measurement takes longer than normal.

This extra time can cause problems in sweeps and other test sequences in which measurement timing is critical. To avoid the extra time for the reference measurements in these situations, the OFF selection can be used to disable the automatic reference measurements. Note that with automatic reference measurements disabled, the instrument may gradually drift out of specification.

To minimize the drift, a reference and zero measurement should be made immediately before the critical test sequence. The ONCE setting can be used to force a refresh of the reference and zero measurements used for the current aperture setting.

Autozero settings

Autozero setting	Description
OFF	Turns automatic reference measurements off.
ONCE	After immediately taking one reference and one zero measurement, turns automatic reference measurements off.
AUTO	Automatically takes new acquisitions when the Model 2657A determines reference and zero values are out-of-date.

Front-panel autozero

To change autozero from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key.
2. Press the **MEAS** key.
3. Turn the navigation wheel  to select **AUTO-ZERO**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
4. Turn the navigation wheel  to select the mode (**OFF**, **ONCE**, or **AUTO**), and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
5. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the main display.

Remote command autozero

To set autozero from a remote interface:

Use the autozero command with the appropriate option shown in the following table to set autozero through a remote interface (see [smuX.measure.autozero](#) (on page 7-195)). For example, send the following command to activate automatic reference measurements:

```
smua.measure.autozero = smua.AUTOZERO_AUTO
```

Autozero command and options

Command	Description
smua.measure.autozero = smua.AUTOZERO_OFF	Disable autozero*
smua.measure.autozero = smua.AUTOZERO_ONCE	After immediately taking one reference and one zero measurement, turns automatic reference measurements off.
smua.measure.autozero = smua.AUTOZERO_AUTO	Takes new acquisitions when a measurement is made and reference and zero values are out-of-date.

* Old NPLC cache values will be used when autozero is disabled (see [NPLC caching](#) (on page 2-24)).

NPLC caching

NPLC caching speeds up operation by caching A/D reference and zero values for up to the ten most recent measurement aperture settings. Whenever the integration rate is changed using the SPEED key, or a user setup is recalled, the NPLC cache is checked. If the integration rate is already stored in the cache, the stored reference and zero values are recalled and used. If the integration rate is not already stored in the cache, a reference and zero value will be acquired and stored in the cache when the next measurement is made. If there are already ten NPLC values stored, the oldest one will be overwritten by the newest one. When autozero is off, NPLC values stored in the cache will be used regardless of age.

Basic source-measure procedure

Front-panel source-measure procedure

Use the following procedure to perform the basic source-measure operations of the Model 2657A. The following procedure assumes that the Model 2657A is already connected to the device under test (DUT), as explained in [DUT test connections](#) (on page 2-41).

WARNING

Hazardous voltages may be present on all output and guard terminals. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never make or break connections to the Model 2657A while the instrument is powered on. Turn off the equipment from the front panel or disconnect the main power cord from the rear of the Model 2657A before handling cables. Putting the equipment into standby does not guarantee that the outputs are powered off if a hardware or software fault occurs.

Step 1: Select and set the source level

Perform the following steps to select the source and edit the source value:

1. Press the **SRC** key as needed to select the voltage source or current source, as indicated by the units in the source field on the display. The flashing digit (cursor) indicates which value is presently selected for editing.
2. Move the cursor to the digit to change, then press the navigation wheel  to enter the EDIT mode, as indicated by the EDIT indicator.
3. Use the **RANGE** keys to select a range that will accommodate the value you want to set. See [Range](#) (on page 2-72) for more information. For best accuracy, use the lowest possible source range.
4. Enter the source value.
5. Press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  to complete editing.

Step 2: Set the compliance limit

Perform the following steps to edit the compliance limit value:

1. Press the **LIMIT** key.
2. Move the cursor to the digit to change, then press the navigation wheel  to enter the EDIT mode, as indicated by the EDIT indicator.
3. Enter the limit value, then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  to complete editing.

Step 3: Select the measurement function and range

Select measurement function and range as follows:

1. Select the measurement function by pressing the **MEAS** key.
2. Set the measurement range with the **RANGE** keys, or enable **AUTO** range. When setting the range, consider the following points:
 - When measuring the source (such as when sourcing V and measuring V), you cannot select the measurement range using the RANGE keys. The selected source range determines the measurement range.
 - When not measuring the source (such as when sourcing V but measuring I), measurement range selection can be done manually or automatically. When using manual ranging, use the lowest possible range for best accuracy. When autorange is enabled, the Model 2657A automatically goes to the most sensitive range to make the measurement.

Step 4: Turn the output on

Turn the output on by pressing the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control. The OUTPUT indicator light switches on.

Step 5: Observe readings on the display.

Press the **TRIG** key if necessary to trigger the instrument to begin taking readings. The readings are on the top line, and source and limit values are on the bottom line.

Step 6: Turn the output off

When finished, turn the output off by pressing the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control. The OUTPUT indicator light switches off.

Remote source-measure commands

Basic source-measurement procedures can also be performed through a remote interface. To do this, send the appropriate commands. The following table summarizes basic source-measure commands. See [Introduction to TSP operation](#) (on page 5-1) for more information on using these commands.

Basic source-measure commands

Command	Description
<code>smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON</code>	Enable current measure autorange.
<code>smua.measure.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON</code>	Enable voltage measure autorange.
<code>smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF</code>	Disable current measure autorange.
<code>smua.measure.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF</code>	Disable voltage measure autorange.
<code>smua.measure.rangei = rangeval</code>	Set current measure range.
<code>smua.measure.rangev = rangeval</code>	Set voltage measure range.
<code>reading = smua.measure.i()</code>	Request a current reading.
<code>reading = smua.measure.v()</code>	Request a voltage reading.
<code>iReading, vReading = smua.measure.iv()</code>	Request a current and voltage reading.
<code>reading = smua.measure.r()</code>	Request a resistance reading.
<code>reading = smua.measure.p()</code>	Request a power reading.

Basic source-measure commands

Command	Description
smua.source.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON	Enable current source autorange.
smua.source.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON	Enable voltage source autorange.
smua.source.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF	Disable current source autorange.
smua.source.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF	Disable voltage source autorange.
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS	Select voltage source function.
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS	Select current source function.
smua.source.leveli = sourceval	Set current source value.
smua.source.levelv = sourceval	Set voltage source value.
smua.source.limiti = level	Set current limit.
smua.source.limitv = level	Set voltage limit.
smua.source.limitp = level	Set power limit.
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON	Turn on source output.
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF	Turn off source output.
smua.source.rangei = rangeval	Set current source range.
smua.source.rangev = rangeval	Set voltage source range.
smua.sense = smua.SENSE_LOCAL	Select local sense (2-wire).
smua.sense = smua.SENSE_REMOTE	Select remote sense (4-wire).

Requesting readings

You can request readings by including the appropriate measurement command as the argument for the `print()` command. The following programming example illustrates how to request a current reading:

```
print(smua.measure.i())
```

Source-measure programming example

The following programming example illustrates the setup and command sequence of a basic source-measure procedure with the following parameters:

- Source function and range: voltage, autorange
- Source output level: 1000 V
- Current compliance limit: 10 mA
- Measure function and range: current, 20 mA

```
-- Restore Model 2657A defaults.  
smua.reset()  
-- Select voltage source function.  
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS  
-- Set source range to auto.  
smua.source.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Set voltage source to 1000 V.  
smua.source.levelv = 1000  
-- Set current limit to 10 mA.  
smua.source.limiti = 10e-3  
-- Set current range to 20 mA.  
smua.measure.rangei = 20e-3  
-- Turn on output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON  
-- Print and place the current reading in the reading buffer.  
print(smua.measure.i(smua.nvbuffer1))  
-- Turn off output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

Triggering in local mode

It is not necessary to change any trigger settings to use the basic source and measurement procedures covered in this section.

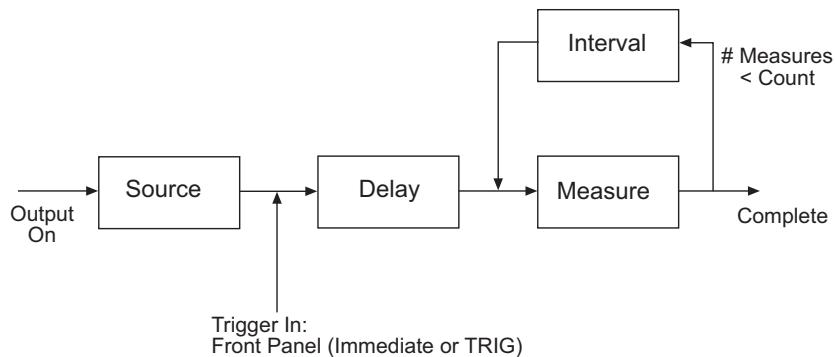
Quick Tip

Press the **MENU** key, and then select **SETUP > RECALL > INTERNAL > FACTORY** to reset the factory default conditions.

The following figure shows the general sequence for measurement triggering. The basic sequence is as follows:

- When the output is turned on, the programmed source value is immediately applied to the device under test (DUT).
- (Front panel operation only) If the immediate trigger source is selected, a measurement will be triggered immediately. However, if the manual trigger source is selected, the front panel TRIG key must be pressed.
- The instrument waits for the programmed delay period (if any).
- The instrument takes one measurement.
- If the number of measurements is less than the programmed trigger count, it cycles back to take another measurement (the measurement cycle will be repeated indefinitely if the infinite trigger count is selected).
- For multiple measurements, the instrument waits for the programmed trigger interval (if any) before taking the next measurement.

Figure 7: Local triggering



Configuring trigger attributes in local mode

From the front panel, press the **CONFIG** key, and then select **TRIG**. The following menu items are shown:

TRIGGER-IN: Use these options to select the trigger-in source:

- **IMMEDIATE:** Triggering occurs immediately and the instrument starts to take measurements when it is ready (for example, after the source output is turned on).
- **MANUAL:** The front panel TRIG key must be pressed to trigger the instrument to take readings.

COUNT: Sets the trigger count (number of measurements) as follows:

- **FINITE:** The instrument goes through measurement cycles for the programmed trigger count (1 to 99999).
- **INFINITE:** The instrument goes through measurement cycles indefinitely until halted.

INTERVAL: Sets the time interval between measurements (0 s to 999.999 s) when the count is greater than 1.

DELAY: Sets the delay period between the trigger and the start of measurement (0 s to 999.999 s).

Front-panel triggering example

This example configures the trigger parameters to meet the following requirements:

- Manual triggering (TRIG key)
- Infinite trigger count (cycle indefinitely through measurement cycles)
- Interval (time between measurements): 1 s
- Delay (time from trigger to measurement): 2 s

To configure the trigger parameters:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key, and then the **TRIG** key.
2. Select **TRIGGER-IN**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
3. Select **MANUAL**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
4. Select **COUNT**, then select **INFINITE**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
5. Select **INTERVAL**, set the interval to 1 s, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
6. Choose **DELAY**, set the delay to 2 s, and then press the **ENTER** key.
7. Press **EXIT (LOCAL)** to return to the main display.
8. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control to turn the output on.
9. Press **TRIG**. A 2 s delay occurs before the first measurement. The instrument cycles through measurements indefinitely with a 1 s interval between measurements.
10. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control again to stop taking readings.

Configuring for measure-only tests using the MODE key

In addition to being used for conventional source-measure operations, the Model 2657A can also be used like a meter to measure current, voltage, resistance, or power.

To configure the Model 2657A as a V-meter, I-meter, ohm-meter, or watt-meter:

1. Press the **MODE** key.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select the type of meter from the menu (**I-METER**, **V-METER**, **OHM-METER**, or **WATT-METER**).
3. Press the **ENTER** key to complete the configuration of the Model 2657A as the selected meter.

To manually configure the settings, refer to the applicable topics:

- [V-meter and I-meter measurements](#) (on page 2-30)
- [Ohms measurements](#) (on page 2-30)
- [Power measurements](#) (on page 2-34)

V-meter and I-meter measurements

To make V-meter and I-meter measurements without using the MODE key (such as when configuring measure-only tests over the remote interface), follow the procedure below.

Perform the following steps to use the Model 2657A to measure voltage or current:

1. Select source-measure functions.
V-meter (voltmeter): Press the **SRC** key to select the I-source, and press the **MEAS** key to select the voltage measurement function.
I-meter (ammeter): Press the **SRC** key to select the V-source, and press the **MEAS** key to select the current measurement function.
2. Set source and compliance levels. To edit the source level, use the procedure provided in [Step 1: Select and set the source level](#) (on page 2-24); to edit the compliance level, use the procedure provided in [Step 2: Set the compliance limit](#) (on page 2-24):
 - a. Select the lowest source range and set the source level to zero.
 - b. Set compliance to a level that is higher than the expected measurement.



CAUTION

When using the Model 2657A as a voltmeter, the voltage compliance limit must be set higher than the voltage that is being measured. Failure to do this could result in excessive current flow into the Model 2657A, incorrect measurements, and possible damage to the instrument.

3. Use the **RANGE** keys to select a fixed measurement range that will accommodate the expected reading. Use the lowest possible range for best accuracy. You can also select autorange, which will automatically set the Model 2657A to the most sensitive range.
4. Connect the voltage or current to be measured. Make sure to use 2-wire connections from the Model 2657A to the device under test (DUT) (see [DUT test connections](#) (on page 2-41)).
5. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control to turn the output on.
6. View the displayed reading (press the **TRIG** key if necessary).
7. When finished, press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control to turn the output off.

Ohms measurements

Ohms calculations

Resistance readings are calculated from the measured current and measured voltage as follows:

$$R = V/I$$

Where:

R is the calculated resistance

V is the measured voltage

I is the measured current

Ohms ranging

The front panel ohms function does not use ranging. The instrument formats a calculated resistance reading (V/I) to best fit the display. There may be leading zeros if the ohms reading is less than $1\text{ m}\Omega$.

Basic ohms measurement procedure

When you use the MODE key to select ohms measurement, the Model 2657A is automatically configured as a current source with a level of 1 mA. If you wish to change the source function, source value, or compliance value (in other words, if you wish to customize the MODE key's standard ohmmeter's configuration), then perform the following steps to perform ohms measurements. The following procedure assumes that the Model 2657A is already connected to the device under test (see [DUT test connections](#) (on page 2-41)).

To take an ohms measurement:

1. Press the **SRC** key to select the source function.
2. Set the output source (current or voltage, dependent on which function is selected) to a value based on the expected resistance. See [Step 1: Select and set the source level](#) (on page 2-24) earlier in this section.
3. Press the **LIMIT** key to edit the voltage or current limit. When programming a voltage limit, set the voltage limit above the maximum expected voltage across the resistor under test. When programming a current limit, set the current limit at or above the maximum expected current through the resistor under test. See [Step 2: Set the compliance limit](#) (on page 2-24) earlier in this section.
4. Press the **MEAS** key to display voltage or current.
5. Make sure that AUTO measurement range is on (press the **AUTO** key if needed).
6. Press the **MEAS** key as many times as needed to display ohms.
7. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control to turn the output on.
8. View the displayed reading (press the **TRIG** key if necessary). When finished, press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control again to turn the output off.

Remote ohms command

Use the `smua.measure.r()` function to obtain a resistance reading. The programming example below illustrates how to obtain a resistance reading from SMU A:

```
reading = smua.measure.r()
```

See [Remote source-measure commands](#) (on page 2-25) for more commands necessary to set up source and measure functions, and [Introduction to TSP operation](#) (on page 5-1) for more details.

Ohms programming example

The following programming example illustrates the setup and command sequence of a typical ohms measurement procedure with the following parameters:

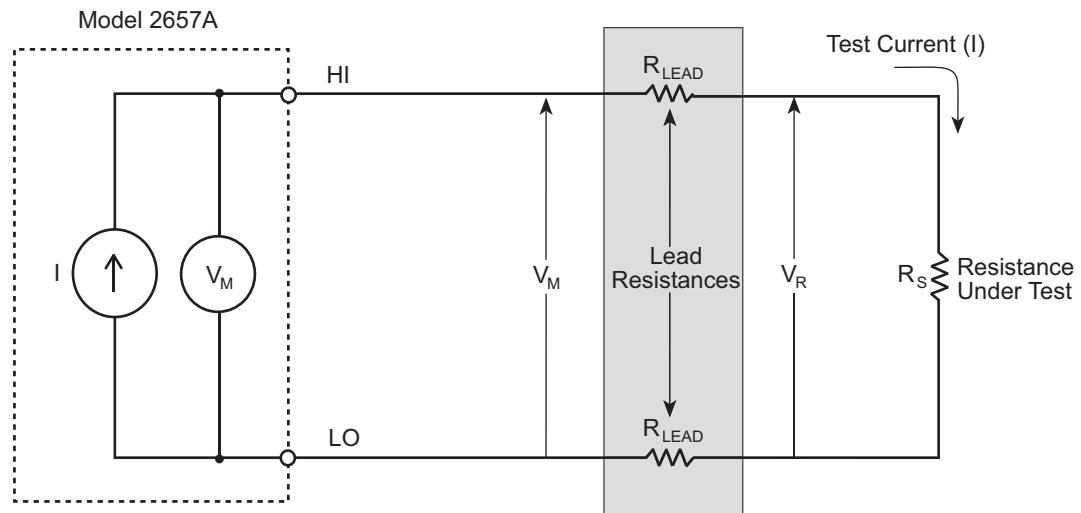
- Source function: current, 20 mA range, 10 mA output
- Voltage measure range: auto
- Voltage compliance: 100 V
- Sense mode: 4-wire

```
-- Restore Model 2657A defaults.  
smua.reset()  
-- Select current source function.  
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS  
-- Set source range to 20 mA.  
smua.source.rangei = 20e-3  
-- Set current source to 10 mA.  
smua.source.leveli = 10e-3  
-- Set voltage limit to 100 V.  
smua.source.limitv = 100  
-- Enable 4-wire ohms.  
smua.sense = smua.SENSE_REMOTE  
-- Set voltage range to auto.  
smua.measure.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Turn on output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON  
-- Get resistance reading.  
print(smua.measure.r())  
-- Turn off output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

Ohms sensing

Ohms measurements can be made using either 2-wire or 4-wire sensing. See [DUT test connections](#) (on page 2-41) for information on connections and sensing methods.

The 2-wire sensing method has the advantage of requiring only two test leads. However, as shown in the following figure (Two-wire resistance sensing), test lead resistance can seriously affect the accuracy of 2-wire resistance measurements, particularly with lower resistance values.

Figure 8: Two-wire resistance sensing I = Current sourced V_M = Voltage measured V_R = Voltage across resistor

$$\text{Measured resistance} = \frac{V_M}{I} = R_s + (2 \times R_{\text{LEAD}})$$

$$\text{Actual resistance} = \frac{V_R}{I} = R_s$$

The 4-wire sensing method, as shown in the following figure (Four-wire resistance sensing), minimizes or eliminates the effects of lead resistance by measuring the voltage across the resistor under test with a second set of test leads. Because of the high input impedance of the voltmeter, the current through the sense leads is negligible, and the measured voltage is essentially the same as the voltage across the resistor under test.

Figure 9: Four-wire resistance sensing

Power measurements

Power calculations

Power readings are calculated from the measured current and voltage as follows:

$$P = V \times I$$

Where:

P is the calculated power

V is the measured voltage

I is the measured current

Basic power measurement procedure

If you need to customize the MODE key's standard watt-meter configuration, perform the following steps to perform power measurements. The following procedure assumes that the Model 2657A is already connected to the device under test (DUT) as explained in [DUT test connections](#) (on page 2-41).

WARNING

Hazardous voltages may be present on the output and guard terminals. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never make or break connections to the Model 2657A while the output is on. Power off the equipment from the front panel or disconnect the main power cord from the rear of the Model 2657A before handling cables connected to the outputs. Putting the equipment into standby does not guarantee the outputs are not powered if a hardware or software fault occurs.

To perform power measurements from the front panel:

1. Set source function and value. Press the **SRC** key to select the voltage or current source function as required.
2. Set the output voltage or current to an appropriate value. See Step 1 of [Front-panel source-measure procedure](#) (on page 2-24) earlier in this section.
3. Press the **LIMIT** key and set the voltage or current limit high enough for the expected voltage or current across the DUT to be measured. See Step 2 of [Front-panel source-measure procedure](#) (on page 2-24) earlier in this section.
4. Press the **MEAS** key as many times as needed to display power.
5. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control to turn the output on.
6. View the displayed reading (press the **TRIG** key if necessary).
7. When finished, press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control again to turn the output off.

Power measurements using the remote interface

The following paragraphs summarize basic power measurement commands using the remote interface and also give a programming example for a typical power measurement situation.

Remote power reading command

The programming example below illustrates how to obtain a power reading from SMU A:

```
reading = smua.measure.p()
```

See [Remote source-measure commands](#) (on page 2-25) for more commands necessary to set up source and measure functions and also [Introduction to TSP operation](#) (on page 5-1).

Power measurement programming example

The following programming example illustrates the setup and command sequence for a typical power measurement procedure with the following parameters:

- Source function: voltage, source autorange, 1000 V output
- Current measure function and range: current, autorange
- Current compliance: 50 mA

```
-- Restore Model 2657A defaults.  
smua.reset()  
-- Select voltage source function.  
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS  
-- Enable source autoranging.  
smua.source.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Set voltage source to 1000 V.  
smua.source.levelv = 1000  
-- Set current limit to 50 mA.  
smua.source.limiti = 50e-3  
-- Set current range to auto.  
smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Turn on output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON  
-- Get power reading.  
print(smua.measure.p())  
-- Turn off output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

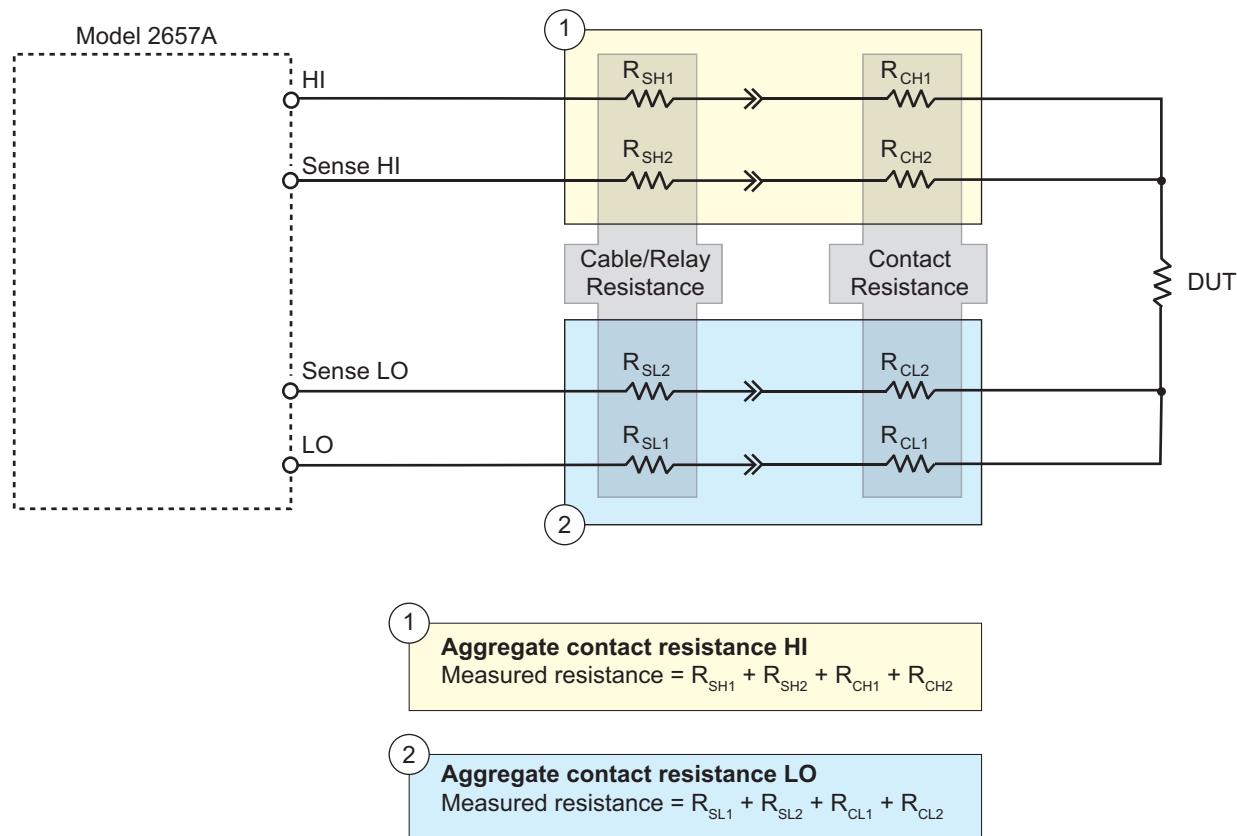
Contact check measurements

Overview

The contact check function prevents measurements that may be in error due to excessive resistance in the force or sense leads when making remotely sensed (Kelvin) measurements. Potential sources for this resistance include poor contact at the device under test (DUT), failing relay contacts on a switching card, and wires that are too long or thin. To use contact check, the current limit must be at least 1 mA (this allows enough current to flow when performing the test), and the source-measure unit (SMU) must not be in High-Z output-off mode.

The contact check function will also detect an open circuit that may occur when a four-point probe is misplaced or misaligned. This relationship is shown schematically in the figure titled "Contact check measurements," , where R_{Cxx} is the resistance of the mechanical contact at the DUT, and R_{Sxx} is the series resistance of relays and cables.

Figure 10: Contact check measurements



Contact check commands

The following table summarizes the basic contact check commands. For a more complete description of these commands, refer to the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1). For connection information, refer to [Contact check connections](#) (on page 2-51).

Basic contact check commands

Command	Description
<code>flag = smua.contact.check()</code>	Determine if contact resistance is lower than threshold.
<code>rhi, rlo = smua.contact.r()</code>	Measure the aggregate contact resistance.
<code>smua.contact.speed = speed_opt</code>	Set speed_opt to one of the following: 0 or smua.CONTACT_FAST 1 or smua.CONTACT_MEDIUM 2 or smua.CONTACT_SLOW
<code>smua.contact.threshold = rvalue</code>	Set resistance threshold for the contact check function.

Contact check programming example

The following programming example illustrates the setup and command sequence for a typical contact measurement. These commands set the contact check speed to fast and the threshold to 100 Ω. Then, a contact check measurement against the threshold is made. If it fails, a more accurate contact check measurement is made, and the test is aborted. Otherwise, the output is turned on, and the test continues.

```
-- Restore defaults.
smua.reset()
-- Set speed to fast.
smua.contact.speed = smua.CONTACT_FAST
-- Set threshold to 100 ohms.
smua.contact.threshold = 100
-- Check contacts against threshold.
if not smua.contact.check() then
    -- Set speed to slow.
    smua.contact.speed = smua.CONTACT_SLOW
    -- Get aggregate resistance readings.
    rhi, rlo = smua.contact.r()
    -- Return contact resistances to the host.
    print(rhi, rlo)
    -- Terminate execution.
    exit()
end
-- Turn output on and continue.
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

Saved setups

You can restore the Model 2657A to one of six nonvolatile memory setup configurations (five user setups and one factory default), or to a setup stored on an external USB flash drive. As shipped from the factory, the Model 2657A powers up with the factory default settings, which cannot be overwritten. The default settings are also in the five user setup locations, but may be overwritten. The factory default settings are listed in the command descriptions in the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1).

The setup configuration that is used when the instrument powers up can be changed.

Saving user setups

You can save the present Model 2657A setup to internal nonvolatile memory or a USB flash drive.

To save a user setup to nonvolatile memory from the front panel:

1. Configure the Model 2657A to the settings that you want to save.
2. Press the **MENU** key.
3. Select **SETUP** and then press the **ENTER** key.
4. Select the **SAVE** menu item and then press the **ENTER** key.
5. Select **INTERNAL** and then press the **ENTER** key.
6. Select the user number (1 through 5), and press the **ENTER** key.

To save a user setup to an external USB flash drive from the front panel:

1. Configure the Model 2657A to the settings that you want to save.
2. Insert the USB flash drive into the USB port on the front panel of the Model 2657A.
3. Press the **MENU** key.
4. Select **SETUP** and then press the **ENTER** key.
5. Select **SAVE** and then press the **ENTER** key.
6. Select **USB1**. The file name `setup000.set` is displayed.
7. Turn the navigation wheel  to change the last three digits of the file name and then press the **ENTER** key.

Recalling a saved setup

You can recall setups from internal nonvolatile memory or a USB flash drive at any time.

To recall a saved setup from the front panel:

1. Press the **MENU** key to access the main menu.
2. Select **SETUP**, and then press the **ENTER** key.
3. Select the **RECALL** menu item, and then press the **ENTER** key.
4. Select one of the following:
 - **INTERNAL**
 - **USB1**
5. **INTERNAL** only: Do one of the following:
 - Select the user number (1 through 5), then press the **ENTER** key.
 - Select **FACTORY** to restore factory defaults, then press the **ENTER** key.
6. **USB1** only: Select the appropriate file and then press the **ENTER** key.

Start-up configuration

You can specify the Model 2657A start-up (power-on) configuration from the front panel. Set the start-up configuration to a previously stored setup (recalled from internal nonvolatile memory) or reset to the factory default setup.

To select the power-on setup:

1. Press the **MENU** key to access the main menu.
2. Select **SETUP**, and then press the **ENTER** key.
3. Select **POWERON**, and then press the **ENTER** key.
4. Select the configuration to use.
5. Press the **ENTER** key.
6. To return to the top level menu or main display, use the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key. Press once to return to the top level menu. Press twice to go to the main display.

Saving user setups from a remote interface

Saving and recalling user setups

Use the `setup.save()` and `setup.recall()` functions to save and recall user setups.

To save and recall user setups using remote commands:

The following example saves the present setup as setup 1, and then recalls setup 1:

```
-- Save the present setup to nonvolatile memory.  
setup.save(1)  
-- Recall the saved user setup from nonvolatile memory.  
setup.recall(1)
```

Restoring the factory default setups

Use one of the reset functions to return the Model 2657A to the original factory defaults. An example of each type of reset is shown in the following program examples.

Restore all factory defaults of all nodes on the TSP-Link® network:

```
reset()
```

Restore all factory defaults (note that you cannot use `*rst` in a script):

```
*rst
```

Restore all factory defaults:

```
setup.recall(0)
```

Restore channel A defaults:

```
smua.reset()
```

Reset just the local TSP-Link node:

```
localnode.reset()
```

Start-up (power-on) configuration

You can specify the Model 2657A start-up (power-on) configuration. Use the `setup.poweron` attribute to select which setup to return to upon power-up. To set the `setup.poweron` configuration attribute:

```
setup.poweron = n      -- Select power-on setup.
```

Where:

- $n = 0$ (*RST/reset() factory defaults)
- $n = 1$ to 5 (user setups 1-5)

DUT test connections

WARNING

Hazardous voltages may be present on all output and guard terminals. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never make or break connections to the Model 2657A while the instrument is powered on. Turn off the equipment from the front panel or disconnect the main power cord from the rear of the Model 2657A before handling cables. Putting the equipment into standby does not guarantee that the outputs are powered off if a hardware or software fault occurs.

WARNING

When connecting to the Model 2657A SMU outputs, make sure to use devices and cables that have ratings for the sourced voltages. Otherwise, they will not properly insulate the external connections to the instrument and pose a shock hazard that could cause serious injury to the user.

Input/output connectors

The Keithley Instruments Model 2657A uses high-voltage triaxial connectors for input and output connections to devices under test (DUTs) as shown in the following figure (titled Model 2657A input/output connectors).

A triaxial cable can be removed from the rear panel by turning the cable's connector counterclockwise and pulling it off the rear panel.

Basic connections:

Remember the following when making or breaking connections:

- Power off the Model 2657A and all other instruments.
- Disconnect any devices that may deliver energy.
- Make connections to the DUT through a [test fixture](#) (on page 2-62) or other safe enclosure.
- Make sure that both the Model 2657A and the test fixture are properly connected to protective earth (safety ground). Connecting the test fixture to protective earth is only required if the test fixture is conductive. Make sure the test fixture provides proper protection.
- Properly make interlock connections between the Model 2657A, the test fixture, and any other instruments. Do not defeat the interlock.
- Make sure to follow all **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS** and to take adequate safety precautions associated with each connection scheme.
- Properly terminate any high-voltage triaxial cables (see [High-voltage triaxial cable termination](#) (on page 2-44)); all cable ends that are not terminated with a connector must be within a safe enclosure.
- See [2-wire local sensing connections](#) (on page 2-45) and [4-wire remote sensing connections](#) (on page 2-47) for example connection schemes.

⚠ WARNING

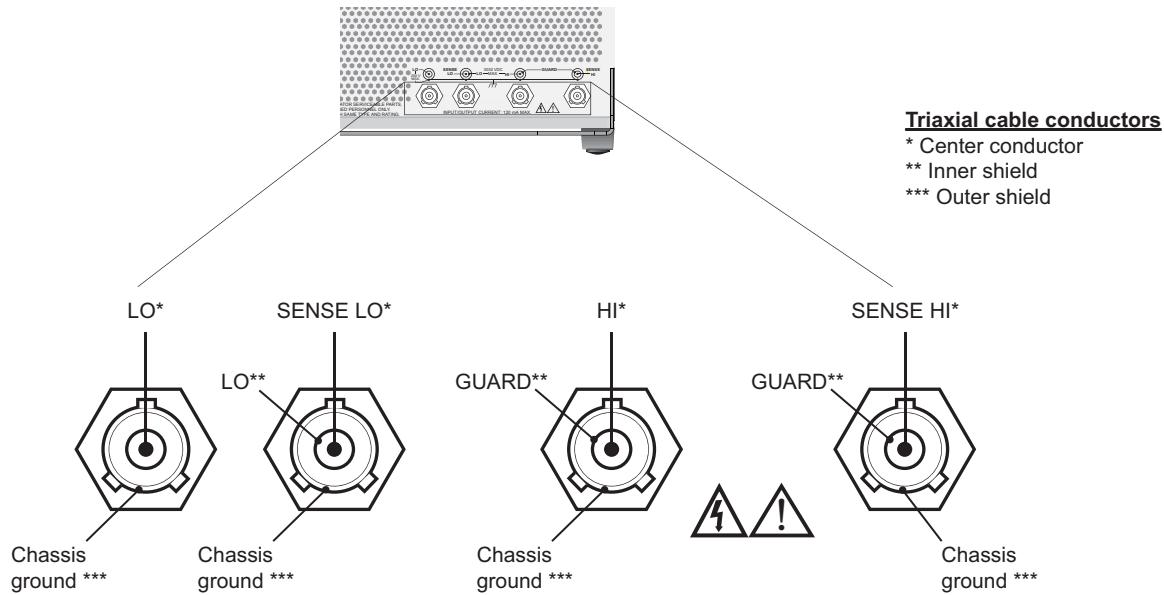
The maximum common-mode voltage (voltage between LO and chassis ground) is 250 V DC. Exceeding this value may cause a breakdown in insulation, creating a shock hazard that could result in personal injury or death.

The input/output terminals of the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter instrument SMU are rated for connection to circuits rated Measurement Category I only, with transients rated less than 1500 V peak above the maximum rated input. Do not connect the Model 2657A terminals to CAT II, CAT III, or CAT IV circuits. Connection of the Model 2657A terminals to circuits higher than CAT I can cause damage to the equipment or expose the operator to hazardous voltage.

Hazardous voltages may be present on all output and guard terminals. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never make or break connections to the Model 2657A while the instrument is powered on. Turn off the equipment from the front panel or disconnect the main power cord from the rear of the Model 2657A before handling cables. Putting the equipment into standby does not guarantee that the outputs are powered off if a hardware or software fault occurs.

To prevent electric shock and/or damage to the High Power System SourceMeter instrument, when connecting to a source with a greater current capability than the Model 2657A, a user-supplied fuse, rated at no more than 120 mA SLO-BLO should be installed in-line with the Model 2657A input/output connectors.

Figure 11: Model 2657A input/output connectors



LO, chassis ground, and protective earth (safety ground)

⚠ WARNING

Connections to LO on the Model 2657A are not necessarily at 0 V. Hazardous voltages could exist between LO and chassis ground. Make sure that high-voltage precautions are taken throughout the test system. Alternatively, limit hazardous levels by adding external protection to limit the voltage between LO and chassis. Failure to make sure high-voltage precautions are used throughout the test system or a failure to limit hazardous levels could result in severe personal injury or death from electric shock.

LO is electrically isolated from chassis ground. See [Rear panel](#) (on page 2-5) for location of chassis ground connection, protective earth (safety ground) connection, and LO connections.

NOTE

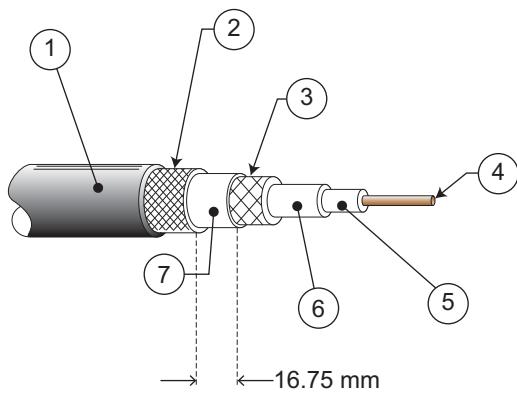
Using the chassis as a ground point for signal connections to the Model 2657A chassis may result in higher or lower noise. The tie point to the chassis can help quiet measurements if the Model 2657A common-mode current is channeled to the chassis instead of the device. However, if other equipment is also connected to the chassis, higher noise (due to the other connected equipment) may result when using the chassis as a ground point. If you choose to use the chassis as a ground point for signal connections, use the Model 2657A chassis screw as a connection point.

Make connections to protective earth (safety ground) using the recommended wire size (#16 AWG or larger) and securing with the ground screw.

High-voltage triaxial cable termination

When terminating the end of the high-voltage (HV) triax cable, pay particular attention to the voltage spacings (see the following figure).

Figure 12: Voltage spacing



Item	Description	Notes
(1)	Outer jacket	
(2)	Outer shield	
(3)	Inner shield	Spacing between the inner shield and any user accessible circuit: 33.5 mm; spacing between the inner shield and a metal enclosure (if used): 16.75 mm
(4)	Center conductor	Spacing between the center conductor and any user accessible circuit: 33.5 mm; spacing between the center conductor and a metal enclosure (if used): 16.75 mm
(5)	First dielectric	
(6)	Second dielectric	
(7)	Inner jacket	With wrapped tape barrier. Minimum spacing between inner and outer shield: 16.75 mm.

Keithley offers the following high-voltage triaxial accessories:

Model	Description
HV-CA-554	High-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)
SHV-CA-553	SHV to high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)
HV-CA-571-3	High-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly (intended for use within a safe enclosure such as a test fixture)
HV-CS-1613	High-voltage triaxial feedthrough connector

2-wire local sensing connections

You can use 2-wire local sensing measurements, shown in the following figure, for the following source-measure conditions:

- Sourcing and measuring current.
- Sourcing and measuring voltage in high impedance (more than 1 kΩ) test circuits.

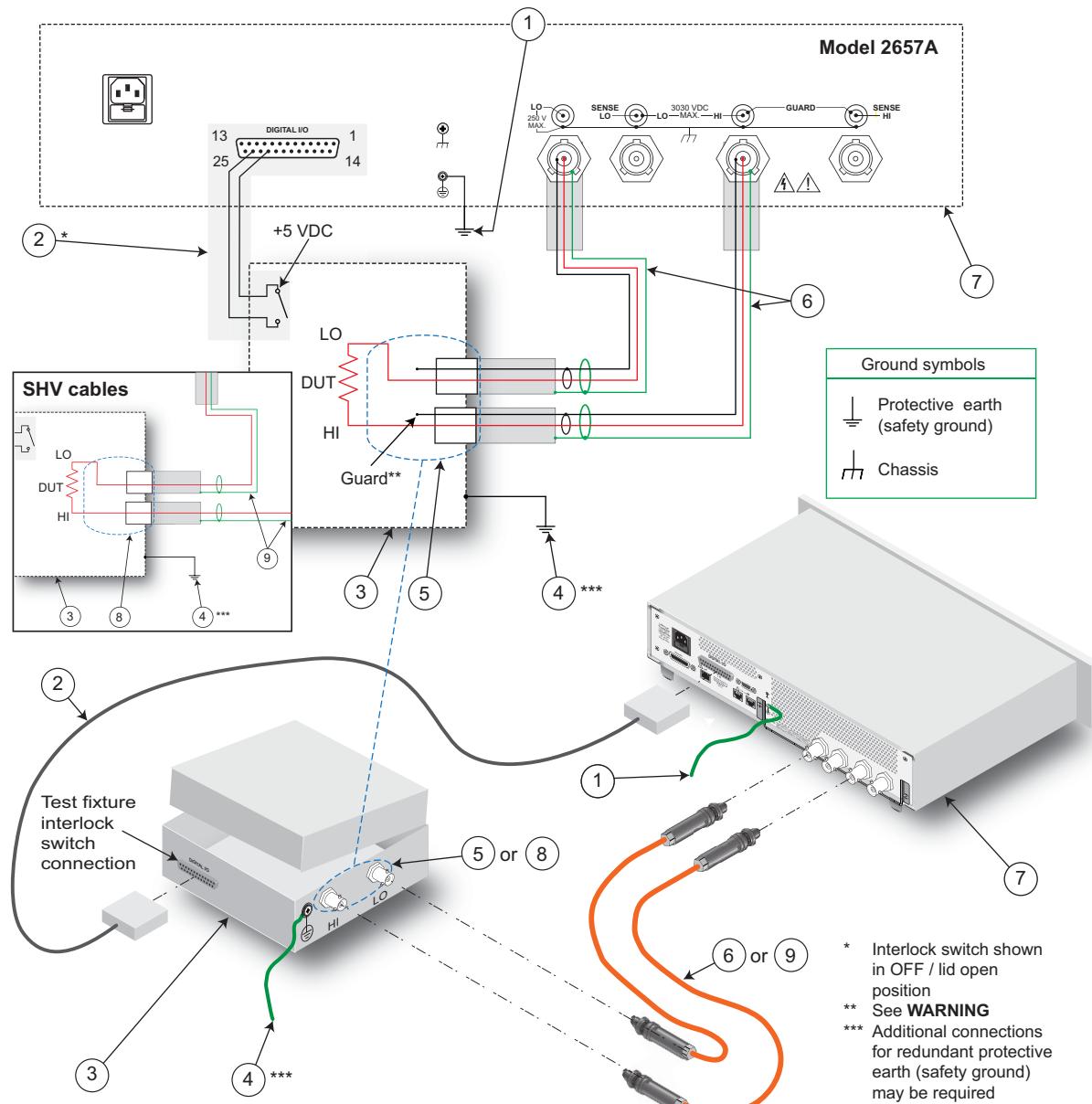
When using 2-wire local sensing connections, make sure to properly configure the Model 2657A [Sense mode selection](#) (on page 2-64).

⚠ WARNING

Guard voltage can be hazardous. With an unguarded device under test (DUT) connection, terminate the guard before the end of the cable. Refer to [High-voltage triaxial cable termination](#) (on page 2-44) for details.

Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

Figure 13: Two-wire resistance connections



Item	Description	Qty	Notes
(1)	Protective earth (safety ground) for Model 2657A	1	Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth (safety ground) cable assembly supplied with the instrument.
(2)	Interlock connection for Model 2657A	1	Pin 24 (INT) and Pin 22 (5 VDC) connected to test fixture lid switch. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(3)	Interlocked metal safety enclosure	1	Select a safety enclosure with an interlock that has a normally-open (NO) switch.
(4)	Protective earth (safety ground) for test fixture	1	Redundant grounds may be required for specific test setups (for example, setups that clamp LO).
(5)	Model HV-CA-571-3 high-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly	2	See schematic for connections. Make sure to follow High-voltage triaxial cable termination (on page 2-44).
(6)	Model HV-CA-554 high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	2	
(7)	Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument	1	
SHV	SHV connections only		For SHV cabling, use items (8) and (9) instead of items (5) and (6), respectively.
(8)	Panel-mount SHV connector	2	Must be acquired by customer.
(9)	Model SHV-CA-553 SHV to high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	2	

4-wire remote sensing connections

When sourcing or measuring voltage in a low-impedance test circuit (see the figure below), there can be errors associated with lead resistance. Voltage source and measure accuracy are optimized by using 4-wire remote sense connections. When sourcing voltage, 4-wire remote sensing ensures that the programmed voltage is delivered to the DUT. When measuring voltage, only the voltage drop across the DUT is measured.

Use 4-wire remote sensing for the following source-measure conditions:

- Sourcing or measuring voltage in low impedance (less than 1 kΩ) test circuits.
- Enforcing voltage compliance limit directly at the DUT.

NOTE

When sourcing voltage in remote sense, make sure the sense leads are connected to the DUT. If a sense lead becomes disconnected, an erroneous voltage will be sensed, and the Model 2657A may increase the output voltage to compensate. You can use contact check to verify that the sense leads are connected. Refer to [Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37).

Also refer to [Overvoltage protection \(OVP\)](#) (on page 2-65). OVP will ensure that voltage between HI and LO does not exceed a specified value without regard to the voltage that is present on the sense leads.

You may need additional connections for redundant protective earth (safety ground) that are not shown in the following graphic.

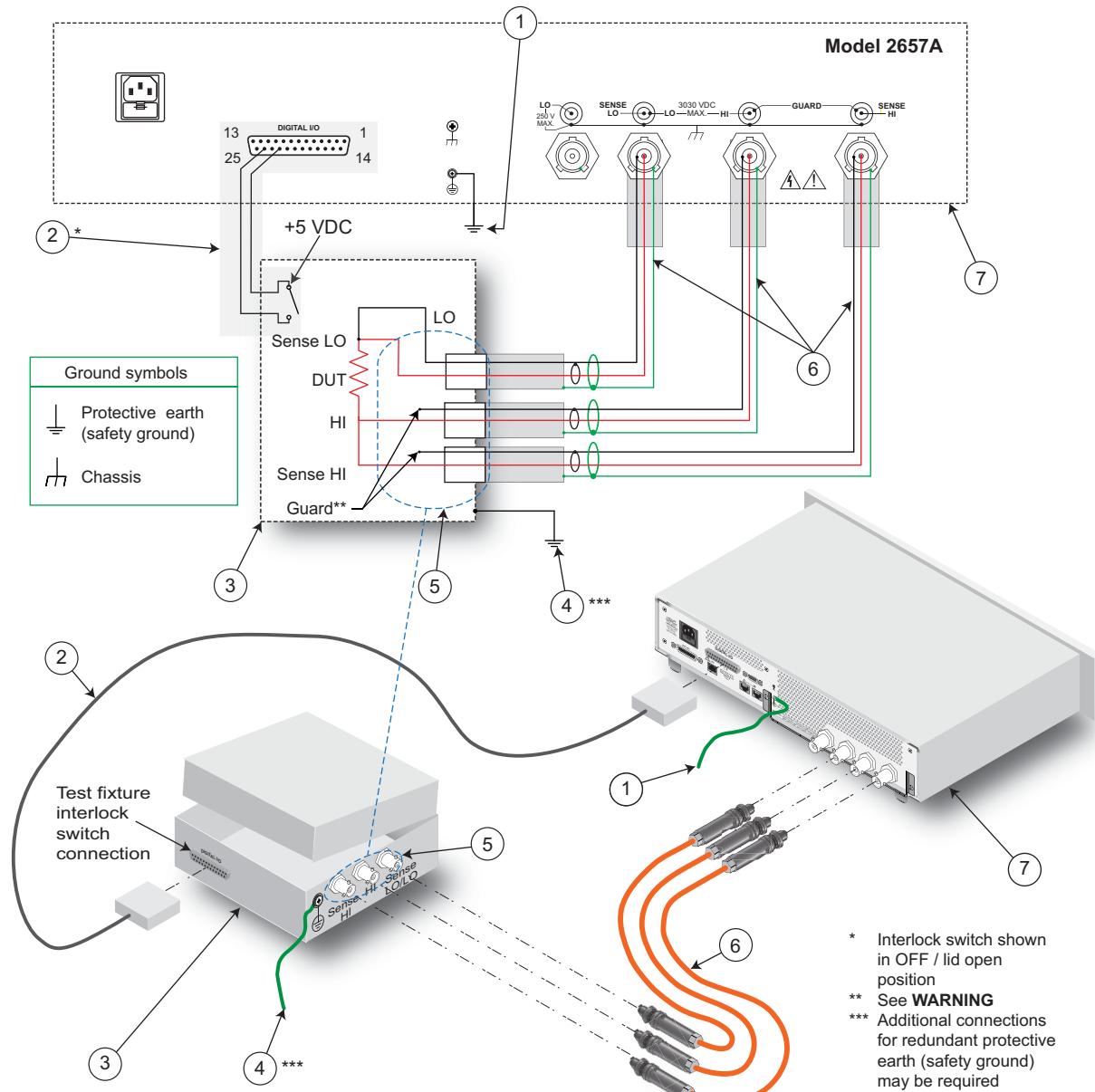
When using 4-wire local sensing connections, make sure to properly configure the Model 2657A [Sense mode selection](#) (on page 2-64).

⚠ WARNING

Guard voltage can be hazardous. With an unguarded device under test (DUT) connection, terminate the guard before the end of the cable. Refer to [High-voltage triaxial cable termination](#) (on page 2-44) for details.

Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

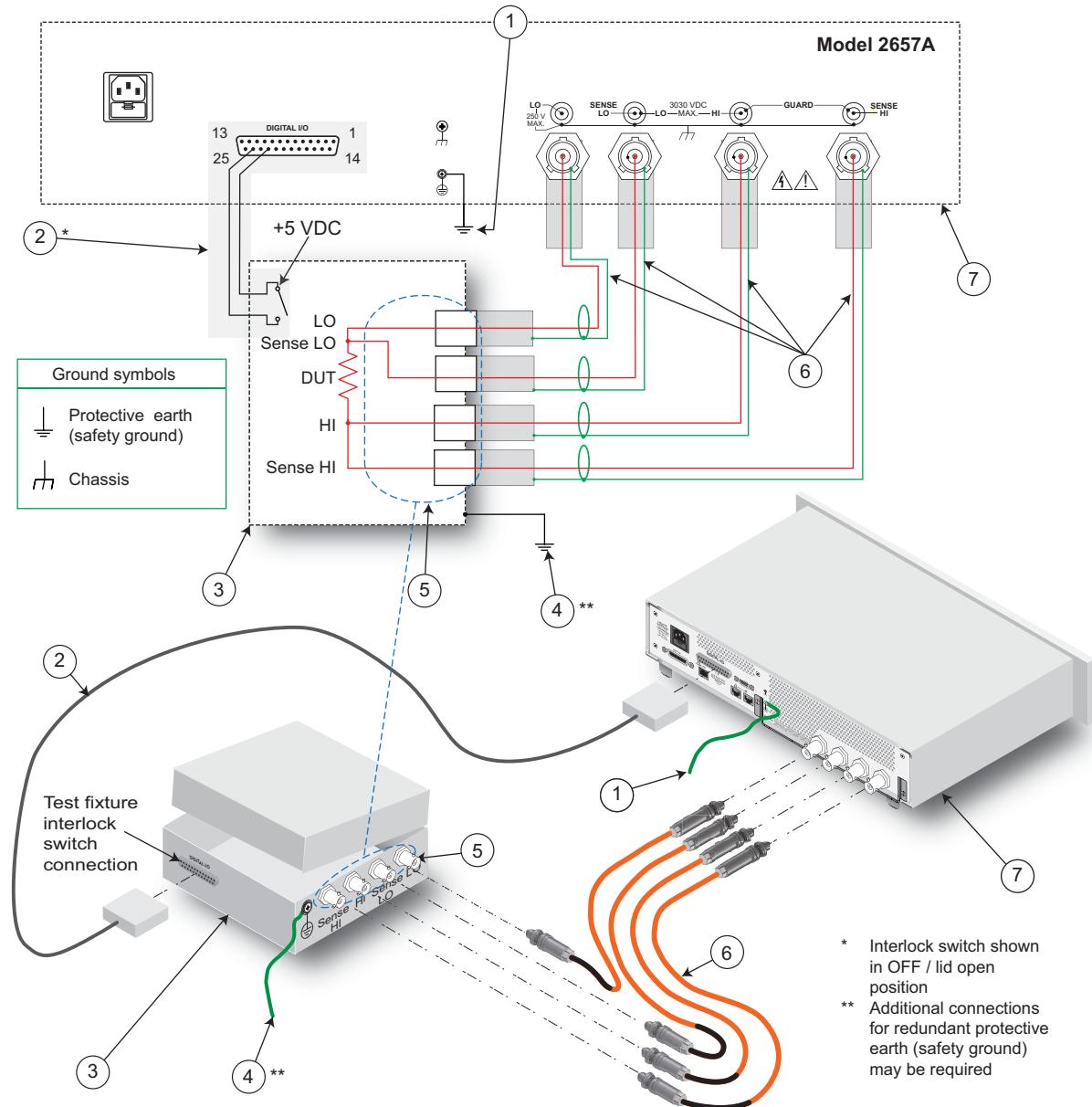
Figure 14: Model 2657A four-wire connections (remote sensing)



Item	Description	Qty	Notes
(1)	Protective earth (safety ground) for Model 2657A	1	Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth (safety ground) cable assembly supplied with the instrument.
(2)	Interlock connection for Model 2657A	1	Pin 24 (INT) and Pin 22 (5 VDC) connected to test fixture lid switch. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(3)	Interlocked metal safety enclosure	1	Select a safety enclosure with an interlock that has a normally-open (NO) switch.
(4)	Protective earth (safety ground) for test fixture	1	Redundant grounds may be required for specific test setups (for example, setups that clamp LO).
(5)	Model HV-CA-571-3 high-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly	3	See schematic for connections. Make sure to follow High-voltage triaxial cable termination (on page 2-44).
(6)	Model HV-CA-554 high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	3	
(7)	Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument	1	

Refer to the following figure if using a test fixture with SHV connections.

Figure 15: Four-wire resistance connections (remote sensing with SHV cables)



Item	Description	Qty	Notes
(1)	Protective earth (safety ground) for Model 2657A	1	Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth (safety ground) cable assembly supplied with the instrument.
(2)	Interlock connection for Model 2657A	1	Pin 24 (INT) and Pin 22 (5 VDC) connected to test fixture lid switch. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(3)	Interlocked metal safety enclosure	1	Select a safety enclosure with an interlock that has a normally-open (NO) switch.
(4)	Protective earth (safety ground) for test fixture	1	Redundant grounds may be required for specific test setups (for example, setups that clamp LO).
(5)	Panel mount SHV connector	4	Must be acquired by customer.
(6)	Model SHV-CA-553 SHV to high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	4	
(7)	Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument	1	

Contact check connections

The contact check function prevents measurement errors due to excessive resistance in the source or sense leads. See [Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37) for operation.

Contact check requires both source and sense connections. Refer to [4-wire remote sensing connections](#) (on page 2-47) for connection scheme.

Multiple SMU connections

WARNING

The Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter instrument and its associated cabling are designed to be safe when operated correctly in a 3000 V system. They are only warranted to the maximum voltage and current ratings of the instrument. Connecting two Model 2657A instruments in parallel or in series may result in voltages or power levels that exceed the safety mechanisms. This increases the risk of instrument damage and the possibility of personal injury or death due to electric shock. The user assumes all of the associated risks of combining the outputs of two or more Model 2657A instruments.

WARNING

Connections to LO on the Model 2657A are not necessarily at 0 V. Hazardous voltages could exist between LO and chassis ground. Make sure that high-voltage precautions are taken throughout the test system. Alternatively, limit hazardous levels by adding external protection to limit the voltage between LO and chassis. Failure to make sure high-voltage precautions are used throughout the test system or a failure to limit hazardous levels could result in severe personal injury or death from electric shock.



CAUTION

Carefully consider and configure the appropriate output-off state, source, and compliance limits before connecting the Model 2657A to a device that can deliver energy (for example, other voltage sources, batteries, capacitors, or solar cells). Configure recommended instrument settings before making connections to the device. Failure to consider the output-off state, source, and compliance limits may result in damage to the instrument or to the device under test (DUT).

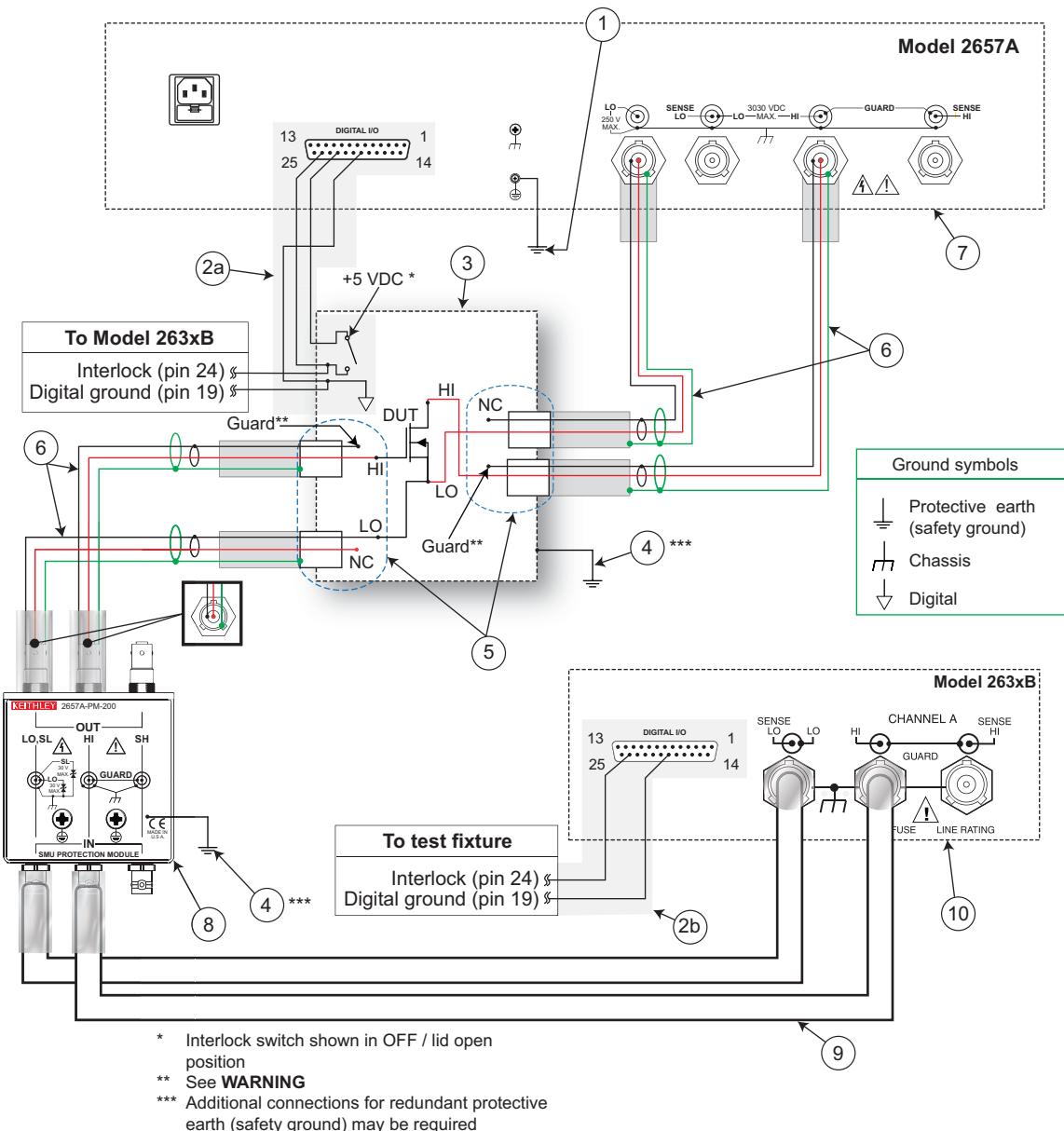
The following figure shows how to use a Model 263xB (on gate) and a Model 2657A (on drain) to test a 3-terminal device such as an N-channel MOSFET (see [TSP advanced features](#) (on page 6-54) for information on using multiple instruments over a TSP-Link® network). A typical application is for the Model 263xB to source a range of gate voltages, while the Model 2657A sources voltage to the drain of the device and measures current at each gate voltage.

⚠ WARNING

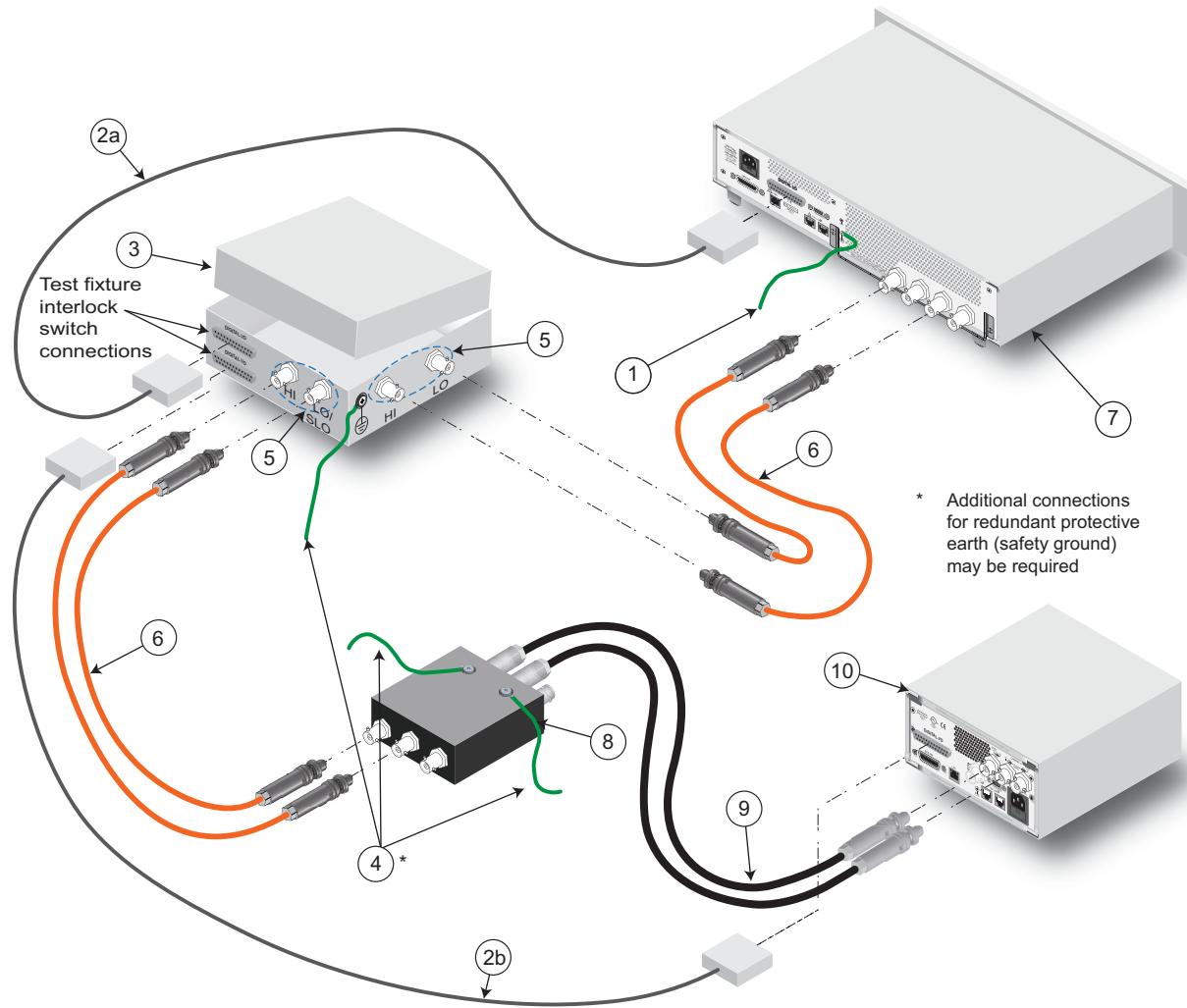
Guard voltage can be hazardous. With an unguarded device under test (DUT) connection, terminate the guard before the end of the cable. Refer to [High-voltage triaxial cable termination](#) (on page 2-44) for details.

Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

Figure 16: Three-terminal device connections using two SMUs: Schematic



Item	Description	Qty	Notes
(1)	Protective earth (safety ground) for Model 2657A	1	Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth (safety ground) cable assembly supplied with the instrument.
(2a)	Interlock connection for Model 2657A	1	Pin 24 (INT) and Pin 22 (5 VDC) are connected to the test fixture lid switch. Pin 19 is used to connect the digital grounds. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(2b)	Interlock connection for Model 263xB	1	Pin 24 (INT) is connected to the test fixture lid switch. Pin 19 (GND) is used to connect the digital grounds. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(3)	Interlocked metal safety enclosure	1	Select a safety enclosure with an interlock that has a normally-open (NO) switch.
(4)	Protective earth (safety ground) for test fixture	2	Redundant grounds may be required for specific test setups (for example, setups that clamp LO).
(5)	Model HV-CA-571-3 high-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly	4	See schematic for connections. Make sure to follow High-voltage triaxial cable termination (on page 2-44).
(6)	Model HV-CA-554 high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	4	
(7)	Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument	1	
(8)	Model 2657A-PM-200 protection module	1	Refer to documentation provided with Model 2657A-PM-200 for more information.
(9)	Model 7078-TRX triaxial cable assembly	2	
(10)	Model 263xB	1	Model 261xB may be substituted for the Model 263xB. If using a Model 261xB, a Model 2600-TRIAZ 8-pin phenix to triaxial adapter must be used.

Figure 17: Three-terminal device connections using two SMUs: connections

Guarding and shielding

You can optimize source-measure performance and safety with the effective use of guarding and shielding (noise and safety shields).

Safety shield

WARNING

A safety shield must be used whenever hazardous voltages (>30 V RMS, 42 V peak) will be present in the test circuit. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never use the Model 2657A in a test circuit without a properly installed and configured safety shield.

The safety shield can be metallic or nonconductive, and must completely surround the DUT test circuit. A metal safety shield must be connected to a known protective earth (safety ground). See [Test fixture](#) (on page 2-62) for important safety information on the use of a metal or a nonconductive enclosure.

Guarding

A driven guard is always enabled and provides a buffered voltage that is at the same level as the input/output HI voltage. The purpose of guarding is to eliminate the effects of leakage current (and capacitance) that can exist between HI and LO. Without guarding, leakage and capacitance in the external high-impedance test circuit could be high enough to adversely effect the performance of the Model 2657A.

Guarding (shown below) should be used when test circuit impedance is $>1\text{ G}\Omega$.

NOTE

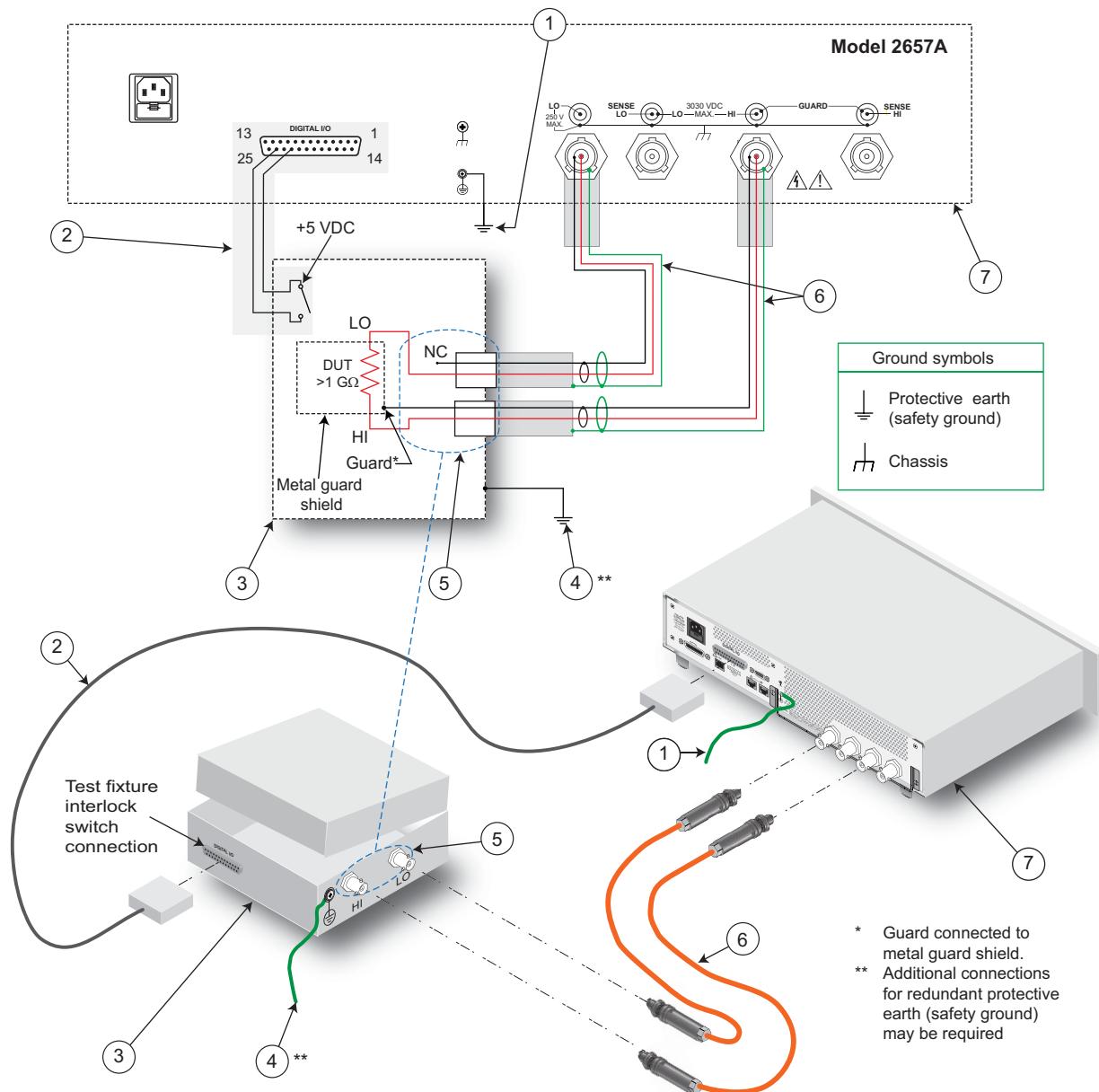
See [Guard](#) (on page 4-23) for details on the principles of guarding.

⚠ WARNING

Guard voltage can be hazardous. With an unguarded device under test (DUT) connection, terminate the guard before the end of the cable. Refer to [High-voltage triaxial cable termination](#) (on page 2-44) for details.

Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

Figure 18: High-impedance guarding



Item	Description	Qty	Notes
(1)	Protective earth (safety ground) for Model 2657A	1	Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth (safety ground) cable assembly supplied with the instrument.
(2)	Interlock connection for Model 2657A	1	Pin 24 (INT) and Pin 22 (5 VDC) connected to test fixture lid switch. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(3)	Interlocked safety enclosure	1	Select a safety enclosure with an interlock that has a normally-open (NO) switch
(4)	Protective earth (safety ground) for test fixture	1	Redundant grounds may be required for specific test setups (for example, setups that clamp LO).
(5)	Model HV-CA-571-3 high-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly	2	See schematic for connections. Make sure to follow the specifications in High-voltage triaxial cable termination (on page 2-44).
(6)	Model HV-CA-554 high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	2	
(7)	Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument	1	

Noise shield

Use a noise shield (see following figure) to prevent unwanted signals from being introduced into the test circuit. Low-level signals may benefit from effective shielding. The metal noise shield surrounds the test circuit and should be connected to LO, as shown.

WARNING

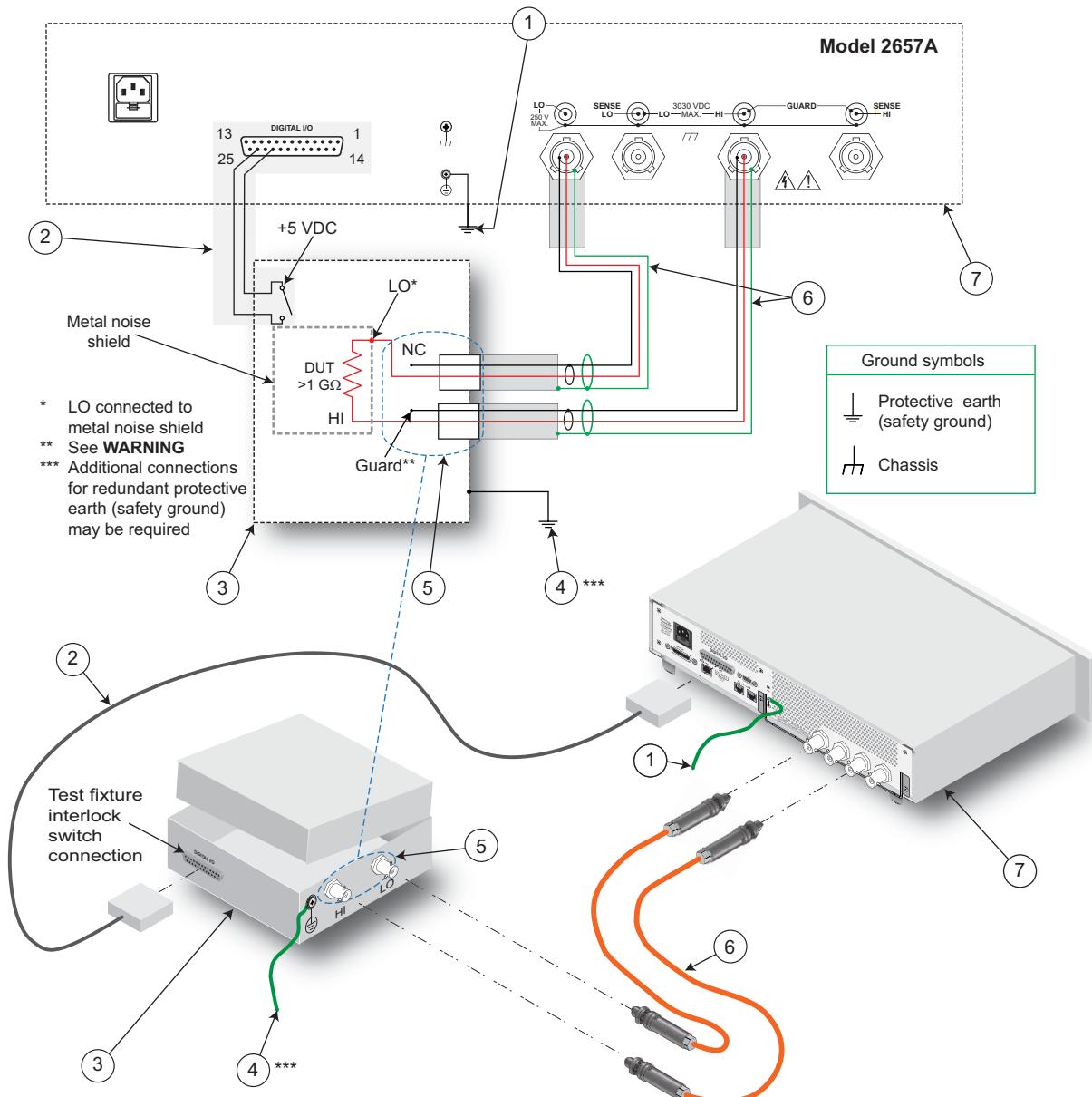
Guard voltage can be hazardous. With an unguarded device under test (DUT) connection, terminate the guard before the end of the cable. Refer to [High-voltage triaxial cable termination](#) (on page 2-44) for details.

Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

WARNING

Connections to LO on the Model 2657A are not necessarily at 0 V. Hazardous voltages could exist between LO and chassis ground. Make sure that high-voltage precautions are taken throughout the test system. Alternatively, limit hazardous levels by adding external protection to limit the voltage between LO and chassis. Failure to make sure high-voltage precautions are used throughout the test system or a failure to limit hazardous levels could result in severe personal injury or death from electric shock.

Figure 19: Noise shield



Item	Description	Qty	Notes
(1)	Protective earth (safety ground) for Model 2657A	1	Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth (safety ground) cable assembly supplied with the instrument.
(2)	Interlock connection for Model 2657A	1	Pin 24 (INT) and Pin 22 (5 VDC) connected to test fixture lid switch. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(3)	Interlocked safety enclosure	1	Select a safety enclosure with an interlock that has a normally-open (NO) switch. Also see Test fixture (on page 2-62).
(4)	Protective earth (safety ground) for test fixture	1	Redundant grounds may be required for specific test setups (for example, setups that clamp LO).
(5)	Model HV-CA-571-3 high-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly	2	See schematic for connections. Make sure to follow High-voltage triaxial cable termination (on page 2-44).
(6)	Model HV-CA-554 high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	2	
(7)	Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument	1	

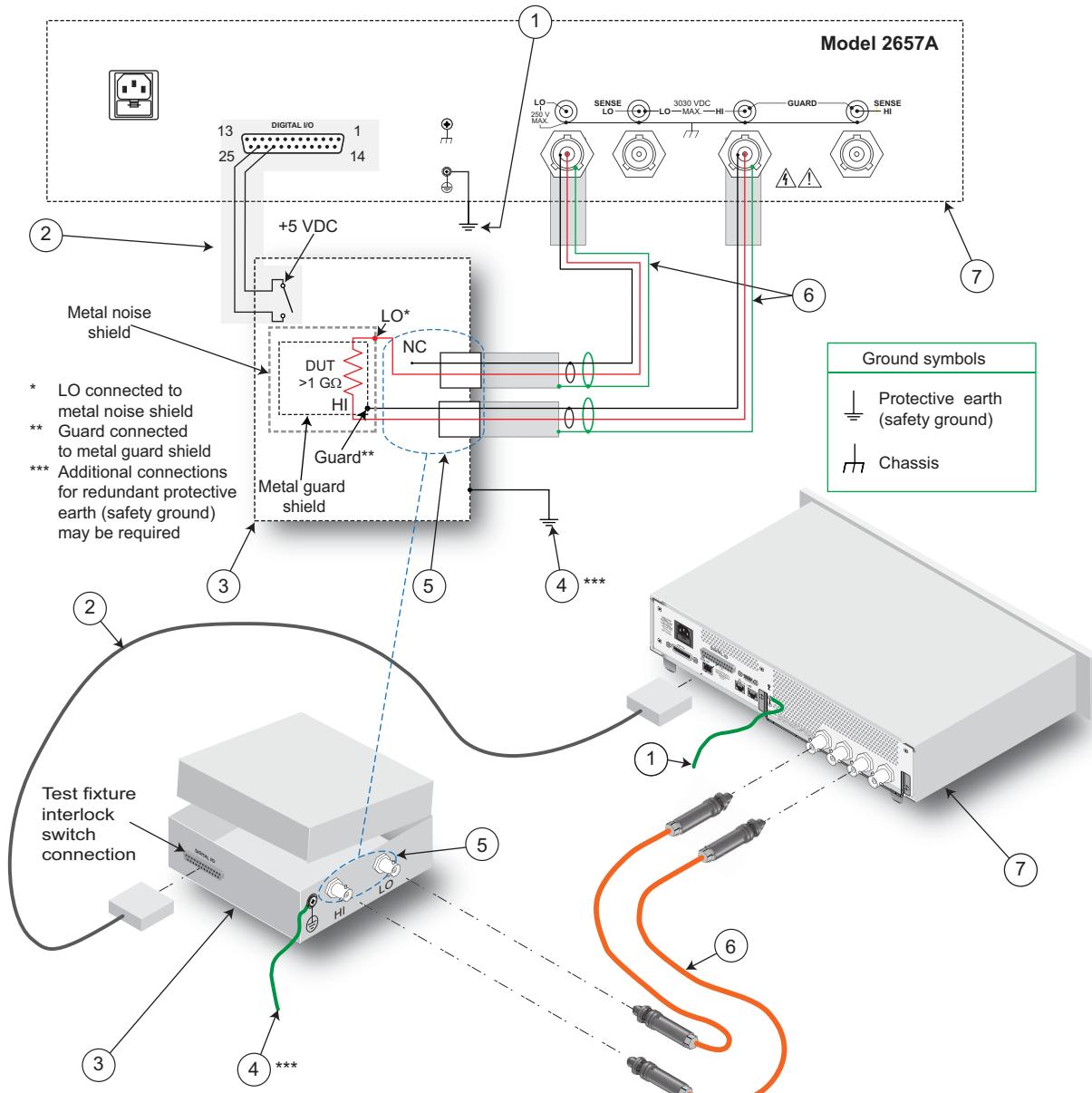
Using shielding and guarding together

The following figures show connections for a test system that uses a noise shield, a safety shield, and guarding. The guard shields are connected to the driven guard (GUARD) of the SMU. The noise shield is connected to LO. The safety shield is connected to the chassis and to protective earth (safety ground).

⚠ WARNING

Guard voltage can be hazardous. With an unguarded device under test (DUT) connection, terminate the guard before the end of the cable. Refer to [High-voltage triaxial cable termination](#) (on page 2-44) for details.

Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

Figure 20: Connections for noise shield, safety shield, and guarding

Item	Description	Qty	Notes
(1)	Protective earth (safety ground) for Model 2657A	1	Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth (safety ground) cable assembly supplied with the instrument.
(2)	Interlock connection for Model 2657A	1	Pin 24 (INT) and Pin 22 (5 VDC) connected to test fixture lid switch. Keithley Instruments Model 7709-308 is a 25-pin interlock male connector and can be used for custom connections.
(3)	Interlocked safety enclosure	1	Select a safety enclosure with an interlock that has a normally-open (NO) switch. Also see Test fixture (on page 2-62).
(4)	Protective earth (safety ground) for test fixture	1	Redundant grounds may be required for specific test setups (for example, setups that clamp LO).
(5)	Model HV-CA-571-3 high-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly	2	See schematic for connections. Make sure to follow the specifications in High-voltage triaxial cable termination (on page 2-44).
(6)	Model HV-CA-554 high-voltage triaxial cable assembly (male to male)	2	
(7)	Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument	1	

Test fixture

A test fixture can be used to house a device or test circuit. The test fixture can be a metal or nonconductive enclosure, and is typically equipped with a lid. When the test fixture is correctly connected, the output of the Model 2657A will turn off when the lid of the test fixture is opened. Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

You mount the test circuit inside the test fixture.

WARNING

To provide protection from shock hazards, an enclosure should be provided that surrounds all live parts.

Nonconductive enclosures must be constructed of materials that are suitably rated for flammability and the voltage and temperature requirements of the test circuit. Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). See your specific test fixture for information. Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system.

For metallic enclosures, the test fixture chassis must be properly connected to protective earth (safety ground). A grounding wire (#16 AWG or larger) must be attached securely to the test fixture at a screw terminal designed for safety grounding. The other end of the ground wire must be attached to a known protective earth (safety ground).

When hazardous voltages (>30 V RMS, 42 V peak) will be present, the test fixture must meet the following safety requirements:

Construction material: A metal test fixture must be connected to a known protective earth (safety ground) as described in the above warning. A nonconductive test fixture must be constructed of materials that are suitable for flammability, voltage, and temperature conditions that may exist in the test circuit. The construction requirements for a nonconductive enclosure are also described in the warning above.

Test circuit isolation: With the lid closed, the test fixture must completely surround the test circuit. A metal test fixture must be electrically isolated from the test circuit. Although the outer layer on a high voltage triaxial cable must be connected to the test fixture's metal chassis, the inner two layers of the cable (input/output connectors) must be isolated from the test fixture. Internally, Teflon standoffs are typically used to insulate the internal printed circuit board or guard plate for the test circuit from a metal test fixture.

Interlock switch: The test fixture must have a normally-open interlock switch. The interlock switch must be installed so that when the lid of the test fixture is opened, the switch will open, and when the lid is closed, the switch will close.

The Model 2657A digital I/O port provides an interlock line. When properly used with a test fixture, the output of the Model 2657A turns off when the lid of the test fixture is opened.

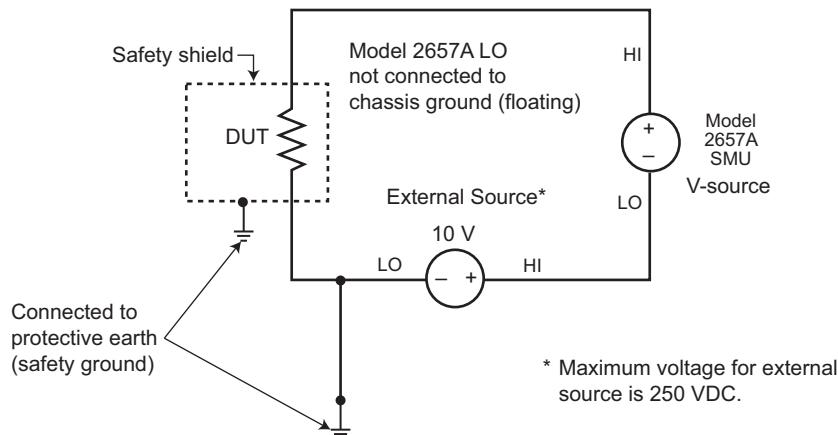
See the topic titled [Digital I/O](#) (on page 3-80) for information on the digital I/O port and the safety interlock.

The Keithley Instruments Model 8010 is a test fixture that has been specifically designed for use with the Model 2657A as well as other Keithley Instruments products. Refer to the Model 8010 documentation for specific connection information.

Floating a SMU

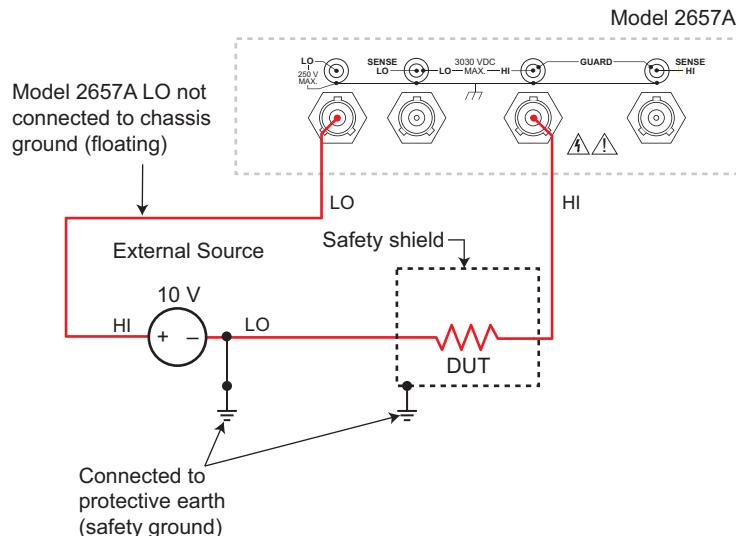
You can use an external source in the test system to bias the Model 2657A source-measure unit (SMU) above protective earth (safety ground). An example of such a test system is shown below. The external source is used to bias the Model 2657A +10 V above protective earth (safety ground).

Figure 21: Floating the Model 2657A schematic



The Model 2657A connections for the floating configuration are shown below.

Figure 22: Floating the Model 2657A SMU connections



⚠️ WARNING

The maximum floating (common mode) voltage for a SMU is 250 V. Exceeding this level may cause damage to the instrument and create a shock hazard.

Using an external source to float a SMU could create a shock hazard in the test circuit. A shock hazard exists whenever >42 V peak is present in the test circuit. Appropriately rated cables or insulators must be provided for all connections to prevent access to live parts.

When >42 V is present, the test circuit must be insulated for the voltage used or surrounded by a metal safety shield that is connected to a known protective earth (safety ground) and chassis ground (see [Safety shield](#) (on page 2-55)).

DUT connection settings

Make sure to properly configure the Model 2657A sense mode for the specific DUT test connection scheme. Use care to configure both the output-off state and overvoltage protection settings to supplement safe operation of your test setup.

Sense mode selection

The sense mode can be set to use [2-wire local sensing connections](#) (on page 2-45) or [4-wire remote sensing connections](#) (on page 2-47).

NOTE

The default sense setting is 2-wire local.

Front panel sense mode selection

To check or change the sense mode from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key.
2. Press the **SRC** or **MEAS** key. You can access and set the Model 2657A sense mode from either the V-SOURCE or the V-MEAS menu items.
3. If you pressed the SRC key: select **V-SOURCE > SENSE-MODE**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
- If you pressed the MEAS key: select **V-MEAS > SENSE-MODE**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
4. Select **2-WIRE** or **4-WIRE** as needed, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .

Selecting the sense from a remote interface

To select the remote sense from a remote interface:

Set the `smua.sense` attribute to control the sense state by remote. The programming example below illustrates how to configure the Model 2657A for 4-wire remote sensing:

```
smua.sense = smua.SENSE_REMOTE
```

See [Remote source-measure commands](#) (on page 2-25) and [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for details.

Overvoltage protection (OVP)

You can enable overvoltage protection (OVP) to restrict the maximum voltage level of the Model 2657A. If the configured OVP level is reached:

- The Model 2657A goes into overvoltage protection mode
- The output clamps to the OVP level
- All measurements taken are returned as 9.92e37
- The front panel displays OVP instead of a value

OVP protects the DUT from inadvertently applied high voltage levels. This can be caused by a sense lead becoming disconnected (or broken) during 4-wire sense applications. During 4-wire sense applications, the Model 2657A may interpret a removed sense lead as a decrease in voltage and increase the output to compensate (see [4-wire remote sensing connections](#) (on page 2-47)). With OVP configured, the voltage between the HI and the LO terminals will not exceed the specified value regardless of the voltage present on the sense leads.

The OVP setting takes precedence over any compliance setting, but may be used in conjunction with compliance. If the SMU is sourcing voltage and encounters both a current compliance and an overvoltage condition, the overvoltage protection will take priority. Once enabled, OVP is always on until disabled. This provides protection for both local and remote sense measurements.

The valid OVP range is between 300 V and 3000 V. Setting OVP to a value outside of this range will generate error code -224, "Illegal Parameter Value."

The following topics describe how to enable, set, and disable OVP.

Front panel overvoltage protection

To configure overvoltage protection:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key, and then press the **SRC** key. Choose **V-SOURCE > PROTECTION**.
2. Select **ENABLE** or **DISABLE**, then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .

 - Selecting **DISABLE** disables OVP.
 - Selecting **ENABLE** allows you to enter a value. Turn the navigation wheel  to enter the OVP voltage. Entering a 0 disables OVP. Press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  to accept the value, or press the **EXIT** to discard.

Setting overvoltage protection from the remote interface

The following table summarizes the commands you can use to program the maximum output voltage from a remote interface. For a more complete description of these commands, refer to the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1).

Commands to program the maximum output voltage

Command	Description
<code>smua.source.protectv = 0</code>	Disables overvoltage protection.
<code>smua.source.protectv = 300</code>	Enables overvoltage protection (if disabled) with a configured maximum voltage of 300 V.

Output-off states

WARNING

Do not depend on the output-off state to protect the user. The Model 2657A is provided with an interlock circuit that must be positively activated in order for the high voltage output to be enabled. The interlock helps facilitate safe operation of the equipment in a test system. Bypassing the interlock could expose the operator to hazardous voltages that could result in personal injury or death.

CAUTION

Carefully consider and configure the appropriate output-off state, source, and compliance limits before connecting the Model 2657A to a device that can deliver energy (for example, other voltage sources, batteries, capacitors, or solar cells). Configure recommended instrument settings before making connections to the device. Failure to consider the output-off state, source, and compliance limits may result in damage to the instrument or to the device under test (DUT).

Output-off modes

Turning a source-measure unit (SMU) off may not completely isolate the SMU from the external circuit. The output-off mode can be used to place the Model 2657A SMU in a known, safe, non-interactive state during idle periods, for example, when changing devices. A Model 2657A SMU can be in one of three output-off modes: Normal, high-impedance, or zero.

Normal output-off mode

The normal output-off mode is the default output-off mode setting. When the source-measure unit (SMU) is in the normal output-off mode, you can select either the current or the voltage output-off function (see [Output-off function](#) (on page 2-68)). You can also specify current and voltage output-off limits ([Output-off limits \(compliance\)](#) (on page 2-69)).

When the output is turned off, the output goes to either 0 V or 0 A, depending on the selected output-off function. Voltage is the default output-off function.

High-impedance output-off mode

For the high-impedance output-off mode (HI-Z), the output relay opens when the output is turned off. This disconnects external circuitry from the input/output of the source-measure unit (SMU). To prevent excessive wear on the output relay, do not use this output-off state for tests that turn the output off and on frequently.

Zero output-off mode

The Model 2657A is configured as described below when it is in the zero output-off mode.

When the V-Source is the selected source:

- The programmed V-Source value remains on the display.
- Internally, the V-Source is set to 0 V.
- The current compliance setting remains the same as the output-on value. Compliance detection remains active.
- Measurements are performed and displayed.

When the I-Source is the selected source:

- The programmed I-Source value remains on the display.
- Internally, the V-Source is selected and set to 0 V.
- Current compliance is set to the programmed Source I value or to 10 percent full-scale of the present current range, whichever is greater.
- Measurements are performed and displayed.

The Model 2657A can be used as an I-Meter when it is in zero output-off mode because it will output 0 V, but measure current.

To configure the output-off mode from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key.
2. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control. The CONFIGURE OUTPUT A menu is displayed.
3. In the CONFIGURE OUTPUT A menu, select **OFF-STATE** to display the OUTPUT OFF STATE A menu.
4. With the OUTPUT OFF STATE A menu displayed, select **MODE** to open the OFF MODE A menu.
5. Select the output-off mode: **HI-Z** (high-impedance), **NORMAL**, or **ZERO**.

To select the normal output-off mode over a remote interface:

```
smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_NORMAL
```

To select the high-impedance output-off mode over a remote interface:

```
smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z
```

To select the zero output-off mode over a remote interface:

```
smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_ZERO
```

Output-off function

This setting is used only when the when output is turned off and the Model 2657A is in NORMAL output-off mode (`smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_NORMAL`).

When the Model 2657A is in NORMAL output-off mode, you can set the output-off function to CURRENT or VOLTAGE through the CONFIG menu on the front panel, or by using the `smua.source.offfunc` attribute from a remote interface. VOLTAGE is the default output-off function.

When the output is turned off and the selected output-off function is VOLTAGE (`smua.source.offfunc = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS`):

- The source-measure unit (SMU) sources 0 V.
- The current limit is set by the `smua.source.offlimiti` attribute (default 1 mA).

When the output is turned off and the selected output-off function is CURRENT

(`smua.source.offfunc = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS`):

- The SMU sources 0 A.
- The voltage limit is set by the `smua.source.offlimitv` attribute (default 40 V).

When the output-off function is set to either voltage or current, the SMU may source or sink a very small amount of power. In most cases, this source or sink power level is not significant.

Selecting the output-off function

NOTE

This setting is used only when the when output is turned off and the source-measure unit (SMU) is in NORMAL output-off mode.

To configure the output-off function from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key.
2. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control. The CONFIGURE OUTPUT A menu is displayed.
3. In the CONFIGURE OUTPUT A menu, select **OFF-STATE** to display the OUTPUT OFF STATE A menu.
4. With the OUTPUT OFF STATE A menu displayed, select **FUNCTION** to display the OFF FUNCTION A menu.
5. In the OFF FUNCTION A menu, select **CURRENT** or **VOLTAGE**.

To configure the output-off function remotely:

To set 0 V output with current limit set by the `smua.source.offlimiti` attribute:

```
smua.source.offfunc = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS
```

To set 0 A output with voltage limit set by the `smua.source.offlimitv` attribute:

```
smua.source.offfunc = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS
```

Output-off limits (compliance)

You can set output-off limits (compliance) for the current and voltage output-off functions using the **CONFIG** menu on the Model 2657A front panel, or by setting the `smua.source.offlimitY` attribute from a remote interface. The output-off limits only apply when the output-off mode is normal.

Setting the output-off limit for **CURRENT** (`smua.source.offlimiti`) specifies the current limit for the voltage source; setting the output-off limit for **VOLTAGE** (`smua.source.offlimitv`) specifies the voltage limit for the current source.

Setting output-off limits

To configure output-off limits from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key.
2. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control. The CONFIGURE OUTPUT A menu is displayed.
3. In the CONFIGURE OUTPUT A menu, select **OFF-STATE** to display the OUTPUT OFF STATE A menu.
4. With the OUTPUT OFF STATE A menu displayed, select **LIMIT** to display the OFF LIMIT A menu.
5. In the OFF LIMIT A menu, select **CURRENT** or **VOLTAGE**.
6. Use the left or right arrow keys or turn the navigation wheel  to select the current or voltage limit, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  to save your settings.
7. Press the **EXIT** key to return to the main display.

To set the current limit in NORMAL output-off mode remotely:

```
smua.source.offlimiti = iValue
```

To set the voltage limit in NORMAL output-off mode remotely:

```
smua.source.offlimitv = vValue
```

Remote programming output-off states quick reference

The content of the following table is a quick reference of commands for programming output-off states from a remote interface.

Output-off state programming quick reference

Command	Description
<code>smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_NORMAL</code>	Selects normal output-off mode.
<code>smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z</code>	Selects high-impedance output-off mode.
<code>smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_ZERO</code>	Selects zero output-off mode.
<code>smua.source.offfunc = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS</code>	Sets 0 V output with current limit specified by the <code>smua.source.offlimiti</code> attribute.
<code>smua.source.offfunc = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS</code>	Sets 0 A output with voltage limit specified by the <code>smua.source.offlimitv</code> attribute.
<code>smua.source.offlimiti = iValue</code>	Sets current limit in normal output-off mode.
<code>smua.source.offlimitv = vValue</code>	Sets voltage limit in normal output-off mode.

USB storage overview

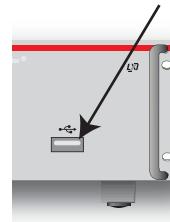
The Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument includes a USB port on the front panel. To store scripts and to transfer files from the instrument to the host computer, you need a USB flash drive.

- For information about saving reading buffers to the USB flash drive, see [Saving reading buffers](#) (on page 3-8).
- For information about storing and loading scripts to and from the USB flash drive, see [Save a user script](#) (on page 6-8).
- For information about file I/O, see [File I/O](#) (on page 5-6).
- For information about saving user setups, see [Saved setups](#) (on page 2-38).

Connecting the USB flash drive

The Model 2657A supports flash drives that comply with USB 2.0 standards (as well as USB 1.0 and 1.1 standards). You can save data to the USB flash drive from the front panel, or you can create a script to save data to the USB flash drive.

To connect the USB flash drive, plug the USB flash drive into the USB port located on the instrument's front panel (see the figure below).

Figure 23: USB port

File system navigation

The Model 2657A can use commands from the Lua `fs` library to navigate and list files that are available on a flash drive. These Lua commands are in the `fs` command group in the instrument.

The `fs` commands make the file system of any given node available to the entire TSP-Link® system. For example, you can use the command `node[5].fs.readdir(".")` to read the contents of the current working directory on node 5.

The root folder of the USB flash drive has the absolute path:

```
"/usb1/"
```

NOTE

You can use either the slash (/) or backslash (\) as a directory separator. However, the backslash is also used as an escape character, so if you use it as a directory separator, you will generally need to use a double backslash (\\) when you are creating scripts or sending commands to the instrument.

The instrument supports the following Lua `fs` commands:

[fs.chdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-94)
[fs.getcwd\(\)](#) (on page 7-94)
[fs.is_dir\(\)](#) (on page 7-94)
[fs.is_file\(\)](#) (on page 7-95)
[fs.mkdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-95)
[fs.readdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-96)
[fs.rmdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-96)

The following Lua `fs` commands are not supported at this time:

`fs.chmod()`
`fs.chown()`
`fs.stat()`

Displayed error and status messages

During operation and programming, front-panel messages may be briefly displayed. Typical messages are either status or error notifications (refer to the [Error summary list](#) (on page 8-3) for a complete list of these messages and their meanings).

Quick Tip

Status and error messages are held in a queue. For information about retrieving messages from queues, refer to [Queues](#) (on page E-2). For information on error messages, refer to the [Troubleshooting guide](#) (on page 8-1).

Range

The selected measurement range affects the accuracy of the measurements and the maximum signal that can be measured. If the range is changed, the display may contain dashes instead of a reading (for example, --.--- mA). This indicates that no measurement was taken using the range that is presently selected. To update the displayed reading, trigger a measurement (if in local control, press the TRIG key).

Available ranges

The following table lists the available source and measurement ranges for the Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument.

Model 2657A source and measurement ranges*

Voltage ranges	Current ranges
200 V	1 nA
500 V	10 nA
1500 V	100 nA
3000 V	1 µA 10 µA 100 µA 1 mA 2 mA 20 mA 120 mA

* Refer to [Operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4) for power derating information.

Maximum source values and readings

The full-scale output for each voltage and current source range is 101 percent of the selected range. The full-scale measurement is also 101 percent of the range. For example, ± 1.01 mA is the full-scale source value for the 1 mA range, and ± 20.2 mA is the full-scale reading for the 20 mA measurement range. Input levels that exceed the maximum levels cause the overflow message to be displayed. Note, however, that the instrument will autorange at 100 percent of the range.

Measure auto delay

The measure delay is a specific delay that is applied before each measurement is taken. This delay is set to the auto delay setting by default (see table). You can change the default delay by setting the [smuX.measure.delay](#) (on page 7-198) attribute either to a specific value or to an auto delay setting (set `smua.measure.delay = smua.DELAY_AUTO`). If the measure delay is set to the auto delay setting, a range-dependent delay is applied each time the instrument performs a current measurement. This delay also happens for the measurement that is taken after changing current ranges during an autoranged measurement.

Range	Measure auto delay
120 mA	0.1 ms
20 mA	0.1 ms
2 mA	0.5 ms
1 mA	0.5 ms
100 µA	1 ms
10 µA	1 ms
1 µA	2 ms
100 nA	15 ms
10 nA	150 ms
1 nA	1 s

You can increase or decrease the auto delay by changing the delay factor (for example, to reduce the delay across all ranges by half, set `smua.measure.delayfactor = 0.5`). For additional information, refer to [smuX.measure.delayfactor](#) (on page 7-199) in the "Remote commands" section.

Ranging limitations

If the source and measure functions are different (such as source V and measure I, or source I and measure V), you can set source and measure ranges separately. If both source and measure functions are the same, the measure range is locked to the source range.

Manual ranging

Use the range keys,  and , to select a fixed range:

- To set the source range, press the **SRC** key, and then use the **RANGE** keys to set the range.
- To set the measure range, press the **MEAS** key, and then use the **RANGE** keys to set the range.

If the instrument displays the overflow message on a particular range, select a higher range until an on-range reading is displayed. To ensure the best accuracy and resolution, use the lowest range possible that does not cause an overflow.

Autoranging

To use automatic source ranging, press **SRC** then the **AUTO** range key. To use automatic measure ranging, press the **MEAS** key followed by the **AUTO** range key. The **AUTO** indicator turns on when source or measure autoranging is selected. With autoranging selected, the instrument automatically sets the best range to source or measure the applied signal. The instrument will uprange at 100 percent of the present range.

NOTE

When you change a source value, source autoranging is automatically turned off and remains off until you re-enable it.

Low range limits

The low range limit sets the lowest range that the Model 2657A will use when autoranging is enabled. This feature is useful for minimizing autorange settling times when numerous range changes are involved.

To individually set low range limits for Source V, Source I, Measure V, and Measure I:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key, then press either the **SRC** key (for source) or the **MEAS** key (for measure).
2. Select voltage or current source, or measure, as appropriate, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
3. Select **LOWRANGE**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
4. Set the low range to the appropriate setting, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
5. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key twice to return to the main display.

Range considerations

The source range and measure range settings can interact depending on the source function. Additionally, the output state (on/off) can affect how the range is set. The following table describes these interactions:

If...	Then...	Notes
The source function is the same as the measurement function (for example, sourcing voltage and measuring voltage)	The measurement range is locked to be the same as the source range.	<p>The setting for the voltage measure range is retained and used when the source function is changed to current. Model 2657A example:</p> <pre>smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS smua.source.rangev = 200 smua.measure.rangev = 500 -- will print 200, the source range print(smua.measure.rangev) smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS -- will print 500, the measure range print(smua.measure.rangev)</pre>
A source or measurement range for a function is explicitly set	Autoranging for that function is disabled.	Autoranging is controlled separately for each source and measurement function: source voltage, source current, measure voltage, and measure current. Autoranging is enabled for all four by default.
Source autoranging is enabled	The output level controls the range.	Querying the range after the level is set returns the range the instrument chose as appropriate.
You send a source level that is out of range while autorange is off (for example, sending 1 mA on the 100 µA range)	The instrument will not return an error until the output is turned on.	When the output is turned on, the display will show a series of question marks: ??? . ???
Measure autoranging is enabled	The measure range is changed only when a measurement is taken.	Querying the range after the measurement is taken will return the range that the instrument chose.

Range programming

Range commands

The following tables summarize commands necessary to control measure and source ranges. See the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for more details about these commands.

Measure range commands*

Command	Description
smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON	Enable current measure autorange.
smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF	Disable current measure autorange.
smua.measure.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON	Enable voltage measure autorange.
smua.measure.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF	Disable voltage measure autorange.
smua.measure.lowrangei = lowrange	Set lowest I measure range for autorange.
smua.measure.lowrangev = lowrange	Set lowest V measure range for autorange.
smua.measure.rangei = rangeval	Select manual current measure range.
smua.measure.rangev = rangeval	Select manual voltage measure range.

* See [Available ranges](#) (on page 2-72)

Source range and limit commands*

Command	Description
smua.source.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON	Enable current source autorange.
smua.source.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF	Disable current source autorange.
smua.source.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON	Enable voltage source autorange.
smua.source.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_OFF	Disable voltage source autorange.
smua.source.limiti = level	Set voltage source current limit (compliance).
smua.source.limitv = level	Set current source voltage limit (compliance).
smua.source.limitp = level	Set source power limit (compliance).
smua.source.lowrangei = lowrange	Set lowest I source range for autorange.
smua.source.lowrangev = lowrange	Set lowest V source range for autorange.
smua.source.rangei = rangeval	Select manual current source range.
smua.source.rangev = rangeval	Select manual voltage source range.

* See [Available ranges](#) (on page 2-72)

Range programming example

The programming example below illustrates how to control both source and measure ranges. The Model 2657A is set up as follows:

- Voltage source range: Auto
- Current measure range: 20 mA
- Voltage source current limit: 10 mA

```
-- Restore Model 2657A defaults.
smua.reset()
-- Set V source range to auto.
smua.source.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON
-- Select 20 mA measure range.
smua.measure.rangei = 20e-3
-- Set limit level to 10 mA.
smua.source.limiti = 10e-3
```

Digits

The display resolution of the measured reading depends on the DIGITS setting. The DIGITS setting selects display resolution for all measurement functions.

The DIGITS setting has no effect on the format of readings returned by a `print()` command over a remote interface. For information to adjust the format of remote interface readings, see [format.asciiprecision](#) (on page 7-91).

The number of displayed digits does not affect accuracy or speed. Accuracy and speed are controlled by the SPEED setting (see [Speed](#) (on page 2-78)).

Setting display resolution from the front panel

To set the display resolution, press the **DIGITS** key until the correct number of digits is displayed. Available display resolutions are 4.5, 5.5, and 6.5 digits.

Setting display resolution from a remote interface

The following table summarizes use of the `display.smua.digits` command. See [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for more information.

Digits commands

Command	Description
<code>display.smua.digits = display.DIGITS_4_5</code>	Set display to 4.5 digits.
<code>display.smua.digits = display.DIGITS_5_5</code>	Set display to 5.5 digits.
<code>display.smua.digits = display.DIGITS_6_5</code>	Set display to 6.5 digits.

Digits programming example

```
-- Select 5.5 digits.
display.smua.digits = display.DIGITS_5_5
```

Speed

The Model 2657A has two analog-to-digital converters (ADC): one integrating, one high speed. Fastest reading rates are achieved by selecting the fast ADC. You can select the fast ADC by pressing the SPEED key and choosing the FAST option.

You can also use the SPEED key to select the integrating ADC and set the period of time the input signal is measured (this is called the integration time or measurement aperture). The integration time affects the usable digits, the amount of reading noise, and the reading rate of the instrument. The integration time is specified in parameters based on the number of power line cycles (NPLC), where 1 PLC for 60 Hz is 16.67 ms (1/60) and 1 PLC for 50 Hz is 20 ms (1/50).

In general, the fastest integration time (0.001 PLC) results in the fastest reading rate for the integrating ADC, but also causes increased reading noise and fewer usable digits. The slowest integration time (25 PLC) provides the best common-mode and normal-mode noise rejection, but has the slowest reading rate. Settings between the fastest and slowest integration times are a compromise between speed and noise. The default power-on speed setting is NORMAL (1 PLC).

Setting speed

Speed is set from the SPEED configuration menu and is structured as follows.

Front-panel speed configuration

Press SPEED (or use the CONFIG menu) to display the following menu items:

- **FAST:** Selects the fast analog-to-digital converter (ADC) (fast performance, but accuracy is reduced)
- **MED:** Selects the integrating ADC and sets its measurement aperture to 0.10 PLC (speed and accuracy are balanced)
- **NORMAL:** Selects the integrating ADC and sets its measurement aperture to 1.00 PLC (speed and accuracy are balanced)
- **HI-ACCURACY:** Selects the integrating ADC and sets its measurement aperture to 10.00 PLC (high accuracy, but speed is reduced)
- **OTHER:** Selects the integrating ADC and sets its measurement aperture to any PLC value from 0.001 to 25

NOTE

Selecting the FAST menu item selects the fast analog-to-digital converter (ADC). All other menu items on the speed menu select the integrating ADC.

NOTE

The SPEED setting affects all measurement functions. After setting speed, display resolution can be changed using the DIGITS key.

Remote speed programming

Speed command

The following table summarizes commands to control speed. See [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for more information.

Speed commands*

Command	Description
smua.measure.nplc = nplc	Sets the speed of the integrating ADC only (nplc can range from 0.001 to 25).
smua.measure.adc = adc	Selects analog-to-digital converter (adc = smua.ADC_INTEGRATE or smua.ADC_FAST).

* The speed setting is global and affects all measurement functions.

Speed programming example

Use the NPLC command to set the speed of the integrating analog-to-digital converter (ADC). The programming example below illustrates how to set the speed to 10 PLC:

```
-- Set NPLC to 10.  
smua.measure.nplc = 10
```

Sampling speed programming example

Use the measure interval to control the sampling speed of the fast ADC. The programming example below illustrates how to configure the fast ADC to take 1000 measurements with 10 µs sampling interval:

```
-- Select fast ADC.  
smua.measure.adc = smua.ADC_FAST  
-- Set measure count to 1000 readings.  
smua.measure.count = 1000  
-- Set sampling interval to 10 us (microseconds).  
smua.measure.interval = 10e-6
```

Remote communication interfaces

You can choose from one of several communication interfaces to send commands to and receive responses from the Model 2657A.

The Model 2657A can only be controlled from one communication interface at a time. The first interface on which it receives a message takes control of the instrument. It ignores the other interfaces until the instrument is returned to local operation.

Supported remote interfaces

The Model 2657A supports the following remote interfaces:

- GPIB. General purpose interface bus is an IEEE-488 instrumentation data bus.
- LAN. Local area network (LAN) communications provide the flexibility to build scalable and functional test or data acquisition systems with a large degree of flexibility.
- RS-232

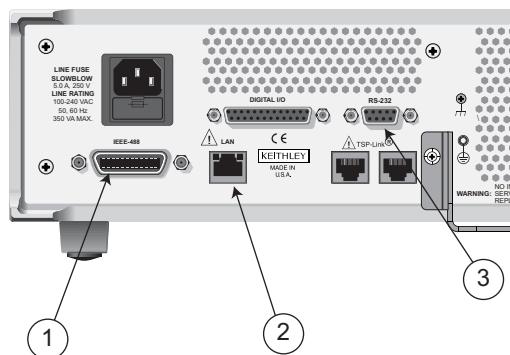
NOTE

The Model 2657A can only be controlled from one communication interface at a time. The first interface on which it receives a message takes control of the instrument. It ignores the other interfaces until the instrument is returned to local operation.

For more information about the remote interfaces, see:

- [GPIB operation](#) (on page 2-83)
- [LAN concepts and settings](#) (on page C-1)
- [RS-232 interface operation](#) (on page 2-88)

Figure 24: Model 2657A IEEE-488, LAN, and RS-232 connections



1 IEEE-488 connection

2 LAN connection

3 RS-232 connection

Output queue

Response messages, such as those generated from print commands, are placed in the output queue. All remote command interfaces share the same output queue.

The output queue sets the message available (MAV) bit in the status model.

The data in the output queue is cleared by the *CLS command.

LAN communications

The Model 2657A is an LXI version 1.4 Core 2011 compliant instrument that supports TCP/IP and complies with IEEE Std 802.3 (ethernet). There is one LAN port (located on the rear panel of the instrument) that supports full connectivity on a 10 Mbps or 100 Mbps network.

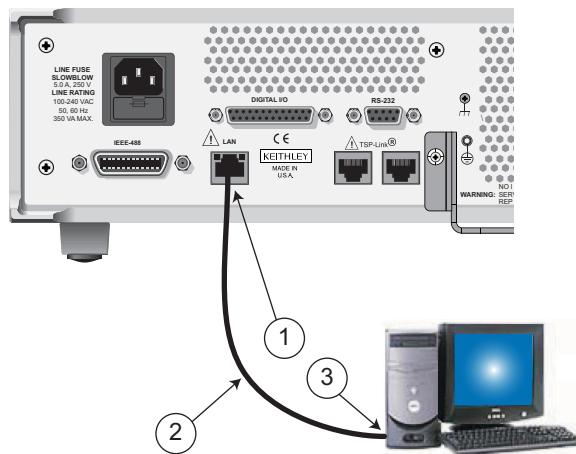
For detailed information about setting up your LAN interface, refer to [LAN concepts and settings](#) (on page C-1).

LAN cable connection

The Model 2657A includes two Model CA-180-3A cables (LAN crossover cables). One cable is intended for use with the TSP-Link® network and the other cable is intended for the LAN.

Use the following figure as a guide when making LAN connections.

Figure 25: LAN connection



1 Model 2657A ethernet port (LAN)

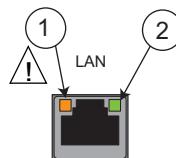
2 Straight-through LAN cable or crossover LAN cable (Model CA-180-3A)

3 Ethernet port (located on the host computer)

LAN status LEDs

The figure below illustrates the two status light emitting diodes (LED) that are located at the top of the LAN connection port of the instrument. The table below the figure provides explanations of the LED states.

Figure 26: LAN Status



1 LED indicates the LAN port is connected to a 100 Mbps network

2 LED indicates the LAN port is connected to a 10 Mbps network

When the LED is:	The network:
Off	is not connected
On	is connected
Blinking	is sending or receiving data

Using the LAN with remote operations

The following table lists the Model 2657A remote interface's available LAN protocols:

LAN protocols

Port number	Protocol
23	Telnet
1024	VXI-11
5025	Raw socket
5030	Dead socket termination port

NOTE

You can only use one remote interface at a time. Although multiple ethernet connections to the instrument can be opened, only one can be used to control the instrument at a time.

Raw socket: Raw socket is a basic ethernet connection that communicates similarly to RS-232 without explicit message boundaries. The instrument will always terminate messages with a line feed, but because binary data may include bytes that resemble line feed characters, it may be difficult to distinguish between data and line feed characters.

VXI-11: VXI-11 is similar to GPIB and supports message boundaries and service requests (SRQs). A VXI-11 driver or VISA software is required. Test Script Builder (TSB) uses VISA and can be used with the VXI-11 interface.

Telnet: Telnet is similar to raw socket and is used when you need to interact directly with the instrument, typically for debugging and troubleshooting. Telnet requires a separate telnet program.

Dead socket termination port: The dead socket termination port is used to terminate all existing LAN connections. A dead socket is one that is held open by the instrument because it has not been properly closed. This most often happens when the computer is turned off or reboots without first closing the socket. This port cannot be used for command and control functions.

Monitoring the LAN

The `lan.autoconnect` command configures the instrument to monitor the LAN for lost connections. All ethernet connections are disconnected if the LAN link is disconnected for longer than the time-out value specified in the `lan.linktimeout` attribute.

GPIB operation

This topic contains information about GPIB standards, bus connections, and primary address selection.

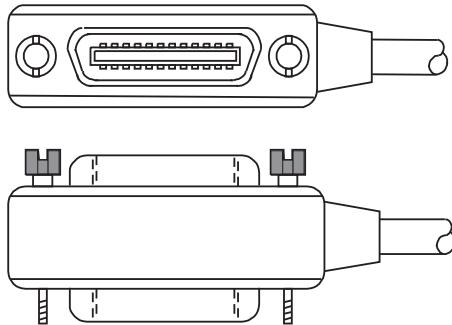
GPIB standards

The GPIB is the IEEE-488 instrumentation data bus, which uses hardware and programming standards originally adopted by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) in 1975. The instrument is IEEE Std 488.1 compliant and supports IEEE Std 488.2 common commands and status model topology.

Connect the GPIB cable

To connect an instrument to the GPIB bus, use a cable equipped with standard IEEE-488 connectors, as shown below.

Figure 27: GPIB connector



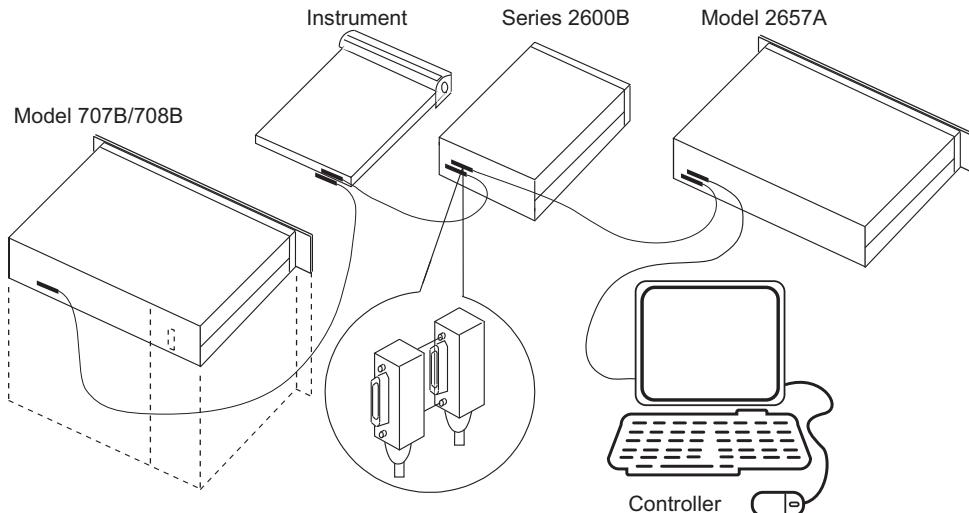
To allow many parallel connections to one instrument, stack the connectors. Each connector has two screws to ensure that connections remain secure. The figure below shows a typical connection diagram for a test system with multiple instruments.

CAUTION

To avoid possible mechanical damage, stack no more than three connectors on any one instrument. To minimize interference caused by electromagnetic radiation, use only shielded IEEE-488 cables. Contact Keithley Instruments for shielded cables.

To connect the instrument to the IEEE-488 bus, line up the cable connector with the connector on the rear panel. Install and tighten the screws securely, making sure not to overtighten them. The following figure shows the location of the connector.

Figure 28: IEEE-488 connections



Connect any additional connectors from other instruments as required for your application. Make sure the other end of the cable is properly connected to the controller. You can only have 15 devices connected to an IEEE-488 bus, including the controller. The maximum cable length is either two meters (6.5 feet) multiplied by the number of devices or 20 meters (65.6 feet), whichever is less. Erratic bus operation may occur if you ignore these limits.

Primary address

The Model 2657A ships from the factory with a GPIB primary address of 26. If the GPIB interface is enabled, it momentarily displays the primary address on power-up. You can set the address to a value from 0 to 30, but do not assign the same address to another device or to a controller that is on the same GPIB bus (controller addresses are usually 0 or 21).

To set or check the primary address from the front panel:

1. Press the **MENU** key, then select **GPIB**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel
2. Select **ADDRESS**, then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel
3. Use the navigation wheel to set the primary address to the appropriate value, then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key twice to return to the normal display.

To set the primary address remotely:

```
gpib.address = address
```

To set the primary address remotely to 20:

```
gpib.address = 20
```

Note that changing the GPIB address takes effect when the command is processed. Any response messages generated after processing this command are sent with the new settings. If command messages are being queued (sent before this command has executed), the new settings may take effect in the middle of a subsequent command message, so care should be exercised when setting this attribute from the GPIB interface.

Terminator

When receiving data over the GPIB, the instrument terminates messages on any line feed character or any data byte with EOI asserted (line feed with EOI asserted is also valid). When sending data, it appends a line feed character to all outgoing messages. The EOI line is asserted with the terminating line feed character.

General bus commands

General commands are commands that have the same general meaning, regardless of the instrument (for example, DCL). The following table lists the general bus commands.

General bus commands

Command	Effect on Model 2657A
REN	Goes into remote operation when next addressed to listen. See REN (on page 2-85) for details.
IFC	Goes into talker and listener idle states. See IFC (on page 2-86) for details.
LLO	LOCAL key locked out. See LLO (on page 2-86) for details.
GTL	Cancel remote; restore Model 2657A front-panel operation. See GTL (on page 2-86) for details.
DCL	Returns the Model 2657A and all devices on the GPIB to known conditions. See DCL (on page 2-86) for details.
SDC	Returns the Model 2657A to known conditions. See SDC (on page 2-86) for details.
GET	Initiates a trigger. See GET (on page 2-87) for details.
SPE, SPD	Serial polls the Model 2657A. See SPE, SPD (on page 2-87) for details.

REN

The remote enable (REN) command is sent to the Model 2657A by the controller to set up the instrument for remote operation. Generally, the instrument should be placed in the remote mode before you attempt to program it over the bus. Setting REN true does not place the instrument in the remote state. You must address the instrument to listen after setting REN true before it goes into remote operation.

IFC

The interface clear (IFC) command is sent by the controller to place the Model 2657A in the talker idle state and the listener idle state. The instrument responds to the IFC command by canceling front-panel TALK or LSTN lights, if the instrument was previously placed in one of these states.

Transfer of command messages to the instrument and transfer of response messages from the instrument are not interrupted by IFC. If transfer of a response message from the instrument was suspended by IFC, transfer of the message will resume when the instrument is addressed to talk. If transfer of a command message to the instrument was suspended by IFC, the rest of the message can be sent when the instrument is addressed to listen.

LLO

When the instrument is in remote operation, all front-panel controls are disabled, except the LOCAL and OUTPUT OFF keys (and the POWER switch). The local lockout (LLO) command disables the LOCAL key, but does not affect the OUTPUT OFF control, which cannot be disabled.

GTL

Use the go to local (GTL) command to put a remote-mode instrument into local mode. Leaving the remote state also restores operation of all front-panel controls.

DCL

Use the device clear (DCL) command to clear the GPIB interface and return it to a known state. Note that the DCL command is not an addressed command, so all instruments equipped to implement DCL will do so simultaneously.

When the Model 2657A receives a DCL command, it:

- Clears the input buffer, output queue, and command queue
- Cancels deferred commands
- Clears any command that prevents the processing of any other device command

A DCL does not affect instrument settings and stored data.

SDC

The selective device clear (SDC) command is an addressed command that performs essentially the same function as the device clear (DCL) command. However, because each device must be individually addressed, the SDC command provides a method to clear only selected instruments, instead of clearing all instruments simultaneously with the DCL command.

When the Model 2657A receives an SDC command, it:

- Clears the input buffer, output queue, and command queue
- Cancels deferred commands
- Clears any command that prevents the processing of any other device command

An SDC does not affect instrument settings and stored data.

GET

The group execute trigger (GET) command is a GPIB trigger that triggers the instrument to take readings from a remote interface.

SPE, SPD

Use the serial polling sequence to obtain the Model 2657A serial poll byte. The serial poll byte contains important information about internal functions (see [Status model](#) (on page E-1)). Generally, the serial polling sequence is used by the controller to determine which of several instruments has requested service with the SRQ line. The serial polling sequence may be performed at any time to obtain the status byte from the Model 2657A.

Front-panel GPIB operation

This section describes aspects of the front panel that are part of GPIB operation, including messages, status indicators, and the LOCAL key.

Error and status messages

The front-panel display may show error and status messages (see [Displayed error and status messages](#) (on page 2-72)). See [Error summary list](#) (on page 8-3) for a list of status and error messages that are associated with IEEE-488 programming.

GPIB status indicators

The remote (REM), talk (TALK), listen (LSTN), and service request (SRQ) indicators show the GPIB bus status. Each of these indicators is described below.

REM

This indicator is illuminated when the instrument is in the remote control state. When the instrument is in the remote control state, all front-panel keys, except for the EXIT (LOCAL) key and OUTPUT ON/OFF control, are locked out. When REM is off, the instrument is in the local control state and front-panel operation is restored.

TALK

This indicator is on when the instrument is in the talker active state. Place the instrument in the talk state by addressing it to talk with the correct talk command. TALK is off when the instrument is in the talker idle state. Place the instrument in the talker idle state by sending a UNT (untalk) command, addressing it to listen, or by sending the IFC (interface clear) command.

LSTN

This indicator is on when the Model 2657A is in the listener active state, which is activated by addressing the instrument to listen with the correct listen command. LSTN is off when the instrument is in the listener idle state. Place the instrument in the listener idle state by sending UNL (unlisten), addressing it to talk, or by sending the IFC (interface clear) command over the bus.

SRQ

You can program the instrument to generate a service request (SRQ) when one or more errors or conditions occur. When this indicator is on, a service request has been generated. This indicator stays on until the serial poll byte is read or all the conditions that caused SRQ are cleared.

LOCAL key

The EXIT (LOCAL) key cancels the remote state and restores local operation of the instrument. Pressing the EXIT (LOCAL) key also turns off the REM indicator and returns the display to normal if a user-defined message was displayed.

If the LLO (Local Lockout) command is in effect, the EXIT (LOCAL) key is also inoperative. For safety reasons, the OUTPUT ON/OFF control can be used to turn the output off while in LLO. Note that pressing the EXIT (LOCAL) key or the OUTPUT ON/OFF control will also abort any commands or scripts that are being processed.

RS-232 interface operation

This topic contains information about configuring RS-232 communication parameters, sending or receiving command messages, and requesting or retrieving data. To control the Model 2657A, connect a controller or personal computer to the Model 2657A RS-232 interface. Alternatively, you can use the Model 2657A to control another device over RS-232.

Setting RS-232 interface parameters

To set interface parameters from the front panel:

1. Press the **MENU** key, select **RS232** and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
2. Select and enter the following interface parameters:
 - BAUD: Set baud rate (see [Baud rate](#) (on page 2-89))
 - BITS: Set number of bits (see [Data bits and parity](#) (on page 2-89))
 - PARITY: Set parity
 - FLOW-CTRL: Set [Flow control and signal handshaking](#) (on page 2-89)
 - ENABLE: Enable or disable the RS-232 interface
3. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key twice to return to the normal display.

Remote RS-232 parameters

Commands to set RS-232 parameters are listed in the following table. See the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for more information.

RS-232 interface commands

Command	Description
serial.baud = baud	Set baud rate (300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200)
serial.databits = bits	Set number of bits (7 or 8)
serial.flowcontrol = flow	Set flow control: serial.FLOW_NONE (no flow control) serial.FLOW_HARDWARE (hardware flow control)
serial.parity = parity	Set parity: serial.PARITY_NONE (no parity) serial.PARITY_EVEN (even parity) serial.PARITY_ODD (odd parity)

Changes to a serial port setting take effect when the command is processed. Any response messages generated after the commands are processed will be sent with the new settings. If command messages are being queued (sent before the commands have executed), the new settings may take effect in the middle of a subsequent command message, so care should be exercised when setting these attributes from the RS-232 interface.

RS-232 programming example

The programming example below illustrates how to set the baud rate to 9600 with no flow control:

```
serial.baud = 9600  
serial.flowcontrol = serial.FLOW_NONE
```

Sending and receiving data

The RS-232 interface transfers data using 7 or 8 data bits; 1 stop bit; and no, even, or odd parity. Make sure the device you connect to the Model 2657A also uses the same settings.

Terminator

When receiving data over the RS-232 interface the command interface terminates on line feeds. A line feed is appended to all output messages when the RS-232 interface is being used as a command interface.

Sending data using the `serial.write()` function does not append a terminator. Be sure to append the appropriate terminator to the message before sending it.

Baud rate

The baud rate is the rate at which the Model 2657A and the programming terminal communicate. Select one of the following available rates:

- 115200
- 9600
- 600
- 57600
- 4800
- 300
- 38400
- 2400
- 19200
- 1200

The factory-selected baud rate is 9600.

Both the Model 2657A and the other device must be configured for the same baud rate. Make sure the device connected to the Model 2657A RS-232 port can support the selected baud rate.

Data bits and parity

The RS-232 interface can be configured to send/receive data that is 7 or 8 bits long using even, odd, or no parity.

Flow control and signal handshaking

Signal handshaking between the controller and the instrument allows the two devices to communicate to each other regarding being ready or not ready to receive data.

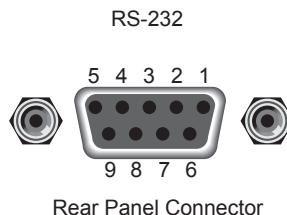
The RS-232 interface provides two control lines (RTS and CTS) for this purpose. The instrument will assert the RTS signal when it is admissible for the PC to transmit to the instrument. It will only send information to the PC when the clear to send (CTS) signal is asserted by the PC.

RS-232 connections

Connect the RS-232 serial port of the Model 2657A to the serial port of a computer using a straight-through RS-232 cable terminated with DB-9 connectors. Do not use a null modem cable. The serial port uses the transmit (TXD), receive (RXD), CTS and RTS (if flow control is enabled), and signal ground (GND) lines of the RS-232 standard. The connector location is shown in [Remote Communication interfaces](#) (on page 2-79).

If your computer uses a DB-25 connector for the RS-232 interface, you will need a standard cable or adapter with a DB-25 connector on one end and a DB-9 connector on the other. An RS-232 cable is available from the [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>).

Figure 29: RS-232 interface connector



RS-232 connector pinout

Pin number	Description
1	Not used
2	TXD, transmit data
3	RXD, receive data
4	Not used
5	GND, signal ground
6	Not used
7	RTS, ready to send
8	CTS, clear to send
9	Not used

The following table provides pinout identification for the 9-pin (DB-9) or 25-pin (DB-25) serial port connector on the computer.

Computer serial port pinout

Signal*	DB-9 pin number	DB-25 pin number
DCD, data carrier detect	1	8
RXD, receive data	2	3
TXD, transmit data	3	2
DTR, data terminal ready	4	20
GND, signal ground	5	7
DSR, data set ready	6	6
RTS, request to send	7	4
CTS, clear to send	8	5
RI, ring indicator	9	22

* The Model 2657A does not use all RS-232 signals. See the topic [Flow control and signal handshaking](#) (on page 2-89).

Section 3

Functions and features

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Relative offset

You can use the relative offset (REL) feature to set offsets to zero (0) or subtract a baseline reading from present and future readings. With relative offset enabled, subsequent readings are the difference between the actual input value and the relative offset value, as follows:

$$\text{Displayed reading} = \text{Actual input} - \text{Relative offset value}$$

Once a relative offset value is established for a measurement function, the value is the same for all ranges. For example, if 50 mA is set as a relative offset value on the 120 mA range, the relative offset value is also 50 mA on the lower current ranges. This can cause an overflow condition if the selected range cannot accommodate the relative offset value.

When relative offset is enabled, the REL indicator turns on. Changing measurement functions changes the relative offset value to the established relative offset value and state for that measurement function.

Front panel relative offset

Enabling and disabling relative offset

The relative offset feature can be used to establish a zero (0) baseline. To enable and use this feature, press the **REL** key. The reading (which becomes the relative offset value) is subtracted from itself causing the meter to zero the display. The reading is then stored for use with subsequent measurements. Pressing the **REL** key a second time disables the relative offset.

Defining a relative offset value

A unique relative offset value can be established for the selected measurement function.

To establish a unique relative offset value from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key and then the **REL** key.
2. Select the measurement function (**CURRENT**, **VOLTAGE**, **OHMS**, or **WATTS**), and then press **ENTER** or the navigation wheel . The present relative offset value is displayed.
3. Set the relative offset value.
4. With the relative offset value displayed, press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  , and then press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to back out of the menu structure.

Remote relative offset programming

Relative offset commands

Relative offset commands are summarized in the following table.

Relative offset commands

Command	Description
To set relative offset values:	
smua.measure.rel.leveli = relval	Set current relative offset value
smua.measure.rel.levelp = relval	Set power relative offset value
smua.measure.rel.levelr = relval	Set resistance relative offset value
smua.measure.rel.levelv = relval	Set voltage relative offset value
To enable/disable relative offset:	
smua.measure.rel.enablei = smua.REL_OFF	Disable current relative offset
smua.measure.rel.enablep = smua.REL_OFF	Disable power relative offset
smua.measure.rel.enabler = smua.REL_OFF	Disable resistance relative offset
smua.measure.rel.enablev = smua.REL_OFF	Disable voltage relative offset
smua.measure.rel.enablei = smua.REL_ON	Enable current relative offset
smua.measure.rel.enablep = smua.REL_ON	Enable power relative offset
smua.measure.rel.enabler = smua.REL_ON	Enable resistance relative offset
smua.measure.rel.enablev = smua.REL_ON	Enable voltage relative offset

Relative offset programming example

The programming example below performs a current measurement, uses it as the relative offset value, and also enables current relative offset:

```
-- Measure and set present current value as the relative offset.
smua.measure.rel.leveli = smua.measure.i()
-- Enable current relative offset.
smua.measure.rel.enablei = smua.REL_ON
```

Filters

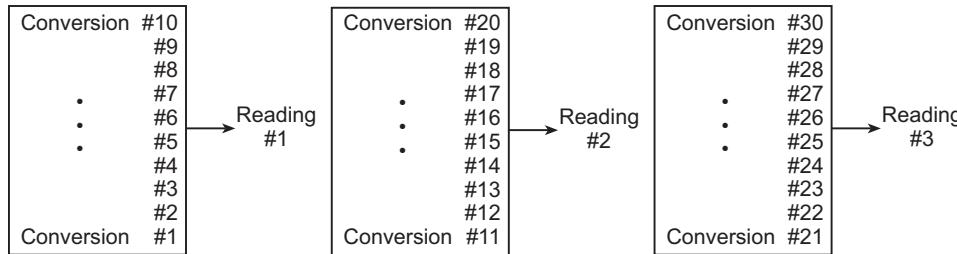
The filter feature lets you set the filter response to stabilize noisy measurements. The Model 2657A uses a digital filter, which is based on reading conversions. The displayed, stored, or transmitted reading is calculated using one or more reading conversions (from 1 to 100).

Filter types

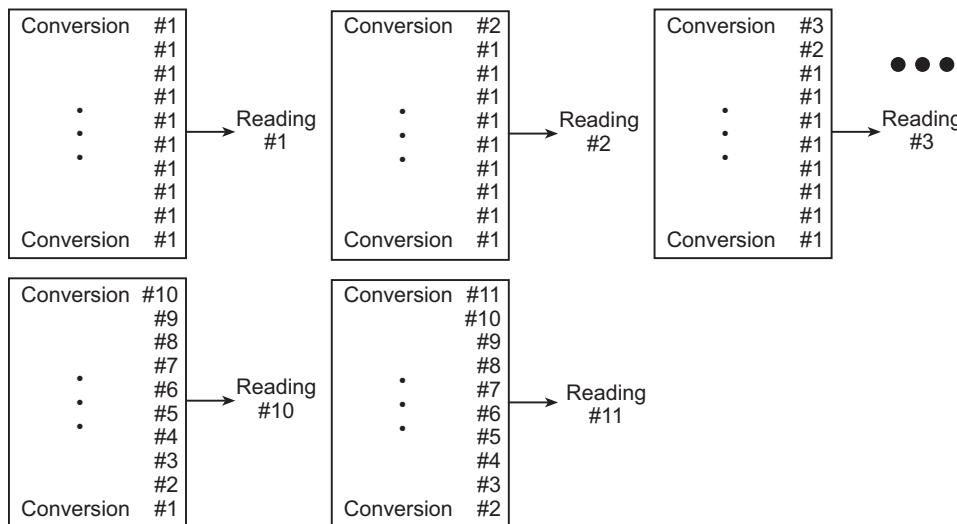
The Model 2657A has three filter types. These three filter types are broken down into two averaging filters and one median filter.

The two averaging filters are repeating and moving (see figure below). For the repeating filter (which is the power-on default), the stack (filter count) is filled, and the conversions are averaged to yield a reading. The stack is then cleared, and the process starts over.

Figure 30: Repeating and moving average filters



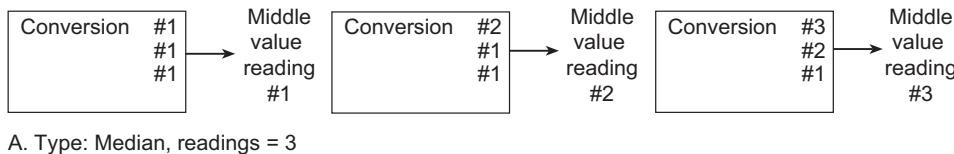
A. Type: Repeating, readings = 10



B. Type: Moving average, readings = 10

The moving average filter uses a first-in, first-out stack. When the stack (filter count) becomes full, the measurement conversions are averaged, yielding a reading. For each subsequent conversion placed into the stack, the oldest conversion is discarded. The stack is averaged again, yielding a new reading.

The median filter is used to pass the “middle-most” reading from a group of readings that are arranged according to size. The median filter uses a first-in, first-out stack similar to the moving average filter. For each subsequent conversion placed into the stack, the oldest conversion is discarded. The median is then redetermined.

Figure 31: Median filter

When a moving average filter or a median filter is first enabled, the stack is empty. The first reading conversion is placed in the stack and is then copied to the other stack locations in order to fill it. Thus, the first filtered reading is the same as the first reading conversion. The normal moving filter process continues. Note that a true average or median reading is not yielded until the stack is filled with new reading conversions (no copies in the stack). For example, in the figure for the moving average filter, it takes ten filtered readings to fill the stack with new reading conversions. The first nine filtered readings are calculated using copied reading conversions.

Response time

The filter parameters have speed and accuracy trade-offs for the time needed to display, store, or output a filtered reading. These affect the number of reading conversions for speed versus accuracy and response to input signal changes.

The filter type and count affect the overall reading speed. The moving average filter is much faster than the repeat average filter because the instrument does not have to refill the filter stack for each reading. Also, the number of readings averaged affects reading speed; as the number of readings averaged increases, the reading speed decreases.

Front panel filter control

Enabling the filter

The filter is enabled by pressing the **FILTER** key. The **FILT** indicator is on while the filter is enabled. Pressing **FILTER** a second time disables filter.

Configuring the filter

Filter type and count are configured from the filter configuration menu. The same filter configuration is used for all measurement functions.

To configure the filter:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key and then the **FILTER** key.
2. Select **TYPE**, and then select the filter type: **AVERAGE** or **MEDIAN**.
 - **AVERAGE**: Use this menu item to select an averaging filter, then select the averaging filter type: **MOVING** or **REPEAT**.
 - **MEDIAN**: Use this menu item to select a median filter. The **MOVING** filter type is the only option.
3. Select **COUNT**, and then specify the filter count (1 to 100 readings).

Remote filter programming

Filter commands

The following table summarizes the filter commands. See the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for details about commands.

Filter commands

Command	Description
smua.measure.filter.count = count	Set filter count (1 to 100)
smua.measure.filter.enable = smua.FILTER_ON	Enable filter
smua.measure.filter.enable = smua.FILTER_OFF	Disable filter
smua.measure.filter.type = smua.FILTER_MEDIAN	Select median filter type
smua.measure.filter.type = smua.FILTER_MOVING_AVG	Select moving average filter type
smua.measure.filter.type = smua.FILTER_REPEAT_AVG	Select repeat average filter type

Filter programming example

The programming example below illustrates how to set the following filter aspects:

- **Filter type:** Moving average
- **Filter count:** 10
- **Filter state:** Enabled

```
-- Program count to 10.  
smua.measure.filter.count = 10  
-- Moving average filter type.  
smua.measure.filter.type = smua.FILTER_MOVING_AVG  
-- Enable filter.  
smua.measure.filter.enable = smua.FILTER_ON
```

Reading buffers

Reading buffers capture measurements, ranges, instrument status, and output state of the Keithley Instruments Model 2657A. The Model 2657A has two dedicated reading buffers. You can use the dedicated reading buffers to acquire readings, or you can use the `smua.makebuffer()` function to create dynamic reading buffers.

NOTE

You can access dedicated reading buffers from the front panel. Both dedicated and dynamic reading buffers can be accessed over the remote command interface.

Each dedicated reading buffer in the Model 2657A can store over 60,000 readings with the timestamps and source values options enabled. To store over 140,000 readings internally, disable the timestamps and source values options.

You can save the dedicated reading buffers to internal nonvolatile memory in the instrument or to a USB flash drive.

Once you save the reading buffers to a USB flash drive, insert the USB flash drive into the USB port on your computer to view the data in any compatible data analysis application, or to transfer the data from the USB flash drive to your computer.

NOTE

Reading buffers (other than the dedicated reading buffers) have fixed capacity and are not specifically limited to 60,000 or 140,000 readings.

Front-panel reading buffer control

The dedicated reading buffers can be configured, stored, and recalled when in local mode operation. Use the front panel to navigate and configure the reading buffers options and to save and recall stored readings. See the [Configuration menus](#) (on page 2-13) (CHANA-BUF) for information on reading buffer configuration.

Reading buffer options

The following listing outlines the menu structure and menu items associated with front panel reading buffer control. This section provides a description for each reading buffer option. Use the procedure in [Configuring reading buffers](#) (on page 3-7) as a guideline to configure these reading buffer options.

- **DEST:** Sets data storage destination (buffer 1, buffer 2, or NONE).
- **BUFFER1:** Configure buffer 1.
 - **CLEAR:** Clear buffer (YES or NO).
 - **ELEMENTS:** Enable (ON) or disable (OFF) data storage elements:
 - **SRC-VAL:** Enable or disable source values.
 - **TSTAMP:** Enable or disable timestamps.

- **BUFFER2:** Configure buffer 2.
 - **CLEAR:** Clear buffer (YES or NO).
 - **ELEMENTS:** Enable (ON) or disable (OFF) data storage elements:
 - **SRC-VAL:** Enable or disable source values.
 - **TSTAMP:** Enable or disable timestamps.

Configuring reading buffers

To configure reading buffers from the front panel:

NOTE

Enabling or disabling the source value or the timestamp is optional.

1. Press the **CONFIG** key.
2. Select **STORE > CHANA-BUFF > DEST** and then choose one of the following:
 - CHANA-BUFF1
 - CHANA-BUFF2
 - NONE
3. Select **BUFFER1** or **BUFFER2**.
4. Clear the buffer by turning the navigation wheel  to select **CLEAR > YES**.
5. Turn the navigation wheel  to highlight **ELEMENTS**, and then press the navigation wheel  (or the **ENTER** key).

NOTE

You must clear the reading buffer before you can enable or disable the source value or the timestamp options.

6. Configure the reading buffer's timestamp elements:
 - a. Turn the navigation wheel  to highlight **TSTAMP**.
 - b. Press the navigation wheel  (or the **ENTER** key).
 - c. Select **OFF** or **ON** and then press the navigation wheel  (or the **ENTER** key).
7. Configure the reading buffer's source value elements:
 - a. Turn the navigation wheel  to highlight **SRC-VAL**.
 - b. Press the navigation wheel  (or the **ENTER** key).
 - c. Select **OFF** or **ON**.
8. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the main menu.

Appending or overwriting existing reading buffers

When storing data to a reading buffer that already holds data, the new data can be appended to the reading buffer data, or it can overwrite the old data.

To configure the instrument to append or overwrite measurements the next time data is acquired:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key. Select **STORE**, and then select **STORAGE-MODE**. The Storage Mode menu is shown.
2. Select one of the following:
 - **APPEND**
 - **OVERWRITE**
3. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the main menu.

Storage operation

Use this option to initiate a storage operation and to configure the number of readings to acquire during the storage operation. The reading count can range from 1 to 60,000 with timestamps and source values enabled; the count can range to over 140,000 with timestamps and source values disabled.

NOTE

To store the maximum number of readings in a reading buffer (over 140,000), disable the source values and timestamps for that reading buffer.

To specify the number of readings and initiate the storing operation:

1. From the front panel, press the **STORE** key, and then select **TAKE_READINGS**.
2. Use the navigation wheel  to select the number of readings.
3. Push the navigation wheel  to switch to edit mode.
4. Turn the navigation wheel  to change the numeric value, and then push the navigation wheel  to save the numeric value.
5. Press the **ENTER** key to save the count.
6. Press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control to start taking readings.

NOTE

If the output-off mode is ZERO or the output is already on, the instrument starts acquiring readings when the **ENTER** key is pressed (see step 5 of the preceding procedure). Otherwise the instrument starts acquiring readings when the output is turned on (step 6).

Saving reading buffers

You can save the dedicated reading buffers to nonvolatile memory, or you can save them to a USB flash drive. Note that the instrument will restore the dedicated reading buffers from internal nonvolatile memory when the unit is turned off and back on.

Saving the reading buffers to nonvolatile memory

After the measurements are complete, you can save the reading buffer data to the nonvolatile memory in the instrument.

To save the reading buffer data:

1. From the front panel, press the **STORE** key, and then select **SAVE**.
2. Select **INTERNAL** to save to internal nonvolatile memory.
3. Select one of the following:
 - **SMUA_BUFFER1**
 - **SMUA_BUFFER2**
4. The front panel displays **Saving...** This may take awhile.
5. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the main menu.

Saving the reading buffer to a USB flash drive

After the measurements are complete, you can save the reading buffer data to a USB flash drive.

To save the reading buffer data to a USB flash drive:

1. Insert the USB flash drive into the USB port.
2. Press the **STORE** key and use the navigation wheel  to select **SAVE**. Then select **USB1**.
3. Select one of the following file formats:
 - **CSV**
 - **XML**
4. Use the navigation wheel  to select the reading buffer.
5. Use the navigation wheel  to change the file name.
6. Press the navigation wheel  or the **ENTER** key to save the file.
7. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the main menu.

Recalling readings**To recall the data stored in a reading buffer:**

1. Press the **RECALL** key.
2. Select **DATA** or **STATISTICS**.
3. Select the buffer to display. The data or statistics are displayed.
 - If data is being recalled, the reading display is on the top left, and the buffer location number is on the right. The source values are positioned at the lower left side of the display (if enabled); the timestamp (if used) is positioned at the lower right side.
 - If statistics are being recalled, the information includes values for MEAN, STD DEV, SAMPLE SIZE, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM, and PK-PK.
 - The source display field identifies the buffer: SrcA1 (buffer 1) or SrcA2 (buffer 2).

Buffer location number

The buffer location number indicates the memory location of the source-measure reading. For example, location #0000001 indicates that the displayed source-measure reading is stored at the first memory location.

Timestamp

If the timestamp is enabled, the first source-measure reading stored in the buffer (#0000001) is timestamped at 0.000 seconds. Subsequent readings are timestamped relative to when the first measurement was made. The interval between readings depends on the reading rate.

Displaying other buffer readings and statistics

To display other readings and statistics in the reading buffer:

1. While still in the buffer recall mode:
 - If viewing the data stored in the buffer, turn the navigation wheel  to increment and decrement the selected digit of the location number by one. Press the navigation wheel  and then turn it or use the **CURSOR** keys to move to the next digit that the navigation wheel  will change.
 - If viewing the statistics stored in the buffer, turn the navigation wheel  or use the **CURSOR** keys to scroll between MEAN, STD DEV, SAMPLE SIZE, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM, and PK-PK.
2. To exit from the reading buffer recall mode, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key.

Remote reading buffer programming

You can get readings by making overlapped or sequential measurements. Routines that make single-point measurements can be configured to make multiple measurements where one would ordinarily be made.

The measured value is not the only component of a reading. The measurement status (for example, "In Compliance" or "Overranged") is also an element of data associated with a particular reading.

All routines that return measurements can store the measurements in the reading buffers. Overlapped measurements always return readings in a reading buffer. Non-overlapped measurement functions can return single-point measurement values or store multiple values in a reading buffer.

A reading buffer is based on a Lua table. The measurements are accessed by ordinary array accesses. If `rb` is a reading buffer, the first measurement is accessed as `rb[1]` and the 9th measurement as `rb[9]`. The additional information in the table is accessed as additional members of the table.

The load, save, and write operations for reading buffers function differently in the remote state. From a remote command interface, you can extract data from reading buffers as the instrument acquires the data.

Dedicated reading buffer designations

The source-measure unit (SMU) contains two dedicated reading buffers:

- `smua.nvbuffer1` (buffer 1)
- `smua.nvbuffer2` (buffer 2)

To access a reading buffer, include the name of the SMU in the attribute. For example, the following command would store readings from channel A into buffer 1:

```
smua.measure.overlappedi(smua.nvbuffer1)
```

Reading buffer commands

The following table summarizes commands associated with the reading buffers. See [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for detailed reading buffer command information.

Reading buffer commands

Command	Description
Commands to save/clear readings:	
smua.savebuffer(smua.nvbufferY)	Saves the reading buffer to the nonvolatile memory on the Model 2657A.
smua.nvbuffer1.clear()	Clears buffer 1.
smua.nvbuffer2.clear()	Clears buffer 2.
mybuffer = smua.makebuffer(<i>n</i>)	Creates a dynamically allocated buffer for <i>n</i> readings.
mybuffer = nil	Deletes the dynamically allocated buffer.
savebuffer(smua.nvbuffer1,"csv", "/usb1/mybuffer.csv")	Saves the reading buffer to the USB flash drive.
Commands to store readings	
smua.measure.count = <i>count</i>	The number of measurements to acquire.
smua.measure.overlappedi(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes current measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.overlappediv(<i>ibuffer</i> , <i>vbuffer</i>)	Takes both current and voltage measurements; stores current readings in <i>ibuffer</i> and stores voltage readings in <i>vbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.overlappedp(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes power measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.overlappedr(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes resistance measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.overlappedv(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes voltage measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.v(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes voltage measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.i(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes current measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.iv(<i>ibuffer</i> , <i>vbuffer</i>)	Takes both current and voltage measurements; stores current readings in <i>ibuffer</i> and stores voltage readings in <i>vbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.r(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes resistance measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.measure.p(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Takes power measurements; stores readings in <i>rbuffer</i> .
smua.trigger.measure.v(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Configures voltage measurements to be made during a sweep including the location where readings will be stored (<i>rbuffer</i>).
smua.trigger.measure.i(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Configures current measurements to be made during a sweep including the location where readings will be stored (<i>rbuffer</i>).
smua.trigger.measure.r(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Configures resistance measurements to be made during a sweep including the location where readings will be stored (<i>rbuffer</i>).
smua.trigger.measure.p(<i>rbuffer</i>)	Configures power measurements to be made during a sweep including the location of readings where readings will be stored (<i>rbuffer</i>).
smua.trigger.measure.iv(<i>ibuffer</i> , <i>vbuffer</i>)	Configures both current and voltage measurements to be made during a sweep including the location of where readings will be stored; current readings will be stored in <i>ibuffer</i> and voltage readings will be stored in <i>vbuffer</i> .

Commands to access readings:	
<code>printbuffer(<i>start_index</i>, <i>end_index</i>, <i>st_1</i>, <i>st_2</i>, ... <i>st_n</i>)</code>	Prints data from buffer subtables: <i>start_index</i> (starting index of values to print). <i>end_index</i> (ending index of values to print). <i>st_1</i> , <i>st_2</i> , ... <i>st_n</i> (subtables from which to print, each separated by a comma).

Buffer storage control attributes

The following table contains buffer storage control attributes.

NOTE

Before changing the `collectsourcevalues`, `collecttimestamps`, or `timestampresolution` attributes, you must clear the buffer using the `smua.nvbuffer1.clear()` or `smua.nvbuffer2.clear()` command.

Buffer storage control attributes: Describes buffer storage attributes

Storage attribute	Description
<code>appendmode</code>	The append mode is either off or on. When the append mode is off, a new measurement to this buffer overwrites the previous contents. When the append mode is on, the first new measurement is stored at what was formerly <code>rb[n+1]</code> . This attribute is initialized to off when the buffer is created.
<code>cachemode</code>	When this attribute is on, the reading buffer cache improves access speed to reading buffer data. When running successive operations that overwrite reading buffer data without running any commands that automatically invalidate the cache, the reading buffer may return stale cache data. This attribute is initialized to on when the buffer is created.
<code>collectsourcevalues</code>	When this attribute is on, source values are stored with readings in the buffer. This value, off or on, can be changed only when the buffer is empty. When the buffer is created, this attribute is initialized to off.
<code>collecttimestamps</code>	When this attribute is on, timestamps will be stored with readings in the buffer. This value, off or on, can be changed only when the buffer is empty. When the buffer is created, this attribute is initialized to off.
<code>fillcount</code>	The reading buffer fill count sets the number of readings to store before restarting at index 1. If the value is 0, then the capacity of the buffer is used. This attribute is only used when the <code>fillmode</code> attribute is set to <code>FILL_WINDOW</code> .
<code>fillmode</code>	The reading buffer fill mode controls how new data is added to the reading buffer. When this attribute is set to <code>FILL_ONCE</code> , the reading buffer will not overwrite readings. If the buffer fills up, new readings will be discarded. When this attribute is set to <code>FILL_WINDOW</code> , new readings will be added after existing data until the buffer holds <code>fillcount</code> elements. Once there are <code>fillcount</code> elements, new data starts overwriting data starting at index 1.
<code>timestampresolution</code>	The timestamp resolution, in seconds. When the buffer is created, its initial resolution is 0.000001 seconds. At this resolution, the reading buffer can store unique timestamps for up to 71 minutes. This value can be increased for very long tests. Note: The minimum resolution setting is 1 μ s (0.000001 seconds).

Buffer read-only attributes

The following table contains buffer read-only attributes.

Buffer read-only attributes: Read-only attributes used to access buffer parameters

Storage attribute	Description
basetimestamp	The timestamp of when the reading at <code>rb[1]</code> was stored, in seconds from midnight January 1, 1970 GMT. See Time and date values (on page 7-3) for additional details.
capacity	The total number of readings that can be stored in the reading buffer.
n	The number of readings in the reading buffer.
next	This attribute indicates where the next element that will be added to the reading buffer will be stored.

Buffer storage control programming examples

The programming examples below illustrate the use of buffer storage control attributes.

Buffer control programming examples:

Command	Description
<code>smua.nvbuffer1.collectsourcevalues = 1</code>	Enable source value storage.
<code>smua.nvbuffer1.appendmode = 1</code>	Enable buffer append mode.
<code>smua.nvbuffer1.collecttimestamps = 0</code>	Disable timestamp storage.
<code>smua.nvbuffer1.timestampresolution = 0.001</code>	Set timestamp resolution to 0.001024 s.
<code>smua.nvbuffer1.fillcount = 50</code>	Set 50 as the number of readings the buffer will take before restarting at index 1.
<code>smua.nvbuffer1.fillmode = 0</code>	Set the reading buffer to fill once (do not overwrite old data).

Buffer read-only attribute programming examples

The follow programming examples illustrate use of buffer read-only attributes.

Buffer read-only attribute programming examples:

Command	Description
<code>number = smua.nvbuffer1.n</code>	Request the number of readings in the buffer.
<code>buffer_size = smua.nvbuffer1.capacity</code>	Request buffer size.

Statistic attributes

Use the `smua.buffer.getstats()` function to access the reading buffer data statistics. The table below displays the attributes that you can use to access the reading buffer statistics.

The returned parameter has the attributes described in the following table.

Attributes for accessing reading buffer data

Attribute	When returned	Description
n	Always	The number of data points on which the statistics are based.
mean	When n > 0	The average of all readings added to the buffer.
stddev	When n > 1	The standard deviation of all readings (samples) added to the buffer.
min	When n > 0	A table containing data about the minimum reading value added to the buffer.
max	When n > 0	A table containing data about the maximum reading value added to the buffer.

If n equals zero (0), all other attributes will be `nil` because there is no data to base any statistics on. If n equals 1, the `stddev` attribute will be `nil` because the standard deviation of a sample size of 1 is undefined.

The `min` and `max` entries each have the attributes described in the following table.

Min and max entry attributes

Attribute	Description
measurefunction	String indicating the function measured for the reading (current, voltage, ohms or watts).
measurerange	The full-scale range value for the measure range used when the measurement was made.
reading	The reading value.
sourcefunction	String indicating the source function at the time of the measurement (current or voltage).
sourceoutputstate	String indicating the state of the source (off or on).
sourcerange	Full-scale range value for the source range used when the measurement was made.
sourcevalue	If <code>bufferVar.collectsourcevalues</code> is enabled, the sourced value in effect at the time of the reading.
status	Status value for the reading; the status value is a floating-point number that encodes the status value into a floating-point value.
timestamp	If <code>bufferVar.collecttimestamps</code> is enabled, the timestamp, in seconds, between when the reading was acquired and when the first reading in the buffer was acquired; adding this value to the base timestamp will give the actual time the measurement was acquired.

`bufferVar` is the name of the buffer. See [smuX.buffer.getstats\(\)](#) (on page 7-177) for additional information.

Example:

The following programming example illustrates how to output mean and standard deviation statistics from buffer 1:

```
statistics = smua.buffer.getstats(smua.nvbuffer1)
print(statistics.mean, statistics.stddev)
```

Reading buffer attributes

Use the reading buffer attributes to access the reading buffer data. The table below displays the attributes that you can use to access the reading buffer data.

Recall attributes

Recall attribute*	Description
measurefunctions	An array (a Lua table) of strings indicating the function measured for the reading (current, voltage, ohms, or watts).
measureranges	An array (a Lua table) of full-scale range values for the measure range used when the measurement was made.
readings	An array (a Lua table) of the readings stored in the reading buffer. This array holds the same data that is returned when the reading buffer is accessed directly; that is, <code>rb[2]</code> and <code>rb.readings[2]</code> access the same value.
sourcefunctions	An array (a Lua table) of strings indicating the source function at the time of the measurement (current or voltage).
sourceoutputstates	An array (a Lua table) of strings indicating the state of the source (off or on).
sourceranges	An array (a Lua table) of full-scale range values for the source range used when the measurement was made.
sourcevalues	If enabled, an array (a Lua table) of the sourced values in effect at the time of the reading.
statuses	An array (a Lua table) of status values for all of the readings in the buffer. The status values are floating-point numbers that encode the status value into a floating-point value. See Buffer status (on page 3-16).
timestamps	If enabled, an array (a Lua table) of timestamps, in seconds, of when each reading occurred. These are relative to the <code>basetimestamp</code> for the buffer. See Reading buffer commands (on page 3-11).

* The default attribute is `readings`, which can be omitted. For example, both `smua.nvbuffer1` and `smua.nvbuffer1.readings` will access readings from buffer 1.

Examples:

The following programming example illustrates how to output 100 readings from buffer 1:

```
printbuffer(1, 100, smua.nvbuffer1.readings)
```

Similarly, the following would output 100 corresponding source values from buffer 1:

```
printbuffer(1, 100, smua.nvbuffer1.sourcevalues)
```

The default reading attribute is `readings`, and can be omitted. Thus, the following would also output 100 readings from buffer 1:

```
printbuffer(1, 100, smua.nvbuffer1)
```

Buffer status

The buffer reading status attribute includes the status information as a numeric value; see the following table for values. For example, to access status information for the second element of SMU buffer 1, use the following command:

```
stat_info = smua.nvbuffer1.statuses[2]
```

Buffer status bits

Bit	Name	Hex value	Description
B0	FastADC	0x01	Fast ADC was used to make the reading
B1	Overtemp	0x02	Over temperature condition
B2	AutoRangeMeas	0x04	Measure range was autoranged
B3	AutoRangeSrc	0x08	Source range was autoranged
B4	4Wire	0x10	4-wire (remote) sense mode enabled
B5	Rel	0x20	Rel applied to reading
B6	Compliance	0x40	Source function in compliance
B7	Filtered	0x80	Reading was filtered

Dynamic reading buffers

Reading buffers can also be allocated dynamically. Dynamic reading buffers are created and allocated with the `smua.makebuffer(n)` command, where `n` is the number of readings the buffer can store. For example, the following command allocates a reading buffer named `mybuffer` that can store 100 readings:

```
mybuffer = smua.makebuffer(100)
```

Allocated reading buffers can be deleted as follows:

```
mybuffer = nil
```

Dynamically allocated reading buffers can be used interchangeably with the `smua.nvbufferY` buffers that are described in [Dedicated reading buffer designations](#) (on page 3-10).

Buffer examples

Dedicated reading buffer example

The following programming example illustrates how to store data using dedicated reading buffer 1. In the example, the Model 2657A loops for voltages from 21 V to 120 V with 1 V steps (essentially performing a staircase sweep), stores 100 current readings and source values in buffer 1, and then recalls all 100 readings and source values.

```
-- Restore Model 2657A defaults.  
smua.reset()  
-- Set display.  
display.screen = display.SMUA  
-- Display current.  
display.smua.measure.func = display.MEASURE_DCAMP  
-- Select measure I autorange.  
smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Select ASCII data format.  
format.data = format.ASCII  
-- Clear buffer 1.  
smua.nvbuffer1.clear()  
-- Enable append buffer mode.  
smua.nvbuffer1.appendmode = 1  
-- Enable source value storage.  
smua.nvbuffer1.collectsourcevalues = 1  
-- Set count to 1.  
smua.measure.count = 1  
-- Select source voltage function.  
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS  
-- Set bias voltage to 0 V.  
smua.source.levelv = 0.0  
-- Turn on output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON  
-- Loop for voltages from 21 V to 120 V.  
for v = 21, 120 do  
    -- Set source voltage.  
    smua.source.levelv = v  
    -- Measure current and store in nvbuffer1.  
    smua.measure.i(smua.nvbuffer1)  
end  
-- Turn off output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF  
-- Output readings 1 to 100.  
printbuffer(1, smua.nvbuffer1.n, smua.nvbuffer1.readings)  
-- Output source values 1 to 100.  
printbuffer(1, smua.nvbuffer1.n, smua.nvbuffer1.sourcevalues)
```

Dual buffer example

The programming example below shows a script for storing both current and voltage readings using buffer 1 for current and buffer 2 for voltage readings. The Model 2657A stores 100 current and voltage readings and then recalls all 100 sets of readings.

```
-- Restore Model 2657A defaults.  
smua.reset()  
-- Select measure I autorange.  
smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Select measure V autorange.  
smua.measure.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Select ASCII data format.  
format.data = format.ASCII  
-- Clear buffer 1.  
smua.nvbuffer1.clear()  
-- Clear buffer 2.  
smua.nvbuffer2.clear()  
-- Set buffer count to 100.  
smua.measure.count = 100  
-- Set measure interval to 0.1 s.  
smua.measure.interval = 0.1  
-- Select source voltage function.  
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS  
-- Output 100 V.  
smua.source.levelv = 100  
-- Turn on output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON  
-- Store current readings in buffer 1, voltage readings in buffer 2.  
smua.measure.overlappediv(smua.nvbuffer1, smua.nvbuffer2)  
-- Wait for buffer to fill.  
waitcomplete()  
-- Turn off output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF  
-- Output buffer 1 readings 1 to 100.  
printbuffer(1, 100, smua.nvbuffer1)  
-- Output buffer 2 readings 1 to 100.  
printbuffer(1, 100, smua.nvbuffer2)
```

Dynamically allocated buffer example

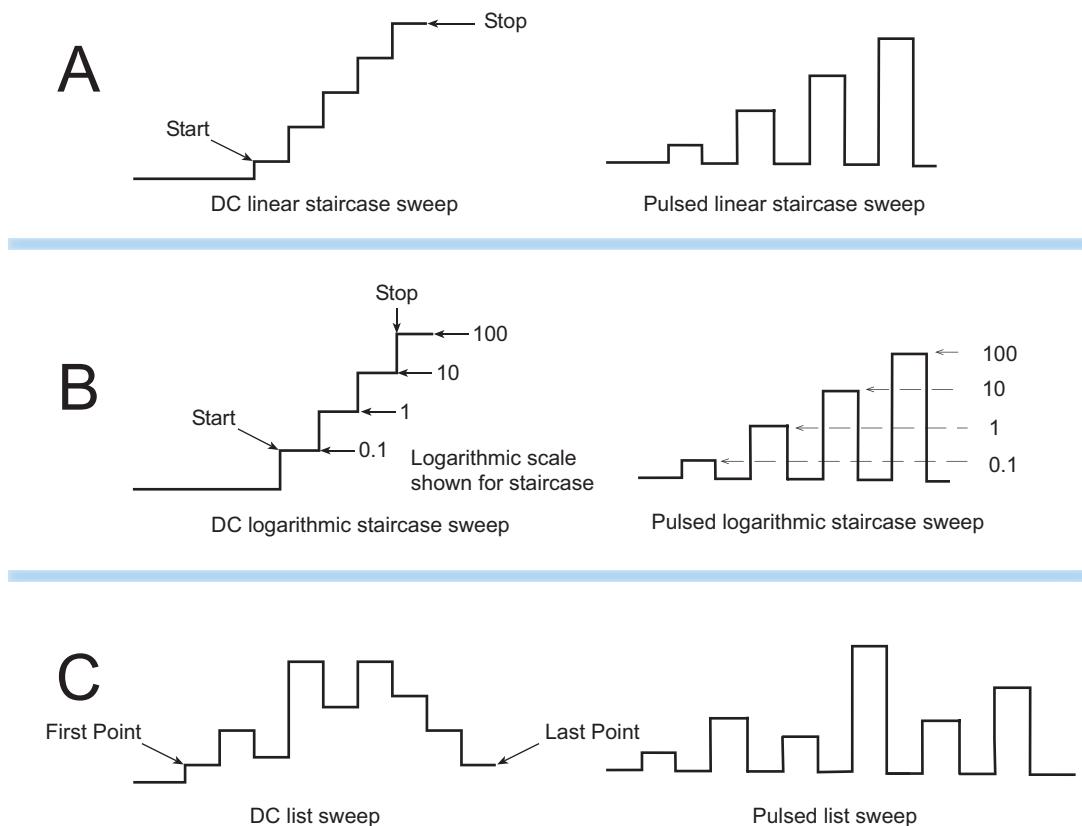
The programming example below illustrates how to store data to an allocated buffer called `mybuffer`. The Model 2657A stores 100 current readings in `mybuffer` and then recalls all the readings.

```
-- Restore Model 2657A defaults.  
smua.reset()  
-- Select measure I autorange.  
smua.measure.autorangei = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Select measure V autorange.  
smua.measure.autorangev = smua.AUTORANGE_ON  
-- Select ASCII data format.  
format.data = format.ASCII  
-- Set buffer count to 100.  
smua.measure.count = 100  
-- Set measure interval to 0.1 s.  
smua.measure.interval = 0.1  
-- Select source voltage function.  
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS  
-- Output 100 V.  
smua.source.levelv = 100  
-- Turn on output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON  
-- Create a temporary reading buffer.  
mybuffer = smua.makebuffer(smua.measure.count)  
-- Store current readings in mybuffer.  
smua.measure.overlappedi(mybuffer)  
-- Wait for buffer to fill.  
waitcomplete()  
-- Turn off output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF  
-- Output readings 1 to 100 from mybuffer.  
printbuffer(1, 100, mybuffer)  
-- Delete mybuffer.  
mybuffer = nil
```

Sweep operation

Overview

The Model 2657A can generate DC and pulsed sweeps to perform source-only sweeps, source-and-measure sweeps, or measure-only sweeps. There are three sweep types shown in the following figure: DC and pulsed linear staircase sweeps (A), DC and pulsed logarithmic staircase sweeps (B), and DC and pulsed list sweeps (C). Details about each kind of sweep follow the figure.

Figure 32: Sweep types

DC and pulsed linear staircase sweeps (A): With this type of sweep, the voltage or current increases or decreases in fixed steps, beginning with a start voltage or current and ending with a stop voltage or current. This portion of the figure (A) shows an increasing linear staircase sweep and a pulsed staircase sweep. Pulsed linear staircase sweeps function the same way that DC linear staircase sweeps function, except that pulsed linear staircase sweeps return to the idle level between pulses.

DC and pulsed logarithmic staircase sweeps (B): In this type of sweep, the current or voltage increases or decreases geometrically, beginning with a start voltage or current and ending with a stop voltage or current. This portion of the figure (B) shows an increasing logarithmic staircase sweep and a pulsed logarithmic staircase sweep. Pulsed logarithmic staircase sweeps function the same way that DC logarithmic staircase sweeps function, except that pulsed logarithmic staircase sweeps return to the idle level between pulses.

DC and pulsed list sweeps (C): The list sweep allows you to program arbitrary sweep steps anywhere within the output voltage or current range of the Model 2657A. This portion of the figure (C) shows a list sweep with arbitrary steps and a pulsed list sweep. Pulsed list sweeps function the same way that DC list sweeps function, except that pulsed list sweeps return to the idle level between pulses.

Sweep characteristics

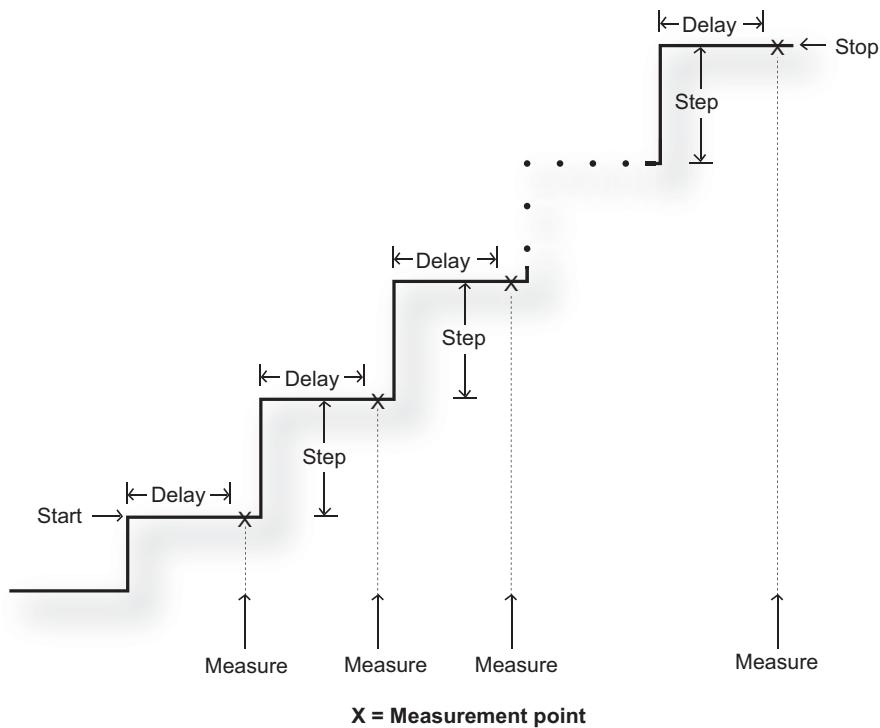
NOTE

For any of the sweep types, program a pulse mode sweep by configuring the end pulse action. Refer to [Pulse mode sweeps](#) (on page 3-26) for more information.

Linear staircase sweeps

As shown below, this sweep type steps from a start voltage or current value to an ending (stop) value. When enabled, a measurement is made at each point after the source and measurement settling time.

Figure 33: Linear staircase sweep



A linear staircase sweep is configured using a start level, a stop level, and the total number of points, including the start and stop points. The step size is determined by the start and stop levels, and the number of sweep points:

$$\text{step} = (\text{stop} - \text{start}) / (\text{points} - 1)$$

NOTE

The number of sweep steps actually performed is determined by the trigger count. Refer to [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for more information.

The sweep can be either positive-going or negative-going, depending on the relative values of the start and stop parameters. When the sweep starts, the output will go to the start source level. The output will then change in equal steps until the stop level is reached. If the trigger count is greater than the number of points specified, the SMU will start over at the beginning value.

To configure a linear staircase sweep, use `smua.trigger.source.linearY()`. This function configures the source values the SMU will output when performing a linear sweep. After configuring the sweep, you must also enable the source action by setting the following attribute:

```
smua.trigger.source.action
```

Example:

```
-- Configure a sweep from 50 to 150 V in 10 V steps.  
smua.trigger.source.linearv(50, 150, 11)  
-- Enable the source action.  
smua.trigger.source.action = smua.ENABLE
```

For more information, see [smuX.trigger.source.linearY\(\)](#) (on page 7-242).

Logarithmic staircase sweeps

This type of sweep is similar to the linear staircase sweep. The steps, however, are done on a logarithmic scale.

Like a linear staircase sweep, logarithmic sweeps are configured using a start level, a stop level, and the number of points. The step size is determined by the start and stop levels, and the number of sweep points. However, in a logarithmic sweep, the step size increases or decreases exponentially. To create an increasing logarithmic sweep, set the stop value to be greater than the start value. To create a decreasing logarithmic sweep, set the stop value to be less than the start value. When enabled, a measurement is made at each step after source and measurement settling time. An asymptote can also be used to control the inflection of a sweep.

NOTE

The number of sweep steps actually performed is determined by the trigger count. See [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for more information.

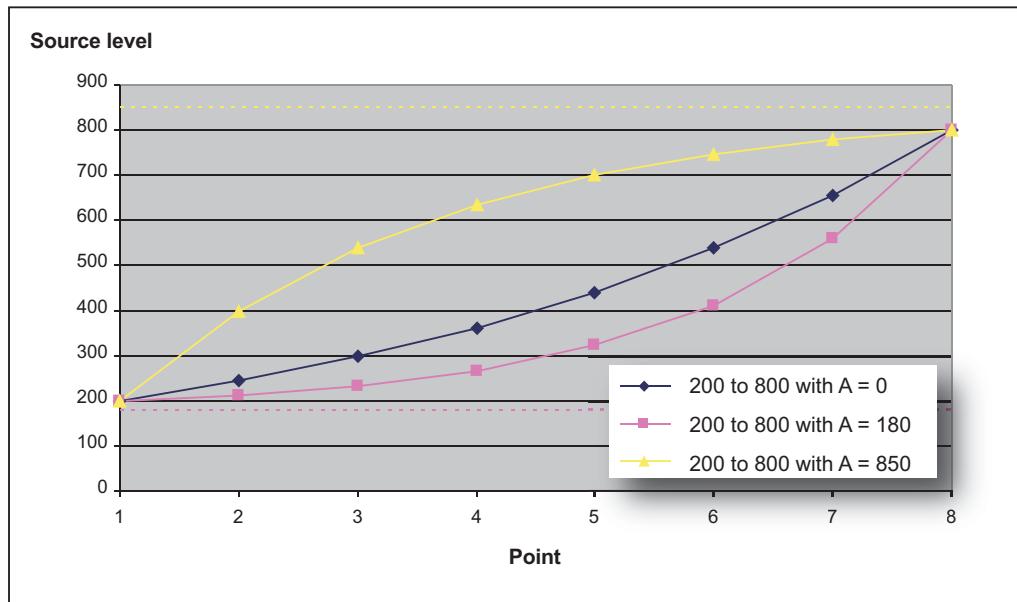
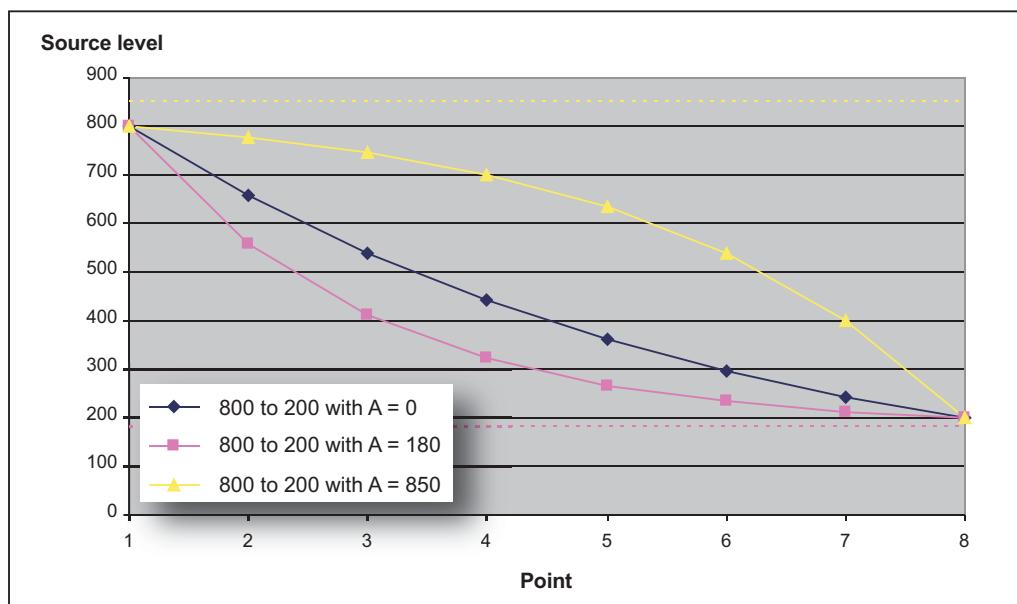
The formula for a logarithmic sweep is:

$$v_i = A + kb^i$$

Where:

- v_i = The source value at source point i
- i = The index of points in the sweep (ranges from 0 to $N-1$)
- N = The number of points in the sweep
- k = The initial source value as an offset from the asymptote
- b = The step size ratio
- A = The asymptote value

The asymptote is used to change the inflection of the sweep curve and allow it to sweep through zero. Both of the following figures depict the effect of the asymptote on the inflection of the sweep curve. The following two figures show sample sweeps.

Figure 34: Increasing logarithmic sweep**Figure 35: Decreasing logarithmic sweep**

Solving for k and b provides the following formulas:

$$k = V_{start} - A$$

$$b = 10 \left(\frac{\log_{10}(V_{end} - A) - \log_{10}(V_{start} - A)}{N-1} \right)$$

Where:

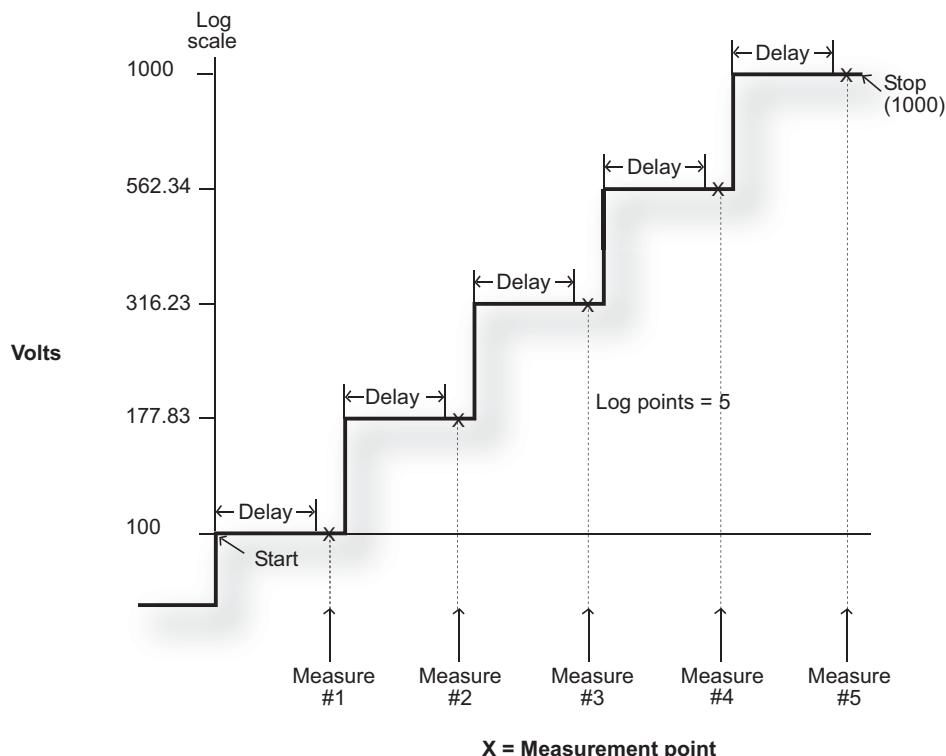
- V_{end} = The source value at the end point
- V_{start} = The source value at the start point
- N = The number of points in the sweep
- A = The asymptote value

NOTE

The number of points in a sweep is one greater than the number of steps in the sweep.

The following figure is an example of a five-point logarithmic sweep from 100 V to 1000 V.

Figure 36: Logarithmic staircase sweep (100 V to 1000 V, five steps)



In this example:

$$A = 0, V_{\text{start}} = 100, V_{\text{end}} = 1000, N = 5$$

Using the formula above, $k = 1$

Step size (b) for the sweep in the above figure is calculated as follows:

Figure 37: Logarithmic staircase sweeps (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log Step Size} &= \frac{\log_{10}(V_{\text{end}} - 0) - \log_{10}(V_{\text{start}} - 0)}{N - 1} \\ &= \frac{\log_{10}(1000) - \log_{10}(100)}{5 - 1} \\ &= \frac{(3 - 2)}{4} \\ &= 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $b = 10^{(\text{log step size})} = 1.7783$

The five log steps for this sweep are listed in the Logarithmic sweep points table below.

Logarithmic sweep points

Source point (N)	Source level (V)	Step number (i)
1	100	0
2	177.83	1
3	316.23	2
4	562.34	3
5	1000	4

When this sweep starts, the output will go to the start level (100 V) and sweep through the symmetrical log points.

To configure a logarithmic staircase sweep, use the `smua.trigger.source.logY()` function. This function configures the source values the source-measure unit (SMU) will output when performing a logarithmic sweep. After configuring the sweep, you must also enable the source action by setting the following attribute:

`smua.trigger.source.action`

Example:

```
-- Configure a sweep from 100 to 1000 V in 10 steps with an asymptote of 0 V.
smua.trigger.source.logv(100, 1000, 11, 0)
-- Enable the source action.
smua.trigger.source.action = smua.ENABLE
```

For more information, see [smuX.trigger.source.logY\(\)](#) (on page 7-244).

List sweeps

Use a list sweep to configure a sweep with arbitrary steps. When enabled, a measurement is made at each point after source and measurement settling time.

To configure a list sweep, use the `smua.trigger.source.listV()` function. This function configures the source values that the source-measure unit (SMU) will output when performing a list sweep. After configuring the sweep, you must also enable the source action by setting the `smua.trigger.source.action` attribute.

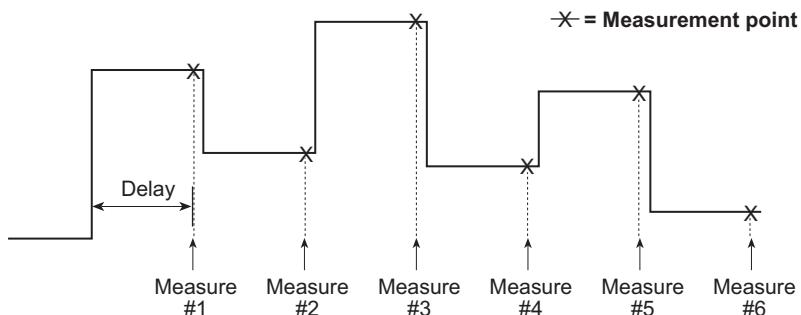
Example:

```
-- Sweep through 30 V, 20 V, 40 V, 50 V, and 20 V.  
smua.trigger.source.listv({30, 20, 40, 50, 20})  
-- Enable the source action.  
smua.trigger.source.action = smua.ENABLE
```

When the sweep is started, the output level goes to the first point in the sweep. The sweep will continue through the steps in the order that they were programmed.

The following figure shows a different example of a list sweep with six measurement points. When the sweep starts, the current or voltage goes to the first point in the sweep. The unit cycles through the sweep points in the programmed order.

Figure 38: List sweep example



Pulse mode sweeps

A pulse mode sweep can be created for any of the sweep types by configuring the end pulse action.

To configure a pulse mode sweep for source-measure unit (SMU) A, send:

```
smua.trigger.endpulse.action = smua.SOURCE_IDLE
```

To configure a DC sweep for SMU A, send:

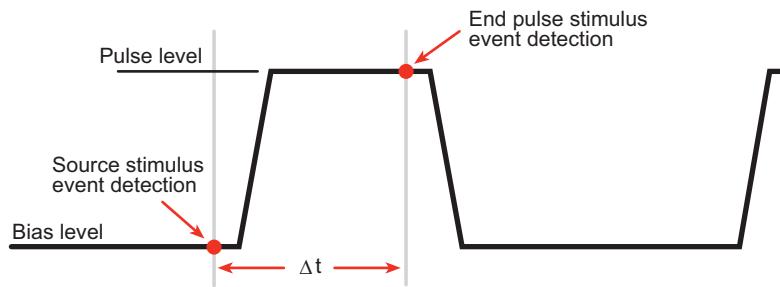
```
smua.trigger.endpulse.action = smua.SOURCE_HOLD
```

Timers must be used to configure the pulse width and period. Refer to [Using timers to perform pulse mode sweeps](#) (on page 3-44) for details.

The pulse width is managed by controlling the duration between the source stimulus event and the end pulse stimulus event. Note that a latency exists between these stimulus events and their resulting source level transitions. This trigger latency can vary based on factors such as the source range and the electrical characteristics of the device under test (DUT). The fast ADC mode can be used to characterize this latency, in order to better control the shape of the pulse under a particular set of test conditions.

The figure below shows the source and end pulse stimulus events in relationship to the pulse (see [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for information for information on stimulus events). Any change in Δt will result in a corresponding change in the pulse width.

Figure 39: Pulse width control



Pulse duty cycle

Duty cycle is the percentage of time during the pulse period that the output is on. It is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Duty cycle} = \text{Pulse width} / (\text{Pulse width} + \text{Off time})$$

For example, if the pulse width is 10 ms and the off time is 90 ms, the duty cycle is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Duty cycle} &= 10 \text{ ms} / (10 \text{ ms} + 90 \text{ ms}) \\ &= 10 \text{ ms} / 100 \text{ ms} \\ &= 0.10 \\ &= 10 \text{ percent}\end{aligned}$$

Calculation of the maximum duty cycle is needed when operating the instrument in an environment above 30 °C (86 °F). See [Maximum duty cycle equation](#) (on page 4-3) for additional information on calculating the maximum duty cycle for a SMU.

Configuring and running sweeps

Use the following topics to configure and run a sweep.

Configuring compliance limits remotely

Voltage and current limits can be configured using the `smuX.trigger.source.limitY` attribute, which sets the sweep source limits. For example, to set the SMU A sweep limit to 100 V, execute:

```
smua.trigger.source.limitv = 100
```

Configuring end sweep actions remotely

Use the end sweep action to configure the source action at the end of the sweep. The source-measure unit (SMU) can be programmed to return to the idle source level or hold the last value of the sweep. Configure the end sweep action by setting the `smuX.trigger.endsweep.action` attribute. For example, execute the following command to configure SMU A to return the source to the idle source level at the end of a sweep:

```
smua.trigger.endsweep.action = smua.SOURCE_IDLE
```

Configuring measurements during a sweep

Measurements can be performed during a sweep using the `smuX.trigger.measure.Y()` function. When sweeps are run, measurements are stored in the specified reading buffer for later recall. You can specify which reading buffer will store the readings. For example, to store the voltage readings taken during the sweep:

```
smua.trigger.measure.v(vbuffername)  
smua.trigger.measure.action = smua.ENABLE
```

To recall sweep data:

- **Using the front panel:** Press the **RECALL** key, and then select **DATA** or **STATISTICS**. For DATA: select the buffer, and then choose reading numbers to display using the navigation wheel or cursor keys. For STATISTICS: select the buffer, and then choose MEAN, STD DEV, SAMPLE SIZE, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM, or PK-PK to display using the navigation wheel or cursor keys. Recalling readings from the reading buffer using the front panel can only be done if one of the dedicated reading buffers is used to store the sweep data.
- **Remote:** Use the `printbuffer()` function to request buffer readings.

See [Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6) for details about recalling data from the buffer.

Source and measurement delays

Whenever the source-measure unit (SMU) outputs a source value in a sweep, it also applies the programmed source delay. The default source delay is zero (0) seconds. Set an additional source delay using the `smuX.source.delay` attribute.

Whenever the SMU performs a measurement in a sweep, it also applies any configured measurement delays. Use the `smuX.measure.delay` attribute to program a specific measurement delay. The default measurement delay varies by measure range.

Initiating and running sweeps

To run a sweep, you must configure the number of sweep points to output and the number of sweeps to perform. Use the trigger count to set the number of sweep points to output. Use the arm count to set the number of times to perform the sweep. See [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for more information.

Examples:

To start a sweep, use the `smuX.trigger.initiate()` function. Sweeps are overlapped operations, so you can use the `waitcomplete()` function as a way to suspend further operation until the sweep is complete.

To sweep 15 source points:

```
smua.trigger.count = 15
```

To perform eight sweeps:

```
smua.trigger.arm.count = 8
```

Aborting a sweep

The `smuX.abort()` function can be used to terminate all overlapped operations on a source-measure unit (SMU), including sweeps. It returns the SMU to the idle state of the remote trigger model. See [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for more information.

Sweeping using factory scripts

Factory script functions that perform linear staircase, logarithmic staircase, and list sweeps are listed in [Introduction to TSP operation](#) (on page 5-1). You can use the factory script functions to perform and execute simple sweeps, or use them as examples for programming your own custom sweeps.

Front panel

To run a sweep from the front panel:

1. Press the **LOAD** key, and then select **FACTORY**.
2. Select the name of the test to run.
3. Press the **RUN** key, and then follow the display prompts to complete the test.

See [Introduction to TSP operation](#) (on page 5-1) for more information about using factory scripts.

Press the **RECALL** key to access sweep data stored in dedicated reading buffer 1. See [Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6) for more details about the buffer.

Sweep programming examples

Procedures for programming and running a sweep for three sweep types are given on the following pages. Each of these procedures includes commands for a typical sweep example. The following table summarizes parameters for each of these examples.

Quick Tip

You can retrieve the source code for the factory scripts by using the [scriptVar.list\(\)](#) (on page 7-164) or [scriptVar.source](#) (on page 7-167) commands.

Sweep example parameters

Sweep type	Parameters for sweep examples
Linear staircase sweep	Start current: 1 mA Stop current: 10 mA Settling time: 0.1 s Number of points: 10
Pulse current sweep	Bias current: 1 mA On current: 10 mA Pulse on time: 10 ms Pulse off time: 50 ms Number of points: 10
List sweep	Points: 30 V, 20 V, 40 V, 50 V, 20 V Settling time 0.1 s Number of points: 5

Linear staircase sweep example

The programming example below illustrates a staircase sweep.

-- Restore Model 2657A defaults. smua.reset() -- Set compliance to 100 V. smua.source.limitv = 100	1. Configure source functions. Restores defaults and sets the compliance to 100 V.
-- Linear staircase sweep -- 1 mA to 10 mA, 0.1 second delay, -- 10 points. SweepILinMeasureV(smua, 1e-3, 10e-3, 0.1, 10)	2. Configure and execute the sweep. Configures a linear staircase current sweep from 1 mA to 10 mA with 10 points and a 0.1 second settling time.
printbuffer(1, 10, smua.nvbuffer1.readings)	3. Request readings. Requests readings from buffer 1.

Pulse current sweep example

The programming example below illustrates a pulse sweep.

-- Restore Model 2657A defaults. smua.reset() -- Set compliance to 100 V. smua.source.limitv = 100	1. Configure source functions. Restores defaults and set the compliance to 100 V.
-- Pulse current sweep, 1 mA bias, -- 10 mA level, 10 ms pulse on, -- 50 ms pulse off, 10 cycles. PulseIMeasureV(smua, 1e-3, 10e-3, 10e-3, 50e-3, 10) printbuffer(1, 10, smua.nvbuffer1.readings)	2. Configure and execute the sweep. Configures a 10 mA pulse current sweep with a 10 ms pulse on time, a 50 ms pulse off time, and 10 pulse-measure cycles.
	3. Request readings. Requests readings from buffer 1.

List sweep example

The programming example below illustrates a list sweep.

-- Restore Model 2657A defaults. smua.reset() -- Set compliance to 10 mA. smua.source.limiti = 10e-3	1. Configure source functions. Restores defaults and set the compliance to 10 mA.
-- Define voltage list. vlist = {30, 20, 40, 50, 20} -- List sweep, 30 V, 20 V, 40 V, -- 50 V, 20 V steps, 0.1 s delay, 5 points. SweepVListMeasureI(smua, vlist, 0.1, 5) printbuffer(1, 5, smua.nvbuffer1.readings)	2. Configure and execute the sweep. Configures a list sweep with 30 V, 20 V, 40 V, 50 V, and 20 V points using a 0.1 second settling time.
	3. Request readings. Requests readings from buffer 1.

Triggering

Triggering allows you to capture measurements when an input signal or combination of input signals meet a set of conditions that you set. Triggering can use messages and timers as well.

Remote triggering overview

There are two programming methods for triggering:

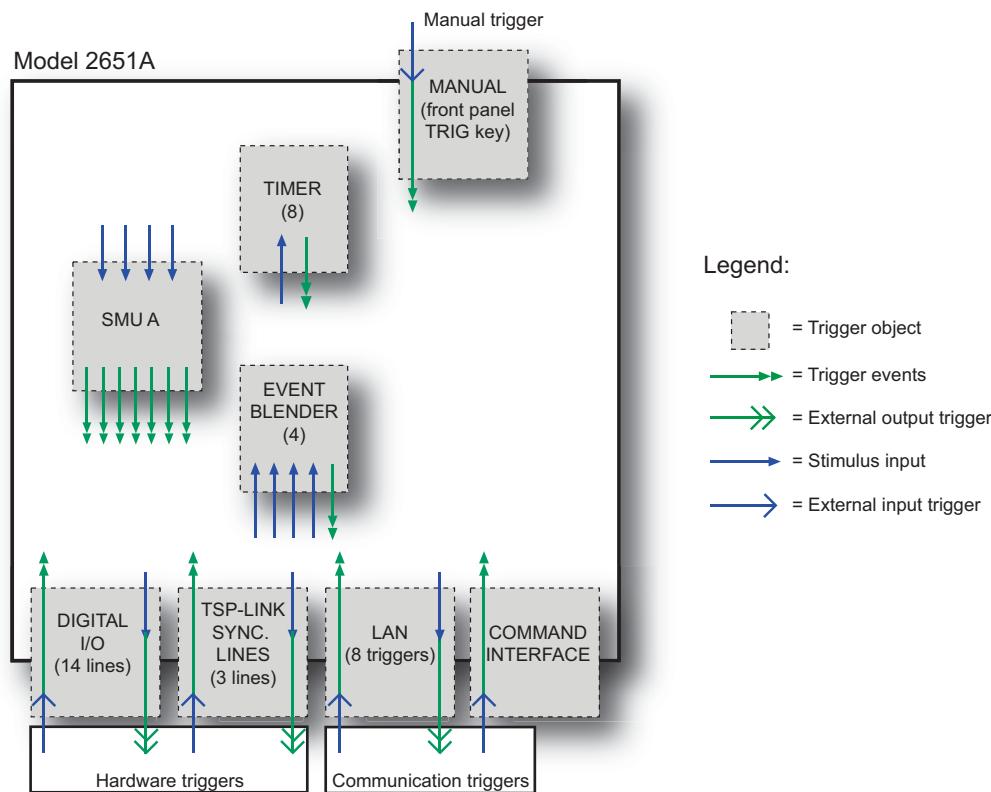
- Using the trigger model
- Interactive triggering

You can obtain very precise timing and synchronization between channels of multiple instruments using the trigger model to control the actions of the source-measure unit (SMU). To achieve such precise timing, use a static trigger configuration. When a static trigger configuration is not possible, you can use the interactive triggering method to control the timing and actions of the SMU.

Both programming methods use trigger objects. Trigger objects generate and monitor trigger events. External triggers are possible using digital I/O, TSP-Link® synchronization lines, LAN, command interface, and the manual trigger (the TRIG key).

The following figure graphically represents all the trigger objects of the Model 2657A instrument.

Figure 40: Triggering overview



Trigger events are identified by means of an event ID. The following table describes the trigger event IDs.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measure action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Using the remote trigger model

The source-measure unit (SMU) in the Model 2657A has a remote trigger model that supports a wide range of triggering features for source sweeps, triggered measurements, and pulse actions.

Measurements using the trigger model can be made synchronously with sourcing actions, or they can be made asynchronously. The following figures graphically illustrate both modes of the remote trigger model.

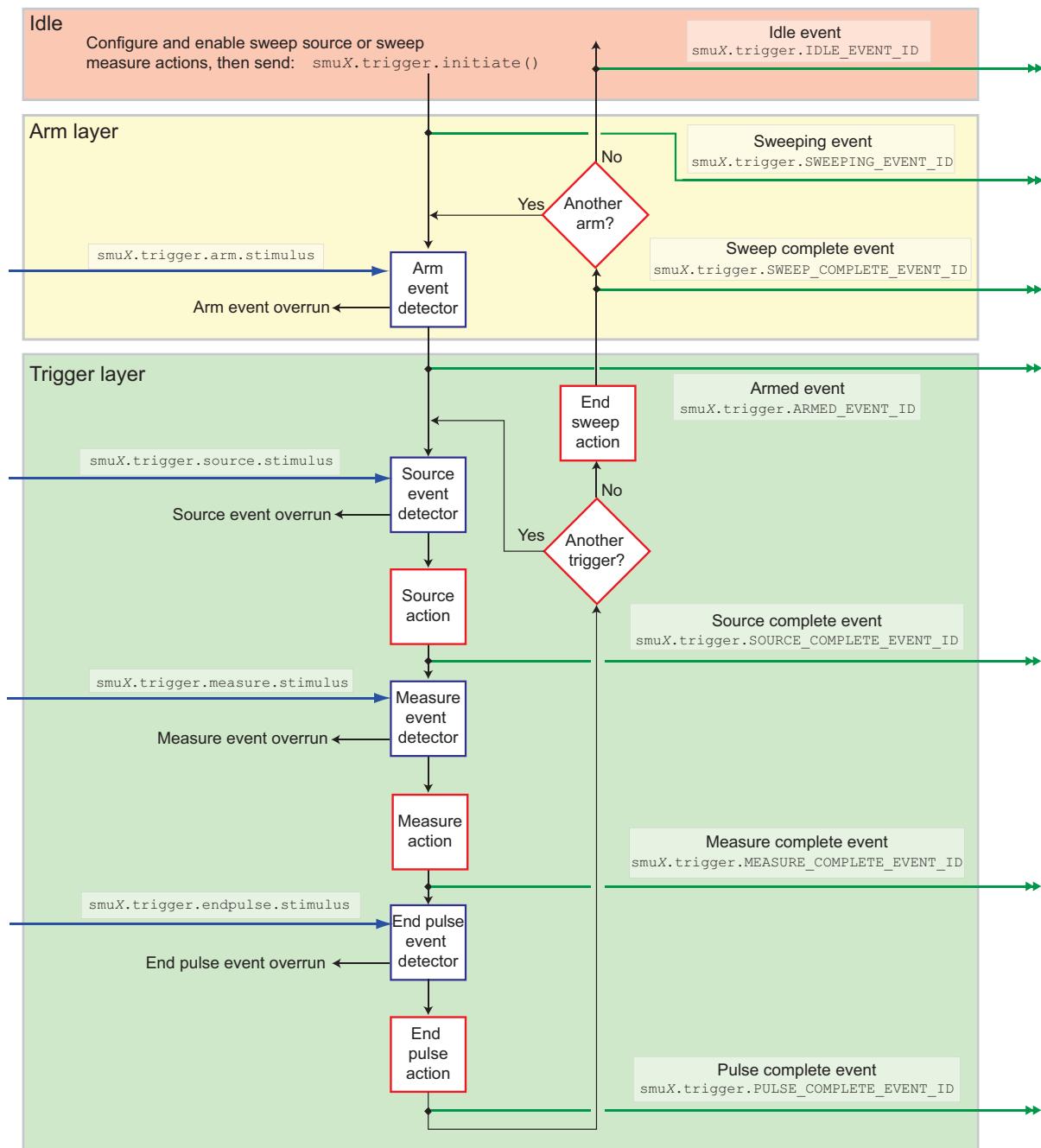
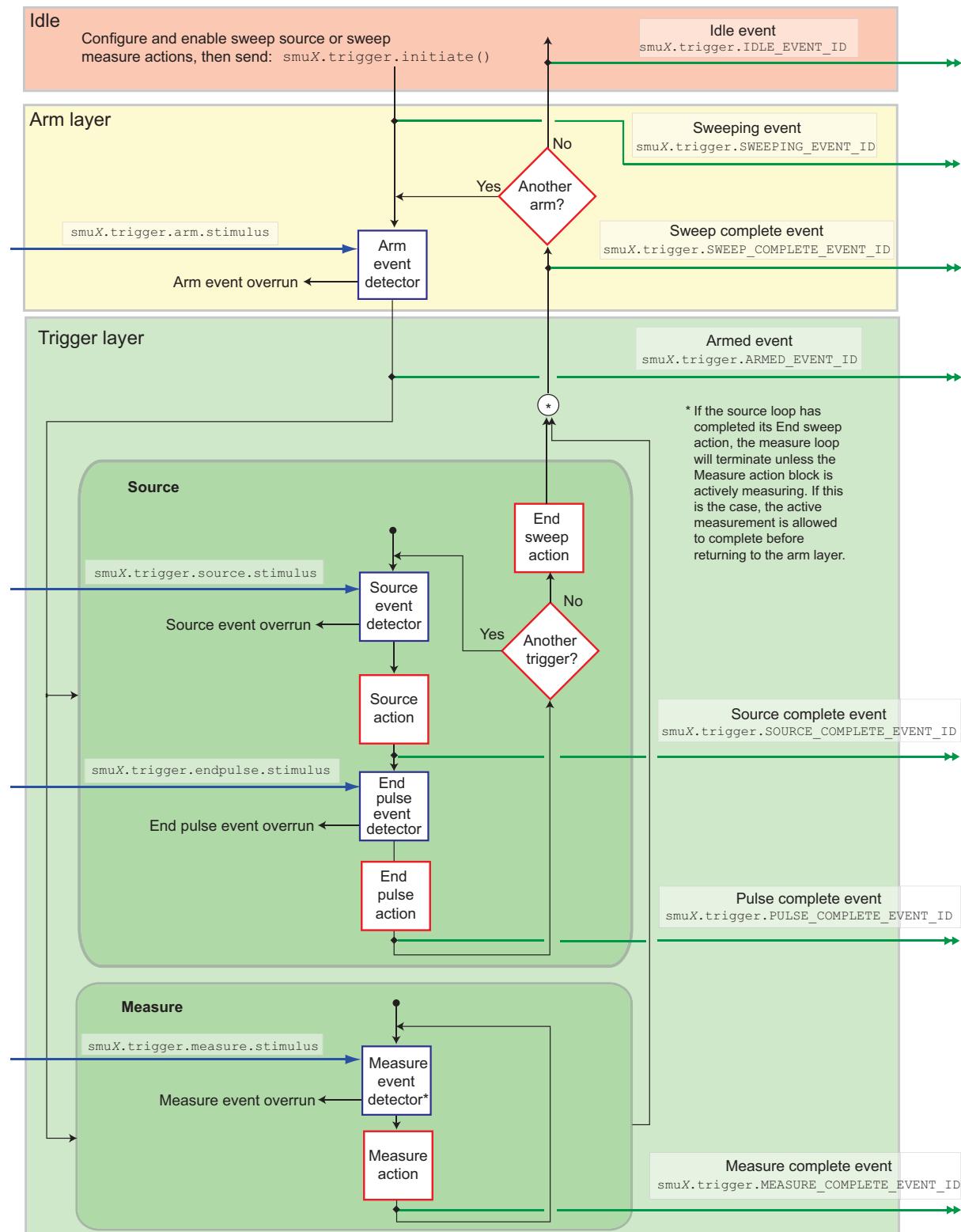
Figure 41: Remote trigger model: Normal (synchronous) mode

Figure 42: Remote trigger model: Asynchronous mode

When the `smuX.trigger.measure.action` attribute is set to `smuX.DISABLE` or `smuX.ENABLE`, the trigger model will operate in synchronous measurement mode. When it is set to `smuX.ASYNC`, it will operate in asynchronous mode.

Each section of the trigger model performs a function:

Idle state:	If a sweep is not in process, the SMU is in the idle state. Use the <code>smuX.trigger.initiate()</code> function to move the SMU from the idle state to the arm layer.
Arm layer:	Begins a sweep. Each sweep starts and ends in the arm layer.
Trigger layer:	All source, measurement, and pulse actions occur in the trigger layer. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Source: Outputs the programmed voltage or current source value.• Measurement: Where the current, voltage, resistance, and power measurements occur.• End pulse: The end pulse action sources the idle (or bias) level if the pulse mode is enabled.

The remote trigger model dictates the sequence of operation for the SMU when it is configured to perform a sweep. When the SMU comes to an event detector, it suspends operation and waits for the event you have assigned to the stimulus input. If no event is assigned, the SMU continues uninterrupted past the event detector and through the trigger model. When the SMU comes to an action block, it performs the appropriate action, if enabled. The SMU loops through the arm and trigger layers until the programmed arm and trigger counts are satisfied.

Configuring source and measure actions

The source action can be configured using any of the following functions:

```
smua.trigger.source.linearY()  
smua.trigger.source.logY()  
smua.trigger.source.listY()
```

Where:

Y = Source function

Source functions cannot be changed within a sweep. See [Sweep operation](#) (on page 3-19) for more details about the sweep functions.

To enable the source action, set the `smua.trigger.source.action` attribute to `smua.ENABLE`.

The source-measure unit (SMU) can be configured to perform any or all available measurements during a sweep using the `smua.trigger.measure.Y()` function. To enable the measure action for a simple synchronous sweep, set the `smua.trigger.measure.action` attribute to `smua.ENABLE`. To enable the measure action for an asynchronous sweep, set the `smua.trigger.measure.action` attribute to `smua.ASYNC`.

NOTE

In asynchronous mode, trigger your measurements before the source completes the sweep (before the end sweep action occurs).

Configured source and measure delays are imposed when the SMU executes the source and measure action blocks. Additionally, if the measure count setting is greater than one, then the measure count is satisfied each time the measure action is performed. Refer to [Sweep operation](#) (on page 3-19) for information about configuring source and measure sweeps.

The arm and trigger counts must be set to control how many times the SMU executes the source and measure actions. The arm count indicates the number of times to execute the complete sweep. The trigger count sets the number of loops in the trigger layer. Typically, you set the trigger count to be equal to the number of points in the configured sweep. If the trigger count is not equal to the number of points configured in the sweep, then one of the following occurs:

- If the trigger count is greater than the number of points in a sweep as configured by `smua.trigger.source.linearY()`, `smua.trigger.source.logY()`, or `smua.trigger.source.listY()`, then the SMU will satisfy the trigger count by restarting the sweep values from the beginning.
- If the trigger count is less than the number of source values configured, then the SMU will satisfy the trigger count and ignore the remaining source values.

For example, configure a three-point linear voltage sweep from 100 to 300 V, with the trigger count set to 2. The SMU will output 100 V, 200V. If the trigger count is set to 6, then the SMU will output the values 100 V, 200 V, 300 V, 100 V, 200 V, 300 V, repeating the source values twice in a single sweep.

Enabling pulse mode sweeps using the end pulse action

Enable pulse mode sweeps using the end pulse action. The example command below illustrates how to configure pulse mode sweeps by setting the end pulse action:

```
smua.trigger.endpulse.action = smua.SOURCE_IDLE
```

Timers can be used to configure the pulse width and period (see [Timers](#) (on page 3-42) for more information). To disable pulse mode sweeps, set the `smua.trigger.endpulse.action` attribute to `smua.SOURCE_HOLD`.

SMU event detectors

As shown in the [Using the remote trigger model](#) (on page 3-33) topic, the source-measure unit (SMU) has multiple event detectors (see the table below) in order to control the timing of various actions. Each event detector monitors for the trigger event assigned to the associated stimulus input. Operation through the trigger model is delayed at the event detector until the programmed trigger event occurs.

If the stimulus input is set to zero (0), then the SMU continues uninterrupted through the remote trigger model.

Event detectors

Event detector	Function
Arm	Controls entry into the trigger layer of the trigger model.
Source	Controls execution of the source action.
Measure	Controls execution of the measurement action.
End pulse	Controls execution of the end pulse action.

It is important to note that for the SMU, action overruns occur when a new trigger is detected before the previous trigger has been acted upon. When the trigger model is configured for asynchronous measurements, a measurement trigger will generate an overrun if the SMU is not ready to start a new measurement.

Clearing SMU event detectors

When an event detector is cleared, the event detector discards previously detected trigger events. This prevents the source-measure unit (SMU) from using trigger events that were detected during the last sweep or while it is in the arm layer, and allows it to start monitoring for new trigger events.

SMU event detectors are automatically cleared when:

- A sweep is initiated using the `smua.trigger.initiate()` function.
- The SMU moves from the arm layer into the trigger layer and the `smua.trigger.autoclear` attribute is enabled.

Using the TRIG key to trigger a sweep

The source-measure unit (SMU) can be configured to perform a sweep where each source step is triggered by the front-panel TRIG key. The source action is preceded by the source event detector. The SMU pauses operation at an event detector until a programmed event occurs. The SMU can be programmed to wait at the source event detector (that is, not start the source action) until the front panel TRIG key is pressed.

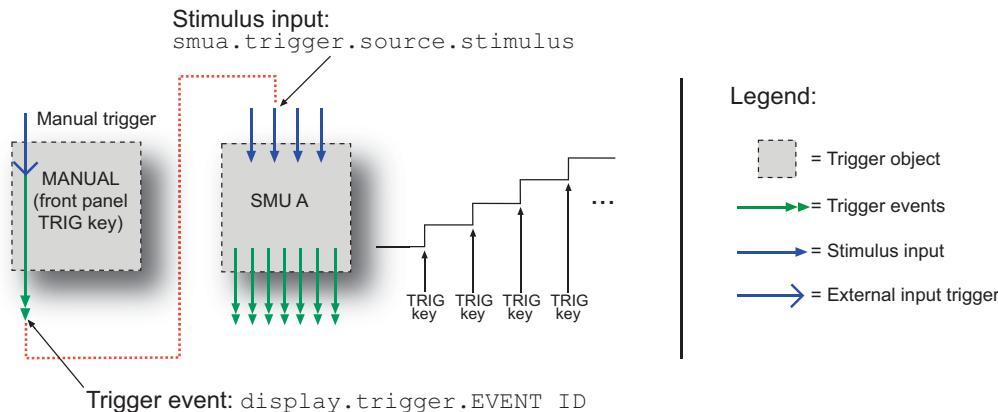
To configure the front panel TRIG key to trigger the source action, assign the trigger event created by the TRIG key (`display.trigger.EVENT_ID`) to the source stimulus input (`smua.trigger.source.stimulus`).

The programming example below illustrates how to configure a 10-point linear voltage sweep on SMU A, where each step is triggered by the front-panel TRIG key:

```
-- Configure a 10-point source voltage sweep.
smua.trigger.source.linearrv(30, 120, 10)
smua.trigger.source.action = smua.ENABLE
-- Configure TRIG key press as input trigger for source action.
smua.trigger.source.stimulus = display.trigger.EVENT_ID
-- Command SMU to execute a single 10-point sweep.
smua.trigger.count = 10
smua.trigger.arm.count = 1
-- Turn on the output in preparation for the sweep
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
-- Start the sweep and clear the event detectors.
smua.trigger.initiate()
-- The SMU will wait for the front panel TRIG key press before executing
-- each source action.
-- Wait for the sweep to complete.
waitcomplete()
```

The following figure graphically illustrates this example. See [Sweep operation](#) (on page 3-19) for more information about sweep operation.

Figure 43: Front panel TRIG key triggering

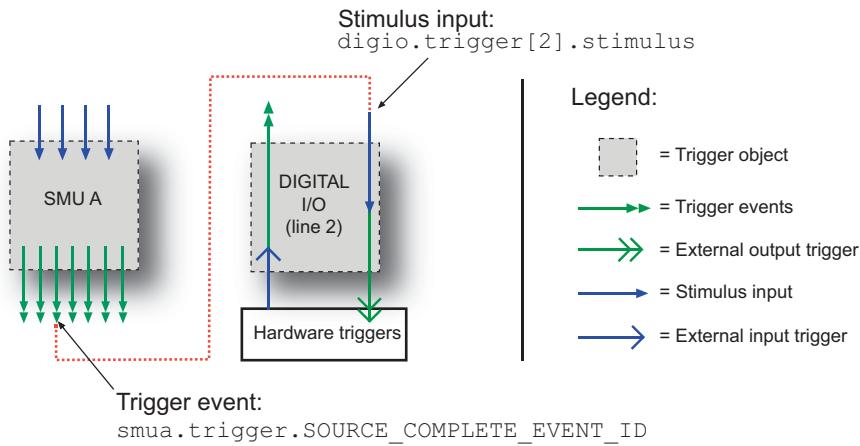


Using trigger events to start actions on trigger objects

Trigger objects can be configured to respond to events generated by other trigger objects, such as using a digital I/O trigger to initiate a sweep. To configure a trigger object to monitor for an event, assign the event ID of the trigger event to the stimulus input. When the specified trigger event occurs, the trigger object will perform an action. The programming example below illustrates how to generate a digital I/O line 2 output trigger pulse for each SMU A source complete event:

```
-- Configure digio line 2 to generate an output trigger pulse each
-- time SMU A generates a source complete event.
digio.trigger[2].stimulus = smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID
```

The following figure illustrates this example.

Figure 44: Using trigger events to start actions

A stimulus input can be configured to monitor for only one trigger event ID at a time. To monitor more than one event, use an event blender.

See [Event blenders](#) (on page 3-48) for more information.

Action overruns

An action overrun occurs when a trigger object receives a trigger event and is not ready to act on it. The action overruns of all trigger objects are reported in the operation event registers of the status model. Please refer to [Status model](#) (on page E-1) and the appropriate sections on each trigger object for further details on conditions under which an object generates an action overrun.

Digital I/O port and TSP-Link synchronization lines

The Model 2657A has two sets of hardware lines that can be used for triggering: 14 digital I/O lines and three TSP-Link® synchronization lines. These trigger objects can be configured and controlled in the same way.

See [Digital I/O](#) (on page 3-80) for more information about connections and direct control of the digital I/O and TSP-Link synchronization lines.

Common attributes

Mode

Indicates the type of edge the hardware lines detect as an external input trigger. Mode also indicates the type of signal generated as an external output trigger. The following table describes the hardware trigger modes for the hardware trigger lines. The hardware trigger modes are described in more detail in [Hardware trigger modes](#) (on page 3-55).

NOTE

To disable triggering on the hardware trigger lines, set the mode to bypass. This allows direct control of the line.

Hardware trigger mode summary

Trigger mode	Output		Input
	Unasserted	Asserted	
Bypass	N/A	N/A	N/A
Either Edge	High	Low	Either
Falling Edge	High	Low	Falling
Rising Edge	The programmed state of the line determines if the behavior is similar to RisingA or RisingM: • High similar to RisingA • Low similar to RisingM		
RisingA	High	Low	Rising
RisingM	Low	High	None
Synchronous	High latching	Low	Falling
SynchronousA	High latching	High	Falling
SynchronousM	High	Low	Rising

Pulsewidth

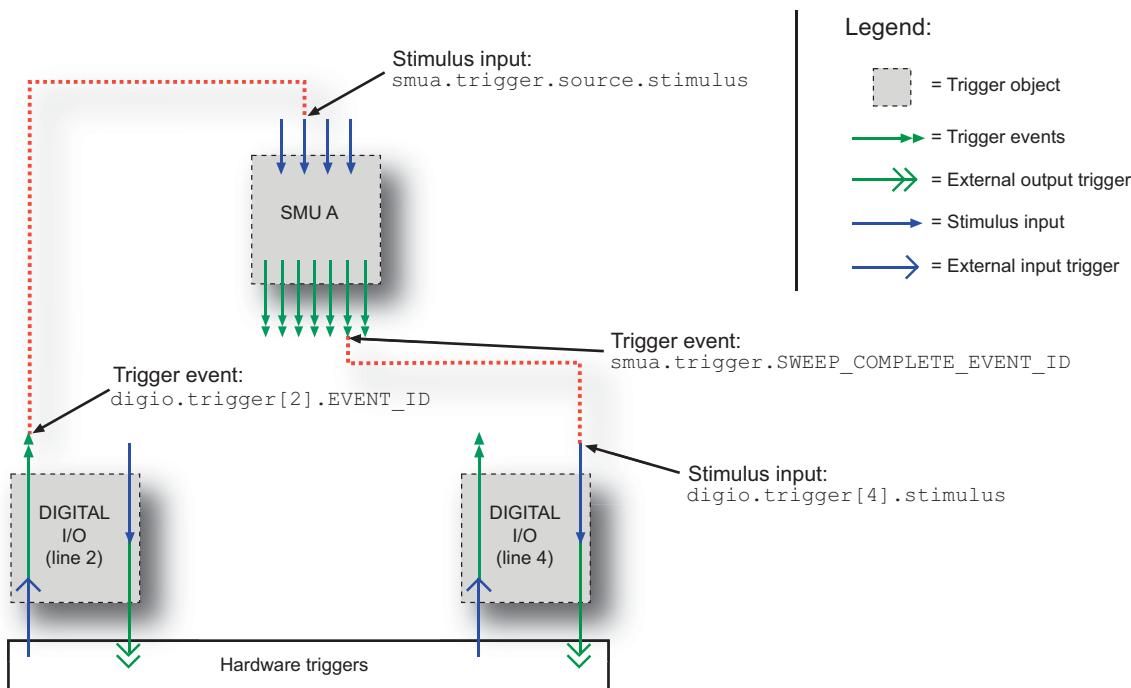
Specifies the pulse width of the output trigger signal when the hardware line is asserted.

Trigger configuration on hardware lines

The Model 2657A can be configured to send digital signals to trigger external instruments. Linking these output triggers to the completion of certain source-measure actions enables hardware handshaking. The programming example below illustrates this.

```
-- Configure the Model 2657A to detect a rising
-- edge on digital I/O line 2.
digio.trigger[2].mode = digio.TRIG_RISINGA
digio.trigger[2].clear()
-- Configure SMU A to start its source action when a
-- trigger event occurs on digital I/O line 2.
smua.trigger.source.stimulus = digio.trigger[2].EVENT_ID
-- Configure digital I/O line 4 to output a 1 ms
-- rising-edge trigger pulse at the completion of
-- SMU sweep.
digio.trigger[4].mode = digio.TRIG_RISINGM
digio.trigger[4].pulsewidth = 0.001
digio.trigger[4].stimulus = smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID
```

This example's triggering setup is shown in the following figure.

Figure 45: External instrument triggering

Action overruns on hardware lines

An action overrun occurs when a trigger event is received before the digital I/O or TSP-Link® line is ready to process it. The generation of an action overrun is dependent upon the trigger mode selected for that line. For more details on the causes of action overruns, see [Hardware trigger modes](#) (on page 3-55). Use the status model to monitor for the occurrence of action overruns (for details, see the [Status model](#) (on page E-1)).

Timers

A timer is a trigger object that performs a delay when triggered. Timers can be used to create delays and to start measurements and step the source value at timed intervals. When a delay expires the timer generates a trigger event. The Model 2657A has eight independent timers.

Timer attributes

The attributes that can be configured for each timer are described in the following sections.

Count

Configures the number of events to generate each time the timer is triggered. Each event is separated by a delay.

To configure the count, use the following attribute: `trigger.timer[N].count`

Set the count number to 0 (zero) to cause the timer to generate trigger events indefinitely.

Timer delays

Timers can be configured to perform the same delay each time or configured with a delay list that allows the timer to sequence through an array of delay values. All delay values are specified in seconds.

Delay: A delay is the period of time after the timer is triggered and before the timer generates a trigger event. The programming example below illustrates how to configure timer 3 for a 10-second delay:

```
trigger.timer[3].delay = 10
```

Delay list: A custom list can be configured to allow the timer to use a different interval each time it performs a delay. Each time the timer is triggered, it uses the next delay in the list. The timer repeats the delay list after all of the elements in the delay list have been used. The programming example below illustrates how to configure timer 3 for delays of 2, 10, 15, and 7 seconds:

```
-- Configure timer 3 to complete delays of 2 seconds, 10 seconds,  
-- 15 seconds, and 7 seconds.  
trigger.timer[3].delaylist = {2, 10, 15, 7}
```

NOTE

Assigning a value to the delay attribute is the same as configuring it with a one-element delay list.

Pass-through mode

When enabled, the timer generates a trigger event immediately when it is triggered. The timer generates additional trigger events each time a delay expires. If the pass-through attribute is disabled, the timer does not generate a trigger event until after the first delay elapses. The programming example below illustrates how to configure timer 3 by enabling pass-through mode:

```
trigger.timer[3].passthrough = true
```

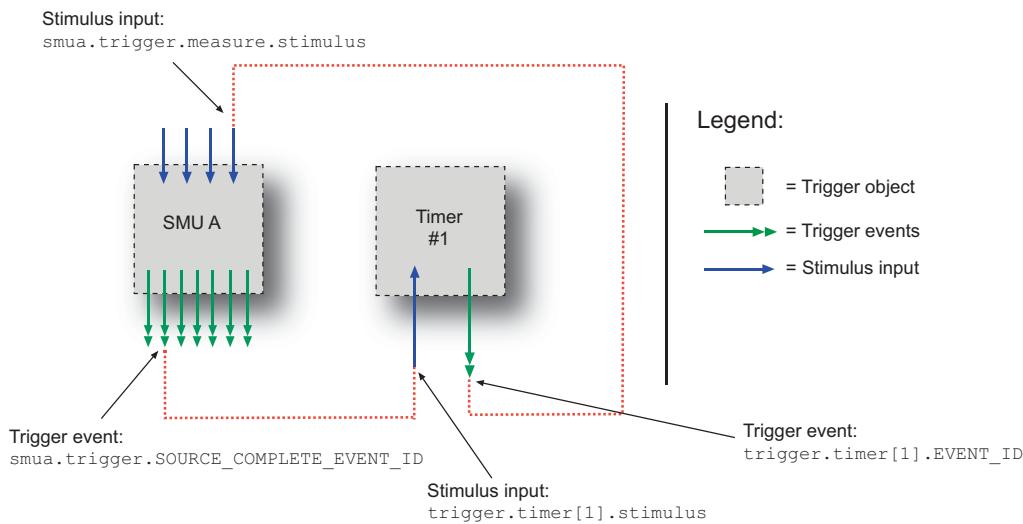
Triggering a timer

A timer can be configured to start a delay when a trigger object generates a trigger event. Timers cannot be started with a command. A trigger event from a trigger object must be used to initiate a delay.

Assigning the stimulus attribute

Assign an event ID to the `trigger.timer[N].stimulus` attribute to configure the timer to start a delay when a specific trigger event occurs. The programming example below illustrates how to configure a source-delay-measure (SDM) cycle.

```
-- Configure the timer to begin when source action completes.  
trigger.timer[1].stimulus = smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID  
-- SMUA delay before a measurement begins.  
smua.trigger.measure.stimulus = trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID
```

Figure 46: Using a timer for an SDM cycle

Timer action overruns

The timer generates an action overrun when it is triggered while a timer delay is still in progress. Use the status model to monitor for the occurrence of action overruns (for details, see the [Status model](#) (on page E-1)).

Using timers to perform pulse mode sweeps

Timers can also be used to control the pulse width during a pulsed sweep. To create a pulse train, a second timer must be used to configure the pulse period. The examples below show a single pulse output and a pulse train output.

NOTE

The SMU end pulse action `smua.trigger.endpulse.action` must be set to `smua.SOURCE_IDLE` in order to create a pulse.

Single pulse example:

The programming example below illustrates how to use a single timer to control the pulse width of a single-shot pulse measurement. The programming example configures the timer and SMU as follows:

Timer 1: Pulse width timer

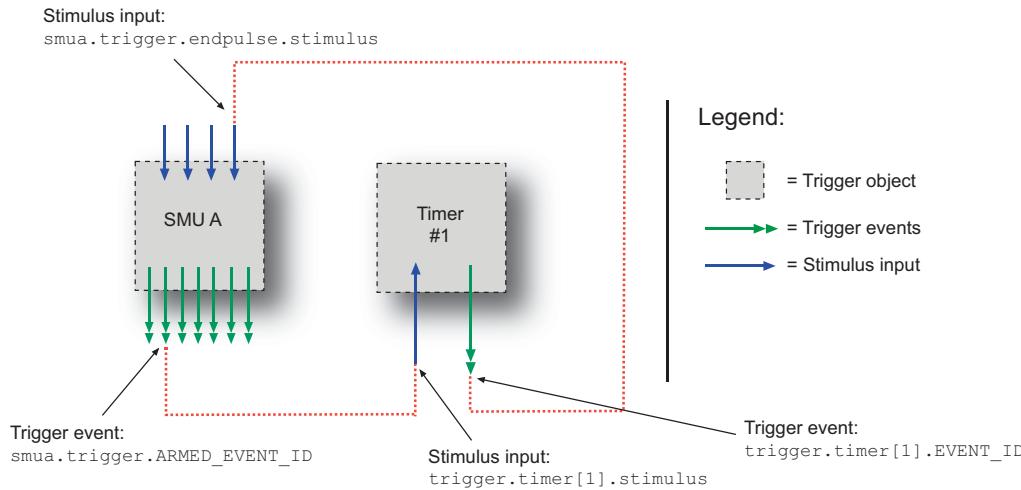
- Set the delay attribute of a timer equal to the appropriate pulse width.
- Configure the timer to trigger when the SMU moves out of the arm layer of the trigger model.
- Assign the trigger event generated by the timer to the stimulus input of the SMU end pulse event detector.

SMU A

- Configure the source action to start immediately by setting the stimulus input of the source event detector to 0.
- Set the end pulse action to `SOURCE_IDLE`.

The following figure shows the trigger setup for this example.

Figure 47: Single pulse triggering



Single pulse example code

```
-- Generate a single 50 ms, 100 V pulse.
-- Configure a single-point voltage list sweep.
smua.trigger.source.listv({100})
smua.trigger.source.action = smua.ENABLE
smua.trigger.measure.action = smua.DISABLE
-- Configure other source parameters for best timing possible.
smua.trigger.source.limiti = 0.1
smua.source.rangev = 200
-- Configure timer parameters to output a single 50 ms pulse.
trigger.timer[1].delay = 50e-03
trigger.timer[1].count = 1
trigger.timer[1].passthrough = false
-- Trigger timer when the SMU passes through the ARM layer.
trigger.timer[1].stimulus = smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID
-- Configure source action to start immediately.
smua.trigger.source.stimulus = 0
-- Configure endpulse action to achieve a pulse.
smua.trigger.endpulse.action = smua.SOURCE_IDLE
smua.trigger.endpulse.stimulus = trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID
-- Set appropriate counts of trigger model.
smua.trigger.count = 1
smua.trigger.arm.count = 1
-- Turn on output and trigger SMU to output a single pulse.
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
smua.trigger.initiate()
-- Wait for the sweep to complete.
waitcomplete()
```

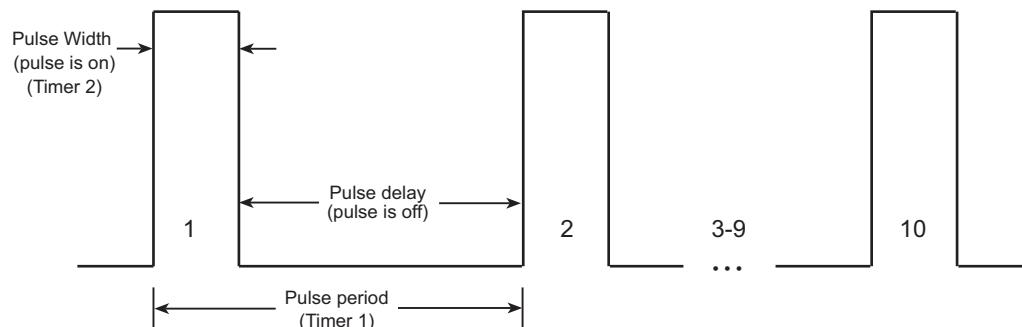
Pulse train example:

The programming example below illustrates how to use two timers: One to control the pulse period, a second to control the pulse width. The example configures the timers and SMU as follows:

Timer 1: Pulse period timer

- Set the delay attribute to the appropriate pulse period (see the following figure).
- Configure the timer to start when the sweep is initiated.
- Enable the pass-through attribute so that the timer generates a trigger event at the start of the first delay.
- Set the count equal to one less than the total number of pulses to output.

Figure 48: Pulse train



Timer 2: Pulse width timer

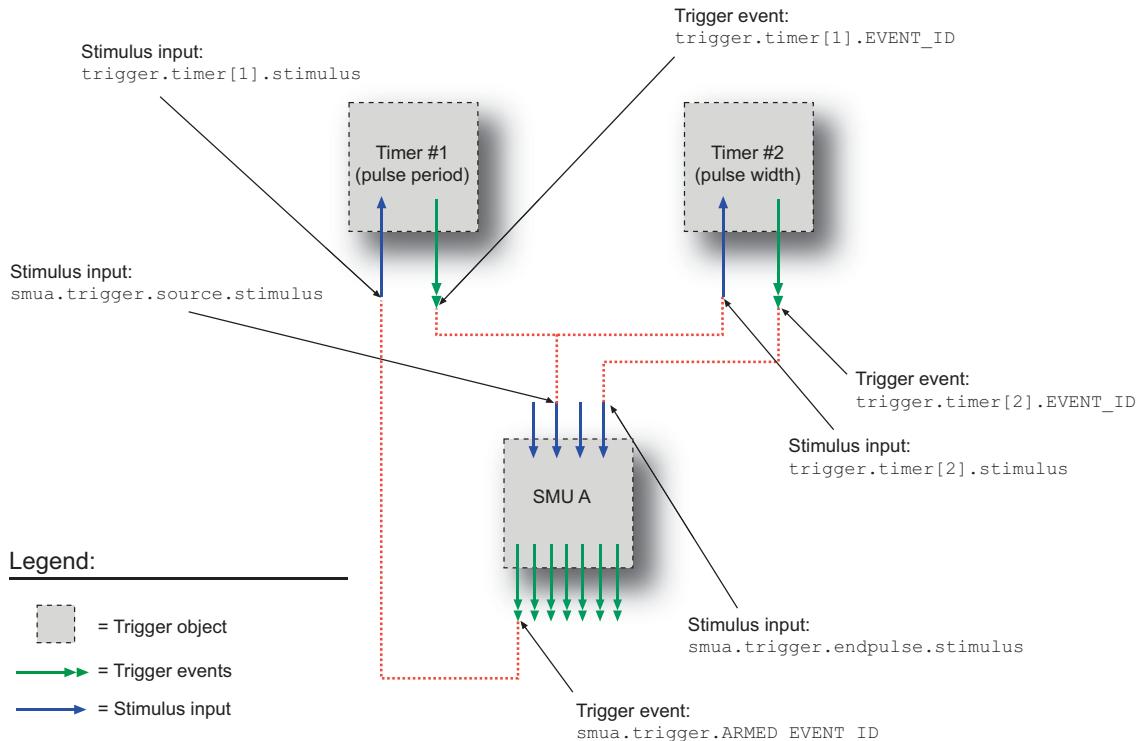
- Set the delay attribute to an appropriate pulse width (see the following figure).
- Set the stimulus input to Timer 1's event ID (the start of each pulse is the start of the pulse period).
- Set the count equal to 1 so that only one pulse is issued per period.

SMU A

- Set the source stimulus input to Timer 1's event ID so that the source action starts when the period starts.
- Set the end pulse action to `smua.SOURCE_IDLE` so that the output is returned to the idle level after the pulse completes.
- Set the end pulse stimulus input to Timer 2's event ID so that the end pulse action executes when the pulse width timer expires.
- Set the trigger count equal to 1.
- Set the arm count equal to the total number of pulses to output.

The following figure shows the trigger setup for this example.

Figure 49: Pulse train triggering



Pulse train example code

```
-- Generate a 10-point pulse train where each pulse has a width of 50
-- milliseconds and a pulse period of 100 milliseconds.
-- Alias the trigger timers to use for pulse width and period.
period_timer = trigger.timer[1]
pulse_timer = trigger.timer[2]
-- Create a fixed level voltage sweep.
smua.trigger.source.listv({100})
smua.trigger.source.action = smua.ENABLE
smua.source.rangev = 200
smua.trigger.measure.action = smua.DISABLE
-- Set pulse width.
pulse_timer.delay = 50e-03
-- Trigger pulse width timer with period timer.
pulse_timer.stimulus = period_timer.EVENT_ID
-- Output one pulse per period.
pulse_timer.count = 1
-- Set the pulse period.
period_timer.delay = 100e-03
-- Set pulse period count to generate 10 pulses.
period_timer.count = 9
-- Trigger pulse period timer when the SMU passes through the ARM layer.
period_timer.stimulus = smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID
-- Configure the timer to output a trigger event when it
-- starts the first delay.
period_timer.passthrough = true
-- Trigger SMU source action using pulse period timer.
smua.trigger.source.stimulus = period_timer.EVENT_ID
-- Trigger SMU end pulse action using pulse width timer.
smua.trigger.endpulse.action = smua.SOURCE_IDLE
smua.trigger.endpulse.stimulus = pulse_timer.EVENT_ID
-- Configure the SMU to execute a 10-point pulse train.
smua.trigger.count = 10
-- Set Arm Count.
smua.trigger.arm.count = 1
-- Prepare SMU to output pulse train.
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
smua.trigger.initiate()
-- Wait for the sweep to complete.
waitcomplete()
```

Event blenders

The ability to combine trigger events that occur at different times is known as event blending. An event blender can be used to wait for a specific input trigger or to wait for up to four input triggers to occur before responding with an output event.

There are four event blenders that can be used to monitor and respond to multiple stimulus events. Each event blender can be configured to monitor a maximum of four different trigger events.

Event blender modes

Event blenders can be used to perform logical AND and logical OR functions on trigger events. For example, trigger events can be triggered when either a manual trigger or external input trigger is detected.

- **Or:** Generates an event when an event is detected on *any* one of the four stimulus inputs
- **And:** Generates an event when an event is detected on *all* of the assigned stimulus inputs

Set the `trigger.blender[N].orenable` attribute to configure the event blender mode. Setting the attribute to `true` enables OR mode; setting the attribute to `false` enables AND mode.

Assigning input trigger events

Each event blender has four stimulus inputs. A different trigger event ID can be assigned to each stimulus input. The programming example below illustrates how to assign the source complete event ID of SMU A and the trigger event ID of digital I/O line 1 to stimulus inputs 1 and 2 of event blender 1:

```
trigger.blender[1].stimulus[1] = smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID  
trigger.blender[1].stimulus[2] = digio.trigger[1].EVENT_ID
```

Action overruns

Action overruns are generated by event blenders depending on the mode, as shown in the following table. Use the status model to monitor for the occurrence of action overruns (for details, see the [Status model](#) (on page E-1)).

Action overruns

Mode	Action overrun
And	Generates an overrun when a second event on any of its inputs is detected before generating an output event.
Or	Generates an overrun when two events are detected simultaneously.

LAN triggering overview

Triggers can be sent and received over the LAN interface. The Model 2657A supports LAN extensions for instrumentation (LXI) and has eight LAN triggers that generate and respond to LXI trigger packets.

Understanding hardware value and pseudo line state

LAN triggering is similar to hardware synchronization except that LXI trigger packets are used instead of hardware signals. A bit in the LXI trigger packet called the hardware value simulates the state of a hardware trigger line. The Model 2657A stores the hardware value of the last LXI trigger packet that was sent or received as the pseudo line state.

The stateless event flag is a bit in the LXI trigger packet that indicates if the hardware value should be ignored. If it is set, the Model 2657A ignores the hardware value of the packet and generates a trigger event. The Model 2657A always sets the stateless flag for outgoing LXI trigger packets. If the stateless event flag is not set, the hardware value indicates the state of the signal.

Changes in the hardware value of consecutive LXI trigger packets are interpreted as edge transitions. Edge transitions generate trigger events. If the hardware value does not change between successive LXI trigger packets, the Model 2657A assumes an edge transition was missed and generates a trigger event. The following table illustrates edge detection in LAN triggering.

NOTE

Instruments that are compliant to LXI versions before 1.2 always process the hardware value. Instruments compliant to LXI version 1.2 and later are required to ignore the hardware value when the stateless event flag is set.

LXI trigger edge detection

Stateless event flag	Hardware value	Pseudo line state	Falling edge	Rising edge
0	0	0	Detected	Detected
0	1	0	-	Detected
0	0	1	Detected	-
0	1	1	Detected	Detected
1	-	-	Detected	Detected

Set the LAN trigger mode to configure the edge detection method in incoming LXI trigger packets. The mode that is selected also determines the hardware value in outgoing LXI trigger packets. The following table lists the LAN trigger modes.

LAN trigger modes

Trigger mode	Input detected	Output generated	Notes
Either edge	Either	Negative	
Falling edge	Falling	Negative	
Rising edge	Rising	Positive	
RisingA	Rising	Positive	Same as Rising
RisingM	Rising	Positive	Same as Rising
Synchronous	Falling	Positive	Same as SynchronousA
SynchronousA	Falling	Positive	
SynchronousM	Rising	Negative	

The programming example below illustrates how to configure the LAN trigger mode.

```
-- Set LAN trigger 2 to have falling-edge mode.  
lan.trigger[2].mode = lan.TRIG_FALLING
```

Understanding LXI trigger event designations

LXI trigger objects generate LXI trigger events, which are LAN0 to LAN7 (zero based). In the command table, the LXI trigger events can be accessed using `lan.trigger[1]` through `lan.trigger[8]`.

`lan.trigger[1]` corresponds to LXI trigger event LAN0 and `lan.trigger[8]` corresponds to LXI trigger event LAN7.

Generating LXI trigger packets

You can configure the Model 2657A to output an LXI trigger packet to other LXI instruments.

To generate LXI trigger packets:

1. Call the `lan.trigger[N].connect()` function.
2. Select the event that triggers the outgoing LXI trigger packet by assigning the specific event ID to the LAN stimulus input.

Make sure to use the same LXI domain on both the Model 2657A instrument and the other instrument. If the Model 2657A has a different LXI domain than the instrument at the other end of the trigger connection, the LXI trigger packets will be ignored by both instruments.

Command interface triggering

A command interface trigger occurs when:

- A GPIB GET command is detected (GPIB only)
- A VXI-11 `device_trigger` method is invoked (VXI-11 only)
- A `*TRG` message is received

Use `trigger.EVENT_ID` to monitor for command interface triggers. To ensure that commands and triggers issued over the command interface are processed in the correct order, a trigger event is not generated until:

- The trigger command is executed
- `trigger.wait()` retrieves the trigger command from the command queue before it would normally be executed

Command interface triggering does not generate action overruns. The triggers are processed in the order that they are received in the Model 2657A command queue. The Model 2657A only processes incoming commands when no commands are running. Unprocessed input triggers can cause an overflow in the command queue. It is important to make sure a script processes triggers while it is running.

NOTE

The command queue can fill up with trigger entries if too many *TRG messages are received while a test script is running, even if the script is processing triggers. You can avoid this by using the localnode.prompts4882 attribute (see [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for more information), and by using trigger.wait() calls that remove the *TRG messages from the command queue. If the command queue fills with too many trigger entries, messages like abort will not be processed.

Manual triggering

The TRIG key is used for manual triggering. Each time the TRIG key is pressed, a trigger event is generated. You can monitor for a manual trigger event using the event ID display.trigger.EVENT_ID. See [Using the TRIG key to trigger a sweep](#) (on page 3-38) for an example of how to use a manual trigger.

There are no action overruns for manual triggering.

Interactive triggering

The complexity of some test system configurations may not allow a static trigger setup. These configurations would require more dynamic control of triggering than the static trigger setup provides. For such cases, a setup providing interactive trigger programming would allow the generation and detection of trigger events that can be controlled on demand under remote control. For example, interactive triggering can be used when you need to make multiple source function changes or implement conditional branching to other test setups based on recent measurements.

Detecting trigger events using the wait() function

All of the Model 2657A trigger objects (except for SMUs) have built-in event detectors that monitor for trigger events. The event detector only monitors events generated by that object and cannot be configured to monitor events generated by any other trigger object. Using the wait() function of the trigger object causes the Model 2657A instrument to suspend command execution until a trigger event occurs or until the specified timeout period elapses.

For example, use trigger.blender[N].wait(Y) to suspend command execution until an event blender generates an event, where N is the specific event blender and Y is the timeout period. After executing the wait() function, the event detector of the trigger object is cleared.

The following programming example illustrates how to suspend command execution while waiting for various events to occur:

```
-- Wait up to 10 seconds for a front-panel TRIG key press.  
display.trigger.wait(10)  
-- Wait up to 60 seconds for timer 1 to complete its delay.  
trigger.timer[1].wait(60)  
-- Wait up to 30 seconds for input trigger to digital I/O line 10.  
digio.trigger[10].wait(30)
```

Using the assert function to generate output triggers

Certain trigger objects can be used to generate output triggers on demand. These trigger objects are the digital I/O lines, TSP-Link synchronization lines and the LAN.

The programming example below illustrates how to generate an output trigger using the assert function of the trigger object.

```
-- Generate a falling-edge trigger on digital I/O line 3.
digio.trigger[3].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING
digio.trigger[3].assert()
-- Generate a rising edge trigger on TSP-Link sync line 1.
tslink.trigger[1].mode = tslink.TRIG_RISINGM
tslink.trigger[1].assert()
-- Generate a LAN trigger on LAN pseudo line 6.
-- Note that connection parameters and commands that
-- establish a connection are not shown.
lan.trigger[6].mode = lan.TRIG_EITHER
lan.trigger[6].assert()
```

Using the release function of the hardware lines

Use the release function to allow the hardware line to output another external trigger when the pulse width is set to 0.

Setting the pulse width to 0 results in an indefinite length pulse when the assert function is used to output an external trigger. When an indefinite length pulse is used, the release function must be used to release the line before another external trigger can be output.

The release function can also be used to release latched input triggers when the hardware line mode is set to Synchronous. In Synchronous mode, the receipt of a falling edge trigger latches the line low. The release function releases this line high in preparation for another input trigger.

The programming example below illustrates how to output an indefinite external trigger.

```
-- Set digio line 1 to output an indefinite external trigger.
digio.trigger[1].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING
digio.trigger[1].pulsewidth = 0
digio.trigger[1].assert()
-- Release digio line 1.
digio.trigger[1].release()
-- Output another external trigger.
digio.trigger[1].assert()
```

For information about hardware lines, see [Digital I/O port and TSP-Link synchronization lines](#) (on page 3-40).

Using the set function to bypass SMU event detectors

The set function is useful whenever you want the source-measure unit (SMU) to continue operation without waiting for a programmed trigger event.

There is a set function for each SMU event detector. When called, the function immediately satisfies the event detector, allowing the SMU to continue through the trigger model.

An example of when the set function can be used is when you want the SMU to immediately perform an action the first time through the trigger model, even if a programmed trigger event does not occur. The set function can be used to start actions on the SMU if there is a missed trigger event.

The programming example below illustrates how to have the SMU immediately perform an action the first time through the trigger model, even if a programmed trigger event does not occur.

```
-- Immediately sets the arm event detector of SMU A  
-- to the detected state.  
smua.trigger.arm.set()  
-- Sets the Measure Event Detector of SMU A.  
smua.trigger.measure.set()
```

Event detector overruns

If a second trigger event is generated before an event detector clears, the trigger object will generate a detector overrun. Detector overruns can be checked by reading the `overrun` attribute of the trigger object. The attribute is set to `true` when an overrun occurs. The `clear()` function can be used to immediately clear the event detector, discarding any history of previous trigger events. The `clear()` function also clears any detector overruns.

NOTE

Detector overruns are not the same as action overruns that are reported in the status model.

The programming example below illustrates how to check and respond to detector overruns.

```
testOver = digio.trigger[4].overrun  
if testOver == true then  
    print("Digital I/O overrun occurred.")  
end
```

Examples using interactive triggering

Command interface interactive trigger example

The programming example below illustrates how to clear triggers, turn on the SMU output, and then enable a 30 second timeout to wait for a command interface trigger. Upon receipt of the trigger, the Model 2657A performs a voltage reading.

```
-- Clear any previously detected command interface triggers.  
trigger.clear()  
-- Turn on output.  
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON  
-- Wait 30 seconds for a command interface trigger.  
triggered = trigger.wait(30)  
-- Get voltage reading.  
reading = smua.measure.v()  
-- Send command interface trigger to trigger the measurement.  
*TRG
```

NOTE

*TRG cannot be used in a script.

Manual triggering example

The programming example below illustrates how to pause a script and prompt the operator to press the TRIG key when they are ready to continue. If the TRIG key is not pressed, the test will continue after waiting 10 minutes (600 seconds).

```
display.clear()
display.trigger.clear()
display.setcursor(1, 1)
display.settext("Take a Break")
display.setcursor(2, 1)
display.settext("Press TRIG to continue")
display.trigger.wait(600)
display.clear()
```

Digital I/O triggering interactive example

The programming example below illustrates how to configure digital I/O line 2 as an input trigger and digital I/O line 14 as an output trigger. It commands the Model 2657A to wait for an external input trigger on digital I/O line 2. If a trigger event occurs, the Model 2657A outputs an external trigger on digital I/O line 14. If no trigger event is received on digital I/O line 2, the test is aborted.

```
-- Configure digital I/O lines 2 and 14 for input trigger detection
-- and output trigger generation, respectively.
digio.trigger[2].mode = digio.TRIG_RISINGA
digio.trigger[2].clear()
digio.trigger[14].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING
digio.trigger[14].pulsewidth = 0.0001
-- Wait 15 seconds for a trigger event to occur on digital I/O line 2.
trigInput = digio.trigger[2].wait(15)
-- If a trigger event occurs on digital I/O line 2, assert an output
-- trigger on digital I/O line 14. If a trigger event does
-- not occur, then turn off the output of smua and issue a message
-- on the front panel display.
if trigInput == true then
    digio.trigger[14].assert()
else
    smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
    display.screen = display.USER
    display.clear()
    display.setcursor(1, 1)
    display.settext("No trigger received. Test aborted.")
    exit()
end
```

Hardware trigger modes

Different hardware trigger modes can be used for digital I/O and TSP-Link synchronization. Use hardware triggers to integrate Keithley instruments and non-Keithley instruments in a test system. The Model 2657A supports 14 digital I/O lines and three TSP-Link® synchronization lines that can be used for input or output triggering. For additional information about the hardware trigger modes, see [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1).

NOTE

For direct control of the line state, use the bypass trigger mode.

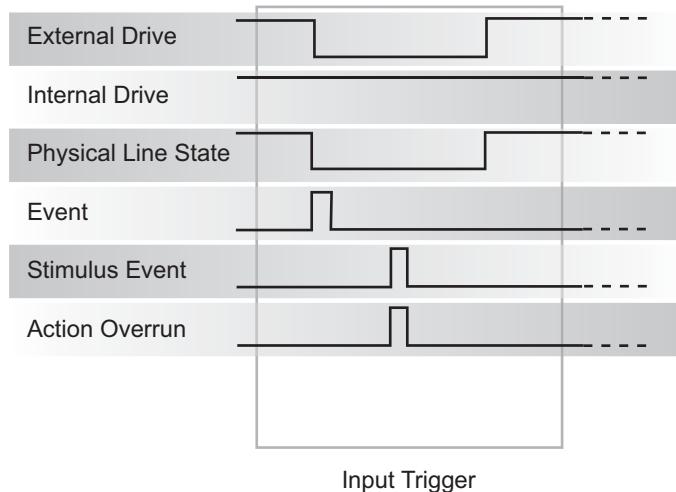
Falling edge trigger mode

The falling edge trigger mode generates low pulses and detects all falling edges. The figure titled "Falling edge input trigger" shows the characteristics of the falling edge input trigger; the figure titled "Falling edge output trigger" shows the falling edge output trigger.

Input characteristics:

- Detects all falling edges as input triggers.

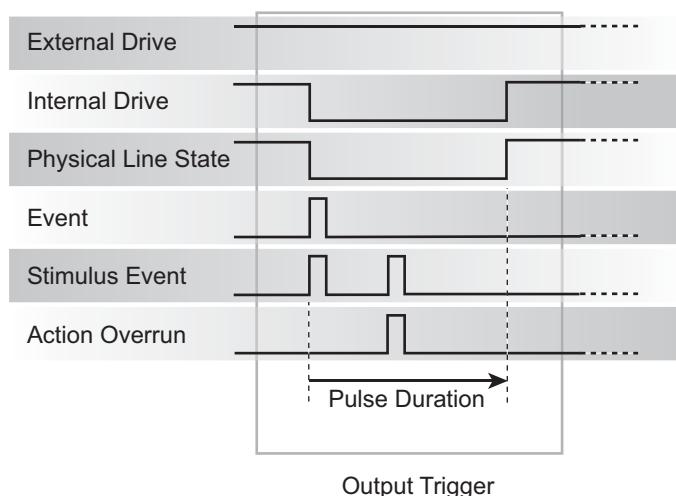
Figure 50: Falling edge input trigger



Output characteristics:

- In addition to trigger events from other trigger objects, the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` commands generate a low pulse for the programmed pulse duration.
- An action overrun occurs if the physical line state is low and a source event occurs.

Figure 51: Falling edge output trigger



Rising edge master trigger mode

Use the rising edge master (RisingM) trigger mode (see the figure titled "RisingM output trigger") to synchronize with non-Keithley instruments that require a high pulse. Input trigger detection is not available in this trigger mode. You can use the RisingM trigger mode to generate rising edge pulses.

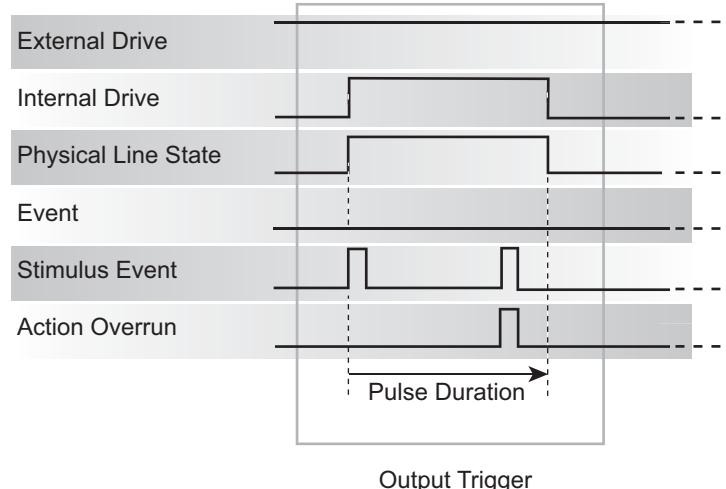
NOTE

The RisingM trigger mode does not function properly if the line is driven low by an external drive.

Output characteristics:

- Configured trigger events, as well as the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` commands, cause the physical line state to float high during the trigger pulse duration.
- An action overrun occurs if the physical line state is high while a stimulus event occurs.

Figure 52: RisingM output trigger

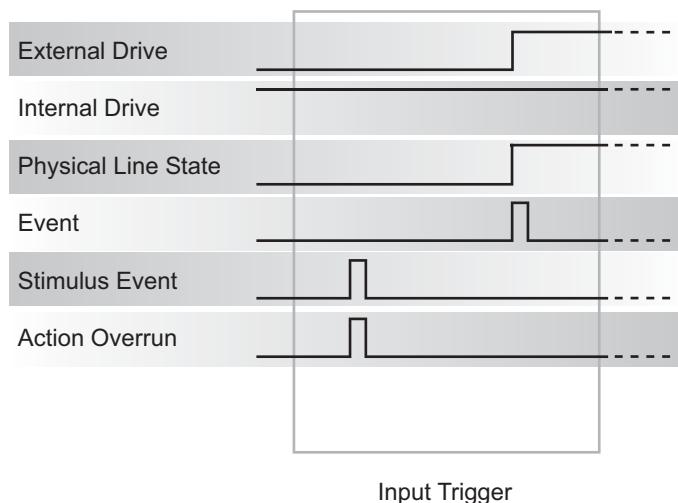


Rising edge acceptor trigger mode

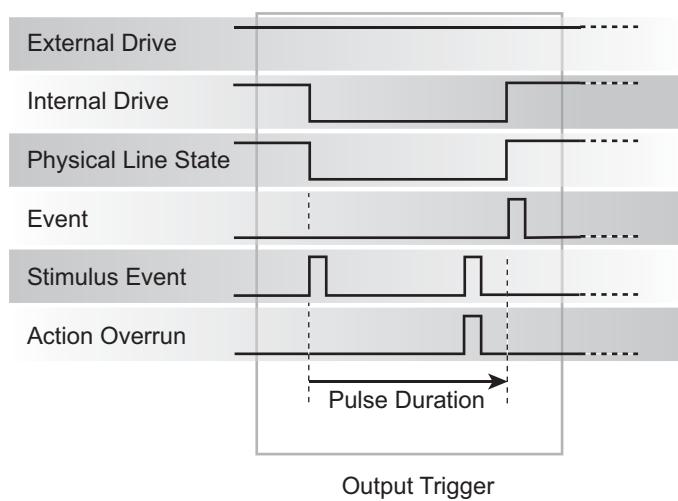
The rising edge acceptor trigger mode (RisingA) generates a low pulse and detects rising edge pulses (see the following figures).

Input characteristics:

- All rising edges generate an input event.

Figure 53: RisingA input trigger**Output characteristics:**

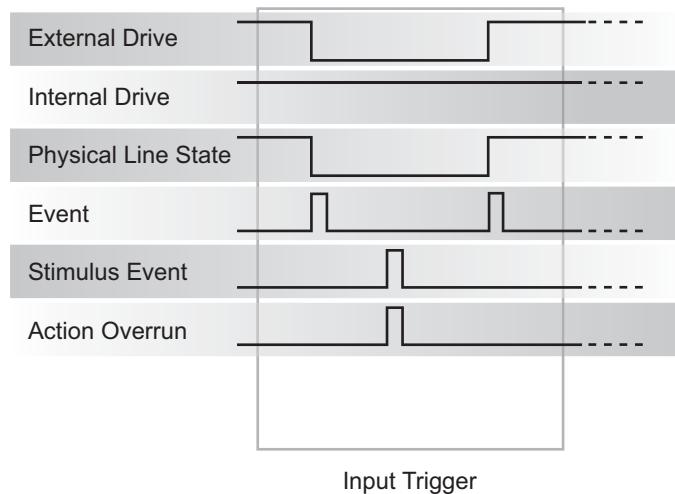
- In addition to trigger events from other trigger objects, the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` commands generate a low pulse that is similar to the falling edge trigger mode.

Figure 54: RisingA output trigger**Either edge trigger mode**

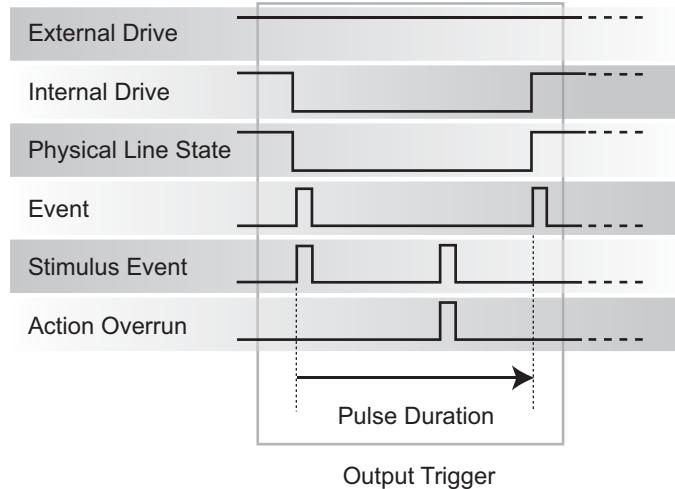
The either edge trigger mode generates a low pulse and detects both rising and falling edges.

Input characteristics:

- All rising or falling edges generate an input trigger event.

Figure 55: Either edge input trigger**Output characteristics:**

- In addition to trigger events from other trigger objects, the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` commands generate a low pulse that is similar to the falling edge trigger mode.
- An action overrun occurs if the physical line state is low while a stimulus event occurs.

Figure 56: Either edge output trigger**Understanding synchronous triggering modes**

Use the synchronous triggering modes to implement bidirectional triggering, to wait for one node, or to wait for a collection of nodes to complete all triggered actions.

All non-Keithley instrumentation must have a trigger mode that functions similar to the SynchronousA or SynchronousM trigger modes.

To use synchronous triggering, configure the triggering master to SynchronousM trigger mode or the non-Keithley equivalent. Configure all other nodes in the test system to SynchronousA trigger mode or a non-Keithley equivalent.

Synchronous master trigger mode (SynchronousM)

Use the synchronous master trigger mode (SynchronousM) to generate falling edge output triggers, to detect the rising edge input triggers, and to initiate an action on one or more external nodes with the same trigger line.

In this mode, the output trigger consists of a low pulse. All non-Keithley instruments attached to the synchronization line in a trigger mode equivalent to SynchronousA must latch the line low during the pulse duration.

To use the SynchronousM trigger mode, configure the triggering master as SynchronousM and then configure all other nodes in the test system as Synchronous, SynchronousA, or to the non-Keithley Instruments equivalent.

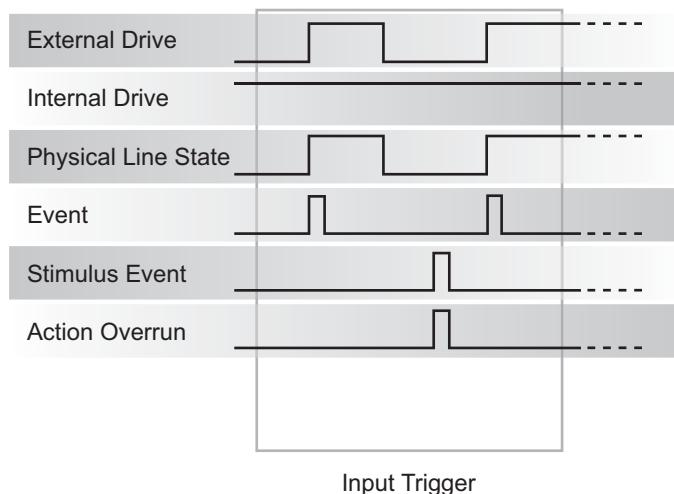
NOTE

Use the SynchronousM trigger mode to receive notification when the triggered action on all nodes is complete.

Input characteristics:

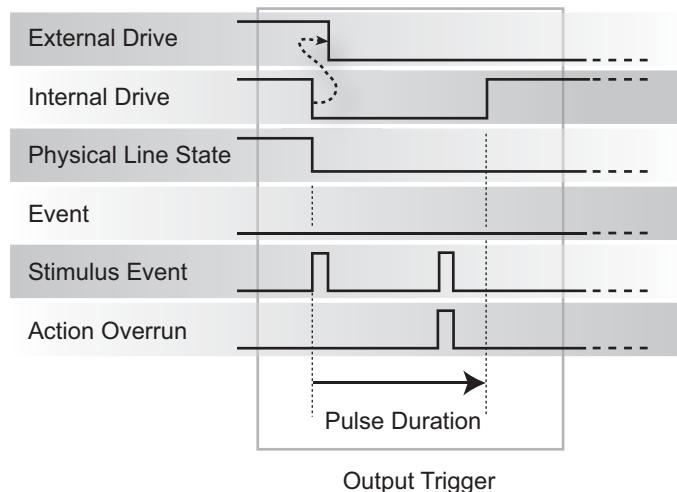
- All rising edges are input triggers.
- When all external drives release the physical line, the rising edge is detected as an input trigger.
- A rising edge is not detected until all external drives release the line and the line floats high.

Figure 57: SynchronousM input trigger



Output characteristics:

- In addition to trigger events from other trigger objects, the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` functions generate a low pulse that is similar to the falling edge trigger mode.
- An action overrun occurs if the physical line state is low while a stimulus event occurs.

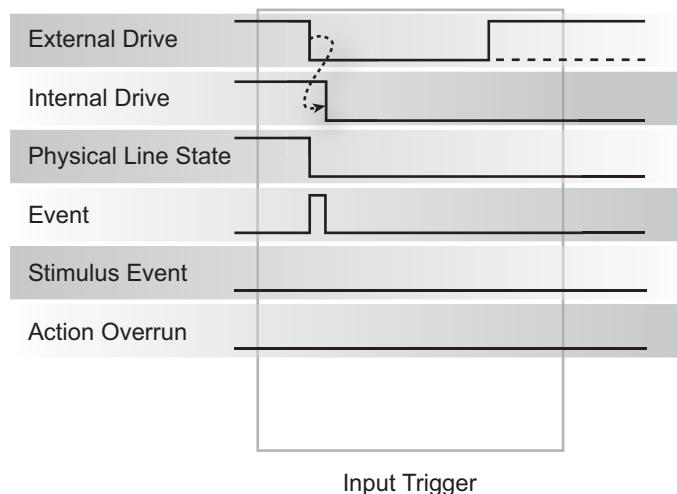
Figure 58: SynchronousM output trigger

Synchronous acceptor trigger mode (SynchronousA)

Use the synchronous acceptor trigger mode (SynchronousA) in conjunction with the SynchronousM trigger mode. The roles of the internal and external drives are reversed in the SynchronousA trigger mode.

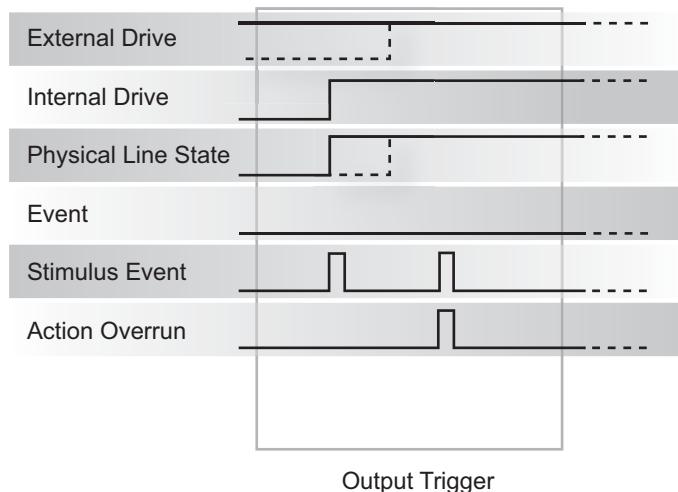
Input characteristics:

- The falling edge is detected as the external drive pulses the line low, and the internal drive latches the line low.

Figure 59: SynchronousA input trigger

Output characteristics:

- In addition to trigger events from other trigger objects, the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` functions release the line if the line is latched low. The pulse width is not used.
- The physical line state does not change until all drives (internal and external) release the line.
- Action overruns occur if the internal drive is not latched low and a source event is received.

Figure 60: SynchronousA output trigger

Synchronous trigger mode

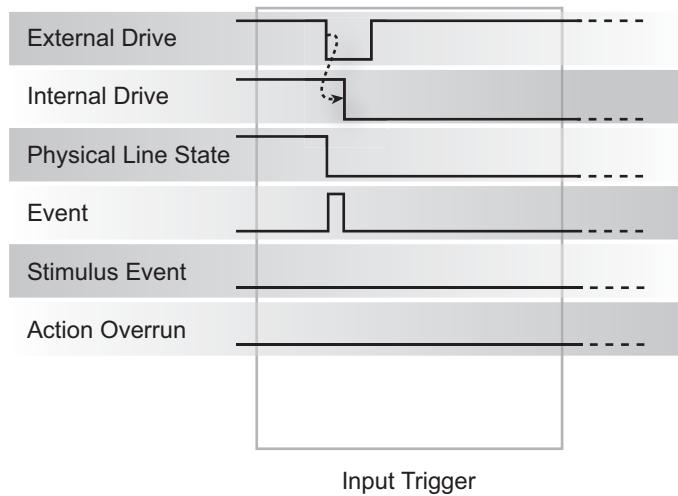
The synchronous trigger mode is a combination of SynchronousA and SynchronousM trigger modes.

NOTE

Keithley Instruments recommends using SynchronousA and SynchronousM modes only.

Input characteristics:

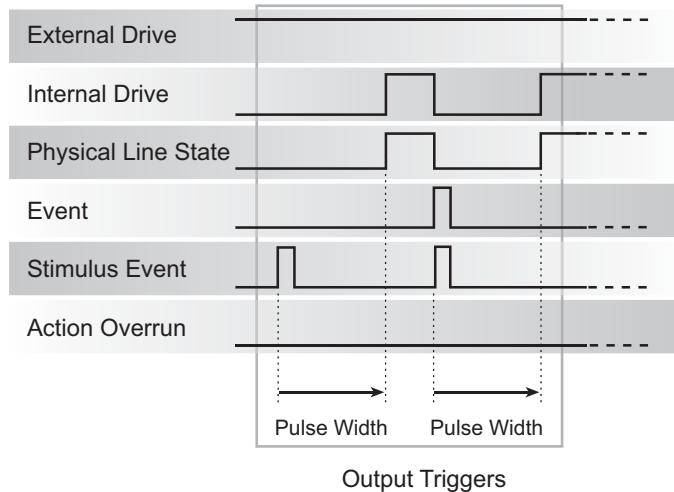
- The falling edge generates an input event and latches the internal drive low.

Figure 61: Synchronous input trigger

Output characteristics:

- In addition to trigger events from other trigger objects, the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` functions generate a low pulse for the programmed pulse duration if the line is latched low, a falling edge does not occur.
- A normal falling edge pulse generates when the internal drive is not latched low and the `digio.trigger[N].assert()` and `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` functions are issued.
- To mirror the SynchronousA trigger mode, set the pulse width to 1 μ s or any small nonzero value.
- Action overruns are disabled.

Figure 62: Synchronous output trigger



High-capacitance mode

Overview

The Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument features a high-capacitance mode.

Because the source-measure unit (SMU) has the ability to measure low current, issues can arise when driving a capacitive load. The pole formed by the load capacitance and the current range resistor can cause a phase shift in the SMU voltage control loop. This shift can lead to overshoot, ringing, and instability. The actual operating conditions for a given capacitive load can vary. This is due to the large, dynamic range of the instrument's current measurement capability and its wide range of internal resistors.

Based on the type, some test applications may require capacitors larger than 100 nF. For this purpose, you can use the high-capacitance mode to minimize overshoot, ringing and instability.

This section provides the details that you need to estimate performance based on load capacitance and measurement conditions.

Understanding high-capacitance mode

The source-measure unit (SMU) in the Model 2657A drives 100 nF of capacitance in normal operation. Typically, an internal capacitor across the current measuring element provides a phase lead that compensates for the phase lag caused by the output's load capacitance. This internal capacitance across the range resistance limits the speed for a specific measurement range.

It is important to note that the SMU in the Model 2657A implements frequency compensation to achieve the highest throughput possible for a 100 nF or less load. In addition, you must consider the settling time, voltage range, measure delay, the quality of the capacitor, the current measure range resistor, and the load resistor.

In normal operation, the SMU in the Model 2657A can drive capacitive loads as large as 100 nF. In high-capacitance mode, the SMU can drive a maximum of 10 μ F of capacitance.

NOTE

When high-capacitance mode is enabled, a minimum load capacitance of 100 nF is recommended. In the absence of this minimum load capacitance, overshoot and ringing may occur.

Highest throughput is achieved by using normal operation. In high-capacitance mode, the speed of the Model 2657A SMU is reduced to compensate for the larger load capacitance. Stability is achieved by placing an internal capacitance across the current measuring element of the SMU. This internal capacitor limits the speed for the source and measurement ranges. Therefore, when optimizing the speed of your test configuration in high-capacitance mode, you must consider the settling time, voltage, and measure delay, quality of the load capacitor, and load resistance. High-capacitance mode settings apply to all enabled current ranges.

Understanding source settling times

The Model 2657A source-measure unit (SMU) can drive up to 10 μ F of capacitance in high-capacitance mode. In order to accomplish this, the frequency compensation capacitance across the measure range resistors increases. This increase causes longer settling times on some current measure ranges. The same range elements that are used to measure current are used to source current. Therefore, the current limit response times will respond in a similar manner.

Adjusting the voltage source

When driving large capacitive loads with high-capacitance mode enabled, the programmed current limit affects the voltage step response time.

If a 1 μ F capacitor charges to 100 V in 1 ms with a 100 mA limit and the limit is changed to 1 μ A, the charging time increases to 100 seconds (see the following equation).

$$i = C \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

Understanding the capacitor

Based on the capacitor's dielectric absorption performance, the settling time may change.

NOTE

Tantalum or electrolytic capacitors are well known for long dielectric absorption settling times.

Film capacitors and ceramics perform better, with NPO/COG dielectric ceramics yielding the best settling response.

Charging the capacitor and taking readings

The following steps outline the procedure to charge and read a capacitor in high-capacitance mode:

1. Set the current limit to a value that is higher than will be used for the measurement (for example, if measuring at 10 µA, set the initial current limit to 100 mA).
2. After the capacitor charges, lower the current limit and measure range to obtain the current measurement.

Enabling high-capacitance mode

Before enabling high-capacitance mode, note the following:

- It is important to read the previous section to understand the impact of high-capacitance mode.
- Test the DUT and the capacitor to determine the best current limit and range of output voltages.
- The settling times can vary based on the DUT. It is important to test the limits of the DUT before you use high-capacitance mode.
- Failure to test the DUT for the appropriate current limit and output voltages can result in damage to or destruction of the DUT.
- For optimal performance, do not continuously switch between normal mode and high-capacitance mode.
- Before you charge the capacitor, start with 0 (zero) voltage across the capacitor.
- When high-capacitance mode is enabled, a minimum load capacitance of 100 nF is recommended. In the absence of this minimum load capacitance, overshoot and/or ringing may occur.

Front panel

To enable high-capacitance mode from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key and then select **SRC > HIGHC-MODE**.
2. Select **ENABLE**.
3. Push the **ENTER** key to enable high-capacitance mode.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to back out of the menu structure.

Command interface

Turning on High-C mode has the following effects on the SMU settings:

- `smua.measure.autorangei` is set to `smua.AUTORANGE_FOLLOW_LIMIT` and cannot be changed.
- Current ranges below 1 μ A are not accessible.
- If `smua.source.limiti` is less than 1 μ A, it is raised to 1 μ A.
- If `smua.source.rangei` is less than 1 μ A, it is raised to 1 μ A.
- If `smua.source.lowrangei` is less than 1 μ A, it is raised to 1 μ A.
- If `smua.measure.lowrangei` is less than 1 μ A, it is raised to 1 μ A.

Measuring current

The following inputs are required to test leakage using the factory leakage script, as shown in the script example below.

- **SMU:** Sets the Model 2657A source-measure unit to use
- **levelv:** Sets the output voltage level
- **limiti:** Sets the current limit for discharging or charging the capacitor
- **sourcedelay:** Solve the following equation to determine the amount of time before taking a current reading:
$$i = C \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$
Where: i is the `limiti` setting (current limit)
- **measurei:** Sets the current measure range
- **measuredelay:** Defines the delay to wait after lowering the current limit before taking the measurement

Script example

Use the `smua.source.highc` attribute to set and control the options for high-capacitance mode, charge a capacitor, and test for leakage.

The following programming example (and figure) illustrates how to enable high-capacitance mode on SMU A.

1. To enable high-capacitance mode, send:

```
-- Enables high-capacitance mode.  
smua.source.highc = smua.ENABLE
```

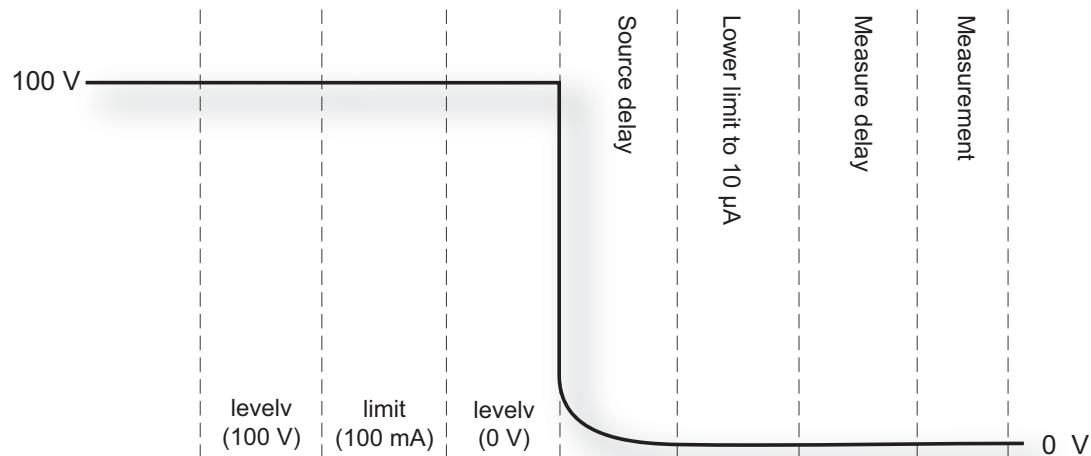
2. To run the `i_leakage_measure()` function in the KIHightC factory script, send:

```
-- Charges the capacitor.
smua.source.levelv = 100
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
delay(1)
imeas = i_leakage_measure(smua, 0, 100e-3, 300e-3, 10e-6, 100e-3)
-- The parameters in the i_leakage_measure() function represent
-- the following:
-- smu = smua
-- levelv = 0 V
-- limiti = 100 mA
-- sourcedelay = 300 ms
-- measurei = 10 uA range
-- measuredelay = 100 ms
```

NOTE

Adjust the voltage level and source delays based on the value and type of capacitor along with the magnitude of the voltage step and the current measure range.

Figure 63: Enabling high-capacitance mode for the Model 2657A



Display operations

Display functions and attributes

The display functions and attributes are used to perform the display operations covered in this section. The following table lists each display function/attribute (in alphabetical order) and cross references it to the section topic where the function/attribute is explained.

[TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) provides additional information about the display functions and attributes.

Cross-referencing functions and attributes to section topics

Function or attribute	Section topic
display.clear()	Clearing the display (on page 3-70)
display.getannunciators()	Indicators (on page 3-75)
display.getcursor()	Cursor position (on page 3-70)
display.getlastkey()	Capturing key-press codes (on page 3-78)
display.gettext()	Displaying text messages (on page 3-71)
display.inputvalue()	Parameter value prompting (on page 3-74)
display.loadmenu.add()	Load test menu (on page 3-76)
display.loadmenu.catalog()	
display.loadmenu.delete()	
display.locallockout	LOCAL lockout (on page 3-76)
display.menu()	Menu (on page 3-73)
display.numpad	Setting a value (on page 2-14)
display.prompt()	Parameter value prompting (on page 3-74)
display.screen	Display screen (on page 3-69)
display.sendkey()	Sending key codes (on page 3-78)
display.setcursor()	Cursor position (on page 3-70)
display.settext()	Displaying text messages (on page 3-71)
display.smua.digits	Display resolution (on page 3-69)
display.smua.limit.func	Limit functions (on page 3-69)
display.smua.measure.func	Measurement functions (on page 3-69)
display.trigger.clear()	Display trigger wait and clear (on page 3-69)
display.trigger.wait()	
display.waitkey()	Capturing key-press codes (on page 3-78)

Display features

Display screen

Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument displays source-measure values and readings or user defined messages. The display screen options include the following:

- **Source-measure, compliance screens:** Display SMU source-measure readings and compliance values.
- **User screen:** Display user-defined messages and prompts.

Configure the type of source-measure and compliance displayed by setting the `display.screen` attribute. The following programming example illustrates how to display source-measure and compliance values, and measure readings for SMU A:

```
display.screen = display.SMUA
```

Measurement functions

With a source-measure screen selected, the measured reading can be displayed as volts, amperes, ohms, or watts. Configure the type of measured reading displayed by setting the `display.smua.measure.func` attribute. The following programming example illustrates how to set SMU A to display ohms measurements:

```
display.smua.measure.func = display.MEASURE_OHMS
```

Limit functions

Configure the type of limit function displayed by setting the `display.smua.limit.func` attribute. The following programming example illustrates how to set SMU A to display its power limit setting:

```
display.smua.limit.func = display.LIMIT_P
```

Display resolution

Display resolution for measured readings can be set to 4-1/2, 5-1/2 or 6-1/2 digit resolution. Configure the type of resolution displayed by setting the `display.smua.digits` attribute. The following programming example illustrates how to set SMU A for 5-1/2 digit resolution for measured readings:

```
display.smua.digits = display.DIGITS_5_5
```

Display trigger wait and clear

The `display.trigger.wait()` function causes the instrument to wait for the front panel TRIG key to be pressed, while the `display.trigger.clear()` function clears the trigger event detector.

Display messages

NOTE

Most of the display functions and attributes that are associated with display messaging will automatically select the user screen. The attribute for the display screen is explained in [Display screen](#) (on page 3-69).

The reset functions, `reset()` or `smua.reset()`, have no effect on the defined display message or its configuration, but will set the display mode back to the previous source-measure display mode.

The display of the Model 2657A can be used to display user-defined messages. For example, while a test is running, the following message can be displayed on the Model 2657A.

Test in Process
Do Not Disturb

The top line of the display can accommodate up to 20 characters (including spaces). The bottom line can display up to 32 characters (including spaces) at a time.

NOTE

The `display.clear()`, `display.setCursor()`, and `display.setText()` functions (which are explained in the following paragraphs) are overlapped, nonblocking commands. The script will NOT wait for one of these commands to complete.

These nonblocking functions do not immediately update the display. For performance considerations, they write to a shadow and will update the display as soon as processing time becomes available.

Clearing the display

When sending a command to display a message, a previously defined user message is not cleared. The new message starts at the end of the old message on that line. It is good practice to routinely clear the display before defining a new message.

After displaying an input prompt, the message will remain displayed even after the operator performs the prescribed action. The `clear()` function must be sent to clear the display. To clear both lines of the display, but not affect any of the indicators, send the following function:

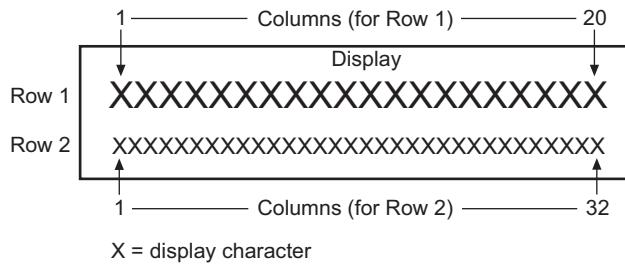
```
display.clear()
```

Cursor position

When displaying a message, the cursor position determines where the message will start. On power-up, the cursor is positioned at row 1, column 1 (see the following figure). At this cursor position, a user-defined message will be displayed on the top row (row 1).

Top line text will not wrap to the bottom line of the display automatically. Any text that does not fit on the current line will be truncated. If the text is truncated, the cursor will be left at the end of the line.

Figure 64: Row/column format for display messaging



The function to set cursor position can be used two ways:

```
display.setcursor(row, column)
display.setcursor(row, column, style)
```

Where:

<i>row</i>	1 or 2
<i>column</i>	1 to 20 (row 1) 1 to 32 (row 2)
<i>style</i>	0 (invisible) 1 (blink)

When set to 0, the cursor will not be seen. When set to 1, a display character will blink to indicate its position.

The `display.getcursor()` function returns the present cursor position, and can be used three ways:

```
row, column, style = display.getcursor()
row, column = display.getcursor()
row = display.getcursor()
```

The following programming example illustrates how to position the cursor on row 2, column 1, and then read the cursor position:

```
display.setcursor(2, 1)
row, column = display.getcursor()
print(row, column)
```

Output:

```
2.00000e+00 1.00000e+00
```

Displaying text messages

To define and display a message, use the `display.settext(text)` function (*text* is the text string to be displayed). The message will start at the present cursor position. The following programming example illustrates how to display “Test in Process” on the top line, and “Do Not Disturb” on the bottom line:

```
display.clear()
display.setcursor(1, 1, 0)
display.settext("Test in Process")
display.setcursor(2, 6, 0)
display.settext("Do Not Disturb")
```

Character codes

The following special codes can be embedded in the `text` string to configure and customize the message:

- \$N Starts text on the next line (newline). If the cursor is already on line 2, text will be ignored after the '\$N' is received.
- \$R Sets text to Normal.
- \$B Sets text to Blink.
- \$D Sets text to Dim intensity.
- \$F Set text to background blink.
- \$\$ Escape sequence to display a single "\$".

In addition to displaying alphanumeric characters, you can display other special characters. Refer to [Display character codes](#) (on page F-1) for a complete listing of special characters and their corresponding codes. The following programming example illustrates how to display the Greek symbol omega (Ω) :

```
display.clear()  
c = string.char(18)  
display.settext(c)
```

The following programming example illustrates how to use the \$N and \$B character codes to display the message "Test in Process" on the top line and the blinking message "Do Not Disturb" on the bottom line:

```
display.clear()  
display.settext("Test in Process $N$BDo Not Disturb")
```

The following programming example illustrates how to use the \$\$ character code to display the message "You owe me \$8" on the top line:

```
display.clear()  
display.setCursor(1, 1)  
display.settext("You owe me $$8")
```

If the extra \$ character is not included, the \$8 would be interpreted as an undefined character code and will be ignored. The message "You owe me" will instead be displayed.

NOTE

Be careful when embedding character codes in the text string; it is easy to forget that the character following the \$ is part of the code. For example, assume you want to display "Hello" on the top line and "Nate" on the bottom line, and so you send the following command:

```
display.setText("Hello$Nate")
```

The above command displays "Hello" on the top line and "ate" on the bottom line. The correct syntax for the command is as follows:

```
display.setText("Hello$NNate")
```

Returning a text message

The `displaygettext()` function returns the displayed message (*text*) and can be used in five ways:

```
text = displaygettext()
text = displaygettext(embellished)
text = displaygettext(embellished, row)
text = displaygettext(embellished, row, columnStart)
text = displaygettext(embellished, row, columnStart, columnEnd)
```

Where:

<i>embellished</i>	Returns text as a simple character string (<code>false</code>) or includes character codes (<code>true</code>)
<i>row</i>	The row to read text from (1 or 2); if not included, text from both rows is read
<i>columnStart</i>	Starting column for reading text
<i>columnEnd</i>	Ending column for reading text

Sending the command without the *row* parameter returns both lines of the display. The `$N` character code will be included to show where the top line ends and the bottom line begins. The `$N` character code will be returned even if *embellished* is set to `false`.

With *embellished* set to `true`, all other character codes that were used in the creation of each message line will be returned along with the message. With *embellished* set to `false`, only the message will be returned.

Sending the command without the *columnStart* parameter defaults to column 1. Sending the command without the *columnEnd* argument defaults to the last column (column 20 for row 1, column 32 for row 2).

Input prompting

Display messaging can be used along with front panel controls to make a user script interactive. In an interactive script, input prompts are displayed so that the operator can perform a prescribed action using the front panel controls. While displaying an input prompt, the test will pause and wait for the operator to perform the prescribed action from the front panel.

Menu

A user-defined menu can be presented on the display. The menu consists of the menu name on the top line, and a selectable list of menu items on the bottom line. To define a menu, use the `display.menu(menu, items)` function.

Where:

<i>menu</i>	The name of the menu; use a string of up to 20 characters (including spaces)
<i>items</i>	A string is made up of one or more menu items; each item must be separated by white space

When the `display.menu()` function is sent, script execution waits for the operator to select one of the menu items. Rotate the navigation wheel  to place the blinking cursor on a menu item. Items that do not fit in the display area are displayed by rotating the navigation wheel  to the right. With the cursor on the menu item, press the navigation wheel  (or the **ENTER** key) to select it.

Pressing the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key does not abort the script while the menu is displayed, but it will return `nil`. The script can be aborted by calling the `exit()` function when `nil` is returned.

The following programming example illustrates how to present the operator with the choice of two menu items: Test1 or Test2. If Test1 is selected, the message Running Test1 is displayed. If Test2 is selected, the message Running Test2 is displayed.

```
display.clear()
menu = display.menu("Sample Menu", "Test1 Test2")
if menu == "Test1" then
    display.settext("Running Test1")
else
    display.settext("Running Test2")
end
```

Parameter value prompting

There are two functions that you can use to create an editable input field on the user screen at the present cursor position: `display.inputvalue()` and `display.prompt()`.

The `display.inputvalue()` function uses the user screen at the present cursor position. Once the command is finished, it returns the user screen to its previous state. The `display.prompt()` function creates a new edit screen and does not use the user screen.

Each of these two functions can be used in four ways:

```
display.inputvalue(format)
display.inputvalue(format, default)
display.inputvalue(format, default, min)
display.inputvalue(format, default, min, max)
display.prompt(format, units, help)
display.prompt(format, units, help, default)
display.prompt(format, units, help, default, min)
display.prompt(format, units, help, default, min, max)
```

Where:

<i>format</i>	String that creates an editable input field on the user screen at the present cursor position (examples: +0.00 00, +00, 0.00000E+0)
	Value field:
	+ = Include for positive/negative value entry; omitting the + prevents negative value entry
	0 = Defines the digit positions for the value (up to six zeros (0))
	Exponent field (optional):
	E = include for exponent entry
	+ = Include for positive/negative exponent entry; omitting the + prevents negative value entry
	0 = Defines the digit positions for the exponent
<i>default</i>	Option to set a default value for the parameter, which will be displayed when the command is sent
<i>min</i>	Option to specify minimum limits for the input field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When NOT using the "+" sign for the value field, the minimum limit cannot be set to less than zero • When using the "+" sign, the minimum limit can be set to less than zero (for example, -2)
<i>max</i>	Option to specify maximum limits for the input field
<i>units</i>	Text string to identify the units for the value (8 characters maximum), for example: Units text is "V" for volts and "A" for amperes
<i>help</i>	Informational text string to display on the bottom line (32 characters maximum).

Both the `display.inputvalue()` and `display.prompt()` functions display the editable input field, but the `display.inputvalue()` function does not include the text strings for *units* and *help*.

After one of the above functions is executed, command execution will pause and wait for the operator to input the source level. The program will continue after the operator enters the value by pressing the navigation wheel  or the ENTER key.

The following programming example illustrates how to prompt the operator to enter a source voltage value for SMU A:

```
display.clear()
value = display.prompt("0.00", "V", "Enter source voltage")
display.screen = display.SMUA
smua.source.levelv = value
```

The script pauses after displaying the prompt message and waits for the operator to enter the voltage level. The display then toggles to the source-measure display for SMU A and sets the source level to value.

NOTE

If the operator presses EXIT(LOCAL) instead of entering a source value, value will be set to nil.

The second line of the above code can be replaced using the other input field function:

```
value = display.inputvalue("0.00")
```

The only difference is that the display prompt will not include the “V” units designator and the “Enter source value” message.

Indicators

To determine which display indicators are turned on, use the `display.getannunciators()` function. For example, to determine which display indicators are turned on, send the following commands.

```
annun = display.getannunciators()
print(annun)
```

The 16-bit binary equivalent of the returned value is a bitmap. Each bit corresponds to an indicator. If the bit is set to “1”, the indicator is turned on. If the bit is set to “0”, the indicator is turned off.

The following table identifies the bit position for each indicator. The table also includes the weighted value of each bit. The returned value is the sum of all the weighted values for the bits that are set.

For example, assume the returned bitmap value is 34061. The binary equivalent of this value is as follows:

1000010100001101

For the above binary number, the following bits are set to “1”: 16, 11, 9, 4, 3 and 1. Using the table, the following indicators are on: REL, REM, EDIT, AUTO, 4W and FILT.

Bit identification for indicators

Bit	B16	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9
Annunciator	REL	REAR	SRQ	LSTN	TALK	REM	ERR	EDIT
Weighted value*	32768	16384	8192	4096	2048	1024	512	256
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1

Bit	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1
Annunciator	SMPL	STAR	TRIG	ARM	AUTO	4W	MATH	FILT
Weighted value*	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1

* The weighted values are for bits that are set to "1." Bits set to "0" have no value.

Not all of the above indicators shown in above table may be used by the Model 2657A.

Local lockout

You can use the front-panel EXIT (LOCAL) key to cancel remote operation and return control to the front panel. However, this key can be locked-out to prevent a test from being interrupted. When locked, this key becomes a NO-OP (no operation). Configure the following attribute to lock or unlock the EXIT (LOCAL) key:

```
display.locallockout = lockout
```

Where *lockout* is set to one of the following values:

0 or display.UNLOCK

1 or display.LOCK

For example, to lock out the EXIT (LOCAL) key:

```
display.locallockout = display.LOCK
```

Load test menu

The LOAD TEST menu lists tests (USER, FACTORY, and SCRIPTS) that can be run from the front panel. Factory tests are preloaded and saved in nonvolatile memory at the factory. They are available in the FACTORY TESTS submenu. Named scripts that have been loaded into the run-time environment can be selected from the SCRIPTS submenu. Refer to [Manage scripts](#) (on page 6-3) for additional information.

User tests

User tests can be added to or deleted from the USER TESTS submenu.

Adding USER TESTS menu entries

You can use the following function in either of two ways to add an entry into the USER TESTS menu:

```
display.loadmenu.add(displayname, code)
display.loadmenu.add(displayname, code, memory)
```

Where:

displayname The name string that is added to the USER TESTS menu.

code The code that is run from the USER TESTS menu when the RUN button is pressed. It can include any valid Lua code.

memory A value that specifies if the *code* and *displayname* parameters are saved in nonvolatile memory. Set to one of the following values:

0 or `display.DONT_SAVE`

1 or `display.SAVE` (this is the default setting)

Scripts, functions, and variables that are used in the *code* are not saved when `display.SAVE` is used. Functions and variables need to be saved with the script (see [Manage scripts](#) (on page 6-3)). If the script is not saved in nonvolatile memory, it is lost when the Model 2657A is turned off. See Example 1 below.

Example 1:

Assume a script with a function named “DUT1” has been loaded into the Model 2657A, and the script has not been saved in nonvolatile memory.

Now assume you want to add a test named “Test” to the USER TESTS menu. You want the test to run the function named “DUT1” and sound the beeper. The following programming example illustrates how to add “Test” to the menu, define the *code*, and then save *displayname* and *code* in nonvolatile memory:

```
display.loadmenu.add("Test", "DUT1() beeper.beep(2, 500)", display.SAVE)
```

When “Test” is run from the front-panel USER TESTS menu, the function named “DUT1” executes and the beeper beeps for two seconds.

Now assume you turn the Model 2657A power off and then on again. Because the script was not saved in nonvolatile memory, the function named “DUT1” is lost. When “Test” is again run from the front panel, the beeper beeps, but “DUT1” will not execute because it no longer exists in the run-time environment.

Example 2:

The following command adds an entry called “Part1” to the front-panel USER TESTS submenu for the code “`testpart([[Part1]], 5.0)`”, and saves it in nonvolatile memory:

```
display.loadmenu.add("Part1", "testpart([[Part1]], 5.0)", display.SAVE)
```

Deleting USER TESTS menu entries

You can use the following function to delete an entry from the front-panel USER TESTS menu:

```
display.loadmenu.delete(displayname)
```

Where:

displayname Name to delete from the menu.

The following programming example removes the entry named "Part1" from the front-panel USER TESTS menu:

```
display.loadmenu.delete("Part1")
```

Running a test from the front panel

To run a user, factory, or script test from the front panel:

1. Press the **LOAD** key to display the LOAD TEST menu.
2. Select the **USER**, **FACTORY**, or **SCRIPTS** menu item.
3. Position the blinking cursor on the test to be run and press **ENTER** or the navigation wheel .
4. Press the **RUN** key to run the test.

Key-press codes

Sending key codes

Key codes are provided to remotely simulate pressing a front-panel key or the navigation wheel . There are also key codes to simulate rotating the navigation wheel  to the left or right (one click at a time). Use the `display.sendkey()` function to perform these actions. The following programming examples illustrate how to simulate pressing the MENU key in two different ways:

```
display.sendkey(display.KEY_MENU)  
display.sendkey(68)
```

Capturing key-press codes

A history of the key code for the last pressed front panel key is maintained by the Model 2657A. When the instrument is turned on (or when transitioning from local to remote operation), the key code is set to 0 (`display.KEY_NONE`).

When a front-panel key is pressed, the key code value for that key can be captured and returned. There are two functions associated with the capture of key-press codes: `display.getLastkey()` and `display.waitkey()`.

display.getLastkey()

The `display.getLastkey()` function is used to immediately return the key code for the last pressed key. The following programming example illustrates how to display the last key pressed:

```
key = display.getLastkey()
print(key)
```

The above code will return the key code value (see the following table). Remember that a value of 0 (`display.KEY_NONE`) indicates that the key code history had been cleared.

Key codes

Value	Key list	Value	Key list
0	<code>display.KEY_NONE</code>	82	<code>display.KEY_ENTER</code>
65	<code>display.KEY_RANGEUP</code>	85	<code>display.KEY_RECALL</code>
68	<code>display.KEY_MENU</code>	86	<code>display.KEY_MEASA</code>
69	<code>display.KEY_MODEA</code>	87	<code>display.KEY_DIGITSA</code>
70	<code>display.KEY_REL A</code>	92	<code>display.KEY_TRIG</code>
71	<code>display.KEY_RUN</code>	93	<code>display.KEY_LIMITA</code>
72	<code>display.KEY_DISPLAY</code>	94	<code>display.KEY_SPEEDA</code>
73	<code>display.KEY_AUTO</code>	95	<code>display.KEY_LOAD</code>
75	<code>display.KEY_EXIT</code>	97	<code>display.WHEEL_ENTER</code>
77	<code>display.KEY_FILTERA</code>	103	<code>display.KEY_RIGHT</code>
78	<code>display.KEY_STORE</code>	104	<code>display.KEY_LEFT</code>
79	<code>display.KEY_SRCA</code>	107	<code>display.WHEEL_LEFT</code>
80	<code>display.KEY_CONFIG</code>	114	<code>display.WHEEL_RIGHT</code>
81	<code>display.KEY_RANGEDOWN</code>		

NOTE

The OUTPUT ON/OFF control (for a source-measure unit (SMU)) cannot be tracked by this function.

display.waitkey()

The `display.waitkey()` function captures the key code value for the next key press:

```
key = display.waitkey()
```

After sending the `display.waitkey()` function, the script will pause and wait for the operator to press a front-panel key. For example, if the MENU key is pressed, the function will return the value 68, which is the key code for that key. The key code values are the same as listed in [display.getLastkey\(\)](#) (on page 7-63).

The following programming example illustrates how to prompt the user to press the EXIT (LOCAL) key to abort the script, or any other key to continue it:

```
display.clear()
display.setcursor(1, 1)
display.settext("Press EXIT to Abort")
display.setcursor(2, 1)
display.settext("or any key to continue")
key = display.waitkey()
display.clear()
display.setcursor(1, 1)
if key == 75 then
    display.settext("Test Aborted")
    exit()
else
    display.settext("Test Continuing")
end
```

The above code captures the key that is pressed by the operator. The key code value for the EXIT (LOCAL) key is 75. If the EXIT (LOCAL) key is pressed, the script aborts. If any other key is pressed, the script continues.

Digital I/O

Digital I/O port

The Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument has a digital input/output port that can be used to control external digital circuitry. For example, a handler that is used to perform binning operations can be used with a digital I/O port.

Port configuration

The digital I/O port, a standard female DB-25 connector (shown below), is located on the rear panel.

Figure 65: Digital I/O port



1 = Digital I/O #1	11 = Digital I/O #11
2 = Digital I/O #2	12 = Digital I/O #12
3 = Digital I/O #3	13 = Digital I/O #13
4 = Digital I/O #4	14 = Digital I/O #14
5 = Digital I/O #5	15-21 = Ground
6 = Digital I/O #6	22 = +5 V
7 = Digital I/O #7	23 = +5 V
8 = Digital I/O #8	24 = Interlock (INT)
9 = Digital I/O #9	25 = +5 V
10 = Digital I/O #10	

Connecting cables

Use a cable equipped with a male DB-25 connector (Keithley Instruments part number CA-126-1), or a Model 2600-TLINK cable to connect the digital I/O port to other Keithley Instruments models equipped with a Trigger Link (TLINK).

Digital I/O lines

The port provides 14 digital I/O lines. Each output is set high (+5 V) or low (0 V) and can read high or low logic levels. Each digital I/O line is an open-drain signal.

+5 V output

The digital I/O port provides a +5 V output that is used to drive external logic circuitry. Maximum current output for these lines is 250 mA. This line is protected by a self-resetting fuse with a one hour recovery time.

Interlock line

⚠ WARNING

At no time should you bypass the interlock feature of the Model 2657A. Safe operation requires a separate interlock circuit that meets the requirements of the application to reliably protect the operator from exposed voltages. Bypassing the interlock could expose the operator to hazardous voltages that could result in personal injury or death.

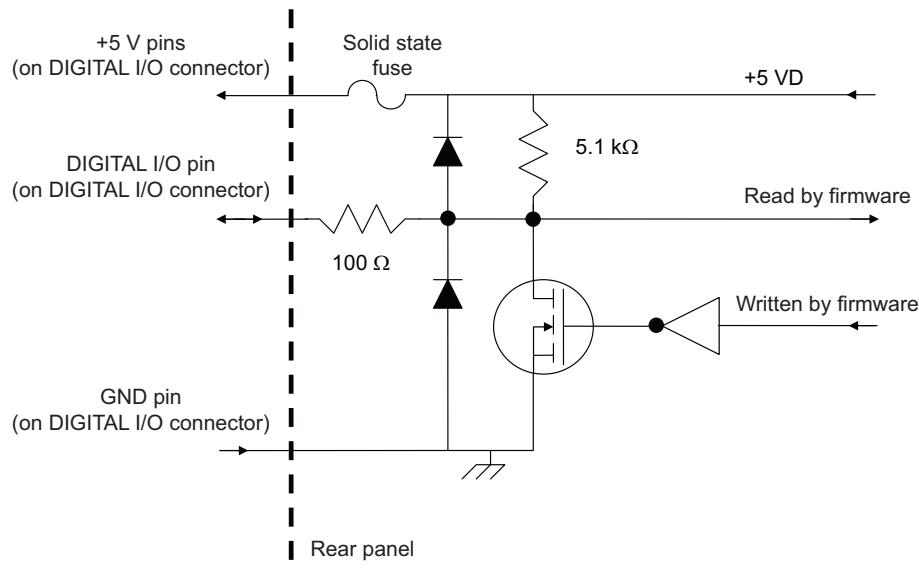
The Model 2657A interlock (INT) line of the digital I/O can be used with a switch in the test fixture or component handler. With proper use, power is removed from the DUT when the lid of the fixture is opened. See [Operation](#) (on page 3-85) for more details.

Use interlock cable assembly CA-558 to connect the Model 2657A interlock to either a Model 8010 High Power Device Test Fixture or to the Model 2657A-LIM-3 LO Interconnect Module (refer to the connection information supplied with the device).

Digital I/O configuration

The following figure shows the basic configuration of the digital I/O port. Writing a 1 to a line sets that line high (~ +5 V). Writing a 0 to a line sets that line low (~0 V). Note that an external device pulls an I/O line low by shorting it to ground, so that a device must be able to sink at least 480 μ A per I/O line.

Figure 66: Digital I/O port configuration



Controlling digital I/O lines

Although the digital I/O lines are primarily intended for use with a device handler for limit testing, they can also be used for other purposes such as controlling external logic circuits. You can control lines either from the front panel or over a remote interface.

NOTE

The trigger mode for the line must be set to `digio.TRIG_BYPASS` in order to use the line for digital I/O. See [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for more information.

To set digital I/O values from the front panel:

1. Press the **MENU** key, select **DIGOUT**, and then press the **ENTER** key or press the navigation wheel .
 2. Select **DIG-IO-OUTPUT**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
 3. Set the decimal value as required to set digital I/O lines in the range of 0 to 16,383 (see the table in [Digital I/O bit weighting](#) (on page 3-83)), and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
- For example, to set digital I/O lines 3 and 8, set the value to 132.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key as needed to return to the main menu.

To write-protect specific digital I/O lines to prevent their values from being changed:

1. Press the **MENU** key, then select **DIGOUT**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
 2. Select **WRITE-PROTECT**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
 3. Set the decimal value as required to write-protect digital I/O lines within the range of 0 to 16,383 (see [Digital I/O bit weighting](#) (on page 3-83)), and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
- For example, to write-protect digital I/O lines 4 and 10, set the value to 520.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key as needed to return to the main menu.

To remove write protection, reset the decimal value to include only the lines that you want to write protect. To remove write protection from all lines, set the value to 0.

Digital I/O bit weighting

Bit weighting for the digital I/O lines is shown in the following table.

Digital bit weight

Line #	Bit	Decimal weighting	Hexadecimal weighting
1	B1	1	0x0001
2	B2	2	0x0002
3	B3	4	0x0004
4	B4	8	0x0008
5	B5	16	0x0010
6	B6	32	0x0020
7	B7	64	0x0040
8	B8	128	0x0080
9	B9	256	0x0100
10	B10	512	0x0200
11	B11	1,024	0x0400
12	B12	2,048	0x0800
13	B13	4,096	0x1000
14	B14	8,192	0x2000

Remote digital I/O commands

Commands that control and access the digital I/O port are summarized in the following table. See the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for complete details on these commands. See the following table for decimal and hexadecimal values used to control and access the digital I/O port and individual lines. Use these commands to trigger the Model 2657A using external trigger pulses applied to the digital I/O port, or to provide trigger pulses to external devices.

Use these commands to perform basic steady-state digital I/O operations such as reading and writing to individual I/O lines or reading and writing to the entire port.

NOTE

The digital I/O lines can be used for both input and output. You must write a 1 to all digital I/O lines that are to be used as inputs.

Remote digital I/O commands

Command	Description
<code>digio.readbit(bit)</code>	Read one digital I/O input line
<code>digio.readport()</code>	Read digital I/O port
<code>digio.writebit(bit, data)</code>	Write data to one digital I/O output line
<code>digio.writeport(data)</code>	Write data to digital I/O port
<code>digio.writeprotect = mask</code>	Write protect mask to digital I/O port

Digital I/O programming example

The programming commands below illustrate how to set bit B1 of the digital I/O port high, and then read the entire port value.

```
digio.trigger[1].mode = digio.TRIG_BYPASS  
-- Set Bit B1 high.  
digio.writebit(1,1)  
-- Read digital I/O port.  
data = digio.readport()
```

Interlock

WARNING

The Model 2657A is provided with an interlock circuit that must be positively activated in order for the high voltage output to be enabled. The interlock helps facilitate safe operation of the equipment in a test system. Bypassing the interlock could expose the operator to hazardous voltages that could result in personal injury or death.

Overview

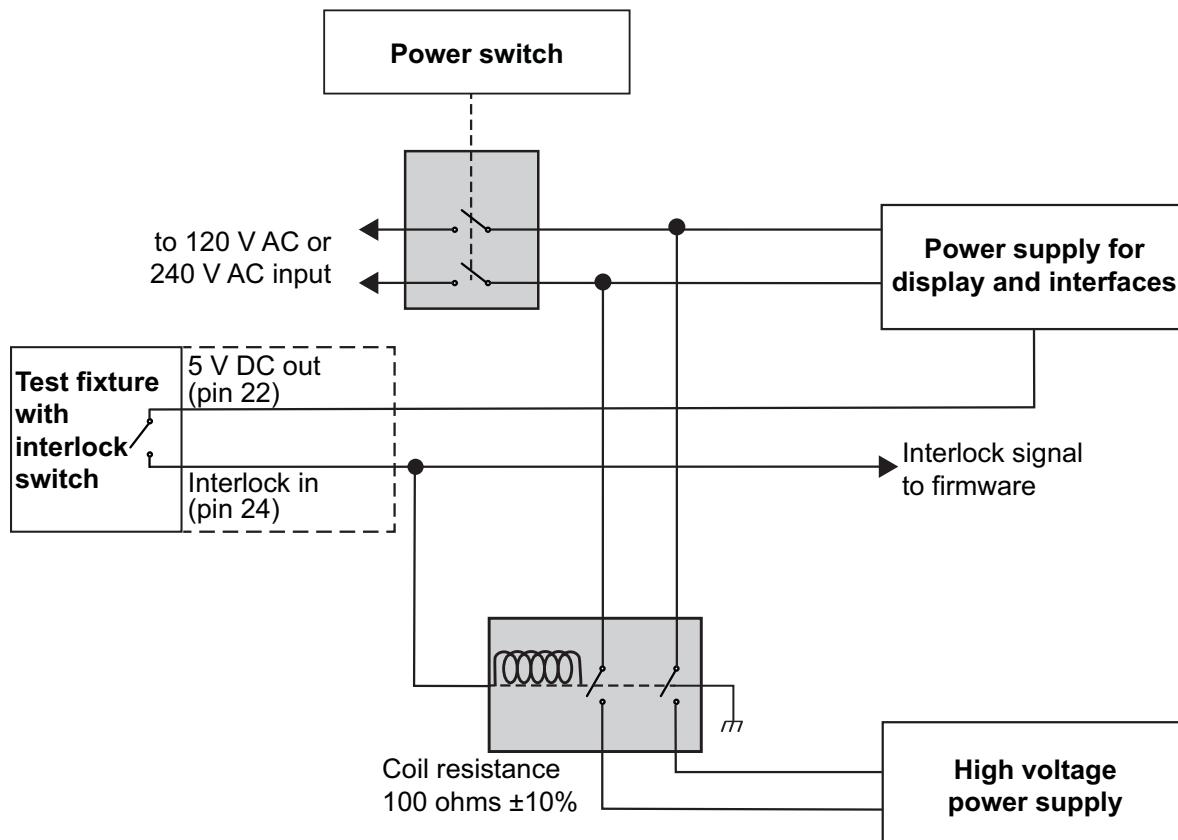
The Model 2657A digital I/O port provides an interlock line for use with a test fixture switch. When properly used, the output of the SourceMeter instrument will turn off when the lid of the test fixture is opened. See [DUT Test Connections](#) (on page 2-41) for important safety information when using a test fixture. Follow standard safety and electrical practices by verifying the correct operation of all components related to system safety, including the interlock.

Operation

When sourcing, the output of the Model 2657A can only be turned on when the interlock line is driven high through a switch to +5 V (as shown). If the lid of the test fixture opens, the switch opens, and the interlock line goes low, turning the output of the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument off. The output is not automatically turned on when the interlock line is set high. The output cannot be turned back on until the interlock line is set high.

A signal of > 4 V at 50 mA (at an absolute maximum of 6 V) must be externally applied to this pin to ensure operation. This signal is pulled down to chassis ground with a 10 kΩ resistor. Operation will be blocked when the interlock signal is < 4 V.

Figure 67: Safety interlock pin



To help troubleshoot interlock errors, the Model 2657A provides an error code that is associated with this feature. This is error code 1122, "Interlock power supply failure." This error indicates that either:

- The interlock appears to be engaged, but the high-voltage power supply is not active. Causes of this include:
 - The power supply is nonfunctional.
 - The interlock pin is at an intermediate voltage above 2 V but below 5 V. This value could be high enough to be recognized as a logical true (1) by the digital hardware, but not high enough to engage the interlock relay.
- The interlock is engaged, but the main SMU fan is not rotating.

TSP-Link synchronization lines

The Model 2657A has three synchronization lines that you can use for triggering, digital I/O, and to synchronize multiple instruments on a TSP-Link® network.

Connecting to the TSP-Link system

The TSP-Link® synchronization lines are built into the TSP-Link connection. Use the TSP-Link connectors located on the back of the Model 2657A. If you are using a TSP-Link network, you do not have to modify any connections. See [TSP-Link system expansion interface](#) (on page 6-49) for detailed information about connecting to the TSP-Link system.

Using TSP-Link synchronization lines for digital I/O

Each synchronization line is an open-drain signal. When using the TSP-Link® synchronization lines for digital I/O, any node that sets the programmed line state to zero (0) causes all nodes to read 0 from the line state. This occurs regardless of the programmed line state of any other node. See the table in the [Digital I/O bit weighting](#) (on page 3-83) topic for digital bit weight values.

Remote TSP-Link synchronization line commands

Commands that control and access the TSP-Link® synchronization port are summarized in the following table. See the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for complete details on these commands. See the table in [Digital I/O bit weighting](#) (on page 3-83) for the decimal and hexadecimal values used to control and access the digital I/O port and individual lines.

Use the commands in following table to perform basic steady-state digital I/O operations; for example, you can program the Model 2657A to read and write to a specific TSP-Link synchronization line or to the entire port.

NOTE

The TSP-Link synchronization lines can be used for both input and output. You must write a 1 to all TSP-Link synchronization lines that are used as inputs.

NOTE

The trigger mode for the line must be set to `tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS` in order to use the line for digital I/O. See [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for more information.

Remote synchronization line commands

Command	Description
<code>tsplink.readbit(bit)</code>	Reads one digital I/O input line.
<code>tsplink.readport()</code>	Reads the digital I/O port.
<code>tsplink.writebit(bit, data)</code>	Writes data to one digital I/O line.
<code>tsplink.writeport(data)</code>	Writes data to the digital I/O port.
<code>tsplink.writeprotect = mask</code>	Sets write-protect mask of the digital I/O port.

Programming example

The programming example below illustrates how to set bit B1 of the TSP-Link digital I/O port high, and then read the entire port value:

```
tsplink.trigger[1].mode = tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS  
-- Set bit B1 high.  
tsplink.writebit(1, 1)  
-- Read I/O port.  
data = tsplink.readport()
```

Section 4

Theory of operation

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Analog-to-digital converter

The Model 2657A has two analog-to-digital converters (ADC): An integrating ADC and a fast ADC.

The integrating ADC uses a ratiometric analog-to-digital conversion technique. Depending on the configuration of the integrating ADC, periodic fresh reference measurements are required to minimize drift. The measurement aperture is used to determine the time interval between these measurement updates. For additional information, see [Autozero](#) (on page 2-22). To help optimize operation of this ADC, the instrument caches the reference and zero values for up to ten of the most recent number of power line cycles. For additional information, see [NPLC caching](#) (on page 2-24).

The fast ADC can acquire measurements at speeds up to 1 million samples per second. The fast ADC does not take reference measurements. A reading measurement acquisition buffer allows up to 5,000 readings to be made at the maximum acquisition rate of the fast ADCs. If this buffer is filled, the instrument slows its acquisition rate to the rate at which the instrument can process the data.

Data acquisition takes priority over both source operation and display operation. Sustained high data acquisition rates will cause the display to stop updating. A sustained high data acquisition rate during a sweep or pulse train may slow source operations. This can cause erratic sweep or pulse timing and may lead to triggers being missed (trigger overruns). Use the status model to monitor for trigger overruns. If a high sustained data acquisition rate causes undesirable sweep or pulse timing, reduce the data acquisition rate or reduce the total number of measurements until the optimal sweep or pulse timing is achieved.

Source-measure concepts

Overview

This section provides detailed information about source-measure concepts, including:

- [Compliance limit principles](#) (on page 4-2)
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- [Basic circuit configurations](#) (on page 4-18)
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Compliance limit principles

A compliance limit acts as a clamp. If the output reaches the limit value, the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument attempts to prevent the output from exceeding that value. This action implies that the source will switch from a V-source to an I-source (or from an I-source to a V-source) when a limit is reached.

As an example, assume the following:

System SourceMeter® instrument: $V_{SRC} = 1000 \text{ V}$; $I_{LIMIT} = 10 \text{ mA}$

Device under test (DUT) resistance: $10 \text{ k}\Omega$

With a source voltage of 1000 V and a DUT resistance of $10 \text{ k}\Omega$, the current through the DUT should be: $1000 \text{ V} / 10 \text{ k}\Omega = 100 \text{ mA}$. However, because the limit is set to 10 mA, the current will not exceed that value, and the voltage across the resistance is limited to 100 V. In effect, the 1000 V voltage source is transformed into a 10 mA current source.

In steady-state conditions, the set compliance limit will restrict the Model 2657A output. This holds true except for the limit conditions, as described in [Compliance limits](#) (on page 2-18) or for fast transient load conditions.

The Model 2657A can also be set to limit power. This limit can be set in addition to any voltage or current limits specified. The power limit restricts power by lowering the present limit in effect (voltage or current) as needed to restrict the SMU from exceeding the specified power limit. The limit operation of the instrument changes dependent on the source mode (current or voltage), load, and the configured limits (current, voltage, and power). For additional details on using limits, including load considerations when specifying both a current (or a voltage) limit and a power limit, see the [Operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4) topic.

For information on implementing limits, see [Setting the limit](#) (on page 2-19).

Overheating protection

Proper ventilation is required to keep the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument from overheating. Even with proper ventilation, the Model 2657A can overheat if the ambient temperature is too high. The High Power System SourceMeter® instrument has an over-temperature protection circuit that will turn the output off if the instrument overheats. When the over-temperature protection circuit turns the output off, a message indicating this condition is displayed. You cannot turn the output on until the instrument cools down.

Power equations to avoid overheating

You do not have to be concerned about overheating if the ambient temperature is $\leq 30^\circ\text{C}$ (86°F); if the ambient temperature is $> 30^\circ\text{C}$ (86°F), the instrument may overheat if operated in a manner that exceeds the calculated maximum duty cycle, DC_{MAX} . Calculate DC_{MAX} using the [General power equation](#) (on page 4-3). Exceeding the calculated maximum duty cycle may cause the temperature protection mechanism to engage. When this happens, an error message is displayed and the instrument output is disabled until the internal temperature of the instrument is reduced to an acceptable level.

The maximum duty cycle equation is derived from the power equation below by solving for DC_{MAX} . The general power equation describes how much power an instrument channel can source and sink before the total power cannot be fully dissipated by the instrument's cooling system. This equation incorporates all of the factors that can influence the power dissipated by the instrument.

General power equation

$$|(V_{OA} - V_P)(I_P)| \ DC_{MAX} + |(V_{OA} - V_B)(I_B)| (1 - DC_{MAX}) \leq (P_{CS} - P_{DER})$$

P_{CS} The maximum power generated in an instrument channel that can be properly dissipated by the instrument cooling system measured in watts. For the Model 2657A, this constant equals 200.

T_{AMB} The ambient temperature of the instrument operating environment.

$$P_{DER} = 3(T_{AMB} - 30)$$

This factor represents the number of watts the instrument is derated when operating in environments above 30 °C. The maximum output power is reduced by 3 W per degree C above 30 °C.

P_{DER} is 0 when the ambient temperature is below 30 °C.

V_{OA} The instrument output amplifier voltage. This constant can be found in the table below.

V_P The voltage level the instrument is attempting to force while at the pulse level.

When operating in quadrants 1 or 3 (sourcing power), the sign of this voltage must be positive when used in the power equations.

When operating in quadrants 2 or 4 (sinking power), the sign of this voltage must be negative when used in the power equations.

V_B The voltage level the instrument is attempting to force while at the bias level.

When operating in quadrants 1 or 3 (sourcing power), the sign of this voltage must be positive when used in the power equations.

When operating in quadrants 2 or 4 (sinking power), the sign of this voltage must be negative when used in the power equations.

I_P The current flowing through the instrument channel while at the pulse level.

I_B The current flowing through the instrument channel while at the bias level.

Maximum duty cycle equation

Use this equation to determine the maximum duty cycle when operating the instrument in an ambient temperature (T_{AMB}) above 30 °C.

$$DC_{MAX} \leq \left[\frac{(P_{CS} - P_{DER}) - |(V_{OA} - V_B)(I_B)|}{|(V_{OA} - V_P)(I_P)| - |(V_{OA} - V_B)(I_B)|} \right] \times 100$$

NOTE

When attempting to determine the maximum duty cycle, where the off state will be 0 V or 0 A:

I_B is 0

I_P and V_P are the voltage and current levels when the instrument is on

Model 2657A maximum duty cycle equation constant

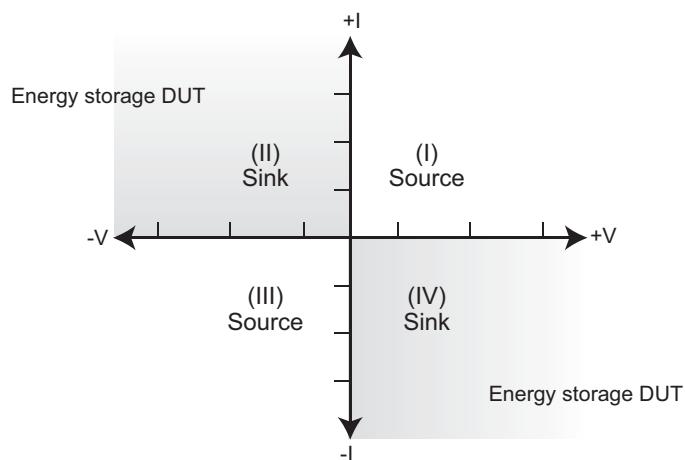
Constant	200 V range	500 V range	1500 V range	3000 V range
V_{OA}	1650	1650	1650	3300

Operating boundaries

Source or sink

Depending on how it is programmed and what is connected to the output (load or source), the instrument can operate in any of the four quadrants. The four quadrants of operation are shown in the continuous operating boundaries figures. When operating in the first (I) or third (III) quadrant, the instrument is operating as a source (V and I have the same polarity). As a source, the instrument is delivering power to a load.

Figure 68: Four quadrants of operation

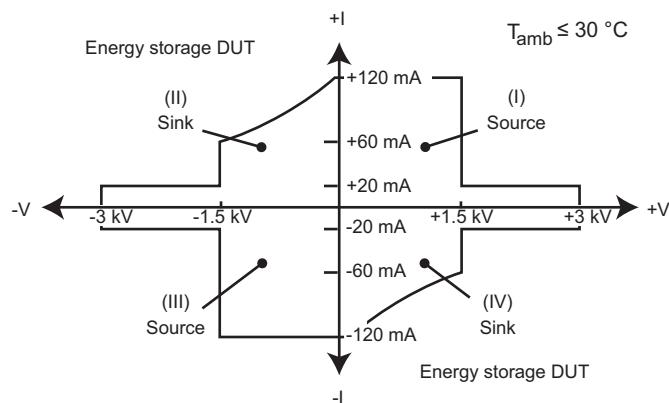


When operating in the second (II) or fourth (IV) quadrant, the instrument is operating as a sink (V and I have opposite polarity). As a sink, it is dissipating power rather than sourcing it. An external source or an energy storage device, such as a capacitor or battery, can force operation in the sink region.

Continuous power operating boundaries

The general operating boundaries for Model 2657A continuous power output are shown in the following figure. For derating factors, see the [General power equation](#) (on page 4-3). In this drawing, the illustrated voltage and current magnitudes are nominal values. Also note that the boundaries are not drawn to scale.

Figure 69: Model 2657A continuous power operating boundaries



Operation as a sink

When operating the Model 2657A in the second or fourth quadrant, the SMU operates as a load that sinks and dissipates the power internally. The SMU's ability to dissipate power is defined by the boundaries shown in the previous figure. When operating the Model 2657A in the second or fourth quadrant, the DUT would be a power source (such as a battery, solar cell, or a power supply).

CAUTION

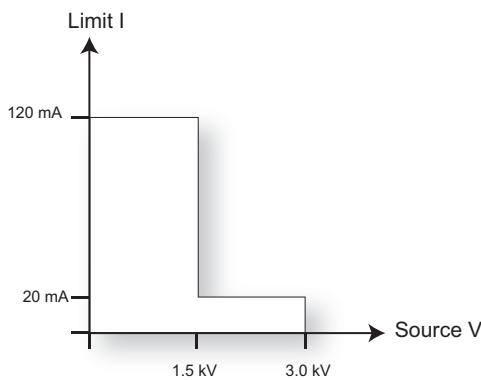
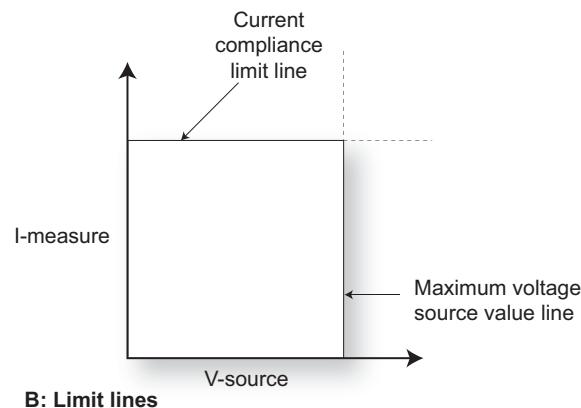
Use care when connecting a source to the Model 2657A that is capable of exceeding 120 mA. Using the Model 2657A to sink more than 120 mA can damage the instrument and invalidate your warranty.

When operating as a sink within the continuous operating boundaries, the SMU operates as programmed. Programming source or compliance values will not cause the SMU to operate outside of these boundaries. The SMU treats these boundaries as a compliance limit known as the sink limit; the sink limit cannot be programmed by the user. The SMU deters operation outside of its sink limit by reducing its voltage. If the sink limit is reached, the source field on the display flashes and the sink limit bit is set in measurement event register of the status model (see [Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)). For examples of instrument configuration in sink mode, see [I-source sink operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-16) and [V-source sink operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-10).

V-source operating boundaries

Model 2657A V-source operating boundaries

The following figure shows the operating boundaries for the V-source. Only the first quadrant of operation is shown; operation in the other three quadrants is similar with respect to the [Continuous power operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4).

Figure 70: Model 2657A V-source boundaries**A: Output characteristics**

The first graph in the figure (labeled "A: Output characteristics"), shows the output characteristics for the V-source. As shown, the Model 2657A can continuously output up to 3.0 kV at 20 mA or up to 1.5 kV at 120 mA.

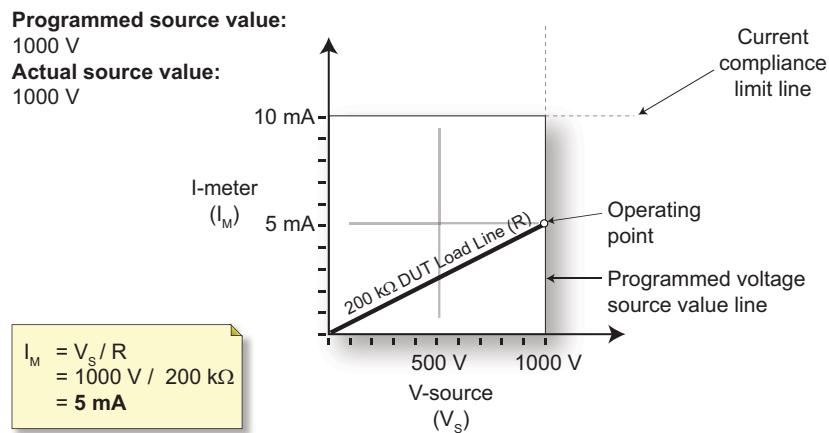
The second graph in the figure (labeled "B: Limit lines"), shows the operating area of the V source on a given range. The maximum voltage source value line shows the maximum possible source voltage for the selected voltage range. For example, if you are using the 1500 V source range, the maximum voltage source value line is at 1515 V. The current compliance limit line represents the actual compliance limit in effect (see [Compliance limit principles](#) on page 4-2). The lines drawn are boundaries that represent the operating limits of the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument for this quadrant of operation. The operating point can be anywhere inside (or on) these lines. The boundaries for the other quadrants are similar with respect to the [Continuous power operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4).

Load considerations (V-source)

The boundaries within which the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument operates depends on the load (device-under-test (DUT)) that is connected to the output. The following figure shows operation examples for resistive loads that are $200\text{ k}\Omega$ and $80\text{ k}\Omega$, respectively. For these examples, the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to source 1000 V.

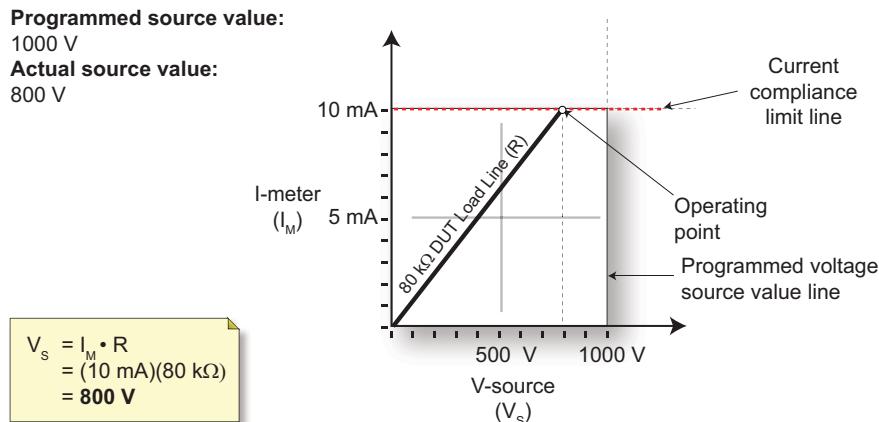
In the following figure (labeled "Normal V-source operation"), the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to limit current to 10 mA. The System SourceMeter instrument is sourcing 1000 V to the $200\text{ k}\Omega$ load and subsequently measures 5 mA. As shown, the load line for $200\text{ k}\Omega$ intersects the 1000 V voltage source line at 5 mA. The current compliance limit is not reached (the instrument is not limited through its compliance settings).

Figure 71: Normal V-source operation



The next figure (labeled "V-source operation in current compliance"), shows what happens if the resistance of the load is decreased to $80\text{ k}\Omega$. For this example, the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to limit current to 10 mA. The DUT load line for $80\text{ k}\Omega$ intersects the current compliance limit line placing the System SourceMeter instrument in compliance. When in compliance, the System SourceMeter instrument will not be able to source its programmed voltage (1000 V). For the $80\text{ k}\Omega$ DUT, the System SourceMeter instrument will only output 800 V (at the 10 mA limit).

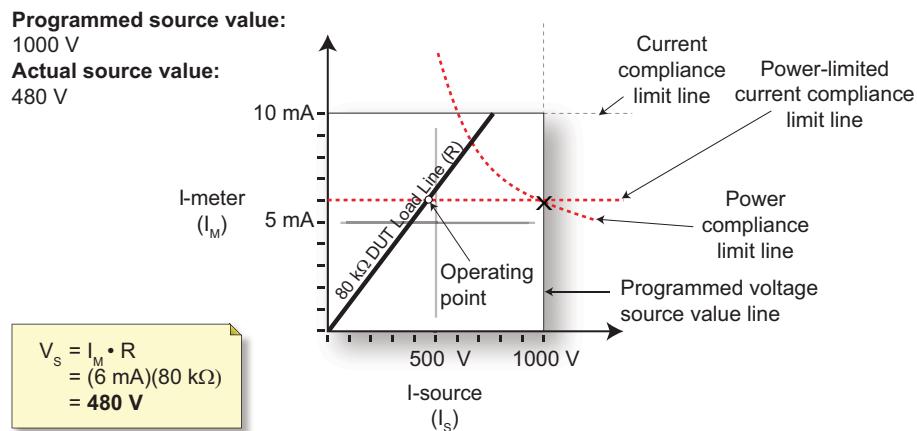
Figure 72: V-source operation in current compliance



Notice that as resistance decreases, the slope of the DUT load line increases. As resistance approaches infinity (open output), the System SourceMeter instrument will source virtually 1000 V at 0 mA. Conversely, as resistance increases, the slope of the DUT load line decreases. At zero resistance (shorted output), the System SourceMeter instrument will source virtually 0 V at 10 mA.

The next figure (labeled "V-source operation in power compliance"), shows what happens if a power limit of 6 W and a current limit of 10 mA are applied. In V-source mode, power compliance establishes a second current compliance limit, the value of which is determined by dividing the power compliance limit value by the programmed voltage source value (for this example, $6 \text{ W} / 1000 \text{ V} = 6 \text{ mA}$). The instrument will enforce the lower of either the programmed current compliance limit or the power-limited current compliance limit. In this example, the System SourceMeter instrument enforces the power-limited current compliance limit of 6 mA and is not able to source its programmed voltage (1000 V). For the 80 kΩ DUT, the System SourceMeter instrument will only output 480 V (at the 6 mA limit).

Figure 73: V-source operation in power compliance



The following figure shows a voltage sweep on a resistive load of $80\text{ k}\Omega$. For this example, the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to sweep voltage from 0 V to 1000 V, limit current (6 mA) and limit power (5 W). When sweeping, the actual source output will vary according to the programmed source value until the current limit is reached. As the figure shows, the output will source the programmed value until placed in current compliance at the 6 mA limit. The sweep will then continue (programmed V-source values will increase along the green sweep points line), but the output will remain at the same voltage and current levels as when the instrument went into current compliance. This continues until the programmed source value sweeps to a high enough level that the power limit line is reached (5 W). At this point, the current and voltage will start to decrease, lowering the current and voltage values along the DUT load line. When the last point is swept (1000 V), the actual output would be 400 V (at 5 mA).

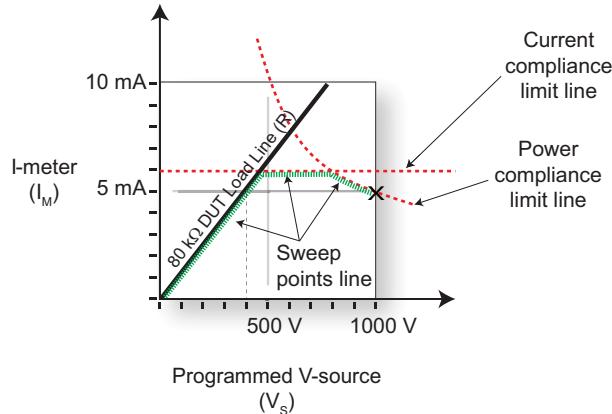
NOTE

When the source goes into compliance, the operating point of the SMU will always remain on the load line regardless of the programmed source value.

Quick Tip

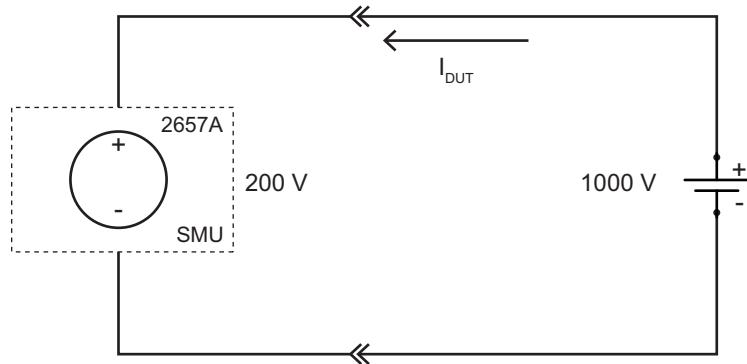
The Model 2657A can measure the function it is sourcing (source I measure I, or source V measure V). This feature is valuable when operating with the source in compliance. When in compliance, the programmed source value is not reached. Thus, measuring the source lets you measure the actual output level. For more information, see [Source I measure I, source V measure V \(on page 4-20\)](#).

Figure 74: V-source sweep operation in current and power compliance



V-source sink operating boundaries

The quadrant within which the Model 2657A operates depends on the device-under-test (DUT) connected to the Model 2657A output. The following example illustrates this operation by using the Model 2657A configured as a voltage source to discharge a 1000 V power source (a battery).

Figure 75: Sourcing voltage while sinking current**NOTE**

The current compliance limit applies both to positive and negative currents. For example, if you set the current compliance limit to 50 mA, the current limit applies to ± 50 mA.

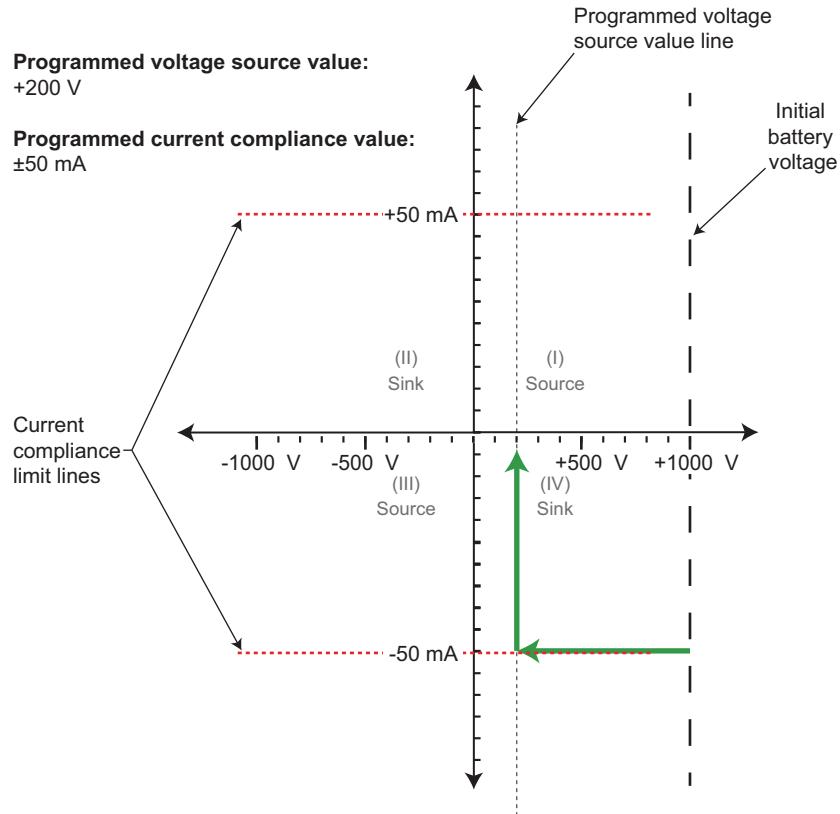
For this example, the Model 2657A is programmed to source 200 V and to limit current to 50 mA. When the SMU turns on, the battery voltage is higher than the programmed voltage source value. Since the SMU is unable to deliver the programmed voltage, the SMU is placed in current compliance and begins to sink current. Sink operation continues until the battery voltage equals the programmed voltage source level and the current in the circuit drops to nearly 0 A.

In the following figure, as the battery drains, the battery voltage is lowered (shown by the green arrow in the figure). Operation will continue in this direction until the SMU is able to deliver the programmed voltage source value.

NOTE

Since the battery is a power source, initial operation can occur anywhere along the initial battery voltage line. This voltage is only limited by the capability of the battery (see the following figure).

Figure 76: Considerations when sourcing voltage and sinking power

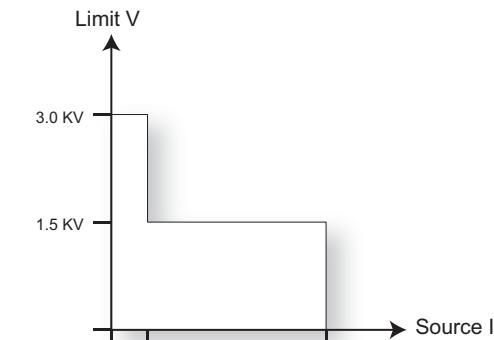


I-source operating boundaries

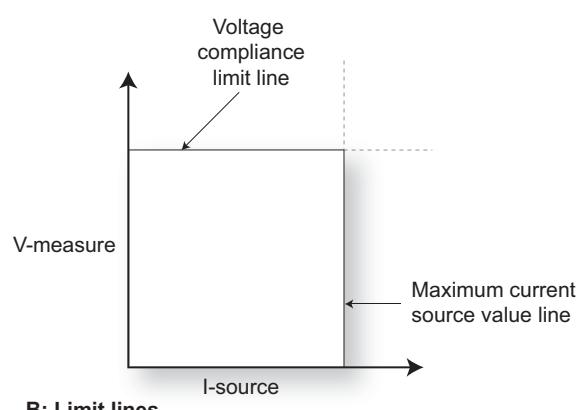
Model 2657A I-source operating boundaries

The following figure shows the operating boundaries for the I-source. Only the first quadrant of operation is shown; operation in the other three quadrants is similar with respect to the [Continuous power operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4).

Figure 77: Models 2657A I-source boundaries



A: Output characteristics



B: Limit lines

The first graph in the figure, labeled "A: Output characteristics," shows the output characteristics for the I-source. As shown, Model 2657A instruments can continuously output up to +120 mA at 1.5 kV or up to 20 mA at 3.0 kV.

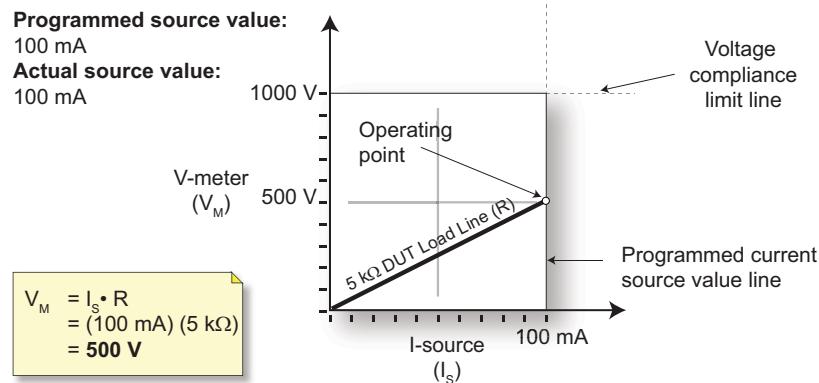
The second graph in the figure, labeled "B: Limit lines," shows the operating area of the I source on a given range. The maximum current source value line shows the maximum possible source current for the selected current range. The voltage compliance limit line represents the actual compliance limit that is in effect (see [Compliance limit principles](#) (on page 4-2)). These lines are boundaries that represent the operating limits of the System SourceMeter instrument for this quadrant of operation. The operating point can be anywhere inside (or on) these lines. The boundaries for the other quadrants are similar with respect to the [Continuous power operating boundaries](#) (on page 4-4).

Load considerations (I-source)

The boundaries within which the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument operates depends on the load (device-under-test (DUT)) that is connected to its output. The following figure shows operation examples for resistive loads that are $5\text{ k}\Omega$ and $20\text{ k}\Omega$, respectively. For these examples, the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to source 100 mA.

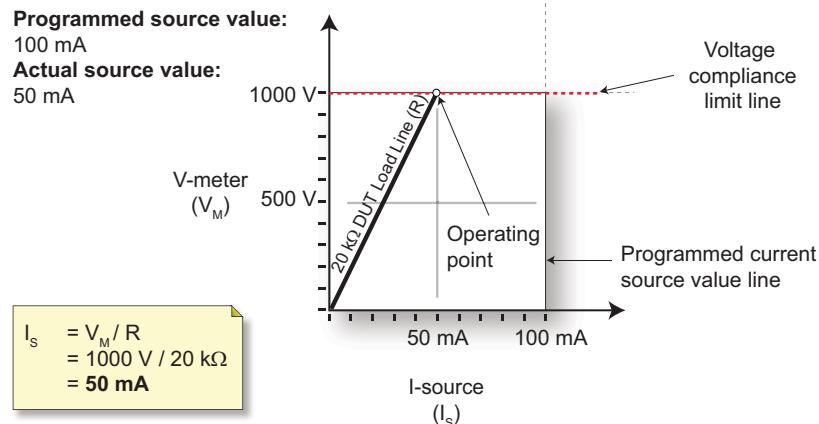
In the following figure (labeled "Normal I-source operation"), the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to limit voltage to 1000 V. The System SourceMeter instrument is sourcing 100 mA to the $5\text{ k}\Omega$ load and subsequently measures 500 V. As shown, the load line for $5\text{ k}\Omega$ intersects the 100 mA current source line at 500 V. The voltage compliance limit is not reached (the instrument is not limited through its compliance settings).

Figure 78: Normal I-source operation



The next figure (labeled "I-source operation in voltage compliance"), shows what happens if the resistance of the load is increased to $20\text{ k}\Omega$. For this example, the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to limit voltage to 1000 V, with no other compliance limits. The DUT load line for $20\text{ k}\Omega$ intersects the voltage compliance limit line placing the System SourceMeter instrument in voltage compliance. In compliance, the System SourceMeter instrument will not be able to source its programmed current (100 mA). For the $20\text{ k}\Omega$ DUT, the System SourceMeter instrument will only output 50 mA (at the 1000 V limit).

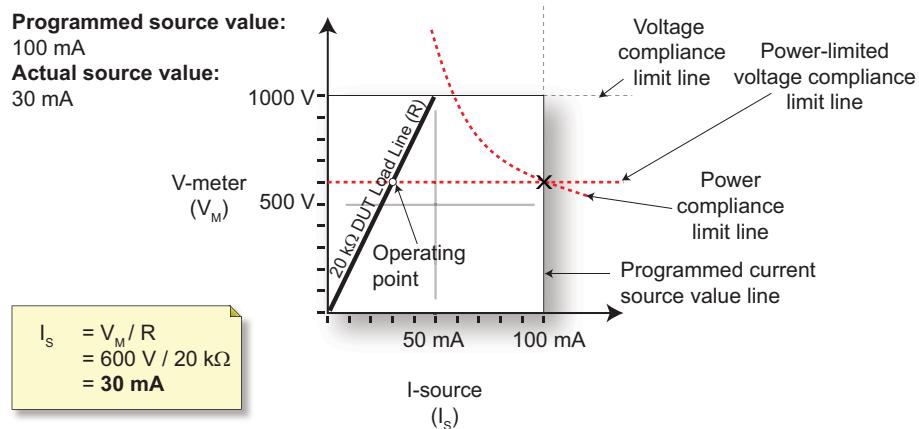
Figure 79: I-source operation in voltage compliance



Notice that as resistance increases, the slope of the DUT load line increases. As resistance increases and approaches infinity (open output), the System SourceMeter instrument will source virtually 0 mA at 1000 V. Conversely, as resistance decreases, the slope of the DUT load line decreases. At zero resistance (shorted output), the System SourceMeter instrument will source 100 mA at virtually 0 V.

The next figure (labeled "I-source operation in power compliance"), shows what happens if a power limit of 60 W and a voltage limit of 1000 V is applied to the same 20 kΩ load. In I-source mode, power compliance establishes a second voltage compliance limit, the value of which is determined by dividing the power compliance limit value by the programmed current source value (for this example, $60 \text{ W} / 100 \text{ mA} = 600 \text{ V}$). The instrument will enforce the lower of either the programmed voltage compliance limit or the power-limited voltage compliance limit. In this example, the System SourceMeter enforces the power-limited voltage compliance of 600 V and is not able to source its programmed current (100 mA). For the 20 kΩ DUT, the System SourceMeter instrument will only output 30 mA (at the 600 V limit).

Figure 80: I-source operation in power compliance



The following figure shows a current sweep on a resistive load of $20\text{ k}\Omega$. For this example, the System SourceMeter instrument is programmed to sweep current from 0 mA to 100 mA, limit voltage (600 V), and limit power (50 W). When sweeping, the actual source output will vary according to the programmed source value until the voltage limit is reached. As the figure shows, the output will source the programmed value until placed in voltage compliance at the 600 V limit. The sweep will continue (programmed I-source values will increase along the green sweep points line), but the output will remain at the same voltage and current levels as when the instrument went into voltage compliance. This continues until the programmed source value sweeps to a high enough level that the power limit is reached (50 W). At this point, the voltage and the current will start to decrease, lowering the current and voltage values along the DUT load line. When the last point is swept (100 mA), the actual output would be 25 mA (at 500 V).

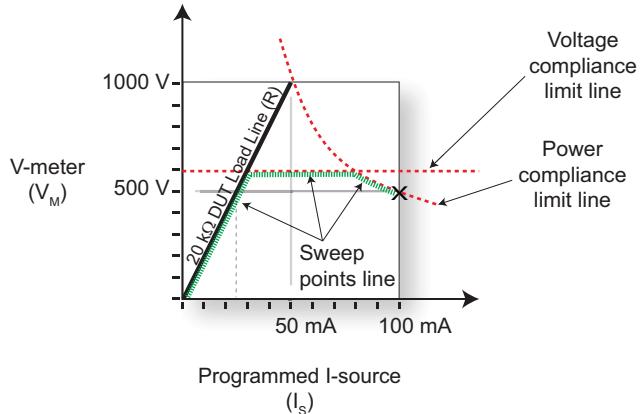
NOTE

When the source goes into compliance, the operating point of the SMU will always remain on the load line regardless of the programmed source value

Quick Tip

The Model 2657A can measure the function it is sourcing (source I measure I, or source V measure V). This feature is valuable when operating with the source in compliance. When in compliance, the programmed source value is not reached. Thus, measuring the source lets you measure the actual output level. For more information, see [Source I measure I, source V measure V \(on page 4-20\)](#).

Figure 81: I-source sweep operation in voltage and power compliance

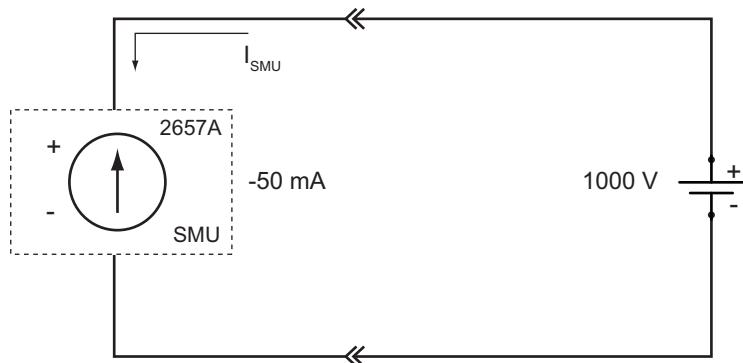


I-source sink operating boundaries

The quadrant within which the Model 2657A operates depends on the device-under-test (DUT) connected to the Model 2657A output. The following example illustrates this operation by using the Model 2657A configured to provide a constant current to discharge a 1000 V power source (a battery).

CAUTION

When using the I-Source as a sink, always set the voltage compliance limit and configure [overvoltage protection \(OVP\)](#) (on page 2-65) to levels that are higher than the external voltage level. Failure to do so could result in excessive current flow into the Model 2657A and incorrect measurements.

Figure 82: Sourcing current sink operation example**NOTE**

The voltage compliance limit applies both to positive and negative voltages. For example, if you set the voltage compliance limit to 1500 V, the voltage limit applies to ± 1500 V.

For this example, the Model 2657A is programmed to source -50 mA (the constant current) and to limit voltage to 1500 V. When the SMU turns on, it begins sinking current as determined by the programmed I-source level (-50 mA), causing a decrease in the battery voltage. If the battery were ideal and could be charged negatively, its voltage would then continue to decrease until it is negatively charged at -1500 V (shown by the green arrow in the following figure), at which point the SMU would be in voltage compliance.

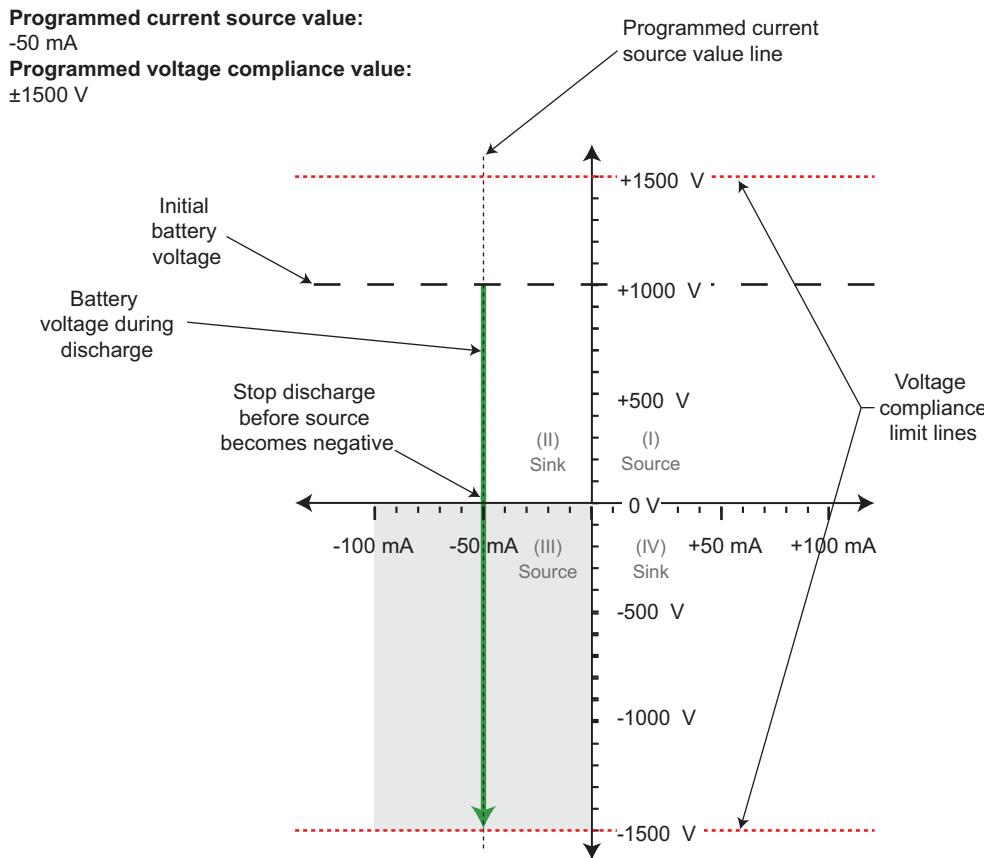
Make sure to take into account that reversing the polarity may destroy some power sources. To prevent a negative charge, monitor the SMU's measurement of the battery voltage and stop the discharge before the the Model 2657A starts to operate in quadrant III (negative voltage). You can stop the discharge by changing the programmed current source level or by disconnecting the SMU from the device.

In the following figure, as the battery drains, the battery voltage is lowered as shown by the green arrow. Operation will continue in this direction until the user stops operation or the voltage reaches the voltage compliance limit line.

NOTE

Since the battery is a power source, operation in this example is limited by the capability of the battery to deliver 50 mA (see the following figure).

Figure 83: Considerations when sourcing current and sinking power



Basic circuit configurations

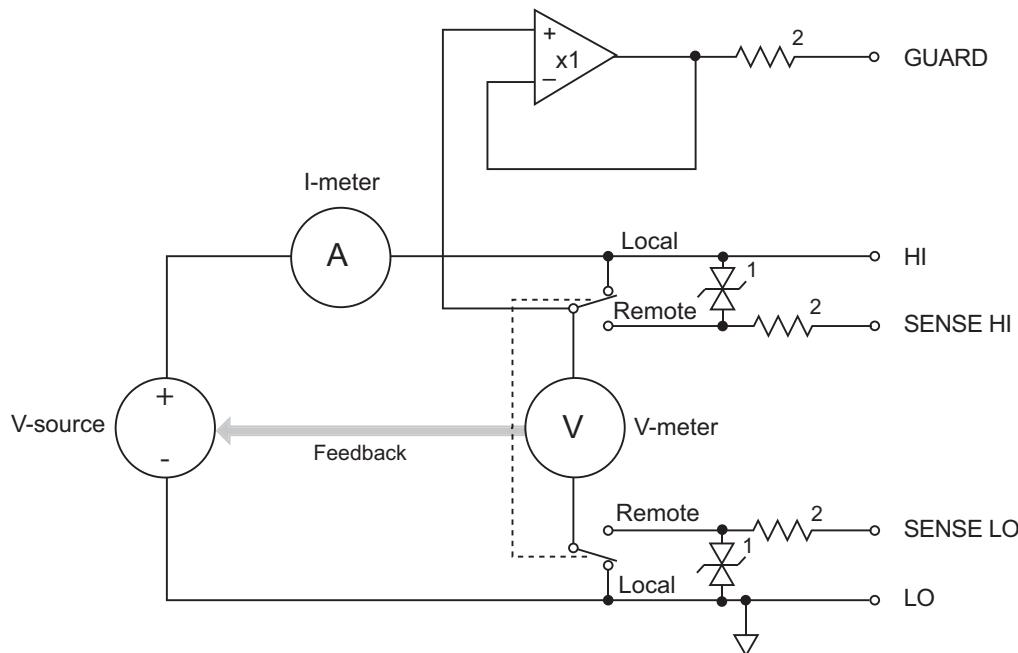
Source V

When configured to source voltage (V-source), as shown in the figure below, the instrument functions as a low-impedance voltage source with current limit capability, and can measure current (I-meter) or voltage (V-meter).

Sense circuitry continuously monitors the output voltage and makes adjustments to the V-source as needed. The V-meter senses the voltage at the HI and LO terminals (2-wire local sense) or at the device under test (DUT) (4-wire remote sense using the sense terminals) and compares it to the programmed voltage level. If the sensed level and the programmed value are not the same, the source voltage is adjusted accordingly. Remote sense eliminates the effect of voltage drops in the test leads, ensuring that the exact programmed voltage appears at the DUT.

With 4-wire sensing enabled, both remote sense leads must be connected or incorrect operation will occur. Use contact check to verify that the sense leads are connected (see [Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37)). To limit the maximum output voltage between HI and LO in case of poor sense lead connection, use [Overvoltage protection \(OVP\)](#) (on page 2-65).

Figure 84: Source V configuration



- NOTES:
1. This represents a protection circuit. Do not apply more than 3030 V between HI and SENSE HI. To maintain optimal operation and obtain accurate measurements, the maximum voltage between HI and SENSE HI should be no more than 3 V. This limit also applies to the maximum voltage between LO and SENSE LO.
 2. Approximately 80 kΩ.

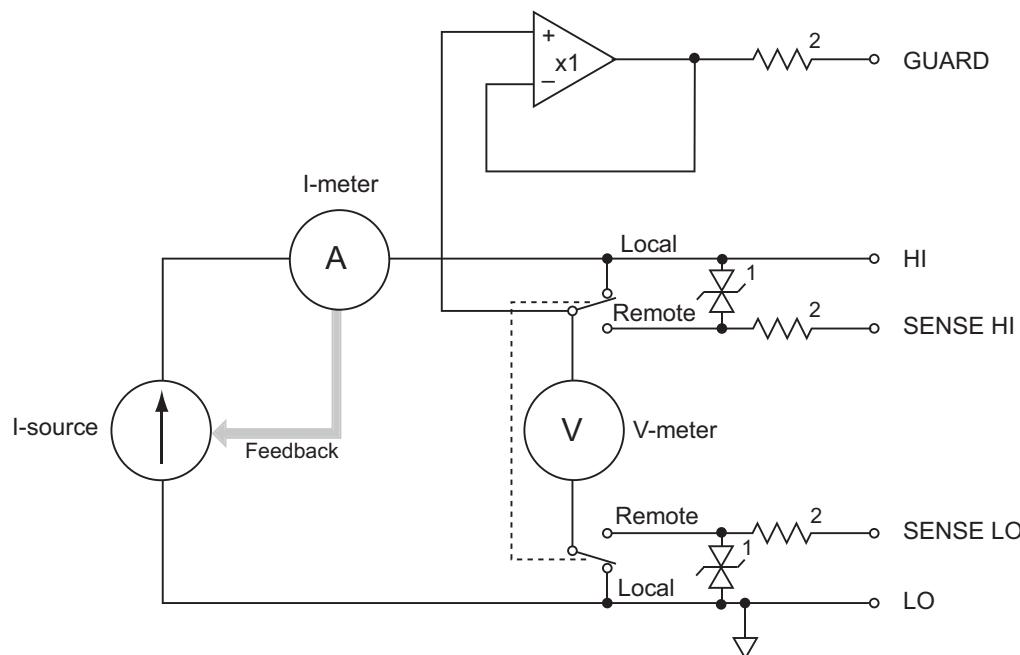
Source I

When the instrument is configured to source current (I-source), as shown in the figure below, the instrument functions as a high-impedance current source with voltage limit capability and can measure current (I-meter) or voltage (V-meter).

For 2-wire local sensing, voltage is measured at the input/output terminals of the instrument. For 4-wire remote sensing, voltage is measured directly at the device under test (DUT) using the sense terminals. This eliminates any voltage drops that may be in the test leads or connections between the instrument and the DUT.

The current source does not require or use the sense leads to enhance current source accuracy. However, if the instrument is in 4-wire remote sense mode, the instrument may reach limit levels if the sense leads are disconnected. With 4-wire remote sensing selected, the sense leads must be connected or incorrect operation will result.

Figure 85: Source I configuration



NOTES:

1. This represents a protection circuit. Do not apply more than 3030 V between HI and SENSE HI. To maintain optimal operation and obtain accurate measurements, the maximum voltage between HI and SENSE HI should be no more than 3 V. This limit also applies to the maximum voltage between LO and SENSE LO.
2. Approximately 80 kΩ.

Source I measure I, source V measure V

The High Power System SourceMeter® instrument can measure the function it is sourcing. When sourcing a voltage, you can measure voltage. Conversely, if you are sourcing current, you can measure the output current. For these operations, the measure range is the same as the source range.

This feature is valuable when operating with the source in compliance. When in compliance, the programmed source value is not reached. Thus, measuring the source lets you measure the actual output level.

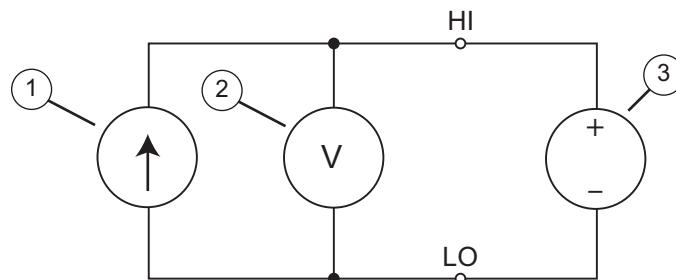
You can also use the fast analog-to-digital converter (ADC) to measure the transient behavior of the source. See [Setting speed](#) (on page 2-78) for more information.

Measure only (voltage or current)

The figures below show the configurations for using the instrument exclusively as a voltmeter or ammeter.

As shown in the following figure, to configure the instrument to measure voltage only, set it to source 0 A and measure voltage.

Figure 86: Model 2657A measure voltage only



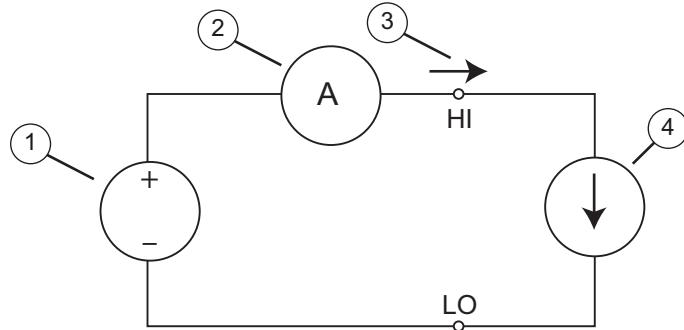
1	Current source (0.000 00 nA)
2	Voltmeter
3	DUT (voltage source)

⚠ CAUTION

Set the voltage limit to a level that is higher than the measured voltage. If the voltage limit is set to a level that is lower than the measured voltage, excessive current will flow into the instrument. This current could damage the instrument. Also, when connecting an external energy source to the instrument when it is configured as a current source, set the output-off state to the high-impedance mode. See [Output-off states](#) (on page 2-66) for more information on the output-off states. Also, see [Sink operation](#) (on page 2-20) for more information.

In the following figure, the instrument uses a 2-wire local sensing configuration and is set to measure current only by setting it to source 0 V and measure current. Note that to obtain positive (+) readings, conventional current must flow from HI to LO.

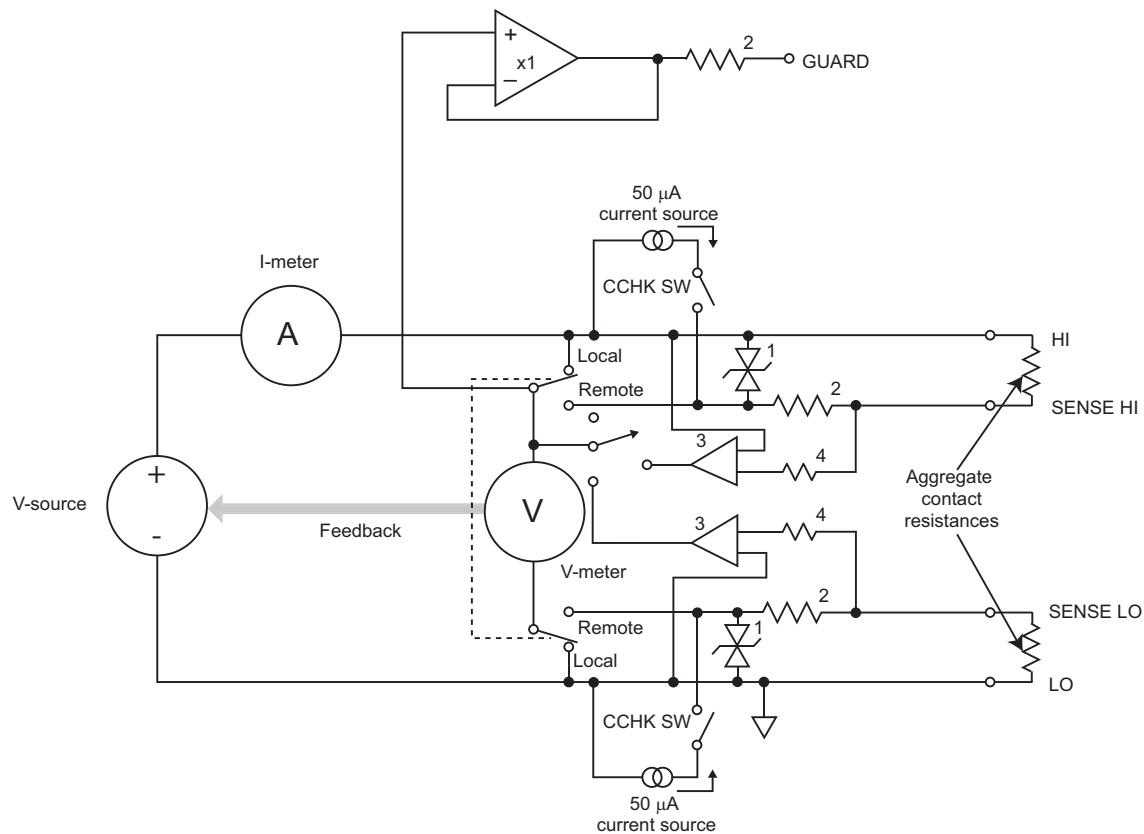
Figure 87: Model 2657A measure current only



1	Voltage source (000.000 mV)
2	Ammeter
3	Positive current; positive current flowing out of HI results in positive measurements
4	DUT (current source)

Contact check

When a contact check measurement is being performed, two small current sources are switched in between the HI and SENSE HI terminals and the LO and SENSE LO terminals. By controlling the switches illustrated in the following figure, the current from these sources flows through the test leads and through the contact resistance, as shown. To accurately measure the resulting contact resistance, the differential amplifier outputs are measured once with the current sources connected, and again with the current sources disconnected. This allows for compensation of various offset voltages that can occur.

Figure 88: Contact check circuit configuration

- NOTES:
1. This represents a protection circuit. Do not apply more than 3030 V between HI and SENSE HI. To maintain specified operation and obtain accurate measurements, the maximum voltage between HI and SENSE HI should be no more than 3 V. This limit also applies to the maximum voltage between LO and SENSE LO.
 2. Approximately $80 \text{ k}\Omega$.
 3. High impedance differential amplifier.
 4. Approximately $10 \text{ M}\Omega$.

Guard

WARNING

GUARD is at the same potential as output HI. Thus, if hazardous voltages are present at output HI, they are also present at the GUARD terminal.

Guard overview

The driven guard (available at the rear panel GUARD terminals) is always enabled and provides a buffered voltage that is at the same level as the HI (or SENSE HI for remote sense) voltage. The purpose of guarding is to eliminate the effects of leakage current (and capacitance) that can exist between HI and LO. In the absence of a driven guard, leakage in the external test circuit could be high enough to adversely affect the performance of the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument.

Leakage current can occur through parasitic or nonparasitic leakage paths. An example of parasitic resistance is the leakage path across the insulator in a coaxial or triaxial cable. An example of nonparasitic resistance is the leakage path through a resistor that is connected in parallel to the device under test (DUT).

Guard connections

Guard is typically used to drive the guard shields of cables and test fixtures. Guard is extended to a test fixture from the cable guard shield. Inside the test fixture, the guard can be connected to a guard plate or shield that surrounds the device under test (DUT).

WARNING

To prevent injury or death, a safety shield must be used to prevent physical contact with a guard plate or guard shield that is at a hazardous potential (>30 V RMS or 42.4 V peak). This safety shield must completely enclose the guard plate or shield and must be connected to safety earth ground. The figure in this topic shows the metal case of a test fixture being used as a safety shield.

NOTE

See [Guarding and shielding](#) (on page 2-55) for details about guarded test connections.

Inside the test fixture, a triaxial cable can be used to extend guard to the device under test (DUT). The center conductor of the cable is used for HI, and the inner shield is used for guard.

The figures below show how cable guard can eliminate leakage current through the insulators in a test fixture. In this figure, leakage current (I_L) flows through the insulators (R_{L1} and R_{L2}) to LO, adversely affecting the low-current (or high-resistance) measurement of the DUT.

Also in the figures below, the driven guard is connected to the cable shield and extended to the metal guard plate for the insulators. Since the voltage on either end of R_{L1} is the same (0 V drop), no current can flow through the leakage resistance path. Thus, the SourceMeter instrument only measures the current through the DUT.

Figure 89: Unguarded measurements

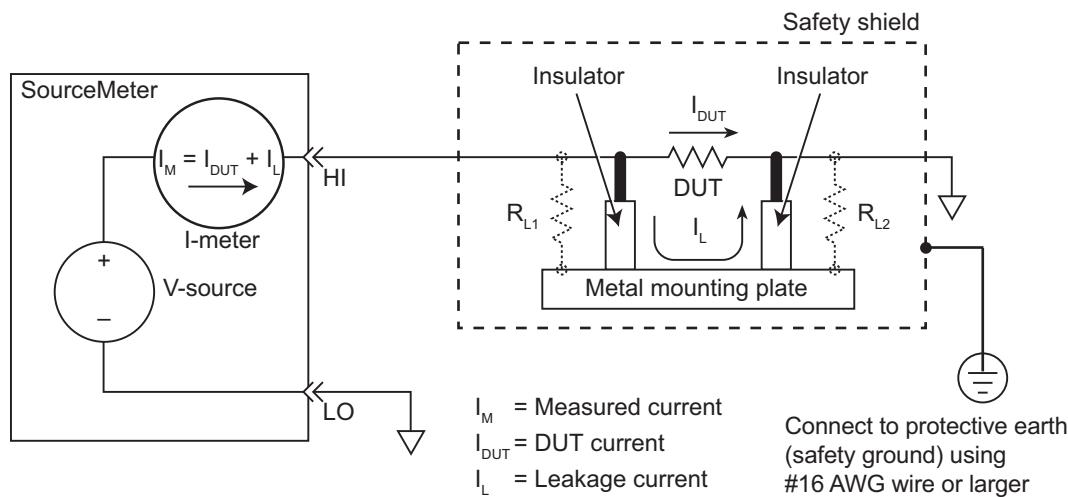
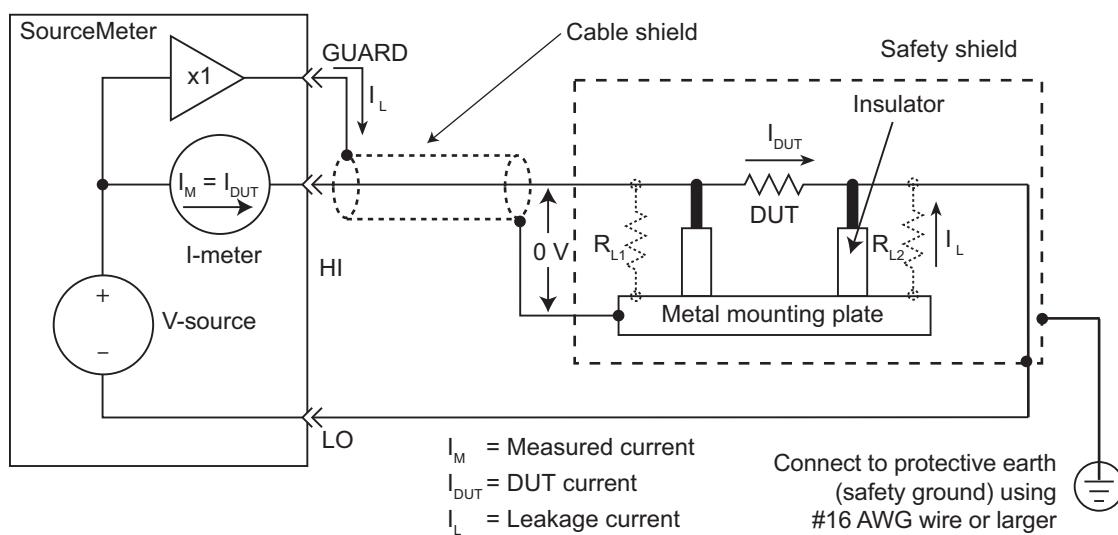


Figure 90: Guarded measurements



Output connection considerations

Use care when designing a system that contains the Model 2657A (or any other high voltage source). There are several specific considerations that should be taken into account when making or designing connections to the Model 2657A output:

- Both the HI and LO terminals are high voltage terminals. Use care to prevent operators from accessing these terminals.
- The maximum common mode voltage (voltage between LO and chassis ground) is 250 V DC.
- Neither the HI nor the LO terminal is connected to chassis. When a voltage step is programmed on the Model 2657A, voltages may develop between HI and chassis and also between LO and chassis. These voltages can be dangerously high. This requires that you take high voltage precautions for both the HI and LO terminals. Alternatively, limit hazardous levels by adding external protection to limit the voltage between LO and chassis.

Effects of load on current source settling time

The settling time of the source-measure unit (SMU) can be influenced by the impedance of the device under test (DUT) in several ways. One influence is caused by an interaction between the impedances of the SMU current source feedback element and the DUT. This interaction can cause a reduction in the bandwidth of the SMU. This reduction causes an increase in the settling time of the current source.

There is a maximum DUT impedance for each current source range for which the specified current settling times are maintained. The following table lists the DUT impedances for each of these current source ranges. For latest specifications, go to the [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>). The settling time on a current source range can increase significantly when measuring DUTs that have an impedance that is higher than the maximum DUT impedance listed below.

Maximum DUT impedances for specified settling time performance

Range	SMU feedback impedance	Maximum DUT impedance
1 nA	1 GΩ	10 GΩ
10 nA	33 MΩ	10 GΩ
100 nA	33 MΩ	10 GΩ
1 μA	396 kΩ	1 GΩ
10 μA	396 kΩ	100 MΩ
100 μA	3660 Ω	10 MΩ
1 mA	3660 Ω	1 MΩ
2 mA	166 Ω	500 kΩ
20 mA	166 Ω	50 kΩ
120 mA	32 Ω	12.5 kΩ

Creating pulses with the Model 2657A

Although the Model 2657A is not a pulse generator, you can create pulses by programming the Model 2657A to output a DC value and then return to an idle level. For information on how to create pulses, refer to [Sweep operation](#) (on page 3-19) and [Using the remote trigger model](#) (on page 3-33).

Pulse rise and fall times

NOTE

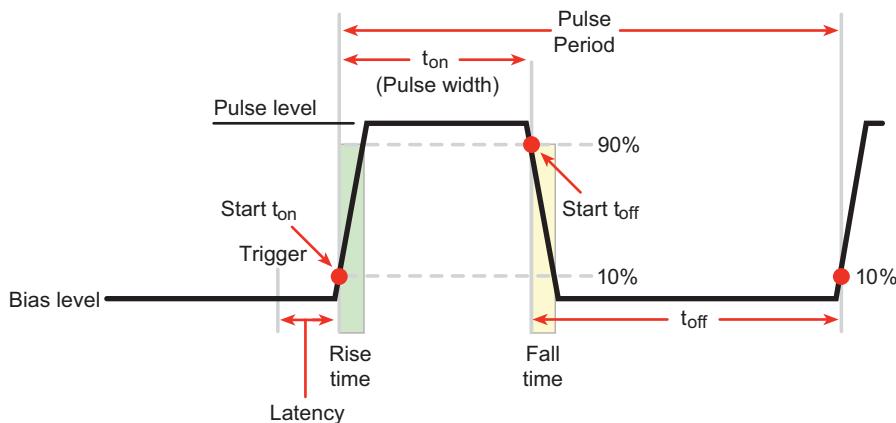
Although the Model 2657A can create pulses, it is not a pulse generator (pulse rise times are not programmable).

The pulse rise time is the time it takes a pulse to go from 10% to 90% of the pulse's maximum value. Pulse fall time is similar but on the pulse's trailing edge. For the Model 2657A, pulse rise and fall times can vary depending on the following factors:

- [Cable specifications and connection configuration](#) (on page 4-26)
- [Range and pulse settling](#) (on page 4-26)
- [Load and operating mode](#) (on page 4-27)
- Compliance limit settings (for details, see [Compliance limits](#) on page 2-18)

Refer to the Model 2657A specifications for details on source settling times. For latest specifications, go to the [Keithley Instruments website](#) (<http://www.keithley.com>).

Figure 91: Pulse rise and fall times



Cable specifications and connection configuration

Cable length, as well as capacitance and inductance in both the cabling and the test fixture, can affect pulse performance. See [Output connection considerations](#) (on page 4-25) for pulse related considerations that may affect your connection scheme.

Range and pulse settling

Each range has different specifications for source settling times. This causes different rise and fall time characteristics depending on the set range.

In addition, pulse performance is dependent on the pulse setting as a percent of full scale. For example, a 0.1 mA pulse on the 1 mA range (which is 10%) will perform differently than a 1 mA pulse on the same range (which is full scale). Refer to the Model 2657A specifications for details. For latest specifications, go to the [Keithley Instruments website](#) (<http://www.keithley.com>).

Load and operating mode

Settling times for the current source will vary with the resistive load applied. In addition to the load, the times will vary dependent on whether the source-measure unit (SMU) is configured as a voltage source or a current source, and also with the voltage source range selected.

Pulse width

The pulse width is the interval between 10% on the rising (leading) edge to 90% on the falling (trailing) edge. The pulse width's jitter can change the pulse width (this is especially important for short pulse widths).

NOTE

With respect to pulse width, jitter is the short-term instability of the trailing edge relative to the leading edge.

The usable pulse width is largely affected by the source settling time and measurement speed, as well as by the measure count. For the integrating analog-to-digital converter (ADC), the integration period (nplc) affects the measurement speed. For the fast ADC, the measurement interval affects the measurement speed. Review the Model 2657A specifications for information on source settling time. For latest specifications, go to the [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>).

Section 5

Introduction to TSP operation

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Introduction to TSP operation

Instruments that are Test Script Processor (TSP[®]) enabled operate like conventional instruments by responding to a sequence of commands sent by the controller. You can send individual commands to the TSP-enabled instrument the same way you would using any other instrument.

Unlike conventional instruments, TSP-enabled instruments can execute automated test sequences independently, without a controller. You can load a series of TSP commands into the instrument and store these commands as a script that can be run later by sending a single command message to the instrument.

You do not have to choose between using “conventional” control or “script” control. You can combine these forms of instrument control in the way that works best for your test application.

Controlling the instrument by sending individual command messages

The simplest method of controlling an instrument through the communication interface is to send it a message that contains remote commands. You can use a test program that resides on a computer (the controller) to sequence the actions of the instrument.

TSP commands can be function-based or attribute-based. Function-based commands are commands that control actions or activities. Attribute-based commands define characteristics of an instrument feature or operation.

Functions

Function-based commands control actions or activities. For example, waiting for all overlapped commands to complete is a function. A function-based command is not always directly related to instrument operation. For example, the `eventlog.clear()` function clears the event log.

Each function consists of a function name followed by a set of parentheses (). Only include information in the parentheses if the function takes a parameter. If the function takes one or more parameters, they are placed between the parentheses and separated by commas.

Example 1

```
beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)  
delay(0.250)  
beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)
```

Emit a double-beep at 2400 Hz. The sequence is 0.5 s on, 0.25 s off, 0.5 s on.

Example 2

You can use the results of a function-based command directly or assign variables to the results for later access. The following code saves the value you enter from the front panel and prints it.

```
value = display.inputvalue("+0.00")
print(value)
```

If the operator enters 2.36 from the front panel,
the resulting output is:
2.36000e+00

Attributes

Attribute-based commands are commands that set the characteristics of an instrument feature or operation. For example, some characteristics of TSP-enabled instruments are the model number (`localnode.model`) and the number of errors in the error queue (`errorqueue.count`).

To set the characteristics, attribute-based commands define a value. For many attributes, the value is in the form of a number or a predefined constant.

Example 1: Set an attribute using a number

```
format.data = 3
```

This attribute sets the format of data printed by other commands. Setting this attribute to 3 sets the print format to double precision floating point format.

Example 2: Set an attribute using a constant

```
format.data = format.REAL64
```

Using the constant `REAL64` instead of 3 also sets the print format to double precision floating point format.

To read an attribute, you can use the attribute as the parameter of a function, or assign it to another variable.

Example 3: Read an attribute using a function

```
print(format.data)
```

Reads the data format by passing the attribute to the `print` function. If the data format is set to 3, the output is:
3.00000e+00
This shows that the data format is set to double precision floating point.

Example 4: Read an attribute using a variable

```
fd = format.data
```

This reads the data format by assigning the attribute to a variable named `fd`.

Queries

Test Script Processor (TSP®) enabled instruments do not have inherent query commands. Like any other scripting environment, the `print()` command and other related commands generate output in the form of response messages. Each `print()` command creates one response message.

Example

```
x = 10
print(x)
```

Example of an output response message:
1.00000e+01

Note that your output might be different if you set your ASCII precision setting to a different value.

Information on scripting and programming

If you need information about using scripts with your TSP-enabled instrument, see [Fundamentals of scripting for TSP](#) (on page 6-1).

If you need information about using the Lua programming language with the instrument, see [Fundamentals of programming for TSP](#) (on page 6-10).

About TSP commands

This section contains an overview of the TSP commands for the instrument. The commands are organized into groups, with a brief description of each group. Each section contains links to the detailed descriptions for each command in the TSP command reference section of this documentation (see [TSP commands](#) (on page 7-8)).

Beeper control

The beeper commands allow you to enable or disable and sound the instrument beeper.

[beeper.beep\(\)](#) (on page 7-8)
[beeper.enable](#) (on page 7-8)

Bit manipulation and logic operations

The bit functions perform bitwise logic operations on two given numbers, and bit operations on one given number. Logic and bit operations truncate the fractional part of given numbers to make them integers.

Logic operations

The `bit.bitand()`, `bit.bitor()`, and `bit.bitxor()` functions in this group perform bitwise logic operations on two numbers. The Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine performs the indicated logic operation on the binary equivalents of the two integers. This bitwise logic operation is performed on all corresponding bits of the two numbers. The result of a logic operation is returned as an integer.

Bit operations

The rest of the functions in this group are used for operations on the bits of a given number. These functions can be used to:

- Clear a bit
- Toggle a bit
- Test a bit
- Set a bit or bit field
- Retrieve the weighted value of a bit or field value

All these functions use an index parameter to specify the bit position of the given number. The least significant bit of a given number has an index of 1, and the most significant bit has an index of 32.

NOTE

The Test Script Processor (TSP) scripting engine stores all numbers internally as IEEE Std 754 double-precision floating point values. The logical operations work on 32-bit integers. Any fractional bits are truncated. For numbers larger than 4294967295, only the lower 32 bits are used.

[bit.bitand\(\)](#) (on page 7-9)
[bit.bitor\(\)](#) (on page 7-9)
[bit.bitxor\(\)](#) (on page 7-10)
[bit.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.getfield\(\)](#) (on page 7-12)
[bit.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)
[bit.setfield\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)
[bit.test\(\)](#) (on page 7-14)
[bit.toggle\(\)](#) (on page 7-15)

Data queue

Use the data queue commands to:

- Share data between test scripts running in parallel
- Access data from a remote group or a local node on a TSP-Link® network at any time

The data queue in the Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine is first-in, first-out (FIFO).

You can access data from the data queue even if a remote group or a node has overlapped operations in process.

[dataqueue.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.CAPACITY](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-46)
[dataqueue.count](#) (on page 7-47)
[dataqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-47)

Digital I/O

The digital I/O port of the instrument can control external circuitry (such as a component handler for binning operations).

The I/O port has 14 lines. Each line can be at TTL logic state 1 (high) or 0 (low). See the pinout diagram in [Digital I/O port](#) (on page 3-80) for additional information.

There are commands to read and write to each individual bit, and commands to read and write to the entire port.

[digio.readbit\(\)](#) (on page 7-49)
[digio.readport\(\)](#) (on page 7-50)
[digio.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-50)
[digio.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-51)
[digio.trigger\[N\].EVENT_ID](#) (on page 7-51)
[digio.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-52)
[digio.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-53)
[digio.trigger\[N\].pulsewidth](#) (on page 7-54)
[digio.trigger\[N\].release\(\)](#) (on page 7-54)
[digio.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-55)
[digio.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-55)
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[digio.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
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[digio.writeprotect](#) (on page 7-59)

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[display.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-60)
[display.getannunciators\(\)](#) (on page 7-60)
[display.getcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-62)
[display.getlastkey\(\)](#) (on page 7-63)
[display.gettext\(\)](#) (on page 7-64)
[display.inputvalue\(\)](#) (on page 7-65)
[display.loadmenu.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-67)
[display.loadmenu.catalog\(\)](#) (on page 7-68)
[display.loadmenu.delete\(\)](#) (on page 7-69)
[display.locallockout](#) (on page 7-69)
[display.menu\(\)](#) (on page 7-70)
[display.numpad](#) (on page 7-71)
[display.prompt\(\)](#) (on page 7-71)
[display.screen](#) (on page 7-73)
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[display.smuX.digits](#) (on page 7-76)
[display.smuX.limit.func](#) (on page 7-77)
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[display.trigger.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-78)
[display.trigger.EVENT_ID](#) (on page 7-79)
[display.trigger.overrun](#) (on page 7-79)
[display.trigger.wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-80)
[display.waitkey\(\)](#) (on page 7-80)

Error queue

When errors and events occur, the error and status messages are placed in the error queue. Use the error queue commands to request error and status message information.

[errorqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-82)
[errorqueue.count](#) (on page 7-82)
[errorqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-82)

Event log

You can use the event log to view specific details about LAN triggering events.

[eventlog.all\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.count](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.enable](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-86)
[eventlog.overwritemethod](#) (on page 7-87)

File I/O

You can use the file I/O commands to open and close directories and files, write data, or to read a file on an installed USB flash drive. File I/O commands are organized into two groups:

- Commands that reside in the `fs` and `io` table, for example: `io.open()`, `io.close()`, `io.input()`, and `io.output()`. Use these commands to manage file system directories; open and close file descriptors; and perform basic I/O operations on a pair of default files (one input and one output).
- Commands that reside in the file descriptors (for example: `fileVar:seek()`, `fileVar:write()`, and `fileVar:read()`) operate exclusively on the file with which they are associated.

The root folder of the USB flash drive has the absolute path:

`"/usb1/"`

NOTE

You can use either the slash (/) or backslash (\) as a directory separator. However, the backslash is also used as an escape character, so if you use it as a directory separator, you will generally need to use a double backslash (\\) when you are creating scripts or sending commands to the instrument.

For basic information about navigation and directory listing of files on a flash drive, see [File system navigation](#) (on page 2-71).

File descriptor commands for file I/O use a colon (:) to separate the command parts rather than a period (.), like the `io` commands.

File descriptors cannot be passed between nodes in a TSP-Link® system, so the `io.open()`, `fileVar::read()`, and `fileVar::write` commands are not accessible to the TSP-Link system. However, the default input and output files mentioned above allow for the execution of many file I/O operations without any reference to a file descriptor.

[fileVar::close\(\)](#) (on page 7-88)
[fileVar::flush\(\)](#) (on page 7-88)
[fileVar::read\(\)](#) (on page 7-89)
[fileVar::seek\(\)](#) (on page 7-90)
[fileVar::write\(\)](#) (on page 7-90)
[fs.chdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-94)
[fs.getcwd\(\)](#) (on page 7-94)
[fs.is_dir\(\)](#) (on page 7-94)
[fs.is_file\(\)](#) (on page 7-95)
[fs.mkdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-95)
[fs.readdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-96)
[fs.rmdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-96)
[io.close\(\)](#) (on page 7-103)
[io.flush\(\)](#) (on page 7-104)
[io.input\(\)](#) (on page 7-104)
[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)
[io.output\(\)](#) (on page 7-106)
[io.read\(\)](#) (on page 7-106)
[io.type\(\)](#) (on page 7-107)
[io.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-107)
[os.remove\(\)](#) (on page 7-146)
[os.rename\(\)](#) (on page 7-147)

The following standard I/O commands are not supported at this time:

File	I/O
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>fileVar::lines()</code> • <code>fileVar::setvbuf()</code> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>io.lines()</code> • <code>io.popen()</code>

GPIB

This attribute stores the GPIB address.

[gpib.address](#) (on page 7-99)

Instrument identification

These commands store strings that describe the instrument.

[localnode.description](#) (on page 7-134)
[localnode.model](#) (on page 7-136)
[localnode.revision](#) (on page 7-139)
[localnode.serialno](#) (on page 7-140)

LAN and LXI

The LAN commands have options that allow you to review and configure network settings.

The `lan.config.*` commands allow you to configure LAN settings over the remote interface. Note that you must send `lan.applysettings()` for the configuration settings to take effect.

The `lan.status.*` commands help you determine the status of the LAN.

The `lan.trigger[N].*` commands allow you to set up and assert trigger events that are sent over the LAN.

Other LAN commands allow you to reset the LAN, restore defaults, check LXI domain information, and enable or disable the Nagle algorithm.

[lan.applysettings\(\)](#) (on page 7-108)
[lan.autoconnect](#) (on page 7-109)
[lan.config.dns.address\[N\]](#) (on page 7-109)
[lan.config.dns.domain](#) (on page 7-110)
[lan.config.dns.dynamic](#) (on page 7-110)
[lan.config.dns.hostname](#) (on page 7-111)
[lan.config.dns.verify](#) (on page 7-112)
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[lan.config.ipaddress](#) (on page 7-113)
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[lan.status.dns.address\[N\]](#) (on page 7-119)
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[lan.status.port.telnet](#) (on page 7-123)
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[lan.status.speed](#) (on page 7-124)
[lan.status.subnetmask](#) (on page 7-124)
[lan.timedwait](#) (on page 7-125)
[lan.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-125)
[lan.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-126)
[lan.trigger\[N\].connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-127)
[lan.trigger\[N\].connected](#) (on page 7-127)
[lan.trigger\[N\].disconnect\(\)](#) (on page 7-128)
[lan.trigger\[N\].EVENT_ID](#) (on page 7-128)
[lan.trigger\[N\].ipaddress](#) (on page 7-129)
[lan.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-130)
[lan.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].protocol](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].pseudostate](#) (on page 7-132)
[lan.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-132)
[lan.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-134)
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[localnode.password](#) (on page 7-136)

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Miscellaneous

[delay\(\)](#) (on page 7-48)
[exit\(\)](#) (on page 7-87)
[localnode.linefreq](#) (on page 7-135)
[localnode.password](#) (on page 7-136)
[localnode.passwordmode](#) (on page 7-137)
[makegetter\(\)](#) (on page 7-141)
[makesetter\(\)](#) (on page 7-142)
[meminfo\(\)](#) (on page 7-143)
[opc\(\)](#) (on page 7-146)
[waitcomplete\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

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[node\[N\].getglobal\(\)](#) (on page 7-144)
[node\[N\].setglobal\(\)](#) (on page 7-145)
[tslink.group](#) (on page 7-344)
[tslink.master](#) (on page 7-345)
[tslink.node](#) (on page 7-345)

Queries and response messages

You can use the `print()`, `printbuffer()`, and `printnumber()` functions to query the instrument and generate response messages. The format attributes control how the data is formatted for the print functions used.

The localnode commands determine if generated errors are automatically sent and if prompts are generated.

[format.asciiprecision](#) (on page 7-91)
[format.byteorder](#) (on page 7-92)
[format.data](#) (on page 7-93)
[localnode.prompts](#) (on page 7-137)
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[localnode.showerrors](#) (on page 7-141)
[print\(\)](#) (on page 7-148)
[printbuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-149)
[printnumber\(\)](#) (on page 7-150)

Reading buffer

Reading buffers capture measurements, ranges, instrument status, and output states of the instrument.

[bufferVar.appendmode](#) (on page 7-16)
[bufferVar.basetimestamp](#) (on page 7-16)
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Reset

Resets settings to their default settings.

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[lan.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)
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[tsplink.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-354)

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[serial.baud](#) (on page 7-168)
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[serial.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-171)

Saved setups

Use the saved setups commands to save and restore the configuration of the instrument. You can save or restore configurations to or from the instrument's nonvolatile memory or an installed USB flash drive. You can use the `setup.poweron` attribute to specify which setup is recalled when the instrument is turned on.

[setup.poweron](#) (on page 7-174)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[setup.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)

Scripting

Scripting helps you combine commands into a block of code that the instrument can run. Scripts help you communicate with the instrument efficiently. These commands describe how to create, load, modify, run, and exit scripts.

For detail on using scripts, see [Fundamentals of scripting for TSP](#) (on page 6-1).

[exit\(\)](#) (on page 7-87)
[script.anonymous](#) (on page 7-157)
[script.delete\(\)](#) (on page 7-158)
[script.factory.catalog\(\)](#) (on page 7-158)
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Userstrings

Use the functions in this group to store and retrieve user-defined strings in nonvolatile memory. These strings are stored as key-value pairs.

You can use the `userstring` functions to store custom, instrument-specific information in the instrument, such as department number, asset number, or manufacturing plant location.

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Factory scripts

Introduction

The Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument is shipped with one or more factory scripts saved in its flash firmware memory. A factory script is made up of a number of functions. Some of them can be called from the front-panel LOAD TEST menu. All of them can be called using remote programming.

As Keithley Instruments develops additional factory scripts, they will be made available on the [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>) as a flash firmware upgrade for the Model 2657A. See [Upgrading the firmware](#) (on page A-4) for instructions on upgrading the flash firmware of your Model 2657A instrument.

A factory script is similar to a user script, except a factory script is created by Keithley Instruments at the factory and is permanently stored in nonvolatile memory. The differences between a user script and a factory script include the following:

- A factory script cannot be deleted from nonvolatile memory.
- The script listing for a factory script can be retrieved and modified, but it will then be treated as a user script. A user script cannot be saved as a factory script.
- Factory scripts are not stored in global variables. The only references to factory scripts are in the `script.factory.scripts` attribute.
- The `script.factory.catalog()` function returns an iterator that can be used in a `for` loop to iterate over all the factory scripts.

Example

To retrieve the catalog listing for factory scripts, send:

```
for name in script.factory.catalog() do print(name) end
```

Running a factory script

Use either of the following commands to run a factory script:

```
script.factory.scripts.name()  
script.factory.scripts.name.run()
```

Where: `name` is the name of the factory script.

Example:

Run the factory script named “KIPulse”

```
script.factory.scripts.KIPulse()
```

Running a factory script function from the Model 2657A front panel controls

1. Press the **LOAD** key.
2. Select **FACTORY**.
3. Select the function to run and press the **ENTER** key or navigation wheel .
4. Press the **RUN** key.
5. Follow the prompts on the front panel to run the script.

Retrieving and modifying a factory script listing

The script listing for a factory script can be retrieved and modified. However, it cannot be saved as a factory script. The modified script can be saved as a user script using the same name or a new name.

An imported factory script can only be loaded back into the Model 2657A as a user script.

The following function retrieves a script listing. The script code is output with the shell keywords (`loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` and `endscript`):

```
script.factory.scripts.name.list()
```

Where: *name* is the name of the factory script.

Example:

Retrieve the script listing for a factory script named "KIPulse":

```
script.factory.scripts.KIPulse.list()
```

KISweep factory script

The KISweep factory script provides simple sweep test programming and shows how to use the sweeping function.

This script is made up of the following functions. Access these functions from the front panel or the remote interfaces. The following functions make up the KISweep factory script:

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[SweepIListMeasureV\(\)](#) (on page 7-324)
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[SweepVLinMeasureI\(\)](#) (on page 7-326)
[SweepVListMeasureI\(\)](#) (on page 7-327)
[SweepVLogMeasureI\(\)](#) (on page 7-328)

KIPulse factory script

The KIPulse factory script provides examples of how to generate pulses and to provide a simple pulsing interface. Pulses can be generated using the functions listed below.

NOTE

Please note the following information about the KIPulse factory script:

- This factory script only operates on the channels present in the instrument executing the pulse functions. These functions will not operate correctly if you attempt to access instrument channels over the TSP-Link® interface.
- The KIPulse factory scripts are general purpose examples that may not be suitable for all use cases. Very short pulses (less than 1 ms pulse width) may require optimization of the examples provided by the factory script in order to achieve settled measurements.
- The `PulseIMeasureV()` and `PulseVMeasureI()` functions may be accessed from the front panel. The remaining functions may only be accessed remotely.

Use the configuration [KIPulse tag parameter pulse functions](#) (on page 5-20) to configure a pulse train and assign the configuration to the `tag` parameter (use `QueryPulseConfig()` to inspect configured pulse trains). Use the initiation `InitiatePulseTest()` function to execute the pulse trains assigned to its `tag` arguments. The conditions listed in the table below must be true for these functions to execute successfully.

Use the [KIPulse simple pulse functions](#) (on page 5-20) to specify and perform a specified number of pulse-measure cycles.

The following functions make up the KIPulse factory script:

KIPulse tag parameter pulse functions

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KIPulse simple pulse functions

- [PulseIMeasureV\(\)](#) (on page 7-151)
[PulseVMeasureI\(\)](#) (on page 7-152)

Advanced features for KIPulse tag parameter pulse functions

Variable off time between pulses in a pulse train

The KIPulse “Configure” functions will accept the *t_{off}* parameter as a table, or as a number. The table allows you to define different off times to be used after each pulse. The following should be noted:

- If *t_{off}* is passed as a number or only a single value is used in the table, it will be used for all points in a multiple point pulse.
- The number of times specified in the table must match the number of points called for in the sweep.
- The times used in tables must match for dual channel pulsing.
- Each specified off time must adhere to the duty cycle limits for the specified pulsing region.

Simultaneous IV measurement during pulse

The KIPulse “Configure” functions will optionally accept an extra reading buffer to activate simultaneous IV measurements during pulsing. Previous usage of passing in a reading buffer or a nil (for no measurement) is still supported.

KIHighC factory script

The KIHighC factory script is made up of two functions: `i_leakage_measure()` and `i_leakage_threshold()`. Output is generally at a non-zero voltage prior to calling these functions. These functions can also be used to step the voltage to zero volts in order to measure the leakage current.

[i_leakage_measure\(\)](#) (on page 7-100)
[i_leakage_threshold\(\)](#) (on page 7-101)

KIParlib factory script

The KIParlib factory script is made up of two functions: `gm_vsweep()` and `gm_isweep()`.

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KISavebuffer factory script

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Fundamentals of scripting for TSP

NOTE

Though it can improve your process to use scripts, you do not have to create scripts to use the instrument. Most of the examples in the documentation can be run by sending individual command messages. The next few sections of the documentation describe scripting and programming features of the instrument. You only need to review this information if you are using scripting and programming.

Scripting helps you combine commands into a block of code that the instrument can run. Scripts help you communicate with the instrument more efficiently.

Scripts offer several advantages compared to sending individual commands from the host controller (computer):

- Scripts are easier to save, refine, and implement than individual commands.
- The instrument performs more quickly and efficiently when it processes scripts than it does when it processes individual commands.
- You can incorporate features such as looping and branching into scripts.
- Scripts allow the controller to perform other tasks while the instrument is running a script, enabling some parallel operation.
- Scripts eliminate repeated data transfer times from the controller.

In the instrument, the Test Script Processor (TSP[®]) scripting engine processes and runs scripts.

This section describes how to create, load, modify, and run scripts.

What is a script?

A script is a collection of instrument control commands and programming statements. Scripts that you create are referred to as **user scripts**.

Your scripts can be interactive. Interactive scripts display messages on the front panel of the instrument that prompt the operator to enter parameters.

Run-time and nonvolatile memory storage of scripts

Scripts are loaded into the run-time environment of the instrument. From there, they can be stored in the nonvolatile memory.

The run-time environment is a collection of global variables, which include scripts, that the user has defined. A global variable can be used to store a value while the instrument is turned on and until a new value is assigned to the variable. After scripts are loaded into the run-time environment, you can run and manage them from the front panel of the instrument or from a computer. Information in the run-time environment is lost when the instrument is turned off.

Nonvolatile memory is where information is stored even when the instrument is turned off. Save scripts to nonvolatile memory to save them even if the power is cycled. The scripts that are in nonvolatile memory are loaded into the run-time environment when the instrument is turned on.

Scripts are placed in the run-time environment when:

- The instrument is turned on. All scripts that are saved to nonvolatile memory are copied to the run-time environment when the instrument is turned on.
- Loaded over a remote command interface.

For detail on the amount of memory available in the run-time environment, see [Memory considerations for the run-time environment](#) (on page 6-47).

NOTE

If you make changes to a script in the run-time environment, the changes are lost when the instrument is turned off. To save the changes, you must save them to nonvolatile memory. See [Working with scripts in nonvolatile memory](#) (on page 6-7).

What can be included in scripts?

Scripts can include combinations of TSP commands and Lua code. TSP commands instruct the instrument to do one thing and are described in the command reference (see [TSP commands](#) (on page 7-8)). Lua is a scripting language that is described in [Fundamentals of programming for TSP](#) (on page 6-10).

Commands that cannot be used in scripts

Though an instrument accepts the following commands, you cannot use these commands in scripts.

Commands that cannot be used in scripts

General commands	IEEE Std 488.2 common commands		
abort	*CLS	*RST	
endflash	*ESE	*SRE	
endscript	*ESE?	*SRE?	
flash	*ESR?	*STB?	
loadscript	*IDN?	*TRG	
loadandrunscript	*OPC	*TST?	
password	*OPC?	*WAI	

Manage scripts

This section describes how to create scripts by sending commands over the remote interface and using TSB Embedded.

Tools for managing scripts

To manage scripts, you can send messages to the instrument, use your own development tool or program, use Keithley Instruments Test Script Builder (TSB) software, or use TSB Embedded on the instrument's web interface. TSB and TSB Embedded are described below.

- **Test Script Builder (TSB) software:** TSB software is a programming tool that is on the Test Script Builder Software Suite CD-ROM (included with your Model 2657A). You can use it to create, modify, debug, and store Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine scripts. For more information about using the TSB software, see [Using Test Script Builder \(TSB\)](#) (on page 6-30).
- **TSB Embedded:** TSB Embedded is a tool with a reduced set of features than the complete Keithley TSB software. TSB Embedded has both script-building functionality and console functionality (single-line commands). It is accessed from a web browser. See [Working with TSB Embedded](#) (on page 6-36) for information about script manipulation using TSB Embedded. The Model 2657A User's Manual contains additional information about using TSB Embedded.

NOTE

If you are using TSB or TSB Embedded to create scripts, you do not need to use the commands `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` and `endscript`.

Create and load a script

You create scripts by loading them into the run-time environment of the instrument. You can load a script as a named script or as the anonymous script.

Once a script is loaded into the instrument, you can execute it remotely or from the front panel.

Anonymous scripts

If a script is created with the `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` command with no name defined, it is called the "anonymous" script. There can only be one anonymous script in the run-time environment. If another anonymous script is loaded into the run-time environment, it replaces the existing anonymous script.

Named scripts

A named script is a script with a unique name. You can have as many named scripts as needed in the instrument (within the limits of the memory available to the run-time environment). When a named script is loaded into the run-time environment with the `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` commands, a global variable with the same name is created to reference the script.

Key points regarding named scripts:

- If you load a new script with the same name as an existing script, the existing script becomes an unnamed script, which in effect removes the existing script if there are no variables that reference it.
- Sending revised scripts with different names will not remove previously loaded scripts.
- Named scripts can be saved to internal nonvolatile memory. Saving a named script to nonvolatile memory allows the instrument to be turned off without losing the script. See [Working with scripts in nonvolatile memory](#) (on page 6-7).

Load a script by sending commands over the remote interface

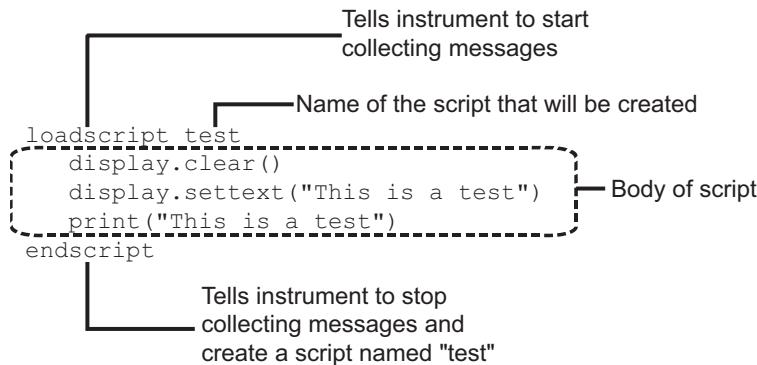
To load a script over the remote interface, you can use the `loadscript`, `loadandrunscript`, and `endscript` commands.

The `loadscript` and `loadandrunscript` commands start the collection of messages that make up the script. When the instrument receives either of these commands, it starts collecting all subsequent messages. Without these commands, the instrument would run them immediately as individual commands.

The `endscript` command tells the instrument to compile the collection of messages. It compiles the messages into one group of commands. This group of commands is loaded into the run-time environment.

The following figure shows an example of how to load a script named "test." The first command tells the instrument to start collecting the messages for the script named "test." The last command marks the end of the script. When this script is run, the message "This is a test" is displayed on the instrument and sent to the computer.

Figure 92: Loadscript and endsheet example



To load a named script by sending commands:

1. Send the command `loadscript scriptName`, where `scriptName` is the name of the script. The name must be a legal Lua variable name.
2. Send the commands that need to be included in the script.
3. Send the command `endscript`.
4. You can now run the script. See [Run scripts](#) (on page 6-5).

NOTE

To run the script immediately, use `loadandrunscript scriptName` instead of `loadscript`.

Create a script using TSB Embedded**NOTE**

If you are using TSB Embedded to create scripts, you do not need to use the commands `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` and `endscript`.

You can create a script from the instrument web page with TSB Embedded. When you save the script in TSB Embedded, it is loaded into the run-time environment and saved in the nonvolatile memory of the instrument. For information about using TSB Embedded, select the **Help** button on a web page or the Help option from the navigation pane on the left side of the web interface.

To create a script using TSB Embedded:

1. In the TSP Script box, enter a name for the script.
2. In the input area, enter the sequence of commands to be included in the script.
3. Click **Save Script**. The name is added to the User Scripts list on the left.

Run scripts

This section describes how to run the anonymous and named scripts.

NOTE

If the instrument is in local control when the script is started, it switches to remote control (REM is displayed) while the script is running. The instrument is returned to local control when the script completes. If you press the front-panel **EXIT (LOCAL)** key while the script is running, the script is stopped.

Run the anonymous script

The anonymous script can be run many times without reloading it. It remains in the run-time environment until a new anonymous script is created or until the instrument is turned off.

To run the anonymous script, use any one of these commands:

- `run()`
- `script.run()`
- `script.anonymous()`
- `script.anonymous.run()`

Run a named script

You can run any named script that is in the run-time environment using one of the following commands:

- `scriptVar()`
- `scriptVar.run()`

Where: `scriptVar` is the user-defined name of the script.

To run a named script from TSB Embedded, select the script from the User Scripts list and click **Run**.

When a script is named, it can be accessed using the global variable `scriptVar`.

Example: Run a named script

```
test3()
```

If the script `test3` is loaded into the run-time environment, the instrument executes `test3`.

Scripts that run automatically

You can set up scripts to run automatically when you power on the instrument. To do this, either set the `autorun` attribute for the script to `yes` (see [Autorun scripts](#) (on page 6-6)), or create a script with the script name `autoexec` (see [Autoexec script](#) (on page 6-7)).

Autorun scripts

Autorun scripts run automatically when the instrument is turned on. You can set any number of scripts to autorun. The run order for autorun scripts is arbitrary, so make sure the run order is not important.

As shown in the example below, you can set a script to run automatically by setting the `.autorun` attribute of the script to "yes" and then saving the script.

Example:

```
scriptVar.autorun = "yes"  
scriptVar.save()
```

Where: `scriptVar` is the user-defined name of the script.

To disable autorun, set the script's `.autorun` attribute to "no" and then save the script.

NOTE

The `scriptVar.save()` command saves the script to nonvolatile memory, which makes the change persistent through a power cycle. See [Save a user script to nonvolatile memory](#) (on page 6-8) for more detail.

Example: Set a script to run automatically

```
test5.autorun = "yes"  
test5.save()
```

Assume a script named test5 is in the run-time environment. The next time the instrument is turned on, test5 script automatically loads and runs.

Autoexec script

The autoexec script runs automatically when the instrument is turned on. It runs after all the scripts have loaded and any scripts marked as autorun have run.

To create a script that executes automatically, create and load a new script and name it autoexec. See [Create and load a script](#) (on page 6-3).

NOTE

You must save the autoexec script to nonvolatile memory if you want to use it after instrument power has been turned off and then turned on again. See [Save a user script to nonvolatile memory](#) (on page 6-8) for more detail.

Example: Creating an autoexec script with loadscript command

```
loadscript autoexec  
display.clear()  
display.settext("Hello from autoexec")  
endscript  
autoexec.save()
```

Creates the script autoexec.
Saves the autoexec script to nonvolatile memory. The next time the instrument is turned on, "Hello from autoexec" is displayed.

Example: Creating an autoexec script using TSB Embedded

```
display.clear()  
display.settext("Hello from autoexec")
```

In the TSP Script box, enter autoexec.
Enter the code in the entry box.
Click **Save Script**.
Creates a new script that clears the display when the instrument is turned on and displays "Hello from autoexec."

Working with scripts in nonvolatile memory

The [Fundamentals of scripting for TSP](#) (on page 6-1) section in this manual describes working with scripts, primarily in the run-time environment. You can also work with scripts in nonvolatile memory.

The run-time environment and nonvolatile memory are separate storage areas in the instrument. The information in the run-time environment is lost when the instrument is turned off. The nonvolatile memory remains intact when the instrument is turned off. When the instrument is turned on, information in nonvolatile memory is loaded into the run-time environment.

Save a user script

You can save scripts to nonvolatile memory using commands or TSB Embedded.

Only named scripts can be saved to nonvolatile memory. The anonymous script must be named before it can be saved to nonvolatile memory.

NOTE

If a script is not saved to nonvolatile memory, the script is lost when the instrument is turned off.

To save a script to nonvolatile memory:

1. Create and load a named script (see [Create and load a script](#) (on page 6-3)).
2. Do one of the following:
 - Send the command `scriptVar.save()`, where `scriptVar` is the name of the script.
 - In TSB Embedded, click **Save Script**.

Example: Save a user script to nonvolatile memory

```
test1.save()
```

Assume a script named `test1` has been loaded. `test1` is saved into nonvolatile memory.

To save a script to an external USB drive:

NOTE

When you save a script to a USB flash drive, you do not need to specify a file extension. The extension `.tsp` is automatically added. If you do specify a file extension, it must be `.tsp`. An error will occur if you use any other file extension.

1. Load a script (see [Create and load a script](#) (on page 6-3)).
2. Send the command `scriptVar.save("/usb1/filename.tsp")`, where `scriptVar` is the variable referencing the script and `filename.tsp` is the name of the file.

NOTE

You can also use TSB Embedded to save a script to a USB flash drive (or any accessible drive) installed on your computer. From TSB Embedded, load the script and click **Export to PC**.

Save the anonymous script as a named script

To save the anonymous script to nonvolatile memory, you must name it first.

To save the anonymous script as a named script:

1. To name the script, send the command `script.anonymous.name = "myTest"` (where `myTest` is the name of the script).
2. Send the `script.anonymous.save()` command to save `myTest` to nonvolatile memory.

Delete user scripts

NOTE

These steps remove a script from nonvolatile memory. To completely remove a script from the instrument, there are additional steps you must take. See [Delete user scripts from the instrument](#) (on page 6-46).

To delete a script from nonvolatile memory using a remote interface:

You can delete the script from nonvolatile memory by sending either of the following commands:

- `script.delete("name")`
- `script.user.delete("name")`

Where: *name* is the user-defined name of the script.

To delete a script from nonvolatile memory using TSB Embedded:

1. In TSB Embedded, select the script from the User Scripts list.
2. Click **Delete**. There is no confirmation message.

Example: Delete a user script from nonvolatile memory

<code>script.delete("test8")</code>	Delete a user script named test8 from nonvolatile memory.
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Programming example

Interactive script

An interactive script prompts the operator to input values using the instrument front panel. The following example script uses display messages to prompt the operator to:

- Enter the digital I/O line on which to output a trigger
- Enter the output trigger pulselength

After the output trigger occurs, the front display displays a message to the operator.

When an input prompt is displayed, the script waits until the operator inputs the parameter or presses the **ENTER** key.

The example shown here assumes that you are using TSB or TSB Embedded. If you are using a remote interface, you need to add the `loadscript` and `endscript` commands to the example code. See [Load a script by sending commands over the remote interface](#) (on page 6-4) for details.

```
-- Clear the display.  
display.clear()  
  
-- Prompt user for digital I/O line on which to output trigger.  
myDigioLine = display.menu("Select digio line", "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9")  
  
-- Convert user input to a number.  
intMyDigioLine = tonumber(myDigioLine)  
  
-- Prompt user for digital output trigger mode.  
myDigioEdge = display.menu("Select digio mode", "Rising Falling")  
if myDigioEdge == "Rising" then  
    edgeMode = digio.TRIG_RISING  
else  
    edgeMode = digio.TRIG_FALLING  
end  
  
-- Prompt user for output trigger pulselwidth.  
myPulseWidth = display.prompt()  
    "000.0", "us", "Enter trigger pulselwidth", 10, 10, 100)  
  
-- Scale the entered pulselwidth.  
myPulseWidth = myPulseWidth * 1e-6  
  
-- Generate the pulse.  
digio.trigger[intMyDigioLine].mode = edgeMode  
digio.trigger[intMyDigioLine].pulselwidth = myPulseWidth  
digio.trigger[intMyDigioLine].assert()  
  
-- Alert the user through the display that the  
-- output trigger has occurred.  
display.setcursor(1, 1)  
display.settext("Trigger asserted $Non digital I/O line " .. intMyDigioLine)  
  
-- Wait five seconds and then return to main screen.  
delay(5)  
display.screen = display.SMUA
```

Fundamentals of programming for TSP

Introduction

To conduct a test, a computer (controller) is programmed to send sequences of commands to an instrument. The controller orchestrates the actions of the instrumentation. The controller is typically programmed to request measurement results from the instrumentation and make test sequence decisions based on those measurements.

To take advantage of the advanced features of the instrument, you can add programming commands to your scripts. Programming commands control script execution and provide tools such as variables, functions, branching, and loop control.

The Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine is a Lua interpreter. In TSP-enabled instruments, the Lua programming language has been extended with Keithley-specific instrument control commands.

What is Lua?

Lua is a programming language that can be used with TSP-enabled instruments. Lua is an efficient language with simple syntax that is easy to learn.

Lua is also a scripting language, which means that scripts are compiled and run when they are sent to the instrument. You do not compile them before sending them to the instrument.

Lua basics

This section contains the basics about the Lua programming language to allow you to start adding Lua programming commands to your scripts quickly.

For more information about Lua, see the [Lua website](http://www.lua.org) (<http://www.lua.org>). Another source of useful information is the [Lua users group](http://lua-users.org) (<http://lua-users.org>), created for and by users of Lua programming language.

Comments

Comments start anywhere outside a string with a double hyphen (--) . If the text immediately after a double hyphen (--) is anything other than double left brackets ([[), the comment is a short comment, which continues only until the end of the line. If double left brackets ([[) follow the double hyphen (--) , it is a long comment, which continues until the corresponding double right brackets (]]) close the comment. Long comments may continue for several lines and may contain nested [[...]] pairs. The table below shows how to use code comments.

Using code comments

Type of comment	Comment delimiters	Usage	Example
Short comment	--	Use when the comment text is short enough that it will not wrap to a second line.	--Disable the beeper. beeper.enable = beeper.OFF
Long comment	--[[]]	Use when the comment text is long enough that it wraps to additional lines.	--[[Displays a menu with three menu items. If the second menu item is selected, the selection will be given the value Test2.]] selection = display.menu("Sample Menu", "Test1 Test2 Test3") print(selection)

Function and variable name restrictions

You cannot use factory script names, functions created by factory scripts, Lua reserved words and top level command names for function or variable names.

For information on factory script names, see [Factory scripts](#) (on page 5-18).

You cannot use the following Lua reserved words for function or variable names.

Lua reserved words		
and	for	or
break	function	repeat
do	if	return
else	in	then
elseif	local	true
end	nil	until
false	not	while

You also cannot use top-level command names as variable names. If you use these names, it will result in the loss of use of the commands. For example, if you send the command `digio = 5`, you cannot access the `digio.*` commands until you turn the instrument power off and then turn it on again. These names include:

Top level command names			
beeper	gcinfo	os	status
bit	gettimezone	print	string
collectgarbage	gpib	printbuffer	timer
dataqueue	io	printnumber	tonumber
delay	lan	reset	tostring
digio	localnode	savebuffer	trigger
display	makegetter	script	tsplink
errorqueue	makesetter	serial	tspnet
eventlog	math	settime	type
exit	meminfo	settimezone	userstring
format	node	setup	waitcomplete
fs	opc	smua	

Values and variable types

In Lua, you use variables to store values in the run-time environment for later use.

Lua is a dynamically typed language; the type of the variable is determined by the value that is assigned to the variable.

Variables in Lua are assumed to be global unless they are explicitly declared to be local. A global variable is accessible by all commands. Global variables do not exist until they have been assigned a value.

NOTE

Do not create variable names that are the same as the top level command names of Model 2657A remote commands. Doing so will result in the loss of use of those commands. See [Function and variable name restrictions](#) (on page 6-12).

Variable types

Variables can be one of the following types.

Variable types and values

Variable type returned	Value	Notes
"nil"	not declared	The type of the value <code>nil</code> , whose main property is to be different from any other value; usually it represents the absence of a useful value.
"boolean"	true or false	Boolean is the type of the values <code>false</code> and <code>true</code> . In Lua, both <code>nil</code> and <code>false</code> make a condition <code>false</code> ; any other value makes it <code>true</code> .
"number"	number	All numbers are real numbers; there is no distinction between integers and floating-point numbers.
"string"	sequence of words or characters	
"function"	a block of code	Functions perform a task or compute and return values.
"table"	an array	New tables are created with {} braces. For example, {1, 2, 3.00e0}.

To determine the type of a variable, you can call the `type()` function, as shown in the examples below.

Example: Nil

<pre>x = nil print(x, type(x))</pre>	nil nil
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Example: Boolean

<pre>y = false print(y, type(y))</pre>	false boolean
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Example: String and number

```
x = "123"
print(x, type(x))

x = x + 7
print(x, type(x))
```

123 string

Adding a number to x forces its type to number.

1.30000e+02 number

Example: Function

```
function add_two(first_value,
    second_value)
    return first_value + second_value
end
print(add_two(3, 4), type(add_two))
```

7.00000e+00 function

Example: Table

```
atable = {1, 2, 3, 4}
print(atable, type(atable))
print(atable[1])
print(atable[4])
```

Defines a table with four numeric elements.

Note that the "table" value (shown here as a096cd30) will vary.

table: a096cd30 table
1.00000e+00
4.00000e+00

Delete a global variable

To delete a global variable, assign `nil` to the global variable. This removes the global variable from the run-time environment.

Functions

With Lua, you can group commands and statements using the `function` keyword. Functions can take zero, one, or multiple parameters, and they return zero, one, or multiple values.

You can use functions to form expressions that calculate and return a value. Functions can also act as statements that execute specific tasks.

Functions are first-class values in Lua. That means that functions can be stored in variables, passed as arguments to other functions, and returned as results. They can also be stored in tables.

Note that when a function is defined, it is stored in the run-time environment. Like all data that is stored in the run-time environment, the function persists until it is removed from the run-time environment, is overwritten, or the instrument is turned off.

Create functions using the `function` keyword

Functions are created with a message or in Lua code in either of the following forms:

```
function myFunction(parameterX) functionBody end
myFunction = function (parameterX) functionBody end
```

Where:

- *myFunction*: The name of the function.
- *parameterX*: Parameter names. To use multiple parameters, separate the names with commas.
- *functionBody* is the code that is executed when the function is called.

To execute a function, substitute appropriate values for *parameterX* and insert them into a message formatted as:

```
myFunction(valueForParameterX, valueForParameterY)
```

Where *valueForParameterX* and *valueForParameterY* represent the values to be passed to the function call for the given parameters.

Example 1

```
function add_two(first_value,
    second_value)
    return first_value + second_value
end
print(add_two(3, 4))
```

Creates a variable named `add_two` that has a variable type of function.
Output:
`7.00000e+00`

Example 2

```
add_three = function(first_value,
    second_value, third_value)
    return first_value + second_value +
        third_value
end
print(add_three(3, 4, 5))
```

Creates a variable named `add_three` that has a variable type of function.
Output:
`1.20000e+01`

Example 3

```
function sum_diff_ratio(first_value,
    second_value)
    psum = first_value + second_value
    pdif = first_value - second_value
    prat = first_value / second_value
    return psum, pdif, prat
end
sum, diff, ratio = sum_diff_ratio(2, 3)
print(sum)
print(diff)
print(ratio)
```

Returns multiple parameters (sum, difference, and ratio of the two numbers passed to it).
Output:
`5.00000e+00`
`-1.00000e+00`
`6.66667-01`

Create functions using scripts

You can use scripts to define functions. Scripts that define a function are like any other script: They do not cause any action to be performed on the instrument until they are executed. The global variable of the function does not exist until the script that created the function is executed.

A script can consist of one or more functions. Once a script has been run, the computer can call functions that are in the script directly.

NOTE

The following steps use TSB Embedded. You can also use the `loadscript` and `endscript` commands to create the script over the remote interface. See [Load a script by sending commands over the remote interface](#) (on page 6-4).

Steps to create a function using a script:

1. In TSB Embedded, enter a name into the TSP Script box. For example, type `MakeMyFunction`.
2. Enter the function as the body of the script. This example concatenates two strings:

```
MyFunction = function (who)
    print("Hello " .. who)
end
```

3. Click **Save Script**.

`MakeMyFunction` is now on the instrument in a global variable with the same name as the script (`MakeMyFunction`). However, the function defined in the script does not yet exist because the script has not been executed.

4. Run the script as a function. For this example, send:

```
MakeMyFunction()
```

This instructs the instrument to run the script, which creates the `MyFunction` global variable. This variable is of the type "function" (see [Variable types](#) (on page 6-13)).

5. Run the new function with a value.

```
MyFunction("world")
```

The response message is:

```
Hello world
```

Group commands using the `function` keyword

The following script contains instrument commands that display the name of the person that is using the script on the front panel of the instrument. It takes one parameter to represent this name. When this script is run, the function is loaded in memory. Once loaded into memory, you can call the function outside of the script to execute it.

When calling the function, you must specify a string for the `name` argument of the function. For example, to set the name to **John**, call the function as follows:

```
myDisplay("John")
```

Example: User script

User script created in Test Script Builder or TSB Embedded	User script created in user's own program
<pre>function myDisplay(name) display.clear() display.settext(name .. "\$N is here!") end</pre>	<pre>loadscript function myDisplay(name) display.clear() display.settext(name .. " \$N is here!") end endscript</pre>

Operators

You can compare and manipulate Lua variables and constants using operators.

Arithmetic operators

Operator	Description
+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
-	negation (for example, c = -a)
^	exponentiation

Relational operators

Operator	Description
<	less than
>	greater than
<=	less than or equal
>=	greater than or equal
~=	not equal
==	equal

Logical operators

The logical operators in Lua are `and`, `or`, and `not`. All logical operators consider both `false` and `nil` as false and anything else as true.

The operator `not` always returns `false` or `true`.

The conjunction operator `and` returns its first argument if this value is `false` or `nil`; otherwise, it returns its second argument. The disjunction operator `or` returns its first argument if this value is different from `nil` and `false`; otherwise, it returns its second argument. Both `and` and `or` use shortcut evaluation, that is, the second operand is evaluated only if necessary.

Example

print(10 or errorqueue.next())	1.00000e+01
print(nil or "a")	a
print(nil and 10)	nil
print(false and errorqueue.next())	false
print(false and nil)	false
print(false or nil)	nil
print(10 and 20)	2.00000e+01

String concatenation**String operators**

Operator	Description
..	Concatenates two strings. If either argument is not a string, it is coerced to a string (in a reasonable format) before concatenation.

Example: Concatenation

print(2 .. 3)	23
print("Hello " .. "World")	Hello World

Operator precedence

Operator precedence in Lua follows the order below (from higher to lower priority):

- ^ (exponentiation)
- not, - (unary)
- *, /
- +, -
- .. (concatenation)
- <, >, <=, >=, ~=, ==
- and
- or

You can use parentheses to change the precedences in an expression. The concatenation ("..") and exponentiation ("^") operators are right associative. All other binary operators are left associative. The examples below show equivalent expressions.

Equivalent expressions

<code>reading + offset < testValue/2+0.5</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>(reading + offset) < ((testValue/2)+0.5)</code>
<code>3+reading^2*4</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>3+((reading^2)*4)</code>
<code>Rdg < maxRdg and lastRdg <= expectedRdg</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>(Rdg < maxRdg) and (lastRdg <= expectedRdg)</code>
<code>-reading^2</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>-(reading^2)</code>
<code>reading^testAdjustment^2</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>reading^(testAdjustment^2)</code>

Conditional branching

Lua uses the `if`, `else`, `elseif`, `then`, `and` `end` keywords to do conditional branching.

Note that in Lua, `nil` and `false` are `false` and everything else is `true`. Zero (0) is `true` in Lua.

The syntax of a conditional block is as follows:

```
if expression then
    block
elseif expression then
    block
else
    block
end
```

Where:

- `expression` is Lua code that evaluates to either `true` or `false`
- `block` consists of one or more Lua statements

Example: If

```
if 0 then
    print("Zero is true!")
else
    print("Zero is false.")
end
```

Output:
Zero is true!

Example: Comparison

```
x = 1
y = 2
if x and y then
    print("Both x and y are true")
end
```

Output:
Both x and y are true

Example: If and else

```
x = 2
if not x then
    print("This is from the if block")
else
    print("This is from the else block")
end
```

Output:
This is from the else
block

Example: Else and elseif

```
x = 1
y = 2
if x and y then
    print("'if' expression 2 was not false.")
end

if x or y then
    print("'if' expression 3 was not false.")
end

if not x then
    print("'if' expression 4 was not false.")
else
    print("'if' expression 4 was false.")
end

if x == 10 then
    print("x = 10")
elseif y > 2 then
    print("y > 2")
else
    print("x is not equal to 10, and y is not greater than 2.")
end
```

Output:
'if' expression 2 was not false.
'if' expression 3 was not false.
'if' expression 4 was false.
x is not equal to 10, and y is not greater than 2.

Loop control

If you need to repeat code execution, you can use the Lua `while`, `repeat`, and `for` control structures. To exit a loop, you can use the `break` keyword.

While loops

To use conditional expressions to determine whether to execute or end a loop, you use `while` loops. These loops are similar to [Conditional branching](#) (on page 6-19) statements.

```
while expression do
    block
end
```

Where:

- `expression` is Lua code that evaluates to either `true` or `false`
- `block` consists of one or more Lua statements

Example: While

```
list = {
    "One", "Two", "Three", "Four", "Five", "Six"}
print("Count list elements on numeric index:")
element = 1
while list[element] do
    print(element, list[element])
    element = element + 1
end
```

This loop exits when `list[element]`
= nil.
Output:
Count list elements on
numeric index:
1.00000e+00 One
2.00000e+00 Two
3.00000e+00 Three
4.00000e+00 Four
5.00000e+00 Five
6.00000e+00 Six

Repeat until loops

To repeat a command, you use the `repeat ... until` statement. The body of a `repeat` statement always executes at least once. It stops repeating when the conditions of the `until` clause are met.

```
repeat
    block
until expression
```

Where:

- `block` consists of one or more Lua statements
- `expression` is Lua code that evaluates to either `true` or `false`

Example: Repeat until

```
list = {
    "One", "Two", "Three", "Four", "Five", "Six"}
print("Count elements in list using repeat:")
element = 1
repeat
    print(element, list[element])
    element = element + 1
until not list[element]
```

Output:
Count elements in list
using repeat:
1.00000e+00 One
2.00000e+00 Two
3.00000e+00 Three
4.00000e+00 Four
5.00000e+00 Five
6.00000e+00 Six

For loops

There are two variations of `for` statements supported in Lua: numeric and generic.

NOTE

In a `for` loop, the loop expressions are evaluated once, before the loop starts.

Example: Numeric for

```
list = {"One", "Two", "Three", "Four", "Five", "Six"}
----- For loop -----
print("Counting from one to three:")
for element = 1, 3 do
    print(element, list[element])
end
print("Counting from one to four, in steps of two:")
for element = 1, 4, 2 do
    print(element, list[element])
end
```

The numeric `for` loop repeats a block of code while a control variable runs through an arithmetic progression.

Output:

```
Counting from one to three:
1.00000e+00    One
2.00000e+00    Two
3.00000e+00    Three
Counting from one to four, in steps of two:
1.00000e+00    One
3.00000e+00    Three
```

Example: Generic for

```
days = {"Sunday",
        "Monday",      "Tuesday",
        "Wednesday",   "Thursday",
        "Friday",       "Saturday"}

for i, v in ipairs(days) do
    print(days[i], i, v)
end
```

The generic `for` statement works by using functions called iterators. On each iteration, the iterator function is called to produce a new value, stopping when this new value is nil.

Output:

Sunday	1.00000e+00	Sunday
Monday	2.00000e+00	Monday
Tuesday	3.00000e+00	Tuesday
Wednesday	4.00000e+00	Wednesday
Thursday	5.00000e+00	Thursday
Friday	6.00000e+00	Friday
Saturday	7.00000e+00	Saturday

Break

The `break` statement can be used to terminate the execution of a `while`, `repeat`, or `for` loop, skipping to the next statement after the loop. A `break` ends the innermost enclosing loop.

Return and `break` statements can only be written as the last statement of a block. If it is necessary to return or `break` in the middle of a block, an explicit inner block can be used.

Example: Break with while statement

```
local numTable = {5, 4, 3, 2, 1}
local k = table.getn(numTable)
local breakValue = 3
while k > 0 do
    if numTable[k] == breakValue then
        print("Going to break and k = ", k)
        break
    end
    k = k - 1
end
if k == 0 then
    print("Break value not found")
end
```

This example defines a `break` value (`breakValue`) so that the `break` statement is used to exit the `while` loop before the value of `k` reaches 0.

Output:

```
Going to break and k =
3.00000e+00
```

Example: Break with while statement enclosed by comment delimiters

```
local numTable = {5, 4, 3, 2, 1}
local k = table.getn(numTable)
--local breakValue = 3
while k > 0 do
    if numTable[k] == breakValue then
        print("Going to break and k = ", k)
        break
    end
    k = k - 1
end
if k == 0 then
    print("Break value not found")
end
```

This example defines a `break` value (`breakValue`), but the `break` value line is preceded by comment delimiters so that the `break` value is not assigned, and the code reaches the value 0 to exit the `while` loop.

Output:

```
Break value not found
```

Example: Break with infinite loop

```
a, b = 0, 1
while true do
    print(a, b)
    a, b = b, a + b
    if a > 500 then
        break
    end
end
```

This example uses a `break` statement that causes the while loop to exit if the value of `a` becomes greater than 500.

Output:

0.00000e+00	1.00000e+00
1.00000e+00	1.00000e+00
1.00000e+00	2.00000e+00
2.00000e+00	3.00000e+00
3.00000e+00	5.00000e+00
5.00000e+00	8.00000e+00
8.00000e+00	1.30000e+01
1.30000e+01	2.10000e+01
2.10000e+01	3.40000e+01
3.40000e+01	5.50000e+01
5.50000e+01	8.90000e+01
8.90000e+01	1.44000e+02
1.44000e+02	2.33000e+02
2.33000e+02	3.77000e+02
3.77000e+02	6.10000e+02

Tables and arrays

Lua makes extensive use of the data type table, which is a flexible array-like data type. Table indices start with 1. Tables can be indexed not only with numbers, but with any value except `nil`. Tables can be heterogeneous, which means that they can contain values of all types except `nil`.

Tables are the sole data structuring mechanism in Lua. They may be used to represent ordinary arrays, symbol tables, sets, records, graphs, trees, and so on. To represent records, Lua uses the field name as an index. The language supports this representation by providing `a.name` as an easier way to express `a["name"]`.

Example: Loop array

```
atable = {1, 2, 3, 4}
i = 1
while atable[i] do
    print(atable[i])
    i = i + 1
end
```

Defines a table with four numeric elements.

Loops through the array and prints each element.

The Boolean value of `atable[index]` evaluates to `true` if there is an element at that index. If there is no element at that index, `nil` is returned (`nil` is considered to be `false`).

Output:

1.00000e+00
2.00000e+00
3.00000e+00
4.00000e+00

Standard libraries

In addition to the standard programming constructs described in this document, Lua includes standard libraries that contain useful functions for string manipulation, mathematics, and related functions. Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine instruments also include instrument control extension libraries, which provide programming interfaces to the instrumentation that can be accessed by the TSP scripting engine. These libraries are automatically loaded when the TSP scripting engine starts and do not need to be managed by the programmer.

The following topics provide information on some of the basic Lua standard libraries. For additional information, see the [Lua website](http://www.lua.org) (<http://www.lua.org>).

NOTE

When referring to the Lua website, please be aware that the TSP scripting engine uses Lua 5.0.2.

Base library functions

Base library functions

Function	Description
<code>collectgarbage()</code> <code>collectgarbage(limit)</code>	Sets the garbage-collection threshold to the given limit (in kilobytes) and checks it against the byte counter. If the new threshold is smaller than the byte counter, Lua immediately runs the garbage collector. If there is no limit parameter, it defaults to zero (0), which forces a garbage-collection cycle. See the "Lua memory management" topic below for more information.
<code>gcinfo()</code>	Returns the number of kilobytes of dynamic memory that the Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine is using, and returns the present garbage collector threshold (also in kilobytes). See the "Lua memory management" topic below for more information.
<code>tonumber(x)</code> <code>tonumber(x, base)</code>	Returns <i>x</i> converted to a number. If <i>x</i> is already a number, or a convertible string, the number is returned; otherwise, it returns nil. An optional argument specifies the base to use when interpreting the numeral. The base may be any integer between 2 and 36, inclusive. In bases above 10, the letter A (in either upper or lower case) represents 10, B represents 11, and so forth, with Z representing 35. In base 10, the default, the number may have a decimal part, as well as an optional exponent. In other bases, only unsigned integers are accepted.
<code>tostring(x)</code>	Receives an argument of any type and converts it to a string in a reasonable format.
<code>type(v)</code>	Returns (as a string) the type of its only argument. The possible results of this function are "nil" (a string, not the value nil), "number", "string", "boolean", "table", "function", "thread", and "userdata".

Lua memory management

Lua automatically manages memory, which means you do not have to allocate memory for new objects and free it when the objects are no longer needed. Lua occasionally runs a garbage collector to collect all objects that are no longer accessible from Lua. All objects in Lua are subject to automatic management, including tables, variables, functions, threads, and strings.

Lua uses two numbers to control its garbage-collection cycles. One number counts how many bytes of dynamic memory Lua is using; the other is a threshold. When the number of bytes crosses the threshold, Lua runs the garbage collector, which reclaims the memory of all inaccessible objects. The byte counter is adjusted and the threshold is reset to twice the new value of the byte counter.

String library functions

This library provides generic functions for string manipulation, such as finding and extracting substrings. When indexing a string in Lua, the first character is at position 1 (not 0, as in ANSI C). Indices may be negative and are interpreted as indexing backward from the end of the string. Thus, the last character is at position -1, and so on.

String library functions

Function	Description
<code>string.byte(s)</code> <code>string.byte(s, i)</code> <code>string.byte(s, i, j)</code>	Returns the internal numeric codes of the characters $s[i]$, $s[i+1]$, ..., $s[j]$. The default value for i is 1; the default value for j is i .
<code>string.char(...)</code>	Receives zero or more integers. Returns a string with length equal to the number of arguments, in which each character has the internal numeric code equal to its corresponding argument.
<code>string.format(formatstring, ...)</code>	Returns a formatted version of its variable number of arguments following the description given in its first argument, which must be a string. The format string follows the same rules as the <code>printf</code> family of standard C functions. The only differences are that the modifiers *, l, L, n, p, and h are not supported and there is an extra option, q. The q option formats a string in a form suitable to be safely read back by the Lua interpreter; the string is written between double quotes, and all double quotes, newlines, embedded zeros, and backslashes in the string are correctly escaped when written. For example, the call: <code>string.format('%q', 'a string with "quotes" and\nnew line')</code> will produce the string: <code>"a string with \"quotes\" and \ new line"</code> The options c, d, E, e, f, g, G, i, o, u, X, and x all expect a number as argument. q and s expect a string. This function does not accept string values containing embedded zeros, except as arguments to the q option.
<code>string.len(s)</code>	Receives a string and returns its length. The empty string "" has length 0. Embedded zeros are counted, so "a\000bc\000" has length 5.

String library functions

Function	Description
<code>string.lower(s)</code>	Receives a string and returns a copy of this string with all uppercase letters changed to lowercase. All other characters are left unchanged.
<code>string.rep(s, n)</code>	Returns a string that is the concatenation of <i>n</i> copies of the string <i>s</i> .
<code>string.sub(s, i)</code> <code>string.sub(s, i, j)</code>	Returns the substring of <i>s</i> that starts at <i>i</i> and continues until <i>j</i> ; <i>i</i> and <i>j</i> can be negative. If <i>j</i> is absent, it is assumed to be equal to -1 (which is the same as the string length). In particular, the call <code>string.sub(s, 1, j)</code> returns a prefix of <i>s</i> with length <i>j</i> , and <code>string.sub(s, -i)</code> returns a suffix of <i>s</i> with length <i>i</i> .
<code>string.upper(s)</code>	Receives a string and returns a copy of this string with all lowercase letters changed to uppercase. All other characters are left unchanged.

Math library functions

This library is an interface to most of the functions of the ANSI C math library. All trigonometric functions work in radians. The functions `math.deg()` and `math.rad()` convert between radians and degrees.

Math library functions

Function	Description
<code>math.abs(x)</code>	Returns the absolute value of x .
<code>math.acos(x)</code>	Returns the arc cosine of x .
<code>math.asin(x)</code>	Returns the arc sine of x .
<code>math.atan(x)</code>	Returns the arc tangent of x .
<code>math.atan2(y, x)</code>	Returns the arc tangent of y/x , but uses the signs of both parameters to find the quadrant of the result (it also handles correctly the case of x being zero).
<code>math.ceil(x)</code>	Returns the smallest integer larger than or equal to x .
<code>math.cos(x)</code>	Returns the cosine of x .
<code>math.deg(x)</code>	Returns the angle x (given in radians) in degrees.
<code>math.exp(x)</code>	Returns the value e^x .
<code>math.floor(x)</code>	Returns the largest integer smaller than or equal to x .
<code>math.frexp(x)</code>	Returns m and e such that $x = m2^e$, where e is an integer and the absolute value of m is in the range $[0.5, 1]$ (or zero when x is zero).
<code>math.ldexp(x, n)</code>	Returns $m2^e$ (e should be an integer).
<code>math.log(x)</code>	Returns the natural logarithm of x .
<code>math.log10(x)</code>	Returns the base-10 logarithm of x .
<code>math.max(x, ...)</code>	Returns the maximum value among its arguments.
<code>math.min(x, ...)</code>	Returns the minimum value among its arguments.
<code>math.pi</code>	The value of π (3.141592654).
<code>math.pow(x, y)</code>	Returns x^y (you can also use the expression x^y to compute this value).
<code>math.rad(x)</code>	Returns the angle x (given in degrees) in radians.
<code>math.random()</code> <code>math.random(m)</code> <code>math.random(m, n)</code>	This function is an interface to the simple pseudorandom generator function <code>rand</code> provided by ANSI C. When called without arguments, returns a uniform pseudorandom real number in the range $[0, 1]$. When called with an integer number m , <code>math.random()</code> returns a uniform pseudorandom integer in the range $[1, m]$. When called with two integer numbers m and n , <code>math.random()</code> returns a uniform pseudorandom integer in the range $[m, n]$.
<code>math.randomseed(x)</code>	Sets x as the seed for the pseudorandom generator: equal seeds produce equal sequences of numbers.
<code>math.sin(x)</code>	Returns the sine of x .
<code>math.sqrt(x)</code>	Returns the square root of x . (You can also use the expression $x^{0.5}$ to compute this value.)
<code>math.tan(x)</code>	Returns the tangent of x .

Programming example: Script with a for loop

The following script puts a message on the front panel display slowly — one character at a time. The intent of this example is to demonstrate:

- The use of a `for` loop
- Simple display remote commands
- Simple Lua string manipulation

NOTE

When creating a script using the TSB Embedded, you do not need the shell commands `loadscript` and `endscript`, as shown in the examples below.

Example: User script

User script created in TSB Embedded	User script created in user's own program
<pre>display.clear() myMessage = "Hello World!" for k = 1, string.len(myMessage) do x = string.sub(myMessage, k, k) display.settext(x) print(x) delay(1) end</pre>	<pre>loadscript display.clear() myMessage = "Hello World!" for k = 1, string.len(myMessage) do x = string.sub(myMessage, k, k) display.settext(x) print(x) delay(1) end endscript</pre>

Test Script Builder (TSB)

Keithley Instruments Test Script Builder (TSB) is a software tool included with your Model 2657A. You can install and use TSB to develop scripts for TSP-enabled instruments.

Installing the TSB software

To install the Test Script Builder (TSB) software:

1. Close all programs.
2. Place the Test Script Builder Software Suite CD (Keithley Instruments part number KTS-850 E01 or later) into your CD-ROM drive.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

If your web browser does not start automatically and display a screen with software installation links, open the installation file (`setup.exe`) located on the CD-ROM to start installation.

Installing the TSB add-in

When you install the Test Script Builder Software Suite, all available updates for TSB Add-in software are also installed. This includes any additional tools for the Test Script Builder Integrated Development Environment (TSB), and also Model 2657A-specific examples and help files (see [Installing the TSB software](#) (on page 6-29)). In addition to the software suite, a separate add-in is provided on the product specific CD. You can use this add-in to update previous TSB software installations.

Before installing the TSB Add-in software, you must install the TSB software.

To install the TSB Add-in software:

1. Close all programs.
2. Place the Series 2650A Product Information CD (Keithley Instruments part number 2650AS-950-01) into your CD-ROM drive.
3. Double-click the Add-in to start installation.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions.

If your web browser does not start automatically and display a screen with software installation links, open the installation file (`setup.exe`) located on the CD-ROM to start installation.

Using Test Script Builder (TSB)

Keithley Instruments Test Script Builder (TSB) is a software tool that simplifies building test scripts. You can use TSB to perform the following operations:

- Send remote commands and Lua statements
- Receive responses (data) from commands and scripts
- Upgrade instrument firmware
- Create, manage, and run user scripts
- Debug scripts
- Import factory scripts to view or edit and convert to user scripts

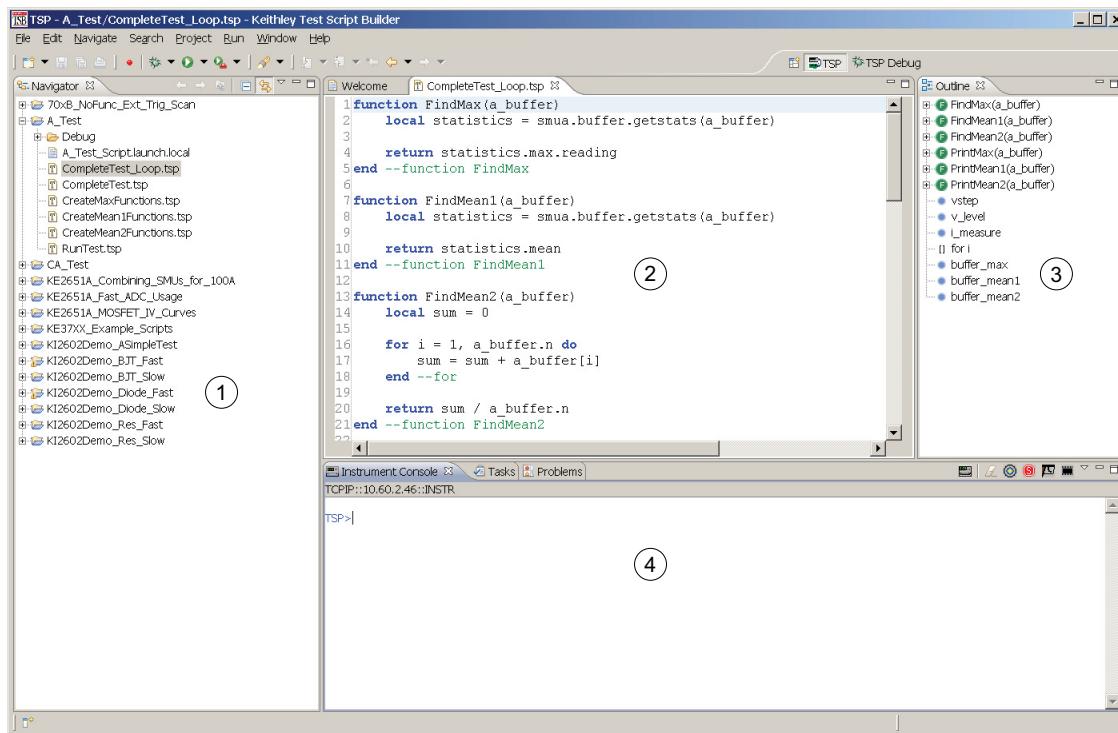
The Keithley Instruments Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine is a Lua interpreter. In TSP-enabled instruments, the Lua programming language has been extended with Keithley-specific instrument control commands. For more information about using the Lua scripting language with Keithley TSP-enabled instruments, refer to the [Fundamentals of programming for TSP](#) (on page 6-10) section.

Keithley has created a collection of remote commands specifically for use with Keithley TSP-enabled instruments; for detailed information about those commands, refer to the "Command reference" section of the documentation for your specific instrument. You can build scripts from a combination of these commands and Lua programming statements. Scripts that you create are referred to as "user scripts." Also, some TSP-enabled instruments come with a number of built-in factory scripts.

The following figure shows an example of the Test Script Builder. As shown, the workspace is divided into these areas:

- Project navigator
- Script editor
- Outline view
- Programming interaction

Figure 93: Example of the Test Script Builder workspace



Item	Description
1	Project navigator
2	Script editor
3	Outline view
4	Programming interaction

Project navigator

The project navigator consists of project folders and the script files (.tsp) created for each project. Each project folder can have one or more script files.

To view the script files in a project folder, click the plus sign (+) next to the project folder. To hide the folder contents, click the minus sign (-) next to the project folder.

A TSP project can be downloaded to the instrument and run, or it can be run from the TSB interface.

Script editor

The script editor is where scripts are written, modified, and debugged.

To open and display a script file, double-click the file name in the project navigator. You can have multiple script files open in the script editor at the same time. Each open script file is displayed on a separate tab.

To display another script file that is already open, click the tab that contains the script in the script editor area.

Outline view

The outline view allows you to navigate through the structure of the active script in the script editor. Double-clicking a variable name or icon causes the first instance of the variable in the active script to be highlighted.

This view shows:

- Names of local and global variables
- Functions referenced by the active script in the script editor
- Parameters
- Loop control variables
- Table variables
- Simple assignments to table fields

The Outline tab is visible by default in the TSP perspective.

Icon	Name	Examples
	Global function variable	function gFunction() end
	Local function variable	local function lFunction() end
	Anonymous function	myTest(function() return 1 end)
	Global table variable	gTable = { }
	Local table variable	local lTable = { }
	Other table field	testTable.unit1 = "This is unit 1" testTable.unit2 = "This is unit 2"
	Global variable	gVariable = 3
	Local variable	local lVariable = 5
	Table method	gTable = { } function gTable:testmethod() end
[]	Nonfunction block statement (example 1)	if true == true then local var end
	Nonfunction block statement (example 2)	for index = 1, 10 do end

Programming interaction

This part of the workspace is where you interact with the scripts that you are building in Test Script Builder (TSB). The actual contents of the programming interaction area of the workspace can vary.

You can send commands from the Instrument Console command line, retrieve data, view variables and errors, and view and set breakpoints when using the debug feature. For additional information, refer to the online help that is accessible from Test Script Builder (TSB).

Password management

The Model 2657A has password capabilities that let you decide how to password protect the instrument. You can enable password policies to lock the instrument. Locking the instrument prevents unauthorized access to any remote interface and reserves the instrument exclusively for your use.

Password overview

NOTE

Passwords can contain up to 255 characters.

If the password feature is enabled, a password is required to view and modify the following web pages:

- IP configuration
- Set password
- TSB Embedded
- Reading buffers
- Flash upgrade
- TSP® Express

Complete the following steps to set the password.

1. From the web interface, click **Set Password**.
The LXI - Keithley Instruments - 2657A - Administration page is displayed.
2. In the "Current Password" field, type the existing password.
3. In the "New Password" field, type the new password.
4. Retype the new password in the "Confirm Password" field.
5. Click **Submit**.
The LXI Welcome page is displayed.

Setting the password from a command interface

The attribute `localnode.passwordmode` enables passwords and sets the mode. The password mode identifies which interface to password protect.

Use one of the following attributes to set the password mode.

`localnode.PASSWORD_WEB`. Passwords are only required for the web interface.

`localnode.PASSWORD_LAN`. Enables passwords on all Ethernet and web interfaces.

`localnode.PASSWORD_ALL`. Protects the LAN and all command and web interfaces.

`localnode.PASSWORD_NONE`. Disables all passwords.

The password lock feature on Model 2657A is similar to the lock feature on your computer.

NOTE

You must enable passwords to use this feature.

To lock the instrument when you are away from the testing area, send the following command:

`password`

The remote interface is locked. The Model 2657A does not respond to commands issued from the command interface until you unlock the interface. This reserves the instrument and protects the test script running on the instrument.

Unlocking the remote interface

If the remote interface is locked, you must enter the password before the Model 2657A responds to any command issued over a remote interface.

NOTE

The password for the example below is Keithley.

To unlock the remote interface, send the following command:

```
password Keithley
```

The Model 2657A is unlocked and communicates with any remote interface.

Resetting the password

If you forget the password, you can reset the password from the front panel. Once you enable the password feature, the Model 2657A stores this password until the LAN configuration is reset or until you reset the password.

Complete the following steps to reset the password:

- From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **RESET-PASSWORD**.

NOTE

If you reset the LAN settings, you must re-enable the password feature.

Device identification indicator

You can use the ID button to physically locate the instrument that you are communicating with from the web interface. With this identification indicator enabled, the message LAN STATUS INDICATOR is displayed on the front panel of the instrument.

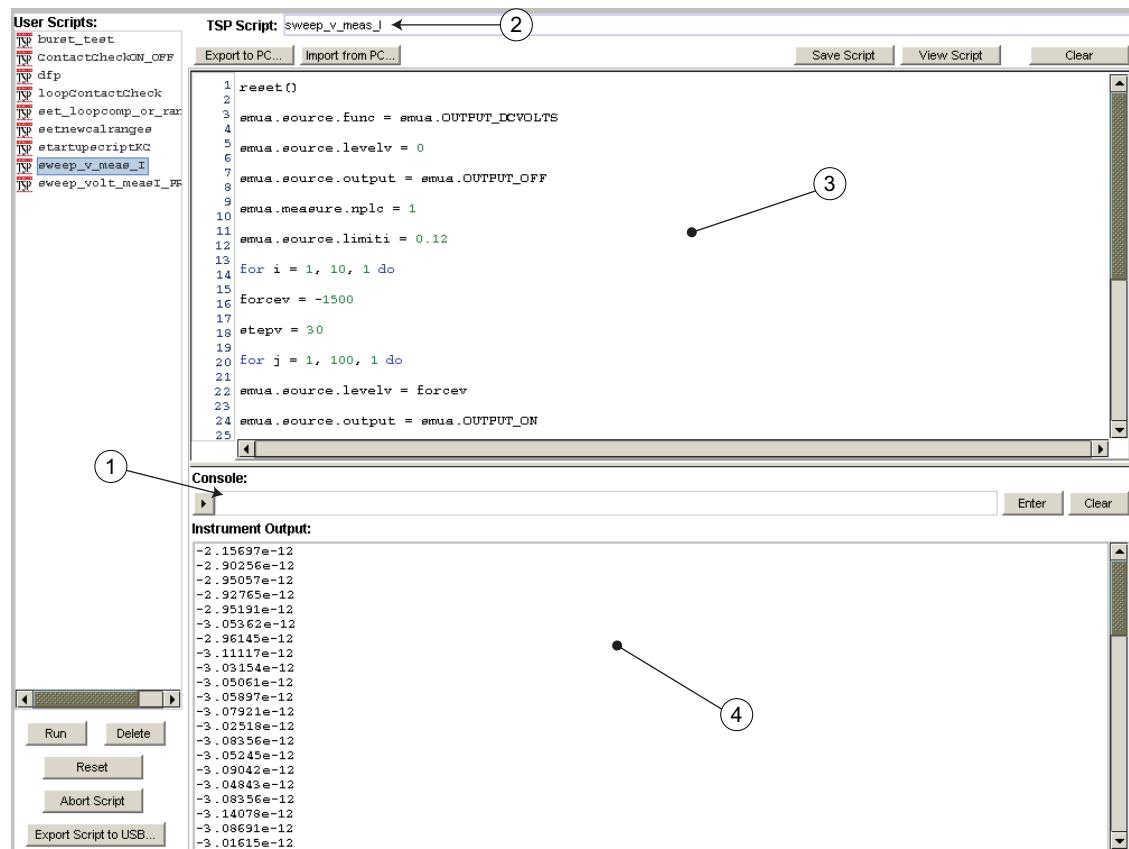


- From the web interface, click the **ID** button .
The ID button illuminates.
- The "LAN Status Indicator" message is displayed on the front panel.
- To turn off the ID indicator, click the **ID** button.
The message LAN STATUS INDICATOR does not display on the front panel of the instrument.

Working with TSB Embedded

TSB Embedded is an alternative to the full version of the Test Script Builder (TSB) Suite. The capabilities of TSB Embedded are similar to TSB. TSB Embedded includes a command line interface that you can use to send instrument commands and create, modify, and save test scripts to the instrument. For additional information, refer to the Model 2657A User's Manual section "Using the web interface."

Figure 94: TSB Embedded interface



Item	Description
1	Command line
2	Name of script
3	Script editor area
4	Instrument output area

Sending instrument commands with TSB Embedded

NOTE

The response from the instrument appears in the instrument output area.

To send commands from the command line:

1. Type the command in the Console field and then press the **Enter** key.
2. (Optional) Click **Clear** to clear the instrument output area.

To create a new script:

1. Click in the script editor area and then type the first line of your script. Then press the **Enter** key to advance to line 2.
2. In the TSP Script field, type the name of the script and then click **Save Script**.
The instrument validates the syntax and then saves the script to the nonvolatile memory.

To remove the code from the script editor:

Click **Clear**.

To run a script:

1. Select a script from the User Scripts area.
2. Click **Run**.

To stop a running script:

Click **Abort Script**.

NOTE

You cannot retrieve a deleted script. Be sure to back up your script to your computer before deleting.

To delete a script from TSB embedded:

1. Select the script from the User Scripts area.
2. Click **Delete**.

To modify a script:

1. Select the script from the User Scripts area.
2. Modify the code in the script editor.
3. Click **Save Script** to validate the syntax and save the script.
4. The following message is displayed: **Script <filename> will be overwritten**. Do one of the following:
 - To overwrite the script, click **OK**.
 - To save the script with a new name, click **Cancel** and then type the name of the script in the name field.

To export a script to be saved on an external drive (or to store as a backup on your computer):

1. To export a script, click the name of the script in the User Scripts area.
2. Click **Export to PC**. The Save dialog box is displayed.
3. Go to the file or directory in the Look In list.
4. In the **File Name** field, type the name of the file, and then click **Save**.

Advanced scripting for TSP

The following topics describe advanced information that can help you understand how the Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine works.

Global variables and the `script.user.scripts` table

When working with script commands, it is helpful to understand how scripts are handled in the instrument.

Scripts are loaded into the run-time environment from nonvolatile memory when you turn the instrument on. They are also added to the run-time environment when you load them into the instrument.

A script in the run-time environment can be:

- A named script
- An unnamed script
- The anonymous script (which is a special unnamed script)

Script names can be assigned by using the `loadscript` command or by defining the `scriptVar` parameter of the `script.new()` function. When a named script is loaded into the run-time environment:

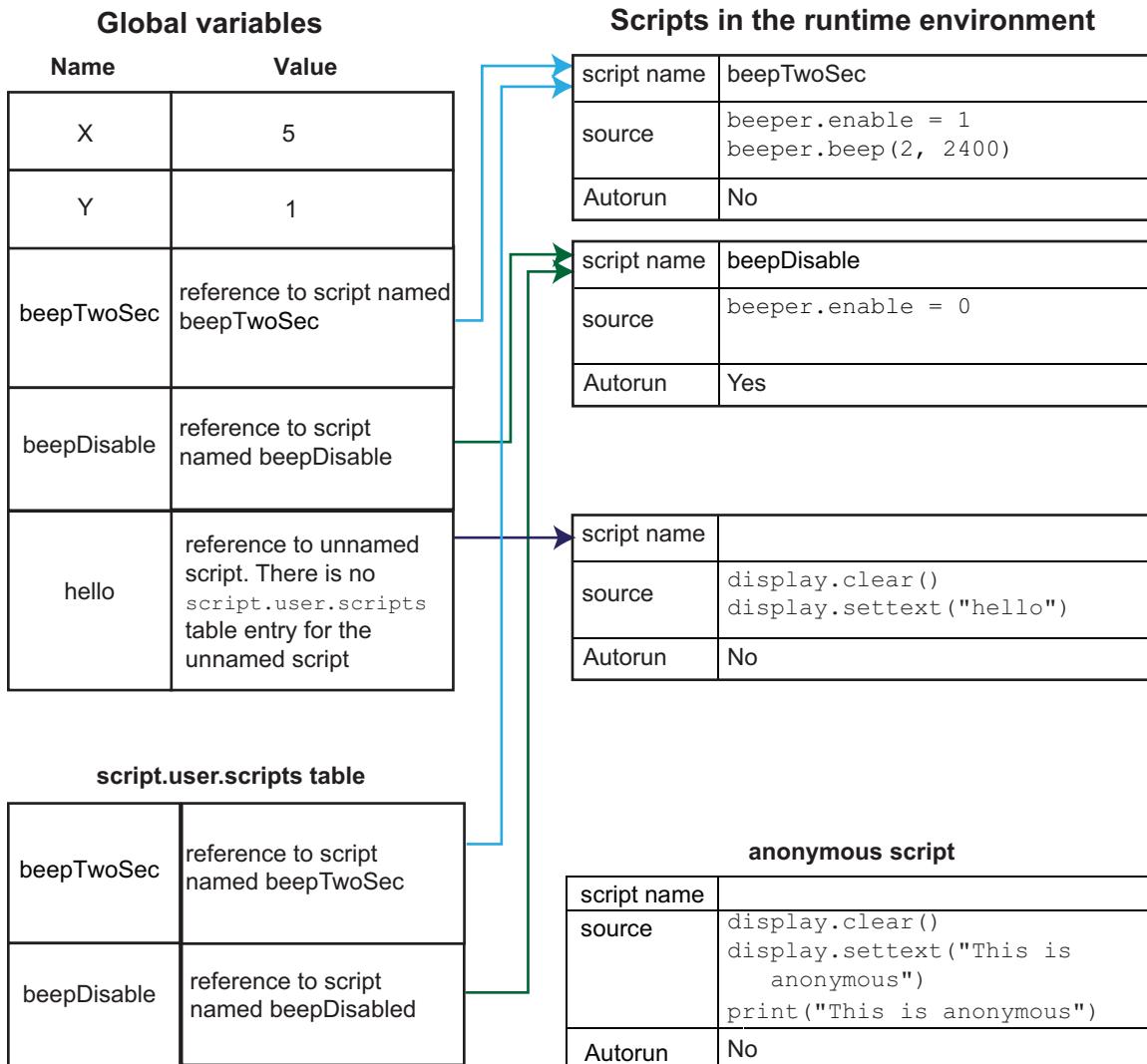
- A global variable with the same name is created so that you can reference the script more conveniently.
- An entry for the script is added to the `script.user.scripts` table.

When you create a script using the `script.new()` function without providing a name, the script is added to the run-time environment as an unnamed script. The `script.new()` function returns the script, but the script is not added to the `script.user.scripts` table.

When the anonymous script is loaded, it does not have a global variable or an entry in the `script.user.scripts` table. If there is an existing anonymous script, it is replaced by the new one.

When the instrument is turned off, everything in the run-time environment is deleted, including the scripts and global variables.

See the figure below to see how the scripts, global variables, and `script.user.scripts` table interrelate.

Figure 95: Global variables and scripts in the runtime environment

Create a script using the `script.new()` command

Use the `script.new()` function to copy an existing script from the local node to a remote node. This enables parallel script execution.

You can create a script with the `script.new()` function using the command:

```
scriptVar = script.new(code, name)
```

Where:

<code>scriptVar</code>	= Name of the variable created when the script is loaded into the run-time environment
<code>code</code>	= Content of the script
<code>name</code>	= Name that is added to the <code>script.user.scripts</code> table

For example, to set up a two-second beep, you can send the command:

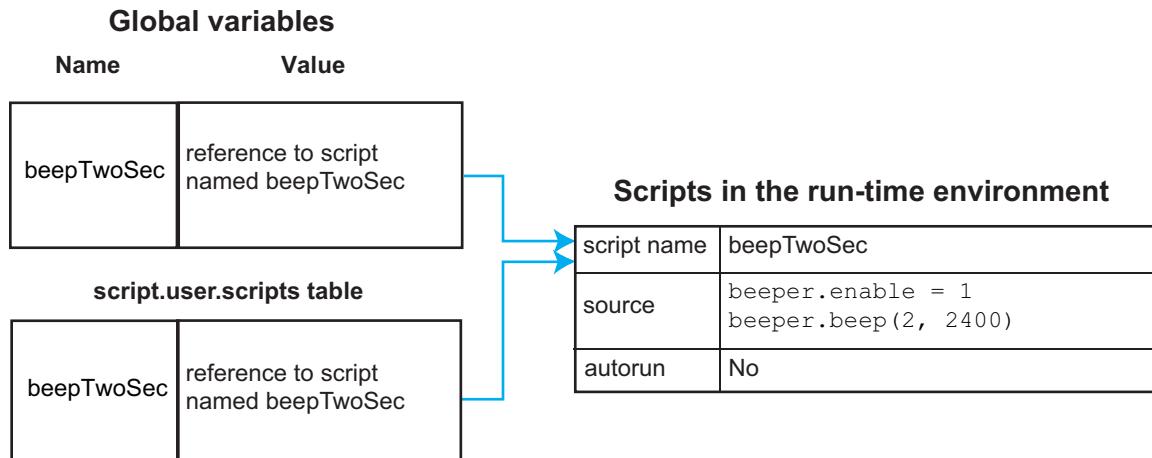
```
beepTwoSec = script.new("beeper.enable = 1 beeper.beep(2, 2400)", "beepTwoSec")
```

To run the new script, send the command:

```
beepTwoSec()
```

When you add `beepTwoSec`, the global variable and `script.user.scripts` table entries are made to the run-time environment as shown in the following figure.

Figure 96: Runtime environment after creating a script



Create an unnamed script using `script.new()`

NOTE

Unnamed scripts are not available from the front-panel display of the instrument. Only the anonymous script and named scripts are available from the front-panel display.

When you create a script using `script.new()`, if you do not include `name`, the script is added to the run-time environment as an unnamed script. The `script.new()` function returns the script. You can assign it to a global variable, a local variable, or ignore the return value. A global variable is not automatically created.

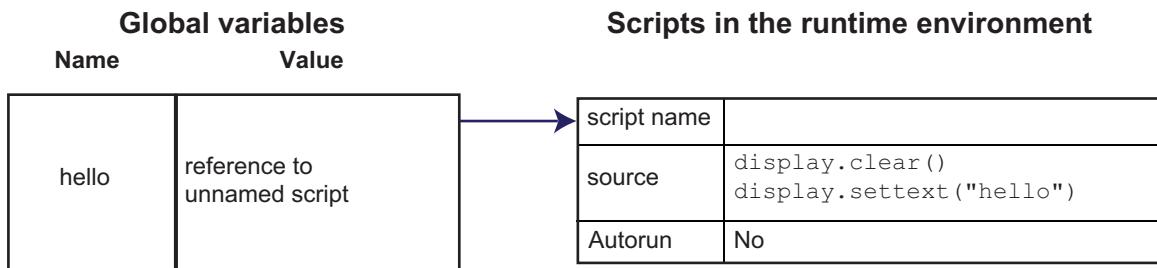
For example, send the following command:

```
hello = script.new('display.clear() display.settext("hello")')
```

A script is created in the run-time environment and a global variable is created that references the script.

To run the script, send the command:

```
hello()
```

Figure 97: Create an unnamed script

A script will become unnamed if you create a new script with the same name. In this circumstance, the name of the script in the `script.user.scripts` table is set to an empty string before it is replaced by the new script.

For example, if `beepTwoSec` already exists in the `script.user.scripts` table and you sent:

```
beepTwoSec1200 = script.new("beeper.enable = 1 beeper.beep(2, 1200)", "beepTwoSec")
```

The following actions occur:

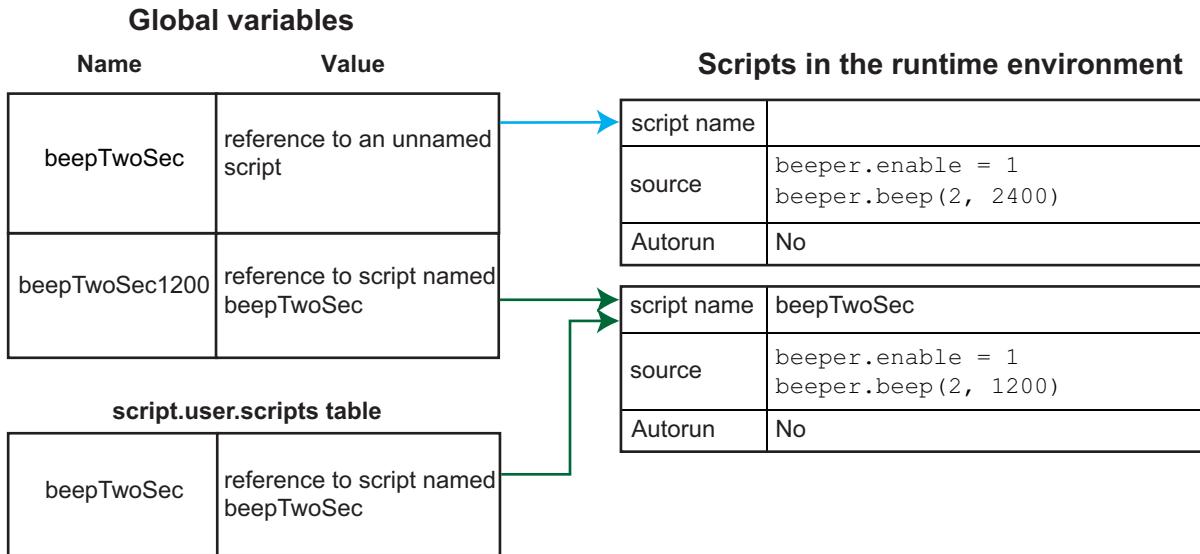
- `beepTwoSec1200` is added as a global variable.
- The script that was in the run-time environment as `beepTwoSec` is changed to an unnamed script (the name attribute is set to an empty string).
- The global variable `beepTwoSec` remains in the run-time environment unchanged (it points to the now unnamed script).
- A new script named `beepTwoSec` is added to the run-time environment.

In this example, you can access the new script by sending either of the following commands:

```
beepTwoSec1200()
script.user.scripts.beepTwoSec()
```

To access the unnamed script, you can send the command:

```
beepTwoSec()
```

Figure 98: Create a new script with the name of an existing script

Note that the `script.user.scripts` table entry referencing `beepTwoSec` was removed and a new entry for `beepTwoSec` has been added

Rename a script

You can rename a script. You might want to rename a script if you need to name another script the same name as the existing script. You could also rename an existing script to be the autoexec script.

To change the name of a script, use the command:

```
scriptVar.name = "renamedScript"
```

Where:

<code>scriptVar</code>	= The global variable name
<code>"renamedScript"</code>	= The new name of the user script that was referenced by the <code>scriptVar</code> global variable

After changing the name, you need to save the original script to save the change to the name attribute.

For example:

```
beepTwoSec.name = "beep2sec"
beepTwoSec.save()
```

Run the `beep2sec` script using the following command:

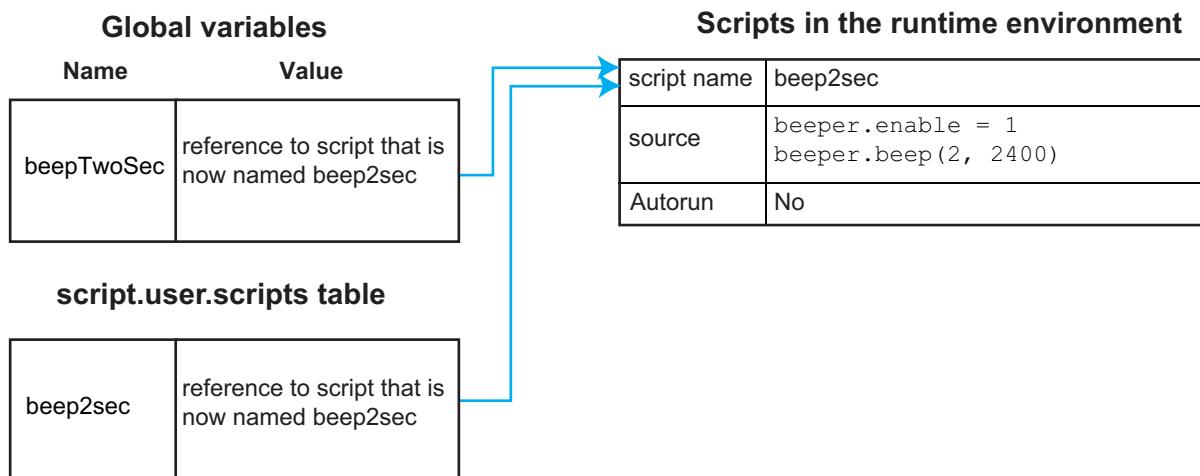
```
script.user.scripts.beep2sec()
```

NOTE

If the new name is the same as a name that is already used for a script, the name of the existing script is removed and that script becomes unnamed. This removes the existing script if there are no other variables that reference the previous script. If variables do reference the existing script, the references remain intact.

Changing the name of a script does not change the name of any variables that reference that script. After changing the name, the script is located in the `script.user.scripts` table under its new name.

Figure 99: Rename script



For example, to change the name of the script named `test2` to be `autoexec`:

```
test2.name = "autoexec"
test2.save()
```

The `autoexec` script runs automatically when the instrument is turned on. It runs after all the scripts have loaded and any scripts marked as autorun have run.

NOTE

You can also use the `script.new()` and the `scriptVar.source` attribute commands to create a script with a new name. For example, if you had an existing script named `test1`, you could create a new script named `test2` by sending the command:

```
test2 = script.new(test1.source, "test2")
```

See [script.new\(\)](#) (on page 7-160).

Retrieve a user script

There are several ways to retrieve the source code of a user script:

- One line at a time: Use `scriptVar.list()` to retrieve the source code one line at a time
- Entire script: Use the `print(scriptVar.source)` command to retrieve the script source code as a single string
- Use TSB Embedded

See [Create and load a script](#) (on page 6-3) for information about recreating the script and loading it back into the instrument.

NOTE

To get a list of scripts that are in nonvolatile memory, use the [script.user.catalog\(\)](#) (on page 7-163) function.

Retrieve source code one line at a time

To retrieve the source code one line at a time, send the `scriptVar.list()` command. When this command is received, the instrument sends the entire script. Each line of the script is sent as a separate response message. The output includes the `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` and `endscript` keywords.

After retrieving the source code, you can modify and save the command lines as a user script under the same name or a new name.

To retrieve the source code of a script one line at a time, send the command:

```
scriptVar.list()
```

Where `scriptVar` is the name of the script.

NOTE

To retrieve the commands in the anonymous script, use `script.anonymous.list()`.

Example: Retrieve source code one line at a time

```
test.list()
```

Retrieve the source of a script named "test".

The output will look similar to:

```
loadscript test
display.clear()
display.settext("This is a test")
print("This is a test")
endscript
```

Retrieve a script as a single string

To retrieve the entire user script source code as a single string, use the `scriptVar.source` attribute. The `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` and `endscript` keywords are not included.

To retrieve the source code as a single string, send the command:

```
print(scriptVar.source)
```

Where `scriptVar` is the name of the script.

Example: Retrieve the source code as a single string

```
print(test.source)
```

Retrieve the source of a script named "test".
Output might look similar to:
`display.clear()
display.settext("This is a
test") print("This is a
test")`

Retrieve a script using TSB Embedded

In TSB Embedded, from the User Scripts list, select the script you want to retrieve. The contents of the script are displayed. See [Working with TSB Embedded](#) (on page 6-36) for more information.

Script example: Retrieve the content of scripts

This set of examples:

- Retrieves the source of a script using `scriptVar.list()`
- Retrieves the source of a script using `scriptVar.source`

Example: Retrieve the content of a script with `scriptVar.list()`

```
test.list()
```

Request a listing of the source of `test`.
An example of the possible instrument output is shown here (note that the `loadscript` and `endscript` commands are included).

Output:

```
loadscript scriptVarTest
listTones = {100, 400, 800}
for index in listTones do
    beeper.beep(.5, listTones[index])
end
endscript
```

Example: Retrieve the content of a script with `scriptVar.source`

```
print(test.source)
```

Request a listing of the source of the script named `test`. The `loadscript` and `endscript` commands are not included.

An example of the possible instrument output is:

```
listTones = {100, 400, 800}
for index in listTones do
    beeper.beep(.5, listTones[index])
end
```

Delete user scripts from the instrument

In most circumstances, you can delete a script using `script.delete()` (as described in [Delete user scripts](#) (on page 6-9)), and then turn the instrument off and back on again. However, if you cannot turn the instrument off, you can use the following steps to completely remove a script from the instrument.

When you completely remove a script, you delete all references to the script from the run-time environment, the `script.user.scripts` table, and nonvolatile memory.

To completely remove a script:

1. **Remove the script from the run-time environment.** Set any variables that refer to the script to `nil` or assign the variables a different value. For example, to remove the script "beepTwoSec" from the run-time environment, send the following code:
`beepTwoSec = nil`
2. **Remove the script from the `script.user.scripts` table.** Set the `name` attribute to an empty string (""). This makes the script nameless, but does not make the script become the anonymous script. For example, to remove the script named "beepTwoSec", send the following code:
`script.user.scripts.beepTwoSec.name = ""`
3. **Remove the script from nonvolatile memory.** To delete the script from nonvolatile memory, send the command:
`script.delete("name")`

Where `name` is the name that the script was saved as. For example, to delete "beepTwoSec", you would send:
`script.delete("beepTwoSec")`

Restore a script to the run-time environment

You can retrieve a script that was removed from the run-time environment but is still saved in nonvolatile memory.

To restore a script from nonvolatile memory into the run-time environment, you can use `script.restore("scriptName")`, where `scriptName` is the user-defined name of the script to be restored.

For example, to restore a user script named "test9" from nonvolatile memory:

```
script.restore("test9")
```

Memory considerations for the run-time environment

The Model 2657A reserves 32 MB of memory for dynamic run-time use. Approximate allocation of this memory is shown below:

5 MB	Firmware general operation
1 MB	Reserve for instrument internal operation
2 MB	Reserve for future firmware updates
24 MB	Run-time environment, user-created reading buffers, and active sweep configuration

Note that the run-time environment, user-created reading buffers, and active sweep configuration must fit in the 24 MB of memory that is available. The amount of memory used by a reading buffer is approximately 15 bytes for each entry requested.

Reading buffers also uses a small amount of memory for reading buffer management, which is not significant when making memory utilization calculations. For example, assume two reading buffers were created. One of them was created to store up to 1,000 readings and the other to store up to 2,500 readings. The memory reserved for the reading buffers is calculated as follows:

$$(1000 * 15) + (2500 * 15) = 52,500 \text{ bytes or } 52.5 \text{ kilobytes}$$

Note that the dedicated reading buffers do not consume memory that is needed by the run-time environment; do not include them in your memory consumption calculations. Also, reading buffers for remote nodes consume memory on the remote node, not the local node. You should be sure the total reading buffer memory for any particular remote node does not exceed 24 MB, but do not include that amount in your local memory consumption calculations.

The amount of memory used by a sweep configuration is based on the number of source points. The actual memory consumption can vary greatly depending on the source-measure unit (SMU) settings, but as a general rule, each source point can be expected to consume at least 24 bytes.

It is possible for the memory used for the run-time environment, sweep configuration and reading buffers to exceed 24 MB. When this occurs, there is a risk that memory allocation errors will occur and commands will not be executed as expected.

CAUTION

If the instrument encounters memory allocation errors when the memory used is above 95 percent, the state of the instrument cannot be guaranteed. After attempting to save any important data, turn off power to the instrument and turn it back on to reset the run-time environment and return the instrument to a known state. Unsaved scripts and reading buffers will be lost.

The amount of memory in use can be checked using the `meminfo()` function. The first value returned by `meminfo()` is the number of kilobytes of memory in use.

If the amount of memory used is over 95 percent, or if you receive out-of-memory errors, you should reduce the amount of memory that is used.

Some suggestions for increasing the available memory:

- Turn the instrument off and on. This deletes scripts that have not been saved and reloads only scripts that have been stored in nonvolatile memory.
- Remove unneeded scripts from nonvolatile memory. Scripts are loaded from nonvolatile memory into the run-time environment when the instrument is turned on. See [Delete user scripts from the instrument](#) (on page 6-46).
- Reduce the number of TSP-Link® nodes.
- Delete unneeded global variables from the run-time environment by setting them to `nil`.
- Set the source attribute of all scripts to `nil`.
- Adjust the `collectgarbage()` settings in Lua. See [Lua memory management](#) (on page 6-26) for more information.
- Review scripts to optimize their memory usage. In particular, you can see memory gains by changing string concatenation lines into a Lua table of string entries. You can then use the `table.concat()` function to create the final string concatenation.

TSP-Link system expansion interface

Overview

The TSP-Link® expansion interface allows the Model 2657A instrument to communicate with other Test Script Processor (TSP®) enabled instruments. The test system can be expanded to include up to 32 TSP-enabled instruments.

TSP-Link technology removes the need for multiple SourceMeter instruments to be attached to and individually addressed by the same bandwidth-limited GPIB bus. With TSP-Link technology, only one SourceMeter instrument is connected to the GPIB bus; the remaining SourceMeter instruments are connected to the first in a daisy-chain configuration using inexpensive CAT5e crossover cables. By connecting the additional SourceMeter instruments to the first using TSP-Link technology, the SMUs of these instruments appear as additional SMU channels on the first SourceMeter instrument and can be accessed quickly by a script running on the first SourceMeter instrument.

WARNING

The Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter instrument and its associated cabling are designed to be safe when operated correctly in a 3000 V system. They are only warranted to the maximum voltage and current ratings of the instrument. Connecting two Model 2657A instruments in parallel or in series may result in voltages or power levels that exceed the safety mechanisms. This increases the risk of instrument damage and the possibility of personal injury or death due to electric shock. The user assumes all of the associated risks of combining the outputs of two or more Model 2657A instruments.

Master and subordinates

In a TSP-Link® system, one of the nodes (instruments) is the master node and the other nodes are the subordinate nodes. The master node in a TSP-Link® system can control the other nodes (subordinates) in the system.

When any node transitions from local operation to remote operation, it becomes the master of the system. All other nodes also transition to remote operation, and become its subordinates. When any node transitions from remote operation to local, all other nodes also transition to local operation, and the master/subordinate relationship between nodes is dissolved.

TSP-Link system

You can use the TSP-Link® expansion interface to expand your test system to include up to 32 addressable TSP® enabled instruments that use the TSP-LINK®. The expanded system can be stand-alone or computer-based.

Stand-alone system: You can run a script from the front panel of any instrument (node) connected to the system. When a script is run, all nodes in the system go into remote operation (REM indicators turn on). The node running the script becomes the master and can control all of the other nodes, which become its subordinates. When the script is finished running, all the nodes in the system return to local operation (REM indicators turn off), and the master/subordinate relationship between nodes is dissolved.

Computer-based system: You can use a computer and a LAN, GPIB, or RS-232 interface to any single node in the system. This node becomes the interface to the entire system. When a command is sent through this node, all nodes go into remote operation (REM indicators turn on). The node that receives the command becomes the master and can control all of the other nodes, which become its subordinates. In a computer-based system, the master/subordinate relationship between nodes can only be dissolved by performing an abort operation.

TSP-Link nodes

Each instrument (node) attached to the TSP-Link® network must be identified by assigning it a unique TSP-Link node number.

Commands for remote nodes are stored in the `node` table. An individual node is accessed as `node [N]`, where *N* is the node number assigned to the node.

All TSP-accessible remote commands can be accessed as elements of the specific node. The following attributes are examples of items you can access:

- `node [N].model`: The product model number string of the node.
- `node [N].revision`: The product revision string of the node.
- `node [N].serialno`: The product serial number string of the node.

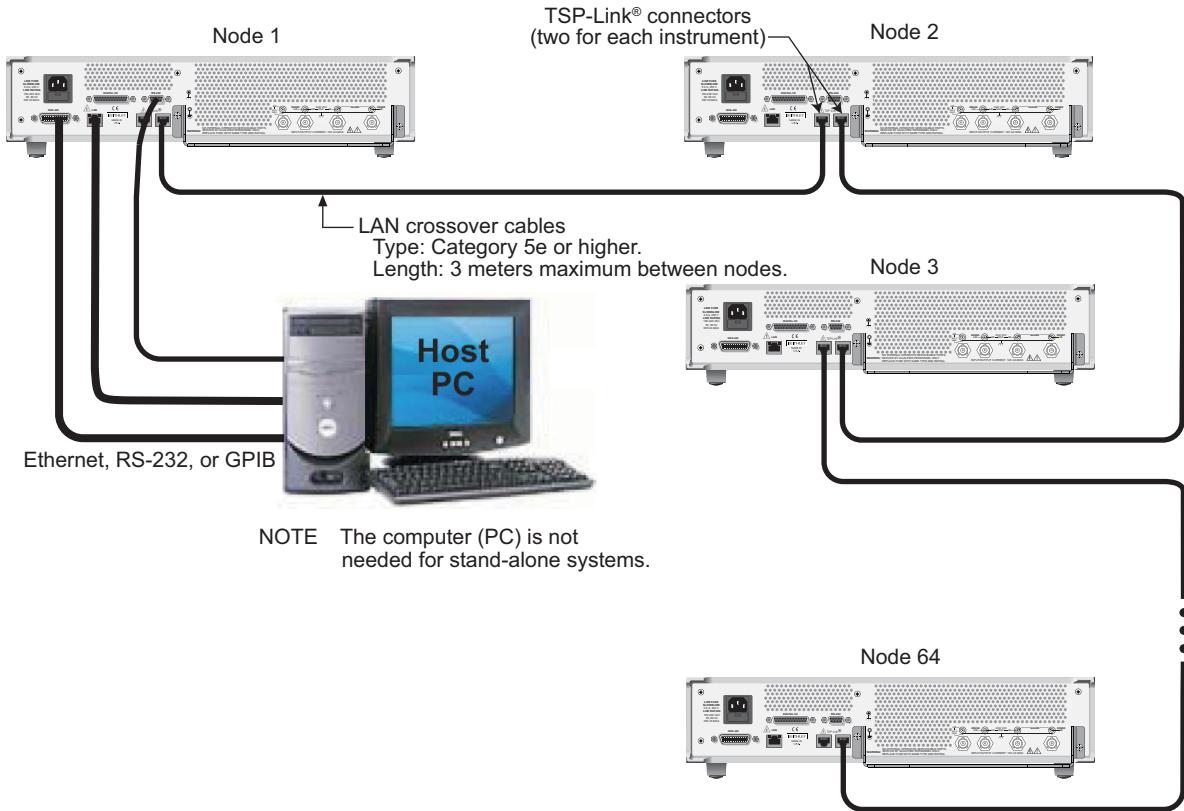
You do not need to know the node number of the node that is running a script. The variable `localnode` is an alias for the node entry of the node where the script is running. For example, if a script is running on node 5, you can use the global variable `localnode` as an alias for `node [5]`. In this example, to access the product model number, you would send:

```
print(localnode.model)
```

Connections

Connections for an expanded system are shown in the following figure. As shown, one instrument is optionally connected to the computer using the GPIB, LAN, or RS-232 interface. Details about these computer communication connections are described in [Remote communication interfaces](#) (on page 2-79).

All the instruments in the system are connected in a sequence (daisy-chained) using LAN crossover cables.

Figure 100: Model 2657A TSP-Link connections

Initialization

Before a TSP-Link® system can be used, it must be initialized. For initialization to succeed, each instrument in a TSP-Link system must be assigned a different node number.

Assigning node numbers

At the factory, each Model 2657A instrument is assigned as node 1. The node number for each instrument is stored in its nonvolatile memory and remains in storage when the instrument is turned off. You can assign a node number to a Model 2657A using the front panel or by using a remote command. Note that there can only be 32 physical nodes, but you can assign node numbers from 1 to 64.

To assign a node number from the front panel of the instrument:

1. Press the **MENU** key, then select **TSPLINK > NODE**.
2. Press the navigation wheel and select the desired number.
3. Press the **ENTER** key to save the node number.

To assign a node number using a remote command:

Set the `tsplink.node` attribute of the instrument:

```
tsplink.node = N
```

Where: $N = 1$ to 64

To determine the node number of an instrument, you can read the `tsplink.node` attribute by sending the following command:

```
print(tsplink.node)
```

The above `print` command outputs the node number. For example, if the node number is 1, the value `1.00000e+00` is displayed.

Resetting the TSP-Link network

After all the node numbers are set, you must initialize the system by performing a TSP-Link® network reset.

NOTE

If you change the system configuration after initialization, you must reinitialize the system by performing a TSP-Link network reset. Changes that require that you reinitialize the TSP-Link network include turning off power or rebooting any instrument in the system, or rearranging or disconnecting the TSP-Link cable connections between instruments.

Front panel operation

To reset the TSP-Link® network from the front panel:

1. Power on all instruments connected to the TSP-Link network.
2. Press the **MENU** key, select **TSPLINK**, and then press the **ENTER** key.
3. Turn the navigation wheel  to select **RESET**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

Remote programming

The commands associated with the TSP-Link® system reset are listed in the following table.

TSP-Link reset commands

Command	Description
<code>tsplink.reset()</code>	Initializes the TSP-Link network
<code>tsplink.state</code>	Reads the state of the TSP-Link network: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “online” if the most recent TSP-Link reset was successful• “offline” if the reset operation failed

An attempted TSP-Link reset operation will fail if any of the following conditions are true:

- Two or more instruments in the system have the same node number
- There are no other instruments connected to the instrument performing the reset (only if the expected number of nodes was not provided in the reset call)
- One or more of the instruments in the system is turned off
- If the actual number of nodes is less than the expected number

The programming example below illustrates a TSP-Link reset operation and displays its state:

```
tsplink.reset()  
print(tsplink.state)
```

If the reset operation is successful, `online` is output to indicate that communications with all nodes have been established.

Using the expanded system

Accessing nodes

A TSP-Link® reset command populates the node table. Each instrument in the system corresponds to an entry in this table. Each entry is indexed by the node number of the instrument. The variable `node[N]` (where N is the node number) is used to access any node in the system. For example, node 1 is represented as entry `node[1]` in the node table.

You can access all the remote commands for a specific node by adding `node[N].` to the beginning of the remote command, where N is the node number. For example, to set the NPLC value for the source-measure unit (SMU) A on node 1 to 0.1, you could send the this command:

```
node[1].smua.measure.nplc = 0.1
```

The variable `localnode` is an alias for `node[N]`, where N is the node number of the node on which the code is running. For example, if node 1 is running the code, `localnode` can be used instead of `node[1]`.

The following programming examples illustrate how to access instruments in the TSP-Link system (shown in TSP-Link connections):

- You can use any one of the following three commands to reset SMU A of node 1 (which, in this example, is the master). The other nodes in the system are not affected.

```
smua.reset()  
localnode.smua.reset()  
node[1].smua.reset()
```

- The following command will reset SMU A of node 4, which is a subordinate. The other nodes are not affected.

```
node[4].smua.reset()
```

Using the `reset()` command

Most TSP-Link® system operations target a single node in the system, but the `reset()` command affects the system as a whole by resetting all nodes to their default settings:

```
-- Reset all nodes in a TSP-Link system to their default state.  
reset()
```

NOTE

Using the `reset()` command in a TSP-Link network differs from using the `tsplink.reset()` command. The `tsplink.reset()` command reinitializes the TSP-Link network, but does not change the state of the individual nodes in the system.

Use `node[N].reset()` or `localnode.reset()` to reset only one of the nodes. The other nodes are not affected. The following programming example illustrates this type of reset operation with code that is run on node 1.

```
-- Reset node 1 only.  
node[1].reset()  
-- Reset node 1 only.  
localnode.reset()  
-- Reset node 4 only.  
node[4].reset()
```

Using the `abort` command

An `abort` command terminates an executing script and returns all nodes to local operation (REM indicators turn off). This dissolves the master/subordinate relationships between nodes. To invoke an abort operation, either send an `abort` command to a specific node or press the EXIT (LOCAL) key on any node in the system.

You can also perform an abort operation by pressing the OUTPUT ON/OFF control on any node. The results are the same as above, with the addition that all source-measure unit (SMU) outputs in the system are turned off.

Triggering with TSP-Link

The TSP-Link® expansion interface has three synchronization lines that function similarly to the digital I/O synchronization lines. See [Digital I/O](#) (on page 3-80) and [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31) for more information.

TSP advanced features

Use the Test Script Processor (TSP®) scripting engine's advanced features to:

- Run test scripts simultaneously
- Manage resources allocated to test scripts that are running simultaneously
- Use the data queue to facilitate real-time communication between nodes on the TSP-Link® network

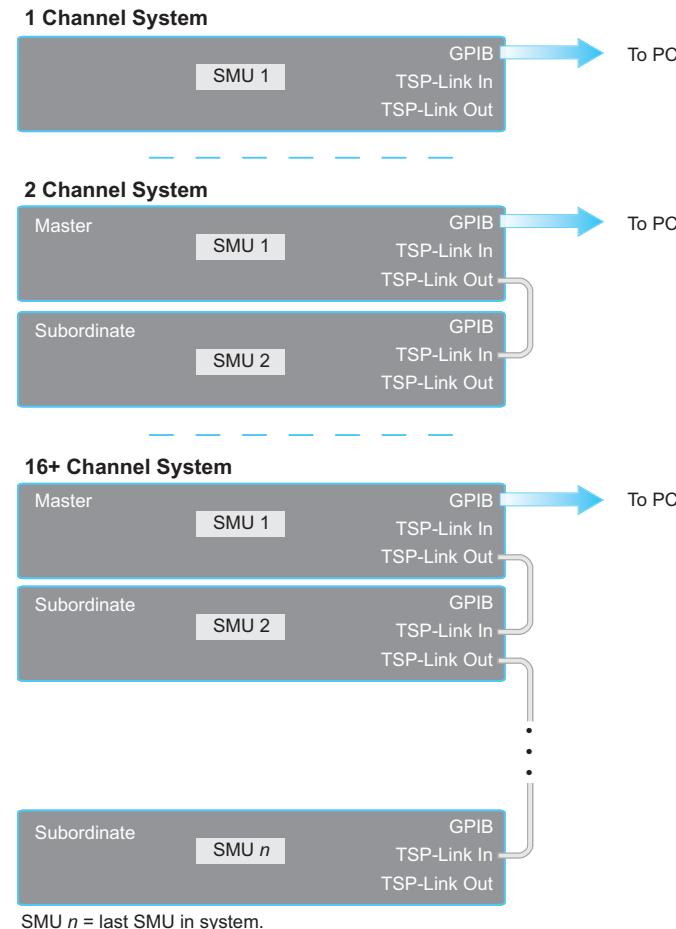
When test scripts are run simultaneously, it improves functional testing, provides higher throughput, and expands system flexibility.

There are two methods you can use to run test scripts simultaneously:

- Create multiple TSP-Link networks
- Use a single TSP-Link network with groups

The following figure displays the first method, which consists of multiple TSP-Link networks. Each TSP-Link network has a master node and a GPIB connection to the computer.

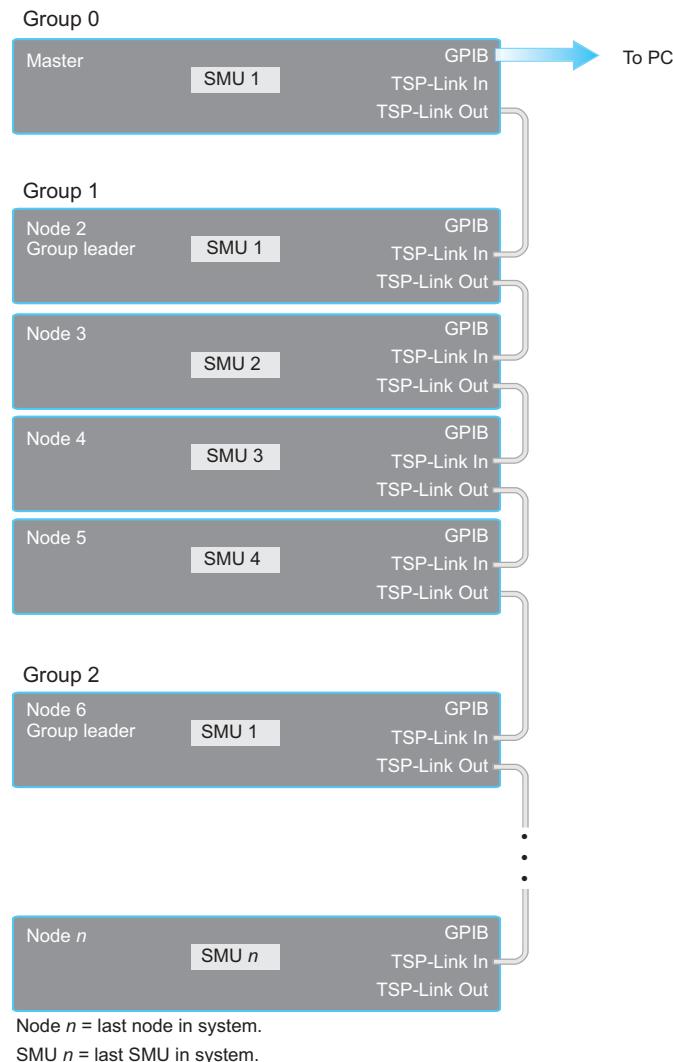
Figure 101: Model 2657A multiple TSP-Link networks



Another method you can use to run simultaneous test scripts is to use groups with a single TSP-Link network. Each group on the TSP-Link network can run a test while other groups are running different tests.

A group consists of one or more nodes with the same group number. The following figure displays a single TSP-Link network with groups. This method requires one TSP-Link network and a single GPIB connection to the computer.

Figure 102: Model 2657A TSP-Link network with groups



The following table shows an example of the functions of a single TSP-Link network. Each group in this example runs a different test script than the other groups, which allows the system to run multiple tests simultaneously.

TSP-Link network group functions

Group number	Group members	Present function
0	Master node 1	Initiates and runs a test script on node 2 Initiates and runs a test script on node 6 In addition, the master node can execute scripts and process run commands
1	Group leader node 2	Runs the test script initiated by the master node Initiates remote operations on node 3 through node 5
	Node 3 through node 5	Performs remote operations initiated by node 2
2	Group leader node 6	Runs the test script initiated by the master node Initiates remote operations on node 7 through node <i>n</i>
	Node 7 through node <i>n</i>	Performs remote operations initiated by node 6

Using groups to manage nodes on TSP-Link network

The primary purpose of groups is to allow each group to run a different test script simultaneously.

A group can consist of one or more members. You must assign group numbers to each node using remote commands. If you do not assign a node to a group, it defaults to group 0, which will always be grouped with the master node (regardless of the group to which the master node is assigned).

Master node overview

The master node can be assigned to any group. You can also include other nodes in the group that includes the master. Note that any nodes that are set to 0 are automatically included in the group that contains the master node, regardless of the group that is assigned to the master node.

The master node is always the node that coordinates activity on the TSP-Link® network.

The master node:

- Is the only node that can use the `execute()` command on a remote node
- Cannot initiate remote operations on any node in a remote group if any node in that remote group is performing an overlapped operation (a command that continues to operate after the command that initiated it has finished running)
- Can execute the `waitcomplete()` command to wait for the group to which the master node belongs; to wait for another group; or to wait for all nodes on the TSP-Link network to complete overlapped operations (overlapped commands allow the execution of subsequent commands while device operations of the overlapped command are still in progress)

Group leader overview

Each group has a dynamic group leader. The last node in a group that performs any operation initiated by the master node is the group leader.

The group leader:

- Performs operations initiated by the master node
- Initiates remote operations on any node with the same group number
- Cannot initiate remote operations on any node with a different group number
- Can use the `waitcomplete()` command without a parameter to wait for all overlapped operations running on nodes in the same group

Assigning groups

Group numbers can range from zero (0) to 64. The default group number is 0. You can change the group number at any time. You can also add or remove a node to or from a group at any time.

Each time the node's power is turned off, the group number for that node changes to 0.

The following example code dynamically assigns a node to a group:

```
-- Assign node 3 to group 1.  
node[3].tsplink.group = 1
```

Running simultaneous test scripts

You can send the `execute()` command from the master node to initiate test script and Lua code on a remote node. The `execute()` command places the remote node in the overlapped operation state. As a test script runs on the remote node, the master node continues to process other commands simultaneously.

Use the following code to send the `execute()` command for a remote node. The *N* parameter represents the node number that runs the test script (replace *N* with the node number).

To set the global variable "setpoint" on node N to 2.5:

```
node[N].execute("setpoint = 2.5")
```

The following code demonstrates how to run a test script that is defined on the local node. For this example, `scriptVar` is defined on the local node, which is the node that initiates the code to run on the remote node. The local node must be the master node.

To run `scriptVar` on node N:

```
node[N].execute(scriptVar.source)
```

The programming example below demonstrates how to run a test script that is defined on a remote node. For this example, `scriptVar` is defined on the remote node.

To run a script defined on the remote node:

```
node[N].execute("scriptVar()")
```

It is recommended that you copy large scripts to a remote node to improve system performance. See [Copying test scripts across the TSP-Link network](#) (on page 6-60) for more information.

Coordinating overlapped operations in remote groups

All overlapped operations on all nodes in a group must have completed before the master node can send a command to the group. If you send a command to a node in a remote group when an overlapped operation is running on any node in that group, errors will occur.

You can execute the `waitcomplete()` command on the master node or group leader to wait for overlapped operations. The action of `waitcomplete()` depends on the parameters specified.

If you want to wait for completion of overlapped operations for:

- **All nodes in the local group:** Use `waitcomplete()` without a parameter from the master node or group leader.
- **A specific group:** Use `waitcomplete(N)` with a group number as the parameter from the master node. This option is not available for group leaders.
- **All nodes in the system:** Use `waitcomplete(0)` from the master node. This option is not available for group leaders.

For additional information, see [waitcomplete\(\)](#) (on page 7-371).

The following code shows two examples of using the `waitcomplete()` command from the master node:

```
-- Wait for each node in group N to complete all overlapped operations.  
waitcomplete(N)  
-- Wait for all groups on the TSP-Link network to complete overlapped operations.  
waitcomplete(0)
```

A group leader can issue the `waitcomplete()` command to wait for the local group to complete all overlapped operations.

The following code is an example of how to use the `waitcomplete()` command from a group leader:

```
-- Wait for all nodes in the local group to complete all overlapped operations.  
waitcomplete()
```

Using the data queue for real-time communication

You cannot access the reading buffers or global variables from any node in a remote group while a node in that group is performing an overlapped operation. However, you can use the data queue to retrieve data from any node in a group that is performing an overlapped operation. In addition, the master node and the group leaders can use the data queue as a way to coordinate activities.

Nodes that are running test scripts at the same time can store data in the data queue for real-time communication. Each Model 2657A has an internal data queue that uses the first-in, first-out (FIFO) structure to store data. You can use the data queue to post numeric values, strings, and tables.

Tables in the data queue consume one entry. When a node stores a table in the data queue, a copy of the data in the table is made. When the data is retrieved from the data queue, a new table is created on the node that is retrieving the data. The new table contains a completely separate copy of the data in the original table, with no references to the original table or any subtables.

You can retrieve data from the data queue from any node at any time using remote commands. See the `dataqueue` commands in the [TSP Command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for more information.

Copying test scripts across the TSP-Link network

To run a large script on a remote node, copy the test script to the remote node to increase the speed of test script initiation.

The code in the example below copies a test script across the TSP-Link® network, creating a copy of the script on the remote node with the same name.

```
-- Add the source code from the script
-- testScript to the data queue.
node[2].dataqueue.add(testScript.source)
-- Create a new script on the remote node
-- using the source code from testScript.
node[2].execute(testScript.name ..
    "= script.new(dataqueue.next(), [[\" .. testScript.name .. \"]]))")
```

Removing stale values from the reading buffer cache

The node that acquires the data stores the data for the reading buffer. To optimize data access, all nodes can cache data from the node that stores the reading buffer data.

Running Lua code remotely can cause reading buffer data that is held in the cache to become stale. If the values in the reading buffer change while the Lua code runs remotely, another node can hold stale values. Use the `clearcache()` command to clear the cache. For additional detail on the reading buffer cache commands, see [bufferVar.cachemode](#) (on page 7-17) and [bufferVar.clearcache\(\)](#) (on page 7-19).

The following example code demonstrates how stale values occur and how to use the `clearcache()` command to clear the cache on node 2, which is part of group 7.

```
-- Create a reading buffer on a node in a remote group.
node[2].tsplink.group = 7
node[2].execute("rbremote = smua.makebuffer(20) " ..
    "smua.measure.count = 20 " ..
    "smua.measure.v(rbremote)")
-- Create a variable on the local node to
-- access the reading buffer.
rblocal = node[2].getglobal("rbremote")
-- Access data from the reading buffer.
print(rblocal[1])
-- Run code on the remote node that updates the reading buffer.
node[2].execute("smua.measure.v(rbremote)")
-- Use the clearcache command if the reading buffer contains cached data.
rblocal.clearcache()
-- If you do not use the clearcache command, the data buffer
-- values will never update. Every time the print command is
-- issued after the first print command, the same data buffer
-- values will print.
print(rblocal[1])
```

TSP-Net

Overview

The TSP-Net® library allows the Model 2657A to control LAN-enabled devices directly through its LAN port. This enables the Model 2657A to communicate directly with a device that is not TSP® enabled without the use of a controlling computer.

TSP-Net compared to TSP-Link to communicate with TSP-enabled devices

The TSP-Link® network interface is the preferred communication method for most applications where communication occurs between the Model 2657A and another TSP-enabled instrument.

One of the advantages of using the TSP-Link network interface is that TSP-Link connections have three synchronization lines that are available to each device on the TSP-Link network. You can use any one of the synchronization lines to perform hardware triggering between devices on the TSP-Link network. Refer to [Hardware trigger modes](#) (on page 3-55) for details.

However, if the distance between the Model 2657A and the TSP-enabled device is longer than 15 feet, use TSP-Net commands.

TSP-Net capabilities

The TSP-Net library permits the Model 2657A to control a remote instrument through the LAN port for both Test Script Processor (TSP®) and non-TSP instruments. Using TSP-Net library methods, you can transfer string data to and from a remote instrument, transfer and format data into Lua variables, and clear input buffers. The TSP-Net library is only accessible using commands from a remote command interface, and is not available from the front panel.

You can use TSP-Net commands to communicate with any ethernet-enabled instrument. However, specific TSP-Net commands exist for TSP-enabled instruments to allow for support of features unique to the TSP scripting engine. These features include script downloads, reading buffer access, wait completion, and handling of TSP scripting engine prompts.

Using TSP-Net commands with TSP-enabled instruments, a Model 2657A can download a script to another TSP-enabled instrument and have both instruments run scripts independently. The Model 2657A can read the data from the remote instrument and either manipulate the data or send the data to a different remote instrument on the LAN. You can simultaneously connect to a maximum of 32 devices using standard TCP/IP networking techniques through the LAN port of the Model 2657A.

Using TSP-Net with any ethernet-enabled device

NOTE

Refer to [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1) for details about the commands presented in this section.

The Model 2657A has Auto-MDIX, so you can use either a LAN crossover cable or a LAN straight-through cable to connect directly from the Model 2657A to an ethernet device or to a hub.

To set up communication to a remote ethernet instrument that is TSP® enabled:

1. Send the following command to configure TSP-Net to send an abort command when a connection to a TSP instrument is established:

```
tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect=1
```

If the scripts are allowed to run, the connection will be made, but the remote instrument may be busy.

2. Send the command:

```
connectionID = tspnet.connect(ipAddress)
```

Where:

- *connectionID* is the connection ID that will be used as a handle in all other TSP-Net function calls.
- *ipAddress* is the IP address of the remote instrument.

See [tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359) for additional detail.

To setup communication to a remote ethernet-enabled device that is not TSP enabled:

1. Send the command:

```
connectionID = tspnet.connect(ipAddress, portNumber, initString)
```

Where:

- *connectionID* is the connection ID that will be used as a handle in all other `tspnet` function calls.
- *ipAddress* is the IP address of the remote device.
- *portNumber* is the port number of the remote device.
- *initString* is the initialization string that is to be sent to *ipAddress*.

See [tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359) for additional detail.

To communicate to a remote ethernet device from the Model 2657A:

1. Connect to the remote device using one of the above procedures. If the Model 2657A cannot make a connection to the remote device, it generates a timeout error. Use `tspnet.timeout` to set the timeout value. The default timeout value is 20 seconds.
2. Use `tspnet.write()` or `tspnet.execute()` to send strings to a remote device. If you use:
 - `tspnet.write()`: Strings are sent to the device exactly as indicated, and you must supply any needed termination characters.
 - `tspnet.execute()`: The Model 2657A appends termination characters to all strings that are sent. Use `tspnet.termination()` to specify the termination character.
3. To retrieve responses from the remote instrument, use `tspnet.read()`. The Model 2657A suspends operation until the remote device responds or a timeout error is generated. To check if data is available from the remote instrument, use `tspnet.readavailable()`.
4. Disconnect from the remote device using the `tspnet.disconnect()` function. Terminate all remote connections using `tspnet.reset()`.

Example script

The following example demonstrates how to connect to a remote device that is not TSP® enabled, and send and receive data from this device:

```
-- Disconnect all existing TSP-Net connections.  
tspnet.reset()  
-- Set tspnet timeout to 5 seconds.  
tspnet.timeout = 5  
-- Establish connection to another device with IP address 192.168.1.51  
-- at port 1394.  
id_instr = tspnet.connect("192.168.1.51", 1394, "*rst\r\n")  
-- Print the device ID from connect string.  
print("ID is: ", id_instr)  
-- Set the termination character to CRLF. You must do this  
-- for each connection after the connection has been made.  
tspnet.termination(id_instr, tspnet.TERM_CRLF)  
-- Send the command string to the connected device.  
tspnet.write(id_instr, "*idn?" .. "\r\n")  
-- Read the data available, then print it.  
print("instrument write/read returns: ", tspnet.read(id_instr))  
-- Disconnect all existing TSP-Net sessions.  
tspnet.reset()
```

Remote instrument errors

If the Model 2657A is connected to a TSP-enabled instrument through TSP-Net, all errors that occur on the remote instrument are transferred to the error queue of the Model 2657A. The Model 2657A indicates errors from the remote instrument by prefacing these errors with “Remote Error.” For example, if the remote instrument generates error code 4909, “Reading buffer not found within device,” the Model 2657A generates the error string “Remote Error: (4909) Reading buffer not found within device.”

TSP-Net instrument commands: General device control

The following instrument commands provide general device control:

[tspnet.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-358)
[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.disconnect\(\)](#) (on page 7-360)
[tspnet.execute\(\)](#) (on page 7-361)
[tspnet.idn\(\)](#) (on page 7-362)
[tspnet.read\(\)](#) (on page 7-362)
[tspnet.readavailable\(\)](#) (on page 7-363)
[tspnet.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-364)
[tspnet.termination\(\)](#) (on page 7-364)
[tspnet.timeout](#) (on page 7-365)
[tspnet.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-368)

TSP-Net instrument commands: TSP-enabled device control

The following instrument commands provide TSP-enabled device control:

- [tspnet.tsp.abort\(\)](#) (on page 7-366)
- [tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect](#) (on page 7-366)
- [tspnet.tsp.rbtablecopy\(\)](#) (on page 7-367)
- [tspnet.tsp.runscript\(\)](#) (on page 7-368)

Example: Using tspnet commands

```
function telnetConnect(ipAddress, userName, password)
    -- Connect through Telnet to a computer.
    id = tspnet.connect(ipAddress, 23, "")
    -- Read the title and login prompt from the computer.
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%n")))
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%s")))
    -- Send the login name.
    tspnet.write(id, userName .. "\r\n")
    -- Read the login echo and password prompt from the computer.
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%s")))
    -- Send the password information.
    tspnet.write(id, password .. "\r\n")
    -- Read the telnet banner from the computer.
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%n")))
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%n")))
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%n")))
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%n")))
end

function test_tspnet ()
    tspnet.reset()
    -- Connect to a computer using Telnet.
    telnetConnect("192.0.2.1", "my_username", "my_password")
    -- Read the prompt back from the computer.
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%n")))
    -- Change directory and read the prompt back from the computer.
    tspnet.write(id, "cd c:\\\\r\\n")
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%s")))
    -- Make a directory and read the prompt back from the computer.
    tspnet.write(id, "mkdir TEST_TSP\\r\\n")
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%s")))
    -- Change to the newly created directory.
    tspnet.write(id, "cd c:\\TEST_TSP\\r\\n")
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%s")))
    -- if you have data print it to the file.
    -- 11.2 is an example of data collected.
    cmd = "echo " .. string.format("%g", 11.2) .. " >> datafile.dat\\r\\n"
    tspnet.write(id, cmd)
    print(string.format("from computer--> (%s)", tspnet.read(id, "%s")))
    tspnet.disconnect(id)
end
test_tspnet()
```

Section 7

TSP command reference

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TSP command programming notes

This section contains general information about using TSP commands.

Placeholder text

This manual uses italicized text to represent the parts of remote commands that must be replaced by user specified values. The following examples show typical uses of italicized text:

Example 1:

```
gpib.address = address
```

Where:

address is an integer (0 to 30) that you specify. For example, to set this attribute to 15 you would send:

```
gpib.address = 15
```

Example 2:

```
digio.trigger[N].assert()
```

Where:

N is an integer (1 to 14) that you specify. For example, to assert trigger line 7 you would send:

```
digio.trigger[7].assert()
```

To assert a trigger line with a variable as the integer, you would send:

```
triggerline = 7
```

```
digio.trigger[triggerline].assert()
```

Example 3:

```
smuX.trigger.measure.Y(rbuffer)
```

Where:

X refers to the source-measure unit (SMU) channel (use *a* for SMU A).

Y is the measurement type that you specify (*v*, *i*, *r*, or *p*).

rbuffer is the reading buffer object where the readings will be stored.

For example, to use SMU A to take voltage measurements and store them in buffer `vbuffername`, you would send:

```
smua.trigger.measure.v(vbuffername)
```

Syntax rules

The following table lists syntax requirements to build well-formed instrument control commands.

Syntax rules for instrument commands

Syntax rule	Details	Examples
Case sensitivity: Instrument commands are case sensitive. For best results, simply match the case shown in the command reference descriptions.	Function and attribute names should be in lowercase characters.	An example of the <code>scriptVar.save()</code> function (where <code>test8</code> is the name of the script): <code>test8.save()</code>
	Parameters can use a combination of lowercase and uppercase characters. Attribute constants use uppercase characters	In the command below, which sets the format of data transmitted from the instrument to double-precision floating point, <code>format.REAL64</code> is the attribute constant and <code>format.data</code> is the attribute command: <code>format.data = format.REAL64</code>
White space: Not required in a function.	Functions can be sent with or without white spaces.	The following functions, which set digital I/O line 3 low, are equivalent: <code>digio.writebit(3, 0)</code> <code>digio.writebit (3, 0)</code>
Function parameters: All functions are required to have a set of parentheses () immediately following the function.	You can specify the function parameters by placing them between the parentheses. Note that the parentheses are required even when there are no parameters specified.	The following function specifies all overlapped commands in the nodes in group G must complete before commands from other groups can execute: <code>waitcomplete(G)</code> The command below reads the value of the local time zone (no parameters are needed): <code>timezone = localnode.gettimezone()</code>
Multiple parameters: Must be separated by commas (,).	Some commands require multiple parameters, which must be separated by commas (,).	This command sets the beeper to emit a double-beep at 2400 Hz, with a beep sequence of 0.5 seconds on, 0.25 seconds off, and then 0.5 seconds on: <code>beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)</code> <code>delay(0.250)</code> <code>beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)</code>

Time and date values

Time and date values are represented as the number of seconds since some base. Representing time as a number of seconds is referred to as “standard time format.” There are three time bases:

- **UTC 12:00 am Jan 1, 1970.** Some examples of UTC time are reading buffer base timestamps, adjustment dates, and the value returned by `os.time()`.
- **Instrument on.** References time to when the instrument was turned on. The value returned by `os.clock()` is referenced to the turn-on time.
- **Event.** Time referenced to an event, such as the first reading stored in a reading buffer.

Remote versus local state

The Model 2657A can be in either the local state or the remote state. When in the local state (REM indicator off), the instrument is operated using the front panel controls. When in the remote state (REM indicator on), instrument operation is being controlled by the computer. When the instrument is powered on, it will be in the local state.

Remote state

The following actions place the instrument in the remote state:

- Sending a command from the computer to the instrument.
- Running a script (FACTORY or USER test) from the front panel. After the test has completed, the instrument will return to the local mode.
- Opening communications between the instrument and Test Script Builder.

While in the remote state, front panel controls are disabled. However, the LOCAL key is active if it has not been locked out. When an interactive script is running, the front panel controls are active, which allows the operator to input parameter values.

The OUTPUT ON/OFF control is always active. If it is pressed when the instrument is in the remote state, the instrument turns the output off (if it is on) and returns to the local state.

Local state

The following actions cancel the remote state and return the instrument to the local state:

- Cycling power for the instrument.
- Pressing the OUTPUT ON/OFF control.
- Pressing front panel LOCAL key (if it is not locked out).
- Sending the `abort` command from the computer.
- Clicking the Abort Execution icon on the toolbar of the Instrument Console for Test Script Builder.
- After a front panel script (FACTORY or USER test) has completed, the instrument will return to the local state.

Using the TSP command reference

The TSP command reference contains detailed descriptions of each of the TSP commands that you can use to control your instrument. Each command description is broken into several standard subsections. The figure below shows an example of a command description.

Figure 103: Example instrument command description

beeper.enable

This command allows you to turn the beeper on or off.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Recall setup Instrument reset	Saved setup	1 (beeper.ON)

Usage

```
state = beeper.enable  
beeper.enable = state
```

state	Disable the beeper (beeper.OFF or 0) Enable the beeper (beeper.ON or 1)
-------	--

Details

This command enables or disables the beeper. When enabled, a beep signals that a front-panel key has been pressed. Disabling the beeper also disables front-panel key clicks.

Example

beeper.enable = beeper.ON beeper.beep(2, 2400)	Enables the beeper and generates a two-second, 2400 Hz tone.
---	---

Also see

[beeper.beep\(\)](#) (on page 7-8)

Each command listing is divided into five major subsections that contain information about the command:

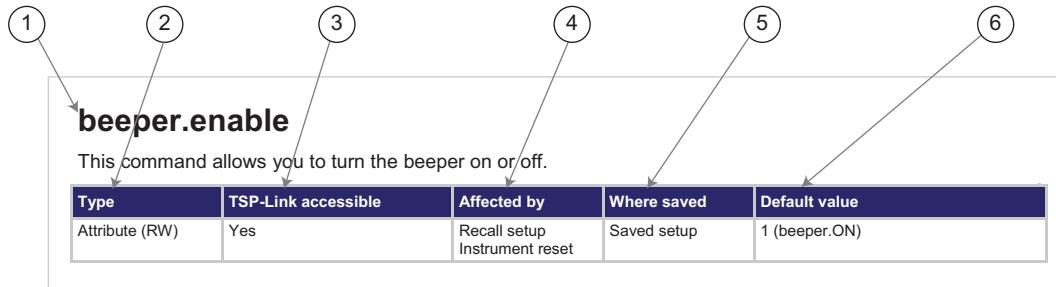
- Command name and summary table
- Usage
- Details
- Example
- Also see

The content of each of these subsections is described in the following topics.

Command name and summary table

Each instrument command description starts with the command name, followed by a table with relevant information for each command. Definitions for the numbered items in the figure below are listed following the figure.

Figure 104: Command name and summary table

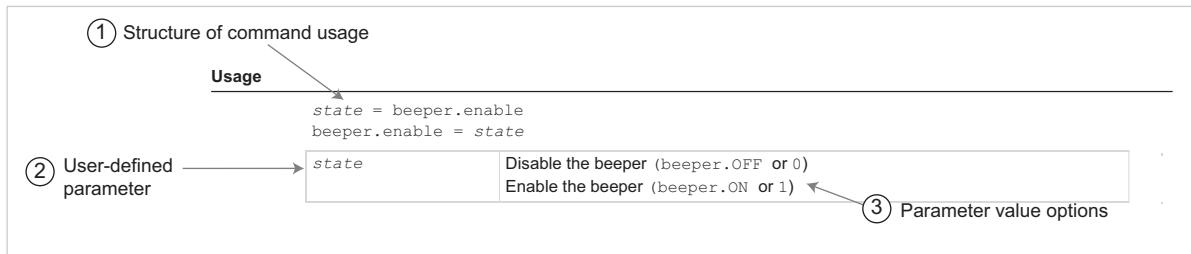


1. **Instrument command name.** Signals the beginning of the command description and is followed by a brief description of what the command does.
2. **Type of command.** Options are:
 - **Function.** Function-based commands control actions or activities, but are not always directly related to instrument operation. Function names are always followed by a set of parentheses, for example, `digio.writeport(15)`. If the function does not need a parameter, the parentheses set remains empty, for example, `exit()`.
 - **Attribute (R), (RW), or (W).** Attribute-based commands set or read the characteristics of an instrument feature or operation by defining a value. For example, a characteristic of a TSP-enabled instrument is the model number (`localnode.model`); another characteristic is the number of errors in the error queue (`errorqueue.count`). For many attributes, the defined value is a number or predefined constant. Attributes can be read-only (R), read-write (RW), or write-only (W), and can be used as a parameter of a function or assigned to another variable.
 - **Constant.** A constant command represents a fixed value when used in a script.
3. **TSP-Link accessible.** **Yes** or **No**; indicates whether or not the command can accessed through a TSP-Link network.
4. **Affected by.** Commands or actions that have a direct effect on the instrument command.
 - **LAN restore defaults**
 - **Recall setup**
 - **Instrument reset:** An instrument reset can be invoked by `reset()`, `localnode.reset()`, or `*RST`.
5. **Where saved.** Indicates where the command settings reside once they are used on an instrument. Options include:
 - **Not saved:** Command is not saved anywhere and must be typed each time you use it.
 - **Nonvolatile memory:** Storage area in the instrument where information is saved when the instrument is turned off.
 - **Saved setup**
6. **Default value:** Lists the default value or constant for the command. The parameter values are defined in the Usage or Details sections of the command description.

Command usage

The Usage section of the remote command listing shows how to properly structure the command. Each line in the Usage section is a separate variation of the command usage; all possible command usage options are shown here.

Figure 105: Command usage section



1. **Structure of command usage:** Shows how the parts of the command should be organized.
2. **User-supplied parameters:** Indicated by italics. For example, for the function `beeper.beep(duration, frequency)`, replace *duration* with the number of seconds and *frequency* with the frequency of the tone. For example, `beeper.beep(2, 2400)` generates a two-second, 2400 Hz tone.

NOTE

If there are optional parameters, they must be entered in the order presented in the Usage section. You cannot leave out any parameters that precede the optional parameter. Optional parameters are shown as separate lines in usage, showing each permutation of the command. For example:

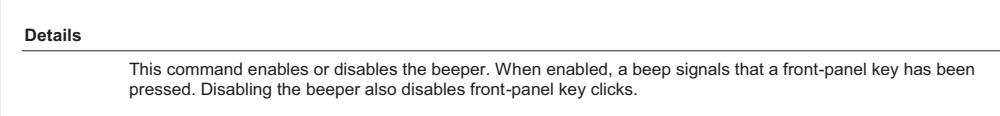
```
text = display.gettext()
text = display.gettext(embellished)
text = display.gettext(embellished, row)
text = display.gettext(embellished, row, columnStart)
text = display.gettext(embellished, row, columnStart, columnEnd)
```

3. **Parameter value options:** Descriptions of the options that are available for the user-defined parameter.

Command details

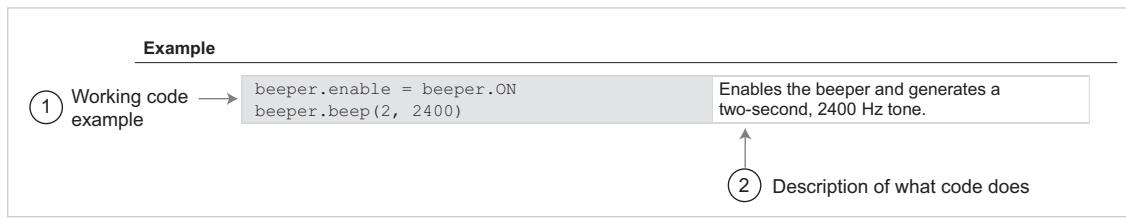
This section lists additional information you need to know to successfully use the remote commands.

Figure 106: Details section of command listing



Example section

The Example section of the remote command description shows some simple examples of how the command can be used.

Figure 107: Code examples in command listings

1. Actual example code that you can copy from this table and paste into your own programming application.
2. Description of the code and what it does. This may also contain the output of the code.

Related commands and information

The Also see section of the remote command description lists commands that are related to the command being described.

Figure 108: Links to related commands and information

The diagram shows a table with one row. The first column is labeled "Also see" and contains a link: "beeper.beep() (on page 7-8)".

Also see
beeper.beep() (on page 7-8)

TSP commands

beeper.beep()

This command generates an audible tone.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
beeper.beep(duration, frequency)
```

<i>duration</i>	The amount of time to play the tone in seconds (0.1 to 100)
-----------------	---

<i>frequency</i>	The frequency of the tone in Hertz (Hz)
------------------	---

Details

You can use the beeper of the Model 2657A to provide an audible signal at a specified frequency and time duration. For example, you can use the beeper to signal the end of a lengthy sweep.

The beeper will not sound if it is disabled. It can be disabled or enabled with the beeper enable command, or through the front panel.

Example

beeper.enable = beeper.ON beeper.beep(2, 2400)	Enables the beeper and generates a two-second, 2400 Hz tone.
---	--

Also see

[beeper.enable](#) (on page 7-8)

beeper.enable

This command allows you to turn the beeper on or off.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Recall setup Instrument reset	Saved setup	1 (beeper.ON)

Usage

```
state = beeper.enable  
beeper.enable = state
```

<i>state</i>	Disable the beeper (beeper.OFF or 0) Enable the beeper (beeper.ON or 1)
--------------	--

Details

This command enables or disables the beeper. When enabled, a beep signals that a front-panel key has been pressed. Disabling the beeper also disables front-panel key clicks.

Example

```
beeper.enable = beeper.ON
beeper.beep(2, 2400)
```

Enables the beeper and generates a two-second, 2400 Hz tone.

Also see

[beeper.beep\(\)](#) (on page 7-8)

bit.bitand()

This function performs a bitwise logical AND operation on two numbers.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.bitand(value1, value2)
```

result	Result of the logical AND operation
value1	Operand for the logical AND operation
value2	Operand for the logical AND operation

Details

Any fractional parts of *value1* and *value2* are truncated to form integers. The returned *result* is also an integer.

Example

```
testResult = bit.bitand(10, 9)
print(testResult)
```

Performs a logical AND operation on decimal 10 (binary 1010) with decimal 9 (binary 1001), which returns a value of decimal 8 (binary 1000).

Output:

8.00000e+00

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations](#) (on page 5-3)
[bit.bitor\(\)](#) (on page 7-9)
[bit.bitxor\(\)](#) (on page 7-10)

bit.bitor()

This function performs a bitwise logical OR operation on two numbers.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.bitor(value1, value2)
```

result	Result of the logical OR operation
value1	Operand for the logical OR operation
value2	Operand for the logical OR operation

Details

Any fractional parts of `value1` and `value2` are truncated to make them integers. The returned `result` is also an integer.

Example

```
testResult = bit.bitor(10, 9)  
  
print(testResult)
```

Performs a bitwise logical OR operation on decimal 10 (binary 1010) with decimal 9 (binary 1001), which returns a value of decimal 11 (binary 1011).
Output:
1.10000e+01

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations \(on page 5-3\)](#)
[bit.bitand\(\) \(on page 7-9\)](#)
[bit.bitxor\(\) \(on page 7-10\)](#)

bit.bitxor()

This function performs a bitwise logical XOR (exclusive OR) operation on two numbers.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.bitxor(value1, value2)
```

result	Result of the logical XOR operation
value1	Operand for the logical XOR operation
value2	Operand for the logical XOR operation

Details

Any fractional parts of `value1` and `value2` are truncated to make them integers. The returned `result` is also an integer.

Example

```
testResult = bit.bitxor(10, 9)  
  
print(testResult)
```

Performs a logical XOR operation on decimal 10 (binary 1010) with decimal 9 (binary 1001), which returns a value of decimal 3 (binary 0011).
Output:
3.00000e+00

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations \(on page 5-3\)](#)
[bit.bitand\(\) \(on page 7-9\)](#)
[bit.bitor\(\) \(on page 7-9\)](#)

bit.clear()

This function clears a bit at a specified index position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.clear(value, index)
```

result	Result of the bit manipulation
value	Specified number
index	One-based bit position within value to clear (1 to 32)

Details

Any fractional part of *value* is truncated to make it an integer. The returned *result* is also an integer. The least significant bit of *value* is at *index* position 1; the most significant bit is at *index* position 32.

Example

```
testResult = bit.clear(15, 2)
print(testResult)
```

The binary equivalent of decimal 15 is 1111. If you clear the bit at *index* position 2, the returned decimal value is 13 (binary 1101).
Output:
1.30000e+01

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations](#) (on page 5-3)
[bit.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)
[bit.test\(\)](#) (on page 7-14)
[bit.toggle\(\)](#) (on page 7-15)

bit.get()

This function retrieves the weighted value of a bit at a specified index position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.get(value, index)
```

result	Result of the bit manipulation
value	Specified number
index	One-based bit position within <i>value</i> to get (1 to 32)

Details

This function returns the value of the bit in *value* at *index*. This is the same as returning *value* with all other bits set to zero (0).

The least significant bit of *value* is at *index* position 1; the most significant bit is at *index* position 32.

If the indexed bit for the number is set to zero (0), the result will be zero (0).

Example

```
testResult = bit.get(10, 4)
print(testResult)
```

The binary equivalent of decimal 10 is 1010. If you get the bit at index position 4, the returned decimal value is 8.
Output:
8.00000e+00

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations \(on page 5-3\)](#)

[bit.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)

[bit.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)

[bit.test\(\)](#) (on page 7-14)

[bit.toggle\(\)](#) (on page 7-15)

bit.getfield()

This function returns a field of bits from the value starting at the specified index position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.getfield(value, index, width)
```

result	Result of the bit manipulation
value	Specified number
index	One-based bit position within <i>value</i> to get (1 to 32)
width	The number of bits to include in the field (1 to 32)

Details

A field of bits is a contiguous group of bits. This function retrieves a field of bits from *value* starting at *index*.

The *index* position is the least significant bit of the retrieved field. The number of bits to return is specified by *width*.

The least significant bit of *value* is at *index* position 1; the most significant bit is at *index* position 32.

Example

```
myResult = bit.getfield(13, 2, 3)
print(myResult)
```

The binary equivalent of decimal 13 is 1101. The field at *index* position 2 and *width* 3 consists of the binary bits 110. The returned value is decimal 6 (binary 110).
Output:
6.00000e+00

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations](#) (on page 5-3)
[bit.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)
[bit.setfield\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)

bit.set()

This function sets a bit at the specified index position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.set(value, index)
```

result	Result of the bit manipulation
value	Specified number
index	One-based bit position within <i>value</i> to set (1 to 32)

Details

This function returns *result*, which is *value* with the indexed bit set. The *index* must be between 1 and 32. The least significant bit of *value* is at *index* position 1; the most significant bit is at *index* position 32. Any fractional part of *value* is truncated to make it an integer.

Example

```
testResult = bit.set(8, 3)
print(testResult)
```

The binary equivalent of decimal 8 is 1000. If the bit at *index* position 3 is set to 1, the returned value is decimal 12 (binary 1100).
Output:
1.20000e+01

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations](#) (on page 5-3)
[bit.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.getfield\(\)](#) (on page 7-12)
[bit.setfield\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)
[bit.test\(\)](#) (on page 7-14)
[bit.toggle\(\)](#) (on page 7-15)

bit.setfield()

This function overwrites a bit field at a specified index position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.setfield(value, index, width, fieldValue)
```

<i>result</i>	Result of the bit manipulation
<i>value</i>	Specified number
<i>index</i>	One-based bit position in <i>value</i> to set (1 to 32)
<i>width</i>	The number of bits to include in the field (1 to 32)
<i>fieldValue</i>	Value to write to the field

Details

This function returns *result*, which is *value* with a field of bits overwritten, starting at *index*. The *index* specifies the position of the least significant bit of *value*. The *width* bits starting at *index* are set to *fieldValue*.

The least significant bit of *value* is at *index* position 1; the most significant bit is at *index* position 32.

Before setting the field of bits, any fractional parts of *value* and *fieldValue* are truncated to form integers.

If *fieldValue* is wider than *width*, the most significant bits of the *fieldValue* that exceed the width are truncated. For example, if *width* is 4 bits and the binary value for *fieldValue* is 11110 (5 bits), the most significant bit of *fieldValue* is truncated and a binary value of 1110 is used.

Example

```
testResult = bit.setfield(15, 2, 3, 5)
print(testResult)
```

The binary equivalent of decimal 15 is 1111. After overwriting it with a decimal 5 (binary 101) at *index* position 2, the returned *value* is decimal 11 (binary 1011).
Output:
1.10000e+01

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations](#) (on page 5-3)

[bit.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)

[bit.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)

[bit.getfield\(\)](#) (on page 7-12)

bit.test()

This function returns the Boolean value (`true` or `false`) of a bit at the specified index position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.test(value, index)
```

<i>result</i>	Result of the bit manipulation
<i>value</i>	Specified number
<i>index</i>	One-based bit position within <i>value</i> to test (1 to 32)

Details

This function returns *result*, which is the result of the tested bit.

The least significant bit of *value* is at *index* position 1; the most significant bit is at *index* position 32.

If the indexed bit for *value* is 0, *result* is *false*. If the bit of *value* at *index* is 1, the returned value is *true*. If *index* is bigger than the number of bits in *value*, the result is *false*.

Example

```
testResult = bit.test(10, 4)
print(testResult)
```

The binary equivalent of decimal 10 is 1010.
 Testing the bit at *index* position 4 returns a Boolean value of *true*.
 Output:
true

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations \(on page 5-3\)](#)
[bit.clear\(\) \(on page 7-11\)](#)
[bit.get\(\) \(on page 7-11\)](#)
[bit.set\(\) \(on page 7-13\)](#)
[bit.toggle\(\) \(on page 7-15\)](#)

bit.toggle()

This function toggles the value of a bit at a specified index position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
result = bit.toggle(value, index)
```

result	Result of the bit manipulation
value	Specified number
index	One-based bit position within <i>value</i> to toggle (1 to 32)

Details

This function returns *result*, which is the result of toggling the bit *index* in *value*.

Any fractional part of *value* is truncated to make it an integer. The returned value is also an integer.

The least significant bit of *value* is at *index* position 1; the most significant bit is at *index* position 32.

The indexed bit for *value* is toggled from 0 to 1, or 1 to 0.

Example

```
testResult = bit.toggle(10, 3)
print(testResult)
```

The binary equivalent of decimal 10 is 1010.
 Toggling the bit at *index* position 3 returns a decimal value of 14 (binary 1110).
 Output:
1.40000e+01

Also see

[Bit manipulation and logic operations](#) (on page 5-3)
[bit.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-11)
[bit.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-13)
[bit.test\(\)](#) (on page 7-14)

bufferVar.appendmode

This attribute sets the state of the reading buffer's append mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	0 (disabled)

Usage

```
state = bufferVar.appendmode
bufferVar.appendmode = state
```

state	The reading buffer append mode; set to one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Append mode off; new measurement data overwrites the previous buffer content • 1: Append mode on; appends new measurement data to the present buffer content
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer

Details

Assigning a value to this attribute enables or disables the buffer append mode. This value can only be changed with an empty buffer. Use `bufferVar.clear()` to empty the buffer.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

If the append mode is set to 0, any stored readings in the buffer are cleared before new ones are stored. If append mode is set to 1, any stored readings remain in the buffer and new readings are added to the buffer after the stored readings.

With append mode on, the first new measurement is stored at `rb[n+1]`, where `n` is the number of readings stored in buffer `rb`.

Example

```
buffer1.appendmode = 1
```

Append new readings to contents of the reading buffer named `buffer1`.

Also see

[bufferVar.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-19)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)

bufferVar.basetimestamp

This attribute contains the timestamp that indicates when the first reading was stored in the buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	0

Usage

```
basetime = bufferVar.basetimestamp
```

<i>basetime</i>	The timestamp of the first stored reading
<i>bufferVar</i>	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as <code>smua.nvbuffer1</code>)

Details

This read-only attribute contains the timestamp (in seconds) of the first reading stored in a buffer (`rb[1]` stored in reading buffer `rb`). The timestamp is the number of seconds since 12:00 AM January 1, 1970 (UTC) that the measurement was performed and stored.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

See the `smuX.nvbuffery` attribute for details on accessing dedicated reading buffers.

Example

```
basetime = smua.nvbuffer1.basetimestamp
print(basetime)
```

Read the timestamp for the first reading stored in dedicated reading buffer 1.
Output:
1.28300e+09
This output indicates that the timestamp is 1,283,000,000 seconds (which is Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 12:53:20 PM).

Also see

[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)

bufferVar.cachemode

This attribute enables or disables the reading buffer cache (on or off).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	1 (enabled)

Usage

```
cacheMode = bufferVar.cachemode
bufferVar.cachemode = cacheMode
```

<i>cacheMode</i>	The reading buffer cache mode; set to one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Cache mode disabled (off) • 1: Cache mode enabled (on)
<i>bufferVar</i>	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer

Details

Assigning a value to this attribute enables or disables the reading buffer cache. When enabled, the reading buffer cache improves access speed to reading buffer data.

If you run successive operations that overwrite reading buffer data, the reading buffer may return stale cache data. This can happen when initiating successive sweeps without reconfiguring the sweep measurements or when overwriting data in the reading buffer by setting the *bufferVar.fillmode* attribute to `smuX.FILL_WINDOW`. To avoid this, make sure that you include commands that automatically invalidate the cache as needed (for example, explicit calls to the *bufferVar.clearcache()* function) or disable the cache using this attribute (*bufferVar.cachemode*).

Example

```
smua.nvbuffer1.cachemode = 1
```

Enables reading buffer cache of dedicated reading buffer 1.

Also see

- [bufferVar.clearcache\(\)](#) (on page 7-19)
- [bufferVar.fillmode](#) (on page 7-22)
- [Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)

bufferVar.capacity

This attribute contains the capacity of the buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
bufferCapacity = bufferVar.capacity
```

bufferCapacity	The maximum number of readings the buffer can store
----------------	---

bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer
-----------	--

Details

This read-only attribute reads the number of readings that can be stored in the buffer.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

The buffer's capacity does not change as readings fill the buffer. A dedicated reading buffer that only collects basic items can store over 140,000 readings. Turning on additional collection items, such as timestamps and source values, decreases the capacity of a dedicated reading buffer (for example, `smua.nvbuffer1`), but does not change the capacity of a user-defined dynamically allocated buffer. A user-defined dynamically allocated buffer has a fixed capacity that is set when the buffer is created.

See the `smuX.nvbuffery` attribute for details on accessing dedicated reading buffers. See the `smuX.makebuffer()` function for information on creating user-defined dynamically allocated reading buffers.

Example

```
bufferCapacity = smua.nvbuffer1.capacity
print(bufferCapacity)
```

Reads the capacity of dedicated reading buffer 1.

Output:

`1.49789e+05`

The above output indicates that the buffer can hold 149789 readings.

Also see

[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.makebuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-193)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)

bufferVar.clear()

This function clears the buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
bufferVar.clear()
```

bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer
-----------	--

Details

This function clears all readings and associated recall attributes (for example, `bufferVar.timestamps` and `bufferVar.statuses`) from the specified buffer.

Example

smua.nvbuffer1.clear()	Clears dedicated reading buffer 1.
------------------------	------------------------------------

Also see

[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)

bufferVar.clearcache()

This function clears the cache.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
bufferVar.clearcache()
```

bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer
-----------	--

Details

This function clears all readings from the specified cache.

If you run successive operations that overwrite reading buffer data, the reading buffer may return stale cache data. This can happen when you:

- Initiate successive sweeps without reconfiguring the sweep measurements. Watch for this when running Lua code remotely on more than one node, because values in the reading buffer cache may change while the Lua code is running.
- Overwrite data in the reading buffer by setting the `bufferVar.fillmode` attribute to `smuX.FILL_WINDOW`.

To avoid this, you can include explicit calls to the `bufferVar.clearcache()` function to remove stale values from the reading buffer cache.

Example

```
smua.nvbuffer1.clearcache()
```

Clears the reading buffer cache for dedicated reading buffer 1.

Also see

- [bufferVar.cachemode](#) (on page 7-17)
- [bufferVar.fillmode](#) (on page 7-22)
- [Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
- [Removing stale values from the reading buffer cache](#) (on page 6-60)
- [smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)

bufferVar.collectsourcevalues

This attribute sets whether or not source values will be stored with the readings in the buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	0 (disabled)

Usage

```
state = bufferVar.collectsourcevalues
bufferVar.collectsourcevalues = state
```

state	Source value collection status; set to one of the following:
-------	--

- 0: Source value collection disabled (off)
- 1: Source value collection enabled (on)

bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as <code>smua.nvbuffer1</code>)
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Details

Assigning a value to this attribute enables or disables the storage of source values. Reading this attribute returns the state of source value collection. This value can only be changed with an empty buffer. Empty the buffer using the `bufferVar.clear()` function.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

When on, source values will be stored with readings in the buffer. This requires four extra bytes of storage for each reading. Turning on additional collection items, such as source values (this attribute) and timestamps, decreases the capacity of a dedicated reading buffer (for example, `smua.nvbuffer1`), but does not change the capacity of a user-defined dynamically allocated buffer.

Example

```
smua.nvbuffer1.collectsourcevalues = 1
```

Include source values with readings for dedicated reading buffer 1.

Also see

[bufferVar.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-19)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)

bufferVar.collecttimestamps

This attribute sets whether or not timestamp values are stored with the readings in the buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	0 (disabled)

Usage

```
state = bufferVar.collecttimestamps
bufferVar.collecttimestamps = state
```

state	Timestamp value collection status; set to one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0: Timestamp value collection disabled (off) 1: Timestamp value collection enabled (on)
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer

Details

Assigning a value to this attribute enables or disables the storage of timestamps. Reading this attribute returns the state of timestamp collection.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

When on, timestamp values are stored with readings in the buffer. This requires four extra bytes of storage for each reading. When you turn on additional collection items, such as timestamps (this attribute) and source values, it decreases the capacity of a dedicated reading buffer (for example, smua.nvbuffer1), but does not change the capacity of a user-defined dynamically allocated buffer.

This value, off (0) or on (1), can only be changed when the buffer is empty. Empty the buffer using the [bufferVar.clear\(\)](#) function.

Example

```
smua.nvbuffer1.collecttimestamps = 1
```

Include timestamps with readings for dedicated reading buffer 1.

Also see

[bufferVar.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-19)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)

bufferVar.fillcount

This attribute sets the reading buffer fill count.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	0

Usage

```
fillCount = bufferVar.fillcount
bufferVar.fillcount = fillCount
```

fillCount	The reading buffer fill count
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as smua.nvbuffer1)

Details

The reading buffer fill count sets the number of readings to store before restarting at index 1. If the value is zero (0), then the capacity of the buffer is used. Use this attribute to control when the SMU restarts filling the buffer at index 1, rather than having it restart when the buffer is full.

If the `bufferVar.fillcount` attribute is set to a value higher than the capacity of the buffer, after storing the element at the end of the buffer, the SMU will overwrite the reading at index 1, the reading after that will overwrite the reading at index 2, and so on.

This attribute is only used when the `bufferVar.fillmode` attribute is set to `smuX.FILL_WINDOW`.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

```
smua.nvbuffer1.fillcount = 50
```

Sets fill count of dedicated reading buffer 1 to 50.

Also see

[bufferVar.fillmode](#) (on page 7-22)

bufferVar.fillmode

This attribute sets the reading buffer fill mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	0 (smuX.FILL_ONCE)

Usage

```
fillMode = bufferVar.fillmode
bufferVar.fillmode = fillMode
```

fillMode	The reading buffer fill mode; set to one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 or smuX.FILL_ONCE: Do not overwrite old data • 1 or smuX.FILL_WINDOW: New readings restart at index 1 after acquiring reading at index <code>bufferVar.fillcount</code>
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as <code>smua.nvbuffer1</code>)

Details

When this attribute is set to `smuX.FILL_ONCE`, the reading buffer will not overwrite readings. If the buffer fills up, new readings will be discarded.

When this attribute is set to `smuX.FILL_WINDOW`, new readings will be added after existing data until the buffer holds `bufferVar.fillcount` elements. Continuing the sequence, the next reading will overwrite the reading at index 1, the reading after that will overwrite the reading at index 2, and so on.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

```
smua.nvbuffer1.fillmode = smua.FILL_ONCE
```

Sets fill mode of dedicated reading buffer 1 to fill once (do not overwrite old data).

Also see

[bufferVar.fillcount](#) (on page 7-22)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)

bufferVar.measurefunctions

This attribute contains the measurement function that was used to acquire a reading stored in a specified reading buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
measurefunction = bufferVar.measurefunctions [N]
```

<code>measurefunction</code>	The measurement function used ("current", "voltage", "ohms", or "watts") to acquire reading number <code>N</code> in the specified buffer
<code>bufferVar</code>	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as <code>smua.nvbuffer1</code>)
<code>N</code>	The reading number (1 to <code>bufferVar.n</code>)

Details

The `measurefunctions` buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) of strings indicating the function measured for the reading.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example 1

```
measurefunction = smua.nvbuffer1.measurefunctions[5]
```

Store the measure function used to make reading number 5.

Example 2

```
printbuffer(1, 5, smua.nvbuffer1.measurefunctions)
```

Print the measurement function that was used to measure the first five readings saved in dedicated reading buffer 1.

Example output:

Current, Current,
Current, Current,
Current

Also see

[bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
[bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
[bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
[bufferVar.sourcefunctions](#) (on page 7-27)
[bufferVar.sourceoutputstates](#) (on page 7-28)
[bufferVar.sourceranges](#) (on page 7-28)
[bufferVar.sourcevalues](#) (on page 7-29)
[bufferVar.statuses](#) (on page 7-30)
[bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)

bufferVar.measureranges

This attribute contains the measurement range values that were used for readings stored in a specified buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
measurerange = bufferVar.measureranges[N]
```

measurerange	The measurement range used to acquire reading number <i>N</i> in the specified buffer
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as <code>smua.nvbuffer1</code>)
<i>N</i>	The reading number (1 to <code>bufferVar.n</code>)

Details

The `measureranges` buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) of full-scale range values for the measure range used when the measurement was made.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

measurerange = smua.nvbuffer1.measureranges[1]	Store the measure range that was used to make reading number 1.
printbuffer(1, 10, smua.nvbuffer1.measureranges)	<p>Print the range values that were used for the first 10 readings saved in dedicated reading buffer 1.</p> <p>Example output:</p> <pre>1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07, 1.00000e-07</pre>

Also see

[bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
[bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
[bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
[bufferVar.sourcefunctions](#) (on page 7-27)
[bufferVar.sourceoutputstates](#) (on page 7-28)
[bufferVar.sourceranges](#) (on page 7-28)
[bufferVar.sourcevalues](#) (on page 7-29)
[bufferVar.statuses](#) (on page 7-30)
[bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)

bufferVar.n

This attribute contains the number of readings in the buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
numberOfReadings = bufferVar.n
```

numberOfReadings	The number of readings stored in the buffer
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer

Details

This read-only attribute contains the number of readings presently stored in the buffer.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

numberOfReadings = smua.nvbuffer1.n print(numberOfReadings)	<p>Reads the number of readings stored in dedicated reading buffer 1.</p> <p>Output: 1.25000+02</p> <p>The above output indicates that there are 125 readings stored in the buffer.</p>
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Also see

[bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
[bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
[bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
[bufferVar.sourcefunctions](#) (on page 7-27)
[bufferVar.sourceoutputstates](#) (on page 7-28)
[bufferVar.sourceranges](#) (on page 7-28)
[bufferVar.sourcevalues](#) (on page 7-29)
[bufferVar.statuses](#) (on page 7-30)
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[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)

bufferVar.readings

This attribute contains the readings stored in a specified reading buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
reading = bufferVar.readings [N]
```

reading	The value of the reading in the specified reading buffer
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer
N	The reading number (1 to <i>bufferVar.n</i>)

Details

The readings buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) of the readings stored in the reading buffer. This array holds the same data that is returned when the reading buffer is accessed directly; that is, *rb[2]* and *rb.readings[2]* access the same value.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

<pre>print (smua.nvbuffer1.readings[1])</pre>	Output the first reading saved in dedicated reading buffer 1. Output: 8.81658e-08
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Also see

[bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
[bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
[bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
[bufferVar.sourcefunctions](#) (on page 7-27)
[bufferVar.sourceoutputstates](#) (on page 7-28)
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[bufferVar.statuses](#) (on page 7-30)
[bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)

bufferVar.sourcefunctions

This attribute contains the source function that was being used when the readings were stored in a specified reading buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
sourcefunction = bufferVar.sourcefunctions[N]
```

sourcefunction	The source function used ("current" or "voltage") to acquire reading number <i>N</i> in the specified buffer
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as smua.nvbuffer1)
<i>N</i>	The reading number (1 to <i>bufferVar.n</i>)

Details

The *sourcefunctions* buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) of strings indicating the source function at the time of the measurement.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example 1

```
sourcefunction = smua.nvbuffer1.sourcefunctions[3]
```

Store the source function used to make reading number 3.

Example 2

```
printbuffer(1, 10, smua.nvbuffer1.sourcefunctions)
```

Print the source function used for 10 readings stored in dedicated reading buffer 1.

Example output:

Voltage, Voltage,
Voltage, Voltage,
Voltage, Voltage,
Voltage, Voltage,
Voltage, Voltage,
Voltage, Voltage

Also see

- [bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
- [bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
- [bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
- [bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
- [bufferVar.sourceoutputstates](#) (on page 7-28)
- [bufferVar.sourceranges](#) (on page 7-28)
- [bufferVar.sourcevalues](#) (on page 7-29)
- [bufferVar.statuses](#) (on page 7-30)
- [bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)

bufferVar.sourceoutputstates

This attribute indicates the state of the source output for readings that are stored in a specified buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
state = bufferVar.sourceoutputstates [N]
```

state	The output state ("Off" or "On") when reading <i>N</i> of the specified buffer was acquired
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as smua.nvbuffer1)
<i>N</i>	The reading number (1 to <i>bufferVar.n</i>)

Details

The `sourceoutputstates` buffer recall attribute is similar to an array (a Lua table) of strings. This array indicates the state of the source output ("Off" or "On") at the time of the measurement.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

```
printbuffer(1, 1, smua.nvbuffer1.sourceoutputstates)
```

Print the source output for the first reading stored in dedicated reading buffer 1.
Example output:
On

Also see

- [bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
- [bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
- [bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
- [bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
- [bufferVar.sourceranges](#) (on page 7-27)
- [bufferVar.sourceranges](#) (on page 7-28)
- [bufferVar.sourcevalues](#) (on page 7-29)
- [bufferVar.statuses](#) (on page 7-30)
- [bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)

bufferVar.sourceranges

This attribute contains the source range that was used for readings stored in a specified reading buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
sourcerange = bufferVar.sourceranges[N]
```

<i>sourcerange</i>	The source range used to acquire reading number <i>N</i> in the specified buffer
<i>bufferVar</i>	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as <code>smua.nvbuffer1</code>)
<i>N</i>	The reading number (1 to <i>bufferVar.n</i>)

Details

The sourceranges buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) of full-scale range values for the source range used when the measurement was made.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example 1

```
sourcerange = smua.nvbuffer1.sourceranges[1]
```

Store the source range that was used for the first reading stored in dedicated reading buffer 1.

Example 2

```
printbuffer(1, 6,
    smua.nvbuffer1.sourceranges)
```

Print the source ranges that were used for the first 6 readings stored in source-measure unit (SMU) A, buffer 1.

Example output:

```
1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04,
1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04,
1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04
```

Also see

[bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
[bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
[bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
[bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
[bufferVar.sourcefunctions](#) (on page 7-27)
[bufferVar.sourceoutputstates](#) (on page 7-28)
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[bufferVar.statuses](#) (on page 7-30)
[bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)

bufferVar.sourcevalues

When enabled by the `bufferVar.collectsourcevalues` attribute, this attribute contains the source levels being output when readings in the reading buffer were acquired.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
sourcevalue = bufferVar.sourcevalues[N]
```

sourcevalue	The source's output value when reading <i>N</i> of the specified buffer was acquired
bufferVar	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated buffer (user-defined), or a dedicated reading buffer (such as smua.nvbuffer1)
<i>N</i>	The reading number (1 to <i>bufferVar.n</i>)

Details

If the *bufferVar.collectsourcevalues* attribute is enabled before readings are taken, the *bufferVar.sourcevalues* buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) of the sourced value in effect at the time of the reading. Note that you can set the *bufferVar.collectsourcevalues* attribute only if the affected reading buffer is empty. See [bufferVar.collectsourcevalues](#) (on page 7-20) for more detailed information. For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example 1

sourcevalue = smua.nvbuffer1.sourcevalues[1]	Get the sourced value of the first reading stored in dedicated reading buffer 1.
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Example 2

printbuffer(1, 6, smua.nvbuffer1.sourcevalues)	Print the sourced value of the first 6 readings stored in source-measure unit (SMU) A, buffer 1. Example output: 1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04, 1.00000e-04
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Also see

[bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
[bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
[bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
[bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
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bufferVar.statuses

This attribute contains the status values of readings in the reading buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
statusInformation = bufferVar.statuses[N]
```

<i>statusInformation</i>	The status value when reading <i>N</i> of the specified buffer was acquired
<i>bufferVar</i>	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer
<i>N</i>	The reading number (1 to <i>bufferVar.n</i>)

Details

This read-only buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) of the status values for all the readings in the buffer. The status values are floating-point numbers that encode the status value; see the following table for values.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Buffer status bits

Bit	Name	Hex value	Description
B0	FastADC	0x01	Fast ADC was used to make the reading
B1	Overtemp	0x02	Over temperature condition
B2	AutoRangeMeas	0x04	Measure range was autoranged
B3	AutoRangeSrc	0x08	Source range was autoranged
B4	4Wire	0x10	4-wire (remote) sense mode enabled
B5	Rel	0x20	Relative offset applied to reading
B6	Compliance	0x40	Source function was limited because the complementary function would be over the compliance limit
B7	Filtered	0x80	Reading was filtered

Also see

[bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
[bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
[bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
[bufferVar.readings](#) (on page 7-26)
[bufferVar.sourcefunctions](#) (on page 7-27)
[bufferVar.sourceranges](#) (on page 7-28)
[bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)

bufferVar.timestampresolution

This attribute contains the timestamp's resolution.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	1e-6 (1 μs)

Usage

```
resolution = bufferVar.timestampresolution
```

<i>resolution</i>	Timestamp resolution in seconds
<i>bufferVar</i>	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer

Details

Assigning a value to this attribute sets the resolution for the timestamps. Reading this attribute returns the timestamp resolution value. This value can only be changed with an empty buffer. Empty the buffer using the `bufferVar.clear()` function.

The finest timestamp resolution is 0.000001 seconds (1 μ s). At this resolution, the reading buffer can store unique timestamps for up to 71 minutes. This value can be increased for very long tests.

The value specified when setting this attribute will be rounded to an even power of 2 μ s.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

```
smua.nvbuffer1.timestampresolution = 0.000008
```

Sets the timestamp resolution of dedicated reading buffer 1 to 8 μ s.

Also see

[bufferVar.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-19)
[bufferVar.collecttimestamps](#) (on page 7-21)
[bufferVar.timestamps](#) (on page 7-32)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)

bufferVar.timestamps

When enabled by the `bufferVar.collecttimestamps` attribute, this attribute contains the timestamp (in seconds) of when each reading saved in the specified reading buffer occurred.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Clearing the buffer	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
timestamp = bufferVar.timestamps[N]
```

<code>timestamp</code>	The timestamp of reading number N in the specified buffer when the reading was acquired
<code>bufferVar</code>	The reading buffer; can be a dynamically allocated user-defined buffer or a dedicated reading buffer
N	The reading number (1 to <code>bufferVar.n</code>)

Details

The `bufferVar.timestamps` information from a reading buffer is only available if the `bufferVar.collecttimestamps` attribute is set to 1 (default setting). If it is set to 0, you cannot access any time information from a reading buffer.

If enabled, this buffer recall attribute is like an array (a Lua table) that contains timestamps, in seconds, of when each reading occurred. These are relative to the `bufferVar.basetimestamp` for the buffer. See [Reading buffer commands](#) (on page 3-11) for more information.

For dedicated reading buffers, all buffer attributes are saved to nonvolatile memory only when the reading buffer is saved to nonvolatile memory.

Example

```
timestamp = smua.nvbuffer1.timestamps[1]
```

Get the timestamp of the first reading stored in dedicated reading buffer 1.

Also see

[bufferVar.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-19)
[bufferVar.collecttimestamps](#) (on page 7-21)
[bufferVar.measurefunctions](#) (on page 7-23)
[bufferVar.measureranges](#) (on page 7-24)
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ConfigPulseIMeasureV()

This KIPulse factory script function configures a current pulse train with a voltage measurement at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureV(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
                                tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout, sync_in_abort)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureV(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
                                tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureV(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
                                tag, sync_in, sync_out)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureV(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
                                tag, sync_in)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureV(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
                                tag)
```

<i>f</i>	A Boolean flag; this flag is <code>true</code> when the pulse was successfully configured, <code>false</code> when errors were encountered
<i>msg</i>	A string message; if the <i>f</i> flag is <code>false</code> , <i>msg</i> contains an error message; if it is <code>true</code> , <i>msg</i> contains a string that indicates successful configuration
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in amperes
<i>level</i>	Pulse level in amperes
<i>limit</i>	Voltage limit (for example, compliance) in volts
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles

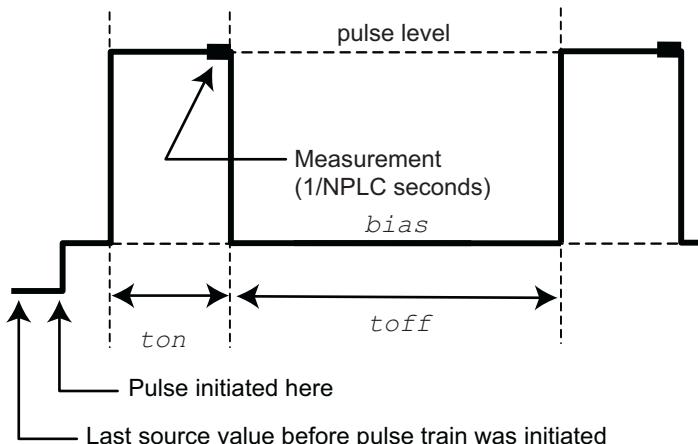
<i>buffer</i>	Reading buffer where pulsed measurements will be stored; if this is <code>nil</code> when the function is called, no measurements will be made when the pulse train is initiated
<i>tag</i>	Numeric identifier to be assigned to the defined pulse train
<i>sync_in</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger input line; if programmed, the pulse train waits for a trigger input before executing each pulse
<i>sync_out</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger output line; if programmed, the pulse train generates a trigger output immediately before the start of <i>ton</i>
<i>sync_in_timeout</i>	Specifies the length of time (in seconds) to wait for input trigger; default value is 10 s
<i>sync_in_abort</i>	Specifies whether or not to abort the pulse if an input trigger is not received; if pulse aborts because of a missed trigger, a timer timeout message is returned; <code>true</code> or <code>false</code>

Details

Data for pulsed voltage measurements are stored in the reading buffer specified by the *buffer* input parameter. This function configures a current pulse train with a voltage measurement at each point. Measurements are made at the end of the *ton* time.

This function does not cause the specified *smu* to output a pulse train. It simply checks to see if all the pulse dimensions can be achieved, and if they are, assigns the indicated *tag* or index to the pulse train.

Figure 109: ConfigPulseIMeasureV()



Example

```
ConfigPulseIMeasureV(smua, 0, 10e-3,
                      100, 0.01, 0.1, 1, smua.nvbuffer1, 1)
```

Set up a pulse train that uses System SourceMeter® instrument channel A. The pulse amplitude will be 10 mA and will return to 0 A after 10 ms. The pulse will remain at 0 A for 100 ms and the voltage limit will be 100 V during the pulse. The pulse train will consist of only 1 pulse, and this pulse will be assigned a *tag* index of 1.

Also see

[InitiatePulseTest\(\)](#) (on page 7-102)
[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin()

This KIPulse factory script function configures a linear pulsed current sweep with a voltage measurement at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
                                         points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout, sync_in_abort)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
                                         points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
                                         points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
                                         points, buffer, tag, sync_in)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
                                         points, buffer, tag)
```

<i>f</i>	A Boolean flag; this flag is <code>true</code> if the pulse was successfully configured, <code>false</code> when errors were encountered
<i>msg</i>	A string message; if the <i>f</i> flag is <code>false</code> , <i>msg</i> contains an error message; if it is <code>true</code> , <i>msg</i> contains a string indicating successful configuration
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in amperes
<i>start</i>	Pulse sweep start level in amperes
<i>stop</i>	Pulse sweep stop level in amperes
<i>limit</i>	Voltage limit (for example, compliance) in volts
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles
<i>buffer</i>	Reading buffer where pulsed measurements will be stored; if this is <code>nil</code> when the function is called, no measurements will be made when the pulse train is initiated
<i>tag</i>	Numeric identifier to be assigned to the defined pulse train
<i>sync_in</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger input line; if programmed, the pulse train will wait for a trigger input before executing each pulse
<i>sync_out</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger output line; if programmed, the pulse train will generate a trigger output immediately before the start of <i>ton</i>
<i>sync_in_timeout</i>	Specifies the length of time (in seconds) to wait for input trigger; default value is 10 s
<i>sync_in_abort</i>	Specifies whether or not to abort pulse if input trigger is not received; if pulse aborts because of a missed trigger, a timer timeout message is returned; <code>true</code> or <code>false</code>

Details

Data for pulsed voltage measurements are stored in the reading buffer specified by the *buffer* input parameter. This function configures a linear pulsed current sweep with a voltage measurement at each point. Measurements are made at the end of the *ton* time.

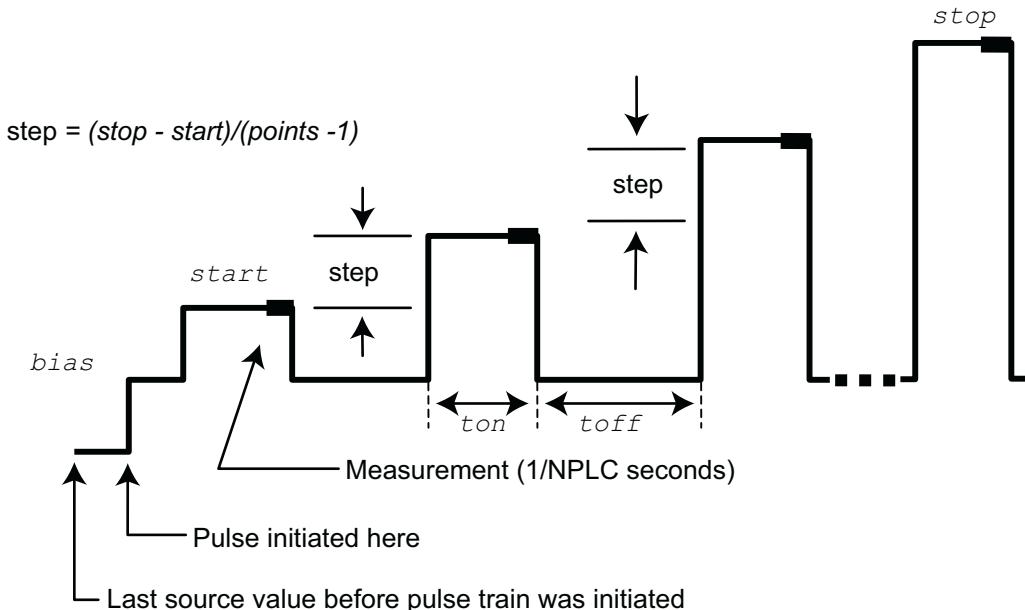
The magnitude of the first pulse will be *start* amperes; the magnitude of the last pulse will be *stop* amperes.

The magnitude of each pulse in between will be *step* amperes larger than the previous pulse, where:

$$\text{step} = (\text{stop} - \text{start}) / (\text{points} - 1)$$

This function does not cause the specified *smu* to output a pulse train. It does check to see if all the pulse dimensions can be achieved, and if they can, assigns the indicated *tag* or index to the pulse train.

Figure 110: ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin()



Example

```
ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin(smua, 0,
    0.01, 0.05, 500, 15e-3, 0.1, 20,
    smua.nvbuffer2, 3)
```

Set up a pulsed sweep that will use System SourceMeter® instrument channel A. The pulsed sweep will start at 10 mA, end at 50 mA, and return to a 0 mA bias level between pulses. Each pulsed step will be on for 15 ms, and then at the bias level for 100 ms. The voltage limit will be 500 V during the entire pulsed sweep. The pulse train will be comprised of 20 pulsed steps and the pulse train will be assigned a tag index of 3.

Also see

[InitiatePulseTest\(\)](#) (on page 7-102)
[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog()

This KIPulse factory script function configures a voltage pulse train with a current measurement at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout, sync_in_abort)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in)
f, msg = ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag)
```

<i>f</i>	A Boolean flag; this flag is <code>true</code> when the pulse was successfully configured, <code>false</code> when errors were encountered
<i>msg</i>	A string message; if the <i>f</i> flag is <code>false</code> , <i>msg</i> contains an error message; if it is <code>true</code> , <i>msg</i> contains a string indicating successful configuration
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in amperes
<i>start</i>	Pulse sweep start level in amperes
<i>stop</i>	Pulse sweep stop level in amperes
<i>limit</i>	Voltage limit (for example, compliance) in volts
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles
<i>buffer</i>	Reading buffer where pulsed measurements will be stored; if this is <code>nil</code> when the function is called, no measurements will be made when the pulse train is initiated
<i>tag</i>	Numeric identifier to be assigned to the defined pulse train
<i>sync_in</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger input line; if programmed, the pulse train waits for a trigger input before executing each pulse
<i>sync_out</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger output line; if programmed, the pulse train generates a trigger output immediately before the start of <i>ton</i>
<i>sync_in_timeout</i>	Specifies the length of time (in seconds) to wait for input trigger; default value is 10 s
<i>sync_in_abort</i>	Specifies whether or not to abort pulse if input trigger is not received; if pulse aborts because of a missed trigger, a timer timeout message is returned; <code>true</code> or <code>false</code>

Details

Data for pulsed voltage measurements are stored in the reading buffer specified by the *buffer* input parameter. This function configures a logarithmic pulsed current sweep with a voltage measurement at each point. Measurements are made at the end of the *ton* time.

The magnitude of the first pulse will be *start* amperes; the magnitude of the last pulse will be *stop* amperes.

The magnitude of each pulse in between will be *LogStep_n* amperes larger than the previous pulse, where:

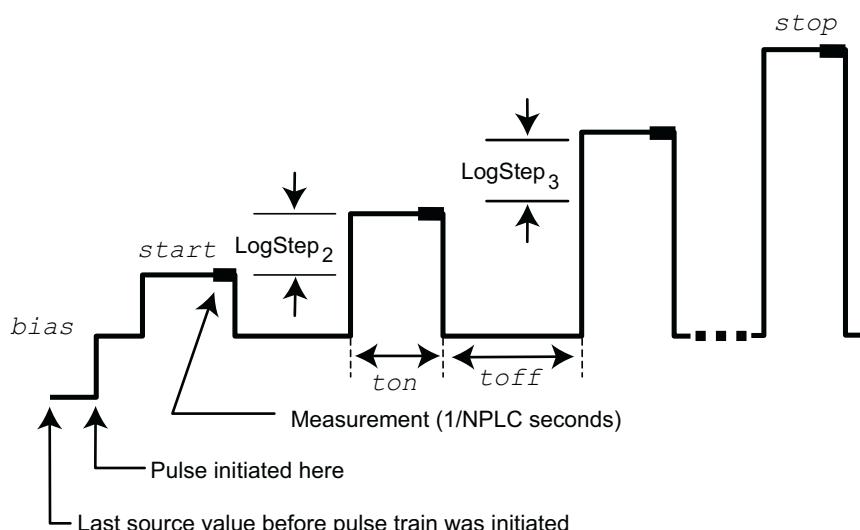
$$\text{LogStepSize} = (\log_{10}(\text{stop}) - \log_{10}(\text{start})) / (\text{points} - 1)$$

$$\text{LogStep}_n = (n - 1) * \text{LogStepSize}, \text{ where } n = [1, \text{points}]$$

$$\text{SourceStepLevel}_n = \text{antilog}(\text{LogStep}_n) * \text{start}$$

This function does not cause the specified *smu* to output a pulse train. It simply checks to see if all of the pulse dimensions can be achieved, and if they can, assigns the indicated *tag* or index to the pulse train.

Figure 111: ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog()



Example

```
ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog(smua, 0,
  1e-3, 0.01, 100, 10e-3, 100e-3,
  10, smua.nvbuffer1, 5)
```

Set up a pulsed logarithmic sweep that uses System SourceMeter® instrument channel A. The pulsed sweep will start at 1 mA, end at 10 mA, and return to a 0 A bias level between pulses. Each pulsed step will be on for 10 ms, and then at the bias level for 100 ms. The voltage limit will be 100 V during the entire pulsed sweep. The pulse train will be comprised of 10 pulsed steps, and the pulse train will be assigned a tag index of 5.

Also see

[InitiatePulseTest\(\)](#) (on page 7-102)
[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

ConfigPulseVMeasureI()

This KIPulse factory script function configures a voltage pulse train with a current measurement at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
    tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout, sync_in_abort)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
    tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
    tag, sync_in, sync_out)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
    tag, sync_in)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smu, bias, level, limit, ton, toff, points, buffer,
    tag)
```

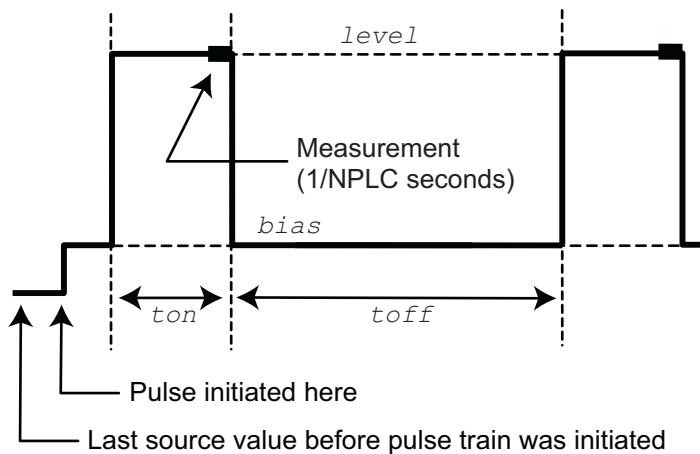
<i>f</i>	A Boolean flag; this flag is <code>true</code> when the pulse was successfully configured, <code>false</code> when errors were encountered
<i>msg</i>	A string message; if the <i>f</i> flag is <code>false</code> , <i>msg</i> contains an error message; if it is <code>true</code> , <i>msg</i> contains a string indicating successful configuration
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in volts
<i>level</i>	Pulse level in volts
<i>limit</i>	Current limit (for example, compliance) in amperes
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles
<i>buffer</i>	Reading buffer where pulsed measurements will be stored; if this is <code>nil</code> when the function is called, no measurements will be made when the pulse train is initiated
<i>tag</i>	Numeric identifier to be assigned to the defined pulse train
<i>sync_in</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger input line; if programmed, the pulse train waits for a trigger input before executing each pulse
<i>sync_out</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger output line; if programmed, the pulse train generates a trigger output immediately before the start of <i>ton</i>
<i>sync_in_timeout</i>	Specifies the length of time (in seconds) to wait for input trigger; default value is 10 s
<i>sync_in_abort</i>	Specifies whether or not to abort pulse if input trigger is not received; if pulse aborts because of a missed trigger, a timer timeout message is returned; <code>true</code> or <code>false</code>

Details

Data for pulsed current measurements are stored in the reading buffer specified by the *buffer* input parameter.

This function configures a voltage pulse train with a current measurement at each point. Measurements are made at the end of the *ton* time.

This function does not cause the specified *smu* to output a pulse train. It does check to see if all the pulse dimensions can be achieved, and if they can, assigns the indicated *tag* or index to the pulse train.

Figure 112: ConfigPulseVMeasureI()**Example 1**

```
ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smua, 0, 400,
    100e-6, 5e-3, 10e-3, 10,
    smua.nvbuffer1, 2)
```

Set up a pulse train that uses System SourceMeter® instrument channel A. The pulse amplitude is 400 V and returns to 0 V after 5 ms. The pulse remains at 0 V for 10 ms, and the current limit is 100 μ A during the pulse. The pulse train consists of 10 pulses, and the pulse train is assigned a *tag* index of 2.

Example 2

```
local timelist = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }

f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smua, 0, 1,
    100e-3, 1, timelist, 5, nil, 1)
```

Variable off time between pulses in a pulse train.

Configure a pulse with 1 second on-time and variable off-time, no measurement.

Example 3

```
rbi = smua.makebuffer(10)
rbv = smua.makebuffer(10)
rbi.appendmode = 1
rbv.appendmode = 1
rbs = { i = rbi, v = rbv }

f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smua, 0, 10,
    1e-3, 1e-3, 1e-3, 2, rbs, 1)
```

Simultaneous IV measurement during pulse.

Also see

[InitiatePulseTest\(\)](#) (on page 7-102)
[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin()

This KIPulse factory script function configures a voltage pulse train with a current measurement at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout, sync_in_abort)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag)
```

<i>f</i>	A Boolean flag; this flag is <code>true</code> when the pulse was successfully configured, <code>false</code> when errors were encountered
<i>msg</i>	A string message; if the <i>f</i> flag is <code>false</code> , <i>msg</i> contains an error message; if it is <code>true</code> , <i>msg</i> contains a string indicating successful configuration
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in volts
<i>start</i>	Pulse sweep start level in volts
<i>stop</i>	Pulse sweep stop level in volts
<i>limit</i>	Current limit (for example, compliance) in amperes
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles
<i>buffer</i>	Reading buffer where pulsed measurements will be stored; if this is <code>nil</code> when the function is called, no measurements will be made when the pulse train is initiated
<i>tag</i>	Numeric identifier to be assigned to the defined pulse train
<i>sync_in</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger input line; if programmed, the pulse train will wait for a trigger input before executing each pulse
<i>sync_out</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger output line; if programmed, the pulse train will generate a trigger output immediately before the start of <i>ton</i>
<i>sync_in_timeout</i>	Specifies the length of time (in seconds) to wait for input trigger; default value is 10 s
<i>sync_in_abort</i>	Specifies whether or not to abort pulse if input trigger is not received; if pulse aborts because of a missed trigger, a timer timeout message is returned; <code>true</code> or <code>false</code>

Details

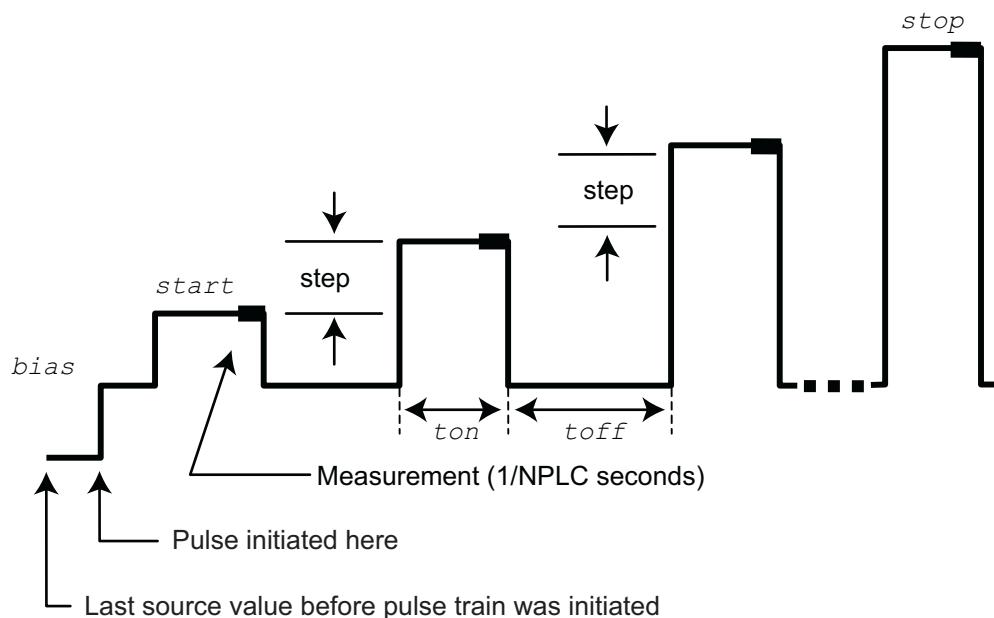
Data for pulsed current measurements are stored in the reading buffer specified by the *buffer* input parameter. This function configures a linear pulsed voltage sweep with a current measurement at each point. Measurements are made at the end of the *ton* time.

The magnitude of the first pulse will be *start* volts; the magnitude of the last pulse will be *stop* volts. The magnitude of each pulse in between will be *step* volts larger than the previous pulse, where:

$$\text{step} = (\text{stop} - \text{start}) / (\text{points} - 1)$$

This function does not cause the specified *smu* to output a pulse train. It does check to see if all the pulse dimensions can be achieved, and if they can, assigns the indicated *tag* or index to the pulse train.

Figure 113: ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin()



Example

```
ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLin(smua, 0,
    100, 1000, 1e-3, 10e-3, 50e-3, 16,
    smua.nvbuffer1, 4)
```

Set up a pulsed sweep that uses System SourceMeter® instrument channel A. The pulsed sweep starts at 100 V, ends at 1000 V, and returns to a 0 V bias level between pulses. Each pulsed step is on for 10 ms, and then at the bias level for 50 ms. The current limit is 1 mA during the entire pulsed sweep. The pulse train is comprised of 16 pulsed steps, and the pulse train is assigned a *tag* index of 4.

Also see

[InitiatePulseTest\(\)](#) (on page 7-102)
[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog()

This [KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20) function configures a voltage pulse train with a current measurement at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout, sync_in_abort)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out, sync_in_timeout)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in, sync_out)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag, sync_in)
f, msg = ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog(smu, bias, start, stop, limit, ton, toff,
    points, buffer, tag)
```

<i>f</i>	A Boolean flag; this flag is <code>true</code> when the pulse was successfully configured, <code>false</code> when errors were encountered
<i>msg</i>	A string message; if the <i>f</i> flag is <code>false</code> , <i>msg</i> contains an error message; if it is <code>true</code> , <i>msg</i> contains a string indicating successful configuration
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in volts
<i>start</i>	Pulse sweep start level in volts
<i>stop</i>	Pulse sweep stop level in volts
<i>limit</i>	Current limit (for example, compliance) in amperes
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles
<i>buffer</i>	Reading buffer where pulsed measurements will be stored; if this is <code>nil</code> when the function is called, no measurements will be made when the pulse train is initiated
<i>tag</i>	Numeric identifier to be assigned to the defined pulse train
<i>sync_in</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger input line; if programmed, the pulse train will wait for a trigger input before executing each pulse
<i>sync_out</i>	Defines a digital I/O trigger output line; if programmed, the pulse train will generate a trigger output immediately before the start of <code>ton</code>
<i>sync_in_timeout</i>	Specifies the length of time (in seconds) to wait for input trigger; default value is 10 s
<i>sync_in_abort</i>	Specifies whether or not to abort pulse if input trigger is not received; if pulse aborts because of a missed trigger, a timer timeout message is returned; <code>true</code> or <code>false</code>

Details

Data for pulsed current measurements are stored in the reading buffer specified by the *buffer* input parameter. This function configures a logarithmic pulsed voltage sweep with a current measurement at each point. Measurements are made at the end of the *ton* time.

The magnitude of the first pulse will be *start* volts; the magnitude of the last pulse will be *stop* volts. The magnitude of each pulse in between will be *LogStep_n* volts larger than the previous pulse, where:

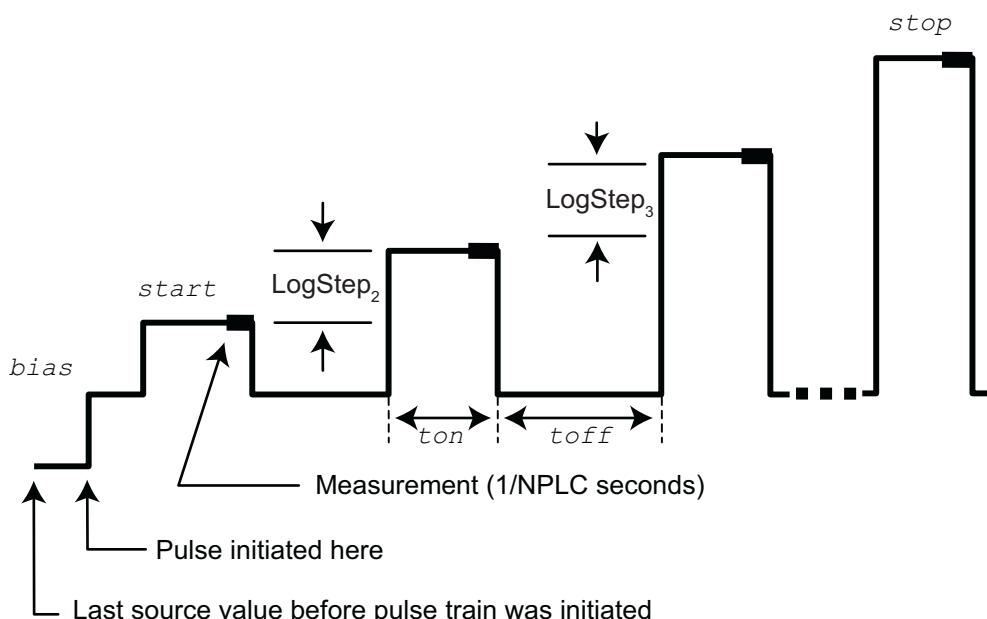
$$\text{LogStepSize} = (\log_{10}(\text{stop}) - \log_{10}(\text{start})) / (\text{points} - 1)$$

$$\text{LogStep}_n = (n - 1) * \text{LogStepSize}, \text{ where } n = [2, \text{points}]$$

$$\text{SourceStepLevel}_n = \text{antilog}(\text{LogStep}_n) * \text{start}$$

This function does not cause the specified *smu* to output a pulse train. It does check to see if all the pulse dimensions can be achieved, and if they can, assigns the indicated *tag* or index to the pulse train.

Figure 114: ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog()



Example

```
ConfigPulseVMeasureISweepLog(smua, 0,
    10, 1000, 10e-3, 20e-3, 100e-3, 10,
    smua.nvbuffer1, 6)
```

Set up a pulsed logarithmic sweep that uses System SourceMeter® instrument channel A. The pulsed sweep starts at 10 V, ends at 1000 V, and returns to a 0 V bias level between pulses. Each pulsed step is on for 20 ms, and then at the bias level for 100 ms. The current limit is 10 mA during the entire pulsed sweep. The pulse train is comprised of 10 pulsed steps, and the pulse train is assigned a *tag* index of 6.

Also see

[InitiatePulseTest\(\)](#) (on page 7-102)
[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

dataqueue.add()

This function adds an entry to the data queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
result = dataqueue.add(value)
result = dataqueue.add(value, timeout)
```

result	The resulting value of true or false based on the success of the function
value	The data item to add; value can be of any type
timeout	The maximum number of seconds to wait for space in the data queue

Details

You cannot use the *timeout* value when accessing the data queue from a remote node (you can only use the *timeout* value while adding data to the local data queue).

The *timeout* value is ignored if the data queue is not full.

The `dataqueue.add()` function returns `false`:

- If the *timeout* expires before space is available in the data queue
- If the data queue is full and a *timeout* value is not specified

If the value is a table, a duplicate of the table and any subtables is made. The duplicate table does not contain any references to the original table or to any subtables.

Example

```
dataqueue.clear()
dataqueue.add(10)
dataqueue.add(11, 2)
result = dataqueue.add(12, 3)
if result == false then
    print("Failed to add 12 to the dataqueue")
end
print("The dataqueue contains:")
while dataqueue.count > 0 do
    print(dataqueue.next())
end
```

Clear the data queue.
Each line adds one item to the data queue.
Output:
The dataqueue contains:
1.00000e+01
1.10000e+01
1.20000e+01

Also see

[dataqueue.CAPACITY](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-46)
[dataqueue.count](#) (on page 7-47)
[dataqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-47)

dataqueue.CAPACITY

This constant is the maximum number of entries that you can store in the data queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
count = dataqueue.CAPACITY
```

count	The variable assigned the value of dataqueue.CAPACITY
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Details

This constant always returns the maximum number of entries that can be stored in the data queue.

Example

```
MaxCount = dataqueue.CAPACITY
while dataqueue.count < MaxCount do
    dataqueue.add(1)
end
print("There are " .. dataqueue.count
      .. " items in the data queue")
```

This example fills the data queue until it is full and prints the number of items in the queue.

Output:

There are 128 items in the data queue

Also see

[dataqueue.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-46)
[dataqueue.count](#) (on page 7-47)
[dataqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-47)

dataqueue.clear()

This function clears the data queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
dataqueue.clear()
```

Details

This function forces all dataqueue.add() commands that are in progress to time out and deletes all data from the data queue.

Example

```
MaxCount = dataqueue.CAPACITY
while dataqueue.count < MaxCount do
    dataqueue.add(1)
end
print("There are " .. dataqueue.count
      .. " items in the data queue")
dataqueue.clear()
print("There are " .. dataqueue.count
      .. " items in the data queue")
```

This example fills the data queue and prints the number of items in the queue. It then clears the queue and prints the number of items again.

Output:

There are 128 items in the data queue

There are 0 items in the data queue

Also see

[dataqueue.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.CAPACITY](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.count](#) (on page 7-47)
[dataqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-47)

dataqueue.count

This attribute contains the number of items in the data queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Power cycle	Not saved	Not applicable

Usage

```
count = dataqueue.count
```

count	The number of items in the data queue
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Details

The count gets updated as entries are added with `dataqueue.add()` and read from the data queue with `dataqueue.next()`. It is also updated when the dataqueue is cleared with `dataqueue.clear()`.

A maximum of `dataqueue.CAPACITY` items can be stored at any one time in the data queue.

Example

```
MaxCount = dataqueue.CAPACITY
while dataqueue.count < MaxCount do
    dataqueue.add(1)
end
print("There are " .. dataqueue.count
      .. " items in the data queue")
dataqueue.clear()
print("There are " .. dataqueue.count
      .. " items in the data queue")
```

This example fills the data queue and prints the number of items in the queue. It then clears the queue and prints the number of items again.

Output:

```
There are 128 items in the data queue
There are 0 items in the data queue
```

Also see

[dataqueue.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.CAPACITY](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-46)
[dataqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-47)

dataqueue.next()

This function removes the next entry from the data queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
value = dataqueue.next()
value = dataqueue.next(timeout)
```

value	The next entry in the data queue
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timeout	The number of seconds to wait for data in the queue
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Details

If the data queue is empty, the function waits up to the *timeout* value.
 If data is not available in the data queue before the *timeout* expires, the return value is `nil`.
 The entries in the data queue are removed in first-in, first-out (FIFO) order.
 If the value is a table, a duplicate of the original table and any subtables is made. The duplicate table does not contain any references to the original table or to any subtables.

Example

<pre>dataqueue.clear() for i = 1, 10 do dataqueue.add(i) end print("There are " .. dataqueue.count .. " items in the data queue") while dataqueue.count > 0 do x = dataqueue.next() print(x) end print("There are " .. dataqueue.count .. " items in the data queue")</pre>	<p>Clears the data queue, adds ten entries, then reads the entries from the data queue.</p> <p>Output:</p> <pre>There are 10 items in the data queue 1.00000e+00 2.00000e+00 3.00000e+00 4.00000e+00 5.00000e+00 6.00000e+00 7.00000e+00 8.00000e+00 9.00000e+00 1.00000e+01 There are 0 items in the data queue</pre>
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Also see

[dataqueue.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.CAPACITY](#) (on page 7-45)
[dataqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-46)
[dataqueue.count](#) (on page 7-47)

delay()

This function delays the execution of the commands that follow it.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
delay(seconds)
```

<code>seconds</code>	The number of seconds to delay; maximum 100,000
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Details

You cannot set a delay for zero seconds.

The instrument delays execution of the commands for at least the specified number of seconds and fractional seconds. However, the processing time may cause the instrument to delay 5 µs to 10 µs (typical) more than the requested delay.

Example 1

```
beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)
delay(0.250)
beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)
```

Emit a double-beep at 2400 Hz. The sequence is 0.5 s on, 0.25 s off, 0.5 s on.

Example 2

```
dataqueue.clear()
dataqueue.add(35)
timer.reset()
delay(0.5)
dt = timer.measure.t()
print("Delay time was " .. dt)
print(dataqueue.next())
```

Clear the data queue, add 35 to it, and then delay 0.5 seconds before reading it.

Output:

Delay time was 0.500099
3.50000e+01

Also see

None

digio.readbit()

This function reads one digital I/O line.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
data = digio.readbit(N)
```

data	The state of the I/O line
------	---------------------------

N	Digital I/O line number to be read (1 to 14)
---	--

Details

A returned value of zero (0) indicates that the line is low. A returned value of one (1) indicates that the line is high.

Example

```
print(digio.readbit(4))
```

Assume line 4 is set high, and it is then read.

Output:

1.00000e+00

Also see

- [digio.readport\(\) \(on page 7-50\)](#)
- [digio.writebit\(\) \(on page 7-58\)](#)
- [digio.writeport\(\) \(on page 7-58\)](#)
- [Digital I/O port \(on page 3-80\)](#)

digio.readport()

This function reads the digital I/O port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
data = digio.readport()
```

data	The present value of the input lines on the digital I/O port
------	--

Details

The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates the value of the input lines on the I/O port. The least significant bit (bit B1) of the binary number corresponds to line 1; bit B14 corresponds to line 14.

For example, a returned value of 170 has a binary equivalent of 000000010101010, which indicates that lines 2, 4, 6, and 8 are high (1), and the other 10 lines are low (0).

Example

```
data = digio.readport()
print(data)
```

Assume lines 2, 4, 6, and 8 are set high when the I/O port is read.

Output:

1.70000e+02

This is binary 10101010

Also see

[digio.readbit\(\)](#) (on page 7-49)
[digio.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[digio.writeport\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[Digital I/O port](#) (on page 3-80)

digio.trigger[N].assert()

This function asserts a trigger on one of the digital I/O lines.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
digio.trigger[N].assert()
```

N	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)
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Details

The set pulsewidth determines how long the trigger is asserted.

Example

```
digio.trigger[2].assert()
```

Asserts a trigger on digital I/O line 2.

Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].pulsewidth](#) (on page 7-54)

digio.trigger[N].clear()

This function clears the trigger event on a digital I/O line.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
digio.trigger[N].clear()
N           Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)
```

Details

The event detector of a trigger enters the detected state when an event is detected. It is cleared when `digio.trigger[N].wait()` or `digio.trigger[N].clear()` is called.

`digio.trigger[N].clear()` clears the event detector of the specified trigger line, discards the history of the trigger line, and clears the `digio.trigger[N].overrun` attribute.

Example

<code>digio.trigger[2].clear()</code>	Clears the trigger event detector on I/O line 2.
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Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-53)
[digio.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-57)

digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID

This constant identifies the trigger event generated by the digital I/O line N.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID
eventID      The trigger event number
N           Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)
```

Details

To have another trigger object respond to trigger events generated by the trigger line, set the other object's stimulus attribute to the value of this constant.

Example 1

<code>digio.trigger[5].stimulus = digio.trigger[3].EVENT_ID</code>	Uses a trigger event on digital I/O trigger line 3 to be the stimulus for digital I/O trigger line 5.
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Example 2

```
smua.trigger.arm.stimulus =
    digio.trigger[3].EVENT_ID
```

Uses a trigger event on digital I/O trigger line 3 to be the trigger stimulus for the SMU.

Also see

None

digio.trigger[N].mode

This attribute sets the mode in which the trigger event detector and the output trigger generator operate on the given trigger line.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Digital I/O trigger <i>N</i> reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (digio.TRIG_BYPASS)

Usage

```
triggerMode = digio.trigger[N].mode
digio.trigger[N].mode = triggerMode
```

triggerMode	The trigger mode; see Details for values
<i>N</i>	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)

Details

Set *triggerMode* to one of the following values:

Trigger mode values

triggerMode	Description
digio.TRIG_BYPASS or 0	Allows direct control of the line.
digio.TRIG_FALLING or 1	Detects falling-edge triggers as input; asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
digio.TRIG_RISING or 2	If the programmed state of the line is high, the digio.TRIG_RISING mode behavior is similar to digio.TRIG_RISINGA. If the programmed state of the line is low, the digio.TRIG_RISING mode behavior is similar to digio.TRIG_RISINGM. This setting should only be used if necessary for compatibility with other Keithley Instruments products.
digio.TRIG_EITHER or 3	Detects rising- or falling-edge triggers as input. Asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
digio.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUSA or 4	Detects the falling-edge input triggers and automatically latches and drives the trigger line low. Asserting the output trigger releases the latched line.
digio.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUS or 5	Detects the falling-edge input triggers and automatically latches and drives the trigger line low. Asserts a TTL-low pulse as an output trigger.
digio.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUSM or 6	Detects rising-edge triggers as input. Asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
digio.TRIG_RISINGA or 7	Detects rising-edge triggers as input. Asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
digio.TRIG_RISINGM or 8	Asserts a TTL-high pulse for output. Input edge detection is not possible in this mode.

When programmed to any mode except `digio.TRIG_BYPASS`, the output state of the I/O line is controlled by the trigger logic, and the user-specified output state of the line is ignored.

Use of either `digio.TRIG_SYNCHROUSA` or `digio.TRIG_SYNCHROUSM` is preferred over `digio.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUS`, because `digio.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUS` is provided for compatibility with the digital I/O and TSP-Link triggering on other Keithley Instruments products.

To control the line state, set the mode to `digio.TRIG_BYPASS` and use the `digio.writebit()` and `digio.writeport()` commands.

Example

```
digio.trigger[4].mode = 2
```

Sets the trigger mode for I/O line 4 to
`digio.TRIG_RISING`.

Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-51)
[digio.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-55)
[digio.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[digio.writeport\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[Sweep operation](#) (on page 3-19)

digio.trigger[N].overrun

Use this attribute to read the event detector overrun status.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Instrument reset Digital I/O trigger <i>N</i> clear Digital I/O trigger <i>N</i> reset Recall setup	Not saved	Not applicable

Usage

```
overrun = digio.trigger[N].overrun
```

overrun	Trigger overrun state (true or false)
<i>N</i>	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)

Details

If this is `true`, an event was ignored because the event detector was already in the detected state when the event occurred.

This is an indication of the state of the event detector built into the line itself. It does not indicate if an overrun occurred in any other part of the trigger model or in any other detector that is monitoring the event.

Example

```
overrun = digio.trigger[1].overrun
print(overrun)
```

If there is no trigger overrun, the following text is output:
`false`

Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-51)
[digio.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-55)

digio.trigger[N].pulsewidth

This attribute describes the length of time that the trigger line is asserted for output triggers.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Digital I/O trigger <i>N</i> reset Recall setup	Not saved	10e-6 (10 µs)

Usage

```
width = digio.trigger[N].pulsewidth
digio.trigger[N].pulsewidth = width
```

width	The pulse width (seconds)
<i>N</i>	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)

Details

Setting *width* to zero (0) seconds asserts the trigger indefinitely. To release the trigger line, use `digio.trigger[N].release()`.

Example

```
digio.trigger[4].pulsewidth = 20e-6
```

Sets the pulse width for trigger line 4 to 20 µs.

Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-50)
[digio.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-55)
[digio.trigger\[N\].release\(\)](#) (on page 7-54)

digio.trigger[N].release()

This function releases an indefinite length or latched trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
digio.trigger[N].release()

N Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)
```

Details

Releases a trigger that was asserted with an indefinite pulse width time. It also releases a trigger that was latched in response to receiving a synchronous mode trigger. Only the specified trigger line is affected.

Example

```
digio.trigger[4].release()
```

Releases digital I/O trigger line 4.

Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-50)
[digio.trigger\[N\].pulsewidth](#) (on page 7-54)

digio.trigger[N].reset()

This function resets trigger values to their factory defaults.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
digio.trigger[N].reset()
```

N	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)
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Details

This function resets the following attributes to factory default settings:

- digio.trigger[N].mode
- digio.trigger[N].pulsewidth
- digio.trigger[N].stimulus

It also clears digio.trigger[N].overrun.

Example

```
digio.trigger[3].mode = 2
digio.trigger[3].pulsewidth = 50e-6
digio.trigger[3].stimulus = digio.trigger[5].EVENT_ID
print(digio.trigger[3].mode, digio.trigger[3].pulsewidth,
      digio.trigger[3].stimulus)
digio.trigger[3].reset()
print(digio.trigger[3].mode, digio.trigger[3].pulsewidth,
      digio.trigger[3].stimulus)
```

Set the digital I/O trigger line 3 for a falling edge with a pulsewidth of 50 microseconds.

Use digital I/O line 5 to trigger the event on line 3.

Reset the line back to factory default values.

Output before reset:

2.00000e+00	5.00000e-05	5.00000e+00
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Output after reset:

0.00000e+00	1.00000e-05	0.00000e+00
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Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-52)
[digio.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-53)
[digio.trigger\[N\].pulsewidth](#) (on page 7-54)
[digio.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-55)

digio.trigger[N].stimulus

This attribute selects the event that causes a trigger to be asserted on the digital output line.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Digital I/O trigger N reset Recall setup	Not saved	0

Usage

```
triggerStimulus = digio.trigger[N].stimulus
digio.trigger[N].stimulus = triggerStimulus
```

<code>triggerStimulus</code>	The event identifier for the triggering event
<code>N</code>	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)

Details

Set this attribute to zero (0) to disable the automatic trigger output.

Do not use the stimulus attribute for generating output triggers under script control. Use `digio.trigger[N].assert()` instead.

The trigger stimulus for a digital I/O line may be set to one of the existing trigger event IDs, described in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
<code>smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
<code>smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
<code>smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
<code>smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
<code>smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
<code>smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
<code>smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
<code>digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
<code>tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
<code>lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <code>N</code>
<code>display.trigger.EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
<code>trigger.EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command <code>device_trigger</code> ; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
<code>trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
<code>trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Example 1

```
digio.trigger[3].stimulus = 0
```

Clear the trigger stimulus of digital I/O line 3.

Example 2

```
digio.trigger[3].stimulus =
    smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID
```

Set the trigger stimulus of digital I/O line 3 to be the source complete event.

Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-50)
[digio.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-51)
[digio.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-55)

digio.trigger[N].wait()

This function waits for a trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
triggered = digio.trigger[N].wait(timeout)
```

triggered	The value <code>true</code> if a trigger is detected, or <code>false</code> if no triggers are detected during the timeout period
N	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)
timeout	Timeout in seconds

Details

This function pauses for up to `timeout` seconds for an input trigger. If one or more trigger events are detected since the last time `digio.trigger[N].wait()` or `digio.trigger[N].clear()` was called, this function returns a value immediately. After waiting for a trigger with this function, the event detector is automatically reset and ready to detect the next trigger. This is true regardless of the number of events detected.

Example

```
triggered = digio.trigger[4].wait(3)
print(triggered)
```

Waits up to three seconds for a trigger to be detected on trigger line 4, then outputs the results.

Output if no trigger is detected:

`false`

Output if a trigger is detected:

`true`

Also see

[digio.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-51)

digio.writebit()

This function sets a digital I/O line high or low.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
digio.writebit(N, data)
```

<i>N</i>	Digital I/O trigger line (1 to 14)
<i>data</i>	The value to write to the bit: • 0 (low) • Non-zero (high)

Details

If the output line is write-protected using the `digio.writeprotect` attribute, the command is ignored.

The `reset()` function does not affect the present state of the digital I/O lines.

Use the `digio.writebit()` and `digio.writeport()` commands to control the output state of the synchronization line when trigger operation is set to `digio.TRIG_BYPASS`.

The data must be zero (0) to clear the bit. Any value other than zero (0) sets the bit.

Example

```
digio.writebit(4, 0)
```

Sets digital I/O line 4 low (0).

Also see

[digio.readbit\(\) \(on page 7-49\)](#)
[digio.readport\(\) \(on page 7-50\)](#)
[digio.trigger\[N\].mode \(on page 7-52\)](#)
[digio.writeport\(\) \(on page 7-58\)](#)
[digio.writeprotect \(on page 7-59\)](#)

digio.writeport()

This function writes to all digital I/O lines.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
digio.writeport(data)
```

<i>data</i>	Value to write to the port (0 to 16383)
-------------	---

Details

The binary representation of *data* indicates the output pattern to be written to the I/O port. For example, a *data* value of 170 has a binary equivalent of 00000010101010. Lines 2, 4, 6, and 8 are set high (1), and the other 10 lines are set low (0).

Write-protected lines are not changed.

The `reset()` function does not affect the present states of the digital I/O lines.

Use the `digio.writebit()` and `digio.writeport()` commands to control the output state of the synchronization line when trigger operation is set to `digio.TRIG_BYPASS`.

Example

```
digio.writeport(255)
```

Sets digital I/O Lines 1 through 8 high (binary 00000011111111).

Also see

[digio.readbit\(\)](#) (on page 7-49)
[digio.readport\(\)](#) (on page 7-50)
[digio.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[digio.writeprotect](#) (on page 7-59)

digio.writeprotect

This attribute contains the write-protect mask that protects bits from changes from the `digio.writebit()` and `digio.writeport()` functions.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0

Usage

```
mask = digio.writeprotect
digio.writeprotect = mask
```

mask	Sets the value that specifies the bit pattern for write-protect
------	---

Details

Bits that are set to one cause the corresponding line to be write-protected.

The binary equivalent of *mask* indicates the mask to be set for the I/O port. For example, a mask value of 7 has a binary equivalent of 00000000000111. This mask write-protects lines 1, 2, and 3.

Example

```
digio.writeprotect = 15
```

Write-protects lines 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Also see

[digio.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[digio.writeport\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)

display.clear()

This function clears all lines of the display.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.clear()
```

Details

This function switches to the user screen and then clears the display.

The `display.clear()`, `display.setcursor()`, and `display.settext()` functions are overlapped commands. That is, the script does not wait for one of these commands to complete. These functions do not immediately update the display. For performance considerations, they update the physical display as soon as processing time becomes available.

Also see

[display.setcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-74)
[display.settext\(\)](#) (on page 7-75)

display.getannunciators()

This function reads the annunciators (indicators) that are presently turned on.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
annunciators = display.getannunciators()
```

annunciators	The bitmasked value that shows which indicators are turned on
--------------	---

Details

This function returns a bitmasked value showing which indicators are turned on. The 16-bit binary equivalent of the returned value is the bitmask. The return value is a sum of set annunciators, based on the weighted value, as shown in the following table.

Annunciator (indicator) bitmasked values and equivalent constants			
Indicator	Bit	Weighted value	Equivalent constant
FILT	1	1	display.ANNUNCIATOR_FILTER
MATH	2	2	display.ANNUNCIATOR_MATH
4W	3	4	display.ANNUNCIATOR_4_WIRE
AUTO	4	8	display.ANNUNCIATOR_AUTO
ARM	5	16	display.ANNUNCIATOR_ARM
TRIG	6	32	display.ANNUNCIATOR_TRIGGER
* (star)	7	64	display.ANNUNCIATOR_STAR
SMPL	8	128	display.ANNUNCIATOR_SAMPLE
EDIT	9	256	display.ANNUNCIATOR_EDIT
ERR	10	512	display.ANNUNCIATOR_ERROR
REM	11	1024	display.ANNUNCIATOR_REMOTE
TALK	12	2048	display.ANNUNCIATOR_TALK
LSTN	13	4096	display.ANNUNCIATOR_LISTEN
SRQ	14	8192	display.ANNUNCIATOR_SRQ
REAR	15	16384	display.ANNUNCIATOR_REAR
REL	16	32768	display.ANNUNCIATOR_REL

Example 1

```
testAnnunciators = display.getannunciators()
print(testAnnunciators)

rem = bit.bitand(testAnnunciators, 1024)
if rem > 0 then
    print("REM is on")
else
    print("REM is off")
end
```

REM indicator is turned on.
Output:
1.28000e+03
REM is on

Example 2

```
print(display.ANNUNCIATOR_EDIT)
print(display.ANNUNCIATOR_TRIGGER)
print(display.ANNUNCIATOR_AUTO)
```

Output:
2.56000e+02
3.20000e+01
8.00000e+00

Also see

[bit.bitand\(\)](#) (on page 7-9)

display.getcursor()

This function reads the present position of the cursor on the front panel display.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
row, column, style = display.getcursor()
```

row	The row where the cursor is: 1 (top row); 2 (bottom row)
column	The column where the cursor is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the cursor is in the top row: 1 to 20 If the cursor is in the bottom row: 1 to 32
style	Visibility of the cursor: 0 (invisible cursor); 1 (blinking cursor)

Details

This function switches the display to the user screen (the text set by `display.settext()`), and then returns values to indicate the cursor's row and column position and cursor style.

Columns are numbered from left to right on the display.

Example 1

```
testRow, testColumn = display.getcursor()
print(testRow, testColumn)
```

This example reads the cursor position into local variables and prints them.

Example output:

1.00000e+00 1.00000e+00

Example 2

```
print(display.getcursor())
```

This example prints the cursor position directly. In this example, the cursor is in row 1 at column 3, with an invisible cursor:

1.00000e+00 3.00000e+00
0.00000e+00

Also see

[display.gettext\(\)](#) (on page 7-64)
[display.screen](#) (on page 7-73)
[display.setcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-74)
[display.settext\(\)](#) (on page 7-75)

display.getLastkey()

This function retrieves the key code for the last pressed key.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
keyCode = display.getLastkey()
```

keyCode	A returned value that represents the last front-panel key pressed; see Details for more information
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Details

A history of the key code for the last pressed front-panel key is maintained by the instrument. When the instrument is turned on, or when it is transitioning from local to remote operation, the key code is set to 0 (`display.KEY_NONE`).

Pressing the EXIT (LOCAL) key normally aborts a script. To use this function with the EXIT (LOCAL) key, you must set `display.locallockout` to `display.LOCK`.

The table below lists the `keyCode` value for each front-panel action.

Key codes

Value	Key list	Value	Key list
0	<code>display.KEY_NONE</code>	82	<code>display.KEY_ENTER</code>
65	<code>display.KEY_RANGEUP</code>	85	<code>display.KEY_RECALL</code>
68	<code>display.KEY_MENU</code>	86	<code>display.KEY_MEASA</code>
69	<code>display.KEY_MODEA</code>	87	<code>display.KEY_DIGITSA</code>
70	<code>display.KEY_REL A</code>	92	<code>display.KEY_TRIG</code>
71	<code>display.KEY_RUN</code>	93	<code>display.KEY_LIMITA</code>
72	<code>display.KEY_DISPLAY</code>	94	<code>display.KEY_SPEEDA</code>
73	<code>display.KEY_AUTO</code>	95	<code>display.KEY_LOAD</code>
75	<code>display.KEY_EXIT</code>	97	<code>display.WHEEL_ENTER</code>
77	<code>display.KEY_FILTERA</code>	103	<code>display.KEY_RIGHT</code>
78	<code>display.KEY_STORE</code>	104	<code>display.KEY_LEFT</code>
79	<code>display.KEY_SRCA</code>	107	<code>display.WHEEL_LEFT</code>
80	<code>display.KEY_CONFIG</code>	114	<code>display.WHEEL_RIGHT</code>
81	<code>display.KEY_RANGEDOWN</code>		

NOTE

When using this function, use built-in constants, such as `display.KEY_RIGHT`, rather than the numeric value, such as 103. This allows for better forward compatibility with firmware revisions.

The OUTPUT ON/OFF control cannot be tracked by this function.

Example

```
key = display.getLastKey()
print(key)
```

On the front panel, press the **MENU** key and then send the code shown here. This retrieves the key code for the last pressed key.

Output:

6.80000e+01

Also see

[display.locallockout](#) (on page 7-69)
[display.sendkey\(\)](#) (on page 7-73)

display.getText()

This function reads the text displayed on the instrument front panel.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
text = display.getText()
text = display.getText(embellished)
text = display.getText(embellished, row)
text = display.getText(embellished, row, columnStart)
text = display.getText(embellished, row, columnStart, columnEnd)
```

<i>text</i>	The returned value, which contains the text that is presently displayed
<i>embellished</i>	Indicates type of returned text: <code>false</code> (simple text); <code>true</code> (text with embedded character codes)
<i>row</i>	Selects the row from which to read the text: 1 (row 1); 2 (row 2). If <i>row</i> is not included, both rows of text are read
<i>columnStart</i>	Selects the first column from which to read text; for row 1, the valid column numbers are 1 to 20; for row 2, the valid column numbers are 1 to 32; if nothing is selected, 1 is used
<i>columnEnd</i>	Selects the last column from which to read text; for row 1, the valid column numbers are 1 to 20; for row 2, the valid column numbers are 1 to 32; the default is 20 for row 1, and 32 for row 2

Details

Using the command without any parameters returns both lines of the display.

The `$N` character code is included in the returned value to show where the top line ends and the bottom line begins. This is not affected by the value of *embellished*.

When *embellished* is set to `true`, all other character codes are returned along with the message. When *embellished* is set to `false`, only the message and the `$N` character code is returned. For information on the embedded character codes, see [display.setText\(\)](#) (on page 7-75).

The display is not switched to the user screen (the screen set using `display.setText()`). Text will be read from the active screen.

Example 1

```
display.clear()
display.setcursor(1, 1)
display.settext("ABCDEFGHIJ$DKLMNOPQRST")
display.setcursor(2, 1)
display.settext("abcdefghijklmn$Bnopqrstuvwxyz$F123456")
print(display.gettext())
print(display.gettext(true))
print(display.gettext(false, 2))
print(display.gettext(true, 2, 9))
print(display.gettext(false, 2, 9, 10))
```

This example shows how to retrieve the display text in multiple ways. The output is:

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRST$abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz123456
$RABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRST$N$abcdefghijklmn$Bnopqrstuvwxyz$F123456
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz123456
$Rijklm$Bnopqrstuvwxyz$F123456
ij
```

Example 2

```
display.clear()
display.settext("User Screen")
text = display.gettext()
print(text)
```

This outputs all text in both lines of the display:

```
User Screen      $N
```

This indicates that the message "User Screen" is on the top line. The bottom line is blank.

Also see

[display.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-60)
[display.getcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-62)
[display.setcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-74)
[display.settext\(\)](#) (on page 7-75)

display.inputvalue()

This function displays a formatted input field on the instrument display that the operator can edit.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.inputvalue(format)
display.inputvalue(format, default)
display.inputvalue(format, default, minimum)
display.inputvalue(format, default, minimum, maximum)
```

<i>format</i>	A string that defines how the input field is formatted; see Details for more information
<i>default</i>	The default value for the input value
<i>minimum</i>	The minimum input value
<i>maximum</i>	The maximum input value

Details

The *format* parameter uses zeros (0), the decimal point, polarity sign, and exponents to define how the input field is formatted. The *format* parameter can include the options shown in the following table.

Option	Description	Examples
E	Include the E to display the value exponentially	0.00000e+0
+	Allows operators to enter positive or negative values; if the "+" sign is not included, the operator cannot enter a negative value	+0.00
0	Defines the digit positions for the value; you can use up to six zeros (0)	+00.0000e+00
.	Include to have a decimal point appear in the value	+0.00

The *default* parameter is the value shown when the value is first displayed.

The *minimum* and *maximum* parameters can be used to limit the values that can be entered. When + is not selected for *format*, the minimum limit must be more than or equal to zero (0). When limits are used, you cannot enter values above or below these limits.

The input value is limited to $\pm 1e37$.

Before calling `display.inputvalue()`, you should send a message prompt to the operator using `display.prompt()`. Make sure to position the cursor where the edit field should appear.

After this command is sent, script execution pauses until you enter a value and press the **ENTER** key.

For positive and negative entry (plus sign (+) used for the value field and/or the exponent field), polarity of a nonzero value or exponent can be toggled by positioning the cursor on the polarity sign and turning the navigation wheel . Polarity will also toggle when using the navigation wheel  to decrease or increase the value or exponent past zero. A zero (0) value or exponent (for example, +00) is always positive and cannot be toggled to negative polarity.

After executing this command and pressing the EXIT (LOCAL) key, the function returns `nil`.

Example

```
display.clear()
display.settext("Enter value between -0.10 and 2.00: ")
value = display.inputvalue("+0.00", 0.5, -0.1, 2.0)
print("Value entered = ", value)
```

Displays an editable field (+0.50) for operator input. The valid input range is -0.10 to +2.00, with a default of 0.50.

Output:

```
Value entered = 1.35000e+00
```

Also see

[display.prompt\(\)](#) (on page 7-71)
[display.setcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-74)
[display.settext\(\)](#) (on page 7-75)

display.loadmenu.add()

This function adds an entry to the USER TESTS menu, which can be accessed by pressing the **LOAD** key on the instrument front panel.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.loadmenu.add(displayName, code)
display.loadmenu.add(displayName, code, memory)
```

displayName	The name that is added to the USER TESTS menu
code	The code that is run from the USER TESTS menu
memory	Determines if code is saved to nonvolatile memory: 0 or display.DONT_SAVE: Does not save the code to nonvolatile memory 1 or display.SAVE: Saves the code to nonvolatile memory (default)

Details

After adding code to the load menu, you can run it from the front panel by pressing the **LOAD** key, then selecting **USER** to select from the available code to load. Pressing the **RUN** key will then run the script.

You can add items in any order. They are always displayed in alphabetic order when the menu is selected.

Any Lua code can be included in the *code* parameter. If *memory* is set to `display.SAVE`, the entry (name and code) is saved in nonvolatile memory. Scripts, functions, and variables used in the code are not saved by `display.SAVE`. Functions and variables need to be saved with the code. If the code is not saved in nonvolatile memory, it will be lost when the Model 2657A is turned off. See **Example 2** below.

If you do not make a selection for *memory*, the code is automatically saved to nonvolatile memory.

Quick Tip

You can create a script that defines several functions, and then use the `display.loadmenu.add()` command to add items that call those individual functions. This allows the operator to run tests from the front panel.

Example 1

```
display.loadmenu.add("Test9", "Test9()")
```

Assume a user script named "Test9" has been loaded into the run-time environment. Adds the menu entry to the User menu to run the script after loading.

Example 2

```
display.loadmenu.add(
    "Test", "DUT1() beeper.beep(2, 500)",
    display.SAVE)
```

Assume a script with a function named “DUT1” has already been loaded into the instrument, and the script has NOT been saved in nonvolatile memory.

Now assume you want to add a test named “Test” to the USER TESTS menu. You want the test to run the function named “DUT1” and sound the beeper. This example adds “Test” to the menu, defines the code, and then saves the `displayName` and code in nonvolatile memory.

When “Test” is run from the front panel USER TESTS menu, the function named “DUT1” executes and the beeper beeps for two seconds.

Now assume you turn off instrument power. Because the script was not saved in nonvolatile memory, the function named “DUT1” is lost when you turn the instrument on. When “Test” is again run from the front panel, an error is generated because DUT1 no longer exists in the instrument as a function.

Example 3

```
display.loadmenu.add("Part1",
    "testpart([[Part1]], 5.0)", display.SAVE)
```

Adds an entry called “Part1” to the front panel “USER TESTS” load menu for the code `testpart([[Part1]], 5.0)`, and saves it in nonvolatile memory.

Also see

[display.loadmenu.delete\(\)](#) (on page 7-69)

display.loadmenu.catalog()

This function creates an iterator for the user menu items accessed using the LOAD key on the instrument front panel.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
for displayName in display.loadmenu.catalog() do body end
for displayName, code in display.loadmenu.catalog() do body end
```

<i>displayName</i>	The name displayed in the menu
<i>code</i>	The code associated with the <i>displayName</i>
<i>body</i>	The body of the code to process the entries in the loop

Details

Each time through the loop, `displayName` and `code` will take on the values in the USER TESTS menu. The instrument goes through the list in random order.

Example

```
for displayName, code in
    display.loadmenu.catalog() do
        print(displayName, code)
end
```

Output:

```
Test DUT1() beeper.beep(2, 500)
Part1 testpart([[Part1]], 5.0)
Test9 Test9()
```

Also see

[display.loadmenu.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-67)
[display.loadmenu.delete\(\)](#) (on page 7-69)

display.loadmenu.delete()

This function removes an entry from the USER TESTS menu, which can be accessed using the **LOAD** key on the instrument front panel.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.loadmenu.delete(displayName)
```

displayName	The name to be deleted from the USER TESTS menu
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Details

If you delete an entry from the USER TESTS menu, you can no longer run it by pressing the **LOAD** key.

Example

```
display.loadmenu.delete("Test9")
for displayName, code in
    display.loadmenu.catalog() do
        print(displayName, code)
end
```

Deletes the entry named "Test9"

Output:

```
Test DUT1() beeper.beep(2, 500)
Part1 testpart([[Part1]], 5.0)
```

Also see

[display.loadmenu.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-67)
[display.loadmenu.catalog\(\)](#) (on page 7-68)

display.locallockout

This attribute describes whether or not the EXIT (LOCAL) key on the instrument front panel is enabled.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Power cycle	Not saved	0 (display.UNLOCK)

Usage

```
lockout = display.locallockout
display.locallockout = lockout
```

lockout	0 or display.UNLOCK: Unlocks EXIT (LOCAL) key 1 or display.LOCK: Locks out EXIT (LOCAL) key
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Details

Set `display.locallockout` to `display.LOCK` to prevent the user from interrupting remote operation by pressing the EXIT (LOCAL) key.

Set this attribute to `display.UNLOCK` to allow the EXIT (LOCAL) key to interrupt script or remote operation.

Example

```
display.locallockout = display.LOCK
```

Disables the front-panel EXIT (LOCAL) key.

Also see

None

display.menu()

This function presents a menu on the front panel display.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
selection = display.menu(name, items)
```

<code>selection</code>	Name of the variable that holds the selected menu item
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<code>name</code>	Menu name to display on the top line
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<code>items</code>	Menu items to display on the bottom line
--------------------	--

Details

The menu consists of the menu name string on the top line, and a selectable list of items on the bottom line. The menu items must be a single string with each item separated by whitespace. The name for the top line is limited to 20 characters.

After sending this command, script execution pauses for the operator to select a menu item. An item is selected by rotating the navigation wheel  to place the blinking cursor on the item, and then pressing the navigation wheel  (or the ENTER key). When an item is selected, the text of that selection is returned.

Pressing the EXIT (LOCAL) key will not abort the script while the menu is displayed, but it will return `nil`. The script can be aborted by calling the `exit` function when `nil` is returned.

Example

```
selection = display.menu("Menu", "Test1 Test2 Test3")
print(selection)
```

Displays a menu with three menu items. If the second menu item is selected, `selection` is given the value `Test2`.

Output:
Test2

Also see

None

display.numpad

This attribute controls whether the front panel keys act as a numeric keypad during value entry.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1 (display.ENABLE)

Usage

```
numericKeypad = display.numpad
display.numpad = numericKeypad
```

numericKeypad	Enable the numeric keypad feature (1 or display.ENABLE) Disable the numeric keypad feature (0 or display.DISABLE)
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Details

The numeric keypad feature is only available when editing a numeric value at the same time that the EDIT indicator is lit.

Example

```
display.numpad = display.ENABLE
```

Turn on the numeric keypad feature.

Also see

[Setting a value](#) (on page 2-14)

display.prompt()

This function prompts the user to enter a parameter from the front panel of the instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.prompt(format, units, help)
display.prompt(format, units, help, default)
display.prompt(format, units, help, default, minimum)
display.prompt(format, units, help, default, minimum, maximum)
```

format	A string that defines how the input field is formatted; see Details for more information
units	Set the units text string for the top line (eight characters maximum); this indicates the units (for example, "V" or "A") for the value
help	Text string to display on the bottom line (32 characters maximum)
default	The value that is shown when the value is first displayed
minimum	The minimum input value that can be entered
maximum	The maximum input value that can be entered (must be more than minimum)

Details

This function creates an editable input field at the present cursor position, and an input prompt message on the bottom line. Example of a displayed input field and prompt:

0.00V

Input 0 to +2V

The *format* parameter uses zeros (0), the decimal point, polarity sign, and exponents to define how the input field is formatted.

The *format* parameter can include the options shown in the following table.

Option	Description	Examples
E	Include the E to display the value exponentially. Include a plus sign (+) for positive/negative exponent entry. Do not include the plus sign (+) to prevent negative value entry. 0 defines the digit positions for the exponent.	0.00000E+0
+	Allows operators to enter positive or negative values. If the plus sign (+) is not included, the operator cannot enter a negative value.	+0.00
0	Defines the digit positions for the value. You can use up to six zeros (0).	+00.0000E+00
.	The decimal point where needed for the value.	+0.00

The *minimum* and *maximum* parameters can be used to limit the values that can be entered. When a plus sign (+) is not selected for *format*, the minimum limit must be greater than or equal to zero (0). When limits are used, the operator cannot enter values above or below these limits.

The input value is limited to $\pm 1e37$.

After sending this command, script execution pauses for the operator to enter a value and press **ENTER**.

For positive and negative entry (plus sign (+) used for the value field and the exponent field), polarity of a nonzero value or exponent can be toggled by positioning the cursor on the polarity sign and turning the navigation wheel . Polarity will also toggle when using the navigation wheel  to decrease or increase the value or exponent past zero. A zero value or exponent (for example, +00) is always positive and cannot be toggled to negative polarity.

After executing this command and pressing the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key, the value returns `nil`.

Example

```
value = display.prompt("0.00", "V", "Input 0 to +2V", 0.5, 0, 2)
print(value)
```

The above command prompts the operator to enter a voltage value. The valid input range is 0 to +2.00, with a default of 0.50:

0.50V

Input 0 to +2V

If the operator enters 0.70, the output is:

7.00000e-01

Also see

[display.inputvalue\(\)](#) (on page 7-65)

display.screen

This attribute contains the selected display screen.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (display.SMUA)

Usage

```
displayID = display.screen
display.screen = displayID
```

displayID	One of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 or display.SMUA: Displays source-measure and compliance limit • 3 or display.USER: Displays the user screen
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Details

Setting this attribute selects the display screen for the front panel. This performs the same action as pressing the DISPLAY key on the front panel. The text for the display screen is set by `display.settext()`. Read this attribute to determine which of the available display screens was last selected.

Example

display.screen = display.SMUA	Selects the source-measure and compliance limit display for the SMU.
-------------------------------	--

Also see

[display.settext\(\)](#) (on page 7-75)

display.sendkey()

This function sends a code that simulates the action of a front panel control.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.sendkey(keyCode)
```

keyCode	A parameter that specifies the key press to simulate; see Details for more information
---------	---

Details

This command simulates the pressing of a front panel key or navigation wheel, or the turning the navigation wheel one click to the left or right.

Key codes

Value	Key list	Value	Key list
0	display.KEY_NONE	82	display.KEY_ENTER
65	display.KEY_RANGEUP	85	display.KEY_RECALL
68	display.KEY_MENU	86	display.KEY_MEASA
69	display.KEY_MODEA	87	display.KEY_DIGITSA
70	display.KEY_REL A	88	display.KEY_OUTPUTA
71	display.KEY_RUN	92	display.KEY_TRIG
72	display.KEY_DISPLAY	93	display.KEY_LIMITA
73	display.KEY_AUTO	94	display.KEY_SPEEDA
75	display.KEY_EXIT	95	display.KEY_LOAD
77	display.KEY_FILTERA	97	display.WHEEL_ENTER
78	display.KEY_STORE	103	display.KEY_RIGHT
79	display.KEY_SRCA	104	display.KEY_LEFT
80	display.KEY_CONFIG	107	display.WHEEL_LEFT
81	display.KEY_RANGEDOWN	114	display.WHEEL_RIGHT

NOTE

When using this function, use built-in constants, such as `display.KEY_RIGHT`, rather than the numeric value, such as 103. This allows for better forward compatibility with firmware revisions.

Example

```
display.sendkey(display.KEY_RUN)
```

Simulates pressing the RUN key.

Also see

[Front panel](#) (on page 2-2)

display.setcursor()

This function sets the position of the cursor.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.setcursor(row, column)
display.setcursor(row, column, style)
```

<code>row</code>	The row number for the cursor (1 or 2)
<code>column</code>	The active column position to set; row 1 has columns 1 to 20, row 2 has columns 1 to 32
<code>style</code>	Set the cursor to invisible (0, default) or blinking (1)

Details

Sending this command selects the user screen and then moves the cursor to the given location.

The `display.clear()`, `display.setcursor()`, and `display.settext()` functions are overlapped commands. That is, the script does not wait for one of these commands to complete. These functions do not immediately update the display. For performance considerations, they update the physical display as soon as processing time becomes available.

An out-of-range parameter for `row` sets the cursor to row 2. An out-of-range parameter for `column` sets the cursor to column 20 for row 1, or 32 for row 2.

An out-of-range parameter for `style` sets it to 0 (invisible).

A blinking cursor is only visible when it is positioned over displayed text. It cannot be seen when positioned over a space character.

Example

```
display.clear()
display.setcursor(1, 8)
display.settext("Hello")
display.setcursor(2, 14)
display.settext("World")
```

This example displays a message on the instrument front panel, approximately center. Note that the top line of text is larger than the bottom line of text.

The front panel of the instrument displays "Hello" on the top line and "World" on the second line.

Also see

[display.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-60)
[display.getcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-62)
[display.gettext\(\)](#) (on page 7-64)
[display.screen](#) (on page 7-73)
[display.settext\(\)](#) (on page 7-75)

display.settext()

This function displays text on the user screen.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.settext(text)
```

text	Text message to be displayed, with optional character codes
------	---

Details

This function selects the user display screen and displays the given text.

After the instrument is turned on, the first time you use a display command to write to the display, the message "User Screen" is cleared. After the first write, you need to use `display.clear()` to clear the message.

The `display.clear()`, `display.setcursor()`, and `display.settext()` functions are overlapped commands. That is, the script does not wait for one of these commands to complete. These functions do not immediately update the display. For performance considerations, they update the physical display as soon as processing time becomes available.

The text starts at the present cursor position. After the text is displayed, the cursor is after the last character in the display message.

Top line text does not wrap to the bottom line of the display automatically. Any text that does not fit on the current line is truncated. If the text is truncated, the cursor remains at the end of the line.

The text remains on the display until replaced or cleared.

The character codes described in the following table can be also be included in the text string.

Display character codes

Character Code	Description
\$N	Newline, starts text on the next line; if the cursor is already on line 2, text will be ignored after the \$N is received
\$R	Sets text to normal intensity, nonblinking
\$B	Sets text to blink
\$D	Sets text to dim intensity
\$F	Sets the text to background blink
\$S	Escape sequence to display a single dollar symbol (\$)

Example

```
display.clear()
display.settext("Normal $B Blinking$N")
display.settext("$DDim $F BackgroundBlink$R $$$$ 2 dollars")
```

This example sets the display to:

```
Normal Blinking
Dim BackgroundBlink $$ 2 dollars
```

with the named effect on each word.

Also see

[display.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-60)
[display.getcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-62)
[display.gettext\(\)](#) (on page 7-64)
[display.screen](#) (on page 7-73)
[display.setcursor\(\)](#) (on page 7-74)

display.smuX.digits

This attribute sets the display resolution of the selected measurement.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	5 (display.DIGITS_5_5)

Usage

```
digits = display.smuX.digits
display.smuX.digits = digits
```

<i>digits</i>	Set digits to one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select 4-1/2 digit resolution (4 or <code>display.DIGITS_4_5</code>) Select 5-1/2 digit resolution (5 or <code>display.DIGITS_5_5</code>) Select 6-1/2 digit resolution (6 or <code>display.DIGITS_6_5</code>)
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>display.smua.digits</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute sets the display resolution.

Example

<code>display.smua.digits = display.DIGITS_5_5</code>	Select 5-1/2 digit resolution for SMU A.
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Also see

[Display resolution](#) (on page 3-69)

display.smuX.limit.func

This attribute specifies the type of limit value setting displayed.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (display.LIMIT_IV)

Usage

```
func = display.smuX.limit.func
display.smuX.limit.func = func
```

<i>func</i>	One of the following values: 0 or display.LIMIT_IV: Displays the primary limit setting 1 or display.LIMIT_P: Displays the power limit setting
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, display.smua.limit.func applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Selects the displayed limit function: primary (IV) or power (P).

Example

```
display.smua.limit.func = display.LIMIT_P
```

Specifies the power limit value is displayed for SMU Channel A.

Also see

[display.smuX.measure.func](#) (on page 7-77)

display.smuX.measure.func

This attribute specifies the type of measurement that is being displayed.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1 (display.MEASURE_DCVOLTS)

Usage

```
func = display.smuX.measure.func
display.smuX.measure.func = func
```

<i>func</i>	One of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 or display.MEASURE_DCAMPS: Selects current measurement function • 1 or display.MEASURE_DCVOLTS: Selects volts measurement function • 2 or display.MEASURE_OHMS: Selects ohms measurement function • 3 or display.MEASURE_WATTS: Selects power measurement function
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, display.smua.measure.func applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Selects the displayed measurement function: Amperes, volts, ohms, or watts.

Example

display.smua.measure.func = display.MEASURE_DCAMPS	Selects the current measure function for SMU A.
--	---

Also see

[display.smuX.limit.func](#) (on page 7-77)

display.trigger.clear()

This function clears the front-panel trigger event detector.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
display.trigger.clear()
```

Details

The trigger event detector remembers if an event has been detected since the last `display.trigger.wait()` call. This function clears the trigger event detector and discards the previous history of TRIG key presses.

This attribute also clears the `display.trigger.overrun` attribute.

Also see

[display.trigger.overrun](#) (on page 7-79)
[display.trigger.wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-80)

display.trigger.EVENT_ID

This constant is the event ID of the event generated when the front-panel TRIG key is pressed.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = display.trigger.EVENT_ID
```

eventID	The trigger event number
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Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger event detector to the value of this constant to have it respond to front-panel trigger key events.

Also see

None

display.trigger.overrun

This attribute contains the event detector overrun status.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Display trigger clear Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	false

Usage

```
overrun = display.trigger.overrun
```

overrun	The trigger overrun state
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Details

Indicates if a trigger event was ignored because the event detector was already in the detected state when the TRIG button was pressed.

Indicates the overrun state of the event detector built into the display.

This attribute does not indicate whether an overrun occurred in any other part of the trigger model or in any other detector that is monitoring the event.

Example

overrun = display.trigger.overrun	Sets the variable <code>overrun</code> equal to the present state of the event detector built into the display.
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Also see

[display.trigger.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-78)

display.trigger.wait()

This function waits for the TRIG key on the front panel to be pressed.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
triggered = display.trigger.wait(timeout)
```

triggered	true: Trigger was detected false: The operation timed out
timeout	Timeout in seconds

Details

If the trigger key was previously pressed and one or more trigger events were detected, this function returns immediately.

After waiting for a trigger with this function, the event detector is automatically reset and rearmed. This is true regardless of the number of events detected.

Use the `display.trigger.clear()` call to clear the trigger event detector.

Example

```
triggered = display.trigger.wait(5)
print(triggered)
```

Waits up to five seconds for the TRIG key to be pressed. If TRIG is pressed within five seconds, the output is `true`. If not, the output is `false`.

Also see

[display.trigger.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-78)

display.waitkey()

This function captures the key code value for the next front-panel action.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
keyCode = display.waitkey()
```

keyCode	See Details for more information
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Details

After you send this function, script execution pauses until a front-panel action (for example, pressing a key or the navigation wheel , or turning the navigation wheel ). After the action, the value of the key (or action) is returned.

If the EXIT (LOCAL) key is pressed while this function is waiting for a front-panel action, the script is not aborted. A typical use for this function is to prompt the user to press the EXIT (LOCAL) key to abort the script or press any other key to continue. For example, if the `keyCode` value 75 is returned (the EXIT (LOCAL) key was pressed), the `exit()` function can be called to abort the script.

The table below lists the `keyCode` value for each front panel action.

Key codes			
Value	Key (or action)	Value	Key (or action)
0	display.KEY_NONE	82	display.KEY_ENTER
65	display.KEY_RANGEUP	85	display.KEY_RECALL
68	display.KEY_MENU	86	display.KEY_MEASA
69	display.KEY_MODEA	86	display.KEY_DIGITSA
70	display.KEY_REL A	88	display.KEY_OUTPUTA
71	display.KEY_RUN	92	display.KEY_TRIG
72	display.KEY_DISPLAY	93	display.KEY_LIMITA
73	display.KEY_AUTO	94	display.KEY_SPEEDA
75	display.KEY_EXIT	95	display.KEY_LOAD
77	display.KEY_FILTERA	97	display.WHEEL_ENTER
78	display.KEY_STORE	103	display.KEY_RIGHT
79	display.KEY_SRCA	104	display.KEY_LEFT
80	display.KEY_CONFIG	107	display.WHEEL_LEFT
81	display.KEY_RANGEDOWN	114	display.WHEEL_RIGHT

NOTE

When using this function, use built-in constants, such as `display.KEY_RIGHT`, rather than the numeric value, such as 103. This allows for better forward compatibility with firmware revisions.

Example

```
key = display.waitkey()
print(key)
```

Pause script execution until the operator presses a key or the navigation wheel, or rotates the navigation wheel.
If the output is:
8.60000e+01
It indicates that the MEAS(A) key was pressed.

Also see

[Capturing key-press codes](#) (on page 3-78)
[display.getLastkey\(\)](#) (on page 7-63)
[display.sendkey\(\)](#) (on page 7-73)
[display.setText\(\)](#) (on page 7-75)

errorqueue.clear()

This function clears all entries out of the error queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
errorqueue.clear()
```

Details

See the [Error queue](#) (on page E-3) topic for additional information about the error queue.

Also see

[Error queue](#) (on page E-3)
[errorqueue.count](#) (on page 7-82)
[errorqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-82)

errorqueue.count

This attribute gets the number of entries in the error queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Power cycle Clearing error queue Reading error messages	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
count = errorqueue.count
count
```

The number of entries in the error queue

Example

```
count = errorqueue.count
print(count)
```

Returns the number of entries in the error queue.

The output below indicates that there are four entries in the error queue:
4.00000e+00

Also see

[errorqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-82)
[errorqueue.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-82)

errorqueue.next()

This function reads the oldest entry from the error queue and removes it from the queue.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
errorCode, message, severity, errorNode = errorqueue.next()
```

<i>errorCode</i>	The error code number for the entry
<i>message</i>	The message that describes the error code
<i>severity</i>	The severity level (0, 10, 20, 30, or 40); see Details for more information
<i>errorNode</i>	The node number where the error originated

Details

Entries are stored in a first-in, first-out (FIFO) queue. This function reads the oldest entry and removes it from the queue.

Error codes and messages are listed in the [Error summary list](#) (on page 8-3).

If there are no entries in the queue, code 0, "Queue is Empty" is returned.

Returned severity levels are described in the following table.

Number	Error level	Description
0	NO_SEVERITY	The message is information only. This level is used when the error queue is empty; the message does not represent an error.
10	INFORMATIONAL	The message is information only. This level is used to indicate status changes; the message does not represent an error.
20	RECOVERABLE	The error was caused by improper use of the instrument or by conditions that can be corrected. This message indicates that an error occurred. The instrument is still operating normally.
30	SERIOUS	There is a condition that prevents the instrument from functioning properly. The message indicates that the instrument is presently operating in an error condition. If the condition is corrected, the instrument will return to normal operation.
40	FATAL	There is a condition that cannot be corrected that prevents the instrument from functioning properly. Disconnect the DUT and turn the power off and then on again. If the error is a hardware fault that persists after cycling the power, the instrument must be repaired.

In an expanded system, each TSP-Link enabled instrument is assigned a node number. The variable *errorNode* stores the node number where the error originated.

Example

```
errorcode, message = errorqueue.next()
print(errorcode, message)
```

Reads the oldest entry in the error queue. The output below indicates that the queue is empty.

Output:

0.00000e+00 Queue Is Empty

Also see

[Error queue](#) (on page E-3)
[errorqueue.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-82)
[errorqueue.count](#) (on page 7-82)
[Error summary list](#) (on page 8-3)

eventlog.all()

This function returns all entries from the event log as a single string and removes them from the event log.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
logString = eventlog.all()
```

logString	A listing of all event log entries
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Details

This function returns all events in the event log. Logged items are shown from oldest to newest. The response is a string that has the messages delimited with a new line character.

This function also clears the event log.

If there are no entries in the event log, this function returns the value nil.

Example

```
print(eventlog.all())
Get and print all entries from the event log and remove the entries from the log.
Output:
17:26:35.690 10 Oct 2007, LAN0, 192.168.1.102, LXI, 0, 1192037132,
1192037155.733269000, 0, 0x0
17:26:39.009 10 Oct 2007, LAN5, 192.168.1.102, LXI, 0, 1192037133,
1192037159.052777000, 0, 0x0
```

Also see

- [eventlog.clear\(\) \(on page 7-84\)](#)
- [eventlog.count \(on page 7-85\)](#)
- [eventlog.enable \(on page 7-85\)](#)
- [eventlog.next\(\) \(on page 7-86\)](#)
- [eventlog.overwritemethod \(on page 7-87\)](#)

eventlog.clear()

This command clears the event log.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
eventlog.clear()
```

Details

This function erases any messages in the event log.

Also see

[eventlog.all\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.count](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.enable](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-86)
[eventlog.overwritemethod](#) (on page 7-87)

eventlog.count

This attribute gets the number of events in the event log.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Instrument reset Clearing event log Reading event log	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

N = eventlog.count

<i>N</i>	The number of events in the event log
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Example

```
print(eventlog.count)
```

Displays the present number of events in the instrument event log.
Output looks similar to:
3.00000e+00

Also see

[eventlog.all\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.enable](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-86)
[eventlog.overwritemethod](#) (on page 7-87)

eventlog.enable

This attribute enables or disables the event log.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1 (eventlog.ENABLE)

Usage

```
status = eventlog.enable
eventlog.enable = status
```

<i>status</i>	The enable status of the event log: 1 or eventlog.ENABLE: Event log enable 0 or eventlog.DISABLE: Event log disable
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Details

When the event log is disabled (eventlog.DISABLE or 0), no new events are added to the event log. You can, however, read and remove existing events.

When the event log is enabled, new events are logged.

Example

```
print(eventlog.enable)
eventlog.enable = eventlog.DISABLE
print(eventlog.enable)
```

Displays the present status of the Model 2657A event log.

Output:

```
1.00000e+00
0.00000e+00
```

Also see

[eventlog.all\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.count](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-86)
[eventlog.overwritemethod](#) (on page 7-87)

eventlog.next()

This function returns the oldest message from the event log and removes it from the log.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
logString = eventlog.next()
logString
```

The next log entry

Details

Returns the next entry from the event log and removes it from the log.
If there are no entries in the event log, returns the value `nil`.

Example 1

```
print(eventlog.next())
Get the oldest message in the event log and remove that entry from the log.
Output:
17:28:22.085 10 Oct 2009, LAN2, 192.168.1.102, LXI, 0, 1192037134, <no time>, 0,
0x0
```

Example 2

```
print(eventlog.next())
If you send this command when there is nothing in the event log, you will get the following output:
nil
```

Also see

[eventlog.all\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.count](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.enable](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.overwritemethod](#) (on page 7-87)

eventlog.overwritemethod

This attribute controls how the event log processes events if the event log is full.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1 (eventlog.DISCARD_OLDEST)

Usage

```
method = eventlog.overwritemethod
eventlog.overwritemethod = method
```

method	Set to one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 or eventlog.DISCARD_NEWEST: New entries are not logged • 1 or eventlog.DISCARD_OLDEST: Old entries are deleted as new events are logged
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Details

When this attribute is set to eventlog.DISCARD_NEWEST, new entries are not logged.

When this attribute is set to eventlog.DISCARD_OLDEST, the oldest entry is discarded when a new entry is added.

Example

```
eventlog.overwritemethod = 0
```

When the log is full, the event log will ignore new entries.

Also see

[eventlog.all\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-84)
[eventlog.count](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.enable](#) (on page 7-85)
[eventlog.next\(\)](#) (on page 7-86)

exit()

This function stops a script that is presently running.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
exit()
```

Details

Terminates script execution when called from a script that is being executed.

This command does not wait for overlapped commands to complete before terminating script execution. If overlapped commands are required to finish, use the `waitcomplete()` function before calling `exit()`.

Also see

[waitcomplete\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

fileVar:close()

This function closes the file that is represented by the *fileVar* variable.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
fileVar:close()
fileVar           The file descriptor variable to close
```

Details

This command is equivalent to `io.close(fileVar)`.

Note that files are automatically closed when the file descriptors are garbage collected.

Also see

[fileVar:flush\(\)](#) (on page 7-88)
[fileVar:read\(\)](#) (on page 7-89)
[fileVar:seek\(\)](#) (on page 7-90)
[fileVar:write\(\)](#) (on page 7-90)
[io.close\(\)](#) (on page 7-103)
[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)

fileVar:flush()

This function writes buffered data to a file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
fileVar:flush()
fileVar           The file descriptor variable to flush
```

Details

The `fileVar:write()` or `io.write()` functions buffer data, which may not be written immediately to the USB flash drive. Use `fileVar:flush()` to flush this data. Using this function removes the need to close a file after writing to it, allowing the file to be left open to write more data. Data may be lost if the file is not closed or flushed before a script ends.

If there is going to be a time delay before more data is written to a file, and you want to keep the file open, flush the file after you write to it to prevent loss of data.

Also see

[fileVar:write\(\)](#) (on page 7-90)
[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)
[io.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-107)

fileVar:read()

This function reads data from a file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
data1 = fileVar:read()
data1 = fileVar:read(format1)
data1, data2 = fileVar:read(format1, format2)
data1, ..., datan = fileVar:read(format1, ..., formatn)
```

data1	First data read from the file
data2	Second data read from the file
datan	Last data read from the file
fileVar	The descriptor of the file to be read
format1	A string or number indicating the first type of data to be read
format2	A string or number indicating the second type of data to be read
formatn	A string or number indicating the last type of data to be read
...	One or more entries (or values) separated by commas

Details

The format parameters may be any of the following:

"*n": Returns a number.

"*a": Returns the whole file, starting at the current position (returns an empty string if the current file position is at the end of the file).

"*l": Returns the next line, skipping the end of line; returns `nil` if the current file position is at the end of file.

n: Returns a string with up to n characters; returns an empty string if n is zero; returns `nil` if the current file position is at the end of file.

If no format parameters are provided, the function will perform as if the function is passed the value "*l".

Any number of format parameters may be passed to this command, each corresponding to a returned data value.

Also see

[fileVar:write\(\)](#) (on page 7-90)

[io.input\(\)](#) (on page 7-104)

[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)

fileVar:seek()

This function sets and gets a file's current position.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
position, errorMsg = fileVar:seek()
position, errorMsg = fileVar:seek(whence)
position, errorMsg = fileVar:seek(whence, offset)
```

position	The new file position, measured in bytes from the beginning of the file
errorMsg	A string containing the error message
fileVar	The file descriptor variable
whence	A string indicating the base against which <i>offset</i> is applied; the default is "cur"
offset	The intended new position, measured in bytes from a base indicated by <i>whence</i> (default is 0)

Details

The *whence* parameters may be any of the following:

"set": Beginning of file

"cur": Current position

"end": End of file

If an error is encountered, it is logged to the error queue, and the command returns *nil* and the error string.

Also see

[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)

fileVar:write()

This function writes data to a file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
fileVar:write(data)
fileVar:write(data1, data2)
fileVar:write(data1, ..., datan)
```

fileVar	The file descriptor variable
data	Write all data to the file
data1	The first data to write to the file
data2	The second data to write to the file
datan	The last data to write to the file
...	One or more entries (or values) separated by commas

Details

This function may buffer data until a flush (`fileVar.flush()` or `io.flush()`) or close (`fileVar.close()` or `io.close()`) operation is performed.

Also see

[fileVar.close\(\)](#) (on page 7-88)
[fileVar.flush\(\)](#) (on page 7-88)
[io.close\(\)](#) (on page 7-103)
[io.flush\(\)](#) (on page 7-104)
[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)

format.asciiprecision

This attribute sets the precision (number of digits) for all numbers printed with the ASCII format.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	No	Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	6

Usage

```
precision = format.asciiprecision
format.asciiprecision = precision
```

precision	A number representing the number of digits to be printed for numbers printed with the <code>print()</code> , <code>printbuffer()</code> , and <code>printnumber()</code> functions; must be a number between 1 and 16
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Details

This attribute specifies the precision (number of digits) for numeric data printed with the `print()`, `printbuffer()`, and `printnumber()` functions. The `format.asciiprecision` attribute is only used with the ASCII format. The precision value must be a number between 1 and 16.

Note that the precision is the number of significant digits printed. There is always one digit to the left of the decimal point; be sure to include this digit when setting the precision.

Example

format.asciiprecision = 10 x = 2.54 printnumber(x) format.asciiprecision = 3 printnumber(x)	Output: 2.540000000e+00 2.54e+00
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Also see

[format.byteorder](#) (on page 7-92)
[format.data](#) (on page 7-93)
[print\(\)](#) (on page 7-148)
[printbuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-149)
[printnumber\(\)](#) (on page 7-150)

format.byteorder

This attribute sets the binary byte order for the data that is printed using the `printnumber()` and `printbuffer()` functions.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1 (format.LITTLEENDIAN)

Usage

```
order = format.byteorder
format.byteorder = order
```

order	Byte order value as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most significant byte first: 0, format.NORMAL, format.NETWORK, or format.BIGENDIAN • Least significant byte first: 1, format.SWAPPED or format.LITTLEENDIAN
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Details

This attribute selects the byte order in which data is written when you are printing data values with the `printnumber()` and `printbuffer()` functions. The byte order attribute is only used with the `format.SREAL`, `format.REAL`, `format.REAL32`, and `format.REAL64` data formats.

`format.NORMAL`, `format.BIGENDIAN`, and `format.NETWORK` select the same byte order. `format.SWAPPED` and `format.LITTLEENDIAN` select the same byte order. Selecting which to use is a matter of preference.

Select the `format.SWAPPED` or `format.LITTLEENDIAN` byte order when sending data to a computer with a Microsoft Windows operating system.

Example

```
x = 1.23
format.data = format.REAL32
format.byteorder = format.LITTLEENDIAN
printnumber(x)
format.byteorder = format.BIGENDIAN
printnumber(x)
```

Output depends on the terminal program you use, but will look something like:

```
#0¤p??
#0??p¤
```

Also see

[format.asciiprecision](#) (on page 7-91)
[format.data](#) (on page 7-93)
[printbuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-149)
[printnumber\(\)](#) (on page 7-150)

format.data

This attribute sets the data format for data that is printed using the `printnumber()` and `printbuffer()` functions.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	No	Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1 (format.ASCII)

Usage

```
value = format.data
format.data = value
```

value	The format to use for data, set to one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCII format: 1 or <code>format.ASCII</code> • Single-precision IEEE Std 754 binary format: 2, <code>format.SREAL</code>, or <code>format.REAL32</code> • Double-precision IEEE Std 754 binary format: 3, <code>format.REAL</code>, <code>format.REAL64</code>, or <code>format.DREAL</code>
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Details

The precision of numeric values can be controlled with the `format.asciiiprecision` attribute. The byte order of `format.SREAL`, `format.REAL`, `format.REAL32`, and `format.REAL64` can be selected with the `format.byteorder` attribute.

`REAL32` and `SREAL` select the same single precision format. `REAL` and `REAL64` select the same double precision format. They are alternative identifiers. Selecting which to use is a matter of preference.

The IEEE Std 754 binary formats use four bytes for single-precision values and eight bytes for double-precision values.

When data is written with any of the binary formats, the response message starts with "#0" and ends with a new line. When data is written with the ASCII format, elements are separated with a comma and space.

NOTE

Binary formats are not intended to be interpreted by humans.

Example

```
format.asciiiprecision = 10
x = 3.14159265
format.data = format.ASCII
printnumber(x)
format.data = format.REAL64
printnumber(x)
```

Output a number represented by `x` in ASCII using a precision of 10, then output the same number in binary using double precision format.
Output:
3.141592650e+00
#0ñÈSû! @

Also see

[format.asciiiprecision](#) (on page 7-91)
[format.byteorder](#) (on page 7-92)
[printbuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-149)
[printnumber\(\)](#) (on page 7-150)

fs.chdir()

This function sets the current working directory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
workingDirectory = fs.chdir(path)
```

workingDirectory	Returned value containing the working path
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path	A string indicating the new working directory path
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Details

The new working directory path may be absolute or relative to the current working directory.

An error is logged to the error queue if the given path does not exist.

Example

testPath = fs.chdir("/usb1/")	Change the working directory to usb1.
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Also see

None

fs.getcwd()

This function returns the absolute path of the current working directory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
path = fs.getcwd()
```

path	The absolute path of the current working directory
------	--

Also see

None

fs.is_dir()

This function tests whether or not the specified path refers to a directory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
status = fs.is_dir(path)
```

status	Whether or not the given path is a directory (true or false)
path	The path of the file system entry to test

Details

The file system path may be absolute or relative to the current working system path.

Also see

[fs.is_file\(\)](#) (on page 7-95)

fs.is_file()

Tests whether the specified path refers to a file (as opposed to a directory).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
status = fs.is_file(path)
```

status	true if the given path is a file; otherwise, false
path	The path of the file system entry to test

Details

The file system path may be absolute or relative to the current working system path.

Also see

[fs.is_dir\(\)](#) (on page 7-94)

fs.mkdir()

This function creates a directory at the specified path.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
path = fs.mkdir(newPath)
```

path	The returned path of the new directory
newpath	Location (path) of where to create the new directory

Details

The directory path may be absolute or relative to the current working directory.

An error is logged to the error queue if the parent folder of the new directory does not exist, or if a file system entry already exists at the given path.

Also see

[fs.rmdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-96)

fs.readdir()

This function returns a list of the file system entries in the directory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
files = fs.readdir(path)
```

files	A table containing the names of all the file system entries in the specified directory
path	The directory path

Details

The directory path may be absolute or relative to the current working directory.

This command is nonrecursive. For example, entries in subfolders are not returned.

An error is logged to the error queue if the given path does not exist or does not represent a directory.

Also see

None

fs.rmdir()

This function removes a directory from the file system.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
fs.rmdir(path)
```

path	The path of the directory to remove
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Details

This path may be absolute or relative to the present current directory.

An error is logged to the error queue if the given path does not exist, or does not represent a directory, or if the directory is not empty.

Also see

[fs.mkdir\(\)](#) (on page 7-95)

gettimezone()

This function retrieves the local time zone.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
timeZone = gettimezone()
```

timeZone	The local timezone of the instrument
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Details

See `settimezone()` for additional details about the time zone format and a description of the fields.

`timeZone` can be in either of the following formats:

- If one parameter was used with `settimezone()`, the format used is:
GMThh:mm:ss
- If four parameters were used with `settimezone()`, the format used is:
GMThh:mm:ssGMThh:mm:ss,Mmm.w.dw/hh:mm:ss,Mmm.w.dw/hh:mm:ss

Example

timezone = gettimezone()	Reads the value of the local timezone.
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Also see

[settimezone\(\)](#) (on page 7-173)

gm_isweep()

This KIParlib factory script function performs a linear current sweep and calculates the transconductance (Gm) at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
gm_array, vbuf, ibuf = gm_isweep(smu, start_i, stop_i, points)
```

gm_array	A Lua table containing the calculated Gm values at each point
vbuf	A reading buffer containing the measured voltage at each point
ibuf	A reading buffer containing the measured current at each point
smu	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to smua)
start_i	Starting current level of the sweep
stop_i	Ending current level of the sweep
points	Number of measurements between <code>start_i</code> and <code>stop_i</code> (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Output data includes transconductance values, reading buffer with measured voltages, reading buffer with measured currents and voltages.

If all parameters are omitted when this function is called, this function is executed with the parameters set to the default values.

The `gm_isweep()` function performs a linear current sweep, measuring voltage and current, and then calculating the transconductance (Gm) at each point using the central difference method. It can return an array of Gm values, a reading buffer with the measured voltages, and a reading buffer with the measured currents.

Example

```
gm_array = gm_isweep(smua, 0, 0.01, 20)
gm_array, vbuf = gm_isweep(smua, 0, 0.01, 20)
gm_array, vbuf, ibuf = gm_isweep(smua, 0, 0.01, 20)
```

Source-measure unit (SMU) A returns Gm values only.

SMU A returns Gm and reading buffer with measured voltages.

SMU A returns Gm and reading buffers with measured voltages and currents.

Also see

[gm_vsweep\(\)](#) (on page 7-98)
[KIParlib factory script](#) (on page 5-21)

gm_vsweep()

This KIParlib factory script function performs a linear voltage sweep and calculates the transconductance (Gm) at each point.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
gm_array, ibuf, vbuf = gm_vsweep(smu, start_v, stop_v, points)
```

<code>gm_array</code>	A Lua table containing the calculated Gm values at each point
<code>ibuf</code>	A reading buffer containing the measured current at each point
<code>vbuf</code>	A reading buffer containing the measured voltage at each point
<code>smu</code>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<code>start_v</code>	Starting voltage level of the sweep
<code>stop_v</code>	Ending voltage level of the sweep
<code>points</code>	Number of measurements between <code>start_v</code> and <code>stop_v</code> (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Output data includes transconductance values, reading buffer with measured currents, reading buffer with measured currents and voltages.

The `gm_vsweep()` function performs a linear voltage sweep, measuring voltage and current, and then calculating the transconductance (Gm) at each point using the central difference method. It can return an array of Gm values, a reading buffer with the measured currents, and a reading buffer with the measured voltages.

Example

<code>gm_array = gm_vsweep(smua, 0, 10, 5)</code>	SMU A returns Gm values only.
<code>gm_array, ibuf = gm_vsweep(smua, 0, 10, 5)</code>	SMU A returns Gm and reading buffer with measured currents.
<code>gm_array, ibuf, vbuf = gm_vsweep(smua, 0, 10, 5)</code>	SMU A returns Gm and reading buffers with measured currents and voltages.

Also see

[gm_isweep\(\)](#) (on page 7-97)
[KIParlib factory script](#) (on page 5-21)

gpib.address

This attribute contains the GPIB address.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	26

Usage

```
address = gpib.address
gpib.address = address

address           The GPIB address of the instrument (0 to 30)
```

Details

The GPIB address value is set to 26 at the factory. The address can be set to any address value between 0 and 30. However, the address must be unique in the system. It cannot conflict with an address that is assigned to another instrument or to the GPIB controller.

A new GPIB address takes effect when the command to change it is processed. If there are response messages in the output queue when this command is processed, they must be read at the new address.

If command messages are being queued (sent before this command has executed), the new settings may take effect in the middle of a subsequent command message, so care should be exercised when setting this attribute from the GPIB interface.

You should allow ample time for the command to be processed before attempting to communicate with the instrument again. After sending this command, make sure to use the new address to communicate with the instrument.

The `reset()` function does not affect the GPIB address.

Example

<code>gpib.address = 26</code>	Sets the GPIB address and reads the address.
<code>address = gpib.address</code>	Output: 2.600000e+01

Also see

[GPIB operation](#) (on page 2-83)

i_leakage_measure()

This KIHighC factory script function performs a current leakage measurement after stepping the output voltage.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
imeas = i_leakage_measure(smu, levelv, limiti, sourcedelay, measurei, measuredelay)
```

imeas	The measured current
smu	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to smua)
levelv	Voltage level to step to when this function is called
limiti	Current limit setting for the voltage step
sourcedelay	Delay to wait before lowering the current limit for measurement
measurei	Current limit (and measure range); note the current limit is lower at this level and because high-capacitance mode is active, the measure range will follow
measuredelay	Delay to wait after lowering the current limit before taking the measurement

Details

This function causes the *smu* to:

- Change its current limit to *limiti* with a voltage output of *levelv* for *sourcedelay* time, and then changes its current limit to *measurei* (that also changes the measurement range to *measurei*) for *measuredelay* time
- When *measuredelay* time expires, a measurement is taken and returned as *imeas*.

When measuring leakage current:

- Charge the capacitor before calling this function (the instrument's output is usually at a nonzero voltage before calling this function; when measuring leakage, this function does not charge the capacitor).
- Set *levelv* = 0

Example

```
smua.source.highc = smua.ENABLE
smua.source.levelv = 500
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
delay(1)
imeas = i_leakage_measure(smua, 0, 20e-3,
    500e-3, 10e-6, .1)
```

Enable high-capacitance mode. Charge the capacitor at 500 V for 1 second set by *delay(1)*.

The parameters passed on to the *i_leakage_measure()* function in this example are:

```
smu = smua
levelv = 0 V
limiti = 20 mA
sourcedelay = 500 ms
measurei = 10 µA range
measuredelay = 100 ms
```

The actual levels and delays depend on the value and type of capacitor used.

Also see

[i_leakage_threshold\(\)](#) (on page 7-101)
[KIHighC factory script](#) (on page 5-21)

i_leakage_threshold()

This KIHightC factory script function measures the current and compares it to a threshold.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f = i_leakage_threshold(smu, levelv, limiti, sourcedelay, measurei, measuredelay,
threshold, timeout)
```

<i>f</i>	A Boolean flag; this flag will be <code>true</code> when the current is below the threshold, <code>false</code> if threshold is not reached before timeout expires
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>levelv</i>	Voltage level to step to when this function is called
<i>limiti</i>	Current limit setting for the voltage step
<i>sourcedelay</i>	Delay to wait before lowering the current limit for measurement
<i>measurei</i>	Current limit (and measure range); note the current limit is lower at this level and because high-capacitance mode is active, the measure range will follow
<i>measuredelay</i>	Delay before the first measurement after measure range is changed
<i>threshold</i>	The specified current that establishes the test limit
<i>timeout</i>	Amount of time (in seconds) to wait for the current to drop to <i>threshold</i> after all the delays have occurred

Details

The process to measure the current and compare it to a threshold continues until either the measured current drops below the threshold or the timeout expires.

This function causes the *smu* to:

- Change its current limit to *limiti* with a voltage output of *levelv* for *sourcedelay* time, and then changes its current limit to *measurei* (that also changes the measurement range to *measurei*) for *measuredelay* time
- When *measuredelay* time expires, measurements are taken at a rate determined by the `smuX.measure.nplc` setting

The function returns `true` if the threshold is reached; the function returns `false` if the threshold is not reached before *timeout* expires.

When testing the leakage current threshold:

- Charge the capacitor before calling this function (the instrument's output is usually at a non-zero voltage prior to calling this function; when measuring leakage, this function does not charge the capacitor).
- If testing the device's leakage current threshold, set *levelv* = 0.

Example

```

smua.source.highc = smua.ENABLE
smua.source.levelv = 500
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
delay(1)
pass = i_leakage_threshold(smua, 0, 20e-3,
    500e-3, 10e-6, 100e-3, 1e-6, 5)

```

Enable high-capacitance mode.
Charge the capacitor (500 V for 1 second).

The parameters passed on to the `i_threshold_measure()` function in this example are:

`smu` = `smua`
`levelv` = 0 V
`limiti` = 20 mA
`sourcedelay` = 500 ms
`measurei` = 10 µA range
`measuredelay` = 100 ms
`threshold` = 1 µA
`timeout` = 5 s

The levels and delays will depend on the value and type of capacitor used.

Sets `pass` = `true` if the current is measured below 1 µA in less than 1 second.

Also see

[High-capacitance mode](#) (on page 3-63)
[i_leakage_measure\(\)](#) (on page 7-100)
[KIHightC factory script](#) (on page 5-21)

InitiatePulseTest()

This KIPulse factory script function initiates the pulse configuration assigned to `tag`.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
f, msg = InitiatePulseTest(tag)
```

<code>f</code>	A Boolean flag; this flag is <code>true</code> when the pulse was successfully configured, <code>false</code> when errors are encountered
<code>msg</code>	A string message; if the <code>f</code> flag is <code>false</code> , <code>msg</code> contains an error message; if it is <code>true</code> , <code>msg</code> contains a string that indicates successful configuration
<code>tag</code>	Numeric identifier of the pulse configuration to be initiated

Details

This function only initiates configured pulse trains assigned to a valid *tag*. Configure the pulse before initiating it using one of the `ConfigurePulse*` functions (refer to the **Also see** section).

Example

```
smua.reset()

smua.source.rangev = 200
smua.source.rangei = 0.01
smua.source.levelv = 0

smua.measure.rangev = 200
smua.measure.rangei = 0.01
smua.measure.nplc = 1
smua.measure.autozero = smua.AUTOZERO_ONCE

smua.nvbuffer1.clear()
smua.nvbuffer1.appendmode = 1

smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON

f1, msg1 = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smua, 0,
    100, 1e-3, 10e-3, 0.2, 10,
    smua.nvbuffer1, 1)

if f1 == true then
    f2, msg2 = InitiatePulseTest(1)
    print("Initiate message:", msg2)
else
    print("Config errors:", msg1)
end
```

Configure Model 2657A channel A to generate a pulse train. If no errors are encountered, initiate the pulse train. Channel A pulses voltage from a bias level of 0 V to a pulse level of 100 V. The pulse level is present for 10 ms and the bias level for 200 ms, with a 1 mA limit setting. A total of 10 pulses is generated, and the measurement data is stored in `smua.nvbuffer1`. This pulse train is assigned to *tag* = 1.

Also see

[ConfigPulseIMeasureV\(\)](#) (on page 7-33)
[ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLin\(\)](#) (on page 7-35)
[ConfigPulseIMeasureVSweepLog\(\)](#) (on page 7-37)
[ConfigPulseVMeasureI\(\)](#) (on page 7-39)
[ConfigPulseVMeasureSweepLin\(\)](#) (on page 7-41)
[ConfigPulseVMeasureSweepLog\(\)](#) (on page 7-42)
[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

io.close()

This function closes a file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes (see Details)			

Usage

```
io.close()
io.close(file)
```

<i>file</i>	The descriptor of the file to close
-------------	-------------------------------------

Details

If a file is not specified, the default output file closes.

Only `io.close()`, used without specifying a parameter, can be accessed from a remote node.

Example

```
testFile, testError = io.open("testfile.txt", "w")
if nil == testError then
    testFile:write("This is my test file")
    io.close(testFile)
end
```

Opens file `testfile.txt` for writing. If no errors were found while opening, writes "This is my test file" and closes the file.

Also see

[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)

io.flush()

This function saves buffered data to a file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
io.flush()
```

Details

You must use the `io.flush()` or `io.close()` functions to write data to the file system.

NOTE

Data is not automatically written to a file when you use the `io.write()` function. The `io.write()` function buffers data; it may not be written to the USB drive immediately. Use the `io.flush()` function to immediately write buffered data to the drive.

This function only flushes the default output file.

Using this command removes the need to close a file after writing to it and allows it to be left open to write more data. Data may be lost if the file is not closed or flushed before an application ends. To prevent the loss of data if there is going to be a time delay before more data is written (and when you want to keep the file open and not close it), flush the file after writing to it.

Also see

[fileVar:flush\(\)](#) (on page 7-88)

[fileVar:write\(\)](#) (on page 7-90)

[io.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-107)

io.input()

This function assigns a previously opened file, or opens a new file, as the default input file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes (see Details)			

Usage

```
fileVar = io.input()
fileVar = io.input(newfile)
```

<i>fileVar</i>	The descriptor of the input file or an error message (if the function fails)
<i>newfile</i>	A string representing the path of a file to open as the default input file, or the file descriptor of an open file to use as the default input file

Details

The *newfile* path may be absolute or relative to the current working directory.

When using this function from a remote TSP-Link® node, this command does not accept a file descriptor and does not return a value.

If the function fails, an error message is returned.

Also see

[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)
[io.output\(\)](#) (on page 7-106)

io.open()

This function opens a file for later reference.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
fileVar, errorMsg = io.open(path)
fileVar, errorMsg = io.open(path, mode)
```

<i>fileVar</i>	The descriptor of the opened file
<i>errorMsg</i>	Indicates whether an error was encountered while processing the function
<i>path</i>	The path of the file to open
<i>mode</i>	A string representing the intended access mode ("r" = read, "w" = write, and "a" = append)

Details

The path to the file to open may be absolute or relative to the current working directory. If you successfully open the file, *errorMsg* is nil and *fileVar* has the descriptor that can be used to access the file.

If an error is encountered, the command returns nil for *fileVar* and an error string.

Example

```
testFile, testError = io.open("testfile.txt", "w")
if testError == nil then
    testFile:write("This is my test file")
    io.close(testFile)
end
```

Opens file testfile.txt for writing. If no errors were found while opening, writes "This is my test file" and closes the file.

Also see

[io.close\(\)](#) (on page 7-103)

io.output()

This function assigns a previously opened file or opens a new file as the default output file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes (see Details)			

Usage

```
fileVar = io.output()
fileVar = io.output(newfile)
```

<i>fileVar</i>	The descriptor of the output file or an error message (if the function fails)
<i>newfile</i>	A file descriptor to assign (or the path of a file to open) as the default output file

Details

The path of the file to open may be absolute or relative to the current working directory.

When accessed from a remote node using the TSP-Link network, this command does not accept a file descriptor parameter and does not return a value.

If the function fails, an error message is returned.

Also see

[io.input\(\)](#) (on page 7-104)
[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)

io.read()

This function reads data from the default input file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
data1 = io.read()
data1 = io.read(format1)
data1, data2 = io.read(format1, format2)
data1, ..., dataN = io.read(format1, ..., formatN)
```

<i>data1</i>	The data read from the file
<i>data2</i>	The data read from the file
<i>dataN</i>	The data read from the file; the number of return values matches the number of format values given
<i>format1</i>	A string or number indicating the type of data to be read
<i>format2</i>	A string or number indicating the type of data to be read
<i>formatN</i>	A string or number indicating the type of data to be read
...	One or more entries (or values) separated by commas

Details

The format parameters may be any of the following:

Format parameter	Description
"*N"	Returns a number
"*a"	Returns the whole file, starting at the present position; returns an empty string if it is at the end of file
"*l"	Returns the next line, skipping the end of line; returns <code>nil</code> if the present file position is at the end of file
<i>N</i>	Returns a string with up to <i>N</i> characters; returns an empty string if <i>N</i> is zero (0); returns <code>nil</code> if the present file position is at the end of file

Any number of format parameters may be passed to this command, each corresponding to a returned data value.

If no format parameters are provided, the function will perform as if the function was passed the value "*l".

Also see

None

io.type()

This function checks whether or not a given object is a file handle.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
type = io.type(obj)
```

<code>type</code>	Indicates whether the object is an open file handle
<code>obj</code>	Object to check

Details

Returns the string "file" if the object is an open file handle. If it is not an open file handle, `nil` is returned.

Also see

[io.open\(\)](#) (on page 7-105)

io.write()

This function writes data to the default output file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
io.write()
io.write(data1)
io.write(data1, data2)
io.write(data1, ..., dataN)
```

<i>data1</i>	The data to be written
<i>data2</i>	The data to be written
<i>dataN</i>	The data to be written
...	One or more values separated by commas

Details

All data parameters must be either strings or numbers.

NOTE

Data is not immediately written to a file when you use the `io.write()` function. The `io.write()` function buffers data; it may not be written to the USB drive immediately. Use the `io.flush()` function to immediately write buffered data to the drive.

Also see

[io.flush\(\)](#) (on page 7-104)

lan.applysettings()

This function re-initializes the LAN interface with new settings.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
lan.applysettings()
```

Details

Disconnects all existing LAN connections to the instrument and re-initializes the LAN with the present configuration settings.

This function initiates a background operation. LAN configuration could be a lengthy operation. Although the function returns immediately, the LAN initialization continues to run in the background.

Even though the LAN configuration settings may not have changed since the LAN was last connected, new settings may take effect due to the dynamic nature of dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) or dynamic link local addressing (DLA) configuration.

Re-initialization takes effect even if the configuration has not changed since the last time the instrument connected to the LAN.

Example

```
lan.applysettings()
```

Re-initialize the LAN interface with new settings.

Also see

None

lan.autoconnect

This attribute is used to enable or disable link monitoring.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	1 (lan.ENABLE)

Usage

```
state = lan.autoconnect
lan.autoconnect = state
```

state	LAN link monitoring state: 1 or lan.ENABLE: Enables automatic link reconnection and monitoring 0 or lan.DISABLE: Disables automatic link reconnection and monitoring
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Details

This attribute sets the LAN link monitoring and automatic connection state.

When this is set to lan.ENABLE, all connections are closed if the link to the LAN is lost for more than the time specified by lan.linktimeout.

Set this attribute to lan.ENABLE to automatically reset the LAN connection after the LAN link is established.

Also see

[lan.linktimeout](#) (on page 7-116)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.dns.address[N]

Configures DNS server IP addresses.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	"0.0.0.0"

Usage

```
dnsAddress = lan.config.dns.address[N]
lan.config.dns.address[N] = dnsAddress
```

dnsAddress	DNS server IP address
N	Entry index (1 or 2)

Details

This attribute is an array of DNS (domain name system) server addresses. These addresses take priority for DNS lookups and are consulted before any server addresses that are obtained using DHCP. This allows local DNS servers to be specified that take priority over DHCP-configured global DNS servers.

You can specify up to two addresses. The address specified by 1 is consulted first for DNS lookups. *dnsAddress* must be a string specifying the DNS server's IP address in dotted decimal notation.

Unused entries are returned as "0.0.0.0" when read. To disable an entry, set its value to "0.0.0.0" or the empty string "".

Although only two address may be manually specified here, the instrument will use up to three DNS server addresses. If two are specified here, only one that is given by a DHCP server is used. If no entries are specified here, up to three addresses that are given by a DHCP server are used.

Example

```
dnsaddress = "164.109.48.173"
lan.config.dns.address[1] = dnsaddress
```

Configure DNS address 1 to
"164.109.48.173"

Also see

[lan.config.dns.domain](#) (on page 7-110)
[lan.config.dns.dynamic](#) (on page 7-110)
[lan.config.dns.hostname](#) (on page 7-111)
[lan.config.dns.verify](#) (on page 7-112)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.dns.domain

Configures the dynamic DNS domain.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	""

Usage

```
domain = lan.config.dns.domain
lan.config.dns.domain = domain
```

domain	Dynamic DNS registration domain; use a string of 255 characters or less
--------	---

Details

This attribute holds the domain to request during dynamic DNS registration. Dynamic DNS registration works with DHCP to register the domain specified in this attribute with the DNS server.

The length of the fully qualified host name (combined length of the domain and host name with separator characters) must be less than or equal to 255 characters. Although up to 255 characters are allowed, you must make sure the combined length is also no more than 255 characters.

Example

```
print(lan.config.dns.domain)
```

Outputs the present dynamic DNS domain. For example, if the domain is "Matrix", the response would be:
Matrix

Also see

[lan.config.dns.dynamic](#) (on page 7-110)
[lan.config.dns.hostname](#) (on page 7-111)
[lan.config.dns.verify](#) (on page 7-112)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.dns.dynamic

Enables or disables the dynamic DNS registration.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	1 (lan.ENABLE)

Usage

```
state = lan.config.dns.dynamic
lan.config.dns.dynamic = state
```

state	The dynamic DNS registration state. It may be one of the following values: 1 or lan.ENABLE: Enabled 0 or lan.DISABLE: Disabled
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Details

Dynamic DNS registration works with DHCP to register the host name with the DNS server. The host name is specified in the `lan.config.dns.hostname` attribute.

Example

```
print(lan.config.dns.dynamic)
```

Outputs the dynamic registration state.

If dynamic DNS registration is enabled, the response is:

`1.00000e+00`

Also see

[lan.config.dns.hostname](#) (on page 7-111)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.dns.hostname

This attribute defines the dynamic DNS host name.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	Instrument specific (see Details)

Usage

```
hostName = lan.config.dns.hostname
lan.config.dns.hostname = hostName
```

hostName	The host name to use for dynamic DNS registration; the host name must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a string of 15 characters or less start with a letter end with a letter or digit contain only letters, digits, and hyphens
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Details

This attribute holds the host name to request during dynamic DNS registration. Dynamic DNS registration works with DHCP to register the host name specified in this attribute with the DNS server.

The factory default value for `hostName` is "k-<model number>-<serial number>", where <model number> and <serial number> are replaced with the actual model number and serial number of the instrument (for example, "k-2657A-1234567"). Note that hyphens separate the characters of `hostName`.

The length of the fully qualified host name (combined length of the domain and host name with separator characters) must be less than or equal to 255 characters. Although up to 15 characters can be entered here, care must be taken to be sure the combined length is no more than 255 characters.

Setting this attribute to an empty string (in other words, setting this attribute to a string of length zero, or one consisting entirely of whitespace characters) will revert the host name to the factory default value.

Example

<code>print(lan.config.dns.hostname)</code>	Outputs the present dynamic DNS host name.
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Also see

[lan.config.dns.dynamic](#) (on page 7-110)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.dns.verify

This attribute defines the DNS host name verification state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	1 (lan.ENABLE)

Usage

```
state = lan.config.dns.verify
lan.config.dns.verify = state
```

<code>state</code>	DNS hostname verification state: 1 or lan.ENABLE: DNS host name verification enabled 0 or lan.DISABLE: DNS host name verification disabled
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Details

When this is enabled, the instrument performs DNS lookups to verify that the DNS host name matches the value specified by `lan.config.dns.hostname`.

Example

<code>print(lan.config.dns.verify)</code>	Outputs the present DNS host name verification state. If it is enabled, the output is: 1.00000e+00
---	--

Also see

[lan.config.dns.hostname](#) (on page 7-111)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.duplex

This attribute defines the LAN duplex mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	1 (lan.FULL)

Usage

```
duplex = lan.config.duplex
lan.config.duplex = duplex
```

<code>duplex</code>	LAN duplex setting can be one of the following values: 1 or lan.FULL: Selects full-duplex operation 0 or lan.HALF: Selects half-duplex operation
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Details

This attribute does not indicate the actual setting currently in effect. Use the `lan.status.duplex` attribute to determine the present operating state of the LAN.

Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.gateway

This attribute contains the LAN default gateway address.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	"0.0.0.0"

Usage

```
gatewayAddress = lan.config.gateway
lan.config.gateway = gatewayAddress
```

<code>gatewayAddress</code>	LAN default gateway address; must be a string specifying the default gateway's IP address in dotted decimal notation
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Details

This attribute specifies the default gateway IP address to use when manual or DLLA configuration methods are used to configure the LAN. If DHCP is enabled, this setting is ignored.

This attribute does not indicate the actual setting that is presently in effect. Use the `lan.status.gateway` attribute to determine the present operating state of the LAN.

The IP address must be formatted in four groups of numbers, each separated by a decimal.

Example

```
print(lan.config.gateway)
```

Outputs the default gateway address. For example, you might see the output:

192.168.0.1

Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)
[lan.status.gateway](#) (on page 7-120)

lan.config.ipaddress

This attribute specifies the LAN IP address.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	"192.168.0.2"

Usage

```
ipAddress = lan.config.ipaddress
lan.config.ipaddress = ipAddress
```

<i>ipAddress</i>	LAN IP address; must be a string specifying the IP address in dotted decimal notation
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This attribute specifies the LAN IP address to use when the LAN is configured using the manual configuration method. This setting is ignored when DLLA or DHCP is used.

This attribute does not indicate the actual setting that is presently in effect. Use the `lan.status.ipaddress` attribute to determine the present operating state of the LAN.

Example

<code>ipaddress = lan.config.ipaddress</code>	Retrieves the presently set LAN IP address.
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Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)
[lan.status.ipaddress](#) (on page 7-121)

lan.config.method

This attribute contains the LAN settings configuration method.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	0 (lan.AUTO)

Usage

```
method = lan.config.method
lan.config.method = method
```

<i>method</i>	The method for configuring LAN settings; it can be one of the following values: 0 or lan.AUTO: Selects automatic sequencing of configuration methods 1 or lan.MANUAL: Use only manually specified configuration settings
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Details

This attribute controls how the LAN IP address, subnet mask, default gateway address, and DNS server addresses are determined.

When method is `lan.AUTO`, the instrument first attempts to configure the LAN settings using dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP). If DHCP fails, it tries dynamic link local addressing (DLLA). If DLLA fails, it uses the manually specified settings.

When method is `lan.MANUAL`, only the manually specified settings are used. Neither DHCP nor DLLA are attempted.

Example

<code>print(lan.config.method)</code>	Outputs the current method. For example: 1.00000e+00
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Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.config.speed

This attribute contains the LAN speed used when restarting in manual configuration mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	100 (100 Mbps)

Usage

```
speed = lan.config.speed
lan.config.speed = speed
```

speed	LAN speed setting in Mbps (10 or 100)
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Details

This attribute stores the speed that will be used if the LAN is restarted for manual configuration operation.

This attribute does not indicate the actual setting presently in effect. Use the `lan.status.speed` attribute to determine the present operating state of the LAN.

The LAN speed is measured in megabits per second (Mbps).

Example

lan.config.speed = 100	Configure LAN speed for 100.
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Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)
[lan.status.speed](#) (on page 7-124)

lan.config.subnetmask

This attribute contains the LAN subnet mask.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	"255.255.255.0"

Usage

```
mask = lan.config.subnetmask
lan.config.subnetmask = mask
```

mask	String that specifies the LAN subnet mask value in dotted decimal notation
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Details

This attribute specifies the LAN subnet mask that will be used when the manual configuration method is used to configure the LAN. This setting is ignored when DLLA or DHCP is used.

This attribute does not indicate the actual setting presently in effect. Use the `lan.status.subnetmask` attribute to determine the present operating state of the LAN.

Example

print(lan.config.subnetmask)	Outputs the LAN subnet mask, such as: 255.255.255.0
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Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)
[lan.status.subnetmask](#) (on page 7-124)

lan.linktimeout

This attribute contains the LAN link timeout period.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	20 (20 s)

Usage

```
timeout = lan.linktimeout  
lan.linktimeout = timeout
```

timeout	The LAN link monitor time-out period (in seconds)
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Details

You must enable the command `lan.autoconnect` before you can use this attribute.

The `timeout` value represents the amount of time that passes before the instrument disconnects from the LAN due to the loss of the LAN link integrity.

The LAN interface does not disconnect if the connection to the LAN is reestablished before the `timeout` value expires.

If the LAN link integrity is not restored before the `timeout` value expires, the instrument begins to monitor for a new connection.

Example

print(lan.linktimeout)	Outputs the present LAN link timeout setting.
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Also see

[lan.autoconnect](#) (on page 7-109)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.lxidomain

This attribute contains the LXI domain.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	0

Usage

```
domain = lan.lxidomain
lan.lxidomain = domain
```

domain	The LXI domain number (0 to 255)
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Details

This attribute sets the LXI domain number.

All outgoing LXI packets will be generated with this domain number. All inbound LXI packets will be ignored unless they have this domain number.

Example

print(lan.lxidomain)	Displays the LXI domain.
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Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.nagle

This attribute controls the state of the LAN Nagle algorithm.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Power cycle	Not saved	0 (lan.DISABLE)

Usage

```
state = lan.nagle
lan.nagle = state
```

state	1 or lan.ENABLE: Enable the LAN Nagle algorithm for TCP connections 0 or lan.DISABLE: Disable the Nagle algorithm for TCP connections
-------	--

Details

This attribute enables or disables the use of the LAN Nagle algorithm on transmission control protocol (TCP) connections.

Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.reset()

This function resets the LAN interface.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
lan.reset()
```

Details

This function resets the LAN interface. It performs the commands `lan.restoredefaults()` and `lan.applysettings()`.

Also see

[lan.applysettings\(\)](#) (on page 7-108)
[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.restoredefaults()

This function resets LAN settings to default values.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
lan.restoredefaults()
```

Details

The settings that are restored are shown in the following table.

Settings that are restored to default	
Attribute	Default setting
lan.autoconnect	lan.ENABLE
lan.config.dns.address [N]	"0.0.0.0"
lan.config.dns.domain	""
lan.config.dns.dynamic	lan.ENABLE
lan.config.dns.verify	lan.ENABLE
lan.config.duplex	lan.FULL
lan.config.gateway	"0.0.0.0"
lan.config.ipaddress	"192.168.0.2"
lan.config.method	lan.AUTO
lan.config.speed	100
lan.config.subnetmask	"255.255.255.0"
lan.linktimeout	20 (seconds)
lan.lxidomain	0
lan.nagle	lan.DISABLE
lan.timedwait	20 (seconds)

The `lan.restoredefaults()` function does not reset the LAN password. The `localnode.password` attribute controls the web password, which can be reset separately.

This command is run when `lan.reset()` is sent.

Example

<code>lan.restoredefaults()</code>	Restores the LAN defaults.
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Also see

[lan.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)
[localnode.password](#) (on page 7-136)

lan.status.dns.address[N]

This attribute contains the DNS server IP addresses.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

`dnsAddress = lan.status.dns.address[N]`

<code>dnsAddress</code>	DNS server IP address
<code>N</code>	Entry index (1, 2, or 3)

Details

This attribute is an array of DNS server addresses. The instrument can use up to three addresses.

Unused or disabled entries are returned as "0.0.0.0" when read. The `dnsAddress` returned is a string specifying the IP address of the DNS server in dotted decimal notation.

You can only specify two addresses manually. However, the instrument uses up to three DNS server addresses. If two are specified, only the one given by a DHCP server is used. If no entries are specified, up to three address given by a DHCP server are used.

The value of `lan.status.dns.address[1]` is referenced first for all DNS lookups. The values of `lan.status.dns.address[2]` and `lan.status.dns.address[3]` are referenced second and third, respectively.

Example

<code>print(lan.status.dns.address[1])</code>	Outputs DNS server address 1, for example: 164.109.48.173
---	--

Also see

[lan.status.dns.name](#) (on page 7-119)

lan.status.dns.name

This attribute contains the present DNS fully qualified host name.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

`hostName = lan.status.dns.name`

<code>hostName</code>	Fully qualified DNS host name that can be used to connect to the instrument
-----------------------	---

Details

A fully qualified domain name (FQDN), sometimes referred to as an absolute domain name, is a domain name that specifies its exact location in the tree hierarchy of the Domain Name System (DNS).

A FQDN is the complete domain name for a specific computer or host on the LAN. The FQDN consists of two parts: the host name and the domain name.

If the DNS host name for an instrument is not found, this attribute stores the IP address in dotted decimal notation.

Example

```
print(lan.status.dns.name)
```

Outputs the dynamic DNS host name.

Also see

[lan.config.dns.address\[N\]](#) (on page 7-109)

[lan.config.dns.hostname](#) (on page 7-111)

lan.status.duplex

This attribute contains the duplex mode presently in use by the LAN interface.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
duplex = lan.status.duplex
```

duplex

LAN duplex setting can be one of the following values:

0 or lan.HALF: half-duplex operation

1 or lan.FULL: full-duplex operation

Example

```
print(lan.status.duplex)
```

Outputs the present LAN duplex mode, such as:

1.00000e+00

Also see

None

lan.status.gateway

This attribute contains the gateway address presently in use by the LAN interface.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
gatewayAddress = lan.status.gateway
```

gatewayAddress

LAN gateway address presently being used

Details

The value of *gatewayAddress* is a string that indicates the IP address of the gateway in dotted decimal notation.

Example

```
print(lan.status.gateway)
```

Outputs the gateway address, such as:
192.168.0.1

Also see

[lan.config.gateway](#) (on page 7-113)

lan.status.ipaddress

This attribute contains the LAN IP address presently in use by the LAN interface.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
ipAddress = lan.status.ipaddress
```

ipAddress	LAN IP address specified in dotted decimal notation
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Details

The IP address is a character string that represents the IP address assigned to the instrument.

Example

```
print(lan.status.ipaddress)
```

Outputs the LAN IP address currently in use, such as:
192.168.0.2

Also see

[lan.config.ipaddress](#) (on page 7-113)

lan.status.macaddress

This attribute contains the LAN MAC address.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
macAddress = lan.status.macaddress
```

macAddress	The instrument MAC address
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Details

The MAC address is a character string representing the instrument's MAC address in hexadecimal notation. The string includes colons that separate the address octets (see Example).

Example

```
print(lan.status.macaddress)
```

Outputs the MAC address of the instrument, for example:
00:60:1A:00:00:57

Also see

None

lan.status.port.dst

This attribute contains the LAN dead socket termination port number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
port = lan.status.port.dst
```

port	Dead socket termination socket port number
------	--

Details

This attribute holds the TCP port number used to reset all other LAN socket connections.
To reset all LAN connections, open a connection to the DST port number.

Example

print(lan.status.port.dst)	Outputs the LAN dead socket termination port number, such as: 5.03000e+03
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Also see

None

lan.status.port.rawsocket

This attribute contains the LAN raw socket connection port number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
port = lan.status.port.rawsocket
```

port	Raw socket port number
------	------------------------

Details

Stores the TCP port number used to connect the instrument and to control the instrument over a raw socket communication interface.

Example

print(lan.status.port.rawsocket)	Outputs the LAN raw socket port number, such as: 5.02500e+03
----------------------------------	---

Also see

None

lan.status.port.telnet

This attribute contains the LAN Telnet connection port number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
port = lan.status.port.telnet
```

port	Telnet port number
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Details

This attribute holds the TCP port number used to connect to the instrument to control it over a Telnet interface.

Example

print(lan.status.port.telnet)	Get the LAN Telnet connection port number.
-------------------------------	--

Output:

2.30000e+01

Also see

None

lan.status.port.vxi11

This attribute contains the LAN VXI-11 connection port number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
port = lan.status.port.vxi11
```

port	LAN VXI-11 port number
------	------------------------

Details

This attribute stores the TCP port number used to connect to the instrument over a VXI-11 interface.

Example

print(lan.status.port.vxi11)	Outputs the VXI-11 number, such as:
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1.02400e+03

Also see

None

lan.status.speed

This attribute contains the LAN speed.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
speed = lan.status.speed
```

speed	LAN speed in Mbps, either 10 or 100
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Details

This attribute indicates the transmission speed currently in use by the LAN interface.

Example

print(lan.status.speed)	Outputs the instrument's transmission speed presently in use, such as:
-------------------------	--

1.00000e+02

Also see

None

lan.status.subnetmask

This attribute contains the LAN subnet mask that is presently in use by the LAN interface.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
mask = lan.status.subnetmask
```

mask	A string specifying the subnet mask in dotted decimal notation
------	--

Details

Use this attribute to determine the present operating state of the LAN. This attribute will return the present LAN subnet mask value if the LAN is manually configured, or when DLLA or DHCP is used.

Example

print(lan.status.subnetmask)	Outputs the subnet mask of the instrument that is presently in use, such as:
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255.255.255.0

Also see

[lan.config.subnetmask](#) (on page 7-115)

lan.timedwait

This attribute contains the LAN timed-wait state interval.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	20 (20 s)

Usage

```
timeout = lan.timedwait
lan.timedwait = timeout
```

<i>timeout</i>	The LAN timed-wait state interval in seconds
----------------	--

Details

This attribute controls the amount of time that resources are allocated to closed TCP connections. When a TCP connection is closed, the connection is put in a timed-wait state and resources remain allocated for the connection until the timed-wait state ends. During the timed-wait interval, the instrument processes delayed packets that arrive after the connection is closed.

Use this attribute to tailor the timed-wait state interval for the instrument.

Also see

[lan.restoredefaults\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)

lan.trigger[N].assert()

This function simulates the occurrence of the trigger and generates the corresponding event ID.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
lan.trigger[N].assert()
```

<i>N</i>	The LAN event number (1 to 8)
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Details

Generates and sends a LAN trigger packet for the LAN event number specified.

Sets the pseudo line state to the appropriate state.

The following indexes provide the listed LXI events:

- 1:LAN0
- 2:LAN1
- 3:LAN2
- ...
- 8:LAN7

Example

lan.trigger[5].assert()	Creates a trigger with LAN packet 5.
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Also see

[lan.Ixidomain](#) (on page 7-117)
[lan.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-126)
[lan.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-130)
[lan.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-132)
[lan.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-134)
[Understanding hardware value and pseudo line state](#) (on page 3-50)

lan.trigger[N].clear()

This function clears the event detector for a trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

lan.trigger[N].clear()

N

The LAN event number to clear (1 to 8)

Details

The trigger event detector enters the detected state when an event is detected. This function clears a trigger event detector and discards the previous history of the trigger packet.

This function clears all overruns associated with this LAN trigger.

Example

lan.trigger[5].clear()

Clears the event detector with LAN packet 5.

Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-125)
[lan.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-132)
[lan.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-134)

lan.trigger[N].connect()

This function prepares the event generator for outgoing trigger events.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
lan.trigger[N].connect()
```

N	The LAN event number (1 to 8)
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Details

Prepares the event generator to send event messages. For TCP connections, this opens the TCP connection. The event generator automatically disconnects when either the `lan.trigger[N].protocol` or `lan.trigger[N].ipaddress` attributes for this event are changed.

Example

```
lan.trigger[1].protocol = lan.MULTICAST
lan.trigger[1].connect()
lan.trigger[1].assert()
```

Set the protocol for LAN trigger 1 to be multicast when sending LAN triggers. Then, after connecting the LAN trigger, send a message on LAN trigger 1 by asserting it.

Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-125)
[lan.trigger\[N\].ipaddress](#) (on page 7-129)
[lan.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].protocol](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-132)
[lan.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-134)

lan.trigger[N].connected

This attribute stores the LAN event connection state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
connected = lan.trigger[N].connected
```

connected	The LAN event connection state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • true: Connected • false: Not connected
N	The LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

This read-only attribute is set to `true` when the LAN trigger is connected and ready to send trigger events following a successful `lan.trigger[N].connect()` command; if the LAN trigger is not ready to send trigger events, this value is `false`.

This attribute is also `false` when either `lan.trigger[N].protocol` or `lan.trigger[N].ipaddress` attributes are changed or the remote connection closes the connection.

Example

```
lan.trigger[1].protocol = lan.MULTICAST
print(lan.trigger[1].connected)
```

Outputs `true` if connected, or `false` if not connected.

Example output:
`false`

Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-127)
[lan.trigger\[N\].ipaddress](#) (on page 7-129)
[lan.trigger\[N\].protocol](#) (on page 7-131)

lan.trigger[N].disconnect()

This function disconnects the LAN trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
lan.trigger[N].disconnect()
N
```

The LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

For TCP connections, this closes the TCP connection.

The LAN trigger automatically disconnects when either the `lan.trigger[N].protocol` or `lan.trigger[N].ipaddress` attributes for this event are changed.

Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].ipaddress](#) (on page 7-129)
[lan.trigger\[N\].protocol](#) (on page 7-131)

lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID

This constant is the event identifier used to route the LAN trigger to other subsystems (using stimulus properties).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID
N
```

The LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger event detector to the value of this constant to have it respond to incoming LAN trigger packets.

Example

```
digio.trigger[14].stimulus =
lan.trigger[1].EVENT_ID
```

Route occurrences of triggers
on LAN trigger 1 to digital I/O
trigger 14.

Also see

None

lan.trigger[N].ipaddress

This attribute specifies the address (in dotted-decimal format) of UDP or TCP listeners.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset LAN trigger N reset Recall setup	Not saved	"0.0.0.0"

Usage

```
ipAddress = lan.trigger[N].ipaddress
lan.trigger[N].ipaddress = ipAddress
```

ipAddress	The LAN address for this attribute as a string in dotted decimal notation
N	A number specifying the LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

Sets the IP address for outgoing trigger events.

Set to "0.0.0.0" for multicast.

After changing this setting, the `lan.trigger[N].connect()` command must be called before outgoing messages can be sent.

Example

```
lan.trigger[3].protocol = lan.TCP
lan.trigger[3].ipaddress = "192.168.1.100"
lan.trigger[3].connect()
```

Set the protocol for LAN trigger 3 to be
lan.TCP when sending LAN triggers.
Use IP address "192.168.1.100" to
connect the LAN trigger.

Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-127)

lan.trigger[N].mode

This attribute sets the trigger operation and detection mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset LAN trigger N reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (lan.TRIG_EITHER)

Usage

```
mode = lan.trigger[N].mode
lan.trigger[N].mode = mode
```

mode	A number representing the trigger mode (0 to 7); see the Details section for more information
N	A number representing the LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

This attribute controls the mode in which the trigger event detector and the output trigger generator operate on the given trigger. These settings are intended to provide behavior similar to the digital I/O triggers.

LAN trigger mode values			
Mode	Number	Trigger packets detected as input	LAN trigger packet generated for output with a...
lan.TRIG_EITHER	0	Rising or falling edge (positive or negative state)	negative state
lan.TRIG_FALLING	1	Falling edge (negative state)	negative state
lan.TRIG_RISING	2	Rising edge (positive state)	positive state
lan.TRIG_RISINGA	3	Rising edge (positive state)	positive state
lan.TRIG_RISINGM	4	Rising edge (positive state)	positive state
lan.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUS	5	Falling edge (negative state)	positive state
lan.TRIG_SYNCHROUSA	6	Falling edge (negative state)	positive state
lan.TRIG_SYNCHROUSM	7	Rising edge (positive state)	negative state

lan.TRIG_RISING and lan.TRIG_RISINGA are the same.

lan.TRIG_RISING and lan.TRIG_RISINGM are the same.

Use of either lan.TRIG_SYNCHROUSA or lan.TRIG_SYNCHROUSM over lan.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUS is preferred, as lan.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUS is provided for compatibility with other Keithley Instruments products.

Example

```
print(lan.trigger[1].mode)
```

Outputs the present LAN trigger mode of LAN event 1.

Also see

[Digital I/O](#) (on page 3-80)

[TSP-Link system expansion interface](#) (on page 6-49)

lan.trigger[N].overrun

This attribute contains the event detector's overrun status.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	LAN trigger N clear LAN trigger N reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
overrun = lan.trigger[N].overrun
```

overrun	The trigger overrun state for the specified LAN packet (true or false)
N	A number representing the LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

This attribute indicates whether an event has been ignored because the event detector was already in the detected state when the event occurred.

This is an indication of the state of the event detector built into the synchronization line itself. It does not indicate if an overrun occurred in any other part of the trigger model, or in any other construct that is monitoring the event. It also is not an indication of an output trigger overrun. Output trigger overrun indications are provided in the status model.

Example

overrun = lan.trigger[5].overrun print(overrun)	Checks the overrun status of a trigger on LAN5 and outputs the value, such as: false
--	---

Also see

- [lan.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-125)
- [lan.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-126)
- [lan.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-132)
- [lan.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-134)

lan.trigger[N].protocol

This attribute sets the LAN protocol to use for sending trigger messages.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset LAN trigger N reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (lan.TCP)

Usage

```
protocol = lan.trigger[N].protocol  
lan.trigger[N].protocol = protocol
```

protocol	The protocol to use for the trigger's messages: • 0 or lan.TCP • 1 or lan.UDP • 2 or lan.MULTICAST
N	A number representing the LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

The LAN trigger listens for trigger messages on all supported protocols, but uses the designated protocol for sending outgoing messages. After changing this setting, `lan.trigger[N].connect()` must be called before outgoing event messages can be sent.

When the `lan.MULTICAST` protocol is selected, the `lan.trigger[N].ipaddress` attribute is ignored and event messages are sent to the multicast address 224.0.23.159.

Example

```
print(lan.trigger[1].protocol)
```

Get LAN protocol to use for sending trigger messages for LAN event 1.

Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-127)
[lan.trigger\[N\].ipaddress](#) (on page 7-129)

lan.trigger[N].pseudostate

This attribute sets the simulated line state for the LAN trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset LAN trigger N reset Recall setup	Not saved	1

Usage

```
pseudostate = lan.trigger[N].pseudostate
lan.trigger[N].pseudostate = pseudostate
```

<code>pseudostate</code>	The simulated line state (0 or 1)
<code>N</code>	A number representing the LAN event number (1 to 8)

Details

This attribute can be set to initialize the pseudo line state to a known value.

Setting this attribute does not cause the LAN trigger to generate any events or output packets.

Example

```
print(lan.trigger[1].pseudostate)
```

Get the present simulated line state for the LAN event 1.

Also see

None

lan.trigger[N].stimulus

This attribute specifies events that cause this trigger to assert.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset LAN trigger N reset Recall setup	Not saved	0

Usage

```
triggerStimulus = lan.trigger[N].stimulus
lan.trigger[N].stimulus = triggerStimulus
```

<code>triggerStimulus</code>	The LAN event identifier used to trigger the event
<code>N</code>	A number specifying the trigger packet over the LAN for which to set or query the trigger source (1 to 8)

Details

This attribute specifies which event causes a LAN trigger packet to be sent for this trigger. Set `triggerStimulus` to one of the existing trigger event IDs, which are shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
<code>smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
<code>smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
<code>smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
<code>smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
<code>smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
<code>smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
<code>smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
<code>digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
<code>tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
<code>lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
<code>display.trigger.EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
<code>trigger.EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command <code>device_trigger</code> ; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
<code>trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
<code>trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID</code>	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Setting this attribute to zero disables automatic trigger generation.

If any events are detected prior to calling `lan.trigger[N].connect()`, the event is ignored and the action overrun is set.

Example

```
lan.trigger[5].stimulus = trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID
```

Use timer 1 trigger event as the source for LAN packet 5 trigger stimulus.

Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-125)
[lan.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-126)
[lan.trigger\[N\].connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-127)
[lan.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-134)

lan.trigger[N].wait()

This function waits for an input trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
triggered = lan.trigger[N].wait(timeout)
```

triggered	Trigger detection indication
N	The trigger packet over LAN to wait for (1 to 8)
timeout	Maximum amount of time in seconds to wait for the trigger event

Details

If one or more trigger events have been detected since the last time `lan.trigger[N].wait()` or `lan.trigger[N].clear()` was called, this function returns immediately.

After waiting for a LAN trigger event with this function, the event detector is automatically reset and rearmed regardless of the number of events detected.

Example

triggered = lan.trigger[5].wait(3)	Wait for a trigger with LAN packet 5 with a timeout of 3 seconds.
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Also see

[lan.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-125)
[lan.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-126)
[lan.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-131)
[lan.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-132)

localnode.description

This attribute stores a user-defined description and mDNS service name of the instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	Instrument specific (see Details)

Usage

```
localnode.description = description
description = localnode.description
```

description	User-defined description and mDNS service name of the instrument; use a string of 63 characters or less
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Details

This attribute stores a string that contains a description of the instrument. This value appears on instrument's LXI welcome page. The value of this attribute is also used as the instrument's mDNS service name.

This attribute's factory default value is "Keithley Instruments SMU <model number> - <serial number>", where <model number> and <serial number> are replaced with the actual model number and serial number of the instrument (for example, "Keithley Instruments SMU 2657A - 1349810"). Setting this attribute to an empty string (in other words, setting this attribute to a string of length zero, or one consisting entirely of whitespace characters) will revert the description to the factory default value.

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example `node[5].description`.

Example

<code>description = "System in Lab 05"</code>	Set description equal to "System in Lab 05".
<code>localnode.description = description</code>	

Also see

None

localnode.linefreq

This attribute contains the power line frequency setting used for NPLC calculations.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	Country-specific (50 Hz or 60 Hz)

Usage

<code>frequency = localnode.linefreq</code>	
<code>localnode.linefreq = frequency</code>	
<code>frequency</code>	An integer representing the specified power line frequency

Details

To achieve optimum noise rejection when performing measurements at integer NPLC apertures, set the line frequency attribute to match the frequency (50 Hz or 60 Hz) of the AC power line.

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference. For example, `node[5].linefreq`.

Example 1

<code>frequency = localnode.linefreq</code>	Reads line frequency setting.
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Example 2

<code>localnode.linefreq = 60</code>	Sets the line frequency to 60 Hz.
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Also see

None

localnode.model

This attribute stores the model number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
model = localnode.model
```

model	The model number of the instrument
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Details

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example `node[5].model`.

Example

print(localnode.model)	Outputs the model number.
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Also see

[localnode.description](#) (on page 7-134)
[localnode.revision](#) (on page 7-139)
[localnode.serialno](#) (on page 7-140)

localnode.password

This attribute stores the remote access password.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (W)	Yes	LAN reset LAN restore defaults	Nonvolatile memory	""

Usage

```
localnode.password = password
```

password	String containing the remote interface password
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Details

This write-only attribute stores the password that is set for any remote interface. When password usage is enabled (`localnode.passwordmode`), you must supply this password to change the configuration or to control an instrument from a web page or other remote command interface.

The instrument continues to use the old password for all interactions until the command to change it executes. When changing the password, give the instrument time to execute the command before attempting to use the new password.

You cannot retrieve a lost password from any command interface.

The password can be reset by resetting the LAN from the front panel or by using the `lan.reset()` command.

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example `node[5].password`.

Example

<code>localnode.password = "N3wpa55w0rd"</code>	Changes the remote interface password to N3wpa55w0rd.
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Also see

[lan.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-118)
[localnode.passwordmode](#) (on page 7-137)

localnode.passwordmode

This attribute stores the remote access password enable mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	1 (localnode.PASSWORD_WEB)

Usage

<code>mode = localnode.passwordmode</code>	
<code>localnode.passwordmode = mode</code>	
<code>mode</code>	The remote password enable mode

Details

This attribute controls if and where remote access passwords are required. Set this attribute to one of the values below to enable password checking:

localnode.PASSWORD_NONE or 0: Disable passwords everywhere
 localnode.PASSWORD_WEB or 1: Use passwords on the web interface only
 localnode.PASSWORD_LAN or 2: Use passwords on the web interface and all LAN interfaces
 localnode.PASSWORD_ALL or 3: Use passwords on the web interface and all remote command interfaces
 When using this command from a remote node, localnode should be replaced with the node reference, for example `node[5].passwordmode`.

Example

<code>mode = localnode.PASSWORD_WEB</code>	Sets value of mode to PASSWORD_WEB.
<code>localnode.passwordmode = mode</code>	Allows use of passwords on the web interface only.

Also see

[localnode.password](#) (on page 7-136)

localnode.prompts

This attribute sets and reads the local node prompting state (enabled or disabled).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Power cycle	Not saved	0 (disabled)

Usage

<code>prompting = localnode.prompts</code>	
<code>localnode.prompts = prompting</code>	
<code>prompting</code>	Prompting state (0 to disable or 1 to enable)

Details

The command messages do not generate prompts. The instrument generates prompts in response to command messages.

When the prompting mode is enabled (set to 1), the instrument generates prompts in response to command messages. There are three prompts that might be generated:

- **TSP>** is the standard prompt. This prompt indicates that everything is normal and the command is done processing.
- **TSP?** is issued if there are entries in the error queue when the prompt is issued. Like the TSP> prompt, it indicates the command is done processing. It does not mean the previous command generated an error, only that there are still errors in the queue when the command was done processing.
- **>>>** is the continuation prompt. This prompt is used when downloading scripts. When downloading scripts, many command messages must be sent as a group. The continuation prompt indicates that the instrument is expecting more messages as part of the current command.

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example, `node[5].prompts`.

NOTE

Do not disable prompting when using Test Script Builder. Test Script Builder requires prompts and sets the prompting mode behind the scenes. If you disable prompting, using Test Script Builder causes the instrument to stop responding because it is waiting for the prompt that lets it know that the command is done executing.

Example

<code>localnode.prompts = 1</code>	Enable prompting.
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Also see

[localnode.prompts4882](#) (on page 7-138)
[localnode.showerrors](#) (on page 7-141)

localnode.prompts4882

This attribute enables and disables the generation of prompts for IEEE Std 488.2 common commands.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Power cycle	Not saved	1 (enabled)

Usage

```
prompting = localnode.prompts4882  
localnode.prompts4882 = prompting
```

<i>prompting</i>	IEEE Std 488.2 prompting mode
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Details

When set to 1, the IEEE Std 488.2 common commands generate prompts if prompting is enabled with the `localnode.prompts` attribute. If set to 1, limit the number of `*trg` commands sent to a running script to 50 regardless of the setting of the `localnode.prompts` attribute.

When set to 0, IEEE Std 488.2 common commands will not generate prompts. When using the `*trg` command with a script that executes `trigger.wait()` repeatedly, set `localnode.prompts4882` to 0 to avoid problems associated with the command interface input queue filling.

This attribute resets to the default value each time the instrument power is cycled.

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example `node[5].prompts4882`.

Example

<code>localnode.prompts4882 = 0</code>	Disables IEEE Std 488.2 common command prompting.
--	---

Also see

[localnode.prompts](#) (on page 7-137)

localnode.reset()

This function resets the local node instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

`localnode.reset()`

Details

If you want to reset a specific instrument or a subordinate node, use the `node[X].reset()` command.

A local node reset includes:

- Source-measure unit (SMU) attributes affected by a SMU reset are reset
- Other settings are restored back to factory default settings

A `localnode.reset()` is different than a `reset()` because `reset()` resets the entire system.

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example `node[5].reset()`.

Example

<code>localnode.reset()</code>	Resets the local node.
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Also see

[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)

[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

localnode.revision

This attribute stores the firmware revision level.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
revision = localnode.revision
```

revision	Firmware revision level
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Details

This attribute indicates the revision number of the firmware that is presently running in the instrument. When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference. For example, `node[5].revision`.

Example

print(localnode.revision)	Outputs the present revision level. Sample output: 1.1.0
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Also see

[localnode.description](#) (on page 7-134)
[localnode.model](#) (on page 7-136)
[localnode.serialno](#) (on page 7-140)

localnode.serialno

This attribute stores the instrument's serial number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
serialno = localnode.serialno
```

serialno	The serial number of the instrument
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Details

This read-only attribute indicates the instrument serial number. When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example `node[5].serialno`.

Example

display.clear() display.settext(localnode.serialno)	Clears the instrument's display. Places the instrument's serial number on the top line of its display.
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Also see

[localnode.description](#) (on page 7-134)
[localnode.model](#) (on page 7-136)
[localnode.revision](#) (on page 7-139)

localnode.showerrors

This attribute sets whether or not the instrument automatically sends generated errors.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Power cycle	Not saved	0 (disabled)

Usage

```
errorMode = localnode.showerrors
localnode.showerrors = errorMode
```

errorMode	Enables (1) or disables (0) the show errors state
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Details

If this attribute is set to 1, the instrument automatically sends any generated errors stored in the error queue, and then clears the queue. Errors are processed after executing a command message (just before issuing a prompt, if prompts are enabled).

If this attribute is set to 0, errors are left in the error queue and must be explicitly read or cleared.

When using this command from a remote node, `localnode` should be replaced with the node reference, for example, `node[5].showerrors`.

Example

localnode.showerrors = 1	Enables sending of generated errors.
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Also see

[localnode.prompts](#) (on page 7-137)

makegetter()

This function creates a function to get the value of an attribute.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
getter = makegetter(table, attributeName)
```

getter	The return value
table	Read-only table where the attribute is located
attributeName	A string representing the name of the attribute

Details

This function is useful for aliasing attributes to improve execution speed. Calling the function created with `makegetter()` executes faster than accessing the attribute directly.

Creating a getter function is only useful if it is going to be called several times. Otherwise, the overhead of creating the getter function outweighs the overhead of accessing the attribute directly.

Example

```
getlevel = makegetter(smua.source, "levelv")
v = getlevel()
```

Creates a getter function called `getlevel`.
When `getlevel()` is called, it returns the value of `smua.source.levelv`.

Also see

[makesetter\(\)](#) (on page 7-142)

makesetter()

This function creates a function that, when called, sets the value of an attribute.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
setter = makesetter(table, attributeName)
```

<code>setter</code>	Function that sets the value of the attribute
<code>table</code>	Read-only table where the attribute is located
<code>attributeName</code>	The string name of the attribute

Details

This function is useful for aliasing attributes to improve execution speed. Calling the `setter` function will execute faster than accessing the attribute directly.

Creating a `setter` function is only useful if it is going to be called several times. If you are not calling the `setter` function several times, it is more efficient to access the attribute directly.

Example

```
setlevel = makesetter(smua.source, "levelv")
for v = 1, 10 do
    setlevel(v)
end
```

Creates a setter function called `setlevel`.
Using `setlevel()` in the loop sets the value of `smua.source.levelv`, performing a source sweep.

Also see

[makegetter\(\)](#) (on page 7-141)

meminfo()

This function returns the present amount of available memory and the total amount of memory in the instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
freeMem, totalMem = meminfo()
```

freeMem	The amount of free dynamically allocated memory available
totalMem	The total amount of dynamically allocated memory in the instrument

Details

This function returns two values:

- The amount of free dynamically allocated memory available in kilobytes
- The total amount of dynamically allocated memory on the instrument in kilobytes

The difference between the two values is the amount presently used.

Also see

None

node[N].execute()

This function starts test scripts from a remote node.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes (see Details)			

Usage

```
node [N] .execute (scriptCode)
```

N	The node number of this instrument
scriptCode	A string containing the source code

Details

Only the remote master node can use the execute command to run a script on this node, specified by *N*. This function does not run test scripts on the master node; only on this node when initiated by the master node.

This function may only be called when the group number of the node is different than the node of the master.

This function does not wait for the script to finish execution.

This function cannot be used from the local node. This command should only be used from a remote master when controlling this instrument over a TSP-link®.

Example 1

node [2] .execute (sourcecode)	Runs script code on node 2. The code is in a string variable called sourcecode.
--------------------------------	---

Example 2

node [3] .execute ("x = 5")	Runs script code in string constant ("x = 5") to set x equal to 5 on node 3.
-----------------------------	--

Example 3

node [32] .execute (TestDut.source)	Runs the test script stored in the variable TestDut (previously stored on the master node) on node 32.
-------------------------------------	--

Also see

[TSP advanced features](#) (on page 6-54)

[tsplink.group](#) (on page 7-344)

node[N].getglobal()

This function returns the value of a global variable.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
value = node [N] .getglobal (name)
```

value	The value of the variable
N	The node number of this instrument
name	The global variable name

Details

This function retrieves the value of a global variable from the run-time environment of this node.

Do not use this command to retrieve the value of a global variable from the local node. Instead, access the global variable directly. This command should only be used from a remote master when controlling this instrument over a TSP-link® network.

Example

<code>print (node[5].getglobal("test_val"))</code>	Retrieves and outputs the value of the global variable named test_val from node 5.
--	--

Also see

[node\[N\].setglobal\(\)](#) (on page 7-145)
[TSP advanced features](#) (on page 6-54)

node[N].setglobal()

This function sets the value of a global variable.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

`node[N].setglobal(name, value)`

<code>N</code>	The node number of this instrument
<code>name</code>	The global variable name to set
<code>value</code>	The value to assign to the variable

Details

From a remote node, use this function to assign the given value to a global variable.

Do not use this command to create or set the value of a global variable from the local node (set the global variable directly instead). This command should only be used from a remote master when controlling this instrument over a TSP-link®.

Example

<code>node[3].setglobal("x", 5)</code>	Sets the global variable x on node 3 to the value of 5.
--	---

Also see

[node\[N\].getglobal\(\)](#) (on page 7-144)
[TSP advanced features](#) (on page 6-54)

opc()

This function sets the operation complete status bit when all overlapped commands are completed.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
opc()
```

Details

This function causes the operation complete bit in the Standard Event Status Register to be set when all previously started local overlapped commands are complete.

Note that each node independently sets its operation complete bits in its own status model. Any nodes that are not actively performing overlapped commands set their bits immediately. All remaining nodes set their own bits as they complete their own overlapped commands.

Also see

[Status model](#) (on page E-1)
[waitcomplete\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

os.remove()

This function deletes the file or directory with a given name.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
success, msg = os.remove(filename)
```

success	A success indicator (true or nil)
msg	A message value (nil or an error message)
filename	A string representing the name of the file or directory to delete

Details

Directories must be empty before using the `os.remove()` function to delete them.

If this function fails, it returns `nil` (for `success`) and an error message string (for `msg`).

Example

```
os.remove("testFile")
```

Delete the file named `testFile`.

Also see

[os.rename\(\)](#) (on page 7-147)

os.rename()

This function renames an existing file or directory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
success, msg = os.rename(oldname, newname)
```

success	A success indicator (true or nil)
msg	A message value (nil or an error message)
oldname	String representing the name of the file or directory to rename
newname	String represent the new name of the file or directory

Details

If this function fails, it returns `nil` (for `success`) and an error message string (for `msg`).

Example

```
os.rename("testFile", "exampleFile")
```

Changes the name of the existing file
testFile to the name exampleFile.

Also see

[os.remove\(\)](#) (on page 7-146)

os.time()

This function generates a time value in UTC time.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
utcTime = os.time()
utcTime = os.time(timespec)
```

utcTime	Time value in UTC time
timespec	The date and time (year, month, day, hour, and minute)

Details

The *timespec* is a table using the fields listed in the table below:

year	The year (1970 or later)
month	The month (1 to 12)
day	The day (1 to 31)
hour	The hour (00 to 23)
min	The minute (00 to 59)
sec	The second (00 to 59)

If the time (hour, minute, and second) options are not used, they default to noon for that day. When called without a parameter (the first form), the function returns the current time.

Set the time zone before calling the `os.time()` function.

Example

<pre>systemTime = os.time({year = 2010, month = 3, day = 31, hour = 14, min = 25}) settime(systemTime)</pre>	Sets the date and time to Mar 31, 2010 at 2:25 pm.
--	--

Also see

[settime\(\)](#) (on page 7-172)
[settimezone\(\)](#) (on page 7-173)

print()

This function generates a response message.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
print(value1)
print(value1, value2)
print(value1, ..., valueN)
```

value1	The first argument to output
value2	The second argument to output
valueN	The last argument to output
...	One or more values separated with commas

Details

TSP-enabled instruments do not have inherent query commands. Like any other scripting environment, the `print()` command and other related `print()` commands generate output. The `print()` command creates one response message.

The output from multiple arguments are separated with a tab character.

Numbers are printed using the `format.asciiprecision` attribute. If you want use Lua formatting, print the return value from the `tostring()` function.

Example 1

```
x = 10
print(x)
```

Example of an output response message:
1.00000e+01

Note that your output might be different if you set your ASCII precision setting to a different value.

Example 2

```
x = 10
print(tostring(x))
```

Example of an output response message:
10

Also see

[format.asciiprecision](#) (on page 7-91)

printbuffer()

This function prints data from tables or reading buffer subtables.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
printbuffer(startIndex, endIndex, buffer1)
printbuffer(startIndex, endIndex, buffer1, buffer2)
printbuffer(startIndex, endIndex, buffer1, ..., bufferN)
```

<i>startIndex</i>	Beginning index of the buffer to print
<i>endIndex</i>	Ending index of the buffer to print
<i>buffer1</i>	First table or reading buffer subtable to print
<i>buffer2</i>	Second table or reading buffer subtable to print
<i>bufferN</i>	The last table or reading buffer subtable to print
...	One or more tables or reading buffer subtables separated with commas

Details

The correct usage of this function for a buffer containing *n* elements is:

$1 \leq startIndex \leq endIndex \leq n$

Where *n* refers to the index of the last entry in the tables to be printed.

If $endIndex < startIndex$ or $n < startIndex$, no data is printed. If $startIndex \leq 1$, 1 is used as *startIndex*. If $n < endIndex$, *n* is used as *endIndex*.

When any given reading buffers are used in overlapped commands that have not yet completed (at least to the desired index), this function outputs data as it becomes available.

When there are outstanding overlapped commands to acquire data, *n* refers to the index that the last entry in the table will have after all the measurements have completed.

If you pass a reading buffer instead of a reading buffer subtable, the default subtable for that reading buffer will be used.

This command generates a single response message that contains all data. The response message is stored in the output queue.

The `format.data` attribute controls the format of the response message.

Example

```
format.data = format.ASCII  
format.asciiprecision = 6  
printbuffer(1, rb1.n, rb1)
```

This assumes that `rb1` is a valid reading buffer in the run-time environment. The use of `rb1.n` (`bufferVar.n`) indicates that the instrument should output all readings in the reading buffer. In this example, `rb1.n` equals 10.

Example of output data (`rb1.readings`):

```
4.07205e-05, 4.10966e-05, 4.06867e-05, 4.08865e-05, 4.08220e-05, 4.08988e-05,  
4.08250e-05, 4.09741e-05, 4.07174e-05, 4.07881e-05
```

Also see

[bufferVar.n](#) (on page 7-25)
[format.asciiprecision](#) (on page 7-91)
[format.byteorder](#) (on page 7-92)
[format.data](#) (on page 7-93)
[print\(\)](#) (on page 7-148)
[printnumber\(\)](#) (on page 7-150)

printnumber()

This function prints numbers using the configured format.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
printnumber(value1)  
printnumber(value1, value2)  
printnumber(value1, ..., valueN)
```

value1	First value to print in the configured format
value2	Second value to print in the configured format
valueN	Last value to print in the configured format
...	One or more values separated with commas

Details

There are multiple ways to use this function, depending on how many numbers are to be printed.

This function prints the given numbers using the data format specified by `format.data` and `format.asciiprecision`.

Example

```
format.asciiprecision = 10
x = 2.54
printnumber(x)
format.asciiprecision = 3
printnumber(x, 2.54321, 3.1)
```

Configure the ASCII precision to 10 and set *x* to 2.54.
 Read the value of *x* based on these settings.
 Change the ASCII precision to 3.
 View how the change affects the output of *x* and some numbers.
 Output:
 2.54000000e+00
 2.54e+00, 2.54e+00, 3.10e+00

Also see

[format.asciiprecision](#) (on page 7-91)
[format.byteorder](#) (on page 7-92)
[format.data](#) (on page 7-93)
[print\(\)](#) (on page 7-148)
[printbuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-149)

PulseIMeasureV()

This KIPulse factory script function performs a specified number of pulse I, measure V cycles.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
PulseIMeasureV(smu, bias, level, ton, toff, points)
```

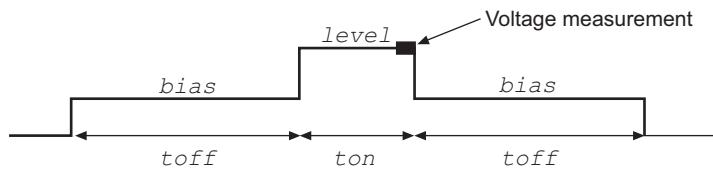
<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <i>smua</i>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in amperes
<i>level</i>	Pulse level in amperes
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles

Details

Data for pulsed voltage measurements, current levels, and timestamps are stored in *smua.nvbuffer1*. If any parameters are omitted or *nil*, the operator is prompted to enter them using the front panel.

To perform the specified number of pulse I, measure V cycles, this function:

1. Sets the *smu* to output *bias* amperes and dwell for *toff* seconds.
2. Sets the *smu* to output *level* amperes and dwell for *ton* seconds.
3. Performs voltage measurement with source at *level* amperes.
4. Sets the *smu* to output *bias* amperes for *toff* seconds.
5. Repeats steps 2 through 4 for all remaining *points* pulse-measure cycles.

Figure 115: PulseIMeasureV**Example**

```
PulseIMeasureV(smua, 0.001, 0.01,
20e-3, 40e-3, 10)
```

SMU A outputs 1 mA and dwells for 40 ms, outputs 10 mA and dwells for 20 ms. The voltage measurements occur during each 20 ms dwell period. After the measurement, the output returns to 1 mA and dwells for 40 ms. This pulse-measure process repeats nine more times.

Also see

[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

PulseVMeasureI()

This KIPulse factory script function performs a specified number of pulse V, measure I cycles.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
PulseVMeasureI(smu, bias, level, ton, toff, points)
```

<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<i>bias</i>	Bias level in volts
<i>level</i>	Pulse level in volts
<i>ton</i>	Pulse on time in seconds
<i>toff</i>	Pulse off time in seconds
<i>points</i>	Number of pulse-measure cycles

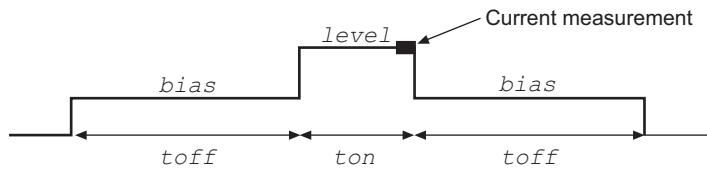
Details

If any parameters are omitted or `nil`, the operator is prompted to enter them using the front panel. Data for pulsed current measurements, voltage levels, and timestamps are stored in `smuX.nvbuffer1`.

To perform the specified number of pulse V, measure I cycles, this function:

1. Sets the `smu` to output `bias` volts and dwell for `toff` seconds
2. Sets the `smu` to output `level` volts and dwell for `ton` seconds
3. Performs voltage measurement with source at `level` volts
4. Sets the `smu` to output `bias` volts for `toff` seconds
5. Repeats steps 2 through 4 for the remaining `points` pulse-measure cycles

Figure 116: PulseVMeasureI()



Example

```
smua.measure.nplc = 0.001
PulseVMeasureI(smua, -50, 125, 10e-3, 20e-3,
                10)
```

SMU A outputs -50 V and dwells for 10 ms, outputs 125 V and dwells for 20 ms. The current measurement occurs during the dwell period. After the measurement, the output returns to -50 V and dwells for 10 ms. This pulse-measure process repeats 9 more times.

Also see

[KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

QueryPulseConfig()

This KIPulse factory script function allows you to inspect the settings of the preconfigured pulse train assigned to `tag`.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
tbl = QueryPulseConfig(tag)
```

<code>tag</code>	Numeric identifier to be assigned to the defined pulse train
<code>tbl</code>	Returned table

Details

Once a pulse train has been configured and assigned to a *tag*, it is often desirable to inspect the settings of this preconfigured pulse train. The `QueryPulseConfig()` command can be used for this purpose.

This function returns a table that contains the settings associated with the *tag* input parameter.

Return values:	
<code>tostring()</code>	A function that returns most settings in a string that is convenient for printing
<code>tag</code>	Identifying tag for this pulse train
<code>smu</code>	The SMU configured for pulsing
<code>func</code>	Pulse function: <code>smuX.OUTPUT_DCAMPS</code> or <code>smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS</code>
<code>bias</code>	Pulse bias level
<code>level</code>	Pulse level for non sweeping pulses
<code>start</code>	Starting level for sweep pulses
<code>stop</code>	Ending level for sweep pulses
<code>limit</code>	Limit value
<code>ton</code>	On time in seconds
<code>toff</code>	Off time in seconds
<code>points</code>	The number of points in this pulse train
<code>buf</code>	Reference to the buffer that contains measurement data
<code>sync_in</code>	The <code>sync_in</code> digio line, if used
<code>sync_out</code>	The <code>sync_out</code> digio line, if used
<code>sourcevalues</code>	A table containing the source value for each point in the pulse train

Example

```

smua.reset()

smua.source.rangev = 500
smua.source.rangei = 0.1
smua.source.levelv = 0

smua.measure.rangev = 500
smua.measure.rangei = 0.1
smua.measure.nplc = 0.01
smua.measure.autozero = smua.AUTOZERO_ONCE

smua.nvbuffer1.clear()
smua.nvbuffer1.appendmode = 1

smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON

f1, msg1 = ConfigPulseVMeasureI(smua, 0,
    300, 0.1, 5e-3, 0.2, 10,
    smua.nvbuffer1, 1)

print(QueryPulseConfig(1).tostring())

```

Configure channel A to generate a pulse train, query configuration, and then display as a string. The following output indicates that Channel A will pulse voltage from a bias level of 0 V to a pulse level of 300 V. The pulse level will be present for 5 ms, and the bias level for 200 ms with a 100 mA limit setting. A total of 10 pulses will be generated, and the measurement data will be stored in smua.nvbuffer1. This pulse train is assigned to tag = 1.

Output:

```

>> tag = 1
>> smu = smua
>> func = volts
>> type = pulse
>> bias = 0
>> level = 300
>> limit = 0.1
>> time on = 0.005
>> time off = 0.2
>> points = 10
>> measure = yes
>> sync_in = 0
>> sync_out = 0
>> sync_in_timeout = 0
>> sync_out_abort = 0
>> { 300, 300, 300, 300, 300, 300,
    300, 300, 300, 300 }

```

Also see

- [ConfigPulseMeasureV\(\)](#) (on page 7-33)
- [ConfigPulseMeasureVSweepLin\(\)](#) (on page 7-35)
- [ConfigPulseMeasureVSweepLog\(\)](#) (on page 7-37)
- [ConfigPulseVMeasureI\(\)](#) (on page 7-39)
- [ConfigPulseVMeasureSweepLin\(\)](#) (on page 7-41)
- [ConfigPulseVMeasureSweepLog\(\)](#) (on page 7-42)
- [KIPulse factory script](#) (on page 5-20)

reset()

This function resets commands to their default settings.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```

reset()
reset(system)

```

<i>system</i>	true: If the node is the master, the entire system is reset false: Only the local group is reset
---------------	---

Details

The `reset()` command in its simplest form resets the entire TSP-enabled system, including the controlling node and all subordinate nodes.

If you want to reset a specific instrument, use either the `localnode.reset()` or `node[X].reset()` command. The `localnode.reset()` command is used for the local instrument. The `node[X].reset()` command is used to reset an instrument on a subordinate node.

When no value is specified for `system`, the default value is `true`.

You can only reset the entire system using `reset(true)` if the node is the master. If the node is not the master node, executing this command generates an error.

Example

<code>reset(true)</code>	If the node is the master node, the entire system is reset; if the node is not the master node, an error is generated.
--------------------------	--

Also see

[localnode.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-139)

savebuffer()

This KISavebuffer factory script function saves a specified reading buffer as either a .CSV file or an .XML file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

`savebuffer(buffer, formatType, fileName)`

<code>buffer</code>	The reading buffer to save
---------------------	----------------------------

<code>formatType</code>	A string indicating which file type to use: <code>.csv</code> or <code>.xml</code>
-------------------------	--

<code>fileName</code>	The file name of the saved buffer
-----------------------	-----------------------------------

Details

Use this function to save the specified buffer to a USB flash drive.

This function will only save to a USB flash drive.

You are not required to qualify the path to the USB flash drive, but if you wish to, add `/usb1/` before the `fileName` (see Example 2).

Example 1

<code>savebuffer(smua.nvbuffer1, "csv", "mybuffer.csv")</code>	Save <code>smua</code> dedicated reading buffer 1 as a .CSV file named <code>mybuffer.csv</code> .
--	--

Example 2

<code>savebuffer(smua.nvbuffer1, "csv", "/usb1/mybuffer.csv")</code>	Save <code>smua</code> dedicated reading buffer 1 to an installed USB flash drive as a .CSV file named <code>mybuffer.csv</code> .
--	--

Also see

[KISavebuffer factory script](#) (on page 5-21)
[smuX.savebuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

script.anonymous

This is a reference to the anonymous script.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	No	See Details	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
scriptVar = script.anonymous
```

scriptVar	The name of the variable that references the script
-----------	---

Details

You can use the `script.anonymous` script like any other script. Also, you can save the anonymous script as a user script by giving it a name.

This script is replaced by loading a script with the `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` commands when they are used without a name.

Example 1

script.anonymous.list()	Displays the content of the anonymous script.
-------------------------	---

Example 2

print(script.anonymous.source)	Retrieves the source of the anonymous script.
--------------------------------	---

Also see

[Anonymous scripts](#) (on page 6-3)
[scriptVar.autorun](#) (on page 7-163)
[scriptVar.list\(\)](#) (on page 7-164)
[scriptVar.name](#) (on page 7-165)
[scriptVar.run\(\)](#) (on page 7-166)
[scriptVar.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-167)
[scriptVar.source](#) (on page 7-167)

script.delete()

This function deletes a script from nonvolatile memory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
script.delete(scriptName)
```

scriptName	The string that represents the name of the script
------------	---

Example

```
script.delete("test8")
```

Deletes a user script named "test8" from nonvolatile memory.

Also see

[Delete user scripts](#) (on page 6-9)

[Delete user scripts from the instrument](#) (on page 6-46)

[scriptVar.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-167)

script.factory.catalog()

This function returns an iterator that can be used in a `for` loop to iterate over all the factory scripts.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
for name in script.factory.catalog() do body end
```

name	String representing the name of the script
------	--

body	Code that implements the body of the <code>for</code> loop to process the names in the catalog
------	--

Details

Accessing this catalog of scripts allows you to process the factory scripts. The entries will be enumerated in no particular order.

Each time the body of the function executes, `name` takes on the name of one of the factory scripts. The `for` loop repeats until all scripts have been iterated.

Example

```
for name in script.factory.catalog() do
    print(name)
end
```

Retrieve the catalog listing for factory scripts.

Also see

None

script.load()

This function creates a script from a specified file.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
scriptVar = script.load(file)
scriptVar = script.load(file, name)
```

scriptVar	The created script; this is <code>nil</code> if an error is encountered
file	The path and file name of the script file to load
name	The name of the script to be created

Details

The file path may be absolute or relative to the current working directory. The root folder of the USB flash drive has the absolute path "/usb1/". Both the forward slash (/) and backslash (\) are supported as directory separators.

The file to be loaded must start with the `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` keywords, contain the body of the script, and end with the `endscript` keyword.

Script naming:

- If the `name` parameter is an empty string, or `name` is absent (or `nil`) and the script name cannot be extracted from the file, `scriptVar` is the only handle to the created script.
- If `name` is given (and not `nil`), any script name embedded in the file is ignored.
- If `name` conflicts with the name of an existing script in the `script.user.scripts` table, the existing script's name attribute is set to an empty string before it is replaced in the `script.user.scripts` table by the new script.
- If `name` is absent or `nil`, the command attempts to extract the name of the script from the file. Any conflict between the extracted name and that of an existing script in the scripts table generates an error. If the script name cannot be extracted, the created script's name attribute is initialized to the empty string, and must be set to a valid nonempty string before saving the script to nonvolatile memory.

Example

myTest8 = script.load("/usb1/filename.tsp", "myTest8")	Loads the script myTest8 from the USB flash drive.
--	---

Also see

[script.new\(\)](#) (on page 7-160)

script.new()

This function creates a script.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
scriptVar = script.new(code)
scriptVar = script.new(code, name)
```

scriptVar	The name of the variable that will reference the script
code	A string containing the body of the script
name	The name of the script

Details

The `name` parameter is the name that is added to the `script.user.scripts` table. If `name` is not given, an empty string will be used, and the script will be unnamed. If the name already exists in `script.user.scripts`, the existing script's `name` attribute is set to an empty string before it is replaced by the new script.

Note that `name` is the value that is used for the instrument front panel display. If this value is not defined, the script will not be available from the instrument front panel.

You must save the new script into nonvolatile memory to keep it when the instrument is turned off.

Example 1

```
myTest8 = script.new(
    "display.clear() display.settext('Hello from myTest8')", "myTest8")
myTest8()
```

Creates a new script referenced by the variable `myTest8` with the name "myTest8".
Runs the script. The instrument displays "Hello from myTest8".

Example 2

```
autoexec = script.new(
    "display.clear() display.settext('Hello from autoexec')", 'autoexec')
```

Creates a new autoexec script that clears the display when the instrument is turned on and displays "Hello from autoexec".

Also see

[Create a script using the script.new\(\) command](#) (on page 6-39)

[Global variables and the script.user.scripts table](#) (on page 6-38)

[Named scripts](#) (on page 6-4)

[scriptVar.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-167)

[script.newautorun\(\)](#) (on page 7-161)

script.newautorun()

This function is identical to the `script.new()` function, but it creates a script with the autorun attribute set to "yes".

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
scriptVar = script.newautorun(code)
scriptVar = script.newautorun(code, name)
```

scriptVar	The name of the variable that will reference the script
code	A string containing the body of the script
name	The name of the script

Details

The `script.newautorun()` function is identical to the `script.new()` function, except that the autorun attribute of the script is set to yes. The script is also automatically run immediately after it is created.

Example

```
NewAuto = script.newautorun("print('Hello from new auto run command')",
    'NewAuto')
print(NewAuto.autorun)
print(NewAuto.name)
```

Creates a new script called `NewAuto` that automatically has the autorun attribute set to yes after it is created. The `name` attribute's value is set to "NewAuto".

Output:

```
Hello from new auto run command
yes
NewAuto
```

Also see

[Create a script using the `script.new\(\)` command](#) (on page 6-39)

[Global variables and the `script.user.scripts` table](#) (on page 6-38)

[Named scripts](#) (on page 6-4)

[script.new\(\)](#) (on page 7-160)

[scriptVar.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-167)

script.restore()

This function restores a script that was removed from the run-time environment.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
script.restore(name)
```

name	The name of the script to be restored
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Details

This command copies the script from nonvolatile memory into the run-time environment. It also creates a global variable with the same name as the name of the script.

Example

```
script.restore("test9")
```

Restores a script named "test9" from nonvolatile memory.

Also see

[script.delete\(\) \(on page 7-158\)](#)

script.run()

This function runs the anonymous script.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
script.run()  
run()
```

Details

Each time the `script.run()` command is given, the anonymous script is executed. This script can be run using this command many times without having to re-send it.

Example

```
run()
```

Runs the anonymous script.

Also see

[script.anonymous \(on page 7-157\)](#)

script.user.catalog()

This function returns an iterator that can be used in a `for` loop to iterate over all the scripts stored in nonvolatile memory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
for name in script.user.catalog() do body end
```

<code>name</code>	String representing the name of the script
<code>body</code>	Code that implements the body of the <code>for</code> loop to process the names in the catalog

Details

Accessing the catalog of scripts stored in nonvolatile memory allows you to process all scripts in nonvolatile memory. The entries will be enumerated in no particular order.

Each time the body of the function executes, `name` takes on the name of one of the scripts stored in nonvolatile memory. The `for` loop repeats until all scripts have been iterated.

Example

```
for name in script.user.catalog() do
    print(name)
end
```

Retrieve the catalog listing for user scripts.

Also see

None

scriptVar.autorun

This attribute controls the autorun state of a script.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	No	Not applicable	See Details	See Details

Usage

```
scriptVar.autorun = state
state = scriptVar.autorun
```

<code>scriptVar</code>	The name of the variable that references the script
<code>state</code>	Whether or not the script runs automatically when powered on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "yes" (script runs automatically) • "no" (script does not run automatically)

Details

Autorun scripts run automatically when the instrument is turned on. You can set any number of scripts to autorun.

The run order for autorun scripts is arbitrary, so make sure the run order is not important.

The default value for `scriptVar.autorun` depends on how the script was loaded. The default is "no" if the script was loaded with `loadscript` or `script.new()`. It is "yes" for scripts loaded with `loadandrunscript` or `script.newautorun()`.

NOTE

Make sure to save the script in nonvolatile memory after setting the `autorun` attribute so that the instrument will retain the setting.

Example

```
test5.autorun = "yes"
test5.save()
```

Assume a script named "test5" is in the run-time environment.

The next time the instrument is turned on, "test5" script automatically loads and runs.

Also see

None

scriptVar.list()

This function generates a script listing.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
scriptVar.list()
```

scriptVar	The name of variable that references the script
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Details

This function generates output in the form of a sequence of response messages (one message for each line of the script). It also generates output of the script control messages (`loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` and `endscript`).

Example

```
test7 = script.new("display.clear() display.settext('Hello from my test')",
                  "test7")
test7()
test7.save()
test7.list()
```

The above example code creates a script named "test7" that displays text on the front panel and lists the script with the following output:

```
loadscript test7
display.clear() display.settext("Hello from my test")
endscript
```

Also see

[Load a script by sending commands over the remote interface](#) (on page 6-4)
[Retrieve source code one line at a time](#) (on page 6-44)

scriptVar.name

This attribute contains the name of a script in the run-time environment.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
scriptVar.name = scriptName
scriptName = scriptVar.name
```

<i>scriptVar</i>	Name of the variable that references the script
<i>scriptName</i>	A string that represents the name of the script

Details

When setting the script name, this attribute renames the script that the variable *scriptVar* references.

This attribute must be either a valid Lua identifier or the empty string. Changing the name of a script changes the index used to access the script in the `script.user.scripts` table. Setting the attribute to an empty string removes the script from the table completely, and the script becomes an unnamed script.

As long as there are variables referencing an unnamed script, the script can be accessed through those variables. When all variables that reference an unnamed script are removed, the script will be removed from the run-time environment.

If the new name is the same as a name that is already used for another script, the name of the other script is set to an empty string, and that script becomes unnamed.

NOTE

Changing the name of a script does not change the name of any variables that reference that script. The variables will still reference the script, but the names of the script and variables may not match.

Example

```
test7 = script.new("display.clear() display.settext('Hello from my test')", "")
test7()
print(test7.name)

test7.name = "test7"
print(test7.name)

test7.save()
```

This example calls the `script.new()` function to create a script with no name, runs the script, names the script "test7", and then saves the script in nonvolatile memory.

Also see

[Rename a script](#) (on page 6-42)
[script.new\(\)](#) (on page 7-160)
[scriptVar.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-167)

scriptVar.run()

This function runs a script.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
scriptVar.run()  
scriptVar()
```

scriptVar	The name of the variable that references the script
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Details

The `scriptVar.run()` function runs the script referenced by `scriptVar`. You can also run the script by using `scriptVar()`.

To run a factory script, use `script.factory.scripts.scriptName()`, replacing `scriptName` with the name of the desired factory script.

Example

test8.run()	Runs the script referenced by the variable test8.
-------------	---

Also see

None

scriptVar.save()

This function saves the script to nonvolatile memory or to a USB flash drive.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
scriptVar.save()
scriptVar.save(filename)
```

scriptVar	The name of variable that references the script
filename	The file name to use when saving the script to a USB flash drive

Details

The `scriptVar.save()` function only saves a script to nonvolatile memory or a USB flash drive.

If no `filename` is given, the script will be saved to internal nonvolatile memory. Only a named script (the script's name attribute is not an empty string) can be saved to internal nonvolatile memory. If a `filename` is given, the script will be saved to the USB flash drive.

You are not required to add the file extension, but if you would like to, the only allowed extension is `.tsp` (see Example 2).

Example 1

test8.save()	Saves the script referenced by the variable test8 to nonvolatile memory.
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Example 2

test8.save("/usb1/myScript.tsp")	Saves the script referenced by the variable test8 to a file named myScript.tsp on your flash drive.
----------------------------------	---

Also see

[Save a user script](#) (on page 6-8)

scriptVar.source

This attribute contains the source code of a script.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW) (see Details)	No	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable

Usage

```
code = scriptVar.source
scriptVar.source = nil
```

scriptVar	The name of the variable that references the script that contains the source code
code	The body of the script

Details

The `loadscript` or `loadandrunscript` and `endscript` keywords are not included in the source code.

The body of the script is a single string with lines separated by the new line character.

The instrument automatically stores the source for all scripts that are loaded on the instrument. To free up memory or to obfuscate the code, assign `nil` to the `source` attribute of the script. Although this attribute is writable, it can only be set to the `nil` value.

Example

```
test7 = script.new("display.clear() display.settext('Hello from my test')", "")  
print(test7.source)
```

This example creates a script called "test7" that displays a message on the front panel and retrieves the source code.

Output:

```
display.clear() display.settext('Hello from my test')
```

Also see

[scriptVar.list\(\)](#) (on page 7-164)

serial.baud

This attribute configures the baud rate for the RS-232 port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	9600

Usage

```
baud = serial.baud  
serial.baud = baud
```

baud	The baud rate (300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 or 115200)
------	---

Details

A new baud rate setting takes effect when the command to change it is processed.

NOTE

Allow ample time for the command to be processed before attempting to communicate with the instrument again. If possible, set the baud rate from one of the other command interfaces or from the front panel.

The reset function has no effect on data bits.

Example

```
serial.baud = 1200
```

Sets the baud rate to 1200.

Also see

[RS-232 interface operation](#) (on page 2-88)
[serial.databits](#) (on page 7-169)
[serial.flowcontrol](#) (on page 7-169)
[serial.parity](#) (on page 7-170)

serial.databits

This attribute configures character width (data bits) for the RS-232 port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	8

Usage

```
bits = serial.databits
serial.databits = bits
```

bits	An integer representing the character width (7 or 8)
------	--

Details

A new data width setting takes effect when the command to change it is processed.

NOTE

Allow ample time for the command to be processed before attempting to communicate with the instrument again. If possible, set the character width from one of the other command interfaces or from the front panel.

The reset function has no effect on data bits.

Example

serial.databits = 8	Sets data width to 8.
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Also see

[RS-232 interface operation](#) (on page 2-88)
[serial.baud](#) (on page 7-168)
[serial.flowcontrol](#) (on page 7-169)
[serial.parity](#) (on page 7-170)

serial.flowcontrol

This attribute configures flow control for the RS-232 port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	"none" (serial.FLOW_NONE)

Usage

```
flow = serial.flowcontrol
serial.flowcontrol = flow
```

flow	A string representing flow control configuration; set to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "none" or serial.FLOW_NONE (selects no flow control) • "hardware" or serial.FLOW_HARDWARE (selects hardware flow control)
------	---

Details

A new flow control setting takes effect when the command to change it is processed.

NOTE

Allow ample time for the command to be processed before attempting to communicate with the instrument again. If possible, set the flow control from one of the other command interfaces or from the front panel.

The reset function has no effect on flow control.

Example

<code>serial.flowcontrol = serial.FLOW_NONE</code>	Sets flow control to none.
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Also see

[serial.baud](#) (on page 7-168)
[serial.databits](#) (on page 7-169)
[serial.parity](#) (on page 7-170)

serial.parity

This attribute configures parity for the RS-232 port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	"none" (serial.PARITY_NONE)

Usage

```
parity = serial.parity  
serial.parity = parity
```

`parity`

Set parity to one of the following values:

- Select no parity ("none" or serial.PARITY_NONE)
- Select even parity ("even" or serial.PARITY_EVEN)
- Select odd parity ("odd" or serial.PARITY_ODD)

Details

A new parity setting takes effect when the command to change it is processed.

NOTE

Allow ample time for the command to be processed before attempting to communicate with the instrument again. If possible, set parity from one of the other command interfaces or from the front panel.

The reset function has no effect on parity.

Example

<code>serial.parity = serial.PARITY_NONE</code>	Sets parity to none.
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Also see

[RS-232 interface operation](#) (on page 2-88)
[serial.baud](#) (on page 7-168)
[serial.databits](#) (on page 7-169)
[serial.flowcontrol](#) (on page 7-169)

serial.read()

This function reads available characters (data) from the serial port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
data = serial.read(maxchars)
```

data	A string that consists of all data read from the serial port
maxchars	An integer that specifies the maximum number of characters to read

Details

This function reads available characters from the serial port. It does not wait for new characters to arrive. As long as *maxchars* is less than 200 characters, all characters that are received by the serial port (before the *serial.read()* command is executed) are returned. If too many characters are received between calls to this function, the RS-232 buffers will overflow and some characters may be lost.

Call this function as many times as necessary to receive the required number of characters. For optimal performance, use a small delay between repeated calls to this function.

The data returned is the raw data stream read from the port. No characters, such as control characters or terminator characters, are interpreted.

If you attempt to use this function when the serial port is enabled as a command interface, a settings conflict error is generated.

Example

data = serial.read(200)	Read data from the serial port. Output: John Doe The above output indicates that the string "John Doe" was read from the serial port.
print(data)	

Also see

[serial.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-171)

serial.write()

This function writes data to the serial port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
serial.write(data)
```

data	A string representing the data to write
------	---

Details

This function writes the specified string to the serial port, where it can be read by connected equipment (for example, a component handler).

No terminator characters are added to the data, and data is written exactly as specified by the `data` parameter.

Example

```
serial.write("1 2 3 4")
```

Write data string "1 2 3 4" to the serial port.

Also see

[serial.read\(\)](#) (on page 7-171)

settime()

This function sets the real-time clock (sets present time of the system).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
settime(time)
```

time The time in seconds since January 1, 1970 UTC

Details

This function sets the date and time of the instrument based on the `time` parameter (specified in UTC time). UTC time is specified as the number of seconds since Jan 1, 1970, UTC. You can use UTC time from a local time specification, or you can use UTC time from another source (for example, your computer).

Example

```
systemTime = os.time({year = 2010,  
                     month = 3,  
                     day = 31,  
                     hour = 14,  
                     min = 25})  
settime(systemTime)
```

Sets the date and time to Mar 31, 2010 at
2:25 pm.

Also see

[gettimezone\(\)](#) (on page 7-97)
[os.time\(\)](#) (on page 7-147)
[settimezone\(\)](#) (on page 7-173)

settimezone()

This function sets the local time zone.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
settimezone(offset)
settimezone(offset, dstOffset, dstStart, dstEnd)
```

offset	String representing offset from UTC
dstOffset	String representing the daylight savings offset from UTC
dstStart	String representing when daylight savings time starts
dstEnd	String representing when daylight savings time ends

Details

You only need to set the time zone if you use the `os.time()` and `os.date()` functions.

If only one parameter is given, the same time offset is used throughout the year. If four parameters are given, time is adjusted twice during the year for daylight savings time.

`offset` and `dstOffset` are strings of the form "`[+|-]hh[:mm[:ss]]`" that indicate how much time must be added to the local time to get UTC time:

- `hh` is a number between 0 and 23 that represents hours
- `mm` is a number between 0 and 59 that represents minutes
- `ss` is a number between 0 and 59 that represents seconds

The minute, second, +, and – fields are optional.

For example, to set the UTC-5 time zone, you specify the string "5", because UTC-5 is 5 hours behind UTC and you must add 5 hours to the local time to determine UTC time. To specify the time zone UTC4, you specify "-4", because UTC4 is 4 hours ahead of UTC and 4 hours must be subtracted from the local time to determine UTC.

`dstStart` and `dstEnd` are strings of the form "`MM.w.dw/hh[:mm[:ss]]`" that indicate when daylight savings time begins and ends respectively:

- `MM` is a number between 1 and 12 that represents the month
- `w` is a number between 1 and 5 that represents the week in the month
- `dw` is a number between 0 and 6 that represents the day of the week (where 0 is Sunday)

The rest of the fields represent the time of day that the change takes effect:

- `hh` represents hours
- `mm` represents minutes
- `ss` represents seconds

The minutes and seconds fields are optional.

The week of the month and day of the week fields are not specific dates.

Example

```
settimezone("8", "1", "3.3.0/02", "11.2.0/02")
settimezone(offset)
```

Sets `offset` to equal +8 hours, +1 hour for DST, starts on Mar 14 at 2:00 a.m., ends on Nov 7 at 2:00 a.m.
Sets local time zone to `offset`.

Also see

[gettimezone\(\)](#) (on page 7-97)
[os.time\(\)](#) (on page 7-147)
[settime\(\)](#) (on page 7-172)

setup.poweron

This attribute specifies which saved setup to recall when the instrument is turned on.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	0

Usage

```
id = setup.poweron
setup.poweron = id
```

<i>id</i>	An integer that specifies the setup to recall when the instrument power is turned on (0 to 5)
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Details

When `id` = 0, the instrument uses the factory default setup when it is turned on. When `id` is set to 1 to 5, it uses the setup saved with `setup.save()`.

Only setups stored in nonvolatile memory are available (you cannot recall a script from a USB flash drive with this command).

To save a script that is used when the instrument is powered on, you can create a configuration script and name it `autoexec`.

Example

```
setup.poweron = 0
```

Set the instrument to use the factory default setup when power is turned on.

Also see

[setup.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[Start-up \(power-on\) configuration](#) (on page 2-41)

setup.recall()

This function recalls settings from a saved setup.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
setup.recall(id)
```

id

An integer or string that specifies the location of the setup to recall:

- Factory default setup (0)
- User-saved setup in nonvolatile memory (1 to 5)
- User-saved setup on a USB flash drive ("*/path/filename*")

Details

When the *id* parameter is an integer (*n*), it is interpreted as the setup number to restore from the instrument's nonvolatile memory. When *n* = 0, the instrument recalls the factory default setup; when *n* = 1 to 5, the instrument recalls a user-saved setup.

When the *id* parameter is a string, it is interpreted as the path and file name of the setup to restore from a file on a USB flash drive. The path may be absolute or relative to the current working directory.

Before a setup is recalled, an instrument reset is performed.

Example 1

```
setup.recall(1)
```

Recall the user-saved setup at location 1.

Example 2

```
setup.recall("/usb1/KEITHLEY_30730.set")
```

Recall a user-saved setup stored in a file named KEITHLEY_30730 on a USB flash drive.

Also see

[Saved setups](#) (on page 2-38)
[setup.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)

setup.save()

This function saves the present setup as a user-saved setup.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
setup.save(id)
```

id

An integer or string specifying where to save the user setup:

- Save in nonvolatile memory (1 to 5)
- Save as user-saved setup on a USB flash drive ("*/path/filename*")

Details

When the *id* parameter is an integer (*n*), it is interpreted as the setup number to save to the instrument's nonvolatile memory.

NOTE

When you save to a specified integer (1 to 5) in nonvolatile memory, the previous setup at that same location is overwritten.

When the *id* parameter is a string, it is interpreted as the path and file name of the location to save the present setup on a USB flash drive. The path may be absolute or relative to the current working directory.

Example

```
setup.save(5)
```

Saves the present setup to the internal memory of the instrument at location 5.

Also see

[Saved setups](#) (on page 2-38)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)

smuX.abort()

This function terminates all overlapped operations on the specified source-measure unit (SMU).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.abort()
```

X

Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, `smua.abort()` applies to SMU channel A)

Details

The `smuX.abort()` function does not turn the output off or change any settings.

If this function is used to abort a sweep, when it is executed, the SMU exits its trigger model immediately and returns to the trigger model's idle state.

Example

```
smua.abort()
```

Terminates all overlapped operations on SMU channel A.

Also see

[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.trigger.initiate\(\)](#) (on page 7-234)

smuX.buffer.getstats()

This function returns a specified reading buffer's statistics.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
statistics = smuX.buffer.getstats(bufferVar)
```

statistics	The statistical data about the data in the reading buffer
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.buffer.getstats () specifies SMU channel A)
bufferVar	The reading buffer to process

Details

This function returns a table with statistical data about the data that is placed in the buffer.

The SMU automatically updates reading buffer statistics as data is added to the reading buffer. When the reading buffer is configured to wrap around and overwrite older data with new data, the buffer statistics include the data that was overwritten.

The table returned from this function is a snapshot. Although the SMU continues to update the statistics, the table returned is not updated. To get fresh statistics, call this function again.

The *statistics* parameter has the attributes described in the following table.

Attribute	When returned	Description
n	Always	The number of data points on which the statistics are based
mean	When n > 0	The average of all readings added to the buffer
stddev	When n > 1	The standard deviation of all readings (samples) added to the buffer
min	When n > 0	A table containing data about the minimum reading value added to the buffer
max	When n > 0	A table containing data about the maximum reading value added to the buffer

If n equals zero (0), all other attributes are nil. If n equals 1, the stddev attribute is nil because the standard deviation of a sample size of 1 is undefined.

The min and max entries each have the attributes defined in the following table.

Attribute	Description
measurefunction	String indicating the function that was measured for the reading (current, voltage, ohms or watts)
measurerange	The full-scale range value for the measurement range used when the measurement was made
reading	The reading value
sourcefunction	String indicating the source function at the time of the measurement (current or voltage)
sourceoutputstate	String indicating the state of the source (off or on)
sourcerange	Full-scale range value for the source range used when the measurement was made
sourcevalue	If bufferVar.collectsourcevalues is enabled, the sourced value in effect at the time of the reading
status	Status value for the reading; the status value is a floating-point number that encodes the status value into a floating-point value
timestamp	If bufferVar.collecttimestamps is enabled, the timestamp, in seconds, between when the reading was acquired and when the first reading in the buffer was acquired; adding this value to the base timestamp will give the actual time the measurement was acquired

Also see

[smuX.buffer.recalculatestats\(\)](#) (on page 7-178)

smuX.buffer.recalculatestats()

This function recalculates the specified reading buffer's statistics.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.buffer.recalculatestats(bufferVar)
```

<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.buffer.recalculatestats() specifies SMU channel A)
<i>bufferVar</i>	The reading buffer to process

Details

This function causes the SMU to regenerate the reading buffer statistics about the specified reading buffer. Because the SMU automatically updates reading buffer statistics when data is added to the reading buffer, this function is generally not needed. When the reading buffer is configured to wrap around and overwrite older data with new data, the buffer statistics will include the data that was overwritten. Use this function to recalculate the statistics that include only the data that is presently stored in the buffer.

Also see

[bufferVar.fillmode](#) (on page 7-22)
[smuX.buffer.getstats\(\)](#) (on page 7-177)

smuX.cal.adjustdate

This attribute stores the date of the last calibration adjustment.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU cal. restore	SMU nonvolatile memory	Initially set to factory calibration date

Usage

```
adjustDate = smuX.cal.adjustdate
smuX.cal.adjustdate = adjustDate
```

<i>adjustDate</i>	Date of the last calibration adjustment
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.cal.adjustdate applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute stores the adjustment date associated with the active calibration set. The adjustment date can be read at any time, but can only be assigned a new value when calibration has been enabled with the `smuX.cal.unlock()` function.

You cannot change the adjustment date without first making a change to the calibration constants.

Once you change any calibration constants, you must set the adjustment date before you can save the calibration data to the SMU's nonvolatile memory.

This attribute is stored with the active calibration set. If a different calibration set is restored, this attribute reflects the date stored with that set.

`smuX.cal.adjustdate` must be set to the date the adjustment was done using the UTC time and date. The date is stored as the number of seconds since UTC, 12:00 am Jan 1, 1970.

Due to the internal storage format, `smuX.cal.adjustdate` is only accurate to within a few minutes of the value set.

Example

```
smua.cal.adjustdate = os.time()
```

Sets the adjustment date for SMU channel A to the current time set on the instrument.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[os.time\(\)](#) (on page 7-147)
[smuX.cal.date](#) (on page 7-179)
[smuX.cal.due](#) (on page 7-180)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.state](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.date

This attribute stores the calibration date of the active calibration set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU cal. restore	SMU nonvolatile memory	Initially set to factory calibration date

Usage

```
calDate = smuX.cal.date
smuX.cal.date = calDate
```

calDate	The calibration date of the active calibration set
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.cal.date</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute stores the calibration date that is associated with the active calibration set. The calibration date can be read at any time but can only be assigned a new value when calibration has been enabled with the `smuX.cal.unlock()` function. It is typically set to the date when the instrument was calibrated.

This attribute is stored with the active calibration set. If a different calibration set is restored, this attribute will reflect the date stored with that set.

`smuX.cal.date` must be set to the date the calibration was done using the UTC time and date. The date is stored as the number of seconds since UTC 12:00 am Jan 1, 1970.

Due to the internal storage format, `smuX.cal.date` is accurate to within a few minutes of the value set.

Example

<code>smua.cal.date = os.time()</code>	Sets calibration date for SMU channel A to the current time set on the instrument.
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Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[os.time\(\)](#) (on page 7-147)
[smuX.cal.adjustdate](#) (on page 7-178)
[smuX.cal.due](#) (on page 7-180)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.state](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.due

This attribute stores the calibration due date for the next calibration.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU cal. restore	SMU nonvolatile memory	0

Usage

```
calDue = smuX.cal.due
smuX.cal.due = calDue
```

<code>calDue</code>	Due date of next calibration (0 indicates that no date is set)
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.cal.due</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute stores the calibration due date associated with the active calibration set. The calibration due date can be read at any time but can only be assigned a new value when calibration has been enabled with the `smuX.cal.unlock()` function. It is typically set to the date when the next calibration should be performed.

This attribute is stored with the active calibration set. If a different calibration set is restored, this attribute will reflect the due date stored with that set.

`smuX.cal.due` must be set to the date the next calibration is required using the UTC time and date. The date is stored as the number of seconds since UTC 12:00 am Jan 1, 1970.

Due to the internal storage format, `smuX.cal.due` is only accurate to within a few minutes of the value set.

Example

```
smua.cal.due = os.time() + 365 * 24 * 60 * 60
```

Sets the SMU channel A calibration due date equal to one year from the current time set on the instrument.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[os.time\(\)](#) (on page 7-147)
[smuX.cal.adjustdate](#) (on page 7-178)
[smuX.cal.date](#) (on page 7-179)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.state](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.fastadc()

This function performs calibration of the fast analog-to-digital converter (fast ADC).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.cal.fastadc()
```

X

Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, `smua.cal.fastadc()` specifies SMU channel A)

Details

This function automatically performs all the steps required to calibrate the fast ADC. This function uses the readings obtained when calibrating the measure ranges. Make sure both voltage and current calibration has been completed before calling this function.

Example

```
smua.cal.fastadc()
```

Performs fast ADC calibration for SMU Channel A.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.measure.calibrateY\(\)](#) (on page 7-196)

smuX.cal.lock()

This function disables the commands that change calibration settings.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.cal.lock()
```

X

Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, `smua.cal.lock()` specifies SMU channel A)

Details

This function disables functions that can change calibration settings. Before you can lock calibration, the calibration constants must be written to nonvolatile memory or a previous calibration set must be restored. Error code 5012, "Cal data not saved - save or restore before lock," will result if this function is called when the calibration state is `smuX.CALSTATE_CALIBRATING`.

Example

<code>smua.cal.lock()</code>	Disables calibration functions for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.state](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.ovp()

This function performs calibration of the overvoltage protection limit (OVP).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

<code>smuX.cal.ovp()</code>	
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.cal.ovp()</code> specifies SMU channel A)

Details

This function automatically performs all the steps required to calibrate the overvoltage protection (OVP) limit circuit. Since this function uses the readings obtained during calibration of the measure ranges, make sure voltage calibration has been completed before calling this function.

Example

<code>smua.cal.ovp()</code>	Performs OVP calibration for SMU Channel A.
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Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.measure.calibrateY\(\)](#) (on page 7-196)

smuX.cal.password

This attribute stores the password required to enable calibration.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (W)	Yes	Not applicable	SMU nonvolatile memory	"KI0026XX"

Usage

```
smuX.cal.password = newPassword
```

X	SMU channel (for example, smua.cal.password applies to SMU channel A)
newPassword	The new password (string)

Details

A new password can only be assigned when calibration has been unlocked.
The calibration password is write-only and cannot be read.

Example

smua.cal.password = "LetMeIn"	Assigns a new calibration password for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.polarity

This attribute controls which calibration constants are used for all subsequent measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset SMU cal. lock Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.CAL_AUTO)

Usage

```
calPolarity = smuX.cal.polarity
smuX.cal.polarity = calPolarity
```

calPolarity	The polarity to use for measurements. Set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.CAL_AUTO: Automatic polarity detection 1 or smuX.CAL_POSITIVE: Measure with positive polarity calibration constants 2 or smuX.CAL_NEGATIVE: Measure with negative polarity calibration constants
X	SMU channel (for example, smua.cal.polarity applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute controls which polarity calibration constants are used to make all subsequent measurements. This attribute does not affect the `smuX.measure.calibrateY()` or `smuX.source.calibrateY()` commands. The polarity for those commands is dictated by the range parameter that is given to the command. The measurement calibration commands require the measurements provided to have been made using the polarity being calibrated.

When making measurements for calibration points far away from zero, the desired polarity constants are inherently used. However, when making measurements near zero, it is possible that the instrument could use the calibration constants from the wrong polarity. Setting `smuX.cal.polarity` to positive or negative forces measurements to be made using the calibration constants for a given polarity, rather than basing the choice on the raw measurement data.

This attribute can only be set to positive or negative when calibration is unlocked. This attribute will automatically be set to `smuX.CAL_AUTO` when calibration is locked.

Example

```
smua.cal.polarity = smua.CAL_POSITIVE
```

Selects positive calibration constants for all subsequent measurements on SMU channel A.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)
[smuX.measure.calibrateY\(\)](#) (on page 7-196)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)
[smuX.source.calibrateY\(\)](#) (on page 7-213)

smuX.cal.restore()

This function loads a stored set of calibration constants.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.cal.restore()
smuX.cal.restore(calset)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.cal.restore()</code> applies to SMU channel A)
calset	The calibration set to be loaded. Set <code>calset</code> to one of the following values: 0 or <code>smuX.CALSET_NOMINAL</code> : A set of calibration constants that are uncalibrated, but set to nominal values to allow rudimentary functioning of the instrument 1 or <code>smuX.CALSET_FACTORY</code> : The calibration constants when the instrument left the factory 2 or <code>smuX.CALSET_DEFAULT</code> : The normal calibration set 3 or <code>smuX.CALSET_PREVIOUS</code> : The calibration set that was used before the last default set was overwritten

Details

This function overwrites the present set of calibration constants with constants read from nonvolatile memory. This function is disabled until a successful call to `smuX.cal.unlock()` is made.

If `calset` is not specified, `smuX.CALSET_DEFAULT` is used.

Example

```
smua.cal.restore()
```

Restores factory calibration constants for SMU channel A.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.save()

This function stores the active calibration constants to nonvolatile memory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.cal.save()
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.cal.save() applies to SMU channel A)
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Details

This function stores the active set of calibration constants to nonvolatile memory. The previous calibration constants (from the default calibration set) are copied to the previous calibration set (`smuX.CALSET_PREVIOUS`) before overwriting the default calibration set.

This function is disabled until a successful call to `smuX.cal.unlock()` is made.

If any of the calibration constants have been changed, this function is disabled unless the calibration date, the calibration due date, and the calibration adjust date have been assigned new values.

Example

smua.cal.save()	Stores calibration constants for SMU channel A in nonvolatile memory.
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Also see

- [Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
- [smuX.cal.adjustdate](#) (on page 7-178)
- [smuX.cal.date](#) (on page 7-179)
- [smuX.cal.due](#) (on page 7-180)
- [smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
- [smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
- [smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.state

This attribute stores the present calibration state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable

Usage

```
calState = smuX.cal.state
```

calState	The present calibration state; when reading this attribute, <code>calState</code> has one of the following values: 0 or <code>smuX.CALSTATE_LOCKED</code> : Calibration is locked 1 or <code>smuX.CALSTATE_CALIBRATING</code> : The calibration constants or dates have been changed but not yet saved to nonvolatile memory 2 or <code>smuX.CALSTATE_UNLOCKED</code> : Calibration is unlocked but none of the calibration constants or dates have changed since the last save/restore
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.cal.state</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This read-only attribute indicates the calibration state of the instrument: Locked, calibrating, or unlocked.

Example

```
calstate = smua.cal.state
print(calstate)
```

Reads calibration state for SMU Channel A.
 Output:
`0.000000e+00`
 The above output indicates that calibration is locked.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)

smuX.cal.unlock()

This function enables the commands that change calibration settings.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.cal.unlock(password)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.cal.unlock()</code> applies to SMU channel A)
password	Calibration password

Details

This function enables the calibration functions to change the calibration settings.

The password when the instrument is shipped from the factory is "K10026XX".

Example

```
smua.cal.unlock("K10026XX")
```

Unlocks calibration for SMU channel A.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.password](#) (on page 7-182)
[smuX.cal.state](#) (on page 7-185)

smuX.contact.calibratehi()

This function calibrates the high/sense high contact check measurement.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.contact.calibratehi(cp1Measured, cp1Reference, cp2Measured, cp2Reference)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.contact.calibratehi() applies to SMU channel A)
cp1Measured	The value measured by this SMU for calibration point 1
cp1Reference	The reference measurement for calibration point 1 as measured externally
cp2Measured	The value measured by this SMU for calibration point 2
cp2Reference	The reference measurement for calibration point 2 as measured externally

Details

Contact check measurement calibration does not require range information.

Typically, calibration points one and two will be near 0 Ω and 50 Ω, respectively.

All four measurements (*cp1Measured*, *cp1Reference*, *cp2Measured*, and *cp2Reference*) must be made with the calibration set that is active. If not, corruption of the calibration constants may result.

The new calibration constants are activated immediately but are not written to nonvolatile memory. Use `smuX.cal.save()` to save the new constants to nonvolatile memory. The active calibration constants stay in effect until the instrument is power cycled or a calibration set is loaded from nonvolatile memory with the `smuX.cal.restore()` function.

This function will be disabled until a successful call to `smuX.cal.unlock()` is made.

Example

-- Short SENSE LO and LO terminals -- Short SENSE HI and HI terminals -- Allow readings to settle, then get measurements r0_hi, r0_lo = smua.contact.r()	The instrument performs a contact check on SMU channel A.
-- Connect 50 OHM resistor between SENSE LO and LO -- Connect 50 OHM resistor between SENSE HI and HI -- Allow readings to settle, then get measurements r50_hi, r50_lo = smua.contact.r()	Install and measure two resistors.
smua.contact.calibratelo(r0_lo, z_actual_lo, r50_lo, 50_ohm_actual_lo)	The user sends contact check LO calibration command.
smua.contact.calibratehi(r0_hi, z_actual_hi, r50_hi, 50_ohm_actual_hi)	The user sends contact check HI calibration command.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)
[smuX.contact.calibrate\(\)](#) (on page 7-188)

smuX.contact.calibrate()

This function calibrates the low/sense low contact check measurement.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

`smuX.contact.calibrate(cp1Measured, cp1Reference, cp2Measured, cp2Reference)`

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.contact.calibrate()</code> applies to SMU channel A)
<i>cp1Measured</i>	The value measured by this SMU for calibration point 1
<i>cp1Reference</i>	The reference measurement for calibration point 1 as measured externally
<i>cp2Measured</i>	The value measured by this SMU for calibration point 2
<i>cp2Reference</i>	The reference measurement for calibration point 2 as measured externally

Details

Contact check measurement calibration does not require range information.

Typically, calibration points one and two are near 0 Ω and 50 Ω, respectively.

All four measurements (*cp1Measured*, *cp1Reference*, *cp2Measured*, and *cp2Reference*) must be made with the active calibration set. If not, corruption of the calibration constants may result.

The new calibration constants are activated immediately but are not written to nonvolatile memory. Use `smuX.cal.save()` to save the new constants to nonvolatile memory. The active calibration constants stay in effect until the instrument is power cycled or a calibration set is loaded from nonvolatile memory with the `smuX.cal.restore()` function.

This function is disabled until a successful call to `smuX.cal.unlock()` is made.

Example

```
-- Short SENSE LO and LO terminals
-- Short SENSE HI and HI terminals
-- Allow readings to settle, then get measurements
r0_hi, r0_lo = smua.contact.r()

-- Connect 50 OHM resistor between SENSE LO and LO
-- Connect 50 OHM resistor between SENSE HI and HI
-- Allow readings to settle, then get measurements
r50_hi, r50_lo = smua.contact.r()

smua.contact.calibrateLo(r0_lo, z_actual_lo, r50_lo,
50_ohm_actual_lo)

smua.contact.calibrateHi(r0_hi, z_actual_hi, r50_hi,
50_ohm_actual_hi)
```

Performs contact check on SMU channel A.

Install and measure two resistors.

The user sends contact check LO calibration command.

The user sends contact check HI calibration command.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)
[smuX.contact.calibratehi\(\)](#) (on page 7-187)

smuX.contact.check()

This function determines if contact resistance is lower than the threshold.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.contact.check()
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.contact.check() applies to SMU channel A)
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Details

This function returns `true` if the contact resistance is below the threshold; this function returns `false` if it is above the threshold. The threshold value is set by the `smuX.contact.threshold` attribute.

If you attempt to perform a contact check measurement when any of the following conditions exist, an error is generated:

When the output is on and any of the following:

- SMU is a current source with current range set to less than 1 mA (error code 5065, "I range too low for contact check")
- SMU is a voltage source with current limit set to less than 1 mA (error code 5050, "I limit too low for contact check")

When the output is off and any of the following:

- The output off mode is High-Z (error code 5048, "Contact check not valid with HIGH-Z OUTPUT off")
- The output off mode is Normal with the `smuX.source.offfunc` attribute set to `smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS` and the off current limit set to less than 1 mA (error code 5066, "source.offlimiti too low for contact check")
- The output off mode is Normal with the `smuX.source.offfunc` attribute set to `smuX.OUTPUT_DCAMPS` and the source range is less than 1 mA (error code 5065, "I range too low for contact check")

Example

<code>if not smua.contact.check() then -- take action end</code>	Takes action if contact check on SMU channel A fails.
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Also see

[Contact check connections](#) (on page 2-51)
[Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37)
[smuX.contact.speed](#) (on page 7-191)
[smuX.contact.threshold](#) (on page 7-192)
[smuX.source.offfunc](#) (on page 7-220)

smuX.contact.r()

This function measures aggregate contact resistance.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
rhi, rlo = smuX.contact.r()
```

<code>rhi</code>	The measured aggregate contact resistance on the HI/sense HI side
<code>rlo</code>	The measured aggregate contact resistance on the LO/sense LO side
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.contact.r()</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

If you attempt to perform a contact resistance measurement when any of the following conditions exist, an error will be generated.

When the output is on and any of the following:

- SMU is a current source with current range set to less than 1 mA (error code 5065, "I range too low for contact check")
- SMU is a voltage source with current limit set to less than 1 mA (error code 5050, "I limit too low for contact check")

When the output is off and any of the following:

- The output off mode is High-Z (error code 5048, "Contact check not valid with HIGH-Z OUTPUT off")
- The output off mode is Normal with the `smuX.source.offfunc` attribute set to `smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS` and the off current limit set to less than 1 mA (error code 5066, "source.offlimiti too low for contact check")
- The output off mode is Normal with the `smuX.source.offfunc` attribute set to `smuX.OUTPUT_DCAMPS` and the source range is less than 1 mA (error code 5065, "I range too low for contact check")

Example

```
if not smua.contact.check() then
    smua.contact.speed = smua.CONTACT_SLOW
    rhi, rlo = smua.contact.r()
    print(rhi, rlo)
    exit()
end
```

Check contacts against threshold.
Set speed for SMU channel A to slow.
Get resistance readings.
Output contact resistances to the host.
Terminate execution.

Also see

- [Contact check connections](#) (on page 2-51)
[Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37)
[smuX.contact.check\(\)](#) (on page 7-189)
[smuX.contact.speed](#) (on page 7-191)

smuX.contact.speed

This attribute stores the speed setting for contact check measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.CONTACT_FAST)

Usage

```
speedSetting = smuX.contact.speed
smuX.contact.speed = speedSetting
```

<code>speedSetting</code>	The speed setting. Set to one of the following: 0 or <code>smuX.CONTACT_FAST</code> 1 or <code>smuX.CONTACT_MEDIUM</code> 2 or <code>smuX.CONTACT_SLOW</code>
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.contact.speed</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This setting controls the aperture of measurements made for contact check. It does not affect the `smuX.measure.nplc` aperture setting.

The speed setting can have a dramatic effect on the accuracy of the measurement (see specifications).

Example

```
smua.contact.speed = smua.CONTACT_SLOW
```

Configure contact check for higher accuracy
on SMU channel A.

Also see

[Contact check connections](#) (on page 2-51)
[Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[smuX.contact.check\(\)](#) (on page 7-189)
[smuX.contact.r\(\)](#) (on page 7-190)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.contact.threshold

This attribute stores the resistance threshold for the `smuX.contact.check()` function.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Not saved	100 (100 Ω)

Usage

```
rValue = smuX.contact.threshold
smuX.contact.threshold = rValue
```

<code>rValue</code>	The resistance above which contact check should fail (measured in ohms)
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.contact.threshold</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

The threshold should be set to less than 1 kΩ.

Example

```
smua.contact.threshold = 5
```

Set the contact check threshold for SMU channel A to 5 Ω.

Also see

[Contact check connections](#) (on page 2-51)
[Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[smuX.contact.check\(\)](#) (on page 7-189)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.makebuffer()

This function creates a reading buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
bufferVar = smuX.makebuffer(bufferSize)
```

bufferVar	The created reading buffer
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.makebuffer() applies to SMU channel A)
bufferSize	Maximum number of readings that can be stored

Details

Reading buffers can be created and allocated dynamically using this function. Use `bufferSize` to designate the number of readings the buffer can store.

Dynamically allocated reading buffers can be used interchangeably with the `smuX.nvbufferY` buffers.

A reading buffer can be deleted by setting all references to the reading buffer equal to `nil`, then running the garbage collector (see the `collectgarbage()` function in [Standard libraries](#) (on page 6-25)).

Example

mybuffer2 = smua.makebuffer(200)	Creates a 200 element reading buffer (mybuffer2) for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[collectgarbage\(\)](#) in [Base library functions](#) (on page 6-25)
[Remote reading buffer programming](#) (on page 3-10)
[savebuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-156)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)

smuX.measure.adc

This attribute contains the analog-to-digital converter selection.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (smuX.ADC_INTEGRATE)

Usage

```
adc = smuX.measure.adc
smuX.measure.adc = adc
```

adc	The analog-to-digital (A/D) converter used for measurements; set to one of the following: 0 or smuX.ADC_INTEGRATE: Integrating A/D converter 1 or smuX.ADC_FAST: Fast A/D converter
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.adc applies to SMU channel A).

Details

When making measurements, the SMU uses one of two types of analog-to-digital converters. This attribute controls which analog to converter is used.

Example

```
smua.measure.adc = smua.ADC_FAST
```

Selects the fast A/D converter for SMU channel A.

Also see

[Analog-to-digital converter](#) (on page 4-1)
[smuX.measure.nplc](#) (on page 7-203)

smuX.measure.autorangeY

This attribute stores the measurement autorange setting.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1 (smuX.AUTORANGE_ON)

Usage

```
autoRange = smuX.measure.autorangeY
smuX.measure.autorangeY = autoRange
```

autoRange	The state of the measurement autorange setting; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.AUTORANGE_OFF: Disabled 1 or smuX.AUTORANGE_ON: Enabled 2 or smuX.AUTORANGE_FOLLOW_LIMIT: Measure range automatically set to the limit range
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.autorangev applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measure function (v = voltage, i = current)

Details

This attribute indicates the measurement autorange state. Its value is smuX.AUTORANGE_OFF when the SMU measure circuit is on a fixed range and smuX.AUTORANGE_ON when it is in autorange mode.

Setting this attribute to smuX.AUTORANGE_OFF puts the SMU on a fixed range. The fixed range is the present SMU measure range.

Setting this attribute to smuX.AUTORANGE_ON puts the SMU measure circuit in autorange mode. It remains on its present measure range until the next measurement is requested.

Example

```
smua.measure.autorangev = 1
```

Enables voltage measurement autoranging for SMU channel A. Alternatively, the value 1 may be replaced with smua.AUTORANGE_ON.

Also see

[Autoranging](#) (on page 2-73)
[Range](#) (on page 2-72)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.rangeY](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.autozero

This attribute sets the behavior of the SMU as to when it acquires reference measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	2 (smuX.AUTOZERO_AUTO)

Usage

```
azMode = smuX.measure.autozero
smuX.measure.autozero = azMode
```

azMode	Indicates status of autozero; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.AUTOZERO_OFF: Autozero disabled 1 or smuX.AUTOZERO_ONCE: Performs autozero once, then disables autozero 2 or smuX.AUTOZERO_AUTO: Automatic checking of reference and zero measurements; an autozero is performed when needed
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.autozero applies to SMU channel A)

Details

The integrating analog-to-digital converter (ADC) uses a ratiometric A/D conversion technique. To ensure the accuracy of readings, the instrument must periodically obtain new measurements of its internal ground and voltage reference. The time interval between updates to these reference measurements is determined by the integration aperture being used for measurements. The Model 2657A uses separate reference and zero measurements for each aperture.

By default, the instrument automatically checks these reference measurements whenever a signal measurement is made. If the reference measurements have expired when a signal measurement is made, the instrument will automatically take two more A/D conversions, one for the reference and one for the zero, before returning the result. Thus, occasionally, a measurement takes longer than normal.

This additional time can cause problems in sweeps and other test sequences in which measurement timing is critical. To avoid the time that is needed for the reference measurements in these situations, you can use the `smuX.measure.autozero` attribute to disable the automatic reference measurements.

Remember that disabling automatic reference measurements may allow the instrument to gradually drift out of specification. To minimize the drift, a reference and zero measurement should be made just before any critical test sequences. You can use the `smuX.AUTOZERO_ONCE` setting to force a refresh of the reference and zero measurements that are used for the present aperture setting.

The Model 2657A stores the reference measurements for the last ten NPLC settings that were used in a reference cache. If an NPLC setting is selected and an entry for it is not in the cache, the oldest (least recently used) entry is discarded to make room for the new entry.

The fast ADC (analog-to-digital converter) does not use the reference measurements associated with this attribute. When this attribute is set to `smuX.AUTOZERO_AUTO`, the fast ADC does not acquire these reference measurements. However, if the fast ADC is selected and you set this attribute to `smuX.AUTOZERO_ONCE`, the integrating ADC will acquire a new set of reference measurements that will be used when the integrating ADC is selected.

Example

```
smua.measure.autozero = 1
```

Performs autozero once for SMU channel A. Alternatively, the value 1 may be replaced with `smua.AUTOZERO_ONCE`.

Also see

[Autozero](#) (on page 2-22)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.nplc](#) (on page 7-203)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.calibrateY()

This function generates and activates new measurement calibration constants.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.measure.calibrateY(range, cp1Measured, cp1Reference, cp2Measured,
                        cp2Reference)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.measure.calibratev()</code> applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measurement function (v = voltage, i = current)
range	The measurement range to calibrate
cp1Measured	The value measured by this SMU for calibration point 1
cp1Reference	The reference measurement for calibration point 1 as measured externally
cp2Measured	The value measured by this SMU for calibration point 2
cp2Reference	The reference measurement for calibration point 2 as measured externally

Details

This function generates and activates new calibration constants for the given range.

The positive and negative polarities of the instrument must be calibrated separately. Use a positive value for *range* to calibrate the positive polarity and a negative value for *range* to calibrate the negative polarity.

Typically, the two calibration points that are used are near zero for calibration point 1 and 90% of full scale for calibration point 2.

All four measurements (*cp1Measured*, *cp1Reference*, *cp2Measured*, and *cp2Reference*) must be made with the calibration set that is active. Corruption of the calibration constants may result if this is ignored.

The new calibration constants are activated immediately but they are not written to nonvolatile memory. Use *smuX.cal.save()* to save the new constants to nonvolatile memory. The active calibration constants stay in effect until the instrument is power cycled or a calibration set is loaded from nonvolatile memory with the *smuX.cal.restore()* function.

This function is disabled until a successful call to *smuX.cal.unlock()* is made.

Example

```
smua.measure.calibratev(200, 1e-4, 1e-5, 178.8,
179.8)
```

SMU channel A calibrates voltage measurement using following values: 200 V calibration range, 1e-4 for +zero measurement reading, 1e-5 for +zero DMM measurement reading, 178.8 for +FS measurement reading, and 179.8 for the +FS DMM measurement reading.

Also see

[Adjustment](#) (on page B-14)
[smuX.cal.lock\(\)](#) (on page 7-181)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)
[smuX.source.calibrateY\(\)](#) (on page 7-213)

smuX.measure.count

This attribute sets the number of measurements performed when a measurement is requested.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1

Usage

```
count = smuX.measure.count
smuX.measure.count = count
```

<i>count</i>	Number of measurements
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <i>smua.measure.count</i> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute controls the number of measurements taken any time a measurement is requested. When using a reading buffer with a measure command, this attribute also controls the number of readings to be stored. If `smuX.measure.count` is set to a value greater than 1, any measurement delay set by `smuX.measure.delay` will only occur before the first measurement, while the `smuX.measure.interval` controls the interval between successive measurements.

Example

<code>smua.measure.count = 10</code>	Sets the SMU channel A measure count to 10.
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Also see

[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.delay](#) (on page 7-198)
[smuX.measure.interval](#) (on page 7-202)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.delay

This attribute controls the measurement delay.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	<code>smuX.DELAY_AUTO</code>

Usage

```
mDelay = smuX.measure.delay
smuX.measure.delay = mDelay
```

<code>mDelay</code>	Set to the measurement delay value in seconds (for example, to specify an additional 10 ms measurement delay, set the value to <code>0.010</code>) You can also set it one of the following values: <code>0</code> or <code>smuX.DELAY_OFF</code> : No delay <code>-1</code> or <code>smuX.DELAY_AUTO</code> : Automatic delay value
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.measure.delay</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute allows for additional delay (settling time) before taking a measurement. If you specify the value instead of using the automatic delay value, the delay you specified is used regardless of the range.

The `smuX.DELAY_AUTO` setting causes a current range-dependent delay to be inserted when a current measurement is requested. This happens when a current measurement command is executed, when the measure action is being performed in a sweep, or after changing ranges during an autoranged measurement.

If `smuX.measure.count` is greater than 1, the measurement delay is only inserted before the first measurement.

Example

<code>smua.measure.delay = 0.010</code>	Sets a 10 ms measurement delay for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[Measure auto delay](#) (on page 2-73)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[smuX.measure.count](#) (on page 7-197)
[smuX.measure.delayfactor](#) (on page 7-199)
[smuX.source.delay](#) (on page 7-215)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.delayfactor

This attribute stores a multiplier to the delays that are used when `smuX.measure.delay` is set to `smuX.DELAY_AUTO`.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Not saved	1

Usage

```
delayFactor = smuX.measure.delayfactor
smuX.measure.delayfactor = delayFactor
```

<code>delayFactor</code>	The delay factor multiplier
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.measure.delayfactor</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

The delay factor is only applied when `smuX.measure.delay` = `smuX.DELAY_AUTO`.

This attribute can be set to a value less than 1 (for example, 0.5) to decrease the automatic delay.

This attribute can be set to a value greater than 1 (for example, 1.5 or 2.0) to increase the automatic delay.

Setting this attribute to zero disables delays when `smuX.measure.delay` = `smuX.DELAY_AUTO`.

Example

<code>smua.measure.delayfactor = 2.0</code>	Doubles the measure delay for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[Measure auto delay](#) (on page 2-73)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[smuX.measure.delay](#) (on page 7-198)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.filter.count

This command sets the number of measured readings that are required to yield one filtered measurement.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1

Usage

```
filterCount = smuX.measure.filter.count
smuX.measure.filter.count = filterCount
```

<i>filterCount</i>	The number of readings required for each filtered measurement (1 to 100)
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.filter.count applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute sets the size of the stack used for filtered measurements.

Example

smua.measure.filter.count = 10	Sets the filter count for SMU channel A to 10.
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Also see

[Filters](#) (on page 3-2)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.filter.enable](#) (on page 7-200)
[smuX.measure.filter.type](#) (on page 7-201)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.filter.enable

This command enables or disables filtered measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (smuX.FILTER_OFF)

Usage

```
filterState = smuX.measure.filter.enable
smuX.measure.filter.enable = filterState
```

<i>filterState</i>	The filter status; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.FILTER_OFF: Disables the filter 1 or smuX.FILTER_ON: Enables the filter
X	SMU channel (for example, smua.measure.filter.enable applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This command enables or disables the filter.

Example

smua.measure.filter.enable = 1	Enables the filter for SMU channel A. Alternatively, the value 1 may be replaced with smua.FILTER_ON.
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Also see

[Filters](#) (on page 3-2)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.filter.count](#) (on page 7-199)
[smuX.measure.filter.type](#) (on page 7-201)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.filter.type

This command sets the type of filter used for measurements when the measurement filter is enabled.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1 (smuX.FILTER_REPEAT_AVG)

Usage

```
filterType = smuX.measure.filter.type
smuX.measure.filter.type = filterType
```

<i>filterType</i>	The filter type to use when filtering is enabled. Set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.FILTER_MOVING_AVG: Selects the moving average filter 1 or smuX.FILTER_REPEAT_AVG: Selects the repeat filter 2 or smuX.FILTER_MEDIAN: Selects the median filter
X	SMU channel (for example, smua.measure.filter.type applies to SMU Channel A)

Details

There are two averaging filter types and one median filter type available. For averaging filters, both repeating and moving filter types are available.

For the repeating filter, the stack (filter count) is filled, and the conversions are averaged to yield a reading. The stack is then cleared, and the process starts over.

The moving average filter uses a first-in, first-out stack. When the stack (filter count) becomes full, the measurement conversions are averaged, yielding a reading. For each subsequent conversion placed into the stack, the oldest conversion is discarded. The stack is re-averaged, yielding a new reading.

The median filter uses a first-in, first-out stack. When the stack (filter count) becomes full, the “middle-most” reading is returned. For each subsequent conversion placed into the stack, the oldest reading is discarded. The stack is then re-sorted, yielding a new reading. If the filter count is an even number, the reading returned is the average of the two middle readings.

Example

```
smua.measure.filter.type = 2
```

Selects the median filter for SMU channel A. Alternatively, the value 2 may be replaced with smua.FILTER_MEDIAN.

Also see

[Filters](#) (on page 3-2)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.filter.count](#) (on page 7-199)
[smuX.measure.filter.enable](#) (on page 7-200)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.interval

This attribute sets the interval between multiple measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (0 s)

Usage

```
interval = smuX.measure.interval
smuX.measure.interval = interval
```

interval	The interval value (in seconds); set to a value between 0 and 1
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.interval applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute sets the time interval between measurements when `smuX.measure.count` is set to a value greater than 1. The SMU attempts to start each measurement when scheduled. If the SMU cannot keep up with the interval setting, measurements are made as quickly as possible.

If filtered measurements are being made, the time interval is from the start of the first measurement for the filtered reading to the first measurement for a subsequent filtered reading. Extra measurements made to satisfy a filtered reading are not paced by this interval.

Example

<code>smua.measure.interval = 0.5</code>	Sets the measure interval for SMU channel A to 0.5.
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Also see

[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.count](#) (on page 7-197)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.lowrangeY

This attribute sets the lowest measurement range that is used when the instrument is autoranging.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	Current: 1e-9 (1 nA) Voltage: 200 (200 V)

Usage

```
lowRange = smuX.measure.lowrangeY
smuX.measure.lowrangeY = lowRange
```

lowRange	The lowest voltage or current measurement range used during autoranging
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.measure.lowrangev</code> applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measure function (<code>v</code> = voltage, <code>i</code> = current)

Details

This attribute is used with autoranging to put a lower bound on the range used. Since lower ranges generally require greater settling times, setting a lowest range limit might make measurements require less settling time. If the instrument is set to autorange and it is on a range lower than the one specified, the range is changed to the *lowRange* range value.

Example

<code>smua.measure.lowrangei = 100e-9</code>	Sets current low range for SMU channel A to 100 nA.
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Also see

[Range](#) (on page 2-72)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.autorangeY](#) (on page 7-194)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.nplc

This command sets the integration aperture for measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1.0

Usage

<code>nplc = smuX.measure.nplc</code>	The integration aperture; set from 0.001 to 25
<code>smuX.measure.nplc = nplc</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.measure.nplc</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

When making measurements, the SMU uses one of two types of analog-to-digital converters (ADC): integrating or fast. This attribute controls the integration aperture for the integrating ADC. This attribute is not used when the fast ADC is selected.

The integration aperture is based on the number of power line cycles (NPLC), where 1 PLC for 60 Hz is 16.67 ms (1/60) and 1 PLC for 50 Hz is 20 ms (1/50).

Example

<code>smua.measure.nplc = 0.5</code>	Sets the integration time for SMU channel A to 0.5/60 seconds.
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Also see

[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.adc](#) (on page 7-193)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)
[Speed](#) (on page 2-78)

smuX.measure.overlappedY()

This function starts an asynchronous (background) measurement.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
smuX.measure.overlappedY(rbuffer)
smuX.measure.overlappediv(ibuffer, vbuffer)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.overlappedv() applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measurement type (v = voltage, i = current, r = resistance, p = power)
rbuffer	A reading buffer object where the readings will be stored
ibuffer	A reading buffer object where current readings will be stored
vbuffer	A reading buffer object where voltage readings will be stored

Details

This function starts a measurement and returns immediately. The measurements, as they are performed, are stored in a reading buffer (along with any other information that is being acquired). If the instrument is configured to return multiple readings where one is requested, the readings are available as they are made. Measurements are in the following units of measure: v = volts, i = amperes, r = ohms, p = watts.

The second form of this function, smuX.measure.overlappediv(), stores current readings in *ibuffer* and voltage readings in *vbuffer*.

This function is an overlapped command. Script execution continues while the measurements are made in the background. Attempts to access result values that have not yet been generated cause the script to block and wait for the data to become available. The *waitcomplete()* function can also be used to wait for the measurements to complete before continuing.

If a given reading buffer contains any data, it is cleared before taking any measurements, unless the reading buffer has been configured to append data.

Example

smua.measure.overlappedv(smua.nvbuffer1)	Starts background voltage measurements for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
[waitcomplete\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

smuX.measure.rangeY

This attribute contains the positive full-scale value of the measurement range for voltage or current.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Saved setup	Current: 120e-3 (120 mA) Voltage: 200 (200 V)

Usage

```
rangeValue = smuX.measure.rangeY
smuX.measure.rangeY = rangeValue
```

<i>rangeValue</i>	Set to the maximum expected voltage or current to be measured
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.measure.rangev</code> applies to SMU channel A)
<i>Y</i>	SMU measurement function (<i>v</i> = voltage, <i>i</i> = current)

Details

Reading this attribute returns the positive full-scale value of the measurement range that the SMU is currently using. Assigning a value to this attribute sets the SMU on a fixed range large enough to measure the assigned value. The instrument will select the best range for measuring a value of *rangeValue*.

This attribute is primarily intended to eliminate the time that is required by the automatic range selection performed by a measuring instrument. Because selecting a fixed range prevents autoranging, an overrange condition can occur.

If the source function is the same as the measurement function (for example, sourcing voltage and measuring voltage), the measurement range is locked to be the same as the source range. However, the setting for the measure range is retained. If the source function is changed (for example, from sourcing voltage to sourcing current), the retained measurement range is used.

Explicitly setting a measure range will disable measure autoranging for that function. Autoranging is controlled separately for each source and measurement function: source voltage, source current, measure voltage and measure current. Autoranging is enabled for all four by default.

Changing the range while the output is off does not update the hardware settings, but querying returns the range setting that will be used once the output is turned on. Setting a range while the output is on takes effect immediately.

With measure autoranging enabled, the range is changed only when a measurement is taken. Querying the range after a measurement returns the range selected for that measurement.

Example

```
smua.measure.rangev = 200
```

Selects the 200 V measurement range for SMU channel A.

Also see

[Range](#) (on page 2-72)
[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
[smuX.measure.autorangeY](#) (on page 7-194)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)
[smuX.source.rangeY](#) (on page 7-224)

smuX.measure.rel.enableY

This attribute turns relative measurements on or off.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.REL_OFF)

Usage

```
relEnable = smuX.measure.rel.enableY  
smuX.measure.rel.enableY = relEnable
```

relEnable	Relative measurement control. Set <i>relEnable</i> to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.REL_OFF: Disables relative measurements 1 or smuX.REL_ON: Enables relative measurements
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.rel.enablev applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measurement function (v = voltage, i = current, r = resistance, p = power)

Details

This attribute enables or disables relative measurements. When relative measurements are enabled, all subsequent measured readings are offset by the relative offset value specified by smuX.measure.rel.levelY. Each returned measured relative reading is the result of the following calculation:

$$\text{Relative reading} = \text{Actual measured reading} - \text{Relative offset value}$$

Example

```
smua.measure.rel.enablev = smua.REL_ON
```

Enables relative voltage measurements for SMU channel A.

Also see

- [Relative offset \(on page 3-1\)](#)
- [reset\(\) \(on page 7-155\)](#)
- [setup.recall\(\) \(on page 7-175\)](#)
- [smuX.measure.rel.levelY \(on page 7-207\)](#)
- [smuX.reset\(\) \(on page 7-211\)](#)

smuX.measure.rel.levelY

This attribute sets the offset value for relative measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset SMU reset Recall setup	Not saved	0

Usage

```
relValue = smuX.measure.rel.levelY
smuX.measure.rel.levelY = relValue
```

relValue	Relative measurement offset value
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.rel.levelY applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measurement function (v = voltage, i = current, r = resistance, p = power)

Details

This attribute specifies the offset value used for relative measurements. When relative measurements are enabled (see [smuX.measure.rel.enableY](#)), all subsequent measured readings will be offset by the value of this attribute. Each returned measured relative reading is the result of the following calculation:

$$\text{Relative reading} = \text{Actual measured reading} - \text{Relative offset value}$$

Example

```
smua.measure.rel.levelv = smua.measure.v()
```

Performs a voltage measurement using SMU channel A and then uses it as the relative offset value.

Also see

- [Relative offset](#) (on page 3-1)
- [reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
- [smuX.measure.rel.enableY](#) (on page 7-205)
- [smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.measure.Y()

This function makes one or more measurements.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
reading = smuX.measure.Y()
reading = smuX.measure.Y(readingBuffer)
iReading, vReading = smuX.measure.iv()
iReading, vReading = smuX.measure.iv(iReadingBuffer)
iReading, vReading = smuX.measure.iv(iReadingBuffer, vReadingBuffer)
```

reading	Returned value of the last (or only) reading of the measurement process
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.measure.v()</code> applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measurement function (<code>v</code> = voltage, <code>i</code> = current, <code>r</code> = resistance, <code>p</code> = power)
readingBuffer	A reading buffer object where all readings will be stored
iReading	The last reading of the current measurement process
vReading	The last reading of the voltage measurement process
iReadingBuffer	A reading buffer object where current readings will be stored
vReadingBuffer	A reading buffer object where voltage readings will be stored

Details

If you use this function without specifying a reading buffer, it makes one measurement and returns that measurement as `reading`. To use the additional information that is acquired while making a measurement or to return multiple readings, specify a reading buffer. If the instrument is configured to return multiple readings for a measurement and `readingBuffer` is specified, all readings are available in `readingBuffer`, but only the last measurement is returned as `reading`.

Measurements are in the following units of measure:

- `v` = volts
- `i` = amperes
- `r` = ohms
- `p` = watts

The `smuX.measure.iv()` function returns the last actual current measurement and voltage measurement as `iReading` and `vReading`, respectively. Additionally, it can store current and voltage readings if buffers are provided (`iReadingBuffer` and `vReadingBuffer`).

The `smuX.measure.count` attribute determines how many measurements are performed. When using a reading buffer, it also determines the number of readings to store in the buffer. If a reading buffer is not specified, the SMU ignores the `smuX.measure.count` attribute and only makes one measurement.

The `readingBuffer` is cleared before making any measurements unless the buffer is configured to append data.

Example

```
smua.measure.count = 10
smua.measure.v(smua.nvbuffer1)
```

Performs ten voltage measurements using SMU channel A and stores them in a buffer.

Also see

[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[smuX.measure.count](#) (on page 7-197)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)

smuX.measureYandstep()

This function performs one or two measurements and then steps the source.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
reading = smuX.measureYandstep(sourceValue)
iReading, vReading = smuX.measureivandstep(sourceValue)
```

reading	The measured reading before stepping the source
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measurevandstep() applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measurement function (<i>v</i> = voltage, <i>i</i> = current, <i>r</i> = resistance, <i>p</i> = power)
sourceValue	Source value to be set after the measurement is made
iReading	The current reading before stepping the source
vReading	The voltage reading before stepping the source

Details

The `smuX.measureYandstep()` function performs a measurement and then sets the source to `sourceValue`. Usage of the `smuX.measureivandstep()` function is similar, but performs two measurements simultaneously; one for current (`i`) and one for voltage (`v`).

Measurements are in the following units of measure: *v* = volts, *i* = amperes, *r* = ohms, *p* = watts.

The specified source value should be appropriate for the selected source function. For example, if the source voltage function is selected, then `sourceValue` is expected to be a new voltage level.

Both source and measure autorange must be disabled before using this function.

This function is provided for very fast execution of source-measure loops. The measurement will be made prior to stepping the source. Prior to using this function, and before any loop this function may be used in, set the source value to its initial level.

Example

```
local ivalue = {}
smua.source.rangev = 1500
smua.source.levelv = 0
smua.measure.rangei = 0.01
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
for index = 1, 10 do
    ivalue[index] = smua.measureiandstep(index * 50)
end
ivalue[11] = smua.measure.i()
```

This use of the SMU channel A measure and step function measures current starting at a source value of 0 V. After each current measurement, the source is stepped 50 V for the next current measurement. The final source level is 500 V, where current is again measured.

Also see

[smuX.measure.autorangeY](#) (on page 7-194)
[smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
[smuX.source.autorangeY](#) (on page 7-212)
[smuX.trigger.source.limitY](#) (on page 7-241)
[smuX.trigger.source.linearY\(\)](#) (on page 7-242)
[smuX.trigger.source.listY\(\)](#) (on page 7-243)
[smuX.trigger.source.logY\(\)](#) (on page 7-244)
[Sweep Operation](#) (on page 3-19)

smuX.nvbufferY

This attribute contains a dedicated reading buffer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	See Details	Not applicable

Usage

```
bufferVar = smuX.nvbufferY
```

bufferVar	The dedicated reading buffer
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.nvbuffer1</code> applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU nonvolatile buffer (1 or 2)

Details

Each SMU channel contains two dedicated reading buffers: `smuX.nvbuffer1` and `smuX.nvbuffer2`.

All routines that return measurements can also store them in either reading buffer. Overlapped measurements are always stored in a reading buffer. Synchronous measurements return either a single-point measurement or can be stored in a reading buffer if passed to the measurement command.

The dedicated reading buffers can be saved to internal nonvolatile memory (to retain data between power cycles) using the `smuX.savebuffer()` function.

Example

```
smua.measure.overlappedv(smuA.nvbuffer1)
```

Store voltage readings from SMU channel A into SMU channel A dedicated reading buffer 1.

Also see

[Configuring and running sweeps](#) (on page 3-28)
[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[savebuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-156)
[smuX.makebuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-193)
[smuX.measure.overlappedY\(\)](#) (on page 7-204)
[smuX.savebuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)
[smuX.trigger.measure.action](#) (on page 7-235)
[smuX.trigger.measure.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-235)
[smuX.trigger.measure.stimulus](#) (on page 7-236)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)

smuX.reset()

This function turns off the output and resets the SMU to the default settings.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.reset()
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.reset() applies to SMU channel A)
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Details

This function turns off the output and returns the specified SMU to its default settings.

Example

```
smua.reset()
```

Turns off the output and resets SMU channel A to its default settings.

Also see

[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)

smuX.savebuffer()

This function saves one source-measure unit (SMU) dedicated reading buffer to nonvolatile memory (there are two dedicated reading buffers for each SMU).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.savebuffer(smuX.nvbufferY)
```

X	SMU channel (for example, smua.savebuffer(smuA.nvbuffer1) applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU dedicated reading buffer (1 or 2)

Details

When the instrument is turned off and back on, the dedicated reading buffers are restored from nonvolatile memory to their last saved values.

Example

```
smua.savebuffer(smuA.nvbuffer1)
```

Saves buffer 1 (SMU channel A) to internal memory.

Also see

[Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
[savebuffer\(\)](#) (on page 7-156)
[smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)

smuX.sense

This attribute contains the state of the sense mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (smuX.SENSE_LOCAL)

Usage

```
senseMode = smuX.sense
smuX.sense = senseMode
```

senseMode	The sense mode; set to one of the following: 0 or smuX.SENSE_LOCAL: Selects local sense (2-wire) 1 or smuX.SENSE_REMOTE: Selects remote sense (4-wire) 3 or smuX.SENSE_CALA: Selects calibration sense mode
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.sense applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Source-measure operations are performed using either 2-wire local sense connections or 4-wire remote sense connections. Writing to this attribute selects the sense mode.

The smuX.SENSE_CALA mode is only used for calibration and may only be selected when calibration is enabled.

The sense mode can be changed between local and remote while the output is on.

The calibration sense mode cannot be selected while the output is on.

Resetting the instrument selects the local sense mode.

Example

smua.sense = smua.SENSE_REMOTE	Selects remote sensing for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[2-wire local sensing connections](#) (on page 2-45)
[4-wire remote sensing connections](#) (on page 2-47)
[Sense mode selection](#) (on page 2-64)

smuX.source.autorangeY

This attribute contains the state of the source autorange control (on/off).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1 (smuX.AUTORANGE_ON)

Usage

```
sourceAutorange = smuX.source.autorangeY
smuX.source.autorangeY = sourceAutorange
```

<code>sourceAutorange</code>	The state of the source autorange control. Set to one of the following: 0 or <code>smuX.AUTORANGE_OFF</code> : Disables source autorange 1 or <code>smuX.AUTORANGE_ON</code> : Enables source autorange
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.autorangeY</code> applies to SMU channel A)
<code>Y</code>	SMU source function (v = voltage, i = current)

Details

This attribute indicates the source autorange state. Its value will be `smuX.AUTORANGE_OFF` when the SMU source circuit is on a fixed range and `smuX.AUTORANGE_ON` when it is in autorange mode.

Setting this attribute to `smuX.AUTORANGE_OFF` puts the SMU on a fixed source range. The fixed range used will be the present SMU source circuit range.

Setting this attribute to `smuX.AUTORANGE_ON` puts the SMU source circuit into autorange mode. If the source output is on, the SMU will immediately change range to the range most appropriate for the value being sourced if that range is different from the present SMU range.

Autorange will disable if the source level is edited from the front panel. Setting the source range turns off autorange when set by using the `smuX.source.rangeY` attribute as well.

Resetting the instrument selects the `smuX.AUTORANGE_ON`.

Example

```
smua.source.autorangeY = smua.AUTORANGE_ON
```

Enables volts source autorange for SMU channel A.

Also see

[smuX.measure.autorangeY](#) (on page 7-194)
[smuX.source.rangeY](#) (on page 7-224)

smuX.source.calibrateY()

This function generates and activates new source calibration constants.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.source.calibrateY(range, cp1Expected, cp1Reference, cp2Expected, cp2Reference)
```

<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.calibrateY()</code> applies to SMU channel A)
<code>Y</code>	SMU source function (v = voltage, i = current)
<code>range</code>	The measurement range to calibrate
<code>cp1Expected</code>	The source value set for calibration point 1
<code>cp1Reference</code>	The reference measurement for calibration point 1 as measured externally
<code>cp2Expected</code>	The source value set for calibration point 2
<code>cp2Reference</code>	The reference measurement for calibration point 2 as measured externally

Details

This function generates and activates new calibration constants for the given range.

The positive and negative polarities of the source must be calibrated separately. Use a positive value for range to calibrate the positive polarity and a negative value for range to calibrate the negative polarity. Do not use 0.0 for a negative calibration point; 0.0 is considered to be a positive number.

Typically, the two calibration points used will be near zero for calibration point 1 and 90% of full scale for calibration point 2. Full scale for calibration point 2 should be avoided if the source of the SMU is substantially out of calibration.

The two reference measurements must be made with the source using the active calibration set. For example, source a value, measure it, and do not change the active calibration set before issuing this command.

The new calibration constants are activated immediately but they are not written to nonvolatile memory. Use `smuX.cal.save()` to save the new constants to nonvolatile memory.

The active calibration constants stay in effect until the instrument is power cycled or a calibration set is loaded from nonvolatile memory with the `smuX.cal.restore()` function.

This function is disabled until a successful call to `smuX.cal.unlock()` is made.

Example

```
smua.source.calibratev(200, 1e-30, 1e-5, 180,
    179.8)
```

SMU channel A calibrates the voltage source using the following values:
calibrate the 200 V range, 1e-30 for +zero source output value, 1e-5 for +zero DMM measurement reading, 180 for +FS source output value, and 179.8 for the +FS DMM measurement reading.

Also see

[Calibration](#) (on page B-1)
[smuX.cal.restore\(\)](#) (on page 7-184)
[smuX.cal.save\(\)](#) (on page 7-185)
[smuX.cal.unlock\(\)](#) (on page 7-186)
[smuX.measure.calibrateY\(\)](#) (on page 7-196)

smuX.source.compliance

This attribute contains the state of source compliance.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable

Usage

```
compliance = smuX.source.compliance
```

<code>compliance</code>	The state of source compliance
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.compliance</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This read-only attribute contains the source compliance state (`true` or `false`).

- `true` indicates that the limit function is in control of the source (source in compliance).
- `false` indicates that the source function is in control of the output (source not in compliance).

Writing to this attribute generates an error.

Reading this attribute also updates the status model and the front panel with generated compliance information. See Current Limit (ILMT) shown in the status model diagram for the [Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8). The Voltage Limit (VLMT) is not shown in the status model diagram for the [Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8), but is similar to the Current Limit (ILMT).

Example

<pre>compliance = smua.source.compliance print(compliance)</pre>	<p>Reads the source compliance state for SMU channel A.</p> <p>Output: <code>true</code></p> <p>This output indicates that a configured limit has been reached (voltage, current, or power limit).</p>
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Also see

[smuX.source.limitY](#) (on page 7-218)

smuX.source.delay

This attribute contains the source delay.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.DELAY_OFF)

Usage

```
sDelay = smuX.source.delay
smuX.source.delay = sDelay
```

<code>sDelay</code>	<p>Set to the source delay value (for example, to specify an additional 10 ms source delay, set the value to <code>0.010</code>)</p> <p>Alternatively, you can set it one of the following values:</p> <p><code>0</code> or <code>smuX.DELAY_OFF</code>: No delay</p> <p><code>-1</code> or <code>smuX.DELAY_AUTO</code>: Automatic delay value</p>
<code>X</code>	<p>Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.delay</code> applies to SMU channel A)</p>

Details

This attribute allows for additional delay (settling time) after an output step. Set `sDelay` to a user-defined value (in seconds). Alternatively, set `sDelay` to `smuX.DELAY_OFF` or `smuX.DELAY_AUTO`.

The `smuX.DELAY_AUTO` setting causes a range-dependent delay to be inserted when the source is changed. Range-dependent delays are based on the output settling time values as defined in the Model 2657A specifications.

Example

```
smua.source.delay = smua.DELAY_AUTO
```

Sets the delay for SMU channel A to automatic (a range-dependent delay is inserted whenever the source is changed).

Also see

[reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
[smuX.measure.count](#) (on page 7-197)
[smuX.measure.delay](#) (on page 7-198)
[smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)

smuX.source.func

This attribute determines if the source is a voltage source or current source.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1 (smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS)

Usage

```
sFunction = smuX.source.func
smuX.source.func = sFunction
```

<i>sFunction</i>	The source function; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.OUTPUT_DCAMPS: Selects the current source function 1 or smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS: Selects the voltage source function
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.source.func applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Reading this attribute indicates the output function of the source for the specified SMU channel. Setting this attribute configures the specified SMU channel as either a voltage source or a current source.

Example

```
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS
```

Sets the source function of SMU channel A to be a current source.

Also see

[smuX.source.levelY](#) (on page 7-217)
[smuX.source.output](#) (on page 7-222)

smuX.source.highc

This attribute enables or disables high-capacitance mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (smuX.DISABLE)

Usage

```
highC = smuX.source.highc
smuX.source.highc = highC
```

highC	The state of the high-capacitance mode; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.DISABLE: Disables high-capacitance mode 1 or smuX.ENABLE: Enables high-capacitance mode
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.source.highc applies to SMU channel A)

Details

When enabled, the high-capacitance mode has the following effects on the SMU settings:

- smuX.measure.autorangei is set to smuX.AUTORANGE_FOLLOW_LIMIT and cannot be changed
- Current ranges below 1 μA are not accessible
- If smuX.source.limiti is less than 1 μA, it is raised to 1 μA
- If smuX.source.rangei is less than 1 μA, it is raised to 1 μA
- If smuX.source.lowrangei is less than 1 μA, it is raised to 1 μA
- If smuX.measure.lowrangei is less than 1 μA, it is raised to 1 μA

Example

```
smua.source.highc = smua.ENABLE
```

Activates high-capacitance mode for SMU channel A.

Also see

[High-capacitance mode](#) (on page 3-63)

smuX.source.levelY

This attribute sets the source level.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0

Usage

```
sourceLevel = smuX.source.levelY
smuX.source.levelY = sourceLevel
```

sourceLevel	The source value; set to one of the following values: Voltage: 0 V to ±3000 V Current: 0 A to ±120 mA
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.source.levelv applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU source function (v = voltage, i = current)

Details

This attribute configures the output level of the voltage or current source.

If the source is configured as a voltage source and the output is on, the new `smuX.source.levelv` setting is sourced immediately. If the output is off or the source is configured as a current source, the voltage level is sourced when the source is configured as a voltage source and the output is turned on.

If the source is configured as a current source and the output is on, the new `smuX.source.leveli` setting is sourced immediately. If the output is off or the source is configured as a voltage source, the current level is sourced when the source is configured as a current source and the output is turned on.

The sign of `sourceLevel` dictates the polarity of the source. Positive values generate positive voltage or current from the high terminal of the source relative to the low terminal. Negative values generate negative voltage or current from the high terminal of the source relative to the low terminal.

The `reset()` function sets the source levels to 0 V and 0 A.

Example

<code>smua.source.levelv = 1</code>	Sets voltage source of SMU channel A to 1 V.
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Also see

[smuX.source.compliance](#) (on page 7-214)
[smuX.source.func](#) (on page 7-216)
[smuX.source.output](#) (on page 7-222)
[Source-measure concepts](#) (on page 4-1)

smuX.source.limitY

This attribute sets compliance limits.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	Limit voltage: 20 (20 V) Limit current: 1e-3 (1 mA) Limit power: 0 (disabled)

Usage

```
limit = smuX.source.limitY
smuX.source.limitY = limit
```

<code>limit</code>	The compliance limit value; set to one of the following values: Voltage compliance: 0 V to 3030 V Current compliance: 0 A to 121.2 mA Power compliance: 0 W (minimum); specifying a 0 disables power limit
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.limitv</code> applies to SMU channel A)
<code>Y</code>	SMU function (<code>v</code> = voltage, <code>i</code> = current, <code>p</code> = power)

Details

Use the `smuX.source.limiti` attribute to limit the current output of the voltage source. Use `smuX.source.limitv` to limit the voltage output of the current source. The SMU always uses autoranging for the limit setting. Use the `smuX.source.limitp` attribute to limit the output power of the source.

This attribute should be set in the test sequence before turning the source on.

Using a limit value of 0 results in error code 1102, "Parameter too small," for `v` and `i`. Setting this attribute to zero disables power compliance for `p`. When setting the power compliance limit to a nonzero value, the SMU adjusts the source limit where appropriate to limit the output to the specified power. The SMU uses the lower of the programmed compliance value (the compliance level that would be used if power compliance were disabled) or the limit calculated from the power compliance setting.

Reading this attribute indicates the presently set compliance value. Use `smuX.source.compliance` to read the state of source compliance.

Example

```
smua.source.limitv = 30
```

Sets the voltage limit of SMU channel A to 30 V.

Also see

[DUT test connections](#) (on page 2-41)
[smuX.source.compliance](#) (on page 7-214)
[smuX.source.func](#) (on page 7-216)
[smuX.source.output](#) (on page 7-222)

smuX.source.lowrangeY

This attribute sets the lowest source range that will be used during autoranging.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	Current: 1e-9 (1 nA) Voltage: 200 (200 V)

Usage

```
sourceRangeLow = smuX.source.lowrangeY
smuX.source.lowrangeY = sourceRangeLow
```

<code>sourceRangeLow</code>	Set to the lowest voltage (in volts) or current (in amperes) range to be used
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.lowrangev</code> applies to SMU channel A)
<code>Y</code>	SMU source function (<code>v</code> = voltage, <code>i</code> = current)

Details

This attribute is used with source autoranging to put a lower bound on the range that is used. Lower ranges generally require greater settling times. If you set a low-range value, you might be able to source small values with less settling time.

If the instrument is set to autorange and it is on a range lower than the one specified by `sourceRangeLow`, the source range will be changed to the range specified by `sourceRangeLow`.

Example

```
smua.source.lowrangei = 1e-6
```

The lower boundary for current source autoranging is 1 μ A.

Also see

[smuX.source.autorangeY](#) (on page 7-212)

smuX.source.offfunc

This attribute sets the source function that is used (source 0 A or 0 V) when the output is turned off and the source-measure unit (SMU) is in normal output-off mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	1 (smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS)

Usage

```
offfunc = smuX.source.offfunc
smuX.source.offfunc = offfunc
```

offfunc	Set to the source function to be used when the output is off and the SMU is in normal output-off mode. Set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.OUTPUT_DCAMPS: Source 0 A 1 or smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS: Source 0 V
X	SMU channel (for example, smua.source.offfunc applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute controls the source function used when the output is turned off and the `smuX.source.offmode` is set to `smuX.OUTPUT_NORMAL`. Set this attribute to `smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS` for the source to be a 0 V source when the output is off (`smuX.source.offlimiti` is used). Set it to `smuX.OUTPUT_DCAMPS` for the source to be a 0 A source when the output is off (`smuX.source.offlimitv` is used).

This attribute is only used when the `smuX.source.offmode` attribute is set to `smuX.OUTPUT_NORMAL`.

Example

```
smua.source.offfunc = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS
```

Sets the normal output-off mode to source 0 V when the output is turned off for SMU channel A.

Also see

[Output-off states](#) (on page 2-66)
[smuX.source.offlimitY](#) (on page 7-220)
[smuX.source.offmode](#) (on page 7-221)
[smuX.source.output](#) (on page 7-222)

smuX.source.offlimitY

This attribute sets the limit (current or voltage) used when the source-measure unit (SMU) is in normal output-off mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	Current: 1e-3 (1 mA) Voltage: 40 (40 V)

Usage

```
sourceLimit = smuX.source.offlimitY
smuX.source.offlimitY = sourceLimit
```

<i>sourceLimit</i>	Set to the limit to be used when the SMU is in normal output-off mode
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.offlimiti</code> applies to SMU channel A)
<i>Y</i>	SMU source function (<i>v</i> = voltage, <i>i</i> = current)

Details

Setting the current limit to lower than 1 mA may interfere with operation of the contact check function. See `smuX.contact.check()` and `smuX.contact.r()` for details.

Example

<code>smua.source.offlimiti = 10e-3</code>	Changes the normal output-off mode limit to 10 mA for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[smuX.contact.check\(\)](#) (on page 7-189)
[smuX.contact.r\(\)](#) (on page 7-190)
[smuX.source.offfunc](#) (on page 7-220)
[smuX.source.offmode](#) (on page 7-221)

smuX.source.offmode

This attribute sets the source output-off mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (smuX.OUTPUT_NORMAL)

Usage

```
sourceOffMode = smuX.source.offmode
smuX.source.offmode = sourceOffMode
```

<i>sourceOffMode</i>	The output-off setting; set to one of the following values: 0 or <code>smuX.OUTPUT_NORMAL</code> : Configures the source function according to <code>smuX.source.offfunc</code> attribute 1 or <code>smuX.OUTPUT_ZERO</code> : Configures source to output 0 V as <code>smuX.OUTPUT_NORMAL</code> with different compliance handling (see the Details below) 2 or <code>smuX.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z</code> : Opens the output relay when the output is turned off
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.offmode</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Reading this attribute gives the output-off mode of the source. Setting this attribute configures the SMU output-off mode.

The default `sourceOffMode` is `smuX.OUTPUT_NORMAL`. In this mode, the source function is configured according to the `smuX.source.offfunc` attribute. The `smuX.source.offfunc` attribute controls whether the SMU is configured as a 0 V voltage source or a 0 A current source. When the SMU is operating as a 0 A current source, the `smuX.source.offlimitv` attribute sets the voltage limit (similar to how the `smuX.source.offlimiti` attribute sets the current limit when the SMU is operating as a 0 V voltage source).

When the `sourceOffMode` is set to `smuX.OUTPUT_ZERO`, the source is configured to output 0 V just as `smuX.OUTPUT_NORMAL` mode with `smuX.source.offfunc = smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS`. If the source function is voltage, the current limit is not changed. If the source function is current, the current limit is set to the current source level or 10 percent of the current source range, whichever is greater.

When `offmode` is set to `smuX.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z`, the SMU opens the output relay when the output is turned off.

Example

```
smua.source.offmode = smua.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z
```

Sets the output-off mode for SMU channel A to open the output relay when the output is turned off.

Also see

[Output-off states](#) (on page 2-66)
[smuX.source.offfunc](#) (on page 7-220)
[smuX.source.offlimitY](#) (on page 7-220)
[smuX.source.output](#) (on page 7-222)

smuX.source.output

This attribute sets the source output state (on or off).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	(0 <code>smuX.OUTPUT_OFF</code>)

Usage

```
sourceOutput = smuX.source.output
smuX.source.output = sourceOutput
```

<code>sourceOutput</code>	The source's output state setting; set to one of the following values: 0 or <code>smuX.OUTPUT_OFF</code> : Turns off the source output 1 or <code>smuX.OUTPUT_ON</code> : Turns on the source output 2 or <code>smuX.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z</code> : Turns off the output in high Z mode (allows you to go to high Z mode without first setting the <code>smuX.source.offmode</code> attribute to <code>smuX.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z</code>)
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.output</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Reading this attribute returns the output state of the source. Setting this attribute switches the output of the source on or off.

When the output is switched on, the SMU sources either voltage or current, as set by `smuX.source.func`.

Setting this attribute to `smuX.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z` causes the output to turn off and go to the High Z mode. If the `smuX.source.output` is read after setting this attribute to `smuX.OUTPUT_HIGH_Z`, it returns 0.

Example

<code>smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON</code>	Turns on SMU channel A source output.
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Also see

[DUT test connections](#) (on page 2-41)
[smuX.source.func](#) (on page 7-216)
[smuX.source.offmode](#) (on page 7-221)

smuX.source.protectv

This attribute controls the overvoltage protection limit.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (disabled)

Usage

```
limit = smuX.source.protectv
smuX.source.protectv = limit
```

<code>limit</code>	The overvoltage protection limit (300 V to 3000 V); 0 to disable
<code>X</code>	SMU channel (for example, <code>smua.source.protectv</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Reading this attribute returns the overvoltage protection limit that the SMU is presently using.

Setting this attribute to zero disables overvoltage protection (OVP).

When this attribute is set to a nonzero value, the SMU limits the voltage on the force leads to the value specified by this attribute.

Setting the OVP limit to a value outside of the `limit` range generates error code –224, "Illegal parameter value."

Example

<code>smua.source.protectv = 300</code>	Limits voltage on SMU channel A to 300 V.
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Also see

[Overvoltage protection \(OVP\)](#) (on page 2-65)
[smuX.source.limitY](#) (on page 7-218)

smuX.source.rangeY

This attribute contains the source range.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	Current: 1e-9 (1 nA) Voltage: 200 (200 V)

Usage

```
rangeValue = smuX.source.rangeY
smuX.source.rangeY = rangeValue
```

rangeValue	Set to the maximum expected voltage or current to be sourced
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.measure.rangeY applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU source function (v = voltage, i = current)

Details

This attribute contains a value that sets the source-measure unit (SMU) to a fixed range large enough to source the value. When read, the attribute contains the range the instrument is presently on when in autorange.

Assigning a value to this attribute sets the SMU to a fixed range large enough to source the assigned value. The instrument selects the best range for sourcing a value of *rangeValue*.

Reading this attribute returns the positive full-scale value of the source range the SMU is currently using. With source autoranging enabled, the output level controls the range. Querying the range after the level is set returns the range the instrument chose as appropriate for that source level.

This attribute is primarily intended to eliminate the time required by the automatic range selection performed by a sourcing instrument. Because selecting a fixed range prevents autoranging, an overrange condition can occur.

Example

smua.source.rangev = 200	Selects the 200 V source range for SMU channel A.
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Also see

- [Range](#) (on page 2-72)
- [reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155)
- [setup.recall\(\)](#) (on page 7-175)
- [smuX.measure.rangeY](#) (on page 7-204)
- [smuX.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-211)
- [smuX.source.autorangeY](#) (on page 7-212)

smuX.source.settling

This attribute contains the source settling mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.SETTLE_SMOOTH)

Usage

```
settleOption = smuX.source.settling
smuX.source.settling = settleOption
```

<code>settleOption</code>	Set to the source settling mode. Set to one of the following values: 0 or <code>smuX.SETTLE_SMOOTH</code> : Turns off additional settling operations (default) 1 or <code>smuX.SETTLE_FAST_RANGE</code> : Instructs the source-measure unit (SMU) to use a faster procedure when changing ranges 2 or <code>smuX.SETTLE_FAST_POLARITY</code> : Instructs the SMU to change polarity without going to zero 3 or <code>smuX.SETTLE_DIRECT_IRANGE</code> : Instructs the SMU to change the current range directly 128 or <code>smuX.SETTLE_FAST_ALL</code> : Enables all <code>smuX.SETTLE_FAST_*</code> operations
X	SMU channel (for example, <code>smua.source.settling</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Using `smuX.SETTLE_FAST_RANGE` may cause the SMU to exceed the range change overshoot specification. `smuX.SETTLE_FAST_POLARITY` does not go to zero when changing polarity and may create inconsistencies at the zero crossing. `smuX.SETTLE_DIRECT_IRANGE` switches the SMU directly to the target range instead of the default “range-by-range” method. This option is mutually exclusive of any other `smuX.SETTLE_FAST_*` commands.

Example

<code>smua.source.settling = smua.SETTLE_FAST_POLARITY</code>	Selects fast polarity changing for SMU channel A.
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Also see

[Range](#) (on page 2-72)

smuX.source.sink

This attribute turns sink mode on or off.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0 (<code>smuX.DISABLE</code>)

Usage

```
sinkMode = smuX.source.sink
smuX.source.sink = sinkMode
```

<code>sinkMode</code>	Sets the sink mode on or off; set to one of the following values: 0 or <code>smuX.DISABLE</code> : Turns off sink mode 1 or <code>smuX.ENABLE</code> : Turns on sink mode
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.source.sink</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute enables or disables sink mode. When sink mode is enabled, it reduces the source limit inaccuracy that occurs when operating in quadrants II and IV (quadrants I and III will show this source limit inaccuracy).

Example

```
smua.source.sink = smua.ENABLE
```

Enables sink mode for SMU channel A.

Also see

[Source or sink \(on page 4-4\)](#)

smuX.trigger.arm.count

This attribute sets the arm count in the trigger model.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1

Usage

```
triggerArmCount = smuX.trigger.arm.count
smuX.trigger.arm.count = triggerArmCount
```

triggerArmCount	The arm count in the trigger model
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.arm.count applies to SMU channel A)

Details

During a sweep, the SMU iterates through the arm layer of the trigger model this many times. After performing this many iterations, the SMU returns to an idle state.

If this count is set to zero, the SMU stays in the trigger model indefinitely until aborted.

Example

```
smua.trigger.arm.count = 5
```

Sets the SMU channel A to iterate through the arm layer of the trigger model five times and then return to the idle state.

Also see

[smuX.trigger.count \(on page 7-230\)](#)

smuX.trigger.arm.set()

This function sets the arm event detector to the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.arm.set()
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.arm.set() applies to SMU channel A)
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Details

The SMU will automatically clear all the event detectors when the `smuX.trigger.initiate()` function is executed. This function should be called after the sweep is initiated.

A common example of when this function can be used is when you want the SMU to immediately perform an action the first time through the trigger model even if a programmed trigger event does not occur.

This function can also be used to start actions on the SMU in case of a missed trigger event.

Example

```
smua.trigger.arm.set()
```

Sets the arm event detector to the detected state for SMU channel A.

Also see

[smuX.trigger.initiate\(\)](#) (on page 7-234)
[smuX.trigger.measure.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-235)
[smuX.trigger.source.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-245)

smuX.trigger.arm.stimulus

This attribute selects the event that will cause the arm event detector to enter the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.arm.stimulus
smuX.trigger.arm.stimulus = eventID
```

<code>eventID</code>	Event that triggers the arm detector
<code>X</code>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.trigger.arm.stimulus</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set this attribute to the event ID of any trigger event generator to wait for that event.

Set this attribute to zero to bypass waiting for events at the arm event detector (the SMU continues uninterrupted through the remote trigger model). Set *eventID* to one of the existing trigger event IDs shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Example

```
smua.trigger.arm.stimulus =
    trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID
```

An event on trigger timer 1 causes the arm event detector to enter the detected state.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID

This constant contains the armed event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID
```

eventID	The armed event number
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to armed events from this SMU.

Example

```
trigger.timer[1].stimulus =
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID
```

Trigger timer when the SMU passes through the ARM layer.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.autoclear

This attribute turns automatic clearing of the event detectors on or off.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.DISABLE)

Usage

```
autoClear = smuX.trigger.autoclear
smuX.trigger.autoclear = autoClear
```

autoClear	Auto clear setting; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.DISABLE: Turns off automatic clearing of the event detectors 1 or smuX.ENABLE: Turns on automatic clearing of the event detectors
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.autoclear applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute enables or disables automatic clearing of the trigger model state machine event detectors when the SMU transitions from the arm layer to the trigger layer.

Only the detected states of the event detectors are cleared.

The overrun statuses of the event detectors are not automatically cleared when the SMU transitions from the arm layer to the trigger layer.

The event detectors are always cleared when a sweep is initiated.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.count

This attribute sets the trigger count in the trigger model.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1

Usage

```
triggerCount = smuX.trigger.count
smuX.trigger.count = triggerCount
```

triggerCount	The trigger count is the number of times the source-measure unit (SMU) will iterate in the trigger layer for any given sweep
X	SMU channel (for example, smua.trigger.count applies to SMU channel A)

Details

During a sweep, the SMU iterates through the trigger layer of the trigger model this many times. After performing this many iterations, the SMU returns to the arm layer.

If this count is set to zero (0), the SMU stays in the trigger model indefinitely until aborted.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.endpulse.action

This attribute enables or disables pulse mode sweeps.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1 (smuX.SOURCE_HOLD)

Usage

```
pulseAction = smuX.trigger.endpulse.action
smuX.trigger.endpulse.action = pulseAction
```

pulseAction	The pulse mode setting; set to one of the following values (see Details for definition): 0 or smuX.SOURCE_IDLE 1 or smuX.SOURCE_HOLD
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.endpulse.action applies to SMU channel A)

Details

When set to smuX.SOURCE_HOLD, this attribute disables pulse mode sweeps, holding the source level for the remainder of the step.

When set to smuX.SOURCE_IDLE, this attribute enables pulse mode sweeps, setting the source level to the programmed (idle) level at the end of the pulse.

Example

```
smua.trigger.endpulse.action =
  smua.SOURCE_IDLE
smua.trigger.endpulse.stimulus =
  trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID
```

Configure the end pulse action to achieve a pulse and configure trigger timer 1 to control the end of pulse.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.endpulse.set()

This function sets the end pulse event detector to the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.endpulse.set()
```

X

Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example,
smua.trigger.endpulse.set() applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This function sets the end pulse event detector to the detected state.

The SMU automatically clears all the event detectors when the `smuX.trigger.initiate()` function is executed. Therefore, `smuX.trigger.endpulse.set()` should be called after the sweep is initiated. If the event detectors are configured to clear automatically because the `smuX.trigger.autoclear` attribute is set to `smuX.ENABLE`, make sure that `smuX.trigger.endpulse.set()` is issued after the SMU has entered the trigger layer.

Also see

[smuX.trigger.autoclear](#) (on page 7-229)
[smuX.trigger.initiate\(\)](#) (on page 7-234)
[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.endpulse.stimulus

This attribute defines which event will cause the end pulse event detector to enter the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.endpulse.stimulus
smuX.trigger.endpulse.stimulus = eventID
```

X

Set to the event that triggers the end pulse action of the source

X

Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example,
smua.trigger.endpulse.stimulus applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set this attribute to the event ID of any trigger event generator to wait for that event. To bypass waiting for an event, set this attribute's value to 0. Set *eventID* to one of the existing trigger event IDs, which are shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Example

```
smua.trigger.endpulse.action =
    smua.SOURCE_IDLE
smua.trigger.endpulse.stimulus =
    trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID
```

Configure the end pulse action to achieve a pulse and select the event, trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID, that causes the arm event detector to enter the detected state.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.endsweep.action

This attribute sets the action of the source at the end of a sweep.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.SOURCE_IDLE)

Usage

```
action = smuX.trigger.endsweep.action
smuX.trigger.endsweep.action = action
```

action	The source action at the end of a sweep; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.SOURCE_IDLE: Sets the source level to the programmed (idle) level at the end of the sweep 1 or smuX.SOURCE_HOLD: Sets the source level to stay at the level of the last step
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.endsweep.action applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Use this attribute to configure the source action at the end of the sweep. The SMU can be programmed to return to the idle source level or hold the last value of the sweep.

Example

smua.trigger.endsweep.action = smua.SOURCE_IDLE	Sets SMU channel A to return the source back to the idle source level at the end of a sweep.
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Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID

This constant contains the idle event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

eventID = smuX.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	
eventID	The idle event number
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to idle events from this SMU.

Example

```
trigger.timer[1].stimulus = smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID
```

Trigger timer 1 when the SMU returns to the idle layer.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.initiate()

This function initiates a sweep operation.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.initiate()
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, <code>smua.trigger.initiate()</code> applies to SMU channel A)
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Details

This function causes the SMU to clear the four trigger model event detectors and enter its trigger model (moves the SMU from the idle state into the arm layer).

To perform source actions during the sweep, before calling this function, it is necessary to configure and enable one of the following sweep source actions:

- `smuX.trigger.source.linearY()`
- `smuX.trigger.source.listY()`
- `smuX.trigger.source.logY()`

To perform measurements during the sweep, you must also configure and enable the measure action using `smuX.trigger.measure.Y()`.

If you run this function more than once without reconfiguring the sweep measurements, the caches on the configured measurement reading buffers will hold stale data; use the `bufferVar.clearcache()` function to remove stale values from the reading buffer cache.

This function initiates an overlapped operation.

Example

```
smua.trigger.initiate()
```

Starts a preconfigured sweep and clears the event detectors for SMU channel A.

Also see

[bufferVar.clearcache\(\)](#) (on page 7-19)
[Configuring and running sweeps](#) (on page 3-28)
[smuX.trigger.measure.action](#) (on page 7-235)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)
[smuX.trigger.source.action](#) (on page 7-240)
[smuX.trigger.source.linearY\(\)](#) (on page 7-242)
[smuX.trigger.source.listY\(\)](#) (on page 7-243)
[smuX.trigger.source.logY\(\)](#) (on page 7-244)
[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.measure.action

This attribute controls measurement actions during a sweep.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.DISABLE)

Usage

```
action = smuX.trigger.measure.action
smuX.trigger.measure.action = action
```

action	The sweep measurement action; set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.DISABLE: Do not make measurements during the sweep 1 or smuX.ENABLE: Make measurements during the sweep 2 or smuX.ASYNC: Make measurements during the sweep, but asynchronously with the source area of the trigger model
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.measure.action applies to SMU channel A)

Details

With this attribute enabled (setting `action` to `smuX.ENABLE` or `smuX.ASYNC`), configure the measurement with one of the `smuX.trigger.measure.Y()` functions.

If this attribute is set to `smuX.ASYNC`:

- Asynchronous sweep measurements can only be used with measure autoranging turned off. To turn measure autoranging off for all measurements during the sweep, set the `smuX.measure.autorangeY` attribute to `smuX.AUTO RANGE_OFF`.
- If the integrating ADC is selected (`smuX.measure.adc` attribute is set to `smuX.ADC_INTEGRATE`), autozero must also be turned off. To turn off autozero, set the `smuX.measure.autozero` attribute to `smuX.AUTOZERO_OFF` or `smuX.AUTOZERO_ONCE`.

If either of the above items is incorrectly configured, the `smuX.trigger.initiate()` function generates an error.

Also see

[smuX.measure.adc](#) (on page 7-193)
[smuX.trigger.autoclear](#) (on page 7-229)
[smuX.trigger.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-238)
[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.measure.set()

This function sets the measurement event detector to the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.measure.set()
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.measure.set() applies to SMU channel A)
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Details

This function is useful whenever you want the SMU to continue operation without waiting for a programmed trigger event. When called, this function immediately satisfies the event detector, allowing the SMU to continue through the trigger model.

For example, you might use this function to have the SMU immediately perform an action the first time through the trigger model, even if a programmed trigger event does not occur.

If the event detectors are configured to clear automatically because the `smuX.trigger.autoclear` attribute is set to `smuX.ENABLE`, make sure that `smuX.trigger.measure.set()` is issued after the SMU has entered the trigger layer. This function can also be used to start actions on the SMU in case of a missed trigger event.

The SMU automatically clears all event detectors when the `smuX.trigger.initiate()` function is executed. This function should be called after the sweep is initiated.

Example

```
smua.trigger.measure.set()
```

Sets the measure event detector of SMU channel A.

Also see

[smuX.trigger.arm.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-226)
[smuX.trigger.autoclear](#) (on page 7-229)
[smuX.trigger.endpulse.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-231)
[smuX.trigger.source.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-245)

smuX.trigger.measure.stimulus

This attribute selects which event will cause the measure event detector to enter the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.measure.stimulus
smuX.trigger.measure.stimulus = eventID
```

eventID	Event that triggers the measurement detector
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.measure.stimulus applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set this attribute to the event ID of any trigger event generator to wait for that event. When set, the SMU waits for the event at the measurement event detector portion of the trigger model.

Set this attribute to zero to bypass waiting for an event (the SMU continues uninterrupted through the remote trigger model). Set *eventID* to one of the existing trigger event IDs shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Example

smua.trigger.measure.stimulus = trigger.timer[1].EVENT_ID	Sets delay before measurement begins on SMU channel A.
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Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.measure.Y()

This function configures the measurements that are to be made in a subsequent sweep.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.measure.Y(rbuffer)
smuX.trigger.measure.iv(ibuffer, vbuffer)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.measure.v() applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU measurement type (v = voltage, i = current, r = resistance, p = power)
rbuffer	A reading buffer object where the readings will be stored
ibuffer	A reading buffer object where current readings will be stored
vbuffer	A reading buffer object where voltage readings will be stored

Details

As measurements are made, they are stored in a reading buffer. If the instrument is configured to return multiple readings where one is requested, the readings will be available as they are made. Measurements are in the following units of measure: v = volts, i = amperes, r = ohms, p = watts.

The smuX.trigger.measure.iv() function stores current readings in *ibuffer* and voltage readings in *vbuffer*.

If a given reading buffer contains any data, it is cleared before making any measurements, unless the reading buffer has been configured to append data.

The SMU only retains the last call to any one of these functions and only that measurement action is performed. After configuring the measurements to make with this function, remember to enable the measurement action by setting *smuX.trigger.measure.action* = *smuX.ENABLE*.

Example

```
smua.trigger.measure.v(vbuffername)
smua.trigger.measure.action = smua.ENABLE
```

Stores voltage readings during the sweep for SMU channel A in buffer *vbuffername*.

Also see

- [Reading buffers](#) (on page 3-6)
- [smuX.measure.Y\(\)](#) (on page 7-208)
- [smuX.nvbufferY](#) (on page 7-210)
- [smuX.trigger.measure.action](#) (on page 7-235)
- [Sweep Operation](#) (on page 3-19)
- [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)
- [waitcomplete\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

smuX.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID

This constant contains the measurement complete event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID
```

eventID	The measurement complete event number
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to measure complete events from this SMU.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID

This constant contains the pulse complete event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID
```

eventID	The pulse complete event number
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to pulse complete events from this SMU.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.source.action

This attribute enables or disables sweeping the source (on or off).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.DISABLE)

Usage

```
action = smuX.trigger.source.action
smuX.trigger.source.action = action
```

action	Sweep source action. Set to one of the following values: 0 or smuX.DISABLE: Do not sweep the source 1 or smuX.ENABLE: Sweep the source
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.source.action applies to SMU channel A)

Details

This attribute is used to enable or disable source level changes during a sweep. In addition to enabling the action before initiating the sweep, make sure to configure it using `smuX.trigger.source.linearY()`, `smuX.trigger.source.listY()`, or `smuX.trigger.source.logY()`.

Example

<pre>smua.trigger.source.listv({3, 1, 4, 5, 2}) smua.trigger.source.action = smua.ENABLE</pre>	Configure list sweep for SMU channel A (sweep through 3 V, 1 V, 4 V, 5 V, and 2 V). Enable the source action.
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Also see

[smuX.trigger.source.linearY\(\)](#) (on page 7-242)
[smuX.trigger.source.listY\(\)](#) (on page 7-243)
[smuX.trigger.source.logY\(\)](#) (on page 7-244)
[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.source.limitY

This attribute sets the sweep source limit.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0 (smuX.LIMIT_AUTO)

Usage

```
sweepSourceLimit = smuX.trigger.source.limitY
smuX.trigger.source.limitY = sweepSourceLimit
```

sweepSourceLimit	The source limit that is used during triggered operation; set to a user-defined value or smuX.LIMIT_AUTO (0)
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.source.limitY applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU output function (v = voltage, i = current)

Details

If this attribute is set to smuX.LIMIT_AUTO (or 0), the SMU uses the normal limit setting during sweeping. If this attribute is set to any other numeric value, the SMU will switch in this limit at the start of the source action and will return to the normal limit setting at the end of the end pulse action.

Normally, the limit range is automatically adjusted in accordance with the limit value. During sweeping, however, the limit range is fixed in order to avoid the delays associated with changing range. This fixed limit range is determined by the maximum limit value needed during the sweep; that is, the greater of either the normal limit value (as specified by smuX.source.limitY) or the sweep limit value (as specified by smuX.trigger.source.limitY). Note that the minimum limit value that can be enforced during the sweep is equal to 10 percent of the full scale value of the fixed limit range. If the smaller limit value (normal or sweep) falls below this 10% threshold, the 10 percent value will be enforced instead. Likewise, if the limit value were to fall below the 10 percent threshold as a result of power compliance, the 10 percent value will be enforced instead.

Example

```
smua.trigger.source.limitY = 500
```

Sets the voltage sweep limit of SMU channel A to 500 V.

Also see

[Configuring and running sweeps](#) (on page 3-28)
[smuX.source.limitY](#) (on page 7-218)
[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.source.linearY()

This function configures a linear source sweep.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.source.linearY(startValue, endValue, points)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.source.linearY(0, 10, 11) applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU source function (<i>v</i> = voltage, <i>i</i> = current)
startValue	Source value of the first point
endValue	Source value of the last point
points	The number of points used to calculate the step size

Details

This function configures the source action to be a linear source sweep in a subsequent sweep. During the sweep, the source will generate a uniform series of ascending or descending voltage or current changes called steps. The number of source steps is one less than the number of sourced *points*.

The *points* parameter does not set the number of steps in a sweep, but rather is used to calculate source values within a subsequent sweep. If the subsequent sweep has more points than specified in *points*, the source will restart at the beginning. This means that if the trigger count is greater than the number of points in a sweep as configured, the SMU will satisfy the trigger count by restarting the sweep values from the beginning.

If the subsequent sweep has fewer points than specified in *points*, *endValue* will not be reached during the sweep. This means that if the trigger count is less than the number of source values configured, the SMU will satisfy the trigger count and ignore the remaining source values.

In cases where the first sweep point is a nonzero value, it may be necessary to pre-charge the circuit so that the sweep will return a stable value for the first measured point without penalizing remaining points in the sweep.

With linear sweeps it is acceptable to maintain a fixed source resolution over the entire sweep. To prevent source range changes during the sweep (especially when sweeping through 0.0), set the source range to a fixed range appropriate for the larger of either *startValue* or *endValue*.

The SMU will only store the most recent configured source action. The last call to smuX.trigger.source.linearY(), smuX.trigger.source.listY(), or smuX.trigger.source.logY() is used for the source action.

Source functions cannot be changed within a sweep.

After configuring the sweep source values, enable the source action by setting smuX.trigger.source.action.

Example

```
smua.trigger.source.linearY(0, 1000, 11)
```

Sweeps SMU channel A from 0 V to 1000 V in 100 V steps.

Also see

- [smuX.trigger.source.action](#) (on page 7-240)
- [smuX.trigger.source.listY\(\)](#) (on page 7-243)
- [smuX.trigger.source.logY\(\)](#) (on page 7-244)
- [Sweep Operation](#) (on page 3-19)

smuX.trigger.source.listY()

This function configures an array-based source sweep.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.source.listY(sweepList)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.source.listv({5}) applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU source function (v = voltage, i = current)
sweepList	An array of source values

Details

This function configures the source action to be a list sweep in a subsequent sweep. During the sweep, the source will output the sequence of source values given in the *sweepList* array.

If the subsequent sweep has more points than specified in *sweepList*, the source will restart at the beginning. This means that if the trigger count is greater than the number of points in a sweep as configured, the SMU will satisfy the trigger count by restarting the sweep values from the beginning.

If the subsequent sweep has fewer points than specified in *sweepList*, the extra values will be ignored. This means that if the trigger count is less than the number of source values configured, the SMU will satisfy the trigger count and ignore the remaining source values.

In cases where the first sweep point is a nonzero value, it may be necessary to pre-charge the circuit so that the sweep will return a stable value for the first measured point without penalizing remaining points in the sweep.

The SMU will only store the most recent configured source action. The last call to smuX.trigger.source.linearY(), smuX.trigger.source.listY(), or smuX.trigger.source.logY() is used for the source action.

Source functions cannot be changed within a sweep.

After configuring the sweep source values, enable the source action by setting smuX.trigger.source.action.

Example

```
smua.trigger.source.listv({3, 1, 4, 5, 2})
```

Sweeps SMU channel A through 3 V, 1 V, 4 V, 5 V, and 2 V.

Also see

[smuX.trigger.source.action](#) (on page 7-240)
[smuX.trigger.source.linearY\(\)](#) (on page 7-242)
[smuX.trigger.source.logY\(\)](#) (on page 7-244)
[Sweep Operation](#) (on page 3-19)

smuX.trigger.source.logY()

This function configures an exponential (geometric) source sweep.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.source.logY(startValue, endValue, points, asymptote)
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.source.logv(1, 10, 11, 0) applies to SMU channel A)
Y	SMU source function (<i>v</i> = voltage, <i>i</i> = current)
startValue	Source value of the first point
endValue	Source value of the last point
points	The number of points used to calculate the step size
asymptote	The asymptotic offset value

Details

This function configures the source action to be a geometric source sweep in a subsequent sweep. During the sweep, the source generates a geometric series of ascending or descending voltage or current changes called steps. Each step is larger or smaller than the previous step by a fixed proportion. The constant of proportionality is determined by the starting value, the ending value, the asymptote, and the number of steps in the sweep. The number of source steps is one less than the number of sourced *points*.

The *points* parameter does not set the number of steps in a sweep, but rather is used to calculate source values within a subsequent sweep. If the subsequent sweep has more points than specified in *points*, the source restarts at the beginning. This means that if the trigger count is greater than the number of points in a sweep as configured, the SMU satisfies the trigger count by restarting the sweep values from the beginning.

If the subsequent sweep has fewer points than specified in *points*, *endValue* is not reached during the sweep. This means that if the trigger count is less than the number of source values configured, the SMU satisfies the trigger count and ignores the remaining source values.

In cases where the first sweep point is nonzero, it may be necessary to pre-charge the circuit so that the sweep returns a stable value for the first measured point without penalizing remaining points in the sweep.

With logarithmic sweeps, it is usually necessary to allow the source to autorange to maintain good source accuracy when sweeping over more than one decade or across range boundaries.

The *asymptote* parameter can be used to customize the inflection and offset of the source value curve. This allows log sweeps to cross zero. Setting this parameter to zero provides a conventional logarithmic sweep. The *asymptote* value is the value that the curve has at either positive or negative infinity, depending on the direction of the sweep.

The *asymptote* value must not be equal to or between the starting and ending values. It must be outside the range defined by the starting and ending values.

The SMU stores only the most recent configured source action. The last call to smuX.trigger.source.linearY(), smuX.trigger.source.listY(), or smuX.trigger.source.logY() is used for the source action.

Source functions cannot be changed within a sweep.

After configuring the sweep source values, enable the source action by setting smuX.trigger.source.action.

Example

```
smua.trigger.source.logv(1, 10, 11, 0)
```

Sweeps SMU channel A from 1 V to 10 V in 10 steps with an asymptote of 0 V.

Also see

[smuX.trigger.source.action](#) (on page 7-240)
[smuX.trigger.source.linearY\(\)](#) (on page 7-242)
[smuX.trigger.source.listY\(\)](#) (on page 7-243)
[Sweep operation](#) (on page 3-19)

smuX.trigger.source.set()

This function sets the source event detector to the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
smuX.trigger.source.set()
```

X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.source.set() applies to SMU channel A)
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Details

This function sets the source event detector to the detected state.

The SMU automatically clears all event detectors when the `smuX.trigger.initiate()` function is executed. This function should be called after the sweep is initiated. If the event detectors are configured to clear automatically because the `smuX.trigger.autoclear` attribute is set to `smuX.ENABLE`, make sure that `smuX.trigger.source.set()` is issued after the SMU has entered the trigger layer.

Also see

[smuX.trigger.arm.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-226)
[smuX.trigger.autoclear](#) (on page 7-229)
[smuX.trigger.endpulse.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-231)
[smuX.trigger.initiate\(\)](#) (on page 7-234)
[smuX.trigger.measure.set\(\)](#) (on page 7-235)
[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.source.stimulus

This attribute defines which event causes the source event detector to enter the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	SMU reset Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	0

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.source.stimulus
smuX.trigger.source.stimulus = eventID
```

eventID	Set to the event that triggers the end pulse source off action
X	Source-measure (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.source.stimulus applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set this attribute to the event ID of any trigger event generator to wait for that event. When set, the SMU waits for the event at the source event detector portion of the trigger model. To bypass waiting for an event, set this attribute's value to zero (0). Set *eventID* to one of the existing trigger event IDs shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Example

```
smua.trigger.source.stimulus =
digio.trigger[2].EVENT_ID
```

Configure SMU channel A to start its source action when a trigger event occurs on digital I/O line 2.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID

This constant contains the source complete event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID
```

<i>eventID</i>	The source action complete event number
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to source complete events from this source-measure unit (SMU).

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID

This constant contains the sweep complete event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID
```

<i>eventID</i>	The sweep complete event number
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to sweep complete events from this SMU.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

smuX.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID

This constant contains the sweeping event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = smuX.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID
```

<i>eventID</i>	The sweeping event number
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example, smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID applies to SMU channel A)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to sweeping events from this SMU.

Also see

[Triggering](#) (on page 3-31)

status.condition

This attribute stores the status byte condition register.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable

Usage

```
statusByte = status.condition
```

statusByte	The status byte; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

This attribute is used to read the status byte, which is returned as a numeric value. The binary equivalent of the value of this attribute indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B7. For example, if a value of $1.29000e+02$ (which is 129) is read as the value of this register, the binary equivalent is 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	*

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

The returned value can indicate one or more status events occurred. When an enabled status event occurs, a summary bit is set in this register to indicate the event occurrence.

The individual bits of this register have the following meanings:

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.MEASUREMENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.MSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled measurement event has occurred. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.SYSTEM_SUMMARY_BIT status.SSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled system event has occurred. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.ERROR_AVAILABLE status.EAV	Set summary bit indicates that an error or status message is present in the Error Queue. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.QUESTIONABLE_SUMMARY_BIT status.QSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled questionable event has occurred. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.MESSAGE_AVAILABLE status.MAV	Set summary bit indicates that a response message is present in the Output Queue. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.EVENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.ESB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled standard event has occurred. Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.MASTER_SUMMARY_STATUS status.MSS	Request Service (RQS)/Master Summary Status (MSS). Depending on how it is used, bit B6 of the status byte register is either the Request for Service (RQS) bit or the Master Summary Status (MSS) bit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When using the GPIB or VXI-11 serial poll sequence of the Model 2657A to obtain the status byte (serial poll byte), B6 is the RQS bit. The set bit indicates that the Request Service (RQS) bit of the status byte (serial poll byte) is set and a serial poll (SRQ) has occurred. When using the <code>status.condition</code> register command or the *STB? common command to read the status byte, B6 is the MSS bit. Set bit indicates that an enabled summary bit of the status byte register is set. Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.OPERATION_SUMMARY_BIT status.OSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled operation event has occurred. Bit B7 decimal value: 128

In addition to the above constants, when more than one bit of the register is set, `statusByte` equals the sum of their decimal weights. For example, if 129 is returned, bits B0 and B7 are set (1 + 128).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Example

```
statusByte = status.condition
print(statusByte)
```

Returns `statusByte`.

Sample output:

1.29000e+02

Converting this output (129) to its binary equivalent yields 1000 0001

Therefore, this output indicates that the set bits of the status byte condition register are presently B0 (MSS) and B7 (OSB).

Also see

[Status byte and service request \(SRQ\)](#) (on page E-15)

status.measurement.*

This attribute contains the measurement event register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	10,639 (All bits set)

Usage

```

measurementRegister = status.measurement.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.ptr
status.measurement.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.ptr = measurementRegister

```

measurementRegister	The status of the measurement event register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes read or write the measurement event registers.

Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For example, assume value 257 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0001 0000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 (VLMT) and bit B8 (BAV) are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

The individual bits of this register can be set to the following values:

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.measurement.VOLTAGE_LIMIT status.measurement.VLMT	Set bit is a summary of the status.measurement.voltage_limit register. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.measurement.CURRENT_LIMIT status.measurement.ILMT	Set bit is a summary of the status.measurement.current_limit register. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.measurement.SINK_LIMIT status.measurement.SLMT	Set bit is a summary of the status.measurement.sink_limit register. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.measurement.OVERVOLTAGE status.measurement.OV	Set bit is a summary of the status.measurement.overvoltage register. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4-B6	Not used	Not applicable
B7	status.measurement.READING_OVERFLOW status.measurement.ROF	Set bit is a summary of the status.measurement.reading_overflow register. Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.measurement.BUFFER_AVAILABLE status.measurement.BAV	Set bit is a summary of the status.measurement.buffer_available register. Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9-B10	Not used	Not applicable
B11	status.measurement.INTERLOCK status.measurement.INT	Set bit indicates that the interlock has been asserted. Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	Not used	Not applicable
B13	status.measurement.INSTRUMENT_SUMMARY status.measurement.INST	Set bit indicates that a bit in the measurement instrument summary register is set. Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B8 of the measurement event enable register, set `status.measurement.enable = status.measurement.BAV`.

In addition to the above constants, `measurementRegister` can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `measurementRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B8, set `measurementRegister` to 258 (which is the sum of 2 + 256).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
status.measurement.enable = status.measurement.BAV
```

Sets the BAV bit of the measurement event enable register.

Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.measurement.buffer_available.*

This attribute contains the measurement event buffer available summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```

measurementRegister = status.measurement.buffer_available.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.buffer_available.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.buffer_available.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.buffer_available.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.buffer_available.ptr
status.measurement.buffer_available.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.buffer_available.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.buffer_available.ptr = measurementRegister

```

measurementRegister	The status of the measurement event register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the measurement event buffer available summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, assume the value 2 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 (SMUA) is set.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.measurement.buffer_available.SMUA	Set bit indicates that there is at least one reading stored in either or both of the dedicated reading buffers. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the measurement event buffer available summary enable register, set
`status.measurement.buffer_available.enable =
status.measurement.buffer_available.SMUA.`

In addition to the above constant, *measurementRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

<code>status.measurement.buffer_available.enable = status.measurement.buffer_available.SMUA</code>	Sets the SMUA bit of the measurement event buffer available summary enable register.
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Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.measurement.current_limit.*

This attribute contains the measurement event current limit summary registers.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
measurementRegister = status.measurement.current_limit.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.current_limit.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.current_limit.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.current_limit.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.current_limit.ptr
status.measurement.current_limit.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.current_limit.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.current_limit.ptr = measurementRegister
```

measurementRegister	The status of the measurement event current limit summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the measurement event current limit summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, assume the value 2 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 (SMUA) is set.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.measurement.current_limit.SMUA	Set bit indicates that the current limit was exceeded. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the measurement event current limit summary enable register, set `status.measurement.current_limit.enable = status.measurement.current_limit.SMUA`.

In addition to the above constant, `measurementRegister` can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

<pre>status.measurement.current_limit.enable = status.measurement.current_limit.SMUA</pre>	Sets the SMUA bit of the Measurement Event Current Limit Summary Enable Register.
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Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)
[status.measurement.instrument.smuX.*](#) (on page 7-255)

status.measurement.instrument.*

This attribute contains the registers of the measurement event instrument summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.ptr
status.measurement.instrument.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.instrument.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.instrument.ptr = measurementRegister
```

<i>measurementRegister</i>	The status of the measurement event instrument summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the measurement event instrument summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, assume the value 2 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 (SMUA) is set.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.measurement.instrument.SMUA	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits of the measurement event SMU A summary register is set. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the measurement event instrument summary enable register, set
`status.measurement.instrument.enable = status.measurement.instrument.SMUA`.

In addition to the above constant, *measurementRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

<pre>status.measurement.instrument.enable = status.measurement.instrument.SMUA</pre>	Sets the SMU A bit of the measurement event instrument summary enable register using a constant.
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Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.measurement.instrument.smuX.*

This attribute contains the registers of the measurement event SMU X summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	399 (All bits set)

Usage

```
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.smuX.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.smuX.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.smuX.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.smuX.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.instrument.smuX.ptr
status.measurement.instrument.smuX.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.instrument.smuX.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.instrument.smuX.ptr = measurementRegister
```

<i>measurementRegister</i>	The status of the instrument measurement status SMU X summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
<i>X</i>	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example <code>status.measurement.instrument.smua.enable</code> applies to SMU channel A)

Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the measurement event SMU X summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, assume the value 257 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0001 0000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 (VLMT) and bit B8 (BAV) are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0*	status.measurement.instrument.smuX.VOLTAGE_LIMIT status.measurement.instrument.smuX.VLMT	Set bit indicates that the voltage limit was exceeded. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1*	status.measurement.instrument.smuX.CURRENT_LIMIT status.measurement.instrument.smuX.ILMT	Set bit indicates that the current limit was exceeded. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2*	status.measurement.instrument.smuX.SINK_LIMIT status.measurement.instrument.smuX.SLMT	Set bit indicates that a sink compliance condition has occurred. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3*	status.measurement.instrument.smuX.OVERVOLTAGE status.measurement.instrument.smuX.OV	Set bit indicates that an overvoltage condition has occurred. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4-B6	Not used	Not applicable.
B7	status.measurement.instrument.smuX.READING_OVERFLOW status.measurement.instrument.smuX.ROF	Set bit indicates that an overflow reading has been detected. Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.measurement.instrument.smuX.BUFFER_AVAILABLE status.measurement.instrument.smuX.BAV	Set bit indicates that there is at least one reading stored in either or both of the dedicated reading buffers. Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

* This bit will be updated only when a measurement is taken or `smuX.source.compliance` is invoked.

As an example, to set bit B0 of the measurement event SMU X summary enable register, set `status.measurement.instrument.smua.enable = status.measurement.instrument.smua.VLMT`. In addition to the above constants, `measurementRegister` can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `measurementRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B8, set `measurementRegister` to 258 (which is the sum of 2 + 256).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)
Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
status.measurement.instrument.smua.enable =
    status.measurement.instrument.smua.VLMT
```

Sets the VLMT bit of the measurement event SMU A summary enable register using a constant.

Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.measurement.overvoltage.*

This attribute contains the measurement event overvoltage summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
measurementRegister = status.measurement.overvoltage.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.overvoltage.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.overvoltage.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.overvoltage.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.overvoltage.ptr
status.measurement.overvoltage.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.overvoltage.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.overvoltage.ptr = measurementRegister
```

<i>measurementRegister</i>	The status of the measurement overvoltage summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the measurement event overvoltage summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, assume the value 2 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 (SMUA) is set.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.measurement.overvoltage.SMUA	Set bit indicates that an overvoltage condition has been detected. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the measurement event overvoltage summary enable register, set
`status.measurement.overvoltage.enable = status.measurement.overvoltage.SMUA`.

In addition to the above constants, *measurementRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. For example, to set bit B1, set *measurementRegister* to 2.

Example

```
status.measurement.overvoltage.enable =
status.measurement.overvoltage.SMUA
```

Sets the SMU A bit of the measurement overvoltage summary enable register using a constant.

Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.measurement.reading_overflow.*

This attribute contains the measurement event reading overflow summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
measurementRegister = status.measurement.reading_overflow.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.reading_overflow.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.reading_overflow.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.reading_overflow.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.reading_overflow.ptr
status.measurement.reading_overflow.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.reading_overflow.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.reading_overflow.ptr = measurementRegister
```

measurementRegister	The status of the measurement reading overflow summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the measurement event reading overflow summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, assume the value 2 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 (SMUA) is set.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.measurement.reading_overflow.SMUA	Set bit indicates that an overflow reading has been detected. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the measurement event reading overflow summary enable register, set
`status.measurement.reading_overflow.enable =
status.measurement.reading_overflow.SMUA.`

In addition to the above constant, *measurementRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

```
status.measurement.reading_overflow.enable =
status.measurement.reading_overflow.SMUA
```

Sets the SMU A bit of the measurement reading overflow summary enable register using a constant.

Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.measurement.sink_limit.*

This attribute contains the measurement sink limit summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
measurementRegister = status.measurement.sink_limit.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.sink_limit.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.sink_limit.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.sink_limit.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.sink_limit.ptr
status.measurement.sink_limit.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.sink_limit.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.sink_limit.ptr = measurementRegister
```

measurementRegister	The status of the measurement sink limit summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the measurement event sink limit summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, assume the value 2 is returned for the enable register. The binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 (SMUA) is set.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.measurement.sink_limit.SMUA	Set bit indicates that the sink limit was exceeded. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0000 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the measurement event sink limit summary enable register, set `status.measurement.sink_limit.enable = status.measurement.sink_limit.SMUA`.

In addition to the above constants, `measurementRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. For example, to set bit B1, set `measurementRegister` to 2.

Example

```
status.measurement.sink_limit.enable =
    status.measurement.sink_limit.SMUA
```

Sets the SMU A bit of the measurement sink limit summary enable register using a constant.

Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.measurement.voltage_limit.*

This attribute contains the measurement event voltage limit summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
measurementRegister = status.measurement.voltage_limit.condition
measurementRegister = status.measurement.voltage_limit.enable
measurementRegister = status.measurement.voltage_limit.event
measurementRegister = status.measurement.voltage_limit.ntr
measurementRegister = status.measurement.voltage_limit.ptr
status.measurement.voltage_limit.enable = measurementRegister
status.measurement.voltage_limit.ntr = measurementRegister
status.measurement.voltage_limit.ptr = measurementRegister
```

<i>measurementRegister</i>	The status of the measurement voltage limit summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes read or write to the measurement event voltage limit summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.measurement.voltage_limit.SMUA	Set bit indicates that the voltage limit was exceeded. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the measurement event voltage limit summary enable register, set
`status.measurement.voltage_limit.enable = status.measurement.voltage_limit.SMUA.`

In addition to the above constant, *measurementRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

```
status.measurement.voltage_limit.enable =
status.measurement.voltage_limit.SMUA
```

Sets the SMUA bit of the measurement event voltage limit summary enable register using a constant.

Also see

[Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)

status.node_enable

This attribute stores the system node enable register.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0

Usage

```
nodeEnableRegister = status.node_enable
status.node_enable = nodeEnableRegister
```

nodeEnableRegister	The status of the system node enable register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

This attribute is used to read or write to the system node enable register. Reading the system node enable register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B7. For example, assume the value of `1.29000e+02` (which is 129) is returned for the system node enable register, the binary equivalent is 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	*

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

Assigning a value to this attribute enables one or more status events. When an enabled status event occurs, a summary bit is set in the appropriate system summary register. The register and bit that is set depends on the TSP-Link node number assigned to this instrument.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.MEASUREMENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.MSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled measurement event has occurred. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	Not used	Not applicable.
B2	status.ERROR_AVAILABLE status.EAV	Set summary bit indicates that an error or status message is present in the Error Queue. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.QUESTIONABLE_SUMMARY_BIT status.QSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled questionable event has occurred. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.MESSAGE_AVAILABLE status.MAV	Set summary bit indicates that a response message is present in the Output Queue. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.EVENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.ESB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled standard event has occurred. Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.MASTER_SUMMARY_STATUS status.MSS	Set bit indicates that an enabled Master Summary Status (MSS) bit of the Status Byte Register is set. Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.OPERATION_SUMMARY_BIT status.OSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled operation event has occurred. Bit B7 decimal value: 128

As an example, to set the B0 bit of the system node enable register, set `status.node_enable = status.MSB`.

In addition to the above values, `nodeEnableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `nodeEnableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B0 and B7, set `nodeEnableRegister` to 129 (1 + 128).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Example 1

<code>nodeEnableRegister = status.MSB + status.OSB</code> <code>status.node_enable = nodeEnableRegister</code>	Sets the MSB and OSB bits of the system node enable register using constants.
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Example 2

<code>-- decimal 129 = binary 10000001</code> <code>nodeEnableRegister = 129</code> <code>status.node_enable = nodeEnableRegister</code>	Sets the MSB and OSB bits of the system node enable register using a decimal value.
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Also see

[status.condition](#) (on page 7-248)
[status.system.*](#) (on page 7-313)
[Status byte and service request \(SRQ\)](#) (on page E-15)

status.node_event

This attribute stores the status node event register.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	0

Usage

```
nodeEventRegister = status.node_event
```

nodeEventRegister	The status of the node event register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

This attribute is used to read the status node event register, which is returned as a numeric value (reading this register returns a value). The binary equivalent of the value of this attribute indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B7. For example, if a value of $1.29000e+02$ (which is 129) is read as the value of this register, the binary equivalent is 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	*

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

The returned value can indicate one or more status events occurred.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.MEASUREMENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.MSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled measurement event has occurred. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	Not used	Not applicable
B2	status.ERROR_AVAILABLE status.EAV	Set summary bit indicates that an error or status message is present in the Error Queue. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.QUESTIONABLE_SUMMARY_BIT status.QSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled questionable event has occurred. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.MESSAGE_AVAILABLE status.MAV	Set summary bit indicates that a response message is present in the Output Queue. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.EVENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.ESB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled standard event has occurred. Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.MASTER_SUMMARY_STATUS status.MSS	Set bit indicates that an enabled Master Summary Status (MSS) bit of the Status Byte register is set. Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.OPERATION_SUMMARY_BIT status.OSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled operation event has occurred. Bit B7 decimal value: 128

In addition to the above constants, *nodeEventRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bits set. When more than one bit of the register is set, *nodeEventRegister* contains the sum of their decimal weights. For example, if 129 is returned, bits B0 and B7 are set (1 + 128).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Example

nodeEventRegister = status.node_event print(nodeEventRegister)	Reads the status node event register. Sample output: 1.29000e+02 Converting this output (129) to its binary equivalent yields 1000 0001 Therefore, this output indicates that the set bits of the status byte condition register are presently B0 (MSB) and B7 (OSB).
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Also see

- [Status byte and service request \(SRQ\) \(on page E-15\)](#)
- [status.condition \(on page 7-248\)](#)
- [status.system.* \(on page 7-313\)](#)

status.operation.*

These attributes manage the operation status register set of the status model.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.event
operationRegister = status.operation.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.ptr
status.operation.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.ptr = operationRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes read or write the operation status registers.

Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $2.04800e+04$ (which is 20,480) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0101 0000 0000 0000. This value indicates that bit B14 (PROGRAM_RUNNING) and bit B12 (USER) are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.operation.CALIBRATING status.operation.CAL	Set bit indicates that the summary bit of the status.operation.calibrating register has been set. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1-B2	Not used	Not applicable
B3	status.operation.SWEEPING status.operation.SWE	Set bit indicates that the summary bit from the status.operation.sweeping register is set. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.MEASURING status.operation.MEAS	Set bit indicates that the summary bit of the status.operation.measuring register is set. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5-B9	Not used	Not applicable
B10	status.operation.TRIGGER_OVERRUN status.operation.TRGOVR	Set bit indicates that the summary bit from the status.operation.trigger_overrun register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	status.operation.REMOTE_SUMMARY status.operation.REM	Set bit indicates that the summary bit of the status.operation.remote register is set. Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.operation.USER	Set bit indicates that the summary bit from the status.operation.user register is set. Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.operation.INSTRUMENT_SUMMARY status.operation.INST	Set bit indicates that the summary bit from the status.operation.instrument register is set. Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.operation.PROGRAM_RUNNING status.operation.PROG	Set bit indicates that a command or program is running. Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B12 of the operation status enable register, set `status.operation.enable = status.operation.USER`.

In addition to the above constants, `operationRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `operationRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B12 and B14, set `operationRegister` to 20,480 (which is the sum of 4,096 + 16,384).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2 ⁷)	(2 ⁶)	(2 ⁵)	(2 ⁴)	(2 ³)	(2 ²)	(2 ¹)	(2 ⁰)
Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2 ¹⁵)	(2 ¹⁴)	(2 ¹³)	(2 ¹²)	(2 ¹¹)	(2 ¹⁰)	(2 ⁹)	(2 ⁸)

Example 1

```
operationRegister = status.operation.USER +
    status.operation.PROG
status.operation.enable = operationRegister
```

Sets the USER and PROG bits of the operation status enable register using constants.

Example 2

```
-- decimal 20480 = binary 0101 0000 0000 0000
operationRegister = 20480
status.operation.enable = operationRegister
```

Sets the USER and PROG bits of the operation status enable register using a decimal value.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)

status.operation.calibrating.*

This attribute contains the operation status calibration summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.calibrating.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.calibrating.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.calibrating.event
operationRegister = status.operation.calibrating.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.calibrating.ptr
status.operation.calibrating.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.calibrating.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.calibrating.ptr = operationRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the operation calibrating event register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status calibration summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.operation.calibrating.SMUA	Set bit indicates that SMU A is unlocked for calibration. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status calibration summary enable register, set
`status.operation.calibrating.enable = status.operation.calibrating.SMUA`.

In addition to the above constant, *operationRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

```
status.operation.calibrating.enable =
status.operation.calibrating.SMUA
```

Sets the SMUA bit of the operation status calibration summary enable register using a constant.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.*](#) (on page 7-265)

status.operation.instrument.*

This attribute contains the operation status instrument summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	31,746 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.ptr
status.operation.instrument.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.ptr = operationRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the operation event register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status instrument summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $1.02600e+03$ (which is 1,026) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0100 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B10 are set.

B15 **	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.operation.instrument.SMUA	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status SMU A summary register is set. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2-B9	Not used	Not applicable.
B10	status.operation.instrument.TRIGGER_BLENDER status.operation.instrument.TRGBLND	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status trigger blender summary register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024.
B11	status.operation.instrument.TRIGGER_TIMER status.operation.instrument.TRGTMR	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status trigger timer summary register is set. Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.operation.instrument.DIGITAL_IO status.operation.instrument.DIGIO	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status digital I/O summary register is set. Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.operation.instrument.TSPLINK	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status TSP-Link summary register is set. Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.operation.instrument.LAN	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status LAN summary register is set. Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status instrument summary enable register, set `status.operation.instrument.enable = status.operation.instrument.SMUA`.

In addition to the above constants, `operationRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `operationRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B10, set `operationRegister` to 1,026 (which is the sum of 2 + 1,024).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example 1

```
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.SMUA +
    status.operation.instrument.TRGBLND
status.operation.instrument.enable = operationRegister
```

Sets bit B1 and bit B10 of the operation status instrument summary enable register using constants.

Example 2

```
-- 1026 = binary 0000 0100 0000 0010
operationRegister = 1026
status.operation.instrument.enable = operationRegister
```

Sets bit B1 and bit B10 of the operation status instrument summary enable register using a decimal value.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)

[status.operation.*](#) (on page 7-265)

Condition register sets of:

- [status.operation.instrument.digio.*](#) (on page 7-270)
- [status.operation.instrument.lan.*](#) (on page 7-274)
- [status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.*](#) (on page 7-282)
- [status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.*](#) (on page 7-285)
- [status.operation.instrument.tslink.*](#) (on page 7-289)

status.operation.instrument.digio.*

This attribute contains the operation status digital I/O summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	1024 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.ptr
status.operation.instrument.digio.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.digio.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.digio.ptr = operationRegister
```

<i>operationRegister</i>	The status of the operation status digital I/O summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 1024
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status digital I/O summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0-B9	Not used	Not applicable
B10	status.operation.instrument.digio.TRIGGER_OVERRUN status.operation.instrument.digio.TRGOVR	Set bit indicates an enabled bit in the Operation Status Digital I/O Overrun Register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024 Binary value: 0100 0000 0010
B11-B15	Not used	Not applicable

In addition to the above constant, *operationRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

```
status.operation.instrument.digio.enable =
status.operation.instrument.digio.TRGOVR
```

Sets the TRGOVR bit of the operation status digital I/O summary enable register using a constant.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.*](#) (on page 7-272)

status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.*

This attribute contains the operation status digital I/O overrun register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	32,766 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.ptr
status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.ptr = operationRegister

```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status digio I/O overrun register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status digital I/O overrun registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 1.02600e+03 (which is 1026) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0100 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B10 are set.

B15 **	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

A set bit indicates that the specified digital I/O line generated an action overrun when it was triggered to generate an output trigger.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable
B1	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE1	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE2	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE3	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE4	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE5	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE6	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE7	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE8	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE9	Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE10	Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE11	Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE12	Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE13	Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE14	Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status digital I/O overrun enable register, set
`status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.enable =
 status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE1.`

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B10, set *operationRegister* to 1,026 (which is the sum of 2 + 1,024).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example 1

```
operationRegister =
  status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE1 +
  status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.LINE10
status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.enable =
  operationRegister
```

Uses constants to set bit B1 and bit B10 of the operation status digital I/O overrun enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.digio.*](#) (on page 7-270)

status.operation.instrument.lan.*

This attribute contains the operation status LAN summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	1027 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.ptr
status.operation.instrument.lan.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.lan.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.lan.ptr = operationRegister

```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status LAN summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status LAN summary registers. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of `1.02600e+03` (which is 1026) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0100 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B10 are set.

B15 **	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.operation.instrument.lan.CONNECTION status.operation.instrument.lan.CON	Set bit indicates that the LAN cable is connected and a link has been detected. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.operation.instrument.lan.CONFIGURING status.operation.instrument.lan.CONF	Set bit indicates the LAN is performing its configuration sequence. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2-B9	Not used	Not available
B10	status.operation.instrument.lan.TRIGGER_OVERRUN status.operation.instrument.lan.TRGOVR	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status LAN trigger overrun register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B0 of the operation status LAN summary enable register, set
status.operation.instrument.lan.enable = status.operation.instrument.lan.CON.

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B10, set *operationRegister* to 1,026 (which is the sum of 2 + 1,024).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.lan.CONF +
    status.operation.instrument.lan.TRGOVR
status.operation.instrument.lan.enable = operationRegister
```

Use constants to set bit B1 and bit B10 of the operation status LAN summary enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.*](#) (on page 7-276)

status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.*

This attribute contains the operation status LAN trigger overrun register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	510 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.ptr
status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.ptr = operationRegister

```

<i>operationRegister</i>	The status of the operation status LAN trigger overrun register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status LAN trigger overrun registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $2.58000e+02$ (which is 258) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0001 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B8 are set.

B15 **	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

A set bit indicates that the specified LAN trigger generated an action overrun when triggered to generate a trigger packet.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable
B1	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN1	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN2	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN3	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN4	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN5	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN6	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN7	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN8	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status LAN trigger overrun enable register, set
`status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.enable =
 status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN1.`

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B8, set *operationRegister* to 258 (which is the sum of 2 + 256).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
operationRegister =
  status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN1 +
  status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.LAN8
status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.enable =
  operationRegister
```

Use constants to set bit B1 and bit B8 of the operation status LAN trigger overrun enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.lan.*](#) (on page 7-274)

status.operation.instrument.smuX.*

This attribute contains the operation status SMU X summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	1049 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.ptr
status.operation.instrument.smuX.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.smuX.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.smuX.ptr = operationRegister

```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status SMU X summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example status.operation.instrument.smua.enable applies to SMU channel A)

Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status SMU X summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 1.02500e+02 (which is 1,025) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0100 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B10 are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
** 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.operation.instrument.smux.CALIBRATING status.operation.instrument.smux.CAL	Set bit indicates that smux is unlocked for calibration. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1-B2	Not used	Not applicable.
B3	status.operation.instrument.smux.SWEEPING status.operation.instrument.smux.SWE	Set bit indicates that smux is sweeping. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.instrument.smux.MEASURING status.operation.instrument.smux.MEAS	Bit will be set when taking an overlapped measurement, but it will not set when taking a normal synchronous measurement. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5-B9	Not used	Not applicable.
B10	status.operation.instrument.smux.TRIGGER_OVERRUN status.operation.instrument.smux.TRGOVR	Set bit indicates an enabled bit has been set in the operation status smu X trigger overrun event register. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B0 of the operation status SMU A summary enable register, set `status.operation.instrument.smua.enable = status.operation.instrument.smua.CAL`. In addition to the above constants, `operationRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `operationRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B0 and B10, set `operationRegister` to 1,025 (which is the sum of 1 + 1,024).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
status.operation.instrument.smua.enable =
    status.operation.instrument.smua.MEAS
```

Use a constant to set the MEAS bit of the operation status SMU A summary enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.smux.trigger_overrun.*](#) (on page 7-280)

status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.*

This attribute contains the operation status SMU X trigger overrun register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	30 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.ptr
status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.smuX.trigger_overrun.ptr = operationRegister

```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status SMU X trigger overrun register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status SMU X trigger overrun registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 18 is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0001 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B4 are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*	

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.operation.instrument.smux.trigger_overrun.ARM	Set bit indicates that the arm event detector of the SMU was already in the detected state when a trigger was received. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.operation.instrument.smux.trigger_overrun.SRC	Set bit indicates that the source event detector of the SMU was already in the detected state when a trigger was received. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.operation.instrument.smux.trigger_overrun.MEAS	Set bit indicates that the measurement event detector of the SMU was already in the detected state when a trigger was received. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.instrument.smux.trigger_overrun.ENDP	Set bit indicates that the end pulse event detector of the SMU was already in the detected state when a trigger was received. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status SMU A trigger overrun enable register, set
`status.operation.instrument.smua.trigger_overrun.enable =
 status.operation.instrument.smua.trigger_overrun.ARM.`

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B4, set *operationRegister* to 18 (which is the sum of 2 + 16).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
status.operation.instrument.smua.trigger_overrun.enable =
    status.operation.instrument.smua.trigger_overrun.ARM
```

Uses a constant to sets the ARM bit of the operation status SMU A trigger overrun enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.smux.*](#) (on page 7-278)

status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.*

This attribute contains the operation status trigger blender summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	1024 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.ptr
status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.ptr = operationRegister

```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status trigger blender summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 1024
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status trigger blender summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0-B9	Not used	Not applicable.
B10	status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.TRIGGER_OVERRUN status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.TRGOVR	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for operation status trigger blender overrun register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024 Binary value: 0100 0000 0000
B11-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. For example, to set bit B10, set *operationRegister* to 1024.

Example

status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.enable = 1024	Uses a decimal value to set the TRGOVR bit of the operation status trigger blender summary enable.
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Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.*](#) (on page 7-283)

status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.*

This attribute contains the operation status trigger blender overrun register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	30 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.condition
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.enable
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.event
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.ntr
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.ptr
status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.enable =
    operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.ntr =
    operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.ptr =
    operationRegister

```

<i>operationRegister</i>	The status of the operation status trigger blender overrun register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status trigger blender overrun registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 18 is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0001 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B4 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

A set bit value indicates that the specified trigger blender generated an action overrun.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable
B1	status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.BLND1	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.BLND2	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.BLND3	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.BLND4	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status trigger blender overrun enable register, set `status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.enable = status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.BLND1`.

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B4, set *operationRegister* to 18 (which is the sum of 2 + 16).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.enable
= status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.BLND1
```

Uses a constant to set the bit for blender 1 of the operation status trigger blender overrun enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.*](#) (on page 7-282)

status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.*

This attribute contains the operation status trigger timer summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	1024 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.ptr
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.ptr = operationRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status trigger timer summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 1024
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status trigger timer summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0-B9	Not used	Not applicable
B10	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.TRIGGER_OVERRUN status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.TRGOVR	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status trigger timer overrun register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024 Binary value: 0100 0000 0000
B11-B15	Not used	Not applicable

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. For example, to set bit B10, set *operationRegister* to 1024.

Example

```
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.enable = 1024
```

Uses a decimal value to set the TRGOVR bit of the operation status trigger timer summary enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.*](#) (on page 7-287)

status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.*

This attribute contains the operation status trigger timer overrun register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	510 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.condition
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.enable
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.event
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.ntr
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.ptr
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.enable =
    operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.ntr =
    operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.ptr =
    operationRegister

```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status trigger timer trigger overrun register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status trigger timer overrun registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 18 is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0001 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B4 are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

A set bit indicates the specified timer generated an action overrun because it was still processing a delay from a previous trigger when a new trigger was received.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable
B1	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR1	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR2	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR3	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR4	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR5	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR6	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR7	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR8	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status trigger timer trigger overrun enable register, set
`status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.enable =
 status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR1.`

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B4, set *operationRegister* to 18 (which is the sum of 2 + 16).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.enable =
  status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.TMR3
```

Uses a constant to set the timer 3 bit of the operation status trigger timer overrun enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.*](#) (on page 7-285)

status.operation.instrument.tsplink.*

This attribute contains the operation status TSP-Link summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	1024 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.ptr
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.ptr = operationRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status TSP-Link summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 1024
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status TSP-Link summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0-B9	Not used	Not applicable
B10	status.operation.instrument.tsplink.TRIGGER_OVERRUN status.operation.instrument.tsplink.TRGOVR	Set bit indicates one or more enabled bits for the operation status TSP-Link overrun register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024 Binary value: 0100 0000 0000
B11-B15	Not used	Not applicable

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. For example, to set bit B10, set *operationRegister* to 1024.

Example

```
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.enable = 1024
```

Uses a decimal value to set the trigger overrun bit of the operation status TSP-Link summary enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.*](#) (on page 7-290)

status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.*

This attribute contains the operation status TSP-Link overrun register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	14 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister =
    status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.event
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.ptr
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.ptr = operationRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status TSP-link overrun register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status TSP-link overrun registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 10 is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 0000 1010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B3 are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
** >	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

A set bit indicates that the specified line generated an action overrun when triggered to generate an output trigger.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable
B1	status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.LINE1	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.LINE2	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.LINE3	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status TSP-Link overrun enable register, set
`status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.enable =
 status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.LINE1.`

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B3, set *operationRegister* to 10 (which is the sum of 2 + 8).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example 1

```
status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.enable =
  status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.LINE1
```

Uses a constant to set the line 1 bit of the operation status TSP-Link overrun enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.*](#) (on page 7-285)

status.operation.measuring.*

This attribute contains the operation status measuring summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.measuring.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.measuring.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.measuring.event
operationRegister = status.operation.measuring.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.measuring.ptr
status.operation.measuring.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.measuring.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.measuring.ptr = operationRegister

```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status measuring summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than zero (0) is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status measuring summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.operation.measuring.SMUA	Bit will be set when taking an overlapped measurement, but it will not set when taking a normal synchronous measurement. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

In addition to the above constant, *operationRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

```

status.operation.measuring.enable =
status.operation.measuring.SMUA

```

Uses a constant to set the SMUA bit of the operation status measuring summary enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.*](#) (on page 7-265)

status.operation.remote.*

This attribute contains the operation status remote summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2050 (All bits set)

Usage

```

operationRegister = status.operation.remote.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.remote.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.remote.event
operationRegister = status.operation.remote.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.remote.ptr
status.operation.remote.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.remote.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.remote.ptr = operationRegister

```

<i>operationRegister</i>	The status of the operation status remote summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status remote summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.operation.remote.COMMAND_AVAILABLE status.operation.remote.CAV	Set bit indicates there is a command available in the execution queue. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0000 0000 0010
B2-B10	Not used	Not applicable.
B11	status.operation.remote.PROMPTS_ENABLED status.operation.remote.PRMPT	Set bit indicates command prompts are enabled. Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048 Binary value: 0000 0100 0000 0000
B12-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status remote summary enable register, set `status.operation.remote.enable = status.operation.remote.CAV`.

In addition to the above constants, `operationRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `operationRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B11, set `operationRegister` to 2,050 (which is the sum of 2 + 2,048).

Example

```
status.operation.remote.enable =
    status.operation.remote.CAV
```

Uses a constant to set the CAV bit of the operation status remote summary enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.*](#) (on page 7-265)

status.operation.sweeping.*

This attribute contains the operation status sweeping summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.sweeping.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.sweeping.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.sweeping.event
operationRegister = status.operation.sweeping.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.sweeping.ptr
status.operation.sweeping.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.sweeping.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.sweeping.ptr = operationRegister
```

<code>operationRegister</code>	The status of the operation status sweeping summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than zero (0) is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status sweeping summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.operation.sweeping.SMUA	Set bit indicates that SMU A is sweeping. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B5	Not used	Not applicable.

In addition to the above constant, *operationRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

status.operation.sweeping.enable = status.operation.sweeping.SMUA	Uses a constant to set the SMUA bit of the operation status sweeping summary enable register.
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Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.*](#) (on page 7-265)

status.operation.trigger_overrun.*

This attribute contains the operation status trigger overrun summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	31,746 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.trigger_overrun.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.trigger_overrun.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.trigger_overrun.event
operationRegister = status.operation.trigger_overrun.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.trigger_overrun.ptr
status.operation.trigger_overrun.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.trigger_overrun.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.trigger_overrun.ptr = operationRegister
```

<i>operationRegister</i>	The status of the operation status trigger overrun summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status trigger overrun summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 1.02600e+03 (which is 1,026) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0100 0000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B10 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

The bits in this register summarize events in other registers. A set bit in this summary register indicates that an enabled event in one of the summarized registers is set.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.operation.trigger_overrun.SMUA	Set bit indicates one of the enabled bits in the operation status SMU A trigger overrun event register is set. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2-B9	Not used	Not applicable.
B10	status.operation.trigger_overrun.TRIGGER_BLENDER status.operation.trigger_overrun.TRGBLND	Set bit indicates one of the enabled bits in the operation status trigger blender overrun event register is set. Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	status.operation.trigger_overrun.TRIGGER_TIMER status.operation.trigger_overrun.TRGTMR	Set bit indicates one of the enabled bits in the operation status trigger timer overrun event register is set. Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.operation.trigger_overrun.DIGITAL_IO status.operation.trigger_overrun.DIGIO	Set bit indicates one of the enabled bits in the operation status digital I/O overrun event register is set. Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.operation.trigger_overrun.TSPLINK	Set bit indicates one of the enabled bits in the operation status TSP-Link overrun event register is set. Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.operation.trigger_overrun.LAN	Set bit indicates one of the enabled bits in the operation status LAN trigger overrun event register is set. Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B1 of the operation status trigger overrun summary enable register, set
`status.operation.trigger_overrun.enable = status.operation.trigger_overrun.SMUA`.

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B10, set *operationRegister* to 1,026 (which is the sum of 2 + 1,024).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
operationRegister =
    status.operation.trigger_overrun.SMUA +
    status.operation.trigger_overrun.TRGBLND
status.operation.trigger_overrun.enable = operationRegister
```

Uses constants to set bit B1 and bit B10 of the operation status trigger overrun summary enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Registers](#) (on page E-9)
[status.operation.*](#) (on page 7-265)

status.operation.user.*

These attributes manage the operation status user register set of the status model.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	32,767 (All bits set)

Usage

```
operationRegister = status.operation.user.condition
operationRegister = status.operation.user.enable
operationRegister = status.operation.user.event
operationRegister = status.operation.user.ntr
operationRegister = status.operation.user.ptr
status.operation.user.condition = operationRegister
status.operation.user.enable = operationRegister
status.operation.user.ntr = operationRegister
status.operation.user.ptr = operationRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the operation status user register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the operation status user registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $1.29000e+02$ (which is 129) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 1000 0001. This value indicates that bits B0 and B7 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.operation.user.BIT0	Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.operation.user.BIT1	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.operation.user.BIT2	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.operation.user.BIT3	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.operation.user.BIT4	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.operation.user.BIT5	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.operation.user.BIT6	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.operation.user.BIT7	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.operation.user.BIT8	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9	status.operation.user.BIT9	Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10	status.operation.user.BIT10	Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	status.operation.user.BIT11	Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.operation.user.BIT12	Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.operation.user.BIT13	Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.operation.user.BIT14	Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B0 of the operation status user enable register, set

```
status.operation.user.enable = status.operation.user.BIT0.
```

In addition to the above constants, *operationRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set.

To set more than one bit of the register, set *operationRegister* to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B11 and B14, set *operationRegister* to 18,432 (which is the sum of 2,048 + 16,384).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2 ⁷)	(2 ⁶)	(2 ⁵)	(2 ⁴)	(2 ³)	(2 ²)	(2 ¹)	(2 ⁰)
Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2 ¹⁵)	(2 ¹⁴)	(2 ¹³)	(2 ¹²)	(2 ¹¹)	(2 ¹⁰)	(2 ⁹)	(2 ⁸)

Example 1

```
operationRegister = status.operation.user.BIT11 +
    status.operation.user.BIT14
status.operation.enable = operationRegister
```

Uses constants to set bits B11 and B14 of the operation status user enable register.

Example 2

```
-- 18432 = binary 0100 1000 0000 0000
operationRegister = 18432
status.operation.enable = operationRegister
```

Uses a decimal value to set bits B11 and B14 of the operation status user enable register.

Also see

[Operation Status Register \(on page E-9\)](#)
[status.operation.* \(on page 7-265\)](#)

status.questionable.*

These attributes manage the status model's questionable status register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	13,056 (All bits set)

Usage

```
questionableRegister = status.questionable.condition
questionableRegister = status.questionable.enable
questionableRegister = status.questionable.event
questionableRegister = status.questionable.ntr
questionableRegister = status.questionable.ptr
status.questionable.enable = questionableRegister
status.questionable.ntr = questionableRegister
status.questionable.ptr = questionableRegister
```

questionableRegister	The status of the questionable status register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the questionable status registers. Reading a status register returns a value. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 1.22880e+04 (which is 12,288) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0011 0000 0000 0000. This value indicates that bits B12 and B13 are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0-B7	Not used	Not available
B8	status.questionable.CALIBRATION status.questionable.CAL	An enabled bit in the questionable status calibration summary event register is set. Bit B6 decimal value: 256
B9	status.questionable.UNSTABLE_OUTPUT status.questionable.UO	An enabled bit in the questionable status unstable output summary event register is set. Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10-B11	Not used	Not available
B12	status.questionable.OVER_TEMPERATURE status.questionable.OTEMP	An enabled bit in the questionable status over temperature summary event register is set. Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.questionable.INSTRUMENT_SUMMARY status.questionable.INST	An enabled bit in the questionable status instrument summary event register is set. Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14-B15	Not used	Not available

As an example, to set bit B9 of the questionable status enable register, set `status.questionable.enable = status.questionable.UO`.

In addition to the above constants, `questionableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `questionableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B12 and B13, set `questionableRegister` to 12,288 (which is the sum of 4,096 + 8,192).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Also see

[Questionable Status Registers](#) (on page E-13)

status.questionable.calibration.*

This attribute contains the questionable status calibration summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
questionableRegister = status.questionable.calibration.condition
questionableRegister = status.questionable.calibration.enable
questionableRegister = status.questionable.calibration.event
questionableRegister = status.questionable.calibration.ntr
questionableRegister = status.questionable.calibration.ptr
status.questionable.calibration.enable = questionableRegister
status.questionable.calibration.ntr = questionableRegister
status.questionable.calibration.ptr = questionableRegister
```

questionableRegister	The status of the questionable status calibration summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than zero (0) is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the questionable status calibration summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.questionable.calibration.SMUA	Set bit indicates that the calibration constants stored in nonvolatile memory were corrupted and could not be loaded when the instrument powered up. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2 to B15	Not used	Not applicable.

In addition to the above constant, *questionableRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

```
status.questionable.calibration.enable =
status.questionable.calibration.SMUA
```

Uses a constant to set the SMUA bit of the questionable status calibration summary enable register.

Also see

[Questionable Status Registers](#) (on page E-13)
[status.questionable.*](#) (on page 7-299)

status.questionable.instrument.*

This attribute contains the questionable status instrument summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.condition
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.enable
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.event
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.ntr
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.ptr
status.questionable.instrument.enable = questionableRegister
status.questionable.instrument.ntr = questionableRegister
status.questionable.instrument.ptr = questionableRegister
```

questionableRegister	The status of the questionable status instrument summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the questionable status instrument summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable
B1	status.questionable.instrument.SMUA	Set bit indicates that one or more enabled bits in the questionable status SMU A summary event register are set. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2 to B15	Not used	Not applicable.

In addition to the above constants, *questionableRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

status.questionable.instrument.enable = status.questionable.instrument.SMUA	Uses a constant to set the SMUA bit of the questionable status instrument summary enable register.
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Also see

[Questionable Status Registers](#) (on page E-13)
[status.questionable.*](#) (on page 7-299)

status.questionable.instrument.smuX.*

This attribute contains the questionable status SMU X summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	4864 (All bits set)

Usage

```
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.smuX.condition
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.smuX.enable
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.smuX.event
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.smuX.ntr
questionableRegister = status.questionable.instrument.smuX.ptr
status.questionable.instrument.smuX.enable = questionableRegister
status.questionable.instrument.smuX.ntr = questionableRegister
status.questionable.instrument.smuX.ptr = questionableRegister
```

questionableRegister	The status of the questionable status SMU X summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
X	Source-measure unit (SMU) channel (for example status.questionable.instrument.smua.enable applies to SMU channel A)

Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the questionable status instrument SMU X summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $7.68000e+02$ (which is 768) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0011 0000 0000. This value indicates that bit B8 and bit B9 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0-B7	Not used	Not applicable.
B8	status.questionable.instrument.smuX.CALIBRATION status.questionable.instrument.smuX.CAL	Set bit indicates that the calibration constants stored in nonvolatile memory were corrupted and could not be loaded when the instrument powered up. Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9	status.questionable.instrument.smuX.UNSTABLE_OUTPUT status.questionable.instrument.smuX.UO	Set bit indicates that an unstable output condition was detected. Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10-B11	Not used	Not applicable
B12	status.questionable.instrument.smuX.OVER_TEMPERATURE status.questionable.instrument.smuX.OTEMP	Set bit indicates that an over temperature condition was detected. Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

As an example, to set bit B8 of the questionable status SMU A summary enable register, set
`status.questionable.instrument.smua.enable =
status.questionable.instrument.smua.CAL.`

In addition to the above constants, `questionableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `questionableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B8 and B9, set `questionableRegister` to 768 (which is the sum of 256 + 512).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example

```
questionableRegister =
    status.questionable.instrument.smua.CAL +
    status.questionable.instrument.smua.UO
status.questionable.instrument.smua.enable =
    questionableRegister
```

Uses constants to set bit B8 and bit B9 of the questionable status SMU A summary enable register.

Also see

[Questionable Status Registers](#) (on page E-13)
[status.operation.*](#) (on page 7-265)

status.questionable.over_temperature.*

This attribute contains the questionable status over temperature summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
questionableRegister = status.questionable.over_temperature.condition
questionableRegister = status.questionable.over_temperature.enable
questionableRegister = status.questionable.over_temperature.event
questionableRegister = status.questionable.over_temperature.ntr
questionableRegister = status.questionable.over_temperature.ptr
status.questionable.over_temperature.enable = questionableRegister
status.questionable.over_temperature.ntr = questionableRegister
status.questionable.over_temperature.ptr = questionableRegister
```

operationRegister	The status of the questionable status over temperature summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the questionable status over temperature summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.questionable.over_temperature.SMUA	Set bit indicates that an over temperature condition was detected. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

In addition to the above constants, questionableRegister can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

<pre>status.questionable.over_temperature.enable = status.questionable.over_temperature.SMUA</pre>	Sets the SMU A bit in the questionable status over temperature summary enable register using a constant.
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Also see

[Questionable Status Registers](#) (on page E-13)
[status.questionable.*](#) (on page 7-299)

status.questionable.unstable_output.*

This attribute contains the questionable status unstable output summary register set.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	2 (All bits set)

Usage

```
questionableRegister = status.questionable.unstable_output.condition
questionableRegister = status.questionable.unstable_output.enable
questionableRegister = status.questionable.unstable_output.event
questionableRegister = status.questionable.unstable_output.ntr
questionableRegister = status.questionable.unstable_output.ptr
status.questionable.unstable_output.enable = questionableRegister
status.questionable.unstable_output.ntr = questionableRegister
status.questionable.unstable_output.ptr = questionableRegister
```

<i>operationRegister</i>	The status of the questionable status unstable output summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); the only valid value other than 0 is 2
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the questionable status unstable output summary registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable.
B1	status.questionable.unstable_output.SMUA	Set bit indicates that an unstable output condition was detected. Bit B1 decimal value: 2 Binary value: 0000 0010
B2-B15	Not used	Not applicable.

In addition to the above constants, *questionableRegister* can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set.

Example

```
status.questionable.unstable_output.enable =
status.questionable.unstable_output.SMUA
```

Uses a constant to set the SMU A bit in the questionable status unstable output summary enable register bit.

Also see

[Questionable Status Registers](#) (on page E-13)
[status.questionable.*](#) (on page 7-299)

status.request_enable

This attribute stores the service request (SRQ) enable register.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0

Usage

```
requestSRQEnableRegister = status.request_enable
status.request_enable = requestSRQEnableRegister
```

requestSRQEnableRegister	The status of the service request (SRQ) enable register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

This attribute is used to read or write to the service request enable register. Reading the service request enable register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the value of this attribute indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B7. For example, if a value of `1.29000e+02` (which is 129) is read as the value of this register, the binary equivalent is 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
** 1	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	> 0	* 1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.MEASUREMENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.MSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Measurement Event Register has occurred. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.SYSTEM_SUMMARY_BIT status.SSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the System Summary Register has occurred. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.ERROR_AVAILABLE status.EAV	Set summary bit indicates that an error or status message is present in the Error Queue. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.QUESTIONABLE_SUMMARY_BIT status.QSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Questionable Status Register has occurred. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.MESSAGE_AVAILABLE status.MAV	Set summary bit indicates that a response message is present in the Output Queue. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.EVENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.ESB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Standard Event Status Register has occurred. Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	Not used	Not applicable
B7	status.OPERATION_SUMMARY_BIT status.OSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Operation Status Register has occurred. Bit B7 decimal value: 128

As an example, to set bit B0 of the service request enable register, set `status.request_enable = status.MSB`.

In addition to the above values, `requestSRQEnableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `requestSRQEnableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B0 and B7, set `requestSRQEnableRegister` to 129 (1 + 128).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Example 1

```
requestSRQEnableRegister = status.MSB +
    status.OSB
status.request_enable = requestSRQEnableRegister
```

Uses constants to set the MSB and OSB bits of the service request (SRQ) enable register.

Example 2

```
-- decimal 129 = binary 10000001
requestSRQEnableRegister = 129
status.request_enable = requestSRQEnableRegister
```

Uses a decimal value to set the MSB and OSB bits of the service request (SRQ) enable register.

Also see

[Status byte and service request \(SRQ\)](#) (on page E-15)
[status.condition](#) (on page 7-248)
[status.system.*](#) (on page 7-313)

status.request_event

This attribute stores the service request (SRQ) event register.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	0

Usage

```
requestSRQEventRegister = status.request_event
```

requestSRQEventRegister	The status of the request event register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

This attribute is used to read the service request event register, which is returned as a numeric value. Reading this register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the value of this attribute indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B7. For example, if a value of $1.29000e+02$ (which is 129) is read as the value of this register, the binary equivalent is 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	*

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

The returned value can indicate one or more status events occurred.

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.MEASUREMENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.MSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Measurement Event Register has occurred. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.SYSTEM_SUMMARY_BIT status.SSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the System Summary Register has occurred. Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.ERROR_AVAILABLE status.EAV	Set summary bit indicates that an error or status message is present in the Error Queue. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.QUESTIONABLE_SUMMARY_BIT status.QSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Questionable Status Register has occurred. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.MESSAGE_AVAILABLE status.MAV	Set summary bit indicates that a response message is present in the Output Queue. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.EVENT_SUMMARY_BIT status.ESB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Standard Event Status Register has occurred. Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	Not used	Not applicable
B7	status.OPERATION_SUMMARY_BIT status.OSB	Set summary bit indicates that an enabled event in the Operation Status Register has occurred. Bit B7 decimal value: 128

In addition to the above constants, *requestEventRegister* can be set to the decimal equivalent of the bits set. When more than one bit of the register is set, *requestEventRegister* contains the sum of their decimal weights. For example, if 129 is returned, bits B0 and B7 are set (1 + 128).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Example

```
requestEventRegister = status.request_event
print(requestEventRegister)
```

Reads the status request event register.

Sample output:

1.29000e+02

Converting this output (129) to its binary equivalent yields 1000 0001.

Therefore, this output indicates that the set bits of the status request event register are presently B0 (MSB) and B7 (OSB).

Also see

[status.condition](#) (on page 7-248)
[status.system_*](#) (on page 7-313)
[Status byte and service request \(SRQ\)](#) (on page E-15)

status.reset()

This function resets all bits in the status model.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
status.reset()
```

Details

This function clears all status data structure registers (enable, event, NTR, and PTR) to their default values. For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19).

Example

status.reset()	Resets the instrument status model.
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Also see

[Status model](#) (on page E-1)

status.standard.*

These attributes manage the standard event status register set of the status model.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	253 (All bits set)

Usage

```
standardRegister = status.standard.condition
standardRegister = status.standard.enable
standardRegister = status.standard.event
standardRegister = status.standard.ntr
standardRegister = status.standard.ptr
status.standard.enable = standardRegister
status.standard.ntr = standardRegister
status.standard.ptr = standardRegister
```

standardRegister	The status of the standard event status register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set (also send 0 to clear all bits); other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

These attributes are used to read or write to the standard event status registers. Reading a status register returns a value. The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates which register bits are set. The least significant bit of the binary number is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of 1.29000e+02 (which is 129) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.standard.OPERATION_COMPLETE status.standard.OPC	Set bit indicates that all pending selected instrument operations are completed and the instrument is ready to accept new commands. The bit is set in response to an *OPC command. The <code>opc()</code> function can be used in place of the *OPC command. Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	Not used	Not applicable
B2	status.standard.QUERY_ERROR status.standard.QYE	Set bit indicates that you attempted to read data from an empty Output Queue. Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.standard.DEVICE_DEPENDENT_ERROR status.standard.DDE	Set bit indicates that an instrument operation did not execute properly due to some internal condition. Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.standard.EXECUTION_ERROR status.standard.EXE	Set bit indicates that the instrument detected an error while trying to execute a command. Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.standard.COMMAND_ERROR status.standard.CME	Set bit indicates that a command error has occurred. Command errors include: IEEE Std 488.2 syntax error: Instrument received a message that does not follow the defined syntax of the IEEE Std 488.2 standard. Semantic error: Instrument received a command that was misspelled or received an optional IEEE Std 488.2 command that is not implemented. GET error: The instrument received a Group Execute Trigger (GET) inside a program message. Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.standard.USER_REQUEST status.standard.URQ	Set bit indicates that the LOCAL key on the instrument front panel was pressed. Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.standard.POWER_ON status.standard.PON	Set bit indicates that the instrument has been turned off and turned back on since the last time this register has been read. Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B0 of the standard event status enable register, set `status.standard.enable = status.standard.OPC`.

In addition to the above constants, `standardRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `standardRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B0 and B4, set `standardRegister` to 17 (which is the sum of 1 + 16).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Example 1

<code>standardRegister = status.standard.OPC + status.standard.EXE status.standard.enable = standardRegister</code>	Uses constants to set the OPC and EXE bits of the standard event status enable register.
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Example 2

<code>-- decimal 17 = binary 0001 0001 standardRegister = 17 status.standard.enable = standardRegister</code>	Uses a decimal value to set the OPC and EXE bits of the standard event status enable register.
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Also see

[Standard Event Register](#) (on page E-20)

status.system.*

These attributes manage the TSP-Link® system summary register of the status model for nodes 1 through 14.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	32,767 (All bits set)

Usage

```
enableRegister = status.system.condition
enableRegister = status.system.enable
enableRegister = status.system.event
enableRegister = status.system.ntr
enableRegister = status.system.ptr
status.system.enable = enableRegister
status.system.ntr = enableRegister
status.system.ptr = enableRegister
```

<code>enableRegister</code>	The status of the system summary register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

In an expanded system (TSP-Link), these attributes are used to read or write to the system summary registers. They are set using a constant or a numeric value, but are returned as a numeric value. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $1.29000e+02$ (which is 129) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.system.EXTENSION_BIT status.system.EXT	Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.system.NODE1	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.system.NODE2	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.system.NODE3	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.system.NODE4	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.system.NODE5	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.system.NODE6	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.system.NODE7	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.system.NODE8	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9	status.system.NODE9	Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10	status.system.NODE10	Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	status.system.NODE11	Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.system.NODE12	Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.system.NODE13	Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.system.NODE14	Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B0 of the system summary status enable register, set `status.system.enable = status.system.enable.EXT`.

In addition to the above constants, `enableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `enableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B11 and B14, set `enableRegister` to 18,432 (which is the sum of 2,048 + 16,384).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2 ⁷)	(2 ⁶)	(2 ⁵)	(2 ⁴)	(2 ³)	(2 ²)	(2 ¹)	(2 ⁰)
Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2 ¹⁵)	(2 ¹⁴)	(2 ¹³)	(2 ¹²)	(2 ¹¹)	(2 ¹⁰)	(2 ⁹)	(2 ⁸)

Example 1

```
enableRegister = status.system.NODE11 +
    status.system.NODE14
status.system.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses constants to set bits B11 and B14 of the system summary enable register.

Example 2

```
-- decimal 18432 = binary 0100 1000 0000 0000
enableRegister = 18432
status.system.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses a decimal value to set bits B11 and B14 of the system summary enable register.

Also see

[status.system2.*](#) (on page 7-315)
[System summary and standard event registers](#) (on page E-7)

status.system2.*

These attributes manage the TSP-Link® system summary register of the status model for nodes 15 through 28.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	32,767 (All bits set)

Usage

```
enableRegister = status.system2.condition
enableRegister = status.system2.enable
enableRegister = status.system2.event
enableRegister = status.system2.ntr
enableRegister = status.system2.ptr
status.system2.enable = enableRegister
status.system2.ntr = enableRegister
status.system2.ptr = enableRegister
```

enableRegister	The status of the system summary 2 register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

In an expanded system (TSP-Link), these attributes are used to read or write to the system summary registers. They are set using a constant or a numeric value, but are returned as a numeric value. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $1.29000e+02$ (which is 129) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
**	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	*
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.system2.EXTENSION_BIT status.system2.EXT	Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.system2.NODE15	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.system2.NODE16	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.system2.NODE17	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.system2.NODE18	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.system2.NODE19	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.system2.NODE20	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.system2.NODE21	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.system2.NODE22	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9	status.system2.NODE23	Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10	status.system2.NODE24	Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	status.system2.NODE25	Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.system2.NODE26	Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.system2.NODE27	Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.system2.NODE28	Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B0 of the system summary 2 enable register, set `status.system2.enable = status.system2.EXT`.

In addition to the above constants, `enableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `enableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B11 and B14, set `enableRegister` to 18,432 (which is the sum of 2,048 + 16,384).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2 ⁷)	(2 ⁶)	(2 ⁵)	(2 ⁴)	(2 ³)	(2 ²)	(2 ¹)	(2 ⁰)
Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2 ¹⁵)	(2 ¹⁴)	(2 ¹³)	(2 ¹²)	(2 ¹¹)	(2 ¹⁰)	(2 ⁹)	(2 ⁸)

Example 1

```
enableRegister = status.system2.NODE25 +
    status.system2.NODE28
status.system2.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses constants to set bits B11 and B14 of the system summary 2 enable register.

Example 2

```
-- decimal 18432 = binary 0100 1000 0000 0000
enableRegister = 18432
status.system2.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses a decimal value to set bits B11 and B14 of the system summary 2 enable register.

Also see

[status.system.*](#) (on page 7-313)
[status.system3.*](#) (on page 7-317)
[System summary and standard event registers](#) (on page E-7)

status.system3.*

These attributes manage the TSP-Link® system summary register of the status model for nodes 29 through 42.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	32,767 (All bits set)

Usage

```
enableRegister = status.system3.condition
enableRegister = status.system3.enable
enableRegister = status.system3.event
enableRegister = status.system3.ntr
enableRegister = status.system3.ptr
status.system3.enable = enableRegister
status.system3.ntr = enableRegister
status.system3.ptr = enableRegister
```

enableRegister	The status of the system summary 3 register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

In an expanded system (TSP-Link), these attributes are used to read or write to the system summary registers. They are set using a constant or a numeric value, but are returned as a numeric value. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $1.29000e+02$ (which is 129) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 1000 0001. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	status.system3.EXTENSION_BIT status.system3.EXT	Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	status.system3.NODE29	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.system3.NODE30	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.system3.NODE31	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.system3.NODE32	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.system3.NODE33	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.system3.NODE34	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.system3.NODE35	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.system3.NODE36	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9	status.system3.NODE37	Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10	status.system3.NODE38	Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	status.system3.NODE39	Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	status.system3.NODE40	Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	status.system3.NODE41	Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	status.system3.NODE42	Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B0 of the system summary 3 enable register, set `status.system3.enable = status.system3.EXT`.

In addition to the above constants, `enableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `enableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B11 and B14, set `enableRegister` to 18,432 (which is the sum of 2,048 + 16,384).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2 ⁷)	(2 ⁶)	(2 ⁵)	(2 ⁴)	(2 ³)	(2 ²)	(2 ¹)	(2 ⁰)
Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2 ¹⁵)	(2 ¹⁴)	(2 ¹³)	(2 ¹²)	(2 ¹¹)	(2 ¹⁰)	(2 ⁹)	(2 ⁸)

Example 1

```
enableRegister = status.system3.NODE39 +
    status.system3.NODE42
status.system3.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses constants to set bits B11 and B14 of the system summary 3 enable register.

Example 2

```
-- decimal 18432 = binary 0100 1000 0000 0000
enableRegister = 18432
status.system3.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses a decimal value to set bits B11 and B14 of the system summary 3 enable register.

Also see

[status.system2.*](#) (on page 7-315)
[status.system4.*](#) (on page 7-319)
[System summary and standard event registers](#) (on page E-7)

status.system4.*

These attributes manage the TSP-Link® system summary register of the status model for nodes 43 through 56.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	32,767 (All bits set)

Usage

```
enableRegister = status.system4.condition
enableRegister = status.system4.enable
enableRegister = status.system4.event
enableRegister = status.system4.ntr
enableRegister = status.system4.ptr
status.system4.enable = enableRegister
status.system4.ntr = enableRegister
status.system4.ptr = enableRegister
```

enableRegister	The status of the system summary 4 register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

In an expanded system (TSP-Link), these attributes are used to read or write to the system summary registers. They are set using a constant or a numeric value, but are returned as a numeric value. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of `1.29000e+02` (which is 129) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is `0000 0000 1000 0001`. This value indicates that bit B0 and bit B7 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	<code>status.system4.EXTENSION_BIT</code> <code>status.system4.EXT</code>	Bit B0 decimal value: 1
B1	<code>status.system4.NODE43</code>	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	<code>status.system4.NODE44</code>	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	<code>status.system4.NODE45</code>	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	<code>status.system4.NODE46</code>	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	<code>status.system4.NODE47</code>	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	<code>status.system4.NODE48</code>	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	<code>status.system4.NODE49</code>	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	<code>status.system4.NODE50</code>	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9	<code>status.system4.NODE51</code>	Bit B9 decimal value: 512
B10	<code>status.system4.NODE52</code>	Bit B10 decimal value: 1,024
B11	<code>status.system4.NODE53</code>	Bit B11 decimal value: 2,048
B12	<code>status.system4.NODE54</code>	Bit B12 decimal value: 4,096
B13	<code>status.system4.NODE55</code>	Bit B13 decimal value: 8,192
B14	<code>status.system4.NODE56</code>	Bit B14 decimal value: 16,384
B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B0 of the system summary 4 enable register, set `status.system4.enable = status.system4.enable.EXT`.

In addition to the above constants, `enableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `enableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B11 and B14, set `enableRegister` to 18,432 (which is the sum of 2,048 + 16,384).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2 ⁷)	(2 ⁶)	(2 ⁵)	(2 ⁴)	(2 ³)	(2 ²)	(2 ¹)	(2 ⁰)
Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2 ¹⁵)	(2 ¹⁴)	(2 ¹³)	(2 ¹²)	(2 ¹¹)	(2 ¹⁰)	(2 ⁹)	(2 ⁸)

Example 1

```
enableRegister = status.system4.NODE53 +
    status.system4.NODE56
status.system2.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses constants to set bit B11 and bit B14 of the system summary 4 enable register.

Example 2

```
-- decimal 18432 = binary 0100 1000 0000 0000
enableRegister = 18432
status.system4.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses a decimal value to set bit B11 and bit B14 of the system summary 4 enable register.

Also see

[status.system3.*](#) (on page 7-317)
[status.system5.*](#) (on page 7-321)
[System summary and standard event registers](#) (on page E-7)

status.system5.*

These attributes manage the TSP-Link® system summary register of the status model for nodes 57 through 64.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute	--	--	--	--
.condition (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	Not applicable
.enable (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.event (R)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ntr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	0
.ptr (RW)	Yes	Status reset	Not saved	510 (All bits set)

Usage

```
enableRegister = status.system5.condition
enableRegister = status.system5.enable
enableRegister = status.system5.event
enableRegister = status.system5.ntr
enableRegister = status.system5.ptr
status.system5.enable = enableRegister
status.system5.ntr = enableRegister
status.system5.ptr = enableRegister
```

enableRegister	The status of the system summary 5 register; a zero (0) indicates no bits set; other values indicate various bit settings
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Details

In an expanded system (TSP-Link), these attributes are used to read or write to the system summary registers. They are set using a constant or a numeric value, but are returned as a numeric value. The binary equivalent of the value indicates which register bits are set. In the binary equivalent, the least significant bit is bit B0, and the most significant bit is bit B15. For example, if a value of $1.30000e+02$ (which is 130) is read as the value of the condition register, the binary equivalent is 0000 0000 1000 0010. This value indicates that bit B1 and bit B7 are set.

B15 **	B14 >	B13 >	B12 >	B11 >	B10 >	B9 >	B8 >	B7 >	B6 >	B5 >	B4 >	B3 >	B2 >	B1 >	B0 *
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

* Least significant bit

** Most significant bit

For information about .condition, .enable, .event, .ntr, and .ptr registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19). The individual bits of this register are defined in the following table.

Bit	Value	Description
B0	Not used	Not applicable
B1	status.system5.NODE57	Bit B1 decimal value: 2
B2	status.system5.NODE58	Bit B2 decimal value: 4
B3	status.system5.NODE59	Bit B3 decimal value: 8
B4	status.system5.NODE60	Bit B4 decimal value: 16
B5	status.system5.NODE61	Bit B5 decimal value: 32
B6	status.system5.NODE62	Bit B6 decimal value: 64
B7	status.system5.NODE63	Bit B7 decimal value: 128
B8	status.system5.NODE64	Bit B8 decimal value: 256
B9-B15	Not used	Not applicable

As an example, to set bit B1 of the system summary 5 enable register, set `status.system5.enable = status.system5.NODE57`.

In addition to the above constants, `enableRegister` can be set to the numeric equivalent of the bit to set. To set more than one bit of the register, set `enableRegister` to the sum of their decimal weights. For example, to set bits B1 and B4, set `enableRegister` to 18 (which is the sum of 2 + 16).

Bit	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Weights	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)

Bit	B15	B14	B13	B12	B11	B10	B9	B8
Binary value	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Decimal	32,768	16,384	8,192	4,096	2,048	1,024	512	256
Weights	(2^{15})	(2^{14})	(2^{13})	(2^{12})	(2^{11})	(2^{10})	(2^9)	(2^8)

Example 1

```
enableRegister = status.system5.NODE57 +
    status.system5.NODE60
status.system2.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses constants to set bits B1 and B4 of the system summary 5 enable register.

Example 2

```
-- decimal 18 = binary 0000 0000 0001 0010
enableRegister = 18
status.system5.enable = enableRegister
```

Uses a decimal value to set bits B1 and B4 of the system summary 5 enable register.

Also see

[status.system4.*](#) (on page 7-319)
[System summary and standard event registers](#) (on page E-7)

SweepILinMeasureV()

This KISweep factory script function performs a linear current sweep with voltage measured at every step (point).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
SweepILinMeasureV(smu, starti, stopi, stime, points)
```

<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <i>smua</i>)
<i>starti</i>	Sweep start current in amperes
<i>stopi</i>	Sweep stop current in amperes
<i>stime</i>	Settling time in seconds; occurs after stepping the source and before performing a measurement
<i>points</i>	Number of sweep points (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Data for voltage measurements, current source values, and timestamps are stored in *smuX.nvbuffer1*.

If all parameters are omitted when this function is called, this function is executed with the parameters set to the default values.

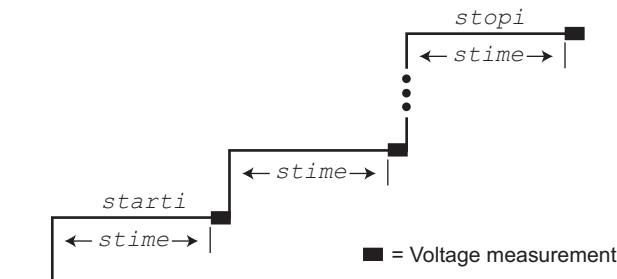
Performs a linear current sweep with voltage measured at every step (point):

1. Sets the *smu* to output *starti* amperes, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a voltage measurement.
2. Sets the *smu* to output the next amperes step, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a voltage measurement.
3. Repeats the above sequence until the voltage is measured on the *stopi* amperes step.

The linear step size is automatically calculated as follows:

```
step = (stopi - starti) / (points - 1)
```

Figure 117: SweepILinMeasureV()



Example

```
SweepILinMeasureV(smua, -1E-3, 1E-3, 0, 100)
```

This function performs a 100-point linear current sweep starting at -1 mA and stopping at $+1\text{ mA}$. Voltage is measured at every step (point) in the sweep. Because *stime* is set for 0 s, voltage is measured as quickly as possible after each current step.

Also see

[KISweep factory script](#) (on page 5-19)

SweepIListMeasureV()

This KISweep factory script function performs a current list sweep with voltage measured at every step (point).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
SweepIListMeasureV(smu, ilist, stime, points)
```

<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <i>smua</i>)
<i>ilist</i>	Arbitrary list of current source values; <i>ilist</i> = { <i>value1</i> , <i>value2</i> , ... <i>valuen</i> }
<i>stime</i>	Settling time in seconds; occurs after stepping the source and before performing a measurement
<i>points</i>	Number of sweep points (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Data for voltage measurements, current source values, and timestamps are stored in *smuX.nvbuffer1*.

If all parameters are omitted when this function is called, this function is executed with the parameters set to the default values.

Performs a current list sweep with voltage measured at every step (point):

1. Sets the *smu* to output *ilist* amperes value, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a voltage measurement.
2. Sets the *smu* to output the next *ilist* step, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a voltage measurement.
3. Repeats the above sequence until the voltage is measured for the last amperes value. The last point in the list to be measured is *points*.

Example

```
testilist = {-100E-9, 100E-9, -1E-6, 1E-6,
            -1E-3, 1E-3}

SweepIListMeasureV(smua, testilist,
                    500E-3, 6)
```

This function performs a six-point current list sweep starting at the first point in *testilist*. Voltage is measured at every step (point) in the sweep. The source will be allowed to settle on each step for 500 ms before a measurement is performed.

Also see

[KISweep factory script](#) (on page 5-19)

SweepILogMeasureV()

This KISweep factory script function performs a logarithmic current sweep with voltage measured at every step (point).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
SweepILogMeasureV(smu, starti, stopi, stime, points)
```

<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <i>smua</i>)
<i>starti</i>	Sweep start current in amperes
<i>stopi</i>	Sweep stop current in amperes
<i>stime</i>	Settling time in seconds; occurs after stepping the source and before performing a measurement
<i>points</i>	Number of sweep points (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Data for voltage measurements, current source values, and timestamps are stored in *smuX.nvbuffer1*.

If all parameters are omitted when this function is called, this function is executed with the parameters set to the default values.

Performs a logarithmic current sweep with voltage measured at every step (point):

1. Sets the *smu* to output *starti* amperes value, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a voltage measurement.
2. Sets the *smu* to output the next amperes step, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a voltage measurement.
3. Repeats the above sequence until the voltage is measured on the *stopi* amperes step.

The source level at each step (*SourceStepLevel*) is automatically calculated as follows:

MeasurePoint = The step point number for a measurement

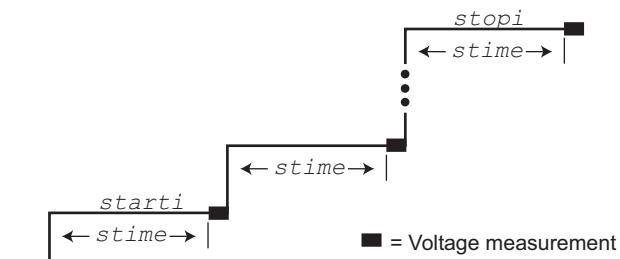
For example, for a five-point sweep (*points* = 5), a measurement is performed at *MeasurePoint* 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

LogStepSize = $(\log_{10}(\text{stopi}) - \log_{10}(\text{starti})) / (\text{points} - 1)$

LogStep = $(\text{MeasurePoint} - 1) * (\text{LogStepSize})$

SourceStepLevel = *antilog*(*LogStep*) * *starti*

Figure 118: SweepILogMeasureV()



Example

```
SweepILogMeasureV(smua, 0.01, 0.1,
0.001, 5)
```

This function performs a five-point linear current sweep starting at 10 mA and stopping at 100 mA. Voltage is measured at every step (point) in the sweep. The source is allowed to settle on each step for 1 ms before a measurement is performed.

The following table contains log values and corresponding source levels for the five-point logarithmic sweep:

MeasurePoint	LogStepSize	LogStep	SourceStepLevel
1	0.25	0.0	0.01 A
2	0.25	0.25	0.017783 A
3	0.25	0.5	0.031623 A
4	0.25	0.75	0.056234 A
5	0.25	1.0	0.1 A

Also see

[KISweep factory script](#) (on page 5-19)

SweepVLinMeasureI()

This KISweep factory script function performs a linear voltage sweep with current measured at every step (point).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
SweepVLinMeasureI(smu, startv, stopv, stime, points)
```

<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <i>smua</i>)
<i>startv</i>	Sweep start voltage in volts
<i>stopv</i>	Sweep stop voltage in volts
<i>stime</i>	Settling time in seconds; occurs after stepping the source and before performing a measurement
<i>points</i>	Number of sweep points (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Data for current measurements, voltage source values, and timestamps are stored in *smuX.nvbuffer1*.

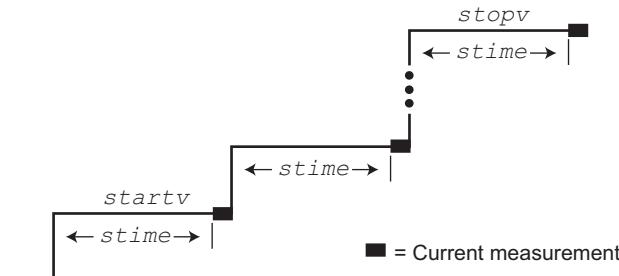
If all parameters are omitted when this function is called, this function is executed with the parameters set to the default values.

Performs a linear voltage sweep with current measured at every step (point):

1. Sets the *smu* to output *startv* amperes, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a current measurement.
2. Sets the *smu* to output the next amperes step, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a voltage measurement.
3. Repeats the above sequence until the voltage is measured on the *stopv* amperes step.

The linear step size is automatically calculated as follows:

```
step = (stopv - startv) / (points - 1)
```

Figure 119: SweepVLinMeasureI()**Example**

```
SweepVLinMeasureI (smua, 500, 3000, 15e-3,
26)
```

This function performs a 26-point linear voltage sweep starting at 500 V and stopping at 3000 V. Current is measured at every step (point) in the sweep after a 15 ms source settling period.

Also see

[KISweep factory script](#) (on page 5-19)

SweepVListMeasureI()

This KISweep factory script function performs a voltage list sweep with current measured at every step (point).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
SweepVListMeasureI (smu, vlist, stime, points)
```

<i>smu</i>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <i>smua</i>)
<i>vlist</i>	Arbitrary list of voltage source values; <i>vlist</i> = { <i>value1</i> , <i>value2</i> , ... <i>valueN</i> }
<i>stime</i>	Settling time in seconds; occurs after stepping the source and before performing a measurement
<i>points</i>	Number of sweep points (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Data for current measurements, voltage source values, and timestamps are stored in *smuX.nvbuffer1*.

If all parameters are omitted when this function is called, this function is executed with the parameters set to the default values.

Performs a voltage list sweep with current measured at every step (point):

1. Sets the *smu* to output *vlist* volts value, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a current measurement.
2. Sets the *smu* to output the next *vlist* volts value, allows the source to settle for *stime* seconds, and then performs a current measurement.
3. Repeats the above sequence until the current is measured for the last volts value. The last point in the list to be measured is *points*.

Example

```
myvlist = {-100, 100, -200, 200, -400,
           400, -800, 800, -1600, 1600}

SweepVListMeasureI(smua, myvlist,
                    500E-3, 10)
```

This function performs a 10-point voltage list sweep starting at the first point in `myvlist`. Current is measured at every step (point) in the sweep. The source will be allowed to settle on each step for 500 ms before a measurement is performed.

Also see

[KISweep factory script](#) (on page 5-19)

SweepVLogMeasureI()

This KISweep factory script function performs a logarithmic voltage sweep with current measured at every step (point).

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
SweepVLogMeasureI(smu, startv, stopv, stime, points)
```

<code>smu</code>	System SourceMeter® instrument channel (set to <code>smua</code>)
<code>startv</code>	Sweep start voltage in volts
<code>stopv</code>	Sweep stop voltage in volts
<code>stime</code>	Settling time in seconds; occurs after stepping the source and before performing a measurement
<code>points</code>	Number of sweep points (must be ≥ 2)

Details

Data for current measurements, voltage source values, and timestamps are stored in `smux.nvbuffer1`. If all parameters are omitted when this function is called, this function is executed with the parameters set to the default values.

Performs a logarithmic voltage sweep with current measured at every step (point):

1. Sets the `smu` to output `startv` amperes, allows the source to settle for `stime` seconds, and then performs a current measurement.
2. Sets the `smu` to output the next volts step, allows the source to settle for `stime` seconds, and then performs a current measurement.
3. Repeats the above sequence until the voltage is measured on the `stopv` volts step.

The source level at each step (`SourceStepLevel`) is automatically calculated as follows:

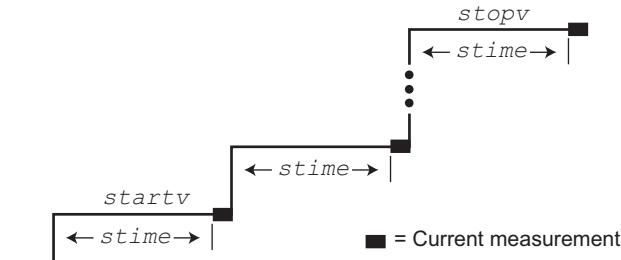
`MeasurePoint` = The step point number for a measurement

For example, for a five-point sweep (`points` = 5), a measurement is performed at `MeasurePoint` 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

`LogStepSize` = $(\log_{10}(\text{stopi}) - \log_{10}(\text{starti})) / (\text{points} - 1)$

`LogStep` = $(\text{MeasurePoint} - 1) * (\text{LogStepSize})$

`SourceStepLevel` = $\text{antilog}(\text{LogStep}) * \text{startv}$

Figure 120: SweepVLogMeasureI()**Example**

```
SweepVLogMeasureI(smua, 100,
1000, 0.02, 5)
```

This function performs a five-point logarithmic voltage sweep starting at 100 V and stopping at 1000 V. Current is measured at every step (point) in the sweep after a 20 ms source settling period.

The following table contains log values and corresponding source levels for the five-point logarithmic sweep:

MeasurePoint	LogStepSize	LogStep	SourceStepLevel
1	0.25	0.0	100.00 V
2	0.25	0.25	177.83 V
3	0.25	0.5	316.23 V
4	0.25	0.75	562.34 V
5	0.25	1.0	1000.0 V

Also see

[KISweep factory script](#) (on page 5-19)

timer.measure.t()

This function measures the elapsed time since the timer was last reset.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
time = timer.measure.t()
```

time	The elapsed time in seconds (1 μ s resolution)
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Example 1

```
timer.reset()
-- (intervening code)
time = timer.measure.t()
print(time)
```

Resets the timer and measures the time since the reset.

Output:

1.469077e+01

The output will vary. The above output indicates that `timer.measure.t()` was executed 14.69077 seconds after `timer.reset()`.

Example 2

```

beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)
print("reset timer")
timer.reset()
delay(0.5)
dt = timer.measure.t()
print("timer after delay:", dt)
beeper.beep(0.5, 2400)

```

Sets the beeper, resets the timer, sets a delay, then verifies the time of the delay before the next beeper.

Output:

```

reset timer
timer after delay: 5.00e-01

```

Also see

[timer.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-330)

timer.reset()

This function resets the timer to zero (0) seconds.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
timer.reset()
```

Example

```

timer.reset()
-- (intervening code)
time = timer.measure.t()
print(time)

```

Resets the timer and then measures the time since the reset.

Output:

```
1.469077e+01
```

The above output indicates that `timer.measure.t()` was executed 14.69077 seconds after `timer.reset()`.

Also see

[timer.measure.t\(\)](#) (on page 7-329)

trigger.blender[N].clear()

This function clears the blender event detector and resets blender *N*.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
trigger.blender[N].clear()
```

<i>N</i>	The blender number (1 to 4)
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Details

This command sets the blender event detector to the undetected state and resets the event detector's overrun indicator.

Example

```
trigger.blender[2].clear()
```

Clears the event detector for blender 2.

Also see

None

trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID

This constant contains the trigger blender event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID
```

eventID	Trigger event number
N	The blender number (1 to 4)

Details

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to trigger events from this trigger blender.

Example

```
digio.trigger[1].stimulus = trigger.blender[2].EVENT_ID
```

Set the trigger stimulus of digital I/O trigger 1 to be controlled by the trigger blender 2 event.

Also see

None

trigger.blender[N].orenable

This attribute selects whether the blender operates in OR mode or AND mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Trigger blender N reset Recall setup	Not saved	false (AND mode)

Usage

```
orenable = trigger.blender[N].orenable
trigger.blender[N].orenable = orenable
```

orenable	The orenable mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • true: OR mode • false: AND mode
N	The trigger blender (1 to 4)

Details

This command selects whether the blender waits for any one event (the “OR” mode) or waits for all selected events (the “AND” mode) before signaling an output event.

Example

```
trigger.blender[1].orenable = true
trigger.blender[1].stimulus[1] = digio.trigger[3].EVENT_ID
trigger.blender[1].stimulus[2] = digio.trigger[5].EVENT_ID
```

Generate a trigger blender 1 event when a digital I/O trigger happens on line 3 or 5.

Also see

[trigger.blender\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-333)

trigger.blender[N].overrun

This attribute indicates whether or not an event was ignored because of the event detector state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Instrument reset Trigger blender N clear Trigger blender N reset	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
overrun = trigger.blender[N].overrun
```

overrun	Trigger blender overrun state
N	The blender number (1 to 4)

Details

Indicates if an event was ignored because the event detector was already in the detected state when the event occurred. This is an indication of the state of the event detector that is built into the event blender itself.

This command does not indicate if an overrun occurred in any other part of the trigger model or in any other trigger object that is monitoring the event. It also is not an indication of an action overrun.

Example

```
print(trigger.blender[1].overrun)
```

If an event was ignored, the output is `true`.
If an event was not ignored, the output is `false`.

Also see

[trigger.blender\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-333)

trigger.blender[N].reset()

This function resets some of the trigger blender settings to their factory defaults.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
trigger.blender[N].reset()
N           The trigger event blender (1 to 4)
```

Details

The `trigger.blender[N].reset()` function resets the following attributes to their factory defaults:

- `trigger.blender[N].orenable`
- `trigger.blender[N].stimulus[M]`

It also clears `trigger.blender[N].overrun`.

Example

<code>trigger.blender[1].reset()</code>	Resets the trigger blender 1 settings to factory defaults.
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Also see

[trigger.blender\[N\].orenable](#) (on page 7-331)
[trigger.blender\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-332)
[trigger.blender\[N\].stimulus\[M\]](#) (on page 7-333)

trigger.blender[N].stimulus[M]

This attribute specifies which events trigger the blender.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup Trigger blender N reset	Not saved	0

Usage

```
eventID = trigger.blender[N].stimulus[M]
trigger.blender[N].stimulus[M] = eventID
eventID      The event that triggers the blender action; see Details
N           An integer representing the trigger event blender (1 to 4)
M           An integer representing the stimulus index (1 to 4)
```

Details

There are four stimulus inputs that can each select a different event. The `eventID` parameter can be the event ID of any trigger event.

Use zero to disable the blender input.

The *eventID* parameter may be one of the existing trigger event IDs shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Example

```
digio.trigger[3].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING
digio.trigger[5].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING
trigger.blender[1].orenable = true
trigger.blender[1].stimulus[1] = digio.trigger[3].EVENT_ID
trigger.blender[1].stimulus[2] = digio.trigger[5].EVENT_ID
```

Generate a trigger blender 1 event when a digital I/O trigger happens on line 3 or 5.

Also see

[trigger.blender\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-333)

trigger.blender[N].wait()

This function waits for a blender trigger event to occur.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
triggered = trigger.blender[N].wait(timeout)
```

triggered	Trigger detection indication for blender
N	The trigger blender (1 to 4) on which to wait
timeout	Maximum amount of time in seconds to wait for the trigger blender event

Details

This function waits for an event blender trigger event. If one or more trigger events were detected since the last time `trigger.blender[N].wait()` or `trigger.blender[N].clear()` was called, this function returns immediately.

After detecting a trigger with this function, the event detector automatically resets and rearms. This is true regardless of the number of events detected.

Example

<pre>digio.trigger[3].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING digio.trigger[5].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING trigger.blender[1].orenable = true trigger.blender[1].stimulus[1] = digio.trigger[3].EVENT_ID trigger.blender[1].stimulus[2] = digio.trigger[5].EVENT_ID print(trigger.blender[1].wait(3))</pre>	<p>Generate a trigger blender 1 event when a digital I/O trigger happens either on line 3 or 5.</p> <p>Wait three seconds while checking if trigger blender 1 event has occurred.</p> <p>If the blender trigger event has happened, then <code>true</code> is output. If the trigger event has not happened, then <code>false</code> is output after the timeout expires.</p>
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Also see

[trigger.blender\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-330)

trigger.clear()

This function clears the command interface trigger event detector.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
trigger.clear()
```

Details

The trigger event detector indicates if a trigger event has been detected since the last `trigger.wait()` call. `trigger.clear()` clears the trigger event detector and discards the history of command interface trigger events.

Also see

[trigger.wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-343)

trigger.EVENT_ID

This constant contains the command interface trigger event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = trigger.EVENT_ID
```

eventID	The event ID for the command interface triggers
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Details

You can set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to command interface trigger events.

Example

<pre>trigger.timer[1].stimulus = trigger.EVENT_ID</pre>	Sets the trigger stimulus of trigger timer 1 to the command interface trigger event.
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Also see

None

trigger.timer[N].clear()

This function clears the timer event detector and overrun indicator for the specified trigger timer number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
trigger.timer[N].clear()
```

N	Trigger timer number to clear (1 to 8)
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Details

This command sets the timer event detector to the undetected state and resets the overrun indicator.

Example

trigger.timer[1].clear()	Clears trigger timer 1.
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Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].count](#) (on page 7-337)

trigger.timer[N].count

This attribute sets the number of events to generate each time the timer is triggered.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup Trigger timer N reset	Not saved	1

Usage

```
count = trigger.timer[N].count
trigger.timer[N].count = count
```

count	Number of times to repeat the trigger
N	A trigger timer number (1 to 8)

Details

If *count* is set to a number greater than 1, the timer automatically starts the next delay at expiration of the previous delay.

Set *count* to zero (0) to cause the timer to generate trigger events indefinitely.

Example

print(trigger.timer[1].count)	Read trigger count for timer number 1.
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Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-337)

[trigger.timer\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-341)

trigger.timer[N].delay

This attribute sets and reads the timer delay.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup Trigger timer N reset	Not saved	10e-6 (10 µs)

Usage

```
interval = trigger.timer[N].delay
trigger.timer[N].delay = interval
```

interval	Delay interval in seconds
N	Trigger timer number (1 to 8)

Details

Each time the timer is triggered, it uses this delay period.

Assigning a value to this attribute is equivalent to:

```
trigger.timer[N].delaylist = {interval}
```

This creates a delay list of one value.

Reading this attribute returns the delay interval that will be used the next time the timer is triggered.

Example

```
trigger.timer[1].delay = 50e-6
```

Set the trigger timer 1 to delay for 50 µs.

Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-341)

trigger.timer[N].delaylist

This attribute sets an array of timer intervals.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup Trigger timer N reset	Not saved	{10e-6}

Usage

```
intervals = trigger.timer[N].delaylist
trigger.timer[N].delaylist = intervals
```

intervals	Table of delay intervals in seconds
N	Trigger timer number (1 to 8)

Details

Each time the timer is triggered, it uses the next delay period from the array. The default value is an array with one value of 10 µs.

After all elements in the array have been used, the delays restart at the beginning of the list.

If the array contains more than one element, the average of the delay intervals in the list must be $\geq 50 \mu s$.

Example

```
trigger.timer[3].delaylist = {50e-6, 100e-6, 150e-6}

DelayList = trigger.timer[3].delaylist
for x = 1, table.getn(DelayList) do
    print(DelayList[x])
end
```

Set a delay list on trigger timer 3 with three delays (50 µs, 100 µs, and 150 µs).

Read the delay list on trigger timer 3.

Output (assuming the delay list was set to 50 µs, 100 µs, and 150 µs):

5.00000000e-05
1.00000000e-04
1.50000000e-04

Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-341)

trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID

This constant specifies the trigger timer event number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID
```

eventID	The trigger event number
N	Trigger timer number (1 to 8)

Details

This constant is an identification number that identifies events generated by this timer.

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to events from this timer.

Example

```
trigger.timer[1].stimulus = tsplink.trigger[2].EVENT_ID
```

Sets the trigger stimulus of trigger timer 1 to the TSP-Link trigger 2 event.

Also see

None

trigger.timer[N].overrun

This attribute indicates if an event was ignored because of the event detector state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup Trigger timer N clear Trigger timer N reset	Not applicable	false

Usage

```
overrun = trigger.timer[N].overrun
```

<i>overrun</i>	Trigger overrun state
<i>N</i>	Trigger timer number (1 to 8)

Details

This attribute indicates if an event was ignored because the event detector was already in the detected state when the event occurred.

This is an indication of the state of the event detector built into the timer itself. It does not indicate if an overrun occurred in any other part of the trigger model or in any other construct that is monitoring the delay completion event. It also is not an indication of a delay overrun.

Example

```
print(trigger.timer[1].overrun)
```

If an event was ignored, the output is `true`.
If the event was not ignored, the output is `false`.

Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-341)

trigger.timer[N].passthrough

This attribute enables or disables the timer trigger pass-through mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup Trigger timer N reset	Not saved	<code>false</code> (disabled)

Usage

```
passthrough = trigger.timer[N].passthrough  
trigger.timer[N].passthrough = passthrough
```

<i>passthrough</i>	The state of pass-through mode; set to one of the following values: <code>true</code> : Enabled <code>false</code> : Disabled
<i>N</i>	Trigger timer number (1 to 8)

Details

When pass-through mode is enabled, triggers are passed through immediately and initiate the delay. When disabled, a trigger only initiates a delay.

Example

```
trigger.timer[1].passthrough = true
```

Enables pass-through mode on trigger timer 1.

Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-341)

trigger.timer[N].reset()

This function resets some of the trigger timer settings to their factory defaults.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
trigger.timer[N].reset()
N           Trigger timer number (1 to 8)
```

Details

The `trigger.timer[N].reset()` function resets the following attributes to their factory defaults:

- `trigger.timer[N].count`
- `trigger.timer[N].delay`
- `trigger.timer[N].delaylist`
- `trigger.timer[N].passthrough`
- `trigger.timer[N].stimulus`

It also clears `trigger.timer[N].overrun`.

Example

<code>trigger.timer[1].reset()</code>	Resets the attributes associated with timer 1 back to factory default values.
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Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].count](#) (on page 7-337)
[trigger.timer\[N\].delay](#) (on page 7-338)
[trigger.timer\[N\].delaylist](#) (on page 7-338)
[trigger.timer\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-339)
[trigger.timer\[N\].passthrough](#) (on page 7-340)
[trigger.timer\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-341)

trigger.timer[N].stimulus

This attribute specifies which event starts the timer.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup Trigger timer N reset	Not saved	0

Usage

```
eventID = trigger.timer[N].stimulus
trigger.timer[N].stimulus = eventID
eventID           The event that triggers the timer delay
N                 Trigger timer number (1 to 8)
```

Details

The *eventID* parameter may be one of the trigger event IDs shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Set this attribute to the *eventID* of any trigger event to cause the timer to start when that event occurs.
Set this attribute to zero (0) to disable event processing.

Example

```
print(trigger.timer[1].stimulus)
```

Prints the event that will start a trigger 1 timer action.

Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-341)

trigger.timer[N].wait()

This function waits for a trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
triggered = trigger.timer[N].wait(timeout)
```

triggered	Trigger detection indication
N	Trigger timer number (1 to 8)
timeout	Maximum amount of time in seconds to wait for the trigger

Details

If one or more trigger events were detected since the last time `trigger.timer[N].wait()` or `trigger.timer[N].clear()` was called, this function returns immediately.

After waiting for a trigger with this function, the event detector is automatically reset and rearmed. This is true regardless of the number of events detected.

Example

```
triggered = trigger.timer[3].wait(10)
print(triggered)
```

Waits up to 10 seconds for a trigger on timer 3.
If `false` is returned, no trigger was detected during the 10-second timeout.
If `true` is returned, a trigger was detected.

Also see

[trigger.timer\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-337)

trigger.wait()

This function waits for a command interface trigger event.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
triggered = trigger.wait(timeout)
```

triggered	<code>true</code> : A trigger was detected during the timeout period <code>false</code> : No triggers were detected during the timeout period
timeout	Maximum amount of time in seconds to wait for the trigger

Details

This function waits up to *timeout* seconds for a trigger on the active command interface. A command interface trigger occurs when:

- A GPIB GET command is detected (GPIB only)
- A VXI-11 device_trigger method is invoked (VXI-11 only)
- A *TRG message is received

If one or more of these trigger events were previously detected, this function returns immediately.

After waiting for a trigger with this function, the event detector is automatically reset and rearmed. This is true regardless of the number of events detected.

Example

```
triggered = trigger.wait(10)
print(triggered)
```

Waits up to 10 seconds for a trigger.
If `false` is returned, no trigger was detected during the 10-second timeout.
If `true` is returned, a trigger was detected.

Also see

[trigger.clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-336)

tsplink.group

This attribute is the group number of a TSP-Link node.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Not saved	0

Usage

```
groupNumber = tsplink.group
tsplink.group = groupNumber
```

groupNumber	The group number of the TSP-Link node (0 to 64)
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Details

To remove the node from all groups, set the attribute value to 0.

When the node is turned off, the group number for that node changes to 0.

The master node can be assigned to any group. You can also include other nodes in the group that includes the master. Note that any nodes that are set to 0 are automatically included in the group that contains the master node, regardless of the group that is assigned to the master node.

Example

```
tsplink.group = 3
```

Assign the instrument to TSP-Link group number 3.

Also see

[Using groups to manage nodes on TSP-Link network](#) (on page 6-57)

tsplink.master

This attribute reads the node number assigned to the master node.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
masterNodeNumber = tsplink.master
```

masterNodeNumber	The node number of the master node
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Details

After doing a TSP-Link reset (`tsplink.reset()`), use this attribute to access the node number of the master in a set of instruments connected over TSP-Link.

Example

LinkMaster = tsplink.master	Store the TSP-Link master node number in a variable called LinkMaster.
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Also see

[tsplink.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-347)

tsplink.node

This attribute defines the node number.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Not applicable	Nonvolatile memory	1

Usage

```
nodeNumber = tsplink.node
tsplink.node = nodeNumber
```

nodeNumber	Set node to a number (1 to 64)
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Details

This attribute sets the TSP-Link node number and saves the value in nonvolatile memory.

Changes to the node number do not take effect until the next time `tsplink.reset()` is executed on any node in the system.

Each node connected to the TSP-Link system must be assigned a different node number.

Example

tsplink.node = 2	Sets the TSP-Link node to number 2.
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Also see

[tsplink.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-347)
[tsplink.state](#) (on page 7-347)

tsplink.readbit()

This function reads the state of a TSP-Link synchronization line.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
data = tsplink.readbit(N)
```

data	The state of the synchronization line
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N	The trigger line (1 to 3)
---	---------------------------

Details

Returns a value of zero (0) if the line is low and 1 if the line is high.

Example

```
data = tsplink.readbit(3)
print(data)
```

Assume line 3 is set high, and it is then read.

Output:

1.000000e+00

Also see

[tsplink.readport\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)

[tsplink.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)

tsplink.readport()

This function reads the TSP-Link® synchronization lines as a digital I/O port.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
data = tsplink.readport()
```

data	Numeric value that indicates which register bits are set
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Details

The binary equivalent of the returned value indicates the input pattern on the I/O port. The least significant bit of the binary number corresponds to line 1 and bit B3 corresponds to line 3. For example, a returned value of 2 has a binary equivalent of 010. This indicates that line 2 is high (1), and that the other two lines are low (0).

Example

```
data = tsplink.readport()
print(data)
```

Reads state of all three TSP-Link lines.

Assuming line 2 is set high, the output is:

2.000000e+00

(binary 010)

Also see

[TSP-Link synchronization lines](#) (on page 3-86)
[tsplink.readbit\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)
[tsplink.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)
[tsplink.writeport\(\)](#) (on page 7-357)

tsplink.reset()

This function initializes (resets) all nodes (instruments) in the TSP-Link system.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
nodesFound = tsplink.reset()
nodesFound = tsplink.reset(expectedNodes)
```

nodesFound	The number of nodes actually found on the system
expectedNodes	The number of nodes expected on the system (1 to 64)

Details

This function erases all information regarding other nodes connected on the TSP-Link system and regenerates the system configuration. This function must be called at least once before any remote nodes can be accessed. If the node number for any instrument is changed, the TSP-Link must be reset again.

If *expectedNodes* is not given, this function generates an error if no other nodes are found on the TSP-Link network.

If *nodesFound* is less than *expectedNodes*, an error is generated. Note that the node on which the command is running is counted as a node. For example, giving an expected node count of 1 will not generate any errors, even if there are no other nodes on the TSP-Link network.

Also returns the number of nodes found.

Example

```
nodesFound = tsplink.reset(2)
print("Nodes found = " .. nodesFound)
```

Perform a TSP-Link reset and indicate how many nodes are found.
 Sample output if two nodes are found:
 Nodes found = 2
 Sample output if fewer nodes are found and if localnode.showerrors = 1:
 1219, TSP-Link found fewer nodes than expected
 Nodes found = 1

Also see

[localnode.showerrors](#) (on page 7-141)
[tsplink.node](#) (on page 7-345)
[tsplink.state](#) (on page 7-347)

tsplink.state

This attribute describes the TSP-Link online state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
state = tsplink.state
```

state	TSP-Link state (online or offline)
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Details

When the instrument power is first turned on, the state is "offline". After `tsplink.reset()` function is successful, the state is "online".

Example

state = tsplink.state print(state)	Read the state of the TSP-Link. If it is online, the output is: online
---------------------------------------	---

Also see

[tsplink.node](#) (on page 7-345)
[tsplink.reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-347)

tsplink.trigger[N].assert()

This function simulates the occurrence of the trigger and generates the corresponding event ID.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tsplink.trigger[N].assert()
```

N	The trigger line (1 to 3)
---	---------------------------

Details

The set pulse width determines how long the trigger is asserted.

Example

tsplink.trigger[2].assert()	Asserts trigger on trigger line 2.
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Also see

[tsplink.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-349)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-350)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-352)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].pulsewidth](#) (on page 7-353)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].release\(\)](#) (on page 7-353)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-354)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)

tslink.trigger[N].clear()

This function clears the event detector for a trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tslink.trigger[N].clear()
N           The trigger line (1 to 3)
```

Details

The trigger event detector enters the detected state when an event is detected. `tslink.trigger[N].clear()` clears a trigger event detector, discards the history of the trigger line, and clears the `tslink.trigger[N].overrun` attribute.

Example

tslink.trigger[2].clear()	Clears trigger event on synchronization line 2.
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Also see

[tslink.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-350)
[tslink.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-352)
[tslink.trigger\[N\].release\(\)](#) (on page 7-353)
[tslink.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-354)
[tslink.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)

tslink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID

This constant identifies the number that is used for the trigger events.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Constant	Yes			

Usage

```
eventID = tslink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID
eventID      The trigger event number
N           The trigger line (1 to 3)
```

Details

This number is used by the TSP-Link trigger line when it detects an input trigger.

Set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to trigger events from this line.

Example

```
trigger.timer[1].stimulus = tsplink.trigger[2].EVENT_ID
```

Sets the trigger stimulus of trigger timer 1 to the TSP-Link trigger 2 event.

Also see

None

tsplink.trigger[N].mode

This attribute defines the trigger operation and detection mode.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup TSP-Link trigger N reset	Not saved	0 (tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS)

Usage

```
mode = tsplink.trigger[N].mode
tsplink.trigger[N].mode = mode
```

mode	The trigger mode
N	The trigger line (1 to 3)

Details

This attribute controls the mode in which the trigger event detector and the output trigger generator operate on the given trigger line.

The setting for *mode* can be one of the following values:

Mode	Number value	Description
tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS	0	Allows direct control of the line as a digital I/O line.
tsplink.TRIG_FALLING	1	Detects falling-edge triggers as input. Asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
tsplink.TRIG_RISING	2	If the programmed state of the line is high, the tsplink.TRIG_RISING mode behaves similarly to tsplink.TRIG_RISINGA. If the programmed state of the line is low, the tsplink.TRIG_RISING mode behaves similarly to tsplink.TRIG_RISINGM. Use tsplink.TRIG_RISINGA if the line is in the high output state. Use tsplink.TRIG_RISINGM if the line is in the low output state.
tsplink.TRIG_EITHER	3	Detects rising- or falling-edge triggers as input. Asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
tsplink.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUSA	4	Detects the falling-edge input triggers and automatically latches and drives the trigger line low.
tsplink.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUS	5	Detects the falling-edge input triggers and automatically latches and drives the trigger line low. Asserts a TTL-low pulse as an output trigger.
tsplink.TRIG_SYNCHRONOUSM	6	Detects rising-edge triggers as an input. Asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
tsplink.TRIG_RISINGA	7	Detects rising-edge triggers as input. Asserts a TTL-low pulse for output.
tsplink.TRIG_RISINGM	8	Edge detection as an input is not available. Generates a TTL-high pulse as an output trigger.

When programmed to any mode except tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS, the output state of the I/O line is controlled by the trigger logic, and the user-specified output state of the line is ignored.

When the trigger mode is set to tsplink.TRIG_RISING, the user-specified output state of the line is examined. If the output state selected when the mode is changed is high, the actual mode used will be tsplink.TRIG_RISINGA. If the output state selected when the mode is changed is low, the actual mode used will be tsplink.TRIG_RISINGM.

mode stores the trigger mode as a numeric value when the attribute is read.

To control the line state, use the tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS mode with the tsplink.writebit() and the tsplink.writeport() commands.

Example

```
tsplink.trigger[3].mode =
    tsplink.TRIG_RISINGM
```

Sets the trigger mode for synchronization line 3 to tsplink.TRIG_RISINGM.

Also see

[digio.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[digio.writeport\(\)](#) (on page 7-58)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-348)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-349)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-352)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].release\(\)](#) (on page 7-353)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-354)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-354)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)

tsplink.trigger[N].overrun

This attribute indicates if the event detector ignored an event while in the detected state.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (R)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup TSP-Link trigger N clear TSP-Link trigger N reset	Not applicable	Not applicable

Usage

```
overrun = tsplink.trigger[N].overrun
```

overrun	Trigger overrun state
N	The trigger line (1 to 3)

Details

Indicates that an event was ignored because the event detector was in the detected state when the event was detected.

Indicates the overrun state of the event detector built into the line itself.

It does not indicate whether an overrun occurred in any other part of the trigger model or in any other detector that is monitoring the event.

It does not indicate output trigger overrun.

Example

```
print(tsplink.trigger[1].overrun)
```

If an event was ignored, displays true; if an event was not ignored, displays false.

Also see

[tsplink.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-348)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-349)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-350)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].release\(\)](#) (on page 7-353)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-354)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-354)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].wait\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)

tsplink.trigger[N].pulsewidth

This attribute sets the length of time that the trigger line is asserted for output triggers.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset TSP-Link trigger N reset Recall setup	Not saved	10e-6 (10 µs)

Usage

```
width = tsplink.trigger[N].pulsewidth
tsplink.trigger[N].pulsewidth = width
```

width	The pulse width (in seconds)
N	The trigger line (1 to 3)

Details

Setting the pulse width to 0 (seconds) asserts the trigger indefinitely.

Example

tsplink.trigger[3].pulsewidth = 20e-6	Sets pulse width for trigger line 3 to 20 µs.
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Also see

[tsplink.trigger\[N\].release\(\) \(on page 7-353\)](#)

tsplink.trigger[N].release()

This function releases a latched trigger on the given TSP-Link trigger line.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tsplink.trigger[N].release()
```

N	The trigger line (1 to 3)
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Details

Releases a trigger that was asserted with an indefinite pulse width. It also releases a trigger that was latched in response to receiving a synchronous mode trigger.

Example

tsplink.trigger[3].release()	Releases trigger line 3.
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Also see

[tsplink.trigger\[N\].assert\(\) \(on page 7-348\)](#)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].clear\(\) \(on page 7-349\)](#)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].mode \(on page 7-350\)](#)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].overrun \(on page 7-352\)](#)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].pulsewidth \(on page 7-353\)](#)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].stimulus \(on page 7-354\)](#)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].wait\(\) \(on page 7-356\)](#)

tslink.trigger[N].reset()

This function resets some of the TSP-Link trigger attributes to their factory defaults.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tslink.trigger[N].reset()
```

N	The trigger line (1 to 3)
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Details

The tslink.trigger[N].reset() function resets the following attributes to their factory defaults:

- tslink.trigger[N].mode
- tslink.trigger[N].stimulus
- tslink.trigger[N].pulsewidth

This also clears tslink.trigger[N].overrun.

Example

tslink.trigger[3].reset()	Resets TSP-Link trigger line 3 attributes back to factory default values.
---------------------------	---

Also see

[tslink.trigger\[N\].mode](#) (on page 7-350)
[tslink.trigger\[N\].overrun](#) (on page 7-352)
[tslink.trigger\[N\].pulsewidth](#) (on page 7-353)
[tslink.trigger\[N\].stimulus](#) (on page 7-354)

tslink.trigger[N].stimulus

This attribute specifies the event that causes the synchronization line to assert a trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup TSP-Link trigger N reset	Not saved	0

Usage

```
eventID = tsplink.trigger[N].stimulus
tsplink.trigger[N].stimulus = eventID
```

<i>eventID</i>	The event identifier for the triggering event
<i>N</i>	The trigger line (1 to 3)

Details

To disable automatic trigger assertion on the synchronization line, set this attribute to zero (0).

Do not use this attribute when triggering under script control. Use `tsplink.trigger[N].assert()` instead.

The *eventID* parameter may be one of the existing trigger event IDs shown in the following table.

Trigger event IDs*	
Event ID	Event description
smua.trigger.SWEEPING_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the source-measure unit (SMU) transitions from the idle state to the arm layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.ARMED_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU moves from the arm layer to the trigger layer of the trigger model
smua.trigger.SOURCE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a source action
smua.trigger.MEASURE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a measurement action
smua.trigger.PULSE_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a pulse
smua.trigger.SWEEP_COMPLETE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU completes a sweep
smua.trigger.IDLE_EVENT_ID	Occurs when the SMU returns to the idle state
digio.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a digital I/O line
tsplink.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when an edge is detected on a TSP-Link line
lan.trigger[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when the appropriate LXI trigger packet is received on LAN trigger object <i>N</i>
display.trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when the TRIG key on the front panel is pressed
trigger.EVENT_ID	Occurs when a *TRG command is received on the remote interface GPIB only: Occurs when a GET bus command is received VXI-11 only: Occurs with the VXI-11 command device_trigger; reference the VXI-11 standard for additional details on the device trigger operation
trigger.blender[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs after a collection of events is detected
trigger.timer[N].EVENT_ID	Occurs when a delay expires

* Use the name of the trigger event ID to set the stimulus value rather than the numeric value. Using the name makes the code compatible for future upgrades (for example, if the numeric values must change when enhancements are added to the instrument).

Example

```
print(tsplink.trigger[3].stimulus)
```

Prints the event that will start TSP-Link trigger line 3 action.

Also see

[tsplink.trigger\[N\].assert\(\)](#) (on page 7-348)
[tsplink.trigger\[N\].reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-354)

tsplink.trigger[N].wait()

This function waits for a trigger.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
triggered = tsplink.trigger[N].wait(timeout)
```

triggered	Trigger detection indication; set to one of the following values: true: A trigger is detected during the timeout period false: A trigger is not detected during the timeout period
N	The trigger line (1 to 3)
timeout	The timeout value in seconds

Details

This function waits up to the timeout value for an input trigger. If one or more trigger events were detected since the last time `tsplink.trigger[N].wait()` or `tsplink.trigger[N].clear()` was called, this function returns immediately.

After waiting for a trigger with this function, the event detector is automatically reset and rearmed. This is true regardless of the number of events detected.

Example

```
triggered = tsplink.trigger[3].wait(10)
print(triggered)
```

Waits up to 10 seconds for a trigger on TSP-Link® line 3.
If false is returned, no trigger was detected during the 10-second timeout.
If true is returned, a trigger was detected.

Also see

[tsplink.trigger\[N\].clear\(\)](#) (on page 7-349)

tsplink.writebit()

This function sets a TSP-Link synchronization line high or low.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tsplink.writebit(N, data)
```

N	The trigger line (1 to 3)
data	The value to write to the bit: • Low: 0 • High: 1

Details

Use `tsplink.writebit()` and `tsplink.writeport()` to control the output state of the trigger line when trigger operation is set to `tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS`.

If the output line is write-protected by the `tsplink.writeprotect` attribute, this command is ignored.

The reset function does not affect the present states of the TSP-Link trigger lines.

Example

<code>tsplink.writebit(3, 0)</code>	Sets trigger line 3 low (0).
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Also see

[tsplink.readbit\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)
[tsplink.readport\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)
[tsplink.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)
[tsplink.writeprotect](#) (on page 7-358)

tsplink.writeport()

This function writes to all TSP-Link synchronization lines.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

<code>tsplink.writeport(data)</code>	
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<code>data</code>	Value to write to the port (0 to 7)
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Details

The binary representation of `data` indicates the output pattern that is written to the I/O port. For example, a data value of 2 has a binary equivalent of 010. Line 2 is set high (1), and the other two lines are set low (0).

Write-protected lines are not changed.

The `reset()` function does not affect the present states of the trigger lines.

Use the `tsplink.writebit()` and `tsplink.writeport()` commands to control the output state of the synchronization line when trigger operation is set to `tsplink.TRIG_BYPASS`.

Example

<code>tsplink.writeport(3)</code>	Sets the synchronization lines 1 and 2 high (binary 011).
-----------------------------------	---

Also see

[tsplink.readbit\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)
[tsplink.readport\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)
[tsplink.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)
[tsplink.writeprotect](#) (on page 7-358)

tsplink.writeprotect

This attribute contains the write-protect mask that protects bits from changes by the `tsplink.writebit()` and `tsplink.writeport()` functions.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Saved setup	0

Usage

```
mask = tsplink.writeprotect
tsplink.writeprotect = mask
```

mask	An integer that specifies the value of the bit pattern for write-protect; set bits to 1 to write-protect the corresponding TSP-Link trigger line
------	--

Details

The binary equivalent of `mask` indicates the mask to be set for the TSP-Link trigger line. For example, a `mask` value of 5 has a binary equivalent of 101. This `mask` write-protects TSP-Link trigger lines 1 and 3.

Example

tsplink.writeprotect = 5	Write-protects TSP-Link trigger lines 1 and 3.
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Also see

[Controlling digital I/O lines](#) (on page 3-82)
[tsplink.readbit\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)
[tsplink.readport\(\)](#) (on page 7-346)
[tsplink.writebit\(\)](#) (on page 7-356)
[tsplink.writeport\(\)](#) (on page 7-357)

tspnet.clear()

This function clears any pending output data from the instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tspnet.clear(connectionID)
```

connectionID	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>
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Details

This function clears any pending output data from the device. No data is returned to the caller and no data is processed.

Example

```
tspnet.write(testdevice, "print([[hello]])")
print(tspnet.readavailable(testdevice))

tspnet.clear(testdevice)
print(tspnet.readavailable(testdevice))
```

Write data to a device, then print how much is available.

Output:
6.00000e+00

Clear data and print how much data is available again.

Output:
0.00000e+00

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.readavailable\(\)](#) (on page 7-363)
[tspnet.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-368)

tspnet.connect()

This function establishes a network connection with another LAN instrument or device through the LAN interface.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
connectionID = tspnet.connect(ipAddress)
connectionID = tspnet.connect(ipAddress, portNumber, initString)
```

connectionID	The connection ID to be used as a handle in all other <code>tspnet</code> function calls
ipAddress	IP address to which to connect
portNumber	Port number (default 5025)
initString	Initialization string to send to <code>ipAddress</code>

Details

This command connects a device to another device through the LAN interface. If the `portNumber` is 23, the interface uses the Telnet protocol and sets appropriate termination characters to communicate with the device.

If a `portNumber` and `initString` are provided, it is assumed that the remote device is not TSP-enabled. The Model 2657A does not perform any extra processing, prompt handling, error handling, or sending of commands. Additionally, the `tspnet.tsp.*` commands cannot be used on devices that are not TSP-enabled.

If neither a `portNumber` nor an `initString` is provided, the remote device is assumed to be a Keithley Instruments TSP-enabled device. Depending on the state of the `tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect` attribute, the Model 2657A sends an `abort` command to the remote device on connection.

The Model 2657A also enables TSP prompts on the remote device and error management. The Model 2657A places remote errors from the TSP-enabled device in its own error queue and prefacing these errors with `Remote Error`, followed by an error description.

Do not manually change either the prompt functionality (`localnode.prompts`) or show errors by changing `localnode.showerrors` on the remote TSP-enabled device. If you do this, subsequent `tspnet.tsp.*` commands using the connection may fail.

You can simultaneously connect to a maximum of 32 remote devices.

Example 1

```
instrumentID = tspnet.connect("192.0.2.1")
if instrumentID then
    -- Use instrumentID as needed here
    tspnet.disconnect(instrumentID)
end
```

Connect to a TSP-enabled device.

Example 2

```
instrumentID = tspnet.connect("192.0.2.1", 1394,
    "*rst\r\n")
if instrumentID then
    -- Use instrumentID as needed here
    tspnet.disconnect(instrumentID)
end
```

Connect to a device that is not TSP-enabled.

Also see

[localnode.prompts](#) (on page 7-137)
[localnode.showerrors](#) (on page 7-141)
[tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect](#) (on page 7-366)
[tspnet.disconnect\(\)](#) (on page 7-360)

tspnet.disconnect()

This function disconnects a specified TSP-Net session.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

`tspnet.disconnect(connectionID)`

<i>connectionID</i>	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>
---------------------	---

Details

This function disconnects the two devices by closing the connection. The *connectionID* is the session handle returned by `tspnet.connect()`.

For TSP-enabled devices, this aborts any remotely running commands or scripts.

Example

```
testID = tspnet.connect("192.0.2.0")
-- Use the connection

tspnet.disconnect(testID)
```

Create a TSP-Net session.

Close the session.

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)

tspnet.execute()

This function sends a command string to the remote device.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tspnet.execute(connectionID, commandString)
value1 = tspnet.execute(connectionID, commandString, formatString)
value1, value2 = tspnet.execute(connectionID, commandString, formatString)
value1, ..., valuen = tspnet.execute(connectionID, commandString, formatString)
```

<i>connectionID</i>	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>
<i>commandString</i>	The command to send to the remote device
<i>value1</i>	The first value decoded from the response message
<i>value2</i>	The second value decoded from the response message
<i>valuen</i>	The nth value decoded from the response message; there is one return value for each format specifier in the format string
...	One or more values separated with commas
<i>formatString</i>	Format string for the output

Details

This command sends a command string to the remote instrument. A termination is added to the command string when it is sent to the remote instrument (`tspnet.termination()`). You can also specify a format string, which causes the command to wait for a response from the remote instrument. The Model 2657A decodes the response message according to the format specified in the format string and returns the message as return values from the function (see `tspnet.read()` for format specifiers).

When this command is sent to a TSP-enabled instrument, the Model 2657A suspends operation until a timeout error is generated or until the instrument responds, even if no format string is specified. The TSP prompt from the remote instrument is read and thrown away. The Model 2657A places any remotely generated errors into its error queue. When the optional format string is not specified, this command is equivalent to `tspnet.write()`, except that a termination is automatically added to the end of the command.

Example 1

```
tspnet.execute(instrumentID, "runScript()")
```

Command the remote device to run a script named `runScript`.

Example 2

```
tspnet.termination(instrumentID, tspnet.TERM_CRLF)
tspnet.execute(instrumentID, "*idn?")
print("tspnet.execute returns:", tspnet.read(instrumentID))
```

Print the `*idn?` string from the remote device.

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.read\(\)](#) (on page 7-362)
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tspnet.idn()

This function retrieves the response of the remote device to *IDN?.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
idnString = tspnet.idn(connectionID)
```

idnString	The returned *IDN? string
connectionID	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>

Details

This function retrieves the response of the remote device to *IDN?.

Example

```
deviceID = tspnet.connect("192.0.2.1")
print(tspnet.idn(deviceID))
tspnet.disconnect(deviceID)
```

Assume the instrument is at IP address 192.0.2.1. The output that is produced when you connect to the instrument and read the IDN string may appear as:
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00000170, 1.1.0

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)

tspnet.read()

This function reads data from a remote device.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
value1 = tspnet.read(connectionID)
value1 = tspnet.read(connectionID, formatString)
value1, value2 = tspnet.read(connectionID, formatString)
value1, ..., valueN = tspnet.read(connectionID, formatString)
```

value1	The first value decoded from the response message
value2	The second value decoded from the response message
valueN	The nth value decoded from the response message; there is one return value for each format specifier in the format string
...	One or more values separated with commas
connectionID	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>
formatString	Format string for the output, maximum of 10 specifiers

Details

This command reads available data from the remote instrument and returns responses for the specified number of arguments.

The format string can contain the following specifiers:

% [width]s	Read data until the specified length
% [max width]t	Read data until the specified length or until punctuation is found, whichever comes first
% [max width]n	Read data until a newline or carriage return
%d	Read a number (delimited by punctuation)

A maximum of 10 format specifiers can be used for a maximum of 10 return values.

If *formatString* is not provided, the command returns a string that contains the data until a new line is reached. If no data is available, the Model 2657A pauses operation until the requested data is available or until a timeout error is generated. Use `tspnet.timeout` to specify the timeout period.

When the Model 2657A reads from a TSP-enabled remote instrument, the Model 2657A removes Test Script Processor (TSP®) prompts and places any errors it receives from the remote instrument into its own error queue. The Model 2657A prefacing errors from the remote device with "Remote Error," and follows this with the error number and error description.

Example

```
tspnet.write(deviceID, "*idn?\r\n")
print("write/read returns:", tspnet.read(deviceID))
```

Send the "*idn?\r\n" message to the instrument connected as deviceID.
Display the response that is read from deviceID (based on the *idn? message).

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.readavailable\(\)](#) (on page 7-363)
[tspnet.timeout](#) (on page 7-365)
[tspnet.write\(\)](#) (on page 7-368)

tspnet.readavailable()

This function checks to see if data is available from the remote device.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
bytesAvailable = tspnet.readavailable(connectionID)
```

bytesAvailable	The number of bytes available to be read from the connection
connectionID	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>

Details

This command checks to see if any output data is available from the device. No data is read from the instrument. This allows TSP scripts to continue to run without waiting on a remote command to finish.

Example

```

ID = tspnet.connect("192.0.2.1")
tspnet.write(ID, "*idn?\r\n")

repeat bytes = tspnet.readavailable(ID) until bytes > 0
print(tspnet.read(ID))
tspnet.disconnect(ID)

```

Send commands that will create data.

Wait for data to be available.

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.read\(\)](#) (on page 7-362)

tspnet.reset()

This function disconnects all TSP-Net sessions.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tspnet.reset()
```

Details

This command disconnects all remote instruments connected through TSP-Net. For TSP-enabled devices, this causes any commands or scripts running remotely to be terminated.

Also see

None

tspnet.termination()

This function sets the device line termination sequence.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```

type = tspnet.termination(connectionID)
type = tspnet.termination(connectionID, termSequence)

```

<i>type</i>	An enumerated value indicating the termination type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or <code>tspnet.TERM_LF</code> • 4 or <code>tspnet.TERM_CR</code> • 2 or <code>tspnet.TERM_CRLF</code> • 3 or <code>tspnet.TERM_LFCR</code>
<i>connectionID</i>	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>
<i>termSequence</i>	The termination sequence

Details

This function sets and gets the termination character sequence that is used to indicate the end of a line for a TSP-Net connection.

Using the *termSequence* parameter sets the termination sequence. The present termination sequence is always returned.

For the *termSequence* parameter, use the same values listed in the table above for type. There are four possible combinations, all of which are made up of line feeds (LF or 0x10) and carriage returns (CR or 0x13). For TSP-enabled devices, the default is `tspnet.TERM_LF`. For devices that are not TSP-enabled, the default is `tspnet.TERM_CRLF`.

Example

```
deviceID = tspnet.connect("192.0.2.1")
if deviceID then
    tspnet.termination(deviceID,
        tspnet.TERM_LF)
end
```

Sets termination type for IP address
192.0.2.1 to TERM_LF.

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.disconnect\(\)](#) (on page 7-360)

tspnet.timeout

This attribute sets the timeout value for the `tspnet.connect()`, `tspnet.execute()`, and `tspnet.read()` commands.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	20.0 (20 s)

Usage

```
value = tspnet.timeout
tspnet.timeout = value
```

value	The timeout duration in seconds (0.001 s to 30.000 s)
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Details

This attribute sets the amount of time the `tspnet.connect()`, `tspnet.execute()`, and `tspnet.read()` commands will wait for a response.

The time is specified in seconds. The timeout may be specified to millisecond resolution, but is only accurate to the nearest 10 ms.

Example

```
tspnet.timeout = 2.0
```

Sets the timeout duration to two seconds.

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.execute\(\)](#) (on page 7-361)
[tspnet.read\(\)](#) (on page 7-362)

tspnet.tsp.abort()

This function causes the TSP-enabled instrument to stop executing any of the commands that were previously sent to it.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tspnet.tsp.abort(connectionID)
```

<i>connectionID</i>	Integer value used as a handle for other <code>tspnet</code> commands
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Details

This function is appropriate only for TSP-enabled instruments.
Sends an abort command to the remote instrument.

Example

```
tspnet.tsp.abort(testConnection)
```

Stops remote instrument execution on `testConnection`.

Also see

None

tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect

This attribute contains the setting for abort on connect to a TSP-enabled instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Instrument reset Recall setup	Not saved	1 (enable)

Usage

```
tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect = value
value = tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect
```

<i>value</i>	1 (enable) or 0 (disable)
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Details

This setting determines if the instrument sends an abort message when it attempts to connect to a TSP-enabled instrument using the `tspnet.connect()` function.

When you send the abort command on an interface, it causes any other active interface on that instrument to close. If you do not send an abort command (or if `tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect` is set to 0) and another interface is active, connecting to a TSP-enabled remote instrument results in a connection. However, the instrument will not respond to subsequent reads or executes because control of the instrument is not obtained until an abort command has been sent.

Example

```
tspnet.tsp.abortonconnect = 0
```

Configure the instrument so that it does not send an abort command when connecting to a TSP-enabled instrument.

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)

tspnet.tsp.rbtabcopy()

This function copies a reading buffer synchronous table from a remote instrument to a TSP-enabled instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
table = tspnet.tsp.rbtabcopy(connectionID, name)
table = tspnet.tsp.rbtabcopy(connectionID, name, startIndex, endIndex)
```

table	A copy of the synchronous table or a string
connectionID	Integer value used as a handle for other <code>tspnet</code> commands
name	The full name of the reading buffer name and synchronous table to copy
startIndex	Integer start value
endIndex	Integer end value

Details

This function is only appropriate for TSP-enabled instruments.

This function reads the data from a reading buffer on a remote instrument and returns an array of numbers or a string representing the data. The `startIndex` and `endIndex` parameters specify the portion of the reading buffer to read. If no index is specified, the entire buffer is copied.

The function will return a table if the table is an array of numbers; otherwise a comma-delimited string is returned.

This command is limited to transferring 50,000 readings at a time.

Example

```
t = tspnet.tsp.rbtabcopy(testConnection,
    "testRemotebuffername.readings", 1, 3)
print(t[1], t[2], t[3])
```

Copy the specified readings table for buffer items 1 through 3, then display the first three readings. Sample output:
4.56534e-01
4.52675e-01
4.57535e-01

Also see

None

tspnet.tsp.runscript()

This function loads and runs a script on a remote TSP-enabled instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tspnet.tsp.runscript(connectionID, script)
tspnet.tsp.runscript(connectionID, name, script)
```

<i>connectionID</i>	Integer value used as an identifier for other <code>tspnet</code> commands
<i>name</i>	The name that is assigned to the script
<i>script</i>	The body of the script as a string

Details

This function is appropriate only for TSP-enabled instruments.

This function downloads a script to a remote instrument and runs it. It automatically adds the appropriate `loadscript` and `endscript` commands around the script, captures any errors, and reads back any prompts. No additional substitutions are done on the text.

The script is automatically loaded, compiled, and run.

Any output from previous commands is discarded.

This command does not wait for the script to complete.

If you do not want the script to do anything immediately, make sure the script only defines functions for later use. Use the `tspnet.execute()` function to execute those functions at a later time.

If no name is specified, the script will be loaded as the anonymous script.

Example

```
tspnet.tsp.runscript(myconnection, "mytest",
"print([[start]]) for d = 1, 10 do print([[work]]) end print([[end]]))")
```

Load and run a script entitled `mytest` on the TSP-enabled instrument connected with `myconnection`.

Also see

[tspnet.execute\(\)](#) (on page 7-361)

tspnet.write()

This function writes a string to the remote instrument.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
tspnet.write(connectionID, inputString)
```

<i>connectionID</i>	The connection ID returned from <code>tspnet.connect()</code>
<i>inputString</i>	The string to be written

Details

The `tspnet.write()` function sends *inputString* to the remote instrument. It does not wait for command completion on the remote instrument.

The Model 2657A sends *inputString* to the remote instrument exactly as indicated. The *inputString* must contain any necessary new lines, termination, or other syntax elements needed to complete properly.

Because `tspnet.write()` does not process output from the remote instrument, do not send commands that generate too much output without processing the output. This command can stop executing if there is too much unprocessed output from previous commands.

Example

```
tspnet.write(myID, "runscript()\r\n")
```

Commands the remote instrument to execute a command or script named "runscript()" on a remote device identified in the system as myID.

Also see

[tspnet.connect\(\)](#) (on page 7-359)
[tspnet.read\(\)](#) (on page 7-362)

userstring.add()

This function adds a user-defined string to nonvolatile memory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
userstring.add(name, value)
```

<i>name</i>	The name of the string; the key of the key-value pair
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<i>value</i>	The string to associate with <i>name</i> ; the value of the key-value pair
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Details

This function associates the string *value* with the string *name* and stores this key-value pair in nonvolatile memory.

Use the `userstring.get()` function to retrieve the *value* associated with the specified *name*.

Example

```
userstring.add("assetnumber", "236")
userstring.add("product", "Widgets")
userstring.add("contact", "John Doe")
```

Stores user-defined strings in nonvolatile memory.

Also see

[userstring.catalog\(\)](#) (on page 7-370)
[userstring.delete\(\)](#) (on page 7-370)
[userstring.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

userstring.catalog()

This function creates an iterator for the user string catalog.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
for name in userstring.catalog() do body end
```

name	The name of the string; the key of the key-value pair
body	Code to execute in the body of the for loop

Details

The catalog provides access for userstring pairs, allowing you to manipulate all the key-value pairs in nonvolatile memory. The entries are enumerated in no particular order.

Example 1

```
for name in userstring.catalog() do
    userstring.delete(name)
end
```

Deletes all user strings in nonvolatile memory.

Example 2

```
for name in userstring.catalog() do
    print(name .. " = " ..
          userstring.get(name))
end
```

Prints all userstring key-value pairs.

Output:

```
product = Widgets
assetnumber = 236
contact = John Doe
```

The above output lists the user strings added in the example for the `userstring.add()` function. Notice the key-value pairs are not listed in the order they were added.

Also see

- [userstring.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-369)
- [userstring.delete\(\)](#) (on page 7-370)
- [userstring.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

userstring.delete()

This function deletes a user-defined string from nonvolatile memory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
userstring.delete(name)
```

name	The name (key) of the key-value pair of the userstring to delete
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Details

This function deletes the string that is associated with *name* from nonvolatile memory.

Example

```
userstring.delete("assetnumber")
userstring.delete("product")
userstring.delete("contact")
```

Deletes the user-defined strings associated with the "assetnumber", "product", and "contact" names.

Also see

[userstring.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-369)
[userstring.catalog\(\)](#) (on page 7-370)
[userstring.get\(\)](#) (on page 7-371)

userstring.get()

This function retrieves a user-defined string from nonvolatile memory.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	Yes			

Usage

```
value = userstring.get(name)
```

value	The value of the userstring key-value pair
name	The name (key) of the userstring

Details

This function retrieves the string that is associated with *name* from nonvolatile memory.

Example

```
value = userstring.get("assetnumber")
print(value)
```

Read the value associated with a user-string named "assetnumber".
 Store it in a variable called value, then print the variable value.
 Output:
 236

Also see

[userstring.add\(\)](#) (on page 7-369)
[userstring.catalog\(\)](#) (on page 7-370)
[userstring.delete\(\)](#) (on page 7-370)

waitcomplete()

This function waits for all overlapped commands in a specified group to complete.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Function	No			

Usage

```
waitcomplete()  
waitcomplete(group)
```

<i>group</i>	Specifies which TSP-Link group on which to wait
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Details

This function will wait for all previously started overlapped commands to complete.

A group number may only be specified when this node is the master node.

If no *group* is specified, the local group is used.

If zero (0) is specified for the *group*, this function waits for all nodes in the system.

NOTE

Any nodes that are not assigned to a group (group number is 0) are part of the master node's group.

Example 1

waitcomplete()	Waits for all nodes in the local group.
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Example 2

waitcomplete(G)	Waits for all nodes in group G.
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Example 3

waitcomplete(0)	Waits for all nodes on the TSP-Link network.
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Also see

None

Section 8

Troubleshooting guide

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Introduction

Troubleshooting information includes information on the Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument errors (including a complete listing of error messages) and LAN troubleshooting suggestions.

Error levels

Error messages are listed in [Error summary list](#) (on page 8-3). Errors have one of the following error levels:

Number	Error level	Description
0	NO_SEVERITY	The message is information only. This level is used when the error queue is empty; the message does not represent an error.
10	INFORMATIONAL	The message is information only. This level is used to indicate status changes; the message does not represent an error.
20	RECOVERABLE	The error was caused by improper use of the instrument or by conditions that can be corrected. This message indicates that an error occurred. The instrument is still operating normally.
30	SERIOUS	There is a condition that prevents the instrument from functioning properly. The message indicates that the instrument is presently operating in an error condition. If the condition is corrected, the instrument will return to normal operation.
40	FATAL	There is a condition that cannot be corrected that prevents the instrument from functioning properly. Disconnect the DUT and turn the power off and then on again. If the error is a hardware fault that persists after cycling the power, the instrument must be repaired.

Error effects on scripts

Most errors will not abort a running script. The only time a script is aborted is when a Lua run-time error (error code -286, "TSP runtime error") is detected. Run-time errors are caused by actions such as trying to index into a variable that is not a table.

Syntax errors (error code -285, "Program syntax") in a script or command will prevent execution of the script or command.

Retrieving errors

When errors occur, the error messages are placed in the error queue. Use `errorqueue` commands to request error message information. For example, the following commands request the complete set of information about the next message in the error queue. They return the code, message, severity, and node for that error:

```
errorCode, message, severity, errorNode = errorqueue.next()  
print(errorcode, message, severity, errorNode)
```

The following table lists the commands associated with the error queue.

Remote commands associated with the error queue	
Command	Description
errorqueue.clear() (on page 7-82)	Clear error queue of all errors
errorqueue.count (on page 7-82)	Number of messages in the error queue
errorqueue.next() (on page 7-82)	Request next error message from queue

Error summary list

Error summary

Error number	Error level	Error Message
-430	RECOVERABLE	Query DEADLOCKED
-420	RECOVERABLE	Query UNTERMINATED
-410	RECOVERABLE	Query INTERRUPTED
-363	RECOVERABLE	Input buffer overrun
-360	RECOVERABLE	Communications error
-350	RECOVERABLE	Queue overflow
-315	RECOVERABLE	Configuration memory lost
-314	RECOVERABLE	Save/recall memory lost
-292	RECOVERABLE	Referenced name does not exist
-286	RECOVERABLE	TSP Runtime error
-285	RECOVERABLE	Program syntax
-282	RECOVERABLE	Illegal program name
-281	RECOVERABLE	Cannot create program
-225	RECOVERABLE	Out of memory or TSP Memory allocation error
-224	RECOVERABLE	Illegal parameter value
-222	RECOVERABLE	Parameter data out of range
-221	RECOVERABLE	Settings conflict
-220	RECOVERABLE	Parameter error
-211	RECOVERABLE	Trigger ignored
-203	RECOVERABLE	Command protected
-154	RECOVERABLE	String too long
-151	RECOVERABLE	Invalid string data
-110	RECOVERABLE	Command header error
-109	RECOVERABLE	Missing parameter
-108	RECOVERABLE	Parameter not allowed
-105	RECOVERABLE	Trigger not allowed
-104	RECOVERABLE	Data type error
0	NO_SEVERITY	Queue Is Empty
503	RECOVERABLE	Calibration overflow
601	RECOVERABLE	Reading buffer data lost
603	RECOVERABLE	Power on state lost
702	FATAL	Unresponsive digital FPGA
802	RECOVERABLE	OUTPUT blocked by interlock
819	RECOVERABLE	Error parsing exponent
820	RECOVERABLE	Error parsing value
900	FATAL	Internal system error
1100	RECOVERABLE	Command unavailable
1101	RECOVERABLE	Parameter too big
1102	RECOVERABLE	Parameter too small
1103	RECOVERABLE	Min greater than max
1104	RECOVERABLE	Too many digits for param type
1105	RECOVERABLE	Too many parameters
1107	RECOVERABLE	Cannot modify factory menu
1108	RECOVERABLE	Menu name does not exist
1109	RECOVERABLE	Menu name already exists
1113	RECOVERABLE	Data too complex
1122	SERIOUS	Interlock or power supply failure

Error summary

Error number	Error level	Error Message
1200	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed
1202	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed
1203	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed (possible loop in node chain)
1204	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed
1205	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed (no remote nodes found)
1206	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed
1207	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed
1208	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed
1209	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed
1210	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link initialization failed (node ID conflict)
1211	RECOVERABLE	Node NN is inaccessible
1212	RECOVERABLE	Invalid node ID
1213	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link session expired
1215	RECOVERABLE	Code execution requested within the local group
1216	RECOVERABLE	Remote execution requested on node in group with pending overlapped operations
1217	RECOVERABLE	Remote execution requested on node outside the local group
1218	RECOVERABLE	Operation allowed only when TSP-Link master
1219	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link found fewer nodes than expected
1220	RECOVERABLE	TSP-Link exceeded maximum supported nodes
1400	RECOVERABLE	Expected at least NN parameters
1401	RECOVERABLE	Parameter NN is invalid
1402	RECOVERABLE	User scripts lost
1403	RECOVERABLE	Factory scripts lost
1404	RECOVERABLE	Invalid byte order
1405	RECOVERABLE	Invalid ASCII precision
1406	RECOVERABLE	Invalid data format

Error summary

Error number	Error level	Error Message
1500	RECOVERABLE	Invalid baud rate setting
1501	RECOVERABLE	Invalid parity setting
1503	RECOVERABLE	Invalid bits setting
1504	RECOVERABLE	Invalid flow control setting
1700	RECOVERABLE	Display area boundary exceeded
1800	RECOVERABLE	Invalid digital trigger mode
1801	RECOVERABLE	Invalid digital I/O line
2000	SERIOUS	Flash download error
2002	RECOVERABLE	EndFlash without Flash
2003	RECOVERABLE	EndScript without LoadScript
2004	SERIOUS	Incompatible version
2101	FATAL	Could not close socket
2102	RECOVERABLE	Connection not established
2103	RECOVERABLE	Lan configuration already in progress
2104	RECOVERABLE	Lan disabled
2105	RECOVERABLE	Socket error
2106	RECOVERABLE	Unreachable gateway
2110	RECOVERABLE	Lan cable disconnected
2111	RECOVERABLE	Could not resolve hostname
2112	RECOVERABLE	DNS name (FQDN) too long
2200	RECOVERABLE	File write error
2201	RECOVERABLE	File read error
2202	RECOVERABLE	Cannot close file
2203	RECOVERABLE	Cannot open file
2204	RECOVERABLE	Directory not found
2205	RECOVERABLE	File not found
2206	RECOVERABLE	Cannot read current working directory
2207	RECOVERABLE	Cannot change directory
2211	RECOVERABLE	File system error
2212	RECOVERABLE	File system command not supported
2213	RECOVERABLE	Too many open files
2214	RECOVERABLE	File access denied
2215	RECOVERABLE	Invalid file handle
2216	RECOVERABLE	Invalid drive
2217	RECOVERABLE	File system busy
2218	RECOVERABLE	Disk full
2219	RECOVERABLE	File corrupt
2220	RECOVERABLE	File already exists
2221	RECOVERABLE	File seek error
2222	RECOVERABLE	End-of-file error
2223	RECOVERABLE	Directory not empty
2400	RECOVERABLE	Invalid specified connection
2401	RECOVERABLE	Invalid timeout seconds (.001 to 30)
2402	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet remote error: XXX, where XXX explains the remote error
2403	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet failure
2404	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet read failure
2405	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet read failure, aborted
2406	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet read failure, timeout
2407	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet write failure
2408	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet write failure, aborted
2409	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet write failure, timeout

Error summary

Error number	Error level	Error Message
2410	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet max connections reached
2411	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet connection failed
2412	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet invalid termination
2413	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet invalid reading buffer table
2414	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet invalid reading buffer index range
2415	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet feature only supported on TSP connections
2416	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet must specify both port and init
2417	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet disconnected by other side
2418	RECOVERABLE	TSPnet read input buffer overflow
2419	RECOVERABLE	Invalid format specifier
2500	RECOVERABLE	Average delay must be at least NNN seconds
4900	RECOVERABLE	Reading buffer index NN is invalid
4903	RECOVERABLE	Reading buffer expired
5001	FATAL	SMU is unresponsive. Disconnect DUT and cycle power
5003	SERIOUS	Saved calibration constants corrupted
5004	RECOVERABLE	Operation conflicts with CALA sense mode
5005	RECOVERABLE	Value too big for range
5007	RECOVERABLE	Operation would exceed safe operating area of the instrument
5008	RECOVERABLE	Operation not permitted while OUTPUT is on
5009	SERIOUS	Unknown sourcing function
5010	SERIOUS	No such SMU function
5011	RECOVERABLE	Operation not permitted while cal is locked
5012	RECOVERABLE	Cal data not saved - save or restore before lock
5013	RECOVERABLE	Cannot save cal data - unlock before save
5014	RECOVERABLE	Cannot restore cal data - unlock before restore
5015	RECOVERABLE	Save to cal set disallowed
5016	RECOVERABLE	Cannot change cal date - unlock before operation
5017	RECOVERABLE	Cannot change cal constants - unlock before operation
5018	SERIOUS	Cal version inconsistency
5019	RECOVERABLE	Cannot unlock - invalid password
5021	SERIOUS	Cannot restore default calset. Using previous calset
5022	SERIOUS	Cannot restore previous calset. Using factory calset
5023	SERIOUS	Cannot restore factory calset. Using nominal calset
5024	SERIOUS	Cannot restore nominal calset. Using firmware defaults
5025	RECOVERABLE	Cannot set filter.count > 1 when measure.count > 1
5027	RECOVERABLE	Unlock cal data with factory password
5028	RECOVERABLE	Cannot perform requested operation while source autorange is enabled
5029	RECOVERABLE	Cannot save without changing cal adjustment date
5032	RECOVERABLE	Cannot change this setting unless buffer is cleared
5033	RECOVERABLE	Reading buffer not found within device
5038	RECOVERABLE	Index exceeds maximum reading
5039	RECOVERABLE	Measure count exceeds buffer capacity
5040	RECOVERABLE	Cannot use same reading buffer for multiple overlapped measurements
5042	RECOVERABLE	Cannot perform requested action while an overlapped operation is in progress
5043	RECOVERABLE	Cannot perform requested operation while voltage measure autorange is enabled

Error summary

Error number	Error level	Error Message
5044	RECOVERABLE	Cannot perform requested operation while current measure autorange is enabled
5045	RECOVERABLE	Cannot perform requested operation while filter is enabled
5046	SERIOUS	SMU too hot
5047	RECOVERABLE	Minimum timestamp resolution is 1us
5048	RECOVERABLE	Contact check not valid with HIGH-Z OUTPUT off
5049	RECOVERABLE	Contact check not valid while an active current source
5050	RECOVERABLE	I limit too low for contact check
5051	FATAL	Model number/SMU hardware mismatch. Disconnect DUT and cycle power
5052	RECOVERABLE	Interlock engaged; system stabilizing
5053	RECOVERABLE	Unstable output detected - Measurements may not be valid
5055	RECOVERABLE	Cannot change adjustment date - change cal constants before operation
5059	RECOVERABLE	trigger.source.action enabled without configuration
5060	RECOVERABLE	trigger.measure.action enabled without configuration
5061	RECOVERABLE	Operation not permitted while OUTPUT is off
5063	RECOVERABLE	Cannot perform requested operation while measure autozero is on
5064	RECOVERABLE	Cannot use reading buffer that collects source values
5065	RECOVERABLE	I range too low for contact check
5066	RECOVERABLE	source.offlimiti too low for contact check
5067	FATAL	Hardware communication error. Disconnect DUT and cycle power
5068	SERIOUS	ADC trigger failure

LAN troubleshooting suggestions

If you are unable to connect to the instrument's web interface, check the following items:

- Verify that the network cable is in the LAN port on the rear panel of the instrument, not one of the TSP-Link® ports (see the description in [Rear panel](#) (on page 2-5)).
- Verify that the network cable is in the correct port on the computer. The LAN port of a laptop may be disabled when the laptop is in a docking station.
- Verify that the correct Ethernet card's configuration information was used during the setup procedure.
- Verify that the computer's network card is enabled.
- Verify that the instrument's IP address is compatible with the IP address on the computer.
- Verify that the instrument's subnet mask address is the same as the computer's subnet mask address.
- Turn the instrument's power off, and then on. Wait at least 60 seconds for the network configuration to be completed. Verify that an IP address has been assigned to the instrument:
 1. Press the **MENU** key to display the MAIN MENU.
 2. Use the navigation wheel  to select **LAN**. The LAN CONFIG menu is displayed.
 3. Select **STATUS**.
 4. Select **IP-ADDRESS**.
- Restart your computer.
- For more detail on LAN settings, see [Connecting to the LAN](#) (on page C-10).

If the above actions do not correct the problem, contact your system administrator.

Section 9

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

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How do I display the instrument's serial number?

The instrument serial number is on a label on the rear panel of the instrument. You can also access the serial number from the front panel using the front-panel keys and menus.

To display the serial number on the front panel:

1. If the Model 2657A is in remote operation, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to place the instrument in local operation.
2. Press the **MENU** key.
3. Use the navigation wheel  to scroll to the **SYSTEM-INFO** menu item.
4. Press the **ENTER** key. The SYSTEM INFORMATION menu is displayed.
5. Scroll to the **SERIAL#** menu item.
6. Press the **ENTER** key. The Model 2657A serial number is displayed.

How do I optimize performance?

The primary factors that affect measurement accuracy and speed are:

- **Warm-up:** For rated measurement accuracy, allow the Model 2657A to warm up for at least two hours before use.
- **Speed setting:** The speed setting affects both speed and accuracy (for more information, see [Setting speed](#) (on page 2-78)).
- **Autozero:** Autozero can be disabled to increase speed at the expense of accuracy (for more information, see [Autozero](#) (on page 2-22)).

Disabling autozero to increase speed

Disabling autozero (setting it to OFF) can increase measurement speed. If autozero is disabled, accuracy will drift with time and temperature.

NOTE

Turning autozero OFF will disable the autozero function and possibly increase measurement speed. To minimize drift, setting autozero to ONCE will perform an autozero operation one time (at the time when it is selected), and then disable the autozero function. For a more detailed discussion of autozero, see the [Autozero](#) (on page 2-22) topic.

To configure autozero from the front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key, and then select **MEAS** from the menu.
2. Select **AUTO-ZERO**, and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
3. Select the desired mode (**OFF**, **ONCE**, or **AUTO**), and then press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel .
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key as necessary to return to the normal display.

Refer to the [Remote command autozero](#) (on page 2-23) topic for details about configuring autozero from a remote interface.

How do I upgrade the firmware?

For information about upgrading the firmware, see [Upgrading the firmware](#) (on page A-4).

How do I use the digital I/O port?

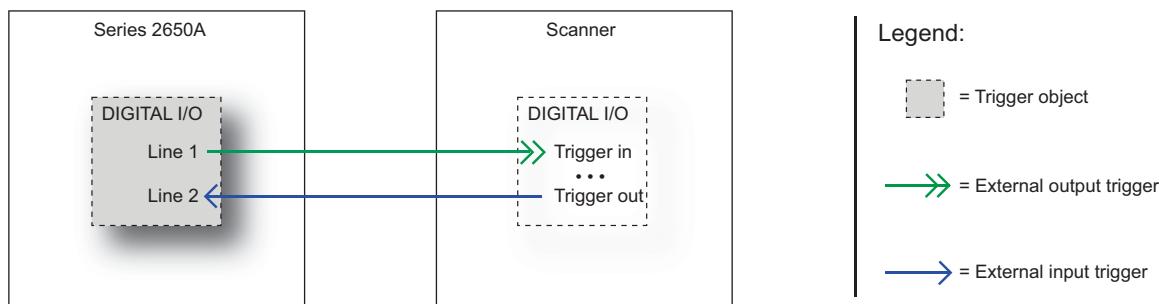
For information about the Model 2657A digital I/O port, see [Digital I/O](#) (on page 3-80).

How do I trigger other instruments?

Triggering a scanner

A typical test scenario might call for using the Model 2657A with a scanner to test a number of devices under test (DUTs) in sequence. A basic example of this uses the Model 2657A digital I/O port to trigger a scanner (shown in the figure below). In this example, line 1 of the digital I/O port is used as a trigger output and connected to the scanner mainframe trigger input, and line 2 of the digital I/O port is used as a trigger input.

Figure 121: Triggering a scanner



Interactive trigger programming

The programming example below illustrates how to set up interactive triggering. The example sets the output trigger pulse width on line 1, then programs both lines 1 and 2 for falling edge triggers. Digital I/O line 1 trigger asserts, and then line 2 waits for the input trigger up to the timeout period specified.

```
-- Set line 1 pulse width to 10 us.  
digio.trigger[1].pulsewidth = 10e-6  
-- Set line 1 mode to falling edge.  
digio.trigger[1].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING  
-- Set line 2 mode to falling edge.  
digio.trigger[2].mode = digio.TRIG_FALLING  
-- Assert trigger on line 1.  
digio.trigger[1].assert()  
-- When complete, wait for trigger on line 2.  
digio.trigger[2].wait(timeout)
```

More information about triggering

To obtain precise timing and synchronization between instruments, use the remote trigger model. For more information about the remote trigger model and interactive triggering using other trigger objects, see [Triggering](#) (on page 3-31).

How do I generate a GPIB service request?

NOTE

For detailed information about this topic, see the [Status model](#) (on page E-1) section of this manual.

Setting up a service request

The exact programming steps necessary to generate a GPIB service request (SRQ) vary, depending on the events intended to generate the SRQ. In general, these steps are:

1. Clear all status registers to prevent anomalous events from generating an SRQ.
2. Set the appropriate bits in the appropriate status model enable registers.
3. Set the proper bits in the service request enable register. At least one bit in this register must always be set, but the exact bits to be set will depend on the desired SRQ events.

Service request programming example

The example below shows how to program the Model 2657A to generate a service request (SRQ) when the current limit on channel A is exceeded.

```
-- Clear all registers.  
status.reset()  
-- Enable the current limit bit in the current limit register.  
status.measurement.current_limit.enable = status.measurement.current_limit.SMUA  
-- Enable the status measure current limit bit.  
status.measurement.enable = status.measurement.IILMT  
-- Enable the status SRQ MSB.  
status.request_enable = status.MSB
```

Polling for SRQs

To determine if the Model 2657A is the GPIB device that generated the service request (SRQ), serial poll the instrument for the status byte, and test to see if the corresponding summary bits are set.

How do I store measurements in nonvolatile memory?

After the measurements are complete, you can save the reading buffer data to the nonvolatile memory in the instrument.

To save the reading buffer data:

1. From the front panel, press the **STORE** key, and then select **SAVE**.
2. Select **INTERNAL** to save to internal nonvolatile memory.
3. Select one of the following:
 - **SMUA_BUFFER1**
 - **SMUA_BUFFER2**
4. The front panel displays **Saving...** This may take awhile.
5. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the main menu.

For additional information, see [Saving reading buffers](#) (on page 3-8).

When should I change the output-off state?

 **CAUTION**

Carefully consider and configure the appropriate output-off state, source, and compliance limits before connecting the Model 2657A to a device that can deliver energy (for example, other voltage sources, batteries, capacitors, or solar cells). Configure recommended instrument settings before making connections to the device. Failure to consider the output-off state, source, and compliance limits may result in damage to the instrument or to the device under test (DUT).

The Model 2657A instrument provides multiple output-off states. The multiple states are required because different types of connected devices (or loads) require different behaviors from the Model 2657A when its output is turned off.

For example, a passive device such as a diode is not affected by a 0 V source connected across its terminals when the output is turned off. However, connecting a 0 V source to the terminals of a battery causes the battery to discharge. Therefore, careful selection of the proper output-off state is important to prevent damage to devices and instruments. This is especially true when the device can deliver energy to the Model 2657A, such as a battery or capacitor. In these situations, you should use an output-off state that isolates the instrument from the device by either setting
`smuX.source.offfunc = smuX.OUTPUT_DCAMPS` or `smuX.source.offfunc = smuX.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS`, as applicable.

How do I make contact check measurements?

For information about making contact check measurements, see [Contact check measurements](#) (on page 2-37) and [Contact check](#) (on page 4-21).

How do I make low-current measurements?

Low-current connections

Low-current measurements (<1 mA) are subject to errors caused by leakage currents and leakage resistances in the signal path. Model 2657A instruments are equipped with triaxial connectors to minimize these problems. To assure accurate low-level measurements, the integrity of the signal path must be maintained to the device under test (DUT), including using both low-noise triaxial cables and a suitable test fixture.

The figure below shows typical connections for low-current measurements. The DUT in this example could be a low-current semiconductor device, a high-megohm resistor, or any other passive or active electronic device requiring low-current measurements. Note that the DUT is enclosed in both a guard shield and a safety shield.

The inner shield (guard) of the HI triaxial cable is connected to the test fixture guard shield. The guard shield prevents leakage currents from affecting the measurements. The outer cable shield (chassis ground or protective earth (safety ground)) is connected to the safety shield. To protect the operator from hazardous live voltages, you must make a separate protective earth (safety ground) connection to the safety shield.

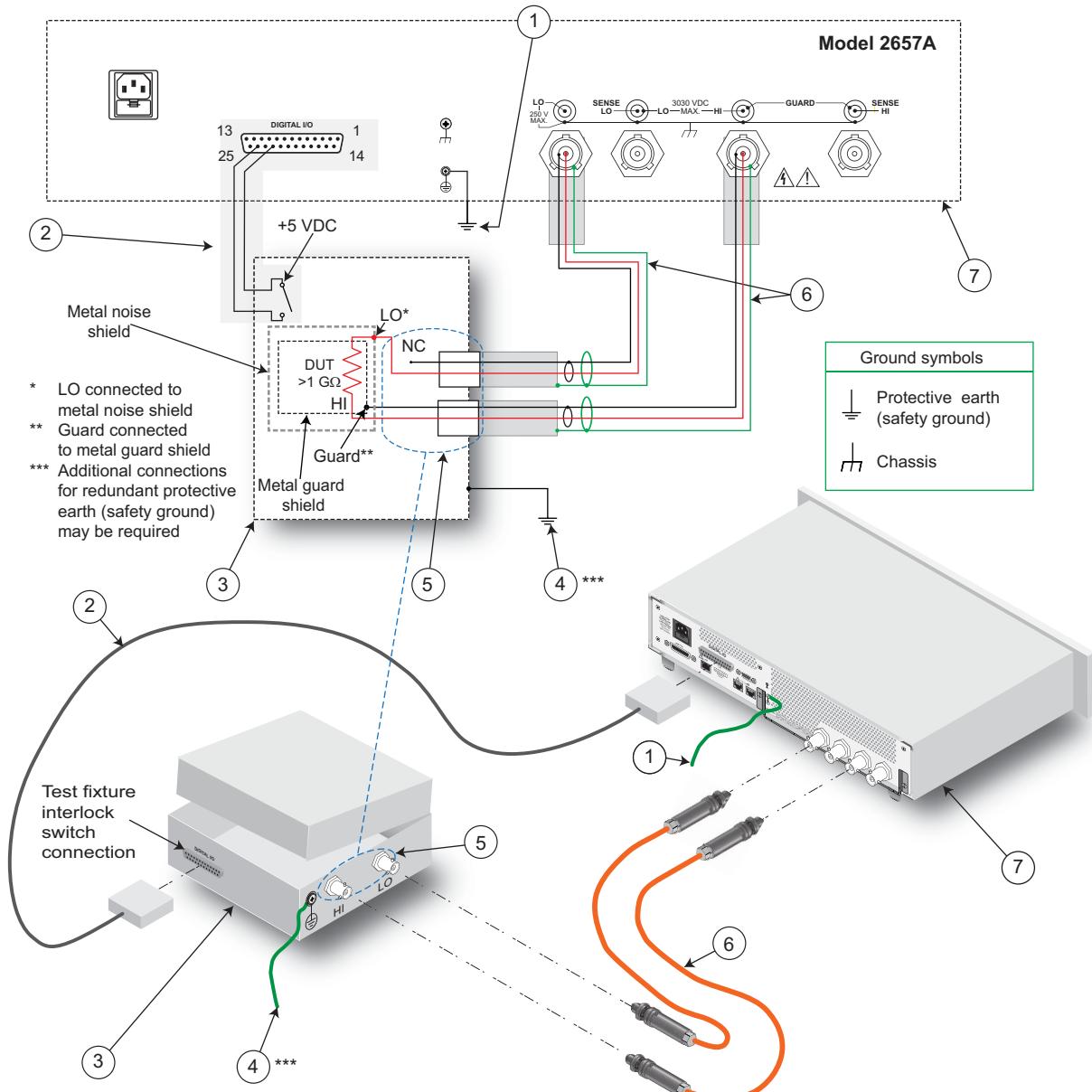
WARNING

A safety shield must be used whenever hazardous voltages (>30 V RMS, 42 V peak) will be present in the test circuit. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never use the Model 2657A in a test circuit that may contain hazardous voltages without a properly installed and configured safety shield.

Connect the enclosure of all metal test fixtures to protective earth (safety ground). Nonconductive test fixtures must be rated to double the maximum capability of the test equipment in the system. Failure to attach the ground wires to a known protective earth may result in electric shock.

Additional connections for redundant protective earth (safety ground) may be required.

Figure 122: Typical low-current connections



(1)	Protective earth (safety ground). Keithley Instruments Model CA-568-120 is a protective earth cable assembly. See Keithley Instruments website (http://www.keithley.com) for ordering information.
(2)	Model 2657A interlock digital I/O. Pin 24 (INT) and pin 22 (5 V DC) are connected to the test fixture lid switch. The interlock switch is shown in the disengaged, or lid open, position.
(3)	Normally-open (NO) interlock metal safety enclosure.
(4)	To protective earth (safety ground) from the test fixture or protection module. Additional connections for redundant protective earth may be required.
(5)	HI and LO connections using Model HV-CA-571-3 high-voltage triaxial female panel mount to unterminated cable assembly. LO is connected to the metal noise shield.
(6)	High-voltage triaxial cable assembly (Model HV-CA-554)
(7)	Model 2657A.

Low-current measurement programming example

Example code for a typical low-current measurement is shown below. This code assumes that a 100 GΩ resistor is being tested.

```
-- Restore defaults.
smua.reset()
-- Set source to DC V.
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS
-- Select 200 V source range.
smua.source.rangev = 200
-- Output 100 V DC.
smua.source.levelv = 100
-- Select 1 nA range.
smua.measure.rangei = 1e-9
-- Set current limit to 2 nA.
smua.source.limiti = 2e-9
-- Turn on output.
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
-- Delay 1 second to allow for source and measure settling.
smua.source.delay = 1
-- Returns current reading.
print(smua.measure.i())
-- Returns resistance reading.
print(smua.measure.r())
-- Turn off output.
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

How can I change the line frequency or voltage?

The Model 2657A requires a line voltage of 100 V AC to 240 V AC ($\pm 10\%$), and a line frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. At the factory, each Model 2657A is configured to match the power line frequency appropriate for your country (either 50 Hz or 60 Hz).

You can manually configure the instrument to a different line frequency. For more information, see [Line frequency configuration](#) (on page 2-9).

Where can I get the LabVIEW driver?

The latest NI™ LabVIEW™ driver is available from the [Keithley Instruments support website](http://www.keithley.com/support) (<http://www.keithley.com/support>).

Can I convert to coaxial cables?

Use the optional cable assembly (Keithley Instruments model number SHV-CA-553), which converts a high-voltage triaxial connector to a safe high-voltage (SHV) connector. See "Using coaxial connections (SHV)" in the Model 2657A User's Manual for details.

How do I connect LO terminals of multiple SMUs together?

To connect the SENSE LO and LO terminals of the Model 2657A to other source-measure units (SMUs), use the Model 2657A-LIM-3 LO Interconnect Module. For more details, refer to the Model 2657A-LIM-3 LO Interconnect Module documentation (PA-1063).

NOTE

If you are connecting to a lower-voltage SMU, you must first connect the lower-voltage SMU to a Keithley Instruments Model 2657A-PM-200 Protection Module using triaxial connections only. Compatible lower-voltage SMUs include the Models 2611A, 2611B, 2612A, 2612B, 2614B, 2634B, 2635A, 2635B, 2636A, and 2636B, 4200-SCS, 4200-SMU, and 4210-SMU. For more information about the Model 2657A-PM-200, refer to the Model 2657A-PM-200 Protection Module documentation (PA-1055).

⚠ WARNING

The Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter instrument and its associated cabling are designed to be safe when operated correctly in a 3000 V system. They are only warranted to the maximum voltage and current ratings of the instrument. Connecting two Model 2657A instruments in parallel or in series may result in voltages or power levels that exceed the safety mechanisms. This increases the risk of instrument damage and the possibility of personal injury or death due to electric shock. The user assumes all of the associated risks of combining the outputs of two or more Model 2657A instruments.

What should I do if I get an 802 interlock error?

You will receive error code 802, "OUTPUT blocked by interlock," if you:

- Disengage the interlock when the Model 2657A output is already on
- Attempt to turn on the Model 2657A output when the interlock is disengaged

To recover from this error, properly engage the interlock using a safe test fixture, and then turn on the Model 2657A output.

Why is the reading value 9.91e37?

This value indicates that there is a measurement overflow error. This error occurs when:

- A measurement performed on a fixed range has a measured value greater than the specified range
- The measured value is larger than the maximum current or voltage range of the instrument (exceeds the instrument rating)

If the instrument displays the overflow message on a particular range, select a higher range until an on-range reading is displayed. To ensure the best accuracy and resolution, use the lowest range possible that does not cause an overflow.

Why am I getting a reading value of 9.92e37?

This value indicates an overvoltage condition. This can be caused by:

- Exceeding the overvoltage protection (OVP) limit value
- Incorrect connections to the device under test (DUT)
- Incorrect channel setup

The OVP limit can be set from the Model 2657A front panel or through a remote interface.

To set the OVP limit from the instrument front panel:

1. Press the **CONFIG** key, and then select **SRC > V-SOURCE > PROTECTION**.
2. Enter the desired OVP value.
3. Press **ENTER**.

To set the OVP limit through a remote interface:

Use the [smuX.source.protectv](#) (on page 7-223) attribute to set the OVP limit through a remote interface.

For more information about overvoltage protection, see [Overvoltage protection \(OVP\)](#) (on page 2-65).

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Additional Model 2657A information

For additional information about the Model 2657A, refer to:

- The Product Information CD-ROM (which ships with the product). Contains software tools, drivers, and product documentation
- The [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>): Contains the most up-to-date product information; from the website, you can access:
 - The Knowledge Center, where you can order the following handbooks:
 - *The Low Level Measurements Handbook: Precision DC Current, Voltage, and Resistance Measurements*
 - *Switching Handbook: A Guide to Signal Switching in Automated Test Systems*
 - Application notes
 - Updated drivers
 - Information on related products, including:
 - The Model 4200-SCS Semiconductor Characterization System
 - The Series 2600B System SourceMeter® instruments
 - The Model 2651A High Power System SourceMeter instrument
 - The Model 8010 High Power Device Test Fixture
- Your local Field Applications Engineer can help you with product selection, configuration, and usage. Check the website for contact information.

Appendix A

Maintenance

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Introduction

The information in this section describes routine maintenance of the Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument that can be performed by the operator.

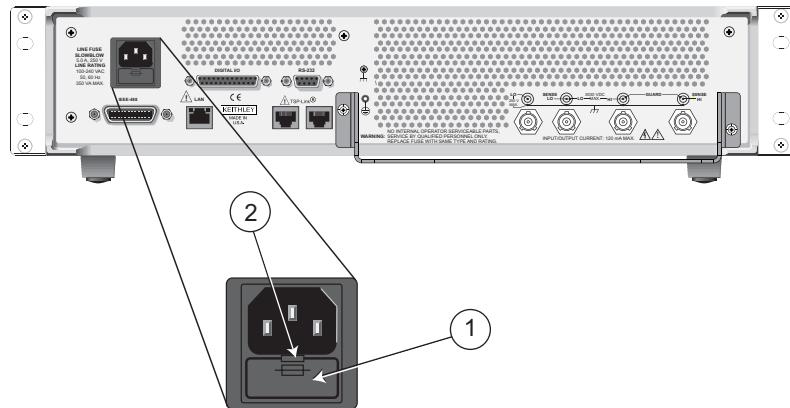
Line fuse replacement

A fuse located on the Model 2657A rear panel protects the power line input of the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument.

WARNING

Disconnect the line cord at the rear panel and remove all test leads connected to the instrument before replacing the line fuse. Failure to do so could expose the operator to hazardous voltages that could result in personal injury or death.

Figure 123: Fuse replacement



WARNING

To prevent injury, death, or instrument damage, use only the correct fuse type (see table).

Perform the following steps to replace the line fuse:

1. Power off the instrument and remove the line cord.
2. The fuse drawer (item 1 in the figure) is located below the AC receptacle. A small tab is located on the top of the fuse drawer (item 2). Using a thin-bladed knife or a screwdriver, pry this tab away from the AC receptacle.
3. Slide the fuse drawer out to gain access to the fuse (the fuse drawer does not pull completely out of the power module).
4. Snap the fuse out of the drawer and replace it with the same type (the fuse is specified in the table below).
5. Push the fuse drawer back into the module.

If the power line fuse continues to blow, a circuit malfunction exists and must be corrected. Return the instrument to Keithley Instruments for repair.

Line fuse

Line voltage	Rating	Keithley Instruments part number
100 V - 240 V	5 A, 250 V, FAST-ACTING CARTRIDGE FUSE, 5 x 20 mm	FU-154-5

Front panel tests

There are two front panel tests: one to test the functionality of the front panel keys and one to test the display.

NOTE

In the following procedures, once highlighted, menu items are selected by pressing the **ENTER** key. Alternatively, menu items can be selected by pressing the navigation wheel ☺.

Keys test

This test lets you check the functionality of each front panel key.

Perform the following steps to run the KEYS test:

1. If the Model 2657A is in remote mode, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to place the instrument in local mode.
2. Press the **MENU** key.
3. Navigate through the menus by turning the navigation wheel . Press the **ENTER** key to select the menu items as follows: **DISPLAY > TEST > DISPLAY-TESTS**.
4. Turn the navigation wheel  until the **KEYS** menu item is highlighted.
5. To start the test, press the **ENTER** key. While the test is active, when you press a key, the label name for that key is displayed to indicate that it is functioning properly. When you release the key, the message "No keys pressed" is displayed.
6. To test the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once.
7. To exit the test, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key twice consecutively. You will exit the test and the instrument returns to the FRONT PANEL TESTS menu.
8. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key multiple times to exit out of the menu structure.

Display patterns test

This test lets you verify that each pixel and indicator in the vacuum fluorescent display is working properly.

Perform the following steps to run the display test:

1. If the Model 2657A is in remote mode, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to place the instrument in local mode.
2. Press the **MENU** key.
3. Navigate through the menus by turning the navigation wheel , and then pressing the **ENTER** key to select the items as follows: **DISPLAY > TEST > DISPLAY-TESTS**.
4. Turn the navigation wheel  until the **DISPLAY-PATTERNS** menu item is highlighted.
5. To start the display test, press the **ENTER** key. There are three parts to the display test. Each time the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  is pressed, the next part of the test sequence is selected. The three parts of the test sequence are as follows:
 - Checkerboard pattern and the indicators that are on during normal operation
 - Checkerboard pattern (alternate pixels on) and all the numeric indicators (which are not used) are illuminated
 - Each digit (and adjacent indicators) is sequenced; all of the pixels of the selected digit are on
6. When finished, abort the display test by pressing the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key. The instrument returns to the FRONT PANEL TESTS menu. Continue pressing the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to exit out of the menu structure.

Upgrading the firmware

Upgrade files are available on the [Keithley Instruments website](http://www.keithley.com) (<http://www.keithley.com>).

To locate the upgrade files on the Keithley website:

1. Select the **Support** tab.
2. Search for your model number's firmware:
 - a. In the model number box, type **2657A**.
 - b. Select **Firmware**.
 - c. Click the search button.
3. A list of available firmware updates and any available documentation for the instrument is displayed. Click the desired file to download.

CAUTION

Disconnect the input and output terminals before you upgrade.

Do not remove power from the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument or remove the flash drive while an upgrade is in progress. Wait until the instrument completes the upgrade procedure and the opening display is shown.

To upgrade the firmware using the front panel:

1. Copy the firmware upgrade file to a USB flash drive.
2. Disconnect the input and output terminals to and from the instrument.
3. Power on the Model 2657A.
4. If the Model 2657A is in remote mode, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to place the instrument in local mode.
5. Insert the flash drive into the USB port on the front panel of the Model 2657A.
6. From the Model 2657A front panel, press the **MENU** key
7. Scroll to the **UPGRADE** menu item (by turning the navigation wheel ), and then press the **ENTER** key.
8. Scroll to and select the file (located on the USB flash drive) that contains the appropriate version of firmware.
9. Press the **ENTER** key to upgrade the firmware.

To upgrade the firmware from the web interface:

1. Access the instrument's web page (for additional information, see [Step 5: Access the instrument's web page](#) (on page C-9)).
2. From the left navigation area, select **Flash Upgrade**.
3. Log in if necessary.
4. Click **Upgrade Firmware**. A file selection dialog box is shown.
5. Select the file that contains the appropriate version of firmware.
6. Click **Open**. A progress dialog box is displayed. When the upgrade begins, the front panel display will also display the progress.
7. After the instrument automatically restarts, it will be ready for use.

Using TSB for upgrading the firmware

After downloading the new flash file from the Keithley Instruments website, you can use Test Script Builder (TSB) to upgrade the firmware of your Model 2657A.

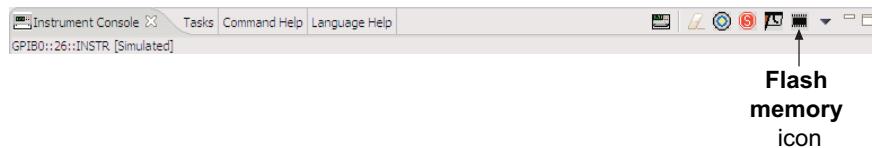
1. If not already running, start Test Script Builder (on the PC desktop, double-click the icon for the Test Script Builder).
2. On the Instrument Console toolbar, click the **Open Instrument** icon and then select your communication interface from the Select Instrument Resource dialog box. See the section on TSP Programming Fundamentals for details on opening communications.

Figure 124: Open Instrument icon



3. On the Instrument Console toolbar, click the **Flash memory** icon to display a drop-down menu.

Figure 125: Flash memory icon



4. From the drop-down menu, select **Instrument** and then click **Flash**.
5. From the Select A Firmware Data File dialog box, use the browser to select the file name of the new firmware and click **Open** to upgrade the firmware.

Appendix B

Calibration

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Verification

WARNING

The information in this topic is intended only for qualified service personnel. Some of the procedures may expose you to hazardous voltages that could result in personal injury or death. Do not attempt to perform these procedures unless you are qualified to do so.

Use the procedures in this section to verify that the Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument accuracy is within the limits stated in the instrument's one-year accuracy specifications. Perform the verification procedures:

- When you first receive the instrument to make sure that it was not damaged during shipment.
- To verify that the instrument meets factory specifications.
- To determine if calibration is required.
- After performing a calibration adjustment to make sure the instrument was adjusted properly.

NOTE

If the instrument is still under warranty and its performance is outside specified limits, contact your Keithley Instruments representative or the factory to determine the correct course of action.

Verification test requirements

Be sure that you perform the verification tests:

- Under the proper environmental conditions.
- After the specified warm-up period.
- Using the correct line voltage.
- Using the proper test equipment.
- Using the specified output signal and reading limits.

NOTE

Product specifications are subject to change. Listed uncertainties and test limits are provided only as examples. Always verify values against actual product specifications.

Environmental conditions

Conduct your performance verification procedures in a test environment with:

- An ambient temperature of 18 °C to 28 °C (65 °F to 82 °F).
- A relative humidity of less than 70 percent unless otherwise noted.

NOTE

Product specifications that are listed as 18 °C to 28 °C assume adjustment has been done at 23 °C. If the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument is adjusted at a different temperature, the specifications apply to ± 5 °C of that adjustment temperature.

Line power

The Model 2657A requires a line voltage of 100 V to 240 V and a line frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. Verification tests should be performed within this range.

Warmup period

Allow the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument to warm up for at least two hours before conducting the verification procedures.

If the instrument has been subjected to temperature extremes (those outside the ranges stated above), allow additional time for the instrument's internal temperature to stabilize. Typically, allow one extra hour to stabilize an instrument that is 10 °C (18 °F) outside the specified temperature range.

Also, allow the test equipment to warm up for the minimum time specified by the manufacturer.

Recommended verification equipment

The following table summarizes recommended maximum allowable test equipment uncertainty for verification points. Total test equipment measurement uncertainty should meet or be less than the listed values at each test point. Generally, test equipment uncertainty should be at least four times better than corresponding Model 2657A specifications.

Description	Manufacturer/model	Accuracy
Digital multimeter		DC voltage 100 V: ±180 ppm 180 V: ±130 ppm 250 V: ±160 ppm 450 V: ±110 ppm 750 V: ±160 ppm 1350 V: ±110 ppm 1500 V: ±160 ppm 2700 V: ±110 ppm
Digital multimeter (continued)		DC current 0.5 nA: ±2000 ppm 0.9 nA: ±1200 ppm 5 nA: ±650 ppm 9 nA: ±470 ppm 50 nA: ±450 ppm 90 nA: ±360 ppm 500 nA: ±260 ppm 900 nA: ±170 ppm 5 µA: ±130 ppm 9 µA: ±100 ppm 50 µA: ±51 ppm 90 µA: ±50 ppm 0.5 mA: ±51 ppm 0.9 mA: ±50 ppm 1 mA: ±170 ppm 1.8 mA: ±110 ppm 10 mA: ±170 ppm 18 mA: ±110 ppm 60 mA: ±150 ppm 108 mA: ±100 ppm
Sample voltage divider*: Ultra-stable resistor (qty 6), for voltage divider 10 MΩ, 0.01% Ultra-stable resistor (qty 1), for voltage divider 200 kΩ, 0.01%	Caddock USF271 - 10.0 Meg - 0.01% - 2ppm/°C Caddock USF240 - 200K - 0.01% - 2ppm/°C	±110 ppm ±110 ppm

* A voltage divider is needed only if the available meter cannot measure full scale values of the Model 2657A. The resistors (in the sample voltage divider circuit) are used to test signals > 1000 V with the recommended equipment. Before use, characterize the resistor to the uncertainty shown.

Verification limits

The verification limits stated in this section have been calculated using only the Model 2657A one-year accuracy specifications, and they do not include test equipment uncertainty. If a particular measurement falls outside the allowable range, recalculate new limits based both on the Model 2657A specifications and corresponding test equipment specifications.

Source limit calculations

As an example of how to calculate source verification limits, assume you are testing the Model 2657A 200 V DC output range using a 180 V output value. Using the one-year accuracy specification for the 200 V range DC output of $\pm (0.03\% \text{ of output} + 50 \text{ mV offset})$, the calculated output limits are:

$$\text{Output limits} = 180.0 \text{ V} \pm [(180.0 \text{ V} \times 0.03\%) + 50 \text{ mV}]$$

$$\text{Output limits} = 180.0 \text{ V} \pm (0.054 \text{ V} + 0.050 \text{ V})$$

$$\text{Output limits} = 180.0 \text{ V} \pm 0.104 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Output limits} = 179.896 \text{ V} \text{ to } 180.104 \text{ V}$$

Source limits for current are calculated in the same way but using the Model 2657A instrument's current source specifications.

Measurement limit calculations

Measurement limits are calculated in the same way as the source limits, except that the limits are calculated with respect to the measurement of the external reference instrument. For example, suppose that the Model 2657A is programmed to source 180.0 V and the external precision DMM measures 179.986 V. Using the one-year accuracy specification for the 200 V DC range measurement of $\pm (0.025\% \text{ of output} + 50 \text{ mV offset})$, the calculated measurement limits are:

$$\text{Measurement limits} = 179.986 \text{ V} \pm [(179.986 \text{ V} \times 0.025\%) + 50 \text{ mV}]$$

$$\text{Measurement limits} = 179.986 \text{ V} \pm (0.0449965 \text{ V} + 0.050 \text{ V})$$

$$\text{Measurement limits} = 179.986 \text{ V} \pm 0.0949965 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Measurement limits} = 179.891 \text{ V} \text{ to } 180.081 \text{ V}$$

Measurement limits for current are calculated in the same way but using the Model 2657A instrument's current measurement specifications.

Restoring factory defaults

Before performing the verification procedures, restore the instrument to its factory front panel (bench) defaults as follows:

1. Press the **MENU** key.
2. Scroll to the **SETUP** menu item (by turning the navigation wheel ) , and then press the **ENTER** key.
3. Scroll to the **RECALL** menu item, and then press the **ENTER** key.
4. Scroll to the **INTERNAL** menu item, and then press the **ENTER** key.
5. Scroll to the **FACTORY** menu item.
6. Press the **ENTER** key to restore defaults.

Performing the verification test procedures

Test summary

Perform the following verification tests to make sure the instrument is operating within specifications:

- [Current source accuracy](#) (on page B-6)
- [Current measurement accuracy](#) (on page B-8)
- [Voltage source accuracy](#) (on page B-9)
- [Voltage measurement accuracy](#) (on page B-12)

If the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument is not within specifications and not under warranty, see the procedures in [Adjustment](#) (on page B-14) for information on adjusting the instrument.

Test considerations

When performing the verification procedures:

- Be sure to restore factory front panel defaults as outlined above.
- Make sure that the test equipment is properly warmed up and connected to the Model 2657A output terminals (use 4-wire sensing for voltage).
- Make sure the Model 2657A SMU is set to the correct source range.
- Be sure the Model 2657A SMU output is turned on before making measurements.
- Be sure the test equipment is set up for the proper function and range.
- Allow the Model 2657A SMU output signal to settle before making a measurement.
- Do not connect test equipment to the Model 2657A SMU through a scanner, multiplexer, or other switching equipment.

WARNING

The maximum common-mode voltage (voltage between LO and chassis ground) is 250 V DC. Exceeding this value may cause a breakdown in insulation, creating a shock hazard that could result in personal injury or death.

The input/output terminals of the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter instrument SMU are rated for connection to circuits rated Measurement Category I only, with transients rated less than 1500 V peak above the maximum rated input. Do not connect the Model 2657A terminals to CAT II, CAT III, or CAT IV circuits. Connection of the Model 2657A terminals to circuits higher than CAT I can cause damage to the equipment or expose the operator to hazardous voltage.

Hazardous voltages may be present on all output and guard terminals. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never make or break connections to the Model 2657A while the instrument is powered on. Turn off the equipment from the front panel or disconnect the main power cord from the rear of the Model 2657A before handling cables. Putting the equipment into standby does not guarantee that the outputs are powered off if a hardware or software fault occurs.

Setting the source range and output value

Before testing each verification point, you must properly set the source range and output value.

To set the source range and output value:

1. Press the **SRC** key to select the appropriate source function.
2. Press the navigation wheel  to enable the edit mode (EDIT indicator on).
3. When the cursor in the source display field is flashing, set the source range to the range being verified. Use the up or down **RANGE** keys to select the range.
4. Use the navigation wheel  and **CURSOR** keys to set the source value to the required value, and then press the navigation wheel  to complete editing.

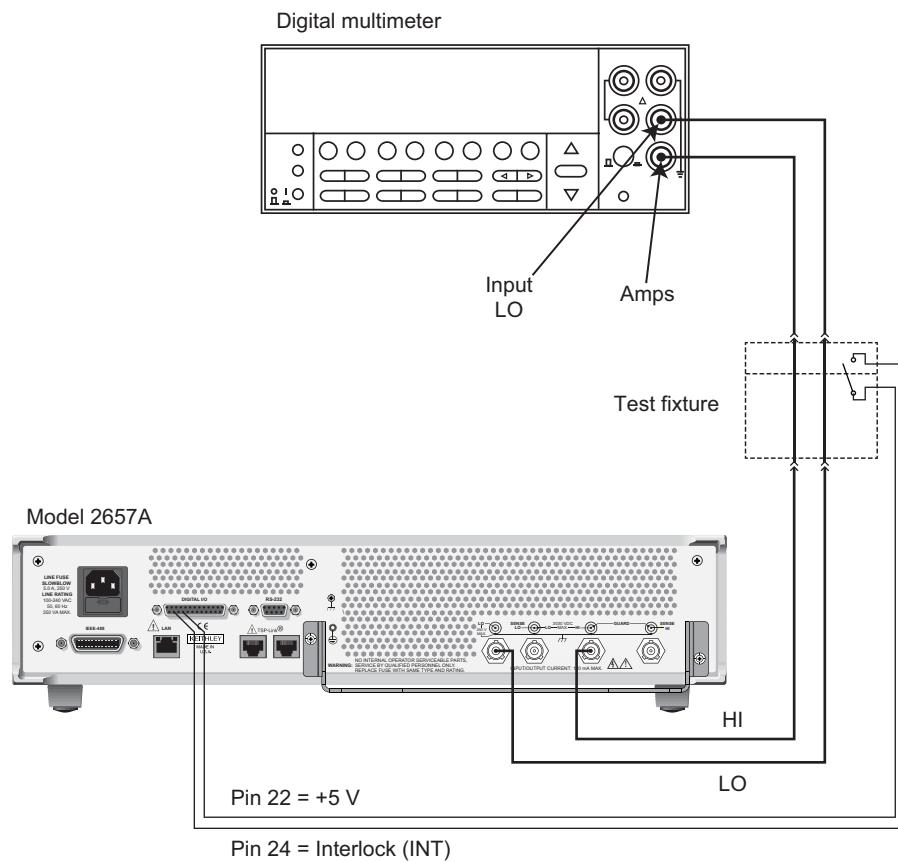
Setting the measurement range

When simultaneously sourcing and measuring either voltage or current, the measure range is coupled to the source range, and you cannot independently control the measure range. Thus, it is not necessary for you to set the range when testing voltage or current measurement accuracy.

Current source accuracy

Follow the steps below to verify that the Model 2657A output current accuracy is within specified limits.

Figure 126: Connections for current verification



1. With the power off, connect the digital multimeter to the Model 2657A as shown in the figure titled "Connections for current verification."
2. Select the multimeter DC current measuring function.
3. Press the **SRC** key to source current, and make sure the source output is turned on.
4. Verify output current accuracy for each of the currents for the 1 nA through 120 mA ranges using the values listed in the following table. For each test point:
 - Select the correct source range.
 - Set the Model 2657A output current to the correct value.
 - Verify that the multimeter reading is within the limits given in the table below.

Output current accuracy limits

Source range	Output current setting	Output current limits (1 year, 18 °C to 28 °C)
1 nA*	0.5000 nA	0.497499 nA to 0.502501 nA
	0.9000 nA	0.897099 nA to 0.902901 nA
10 nA*	5.0000 nA	4.98999 nA to 5.01001 nA
	9.0000 nA	8.98599 nA to 9.01401 nA
100 nA*	50.000 nA	49.8899 nA to 50.1101 nA
	90.000 nA	89.8499 nA to 90.1501 nA
1 µA	0.50000 µA	0.499150 µA to 0.500850 µA
	0.90000 µA	0.899030 µA to 0.900970 µA
10 µA	5.0000 µA	4.99350 µA to 5.00650 µA
	9.0000 µA	8.99230 µA to 9.00770 µA
100 µA	50.000 µA	49.9250 µA to 50.0750 µA
	90.000 µA	89.9130 µA to 90.0870 µA
1 mA	0.50000 mA	0.499550 mA to 0.500450 mA
	0.90000 mA	0.899430 mA to 0.900570 mA
2 mA	1.0000 mA	0.99850 mA to 1.00150 mA
	1.8000 mA	1.79826 mA to 1.80174 mA
20 mA	10.000 mA	9.9850 mA to 10.0150 mA
	18.000 mA	17.9826 mA to 18.0174 mA
120 mA	60.000 mA	59.946 mA to 60.054 mA
	108.000 mA	107.932 mA to 108.068 mA

* Output current limits assume 1 V burden voltage.

5. Repeat the procedure for negative output currents with the same magnitudes as those listed.

Current measurement accuracy

Follow the steps below to verify that Model 2657A current measurement accuracy is within specified limits. The procedure involves applying accurate currents from the Model 2657A current source and then verifying that Model 2657A current measurements are within required limits.

1. With the power off, connect the digital multimeter to the Model 2657A terminals as shown in the figure titled "Connections for current verification" in [Current source accuracy](#) (on page B-6).
2. Select the multimeter DC current function.
3. Set the Model 2657A SMU to both source and measure current by pressing the **SRC** and then the **MEAS** keys. Make sure the source output is turned on.
4. Verify measure current accuracy for each of the currents listed using the values listed in the following table. For each measurement:
 - Select the correct source range.
 - Set the Model 2657A output current such that the digital multimeter reading is the value indicated in the source current column of the table below. It may not be possible to set the current source to get exactly the required reading on the digital multimeter. Use the closest possible setting and modify the reading limits accordingly.
 - Verify that the Model 2657A current reading is within the limits given in the table below.

Current measurement accuracy limits

Source and measure range*	Source current**	Current reading limits (1 year, 18 °C to 28 °C)
1 nA***	0.50000 nA 0.90000 nA	0.498899 nA to 0.501101 nA 0.898499 nA to 0.901501 nA
10 nA***	5.0000 nA 9.0000 nA	4.99000 nA to 5.01000 nA 8.98600 nA to 9.01400 nA
100 nA***	50.000 nA 90.000 nA	49.8899 nA to 50.1101 nA 89.8499 nA to 90.1501 nA
1 μA	0.50000 μA 0.90000 μA	0.499475 μA to 0.500525 μA 0.899375 μA to 0.900625 μA
10 μA	5.0000 μA 9.0000 μA	4.99725 μA to 5.00275 μA 8.99625 μA to 9.00375 μA
100 μA	50.000 μA 90.000 μA	49.9650 μA to 50.0350 μA 89.9570 μA to 90.0430 μA
1 mA	0.50000 mA 0.90000 mA	0.499700 mA to 0.500300 mA 0.899620 mA to 0.900380 mA
2 mA	1.0000 mA 1.8000 mA	0.99930 mA to 1.00070 mA 1.79914 mA to 1.80086 mA
20 mA	10.000 mA 18.000 mA	9.9930 mA to 10.0070 mA 17.9914 mA to 18.0086 mA
120 mA	60.000 mA 108.000 mA	59.964 mA to 60.036 mA 107.954 mA to 108.046 mA
* Measure range coupled to source range when simultaneously sourcing and measuring current.		
** As measured by precision digital multimeter. Use closest possible value, and modify reading limits accordingly if necessary. See Measurement limit calculations (on page B-4).		
*** Current reading limits assume 1 V burden voltage.		

5. Repeat the procedure for negative calibrator currents with the same magnitudes as those listed.
6. Verify current accuracy for high-speed ADC current measurements as follows:
 - a. Select the correct source range.
 - b. Set the Model 2657A output current such that the digital multimeter reading is the value indicated in the "Source current" column of the table below. It may not be possible to set the current source to get exactly the required reading on the digital multimeter. Use the closest possible setting and modify the reading limits accordingly.
 - c. Press the **LOAD** key then select **FACTORY**.
 - d. Select **FpVerifyFastAdcl** and then press the **ENTER** key.
 - e. Press the **RUN** key.
 - f. Verify that the Model 2657A fast ADC current reading is within the limits given in the table.
 - g. Press any key to stop the verification script.
 - h. Repeat the procedure for negative source currents with the same magnitudes as those listed in the following table.

High-speed ADC current measurement accuracy limits

Source and measure range*	Source current**	Current reading limits (1 year, 18 °C to 28 °C)
1 mA	0.5 mA 0.9 mA	0.499350 mA to 0.500650 mA 0.899150 mA to 0.900850 mA

* Measure range coupled to source range when simultaneously sourcing and measuring current.

** As measured by precision digital multimeter. Use closest possible value, and modify reading limits accordingly if necessary. See [Measurement limit calculations](#) (on page B-4).

Voltage source accuracy

Follow the steps below to verify that the Model 2657A output voltage accuracy is within specified limits. To perform this test, you will set the output voltage to each full-range value and measure the voltages with a precision digital multimeter.

WARNING

The information in this topic is intended only for qualified service personnel. Some of the procedures may expose you to hazardous voltages that could result in personal injury or death. Do not attempt to perform these procedures unless you are qualified to do so.

- With the power off, connect the digital multimeter (DMM) to the Model 2657A output terminals using 4-wire connections, as shown below. Use the direct connection scheme for voltage ranges the digital multimeter used for calibration can measure. Use a voltage divider if required to bring the voltage within the range capabilities of the digital multimeter.

Figure 127: Connections for voltage verification (direct connection)

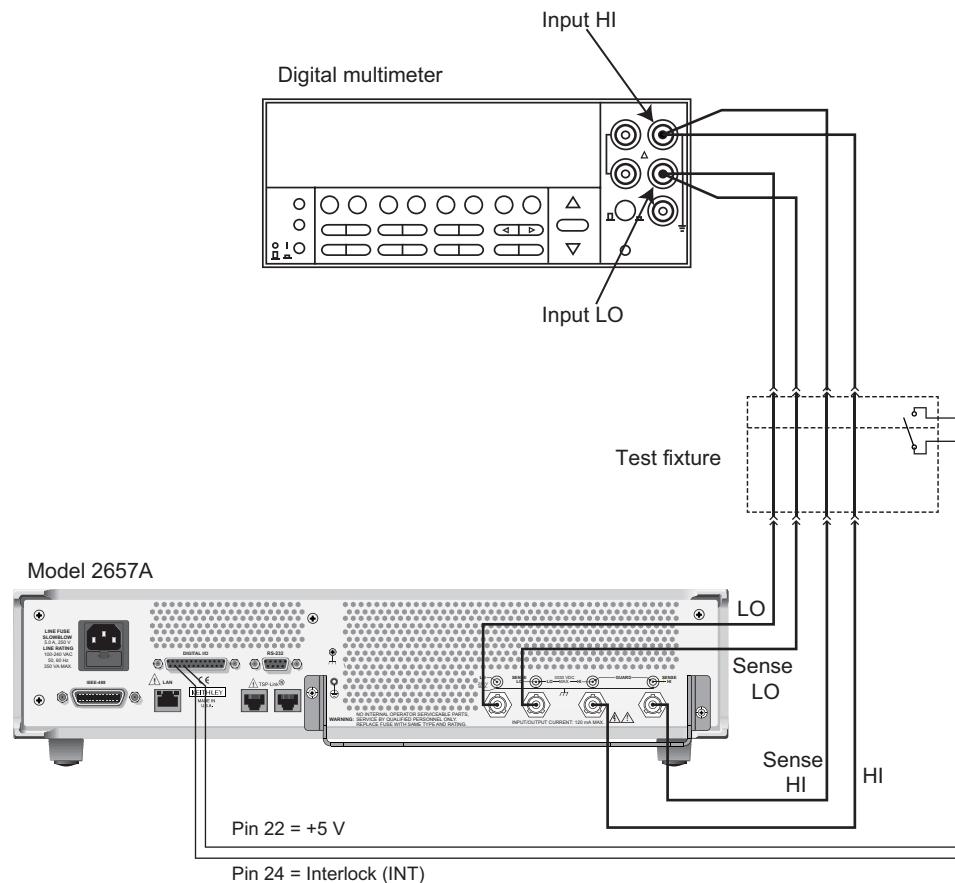
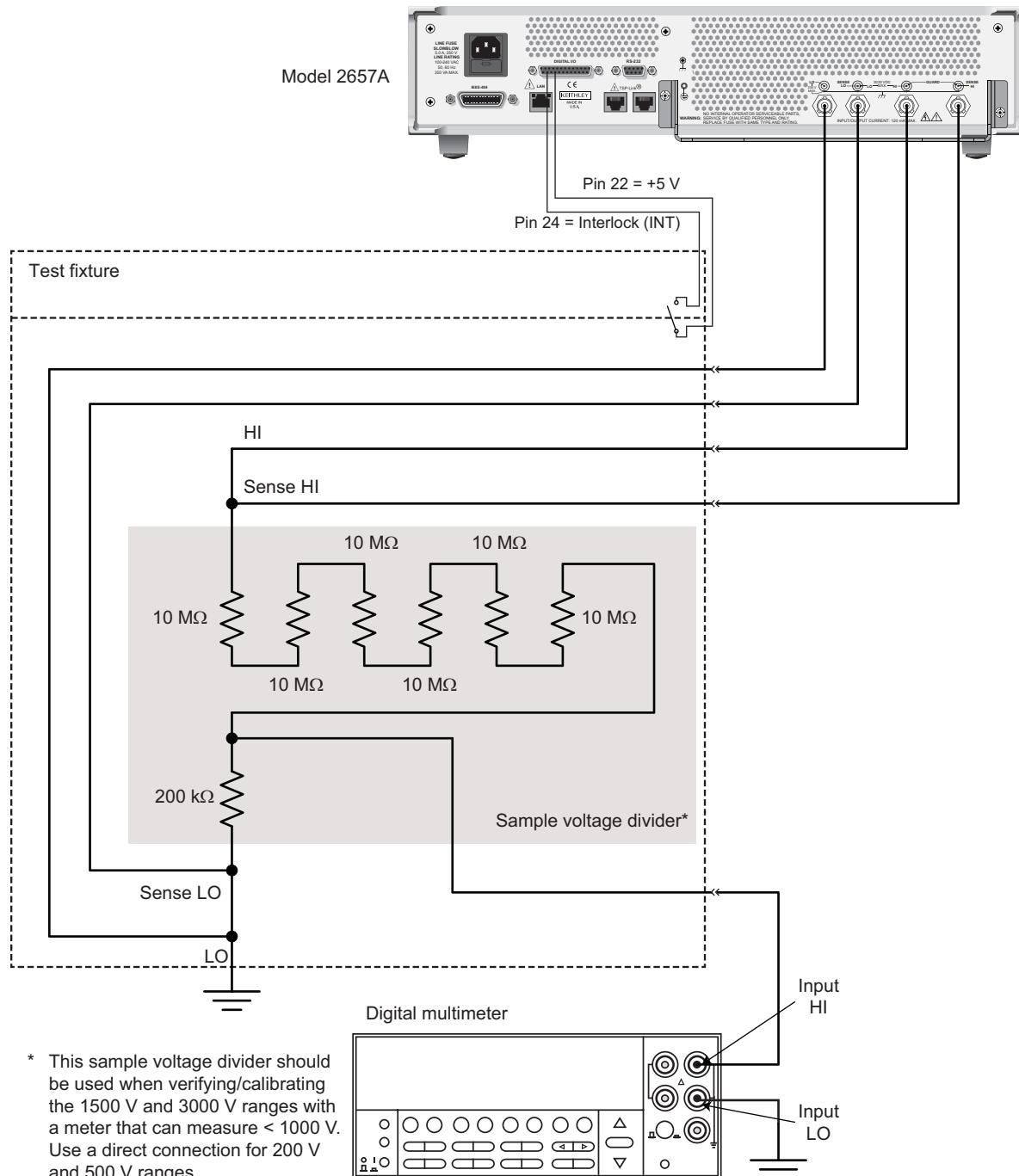


Figure 128: Alternate connections for voltage verification (sample voltage divider shown)

2. Set the multimeter measuring function to DC volts.
3. Press the **SRC** key to source voltage and make sure the source output is turned on.
4. Enable the Model 2657A 4-wire (remote sense) mode:
 - a. Press the **CONFIG** key and then the **SRC** key.
 - b. Select **V-SOURCE > SENSE-MODE > 4-WIRE**.
5. Verify output voltage accuracy for each of the voltages listed in the following table. For each test point:
 - Select the correct source range.
 - Set the Model 2657A output voltage to the indicated value.
 - Verify that the multimeter reading is within the limits given in the table.

Output voltage accuracy limits

Source range	Output voltage setting	Output voltage limits (1 year, 18 °C to 28 °C)
200 V	100 V 180 V	99.920 V to 100.080 V 179.896 V to 180.104 V
500 V	250 V 450 V	249.800 V to 250.200 V 449.740 V to 450.260 V
1500 V	750 V 1350 V	749.400 V to 750.600 V 1349.220 V to 1350.780 V
3000 V	1500 V 2700 V	1498.80 V to 1501.20 V 2698.44 V to 2701.56 V

6. Repeat the procedure for negative output voltages with the same magnitudes as those listed in the previous table, as applicable.

Voltage measurement accuracy

Follow the steps below to verify that the Model 2657A voltage measurement accuracy is within specified limits. To perform this test, you will set the source voltage, as measured by a precision digital multimeter, and then verify that the Model 2657A voltage readings are within required limits.

1. With the power off, connect the digital multimeter to the Model 2657A output terminals using 4-wire connections (the same connections as shown in [Voltage source accuracy](#) (on page B-9)).
2. Select the multimeter DC volts function.
3. Enable the Model 2657A 4-wire (remote sense) mode:
 - a. Press the **CONFIG** key and then the **MEAS** key.
 - b. Select **V-MEAS > SENSE-MODE > 4-WIRE**.
4. Set the Model 2657A SMU to both source and measure voltage by pressing the **SRC** and then the **MEAS** keys.

5. Make sure the source output is turned on (if off, press the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control).
6. Verify voltage measurement accuracy for each of the voltages listed in the table (see below). For each test point:
 - Select the correct source range.
 - Set the Model 2657A output voltage such that the digital multimeter reading is the value indicated in the source voltage column of the table below. It may not be possible to set the voltage source to get exactly the required reading on the digital multimeter. Use the closest possible setting and modify the reading limits accordingly.
 - Verify that the Model 2657A voltage reading is within the limits given in the table.

Voltage measurement accuracy limits

Source and measure range*	Source voltage**	Voltage reading limits (1 year, 18 °C to 28 °C)
200 V	100 V 180 V	99.925 V to 100.075 V 179.905 V to 180.095 V
500 V	250 V 450 V	249.838 V to 250.163 V 449.788 V to 450.213 V
1500 V	750 V 1350 V	749.513 V to 750.488 V 1349.363 V to 1350.638 V
3000 V	1500 V 2700 V	1499.03 V to 1500.98 V 2698.73 V to 2701.28 V

* Measure range coupled to source range when simultaneously sourcing and measuring voltage.
 ** As measured by precision digital multimeter. Use closest possible value, and modify reading limits accordingly if necessary. See [Measurement limit calculations](#) (on page B-4).

7. Repeat the procedure for negative source voltages with the same magnitudes as those listed.
8. Verify voltage accuracy for high-speed ADC voltage measurements as follows:
 - a. Select the correct source range.
 - b. Set the Model 2657A output voltage such that the digital multimeter reading is the value indicated in the "Source voltage" column of the table below. It may not be possible to set the voltage source to get exactly the required reading on the digital multimeter. Use the closest possible setting and modify the reading limits accordingly.
 - c. Press the **LOAD** key, then select **FACTORY**.
 - d. Select **FpVerifyFastAdcV** and then press the **ENTER** key.
 - e. Press the **RUN** key.
 - f. Verify that the Model 2657A fast ADC voltage reading is within the limits given in the table.
 - g. Press any key to stop the verification script.
 - h. Repeat the procedure for negative source voltages with the same magnitudes as those listed in the following table.

High-speed ADC voltage measurement accuracy limits

Source and measure range*	Source voltage**	Voltage reading limits (1 year, 18 °C to 28 °C)
200 V	100 V 180 V	99.850 V to 100.150 V 179.810 V to 180.190 V

* Measure range coupled to source range when simultaneously sourcing and measuring voltage.
 ** As measured by precision digital multimeter. Use closest possible value, and modify reading limits accordingly if necessary. See [Measurement limit calculations](#) (on page B-4).

Adjustment

WARNING

The information in this topic is intended only for qualified service personnel. Some of the procedures may expose you to hazardous voltages that could result in personal injury or death. Do not attempt to perform these procedures unless you are qualified to do so.

Introduction

Use the procedures in this section to calibrate the Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument.

NOTE

Product specifications are subject to change. Listed uncertainties and test limits are provided only as an example. Always verify values against actual product specifications.

Environmental conditions

Temperature and relative humidity

Conduct the calibration procedures at an ambient temperature of 18 °C to 28 °C (65 °F to 82 °F), with relative humidity of less than 70 percent (unless otherwise noted).

NOTE

Product specifications that are listed as 18 °C to 28 °C assume adjustment has been done at 23 °C. If the Model 2657A is adjusted at a different temperature, the specifications apply to ± 5 °C of that adjustment temperature.

Line power

The Model 2657A requires a line voltage of 100 V to 240 V at a line frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. The instrument must be calibrated within this range.

Warmup period

Allow the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument to warm up for at least two hours before performing calibration.

If the instrument has been subjected to temperature extremes (those outside the ranges stated above), allow additional time for the instrument's internal temperature to stabilize. Typically, allow one extra hour to stabilize an instrument that is 10 °C (18 °F) outside the specified temperature range.

Also, allow the test equipment to warm up for the minimum time specified by the manufacturer.

Adjustment considerations

When performing the adjustment procedures:

- Make sure that the test equipment is properly warmed up and connected to the correct Model 2657A terminals.
- Always allow the source signal to settle before calibrating each point.
- Do not connect test equipment to the Model 2657A SMU through a scanner or other switching equipment.
- If an error occurs during calibration, the Model 2657A will generate an appropriate error message. See [Error summary list](#) (on page 8-3) for more information.

WARNING

The maximum common-mode voltage (voltage between LO and chassis ground) is 250 V DC. Exceeding this value may cause a breakdown in insulation, creating a shock hazard that could result in personal injury or death.

The input/output terminals of the Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter instrument SMU are rated for connection to circuits rated Measurement Category I only, with transients rated less than 1500 V peak above the maximum rated input. Do not connect the Model 2657A terminals to CAT II, CAT III, or CAT IV circuits. Connection of the Model 2657A terminals to circuits higher than CAT I can cause damage to the equipment or expose the operator to hazardous voltage.

Hazardous voltages may be present on all output and guard terminals. To prevent electrical shock that could cause injury or death, never make or break connections to the Model 2657A while the instrument is powered on. Turn off the equipment from the front panel or disconnect the main power cord from the rear of the Model 2657A before handling cables. Putting the equipment into standby does not guarantee that the outputs are powered off if a hardware or software fault occurs.

Calibration adjustment cycle

Perform a calibration adjustment at least once a year to ensure the instrument meets or exceeds its specifications.

Recommended calibration adjustment equipment

The table below contains the recommended equipment for the calibration adjustment procedures. You can use alternate equipment as long as that equipment has specifications equal to or greater than those listed in the table. When possible, test equipment specifications should be at least four times better than corresponding Model 2657A specifications.

Description	Manufacturer/model	Accuracy
Digital multimeter		DC voltage 180 V: ± 130 ppm 450 V: ± 110 ppm 1350 V: ± 110 ppm 2700 V: ± 110 ppm
		DC current 0.9 nA: ± 1200 ppm 9 nA: ± 470 ppm 90 nA: ± 360 ppm 900 nA: ± 170 ppm 9 μ A: ± 100 ppm 90 μ A: ± 50 ppm 0.9 mA: ± 50 ppm 1.8 mA: ± 110 ppm 18 mA: ± 110 ppm 108 mA: ± 100 ppm
50 Ω resistors (2)	Any suitable.*	
Sample voltage divider**: Ultra-stable resistor (qty 6), for voltage divider 10 M Ω , 0.01% Ultra-stable resistor (qty 1), for voltage divider 200 k Ω , 0.01%	Caddock USF271 - 10.0 Meg - 0.01% - 2ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C Caddock USF240 - 200K - 0.01% - 2ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C	± 110 ppm ± 110 ppm

* Used for contact check calibration. Before use, characterize with the resistance function of the digital multimeter.
 ** A voltage divider is needed only if the available digital multimeter cannot measure full scale values of the Model 2657A. The resistors (in the sample voltage divider circuit) are used to test signals with the recommended equipment > 1000 V. Before use, characterize the resistor to the uncertainty shown.

Calibration adjustment overview

The following topics contain an overview of the entire calibration adjustment procedure.

Parameter values

The full-scale parameters are actually 90% of full-scale as indicated (see the table contained in [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17)). Note that you cannot send a value of exactly 0 for the two zero parameters. Instead, you must send a very small value, such as 1e-30 or -1e-30.

Sense modes

The table titled "Model 2657A calibration steps" in [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17) lists the sense modes for the calibration steps. Note that each source and measure range (both voltage and current) is calibrated using the LOCAL sense mode, but only the voltage source and measure ranges are also calibrated using the REMOTE sense mode. In addition, the 200 V, 1500 V, 3000 V, and the 1 mA source ranges are calibrated using the CALA sense mode.

Step sequence

Adjustment steps must be performed in a specific sequence. See the table titled "Model 2657A calibration adjustment steps." Note that all steps are performed using 2-wire (local sensing) except as noted. Adjustment of each range is performed as a four-point calibration:

- + ZERO
- + FULL SCALE
- - ZERO
- - FULL SCALE

NOTE

Before performing the adjustment steps, refer to [Parameter values](#) (on page B-16) and [Sense modes](#) (on page B-16).

Model 2657A calibration adjustment steps

Function¹	Adjustment steps²	Adjustment points³	Sense mode⁴
Voltage source and measure See Step 2. Voltage calibration adjustment (on page B-20)	200 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 180$ V	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	200 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 180$ V	smua.SENSE_REMOTE
	200 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 180$ V	smua.SENSE_CALA
	500 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 450$ V	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	500 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 450$ V	smua.SENSE_REMOTE
	1500 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 1350$ V	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	1500 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 1350$ V	smua.SENSE_REMOTE
	1500 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 1350$ V	smua.SENSE_CALA
	3000 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 2700$ V	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	3000 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 2700$ V	smua.SENSE_REMOTE
	3000 V	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 2700$ V	smua.SENSE_CALA
Current source and measure See Step 3. Current calibration adjustment (on page B-25)	1 nA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 0.9$ nA	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	10 nA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 9$ nA	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	100 nA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 90$ nA	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	1 μ A	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 0.9$ μ A	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	10 μ A	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 9$ μ A	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	100 μ A	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 90$ μ A	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	1 mA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 0.9$ mA	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	1 mA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 0.9$ mA	smua.SENSE_CALA
	2 mA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 1.8$ mA	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	20 mA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 18$ mA	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
	120 mA	$\pm 1e-30, \pm 108$ mA	smua.SENSE_LOCAL
Internal calibration adjustments	See Step 4. Internal calibration adjustments (on page B-28)		
Contact check	See Step 5. Contact check calibration adjustment (on page B-29)		

¹ Adjust only the source for the SENSE_CALA sense steps.² Steps must be performed in the order shown.³ Do not use actual 0 values for zero calibration adjustment points. Use very small values such as $\pm 1e-30$. Calibration adjustment polarities must also be set as shown in the procedures.⁴ Output must be off before changing to the CALA sense mode.

Calibration commands quick reference

The following table summarizes remote calibration commands. For a more complete description of these commands, refer to the [TSP command reference](#) (on page 7-1).

Calibration commands	
Command	Description
<code>smua.cal.adjustdate = adjustDate</code>	Set date when the adjustment was done.
<code>smua.cal.date = calDate</code>	Set calibration date (<code>calDate</code> of 0 indicates date not set).
<code>smua.cal.due = calDue</code>	Set date when calibration should be performed (<code>calDue</code> of 0 indicates date not set).
<code>smua.cal.fastadc()</code>	Performs calibration adjustment of the fast analog-to-digital converter (ADC).
<code>smua.cal.lock()</code>	Lock out calibration.
<code>smua.cal.ovp()</code>	Performs calibration adjustment of the overvoltage protection circuit (OVP).
<code>smua.cal.password = "newPassword"</code>	Change password to " <code>newPassword</code> ".
<code>smua.cal.polarity = calPolarity</code>	Set polarity: <code>smua.CAL_AUTO</code> (automatic polarity). <code>smua.CAL_NEGATIVE</code> (negative polarity). <code>smua.CAL_POSITIVE</code> (positive polarity).
<code>smua.cal.restore(calset)</code>	Load set of calibration constants: <code>smua.CALSET_NOMINAL</code> (nominal constants). <code>smua.CALSET_FACTORY</code> (factory constants). <code>smua.CALSET_DEFAULT</code> (normal constants). <code>smua.CALSET_PREVIOUS</code> (previous constants).
<code>smua.cal.save()</code>	Store constants in nonvolatile memory as DEFAULT calibration set.
<code>calstate = smua.cal.state</code>	Request calibration state: <code>smua.CALSTATE_CALIBRATING</code> <code>smua.CALSTATE_LOCKED</code> <code>smua.CALSTATE_UNLOCKED</code>
<code>smua.cal.unlock("password")</code>	Unlock calibration (default password: KI0026XX)
<code>smua.measure.calibratei(range, cp1Measured, cp1Reference, cp2Measured, cp2Reference)</code>	Adjust current measurement range calibration*: <code>range</code> (measurement range to adjust). <code>cp1Measured</code> (Model 2657A measured value for cal. point 1). <code>cp1Reference</code> (reference measurement for cal. point 1). <code>cp2Measured</code> (Model 2657A measured value for cal. point 2). <code>cp2Reference</code> (reference measurement for cal. point 2).
<code>smua.measure.calibratev(range, cp1Measured, cp1Reference, cp2Measured, cp2Reference)</code>	Adjust voltage measure range calibration*: <code>range</code> (measurement range to adjust). <code>cp1Measured</code> (Model 2657A measured value for cal. point 1). <code>cp1Reference</code> (reference measurement for cal. point 1). <code>cp2Measured</code> (Model 2657A measured value for cal. point 2). <code>cp2Reference</code> (reference measurement for cal. point 2).
<code>smua.source.calibratei(range, cp1Expected, cp1Reference, cp2Expected, cp2Reference)</code>	Adjust current source range calibration*: <code>range</code> (source range to adjust). <code>cp1Expected</code> (source value programmed for cal. point 1). <code>cp1Reference</code> (reference measurement for cal. point 1). <code>cp2Expected</code> (source value programmed for cal. point 2). <code>cp2Reference</code> (reference measurement for cal. point 2).

Calibration commands	
Command	Description
<code>smua.source.calibratev (range, cp1Expected, cp1Reference, cp2Expected, cp2Reference)</code>	Adjust voltage source range calibration*: <i>range</i> (source range to adjust). <i>cp1Expected</i> (source value programmed for cal. point 1). <i>cp1Reference</i> (reference measurement for cal. point 1). <i>cp2Expected</i> (source value programmed for cal. point 2). <i>cp2Reference</i> (reference measurement for cal. point 2)
<code>smua.contact.calibratelo (</code> <i>cp1Measured</i> , <i>cp1Reference</i> , <i>cp2Measured</i> , <i>cp2Reference</i>)	Adjust the low/sense low contact check measurement calibration. <i>cp1Measured</i> (value measured by SMU for cal. point 1). <i>cp1Reference</i> (reference measurement for cal. point 1). <i>cp2Measured</i> (value measured by SMU for cal. point 2). <i>cp2Reference</i> (reference measurement for cal. point 2).
<code>smua.contact.calibratehi (</code> <i>cp1Measured</i> , <i>cp1Reference</i> , <i>cp2Measured</i> , <i>cp2Reference</i>)	Adjust the high/sense high contact check measurement calibration. <i>cp1Measured</i> (value measured by SMU for cal. point 1). <i>cp1Reference</i> (reference measurement for cal. point 1). <i>cp2Measured</i> (value measured by SMU for cal. point 2). <i>cp2Reference</i> (reference measurement for cal. point 2)

* Calibration point 1 should be performed at approximately 0% of range; calibration point 2 should be performed at approximately 90% of range. See [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17) for calibration points.

Calibration adjustment procedure

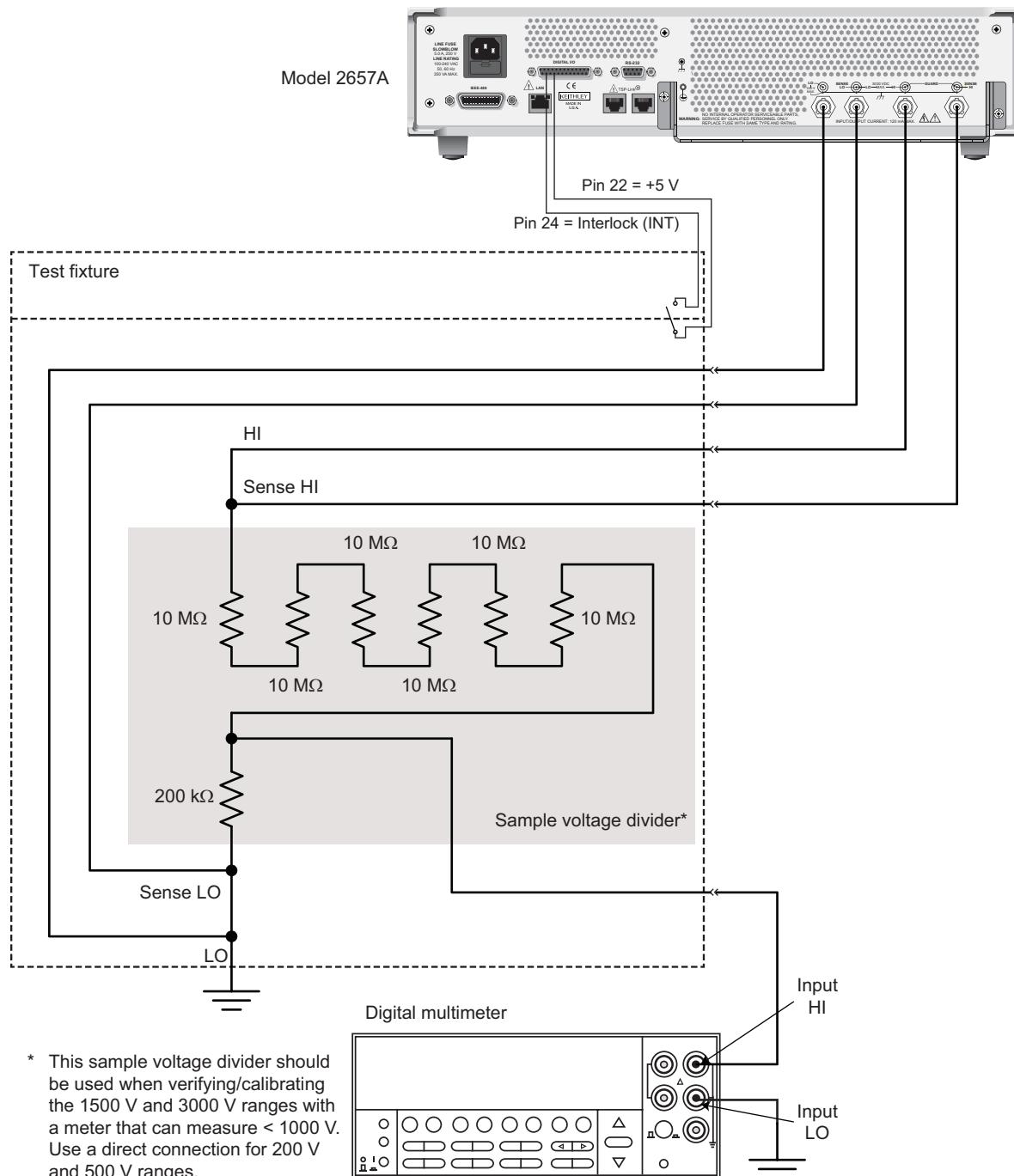
Use the following procedure to perform remote calibration adjustment by sending commands over the IEEE-488 bus, RS-232 port, or LAN. The remote commands and appropriate parameters are separately summarized for each step.

Step 1. Prepare the Model 2657A for calibration adjustment

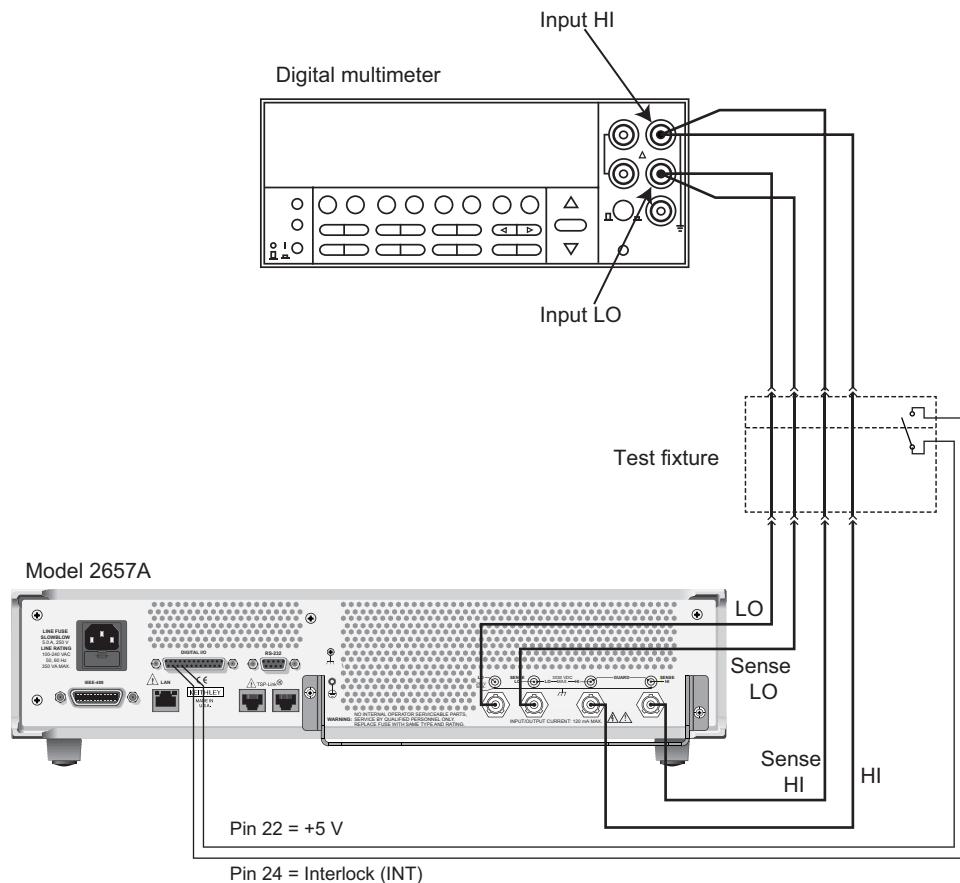
- Connect the Model 2657A to the controller IEEE-488 interface, RS-232 port, or LAN using an appropriate interface cable.
- Turn on the Model 2657A and the test equipment, and allow them to warm up for at least two hours before performing calibration adjustment.
- Make sure the IEEE-488, RS-232, or LAN interface parameters are set up properly (to configure the interface, press the **MENU** key, and then select **RS232**, **LAN**, or **GPIB**, as applicable).

Step 2. Voltage calibration adjustment

- Connect the Model 2657A SMU to the digital multimeter using the 4-wire connections shown in the figure below, and select the multimeter DC volts function. Use the direct connection scheme for voltage ranges the digital multimeter used for calibration can measure. Use a voltage divider if required to bring the voltage within the range capabilities of the digital multimeter.

Figure 129: Connections for voltage calibration

* This sample voltage divider should be used when verifying/calibrating the 1500 V and 3000 V ranges with a meter that can measure < 1000 V. Use a direct connection for 200 V and 500 V ranges.

Figure 130: Connections for voltage calibration (direct connection)

- B. Send the following commands in order to initialize voltage calibration:

```
smua.cal.unlock("KI0026XX")
smua.reset()
smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCVOLTS
```

NOTE

It is not necessary to set the measure range when following this procedure for calibration because the measure range is locked to the source range when measuring the source function.

- C. Perform each calibration adjustment for the voltage source and measure function step listed in [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17) as follows:

1. Select the range being calibrated with this command:

```
smua.source.rangev = range
```

2. Select the correct sense mode based on the calibration step for the voltage source and measure function from the [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17), for example:

```
smua.sense = smua.SENSE_LOCAL
```

3. Select positive polarity, and then set the source output to the positive zero value. For example:

```
smua.cal.polarity = smua.CAL_POSITIVE
smua.source.levelv = 1e-30
```

4. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

5. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A voltage readings at the positive zero value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if this calibration step is being done on the CALA sense mode). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
Z_rdg = smua.measure.v()
```

6. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

7. Set the source output to the positive full-scale value for the present range, for example:

```
smua.source.levelv = 180
```

8. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

9. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A voltage readings at the positive full-scale output value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if this calibration step is being done on the CALA sense mode). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
FS_rdg = smua.measure.v()
```

10. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

11. Send the source calibration command using the range, +zero and +FS multimeter readings, and +zero and +FS source values for the parameters:

```
smua.source.calibratev(range, src_Z, DMM_Z_rdg, src_FS, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

Where:

range = The present calibration range

src_Z = The +zero Model 2657A programmed source output value

DMM_Z_rdg = The +zero DMM measurement

src_FS = The +FS Model 2657A programmed source output value

DMM_FS_rdg = The +FS DMM measurement

Typical values for the Model 2657A 200 V range:

- ```
smua.source.calibratev(200, 1e-30, 1e-5, 180, 179.8)
12. If this step is not on the CALA sense mode, send the measure calibration command using the multimeter and Model 2657A readings, and the range setting for the parameters. For example:
smua.measure.calibratev(range, Z_rdg, DMM_Z_rdg, FS_rdg, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

**Where:**

|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>range</i>      | = The present calibration range     |
| <i>Z_rdg</i>      | = The +zero Model 2657A measurement |
| <i>DMM_Z_rdg</i>  | = The +zero DMM measurement         |
| <i>FS_rdg</i>     | = The +FS Model 2657A measurement   |
| <i>DMM_FS_rdg</i> | = The +FS DMM measurement           |

Typical Model 2657A 200 V range values:

```
smua.measure.calibratev(200, 1e-4, 1e-5, 178.8, 179.8)
```

13. Select negative polarity, then set the source output to the negative zero value, for example:

```
smua.cal.polarity = smua.CAL_NEGATIVE
smua.source.levelv = -1e-30
```

14. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

15. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A voltage readings at the negative zero value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if this calibration step is being done on the CALA sense mode). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
Z_rdg = smua.measure.v()
```

16. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

17. Set the source output to the negative full-scale value, for example:

```
smua.source.levelv = -180
```

18. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

19. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A voltage readings at the negative full-scale output value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if this calibration step is being done on the CALA sense mode). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
FS_rdg = smua.measure.v()
```

20. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

21. Send the source calibration command using the range, -zero and -FS multimeter readings, and -zero and -FS source values for the parameters:

```
smua.source.calibratev(-range, src_Z, DMM_Z_rdg, src_FS, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

**Where:**

|                   |                                                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>-range</i>     | = The negative of the present calibration range        |
| <i>src_Z</i>      | = The -zero Model 2657A programmed source output value |
| <i>DMM_Z_rdg</i>  | = The -zero DMM measurement                            |
| <i>src_FS</i>     | = The -FS Model 2657A programmed source output value   |
| <i>DMM_FS_rdg</i> | = The -FS DMM measurement                              |

Typical values for the Model 2657A 200 V range:

```
smua.source.calibratev(-200, -1e-30, -1e-4, -180, -179.8)
```

22. If this step is not on the CALA sense mode, send the measure calibration command using the multimeter and Model 2657A readings and range setting for the parameters:

```
smua.measure.calibratev(-range, Z_rdg, DMM_Z_rdg, FS_rdg, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

**Where:**

$-range$  = The negative of the present calibration range  
 $Z_rdg$  = The -zero Model 2657A measurement  
 $DMM\_Z\_rdg$  = The -zero DMM measurement  
 $FS\_rdg$  = The -FS Model 2657A measurement  
 $DMM\_FS\_rdg$  = The -FS DMM measurement

Typical Model 2657A 200 V range values:

```
smua.measure.calibratev(-200, -1e-5, -1e-4, -180.2, -179.8)
```

- D. Be sure to complete each of the 22 steps of C for all 11 voltage steps in [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17) before performing current calibration.

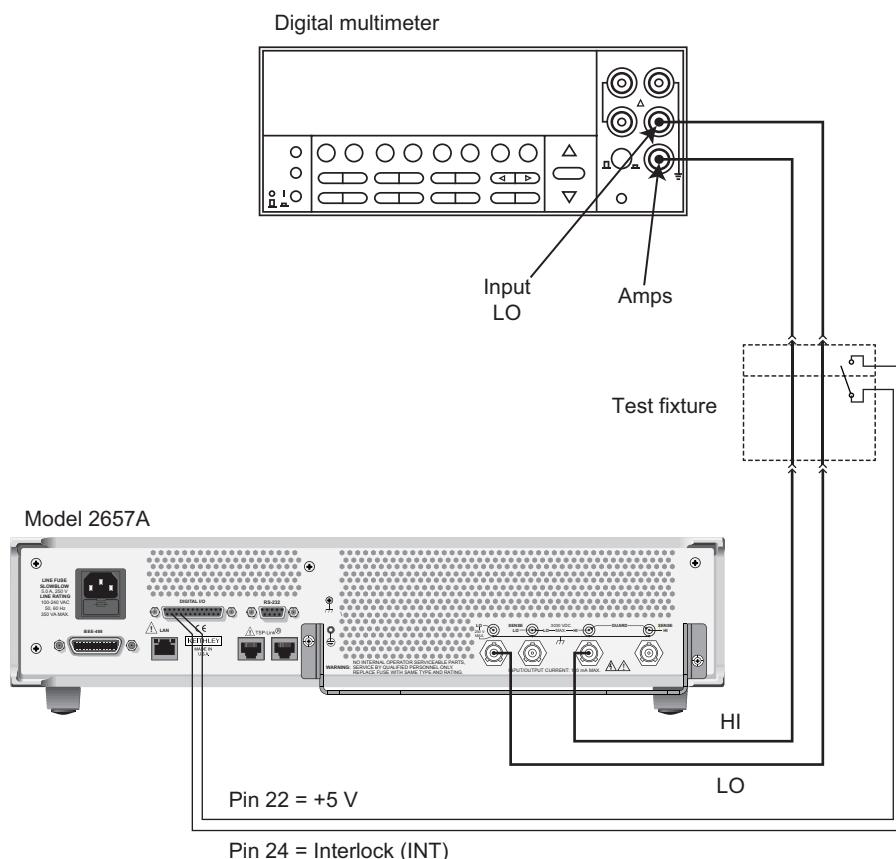
- E. Select automatic polarity mode:

```
smua.cal.polarity = smua.CAL_AUTO
```

### Step 3. Current calibration adjustment

- A. Connect the Model 2657A SMU to the digital multimeter (see the following figure), and then select the multimeter DC current function.  
 B. Send this command to initialize current calibration:  
`smua.source.func = smua.OUTPUT_DCAMPS`

**Figure 131: Connections for current calibration**



## NOTE

It is not necessary to set the measure range when following this procedure for calibration because the measure range is locked to the source range when measuring the source function.

- C. Perform each calibration step for the current source and measure function listed in [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17) for each range as follows:

1. Select the range being calibrated:

```
smua.source.rangei = range
```

2. Select the correct sense mode based on the calibration step for the current source and measure function listed in [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17), for example:

```
smua.sense = smua.SENSE_LOCAL
```

3. Select positive polarity, then set the source output to the positive zero value:

```
smua.cal.polarity = smua.CAL_POSITIVE
smua.source.leveli = 1e-30
```

4. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

5. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A current readings at the positive zero value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if this calibration step is being done on the CALA sense mode). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
Z_rdg = smua.measure.i()
```

6. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

7. Set the source output to the positive full-scale value for the present range, for example:

```
smua.source.leveli = 120e-3
```

8. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

9. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A current readings at the positive full-scale output value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if calibration is being done on the CALA sense mode). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
FS_rdg = smua.measure.i()
```

10. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

11. Send the source calibration command using the range, zero and +FS multimeter readings, and zero and +FS source values for the parameters:

```
smua.source.calibratei(range, src_Z, DMM_Z_rdg, src_FS, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

**Where:**

*range* = The present calibration range

*src\_Z* = The +zero Model 2657A programmed source output value

*DMM\_Z\_rdg* = The +zero DMM measurement

*src\_FS* = The +FS Model 2657A programmed source output value

*DMM\_FS\_rdg* = The +FS DMM measurement

Typical values for the 120 mA range:

```
smua.source.calibratei(120e-3, 1e-30, 1e-5, 108e-3, 107.98e-3)
```

12. If this step is not on the CALA sense mode, send the measure calibration command using the multimeter and Model 2657A readings, and range setting for the parameters:

```
smua.measure.calibratei(range, Z_rdg, DMM_Z_rdg, FS_rdg, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

**Where:**

|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>range</i>      | = The present calibration range     |
| <i>Z_rdg</i>      | = The +zero Model 2657A measurement |
| <i>DMM_Z_rdg</i>  | = The +zero DMM measurement         |
| <i>FS_rdg</i>     | = The +FS Model 2657A measurement   |
| <i>DMM_FS_rdg</i> | = The +FS DMM measurement           |

Typical values for the 120 mA range:

```
smua.measure.calibratei(120e-3, 1e-6, 1e-5, 108e-3, 107.99e-3)
```

13. Select negative polarity, then set the source output to the negative zero value, for example:

```
smua.cal.polarity = smua.CAL_NEGATIVE
smua.source.leveli = -1e-30
```

14. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

15. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A current readings at the negative zero value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if this calibration step is being done on the CALA sense). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
Z_rdg = smua.measure.i()
```

16. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

17. Set the source output to the negative full-scale value, for example:

```
smua.source.leveli = -108e-3
```

18. Turn on the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_ON
```

19. Allow the readings to settle, then get both the multimeter and Model 2657A current readings at the negative full-scale output value (the Model 2657A measurement is not necessary if this calibration step is being done on the CALA sense mode). The two measurements should be made as close as possible in time. Use this command for the Model 2657A:

```
FS_rdg = smua.measure.i()
```

20. Turn off the output:

```
smua.source.output = smua.OUTPUT_OFF
```

21. Send the source calibration command using the -range, -zero and -FS multimeter readings, and -zero and -FS source values for the parameters:

```
smua.source.calibratei(-range, src_Z, DMM_Z_rdg, src_FS, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

**Where:**

*-range* = The negative of the present calibration range  
*src\_Z* = The -zero Model 2657A programmed source output value  
*DMM\_Z\_rdg* = The -zero DMM measurement  
*src\_FS* = The -FS Model 2657A programmed source output value  
*DMM\_FS\_rdg* = The -FS DMM measurement

Typical values for the 120 mA range:

```
smua.source.calibratei(-120e-3, -1e-30, -1e-6, -108e-3, -107.98e-3)
```

22. If this step is not on the CALA sense mode, send the measure calibration command using the multimeter and Model 2657A readings, and range setting for the parameters:

```
smua.measure.calibratei(-range, Z_rdg, DMM_Z_rdg, FS_rdg, DMM_FS_rdg)
```

**Where:**

*-range* = The negative of the present calibration range  
*Z\_rdg* = The -zero Model 2657A measurement  
*DMM\_Z\_rdg* = The -zero DMM measurement  
*FS\_rdg* = The -FS Model 2657A measurement  
*DMM\_FS\_rdg* = The -FS DMM measurement

Typical values for the 120 mA range:

```
smua.measure.calibratei(-120e-3, -1e-5, -1e-6, -108e-3, -107.99e-3)
```

- D. Before continuing, be sure to complete each of the 22 steps of C for all the source and measurement ranges for the current source and measurement function listed in the [Step sequence](#) (on page B-17).

- E. Select automatic polarity mode:

```
smua.cal.polarity = smua.CAL_AUTO
```

## Step 4. Internal calibration adjustments

Perform internal calibration adjustments on the fast analog-to-digital converter (ADC) and the overvoltage protection circuit by calling the following functions:

### NOTE

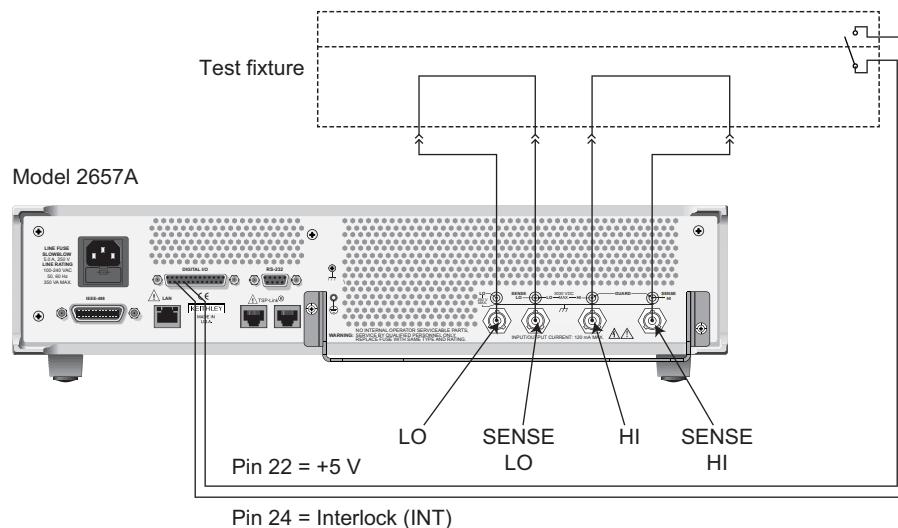
Make sure both the voltage and current calibration adjustment steps have been completed before completing this step.

```
smua.cal.fastadc()
smua.cal.ovp()
```

## Step 5. Contact check calibration adjustment

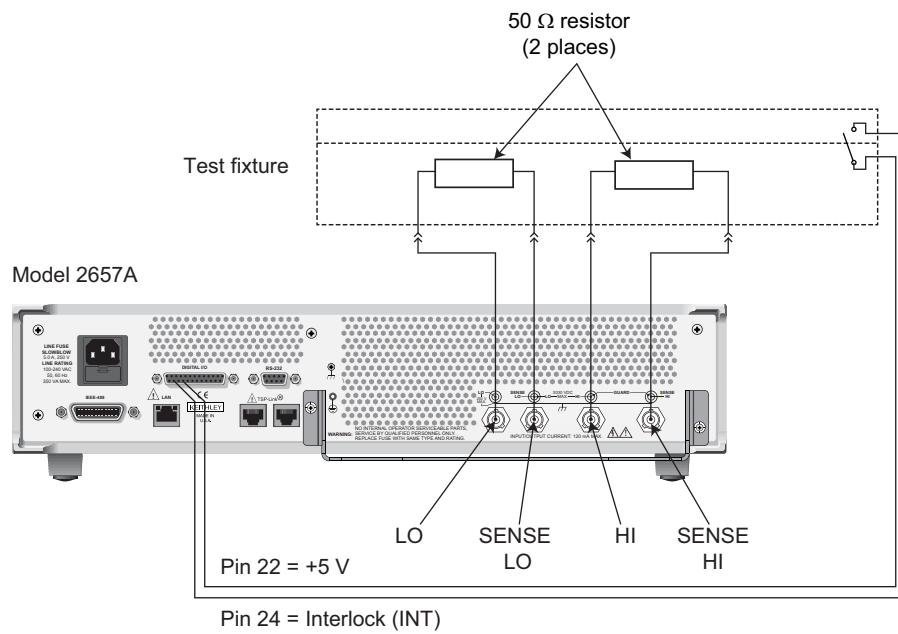
- A. As illustrated in the following figure:
- Short the Model 2657A SENSE LO and LO terminals together.
  - Short the SENSE HI and HI terminals together.

**Figure 132: Connections for contact check 0 ohm calibration**



- B. Allow the readings to settle, then get the Model 2657A readings:  
 $r0\_hi$ ,  $r0\_lo$  = smua.contact.r()
- C. Characterize both  $50\ \Omega$  resistors using the resistance function of the digital multimeter.
- D. As illustrated in the following figure:
- Connect a  $50\ \Omega$  resistor between the SENSE LO and LO terminals.
  - Connect the second  $50\ \Omega$  resistor between the SENSE HI and HI terminals.

**Figure 133: Connections for contact check 50 ohm calibration**



- E. Allow the readings to settle, then get the Model 2657A readings:

```
r50_hi, r50_lo = smua.contact.r()
```

- F. Send the contact check low calibration adjustment command:

```
smua.contact.calibrateLo(r0_lo, z_actual, r50_lo, 50_ohm_actual)
```

**Where:**

|                      |                                                                                                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>r0_lo</i>         | = Model 2657A 0 Ω low measurement                                                                    |
| <i>z_actual</i>      | = Actual zero value; the resistance of the short between the SENSE LO and LO terminals               |
| <i>r50_lo</i>        | = Model 2657A 50 Ω low measurement                                                                   |
| <i>50_ohm_actual</i> | = Actual 50 Ω resistor value; the actual value of the resistor between the SENSE LO and LO terminals |

Typical values:

```
smua.contact.calibrateLo(r0_lo, 0, r50_lo, 50.15)
```

Where *r0\_lo* is the same value as measured in step B, and *r50\_lo* is the same value as measured in step D.

- G. Send the contact check high calibration command:

```
smua.contact.calibrateHi(r0_hi, z_actual, r50_hi, 50_ohm_actual)
```

**Where:**

|                      |                                                                                               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>r0_hi</i>         | = Model 2657A 0 Ω high measurement                                                            |
| <i>z_actual</i>      | = Actual zero value; the resistance of the short between the SENSE HI and HI terminals        |
| <i>r50_hi</i>        | = Model 2657A 50 Ω high measurement                                                           |
| <i>50_ohm_actual</i> | = Actual 50 Ω resistor value; the value of the resistor between the SENSE HI and HI terminals |

Typical values:

```
smua.contact.calibrateHi(r0_hi, 0, r50_hi, 50.15)
```

Where *r0\_hi* is the same value as measured in step B, and *r50\_hi* is the same value as measured in step E.

## Step 6. Program calibration dates

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Use the following command to set the calibration adjustment date:

```
smua.cal.adjustdate = os.time{year=2010, month=12, day=1}
```

Optionally, it is possible to set the calibration date and calibration due date with the following commands:

```
smua.cal.date = os.time{year=2010, month=12, day=1}
```

```
smua.cal.due = os.time{year=2011, month=12, day=1}
```

If you do not wish to set a calibration date or calibration due date and want to clear the previous values, use the following commands:

```
smua.cal.date = 0
```

```
smua.cal.due = 0
```

The actual year, month, day, and (optional) hour and minute should be used (seconds can be given but are essentially ignored due to the precision of the internal date storage format). The allowable range for the year is from 1970 to 2037, the month is from 1 to 12, and the day is from 1 to 31.

## Step 7. Save calibration constants

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Calibration adjustment is now complete, so you can store the calibration constants in nonvolatile memory by sending the following command:

```
smua.cal.save()
```

### NOTE

Unless you send the save command, the calibration adjustment you just performed will be temporary.

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## Step 8. Lock out calibration

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To lock out further calibration, send the following command after completing the calibration procedure:

```
smua.cal.lock()
```

## Appendix C

# LAN concepts and settings

### In this appendix:

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## Overview

The Keithley Instruments Model 2657A High Power System SourceMeter® instrument is LXI version 1.4 Core 2011 compliant. The Model 2657A is a scalable test system that can connect directly to a host computer or interact with a DHCP or DNS server and other LXI-compliant instruments on a local area network (LAN). The Model 2657A also supports Multicast DNS (mDNS) and DNS Service Discovery (DNS-SD), which are useful on a LAN with no central administration.

The Model 2657A is compliant with the IEEE Std 802.3 and supports full connectivity on a 10 or 100 megabits-per-second network. The LAN interface is an alternative to GPIB that can be used to build flexible test systems that include web access.

### NOTE

Please read this entire section before you connect the Model 2657A to the LAN.

## Establishing a point-to-point connection

To enable access to the instrument web page and other web applications from a computer, use a one-to-one LAN connection and set up a static IP address between the host computer and the instrument.

The following instructions describe how to configure the instrument's IP address. The instrument's IP address is based on the present IP address of the host computer. Each device on the LAN (corporate or private) requires a unique IP address.

 CAUTION

Contact your corporate information technology (IT) department for permission before you connect the Model 2657A to a corporate network.

If you have problems, see [LAN troubleshooting suggestions](#) (on page 8-8).

 NOTE

Record all network configurations before modifying any existing network configuration information on the network interface card. Once the network configuration settings are updated, the previous information is lost. This may cause a problem reconnecting the host computer to a corporate network, particularly if DHCP Enabled = NO (disabled).

Be sure to return all settings to their original configuration before reconnecting the host computer to a corporate network. Failure to do this could result in loss of data. Contact your system administrator for more information.

## Step 1: Identify and record the existing IP configuration

*To identify the existing IP configuration:*

1. Open a command prompt window:

**Microsoft® Windows® 2000 or Windows XP:**

- a. Click **Start** and select **Run**.
- b. In the Open field, type `cmd`.
- c. Click **OK**.

**Microsoft Windows Vista® or Windows 7:**

- a. Click **Start**.
- b. Select **All Programs > Accessories > Command Prompt**.

2. At the command prompt, type `ipconfig/all` and press the **Enter** key. A list of existing IP configuration information for your computer is displayed.

**Figure 134: Computer IP configuration using the command prompt**

```
C:\>ipconfig/all
Windows IP Configuration

Host Name : mycomputer
Primary Dns Suffix :
Node Type : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. : No
DNS Suffix Search List. : mycompany.com

Ethernet adapter Wireless Network Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix :
Description : Intel(R) Wireless WiFi Link 4965AG
Physical Address : 00-01-02-03-04-05
Dhcp Enabled. : Yes
IP Address. : 1.2.3.87
Subnet Mask : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway : 1.2.3.1
DNS Servers : 1.2.3.2

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix :
Description : Intel(R) 82566MM Gigabit Network Connection
Physical Address : 00-02-03-04-05-06
Dhcp Enabled. : No
IP Address. : 192.168.1.100
Subnet Mask : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway : 192.168.1.1
DNS Servers :

C:\>
```

**NOTE**

If the information for the ethernet adapter displays "Media Disconnected," close the command prompt and go to [Step 2: Disable DHCP to use the computer's existing IP address](#) (on page C-4).

- When the information is displayed, record the following information for the network card:

- DHCP mode: \_\_\_\_\_
- IP address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Subnet mask: \_\_\_\_\_
- Default gateway: \_\_\_\_\_
- DNS servers: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAUTION**

The `ipconfig/all` command displays the configuration of every network card. Make sure that you record the information for the proper network card.

- If:

- DHCP Enabled = Yes:** Go to [Step 2: Disable DHCP to use the computer's existing IP address](#) (on page C-4)
- DHCP Enabled = No:** Go to [Step 3: Configure the instrument's LAN settings](#) (on page C-8).

- To exit the IP configuration screen, type `exit` at the command prompt and press **Enter**.

## Step 2: Disable DHCP to use the computer's existing IP address

### NOTE

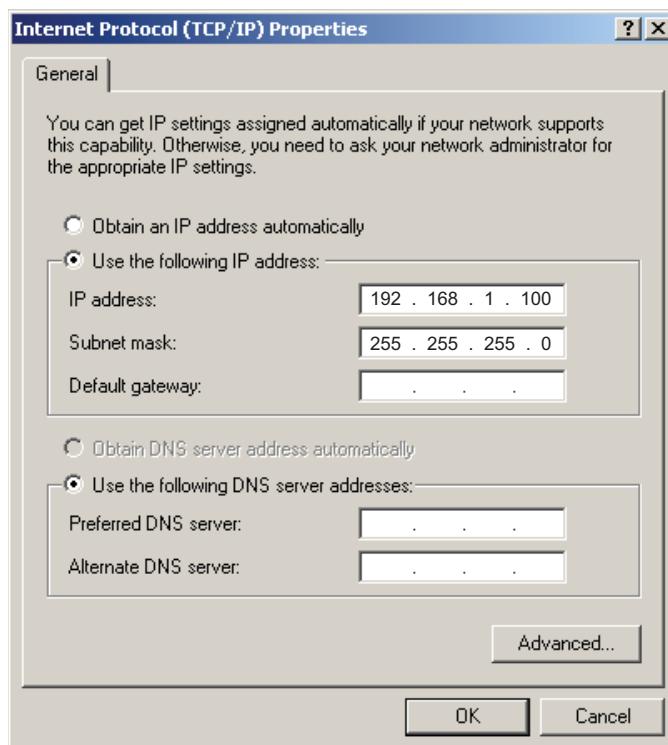
Do not change the IP address at any time without talking to your system administrator. Entering an incorrect IP address can prevent your workstation from connecting to your corporate network.

See the appropriate instructions below for your operating system. These instructions show the default options. Be aware that there may be differences in these steps if your Microsoft Windows options are customized or if you do not have administrator status.

**Windows 2000: To disable DHCP:**

1. Click **Start > Settings > Control Panel**.
2. Open **Network and Dial-up connections**.
3. Right-click **Local Area Connection** and select **Properties**. The Local Area Connection Properties dialog box is displayed.
4. Double-click **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** in the items list. The Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box is displayed, as shown here.

**Figure 135: Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box**

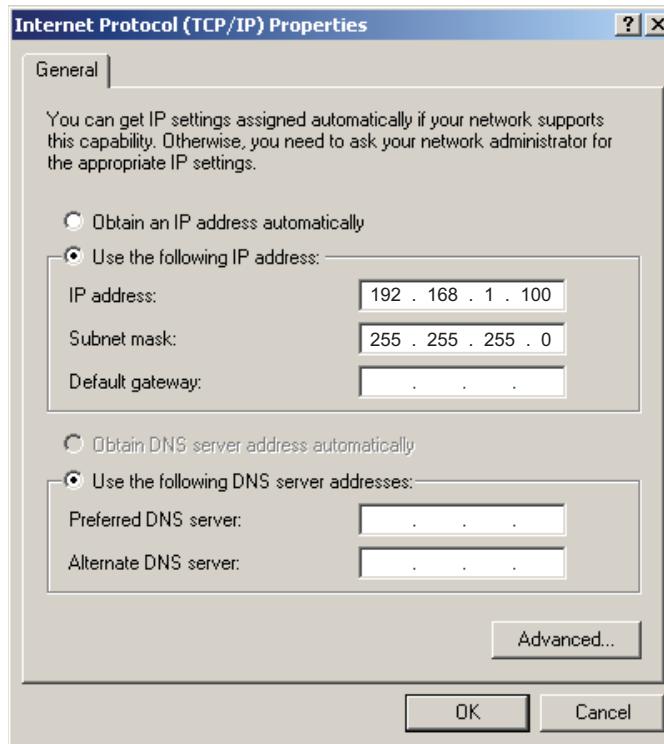


5. Select **Use the following IP address**. The option for "Use the following DNS server addresses" is automatically selected.
6. Set the IP address. If the IP address and subnet mask fields:
  - **Contain values:** Record the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS servers to use in [Step 3: Configure the instrument's LAN settings](#) (on page C-8).
  - **Are blank:** In the IP address field, enter 192.168.1.100. In the subnet mask field, enter 255.255.255.0. These will be used to configure the LAN settings of the instrument.
7. Click **OK** to close the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box.
8. Click **OK** to close the Local Area Connection Properties dialog box.
9. Close the Network Connections window.

**Windows XP: To disable DHCP:**

1. Click **Start > Settings > Control Panel**.
2. Open **Network Connections**.
3. Right-click **Local Area Connection** and select **Properties**. The Local Area Connection Properties dialog box is displayed.
4. In the "This connection uses the following items" list, double-click **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**. The Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box is displayed.

**Figure 136: Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box**

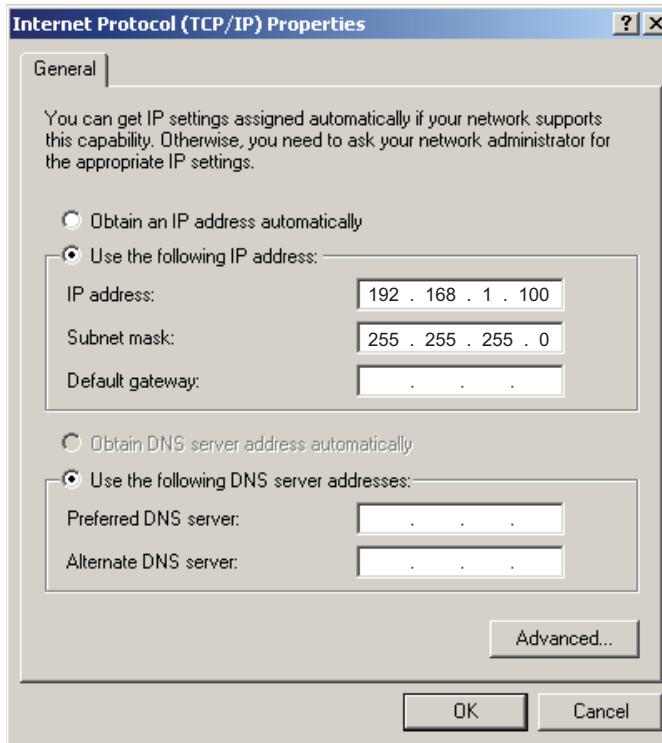


5. Select **Use the following IP address**. The option for "Use the following DNS server addresses" is automatically selected.
6. Set the IP address. If the IP address and subnet mask fields:
  - **Contain values:** Record the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS servers to use in [Step 3: Configure the instrument's LAN settings](#) (on page C-8).
  - **Are blank:** In the IP address field, enter 192.168.1.100. In the subnet mask field, enter 255.255.255.0. These will be used to configure the LAN settings of the instrument.
7. Click **OK**.
8. Click **OK** to close the Local Area Connection Properties dialog box.
9. Close the Network Connections window.

**Windows Vista: To disable DHCP:**

1. Click **Start > Control Panel**.
2. Click **Network and Internet**.
3. Open **Network & Sharing Center**.
4. In the list, click **View Status** for the applicable connection. The Local Area Connection Status properties dialog box is displayed.
5. Click **Properties**. Windows displays a permissions message.
6. If you are logged in as administrator, click **Continue**. If you are not logged in as administrator, enter the administrator's password to continue. The network connection properties dialog box is displayed.
7. Double-click **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** in the items list. The Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties dialog box is displayed.

**Figure 137: Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box**

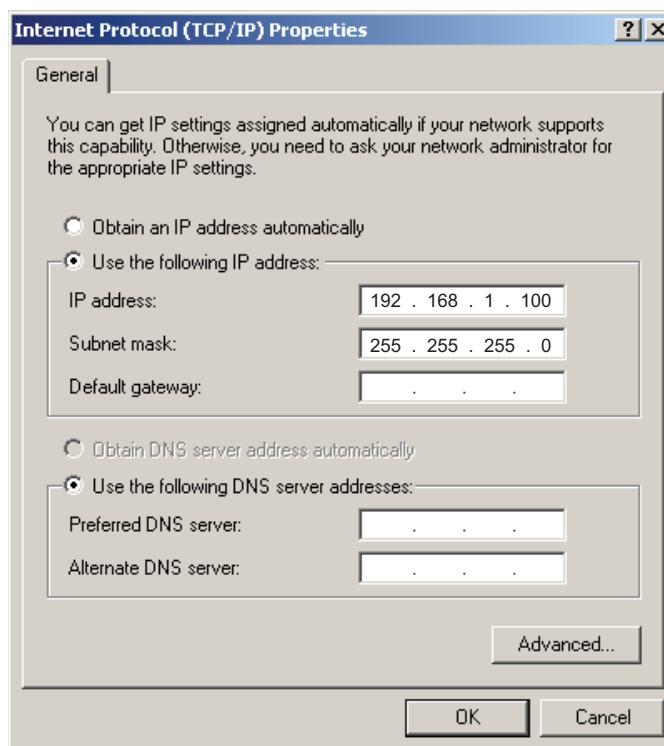


8. Select **Use the following IP address**. The option for "Use the following DNS server addresses" is automatically selected.
9. Set the IP address. If the IP address and subnet mask fields:
  - **Contain values:** Record the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS servers to use in [Step 3: Configure the instrument's LAN settings](#) (on page C-8).
  - **Are blank:** In the IP address field, enter 192.168.1.100. In the subnet mask field, enter 255.255.255.0. These will be used to configure the LAN settings of the instrument.
10. Click **OK** to close the Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties dialog box.
11. Click **OK** to close the Local Area Connection Properties dialog box.
12. Close the Network Connections window.

**Windows 7: To disable DHCP:**

1. Click **Start > Control Panel**.
2. Open **Network and Sharing Center**.
3. Click the Local Area Connection. The Local Area Connection Status dialog box is displayed.
4. In the items list, double-click **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)**. The Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties dialog box is displayed.

**Figure 138: Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box**



5. Select **Use the following IP address**. The option for "Use the following DNS server addresses" is automatically selected.
6. Set the IP address. If the IP address and subnet mask fields:
  - **Contain values:** Record the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS servers to use in [Step 3: Configure the instrument's LAN settings](#) (on page C-8).
  - **Are blank:** In the IP address field, enter 192.168.1.100. In the subnet mask field, enter 255.255.255.0. These will be used to configure the LAN settings of the instrument.
7. Click **OK** to close the Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties dialog box.
8. Click **OK** to close the Local Area Connection Properties dialog box.
9. Close the Network Connections window.

## Step 3: Configure the instrument's LAN settings

### NOTE

These steps assume that you are making all the settings in the order shown here. If you only change one or a few settings, be aware that you need to apply the settings before they will be in effect. To apply the settings, from the **LAN CONFIG** menu, select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

**To configure the Model 2657A using the front panel:**

1. Press the **MENU** key to display the MAIN MENU.
2. Use the navigation wheel  to select **LAN**. The LAN CONFIG menu is displayed.
3. Change the IP address assignment method:
  - a. Select **CONFIG > METHOD > MANUAL**, and then press the **ENTER** key.
  - b. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
4. Enter the IP address using the LAN CONFIG menu:
  - a. Select **CONFIG > IP-ADDRESS**.
  - b. Refer to the recorded computer's IP address ([Step 1: Identify and record the existing IP configuration](#) (on page C-2)). A portion of the computer's IP address is used as a base for the instrument's unique ID. Only the last three numbers (after the last decimal point) of the IP address will differ between the computer and the instrument. If the subnet mask is 255.255.255.0, the last three digits can be any value from 1 to 255.

For example, the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box shows that the computer's IP address is 192.168.1.100 (see the figure titled "Internet protocol (TCP/IP) Properties dialog box" in [Step 2: Disable DHCP to use the computer's existing IP address](#) (on page C-4)). A unique IP address for the instrument might be 192.168.001.101.

### NOTE

The instrument's IP address can have leading zeros, but the computer's IP address cannot.

- c. Use the navigation wheel  to select and enter an appropriate IP address for the instrument. Be sure to record the instrument's IP address to use in [Step 5: Access the instrument's web page](#) (on page C-9).
- d. Press **ENTER** key or navigation wheel  to confirm the changes.
- e. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.

5. Change the subnet mask from the LAN CONFIG menu:
  - a. Select **CONFIG > SUBNETMASK**, and then press the **ENTER** key. The SUBNETMASK menu item is to the right of GATEWAY. Use the navigation wheel  to scroll through the options.
  - b. Modify the SUBNETMASK value to match the computer settings recorded earlier (or 255.255.255.000 if DHCP Enabled = YES).
  - c. Press the **ENTER** key or the navigation wheel  when you are finished changing all the characters.
  - d. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
6. From the **LAN CONFIG** menu, select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

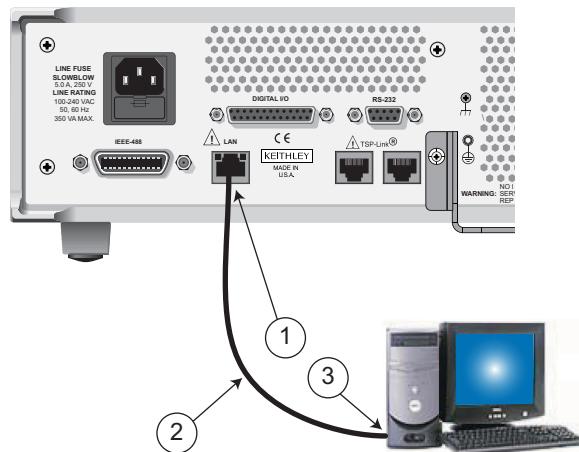
## Step 4: Install the crossover cable

Connect the supplied crossover cable between the computer's network adapter card and the LAN connector on the instrument's rear panel. There are other similar connectors on the Model 2657A rear panel. Be sure to connect to the LAN connection port (see the following figure).

### NOTE

Connect the crossover cable into the same computer LAN port used during instrument configuration to ensure that the system is using the correct network card.

**Figure 139: LAN connection**



- (1) Model 2657A LAN connection port
- (2) Crossover cable
- (3) Ethernet port (located on the host computer)

## Step 5: Access the instrument's web page

1. Open a web browser on the host computer.
2. Enter the IP address of the instrument in the web browser address box. For example, if the instrument IP address is 192.168.1.101, enter 192.168.1.101 in the browser address box.
3. Press **Enter** on the computer keyboard to open the instrument web page.

## NOTE

If the web page does not open in the browser, see [LAN troubleshooting suggestions](#) (on page 8-8).

## Connecting to the LAN

Each device on the LAN (corporate or private) requires a unique IP address. Contact your corporate information technology (IT) department for details about obtaining an IP address before you deploy the Model 2657A on a corporate or private network.



## CAUTION

Contact your corporate IT department for permission before you connect the Model 2657A to a corporate network.

## Setting the LAN configuration method

There are two methods used to configure the LAN.

**AUTO:** Use the AUTO setting to allow the DHCP server to automatically set the LAN settings.

You do not need to set the LAN options manually. The DHCP server automatically configures the IP address, subnet mask, and the default gateway. To use this option, a DHCP server must be available on the LAN.

**MANUAL:** Use the MANUAL setting to manually configure the communication parameters.

The MANUAL setting requires you to configure the following:

- IP address
- Gateway
- Subnet mask

***To select a LAN configuration method:***

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **LAN > CONFIG > METHOD**.
2. Select either **AUTO** or **MANUAL**.
3. Press the **ENTER** key.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

## Setting the IP address

### NOTE

Contact your corporate information technology (IT) department to secure a valid IP address for the instrument when placing the instrument on a corporate network.

***To set the IP address (when LAN configuration method is set to MANUAL):***

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **LAN > CONFIG > IP-ADDRESS**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select and enter a valid IP address for the instrument.
3. Press the **ENTER** key to confirm the changes.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

## Setting the gateway

### NOTE

Contact your corporate information technology (IT) department to secure a valid gateway for the instrument when placing the instrument on a corporate network.

***To set the gateway (when LAN configuration method is set to MANUAL):***

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **LAN > CONFIG > GATEWAY**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select and enter a valid gateway address for the instrument.
3. Press the **ENTER** key to confirm the changes.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

## Setting the subnet mask

### NOTE

Contact your corporate information technology (IT) department to secure a valid subnet mask for the instrument when placing the instrument on a corporate network.

***To set the subnet mask (when LAN configuration method is set to MANUAL):***

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **LAN > CONFIG > SUBNETMASK**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select and enter a valid subnet mask for the instrument.
3. Press the **ENTER** key to confirm the changes.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

## Configuring the domain name system (DNS)

The domain name system (DNS) lets you type a domain name in the address bar to connect to the instrument. If you use DNS, you can use a name instead of an IP address.

**Example:**

Model2657A.XYZcompany.com

### NOTE

Contact your corporate information technology (IT) department to learn more about DNS. If a DNS server is not part of the LAN infrastructure, this setting is not used.

**To enable or disable DNS host name verification:**

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **LAN > CONFIG > DNS > VERIFY**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select either **ENABLE** or **DISABLE**. When enabled, the instrument performs a DNS lookup to verify the DNS host name matches the value specified in the [lan.config.dns.hostname](#) (on page 7-111) attribute.
3. Press the **ENTER** key.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key twice to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

**To enable or disable DNS registration:**

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key and select **LAN > CONFIG > DNS > DYNAMIC**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select either **ENABLE** or **DISABLE**. DNS registration works with the DHCP to register the host name specified in the `lan.config.dns.hostname` attribute with the DNS server.
3. Press the **ENTER** key.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key twice to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

**To set the DNS server IP addresses:**

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key and select **LAN > CONFIG > DNS**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select either **DNS-ADDRESS1** or **DNS-ADDRESS2**.
3. Press the **ENTER** key.
4. Turn the navigation wheel  to select and enter a valid IP address for the DNS server.
5. Press the **ENTER** key.
6. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key twice to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
7. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

## LAN speeds

Another characteristic of the LAN is speed. The Model 2657A negotiates with the host computer and other LXI-compliant devices on the LAN to transmit data at the highest speed possible. LAN speeds must be configured to match the speed of the other instruments on the network.

**To set the LAN speed:**

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key and select **LAN > CONFIG > SPEED**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select either **10 Mbps** or **100 Mbps**.
3. Press the **ENTER** key.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the previous menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

## Duplex mode

The duplex mode is based on the LAN configuration. There are two settings:

- **Half-duplex:** Allows communications in both directions, but only one direction is active at a time (not simultaneously).
- **Full:** Permits communications in both directions simultaneously.

**To set the duplex mode:**

1. From the front panel, press **MENU** key and select **LAN > CONFIG > DUPLEX**.
2. Turn the navigation wheel  to select either **HALF** or **FULL**.
3. Press the **ENTER** key.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the LAN CONFIG menu.
5. Select **APPLY\_SETTINGS > YES**, and then press the **ENTER** key.

## Viewing LAN status messages

**To view the LAN status messages:**

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key and select **LAN > STATUS > CONFIG/FAULT**.
2. Press the **ENTER** key.

**Figure 140: LAN CONFIG/FAULT**



There are two types of LAN status messages:

- **LAN fault messages:** Communicate issues related to physical connectivity.
- **LAN configuration messages:** Communicate issues or events related to configuration.

The following table displays possible fault and configuration messages.

**LAN CONFIG/FAULT messages**

| LAN message type  | Possible messages                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| LAN fault         | Could not acquire IP address                  |
|                   | Duplicate IP address detected                 |
|                   | DHCP lease lost                               |
|                   | Lan Cable Disconnected                        |
| LAN configuration | Starting DHCP Configuration                   |
|                   | DHCP Server Not Found                         |
|                   | DHCP configuration started on xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx |

|  |                                                 |
|--|-------------------------------------------------|
|  | Searching for DNS server(s)                     |
|  | Starting DLLA Configuration                     |
|  | DLLA Failed                                     |
|  | DLLA configuration started on xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx   |
|  | Starting Manual Configuration                   |
|  | Manual configuration started on xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx |
|  | Closed                                          |

## Viewing the network settings

*To view the active network settings:*

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **LAN > STATUS**.
2. Use the navigation wheel  to select one of the following network settings:
  - **IP-ADDRESS**
  - **GATEWAY**
  - **SUBNET-MASK**
  - **METHOD**
  - **DNS**
  - **MAC-ADDRESS**
3. Press the **ENTER** key to view the active setting.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the STATUS menu.

## Confirming the active speed and duplex negotiation

The Model 2657A automatically detects the speed and duplex negotiation active on the LAN. Once the speed and duplex negotiation is detected, the instrument automatically adjusts its own settings to match the LAN settings.

*To confirm the active LAN speed and duplex mode:*

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key.
2. Select **LAN > STATUS**.
3. Use the navigation wheel  to select one of the following:
  - **SPEED**
  - **DUPLEX**
4. Press the **ENTER** key to view the active setting.
5. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the STATUS menu

## Confirming port numbers

*To view the port number assigned to each remote interface protocol:*

1. From the front panel, press the **MENU** key, and then select **LAN > STATUS > PORT**.
2. Use the navigation wheel  to select one of the following:
  - **RAW-SOCKET**
  - **TELNET**
  - **VXI-11**
  - **DST**
3. Press the **ENTER** key to view the port number.
4. Press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key once to return to the PORT menu.

The following table displays the remote interface protocols supported by the Model 2657A and their assigned port numbers.

**Port number**

| Command interface             | Port number |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Raw socket                    | 5025        |
| Telnet                        | 23          |
| VXI-11                        | 1024        |
| DST (dead socket termination) | 5030        |

## Selecting a LAN interface protocol

This section provides details about how to select a remote interface protocol to connect to the Model 2657A. The Model 2657A provides three LAN interfaces with three associated LAN protocols (each interface uses a different protocol). Select the interface based on the protocol needed. The dead socket termination interface (DST) is provided to solve connection problems; it is not a protocol choice.

### VXI-11 connection

This remote interface is similar to GPIB and supports message boundaries, serial poll, and service requests (SRQs). A VXI-11 driver or NI-VISA™ software is required. Test Script Builder (TSB) uses NI-VISA and can be used with the VXI-11 interface. You can expect a slower connection with this protocol.

## Raw socket connection

All Keithley instruments that have LAN connections support raw socket communication. This means that you can connect to the TCP/IP port on the instrument and send and receive commands. A programmer can easily communicate with the instrument using Winsock on Windows computers or Berkley sockets on Linux or Apple computers.

Raw socket is a basic ethernet connection that communicates in a manner similar to RS-232 without explicit message boundaries. The instrument always terminates messages with a line feed, but because binary data may include bytes that resemble line-feed characters, it may be difficult to distinguish between data and line-feed characters.

Use raw socket as an alternative to VXI-11. Raw socket offers a faster connection than VXI-11. However, raw socket does not support explicit message boundaries, serial poll, and service requests.

## Telnet connection

Telnet is similar to raw socket, and can be used when you need to interact directly with the instrument, typically for debugging and troubleshooting. Telnet requires a separate Telnet program.

The Model 2657A supports the Telnet protocol, which you can use over a TCP/IP connection to send commands to the instrument. You can use a Telnet connection to interact with scripts or send real-time commands.

### Configuring a Telnet connection

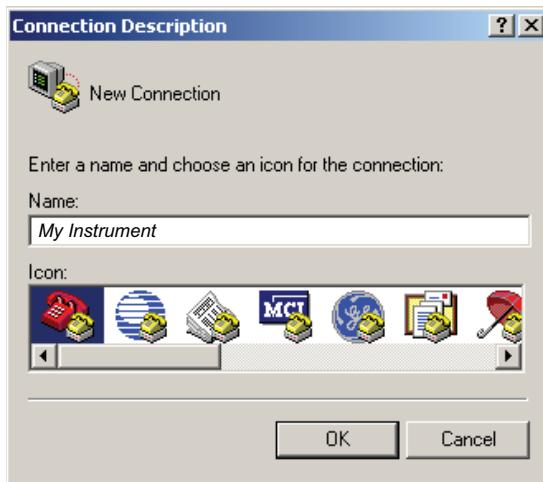
#### NOTE

This procedure uses HyperTerminal™, which is available with the Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system. Consult the help system for your version of Microsoft Windows to identify a compatible tool.

**To connect with the Model 2657A using HyperTerminal on a Windows XP system:**

1. On the host computer, click **Start > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal**. The Connection Description dialog box opens.

**Figure 141: Connection description dialog box**

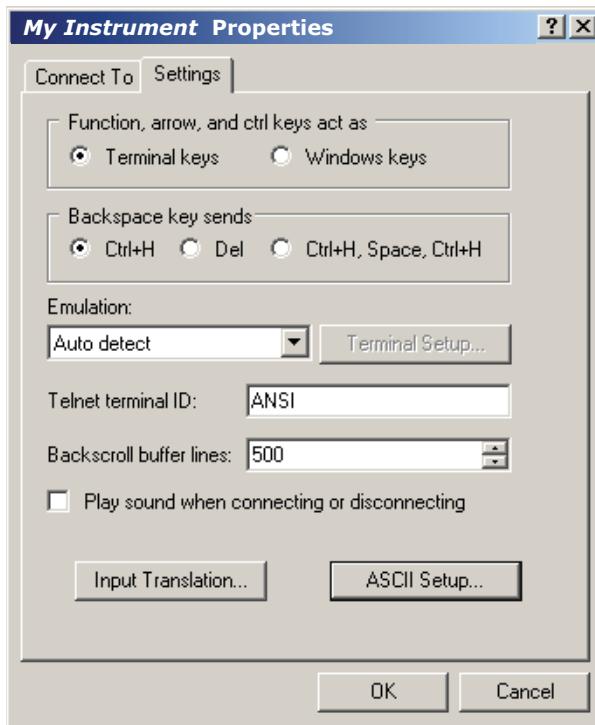


2. Type a name to identify the connection (for example, **My Instrument**), and then click **OK**.
3. In the Connect To dialog box, click the **Connect using** list. Select **TCP/IP (Winsock)**.

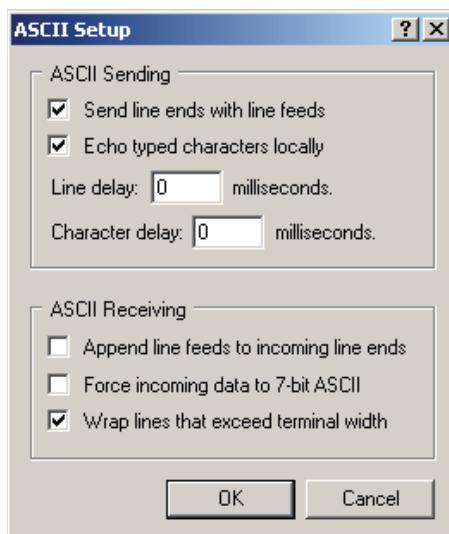
**Figure 142: Connect To dialog box**



4. In the Host address field, type the instrument's IP address (for example, 192.168.1.101).
5. Type 23 in the Port number field, and then click OK. The HyperTerminal program window is displayed.
6. From the HyperTerminal program window, click File > Properties.
7. In the Properties dialog box, click the Settings tab.

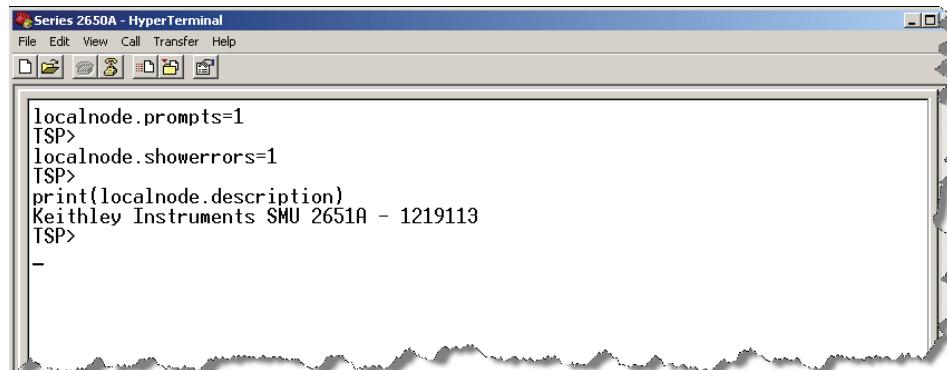
**Figure 143: Properties dialog box**

8. Click **ASCII Setup**. The ASCII Setup dialog box is displayed.
9. From the ASCII Setup dialog box, select the following options:
  - **Send line ends with line feeds**
  - **Echo typed characters locally**

**Figure 144: ASCII Setup dialog box**

10. Click **OK** in the ASCII Setup dialog box. The Properties dialog box is displayed.
11. Click **OK** in the Properties dialog box.
12. Use the HyperTerminal window to interact directly with the instrument.

**Figure 145: Communicating with the instrument through HyperTerminal window**



## Dead socket connection

The dead socket termination (DST) port is used to terminate all existing ethernet connections. A dead socket is a socket that is held open by the instrument because it has not been properly closed. This most often happens when the host computer is turned off or restarted without first closing the socket. This port cannot be used for command and control functions.

Use the dead socket termination port to manually disconnect a dead session on any open socket. All existing ethernet connections will be terminated and closed when the connection to the dead socket termination port is closed.

## Logging LAN trigger events in the event log

You can use the event log to record all LXI triggers generated and received by the Model 2657A, and you can view the event log using any command interface or the embedded web interface. The following figure shows the view of the LXI event log from the embedded web interface.

**Figure 146: Event log**

The screenshot shows the "LXI Event Log" page from the Keithley embedded web interface. The top navigation bar includes the KEITHLEY logo, a greater measure of confidence tagline, and the LXI logo. The URL www.keithley.com is also visible. The left sidebar contains links to various configuration pages: Welcome Page, IP Configuration, Set Password, TSB Embedded, Reading Buffers, Flash Upgrade, TSP® Express, Log, and Glossary. The main content area is titled "LXI Event Log ... 15:26:41.000 26 Jan 2011". Below the title is a table header with columns: Receive Time, EventID, From, PTP Timestamp, HWDetect, Sequence, Domain, Flags, and Data. Under "PTP Timestamp", there are sub-columns for Seconds and FractionalSeconds. A "Refresh" button is located below the table. At the bottom of the page is a large "ID" button.

The timestamp, event identifier, IP address, and the domain name identify the incoming and outgoing LXI trigger packets. The following table provides detailed descriptions for the columns in the event log.

#### Event log descriptions

| Column title  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Example                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Received Time | Displays the date and time that the LAN trigger occurred in UTC, 24-hour time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 06:56:28.000 8 May 2011                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Event ID      | Identifies the lan.trigger[N] that generates an event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | LAN0 = lan.trigger[1]<br>LAN1 = lan.trigger[2]<br>LAN2 = lan.trigger[3]<br>LAN3 = lan.trigger[4]<br>LAN4 = lan.trigger[5]<br>LAN5 = lan.trigger[6]<br>LAN6 = lan.trigger[7]<br>LAN7 = lan.trigger[8] |
| From          | Displays the IP address for the device that generates the LAN trigger                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | localhost<br>192.168.5.20                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Timestamp     | A timestamp that identifies the time the event occurred; the timestamp uses the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PTP timestamp</li><li>• Seconds</li><li>• Fractional seconds</li></ul> The Model 2657A does not support the IEEE Std 1588 standard; the values in this field are always 0 (zero) |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| HWDetect      | Identifies a valid LXI trigger packet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | LXI                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sequence      | Each instrument maintains independent sequence counters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One for each combination of UDP multicast network interface and UDP multicast destination port</li><li>• One for each TCP connection</li></ul>                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Domain        | Displays the LXI domain number; the default value is 0 (zero)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0<br>1523                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Flags         | Contain data about the LXI trigger packet; values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 - Error</li><li>• 2 - Retransmission</li><li>• 4 - Hardware</li><li>• 8 - Acknowledgments</li><li>• 16 - Stateless bit</li></ul>                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Data          | The values for this are always 0 (zero)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

#### Accessing the event log from the command interface

You can access the event log from any remote command interface. The event log must be enabled before LXI trigger events can be viewed. To enable the event log, send:

```
eventlog.enable = 1
```

To view the event log from a remote interface, send:

```
print(eventlog.all())
```

This command outputs one or more strings similar to the following:

```
14:14:02.000 17 Jun 2008, LAN0, 10.80.64.191, LXI, 0, 1213712000, not
available, 0, 0x10,0x00
```

The string displays the same information as the web interface. Commas separate the fields. The fields output in the following order:

- Received time (UTC time)
- Event ID
- From (Sender)
- HWDetect / version
- Domain
- Sequence number
- Timestamp (PTP time)
- Epoch (from 1588)
- Flags
- Data

See the table in [Logging LAN trigger events in the event log](#) (on page C-19) for detailed descriptions.

## Appendix D

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### Common commands

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### Command summary

The IEEE Std 488.2 common commands that are supported by the Model 2657A are summarized in the following table. Although commands are shown in uppercase, common commands are not case sensitive, and either uppercase or lowercase can be used. Note that although these commands are essentially the same as those defined by the IEEE Std 488.2 standard, the Model 2657A does not strictly conform to that standard.

## NOTE

Unlike other commands, like those listed in [TSP commands](#) (on page 7-8), each common command must be sent in a separate message.

The common commands cannot be used in scripts.

| Mnemonic    | Name                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *CLS        | Clear status                   | Clears all event registers and Error Queue. For detailed information including status commands, see the <a href="#">Status model</a> (on page E-1).                                                                                                |
| *ESE <mask> | Event enable command           | Program the Standard Event Status Enable Register. For detailed information including status commands, see the <a href="#">Status model</a> (on page E-1).                                                                                         |
| *ESE?       | Event enable query             | Read the Standard Event Status Enable Register. For detailed information including status commands, see the <a href="#">Status model</a> (on page E-1).                                                                                            |
| *ESR?       | Event status register query    | Read/clear the Standard Event Enable Register. For detailed information including status commands, see the <a href="#">Status model</a> (on page E-1).                                                                                             |
| *IDN?       | Identification query           | Returns the manufacturer, model number, serial number, and firmware revision levels of the unit. For detailed information, see <a href="#">Identification query: *IDN?</a> (on page D-3).                                                          |
| *OPC        | Operation complete command     | Set the Operation Complete bit in the Standard Event Register after all pending commands, including overlapped commands, have completed. For detailed information, see <a href="#">Operation complete and query: *OPC and *OPC?</a> (on page D-4). |
| *OPC?       | Operation complete query       | Places an ASCII "1" into the output queue when all selected device operations have completed. For detailed information, see <a href="#">Operation complete and query: *OPC and *OPC?</a> (on page D-4).                                            |
| *RST        | Reset command                  | Returns the Model 2657A to default conditions. For detailed information, see <a href="#">Reset: *RST</a> (on page D-4).                                                                                                                            |
| *SRE <mask> | Service request enable command | Programs the Service Request Enable Register. For detailed information including status commands, see the <a href="#">Status model</a> (on page E-1).                                                                                              |
| *SRE?       | Service request enable query   | Reads the Service Request Enable Register. For detailed information including status commands, see the <a href="#">Status model</a> (on page E-1).                                                                                                 |
| *STB?       | Status byte query              | Reads the status byte register. For detailed information including status commands, see the <a href="#">Status model</a> (on page E-1).                                                                                                            |
| *TRG        | Trigger command                | Generates the trigger.EVENT_ID trigger event for use with the trigger model. For detailed information, see <a href="#">Trigger: *TRG</a> (on page D-4).                                                                                            |
| *TST?       | Self-test query                | Returns a 0. For detailed information, see <a href="#">Self-test query: *TST?</a> (on page D-4).                                                                                                                                                   |
| *WAI        | Wait-to-continue command       | Waits until all previous commands have completed. For detailed information, see <a href="#">Wait-to-continue: *WAI</a> (on page D-5).                                                                                                              |

## Script command equivalents

The commands that can be included in scripts that are equivalent to the common commands are defined in the table below.

| Common command | Script command equivalent                                                                                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *CLS           | status.reset()                                                                                                                |
| *ESE?          | print(tostring(status.standard.enable))                                                                                       |
| *ESE <mask>    | status.standard.enable = <mask>                                                                                               |
| *ESR?          | print(tostring(status.standard.event))                                                                                        |
| *IDN?          | print([[Keithley Instruments Inc.,<br>Model]]..localnode.model..[[, , ]].localnode.serialno..<br>[[, , ]].localnode.revision) |
| *OPC?          | waitcomplete() print([[1]])                                                                                                   |
| *OPC           | opc()                                                                                                                         |
| *RST           | reset()                                                                                                                       |
| *SRE?          | print(tostring(status.request_enable))                                                                                        |
| *SRE <mask>    | status.request_enable = <mask>                                                                                                |
| *STB?          | print(tostring(status.condition))                                                                                             |
| *TRG           | N/A                                                                                                                           |
| *TST?          | print([[0]])                                                                                                                  |
| *WAI           | waitcomplete()                                                                                                                |

## Command reference

Details of all common commands (except those associated with the status model) are described below.

### NOTE

Status command usage is contained in the [Status model](#) (on page E-1).

### Identification query: \*IDN?

Retrieves the identification string.

\* IDN?      Command that reads ID information

The identification string includes the manufacturer, model number, serial number, and firmware revision levels. This string is sent in the following format:

Keithley Instruments Inc., Model 2657A, xxxxxxxx, yyyy

Where:

xxxxxxx is the serial number

yyyy is the firmware revision level

## Operation complete and query: \*OPC and \*OPC?

Wait for pending overlapped commands to complete.

\*OPC Operation complete command that sets the OPC bit

\*OPC? Operation complete query that places a "1" in the output queue

When \*OPC is sent, the OPC bit in the Standard Event Register (see [Status model](#) (on page E-1)) is set when all overlapped commands complete. The \*OPC? command places an ASCII "1" in the output queue when all previous overlapped commands complete.

## Reset: \*RST

Returns the instrument to default conditions.

\*RST Command that returns the instrument to default conditions

When the \*RST command is sent, the instrument returns to the default conditions. This performs the same actions as [reset\(\)](#) (on page 7-155).

## Self-test query: \*TST?

Requests self-test results.

\*TST? Places a zero (0) in the output queue

This command always places a zero (0) in the output queue. This command is included for common command compatibility only; the Model 2657A does not actually perform a self-test.

## Trigger: \*TRG

Generates a command interface trigger event for the trigger model.

\*TRG This command generates the `trigger.EVENT_ID` trigger event for the trigger model

The `trigger.EVENT_ID` is a constant that contains the command interface trigger event number. You can set the stimulus of any trigger object to the value of this constant to have the trigger object respond to the trigger events generated by this command. See [trigger.EVENT\\_ID](#) (on page 7-336) and [Using the remote trigger model](#) (on page 3-33).

## Wait-to-continue: \*WAI

Suspends the execution of subsequent commands until all previous overlapped commands are finished.

\*WAI      This pauses until overlapped commands are complete

Two types of device commands exist:

- **Overlapped commands.** Commands that allow the execution of subsequent commands while instrument operations of the overlapped command are still in progress.
- **Sequential commands.** Commands whose operations finish before the next command is executed.

The \*WAI command suspends the execution of subsequent commands until the instrument operations of all previous overlapped commands are finished. The \*WAI command is not needed for sequential commands.

# Appendix E

## Status model

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## Overview

Each Keithley Instruments Model 2657A provides a number of status registers and queues that are collectively referred to as the status model. Through manipulation and monitoring of these registers and queues, you can view and control various instrument events. You can include commands in your test program that can determine if a service request (SRQ) event has occurred and the cause of the event.

The heart of the status model is the Status Byte Register. All status model registers and queues flow into the Status Byte Register.

The entire status model is illustrated in the [Status model diagrams](#) (on page E-5).

## Status register set contents

Typically, a status register set contains the following registers:

- **Condition** (.condition): A read-only register that is constantly updated to reflect the present operating conditions of the instrument.
- **Enable Register** (.enable): A read-write register that allows a summary bit to be set when an enabled event occurs.
- **Event Register** (.event): A read-only register that sets a bit to 1 when the applicable event occurs. If the enable register bit for that event is also set, the summary bit of the register will set to 1.
- **Negative Transition Register (NTR)** (.ntr): When a bit is set in this read-write register, it enables a 1 to 0 change in the corresponding bit of the condition register to cause the corresponding bit in the event register to be set.
- **Positive Transition Register (PTR)** (.ptr): When a bit is set in this read-write register, it enables a 0 to 1 change in the corresponding bit of the condition register to cause the corresponding bit in the event register to be set.

An event is represented by a condition register bit changing from a 1 to 0 or 0 to 1. When an event occurs and the appropriate NTR or PTR bit is set, the corresponding event register bit is set to 1. The event bit remains latched to 1 until the event register is read or the status model is reset. When an event register bit is set and its corresponding enable bit is set, the summary bit of the register is set to 1. This, in turn, sets a bit in a higher-level condition register, potentially cascading to the associated summary bit of the Status Byte Register.

## Queues

The Model 2657A uses queues to store messages. The queues include:

- Command queue: Holds commands that are available for execution.
- Output queue: Holds response messages.
- Error queue: Holds error and status messages.

When a queue contains data, it sets the condition bit for that queue in one of the registers. The condition bits are:

- Command queue: CAV in the Operation Status Remote Summary Register
- Output queue: MAV in the Status Byte Register
- Error queue: EAV in the Status Byte Register

The CAV, MAV, and EAV bits in the registers are cleared when the queue is empty. Queues empty when:

- Commands are executed
- Errors are read from the error queue
- Response messages are read from the instrument

All Model 2657A queues are first-in, first-out (FIFO).

The [Status byte and service request enable registers](#) (on page E-6) shows how the queues are structured with the other registers.

### Command queue

The command queue holds commands that have been received from a remote interface that are available for execution. This allows the Model 2657A to accept multiple commands and queue them for execution.

When a command is received from a remote interface, the command available (CAV) bit in the Operation Status Remote Summary Register is set. For additional detail, see [status.operation.remote.\\*](#) (on page 7-293).

### Output queue

Response messages, such as those generated from print commands, are placed in the output queue. All remote command interfaces share the same output queue.

The output queue sets the message available (MAV) bit in the status model.

The data in the output queue is cleared by the \*CLS command.

## Error queue

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The error queue holds error and status messages. As programming errors and status messages occur, a message that defines the error or status is placed in the error queue.

An error or status message is cleared from the error queue when it is read. You can also clear the error queue by sending the command `errorqueue.clear()`. An empty error queue clears the error available (EAV) bit in the Status Byte Register.

Messages in the error queue include a code number, message text, severity, and TSP-Link® node number. See [Error summary list](#) (on page 8-3) for a list of the messages.

When you read a single message from the error queue, the oldest message is read. If you attempt to read the error queue when it is empty, error 0, "Queue Is Empty" is returned.

The commands that can be used to control the error queue are listed below.

### Error queue commands

| Error queue command                                                              | Description                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>errorqueue.clear()</code>                                                  | Clear error queue of all errors.                                      |
| <code>errorqueue.count</code>                                                    | Number of messages in the error/event queue.                          |
| <code>errorCode, message,<br/>severity, errorNode =<br/>errorqueue.next()</code> | Request error code, text message, severity, and TSP-Link node number. |

## Status function summary

The following functions and attributes control and read the various registers. Additional information for the various register sets is included later in this section. Also, refer to the specific command as listed in [TSP commands](#) (on page 7-8).

### Status function summary

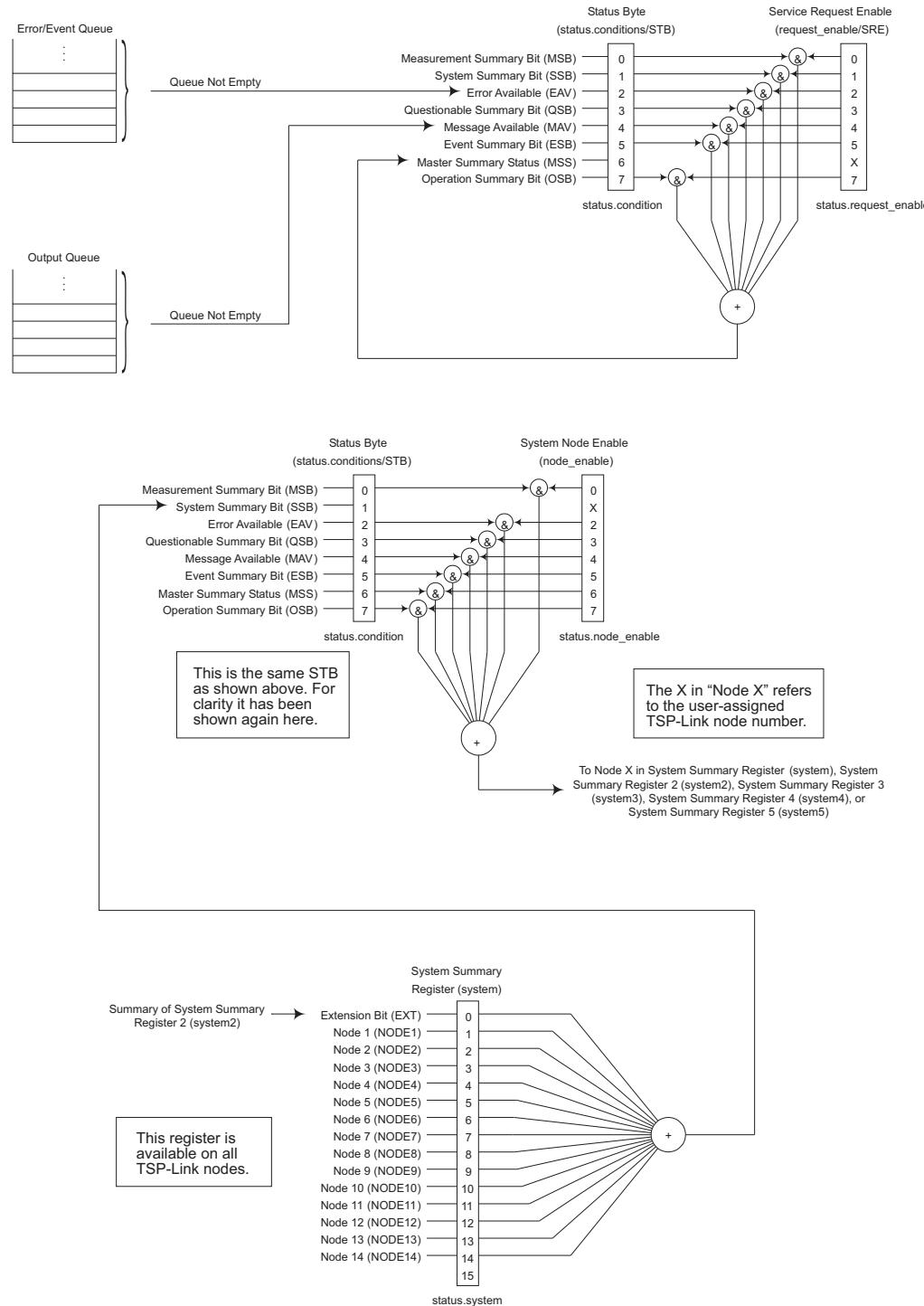
| Type                | Function or attribute                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Status summary      | status.condition<br>status.node_enable<br>status.node_event<br>status.request_enable<br>status.request_event<br>status.reset                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Measurement event   | status.measurement.*<br>status.measurement.buffer_available.*<br>status.measurement.current_limit.*<br>status.measurement.instrument.*<br>status.measurement.instrument.smua.*<br>status.measurement.overvoltage.*<br>status.measurement.reading_overflow.*<br>status.measurement.sink_limit.*<br>status.measurement.voltage_limit.*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Operation status    | status.operation.*<br>status.operation.calibrating.*<br>status.operation.instrument.*<br>status.operation.instrument.digio.*<br>status.operation.instrument.digio.trigger_overrun.*<br>status.operation.instrument.lan.*<br>status.operation.instrument.lan.trigger_overrun.*<br>status.operation.instrument.smua.*<br>status.operation.instrument.smua.trigger_overrun.*<br>status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.*<br>status.operation.instrument.trigger_blender.trigger_overrun.*<br>status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.*<br>status.operation.instrument.trigger_timer.trigger_overrun.*<br>status.operation.instrument.tsplink.*<br>status.operation.instrument.tsplink.trigger_overrun.*<br>status.operation.measuring.*<br>status.operation.remote.*<br>status.operation.sweeping.*<br>status.operation.trigger_overrun.*<br>status.operation.user.* |
| Questionable status | status.questionable.*<br>status.questionable.calibration.*<br>status.questionable.instrument.*<br>status.questionable.instrument.smua.*<br>status.questionable.over_temperature.*<br>status.questionable.unstable_output.*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Standard event      | status.standard.*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| System summary      | status.system.*<br>status.system2.*<br>status.system3.*<br>status.system4.*<br>status.system5.*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

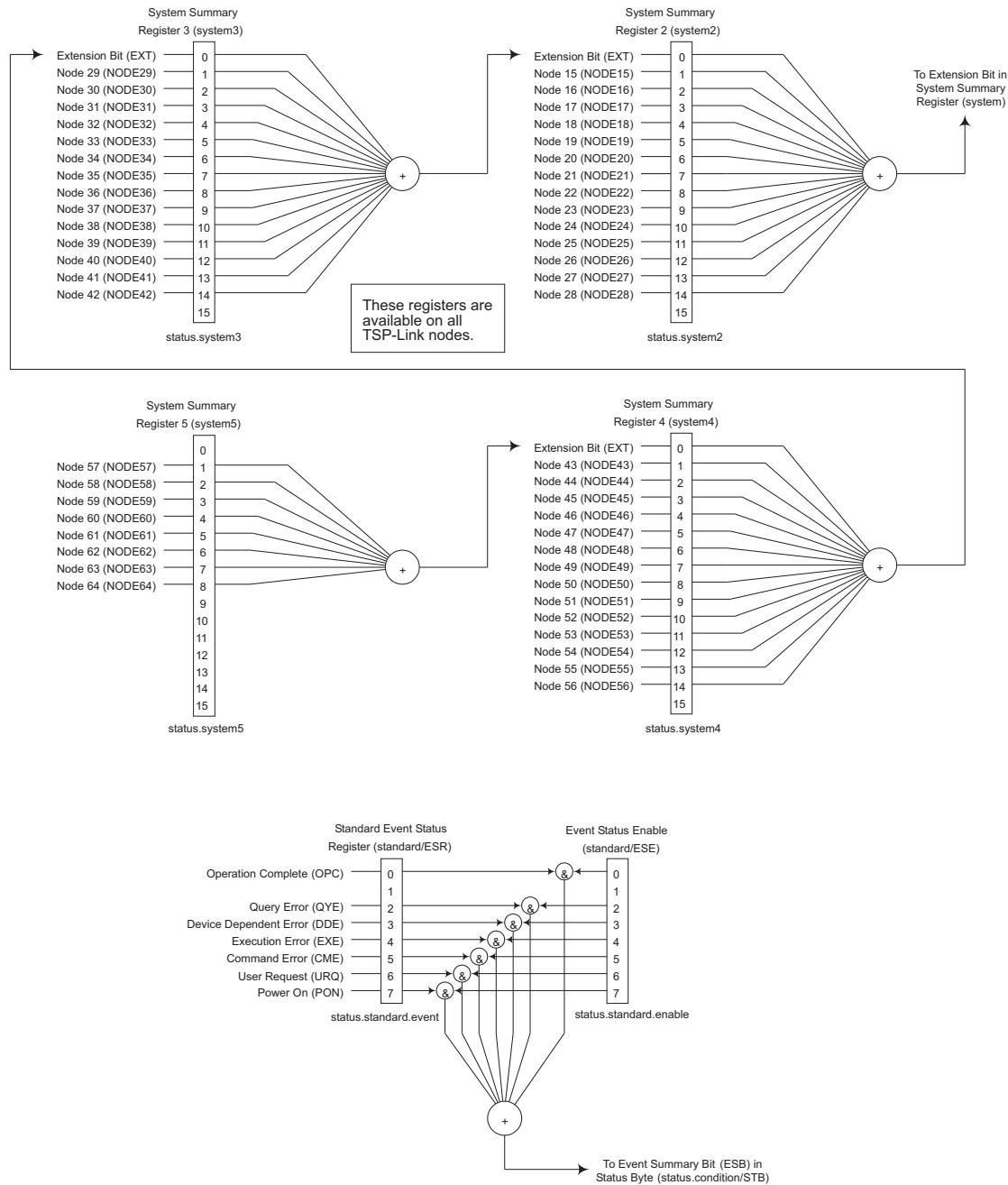
\* = .condition, .event, .ntr, .ptr and .enable;

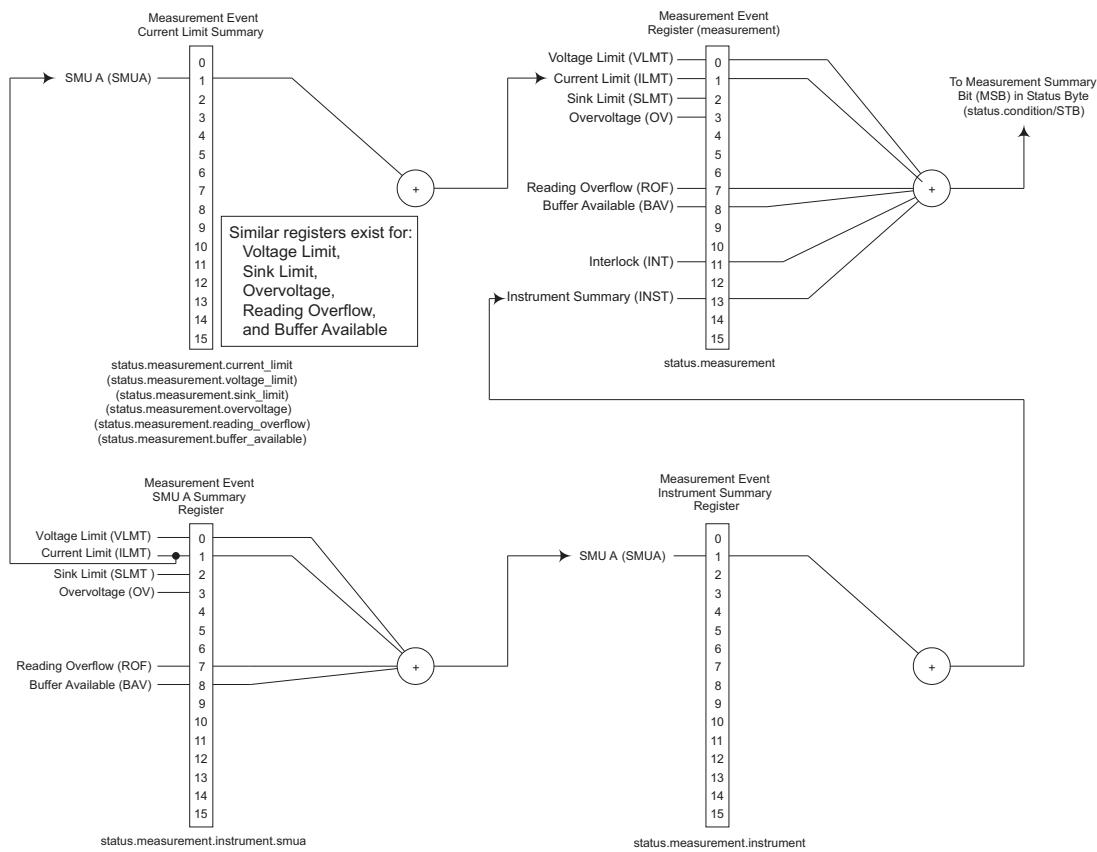
## Status model diagrams

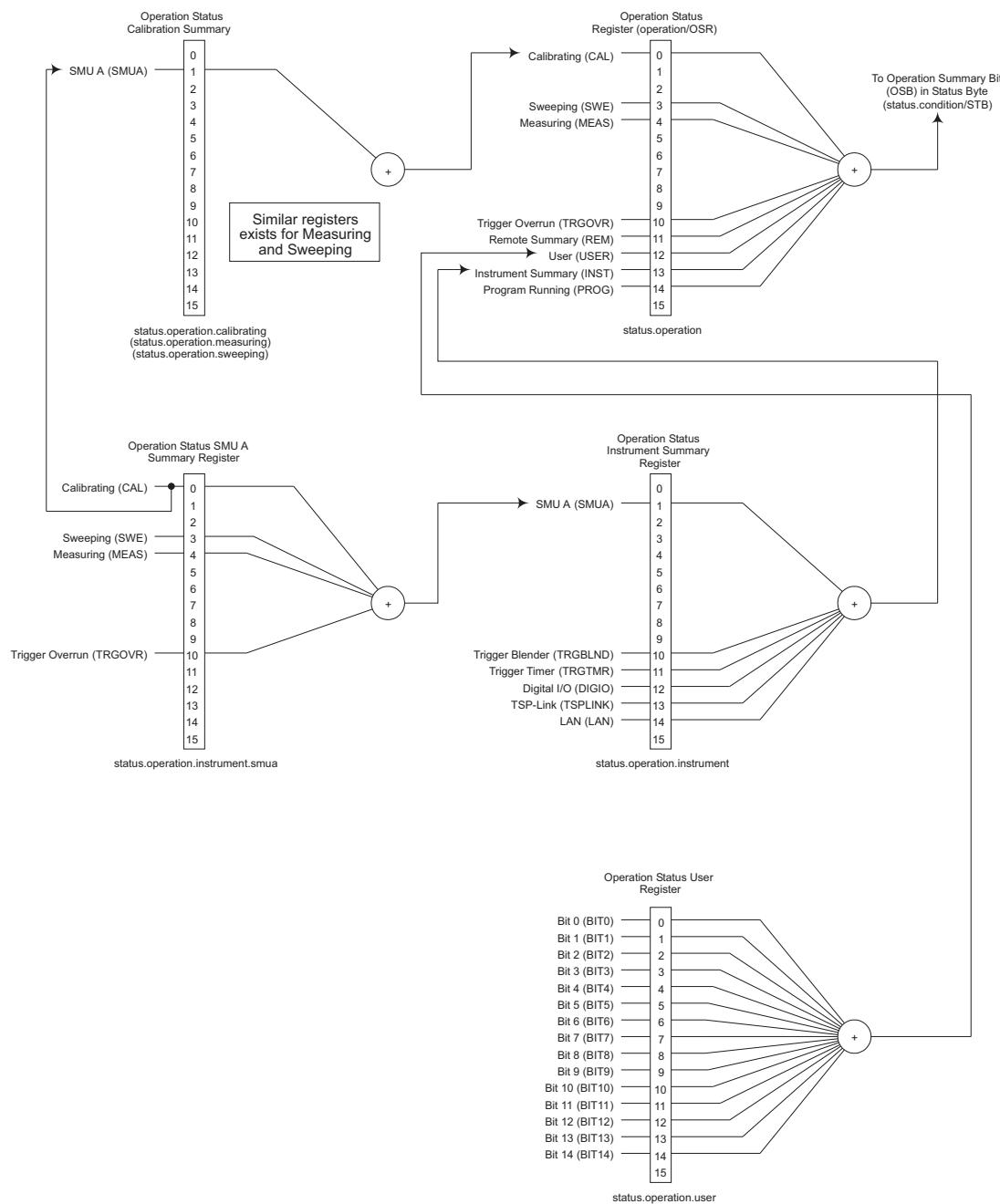
The following figures graphically describe the status model:

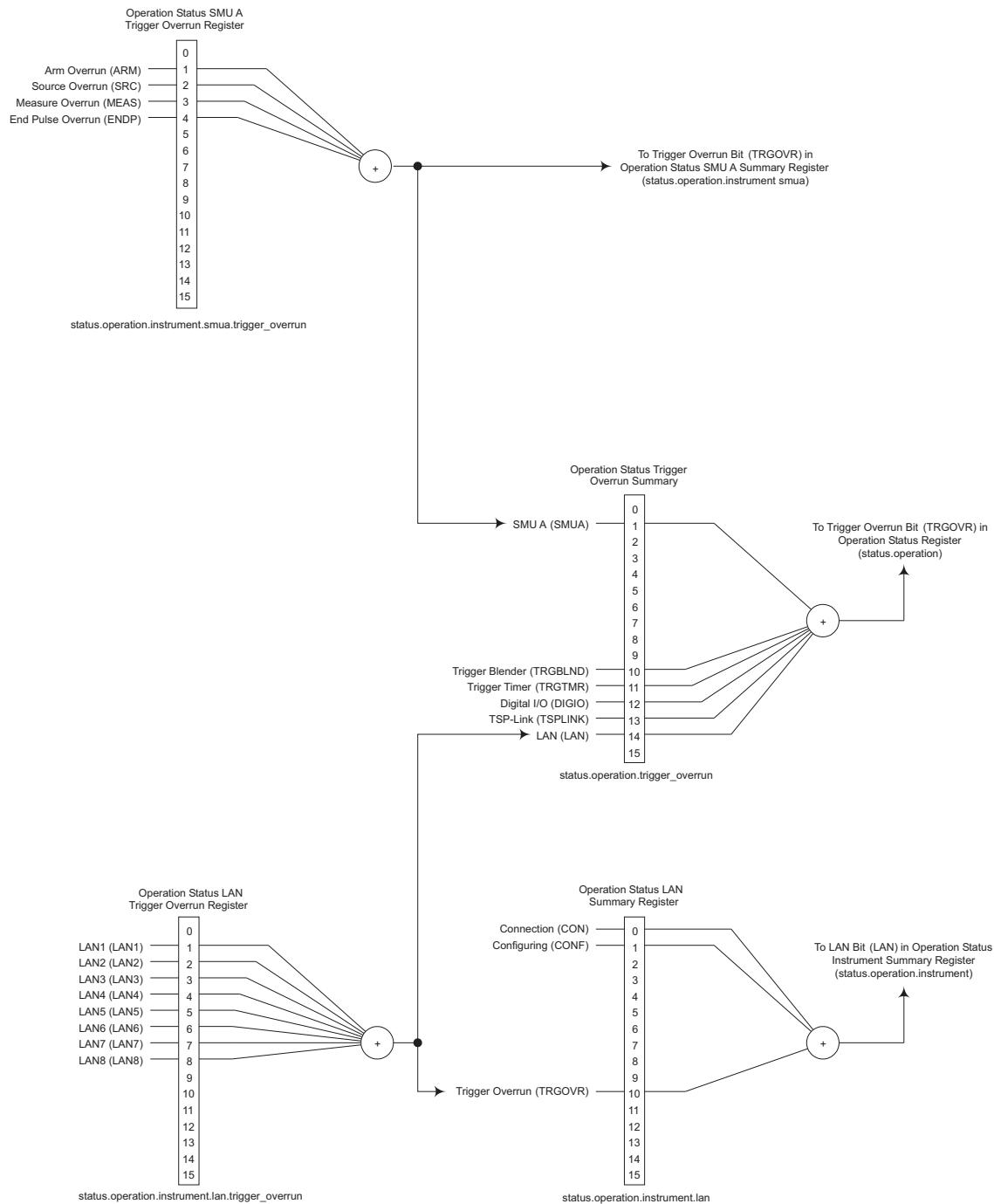
- [Status byte and service request enable registers](#) (on page E-6)
- [Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8)
- [System summary and standard event registers](#) (on page E-7)
- [Operation status registers](#) (on page E-9)
- [Operation status trigger overrun registers](#) (on page E-10)
- [Operation status trigger timer, trigger blender, and remote registers](#) (on page E-11)
- [Operation status digital I/O and TSP-Link registers](#) (on page E-12)
- [Questionable status registers](#) (on page E-13)

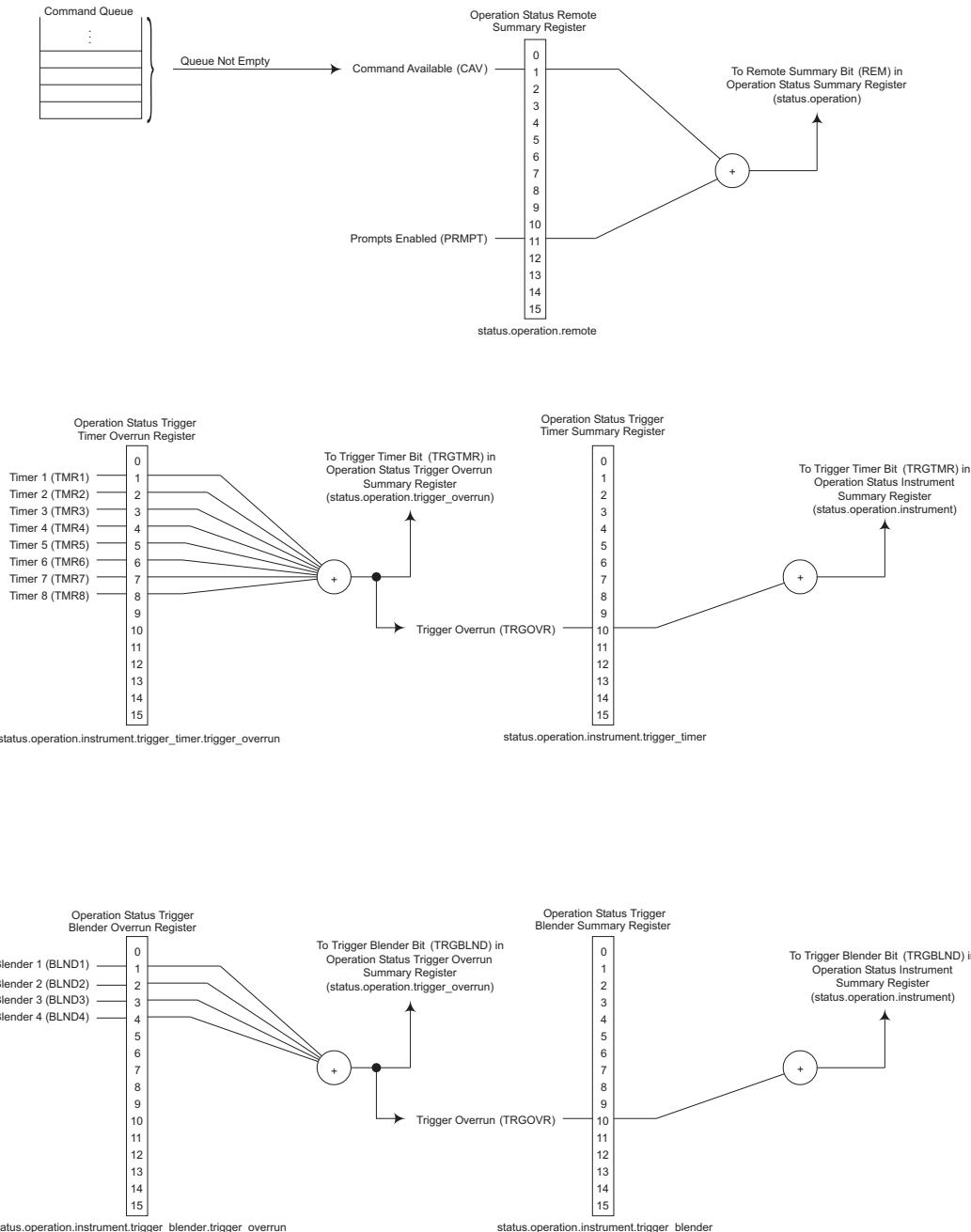
**Figure 147: Status byte and service request enable registers**

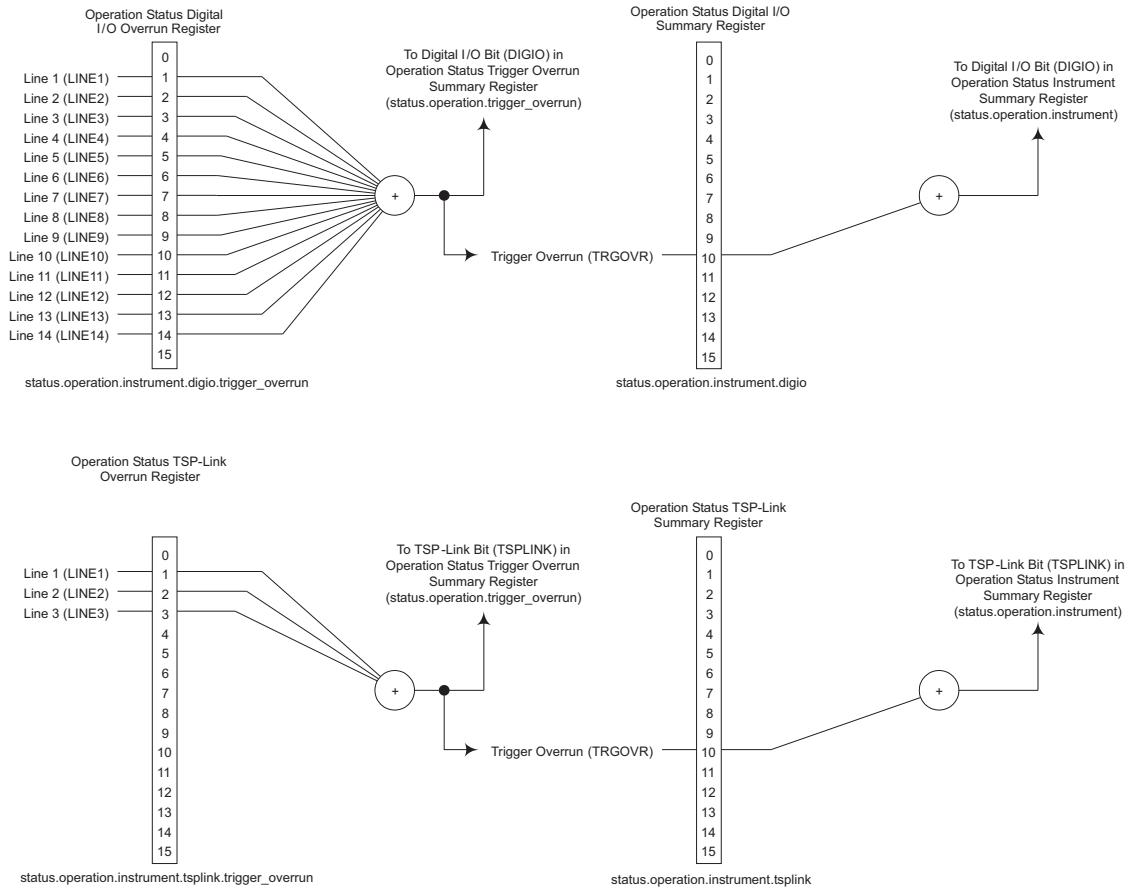
**Figure 148: System summary and standard event registers**

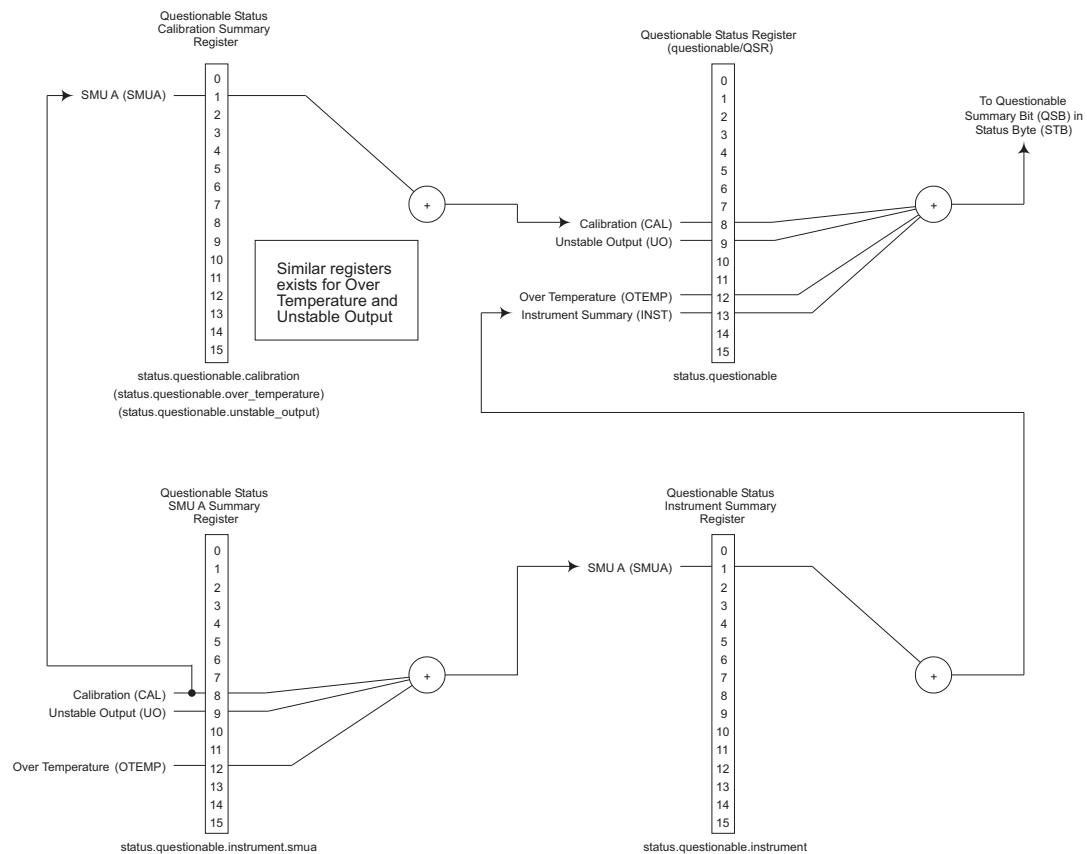
**Figure 149: Measurement event registers**

**Figure 150: Operation status registers**

**Figure 151: Operation status trigger overrun registers**

**Figure 152: Operation status trigger timer, trigger blender, and remote registers**

**Figure 153: Operation status digital I/O and TSP-Link registers**

**Figure 154: Questionable status registers**

## Clearing registers

Commands to reset the status registers are listed in the table below.

In addition to these commands, you can reset the enable registers and the NTR to 0. To do this, send the individual command to program the register with a 0 as its parameter value. The PTR registers can be reset to their defaults by programming them with all bits on. Note that the event registers are not programmable but can be cleared by reading them.

| Commands to reset registers                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command                                                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>To reset registers:</b><br>*CLS<br><br>status.reset() | Reset bits of the event and NTR registers to 0 and set all PTR register bits on. Also clears the output queue.<br><br>Reset bits of the event and NTR registers to 0 and set all PTR register bits on. |

## Programming and reading registers

### Programming enable and transition registers

The only registers that you can program are the enable and transition registers. All other registers in the status structure are read-only registers. The following explains how to determine the parameter values for the various commands used to program enable registers. The actual commands are summarized in [Common commands](#) (on page D-1) and [Status function summary](#) (on page E-4).

A command to program an event enable or transition register is sent with a parameter value that determines the desired state (0 or 1) of each bit in the appropriate register. The bit positions of the register (see the following figure) indicate the binary parameter value and decimal equivalent. To program one of the registers, send the decimal value for the bits to be set. The registers are discussed further in [Enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-19).

**Figure 155: 16-bit status register**

| Bit position | B7        | B6        | B5        | B4        | B3        | B2        | B1        | B0        |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Binary value | 0/1       | 0/1       | 0/1       | 0/1       | 0/1       | 0/1       | 0/1       | 0/1       |
| Decimal      | 128       | 64        | 32        | 16        | 8         | 4         | 2         | 1         |
| Weights      | ( $2^7$ ) | ( $2^6$ ) | ( $2^5$ ) | ( $2^4$ ) | ( $2^3$ ) | ( $2^2$ ) | ( $2^1$ ) | ( $2^0$ ) |

**A. Bits 0 through 7**

| Bit position | B15          | B14          | B13          | B12          | B11          | B10          | B9        | B8        |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Binary value | 0/1          | 0/1          | 0/1          | 0/1          | 0/1          | 0/1          | 0/1       | 0/1       |
| Decimal      | 32768        | 16384        | 8192         | 4096         | 2048         | 1024         | 512       | 256       |
| Weights      | ( $2^{15}$ ) | ( $2^{14}$ ) | ( $2^{13}$ ) | ( $2^{12}$ ) | ( $2^{11}$ ) | ( $2^{10}$ ) | ( $2^9$ ) | ( $2^8$ ) |

**B. Bits 8 through 15**

When using a numeric parameter, registers are programmed by including the appropriate <mask> value. For example:

```
*ese 1169
status.standard.enable = 1169
```

To convert from decimal to binary, use the information shown in the above figure. For example, to set bits B0, B4, B7, and B10, a decimal value of 1169 would be used for the mask parameter ( $1169 = 1 + 16 + 128 + 1024$ ).

## Reading registers

Any register in the status structure can be read either by sending the common command query (where applicable), or by including the script command for that register in either the `print()` or `print(tostring())` command. The `print()` command outputs a numeric value; the `print(tostring())` command outputs the string equivalent. For example, any of the following commands requests the Service Request Enable Register value:

```
*SRE?
print(tostring(status.request_enable))
print(status.request_enable)
```

The response message will be a decimal value that indicates which bits in the register are set. That value can be converted to its binary equivalent using the information in [Programming enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-14). For example, for a decimal value of 37 (binary value of 100101), bits B5, B2, and B0 are set.

## Status byte and service request (SRQ)

Service requests (SRQs) allow an instrument to indicate that it needs attention or that some event has occurred. When the controller receives an SRQ, it allows the controller to interrupt tasks to perform other tasks in order to address the request for service.

For example, you might program your instrument to send an SRQ when:

- All instrument operations are complete
- An instrument error occurs
- A specific operation has occurred

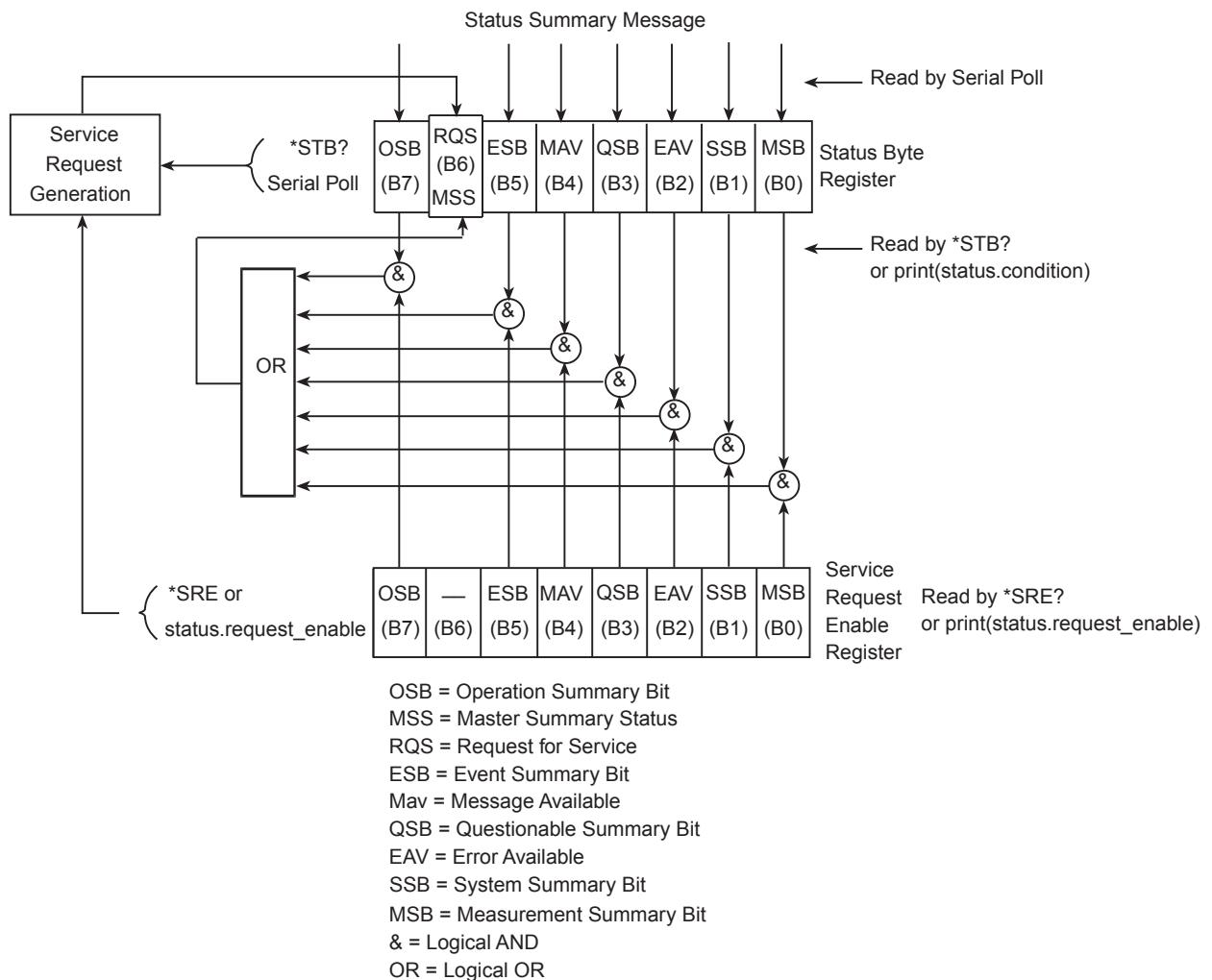
Two 8-bit registers control service requests, the Status Byte Register and the Service Request Enable Register. The [Status Byte Register](#) (on page E-15) topic describes the structure of these registers.

Service requests affect GPIB and VXI-11 connections. On a GPIB connection, the SRQ line is asserted. On a VXI-11 connection, an SRQ event is generated.

## Status Byte Register

The summary messages from the status registers and queues are used to set or clear the appropriate bits (B0, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, and B7) of the Status Byte Register. These summary bits do not latch, and their states (0 or 1) are dependent upon the summary messages (0 or 1). For example, if the Standard Event Register is read, its register will clear. As a result, its summary message will reset to 0, which will then reset the ESB bit in the Status Byte Register.

The Status Byte Register also receives summary bits from itself, which sets the Master Summary Status, or MSS, bit.

**Figure 156: Status byte and service request (SRQ)**

The bits of the Status Byte Register are described as follows:

- **Bit B0, Measurement Summary Bit (MSB):** Set summary bit indicates that an enabled measurement event has occurred.
- **Bit B1, System Summary Bit (SSB):** Set summary bit indicates that an enabled system event has occurred.
- **Bit B2, Error Available (EAV):** Set bit indicates that an error or status message is present in the error queue.
- **Bit B3, Questionable Summary Bit (QSB):** Set summary bit indicates that an enabled questionable event has occurred.
- **Bit B4, Message Available (MAV):** Set bit indicates that a response message is present in the output queue.
- **Bit B5, Event Summary Bit (ESB):** Set summary bit indicates that an enabled standard event has occurred.
- **Bit B6, Request Service (RQS)/Master Summary Status (MSS):** Set bit indicates that an enabled summary bit of the Status Byte Register is set. Depending on how it is used, bit B6 of the Status Byte Register is either the Request for Service (RQS) bit or the Master Summary Status (MSS) bit:
  - When using the GPIB or VXI-11 serial poll sequence of the Model 2657A to obtain the status byte (serial poll byte), B6 is the RQS bit. See [Serial polling and SRQ](#) (on page E-18) for details on using the serial poll sequence.
  - When using the \*STB? common command or status.condition [Status byte and service request commands](#) (on page E-18) to read the status byte, B6 is the MSS bit.
- **Bit B7, Operation Summary (OSB):** Set summary bit indicates that an enabled operation event has occurred.

## Service Request Enable Register

The Service Request Enable Register controls the generation of a service request. This register is programmed by the user and is used to enable or disable the setting of bit B6 (RQS/MSS) by the Status Summary Message bits (B0, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, and B7) of the Status Byte Register. As shown in the [Status Byte Register](#) (on page E-15) topic, a logical AND operation is performed on the summary bits (&) with the corresponding enable bits of the Service Request Enable Register. When a logical AND operation is performed with a set summary bit (1) and with an enabled bit (1) of the enable register, the logic “1” output is applied to the input of the logical OR gate and, therefore, sets the MSS/RQS bit in the Status Byte Register.

The individual bits of the Service Request Enable Register can be set or cleared by using the \*SRE common command or `status.request_enable`. To read the Service Request Enable Register, use the \*SRE? query or `print(status.request_enable)`. The Service Request Enable Register clears when power is cycled or a parameter value of 0 is sent with a status request enable command (for example, a \*SRE 0 or `status.request_enable = 0` is sent). The commands to program and read the SRQ Enable Register are listed in [Status byte and service request commands](#) (on page E-18).

## Serial polling and SRQ

Any enabled event summary bit that goes from 0 to 1 sets bit B6 and generates a service request (SRQ).

In your test program, you can periodically read the Status Byte to check if an SRQ has occurred and what caused it. If an SRQ occurs, the program can, for example, branch to an appropriate subroutine that will service the request.

SRQs can be managed by the serial poll sequence of the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument. If an SRQ does not occur, bit B6 (RQS) of the Status Byte Register remains cleared, and the program will simply proceed normally after the serial poll is performed. If an SRQ does occur, bit B6 of the Status Byte Register is set, and the program can branch to a service subroutine when the SRQ is detected by the serial poll.

The serial poll automatically resets RQS of the Status Byte Register. This allows subsequent serial polls to monitor bit B6 for an SRQ occurrence generated by other event types.

For common and script commands, B6 is the MSS (Message Summary Status) bit. The serial poll does not clear the MSS bit. The MSS bit stays set until all Status Byte Register summary bits are reset.

## SPE, SPD (serial polling)

For the GPIB interface only, the SPE and SPD general bus commands are used to serial poll the High Power System SourceMeter® instrument. Serial polling obtains the serial poll byte (status byte). Typically, serial polling is used by the controller to determine which of several instruments has requested service with the SRQ line.

## Status byte and service request commands

The commands to program and read the Status Byte Register and Service Request Enable Register are listed in [Status byte and service request commands](#) (on page E-18). Note that the table includes both common commands and their script command equivalents. For details on programming and reading registers, see [Programming enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-14) and [Reading registers](#) (on page E-15).

To reset the bits of the Service Request Enable Register to 0, use 0 as the parameter value for the command (for example, \*SRE 0 or `status.request_enable = 0`).

### Status Byte and Service Request Enable Register commands

| Command                                                                | Description                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *STB?<br>or<br><code>print(status.condition)</code>                    | Read the Status Byte Register.                                       |
| *SRE <mask><br>or<br><code>status.request_enable = &lt;mask&gt;</code> | Program the Service Request Enable Register where <mask> = 0 to 255. |
| *SRE?<br>or<br><code>print(status.request_enable)</code>               | Read the Service Request Enable Register.                            |

## Enable and transition registers

In general, there are three types of user-writable registers that are used to configure which bits feed the register summary bit and when it occurs. The registers are identified in each applicable command (as listed in [TSP commands](#) (on page 7-8)) as follows:

- **Enable register** (identified as `.enable` in each attribute's command listing): Allows various associated events to be included in the summary bit for the register.
- **Negative-transition register** (identified as `.ntr` in each attributes command listing): A particular bit in the event register will be set when the corresponding bit in the NTR is set, and the corresponding bit in the condition register transitions from 1 to 0.
- **Positive-transition register** (identified as `.ptr` in each attributes command listing): A particular bit in the event register will be set when the corresponding bit in the PTR is set, and the corresponding bit in the condition register transitions from 0 to 1.

## Controlling node and SRQ enable registers

Attributes to control system node and service request (SRQ) enable bits and read associated registers are summarized in the [Status byte and service request enable registers](#) (on page E-6). For example, either of the following will set the system node QSB enable bit:

```
status.node_enable = status.QSB
status.node_enable = 8
```

## Status register sets

There are five status register sets in the status structure of a High Power System SourceMeter® instrument:

- System Summary
- Standard Event Status
- Operation Status
- Measurement Event
- Questionable Status

## System Summary Registers

As shown in [Status model diagrams](#) (on page E-5), there are five register sets associated with system status events. These registers summarize system status for various nodes connected to the TSP-Link® network (see [TSP-Link system expansion interface](#) (on page 6-49)). Note that all nodes on the TSP-Link network share a copy of the system summary registers once the TSP-Link system has been initialized. This feature allows all nodes to access the status models of other nodes, including service request (SRQ).

In a TSP-Link system, the status model can be configured such that a status event in any node in the system can set the RQS (request for service) bit of the Master Node Status Byte. See [TSP-Link system status](#) (on page E-26) for details on using the status model in a TSP-Link system.

Commands for the system summary registers are summarized in the [Status function summary](#) (on page E-4) table.

For example, either of the following commands will set the EXT enable bit:

```
status.system.enable = status.system.EXT
status.system.enable = 1
```

When reading a register, a numeric value is returned. The binary equivalent of this value indicates which bits in the register are set. For details, see [Reading registers](#) (on page E-15). For example, the following command will read the System Enable Register:

```
print(status.system.enable)
```

The used bits of the system event registers are described as follows:

- **Bit B0, Extension Bit (EXT):** Set bit indicates that an extension bit from another system status register is set.
- **Bits B1-B14\* NODEn:** Indicates a bit on TSP-Link node  $n$  has been set ( $n = 1$  to 64).

\*`status.system5` does not use bits B9 through B15.

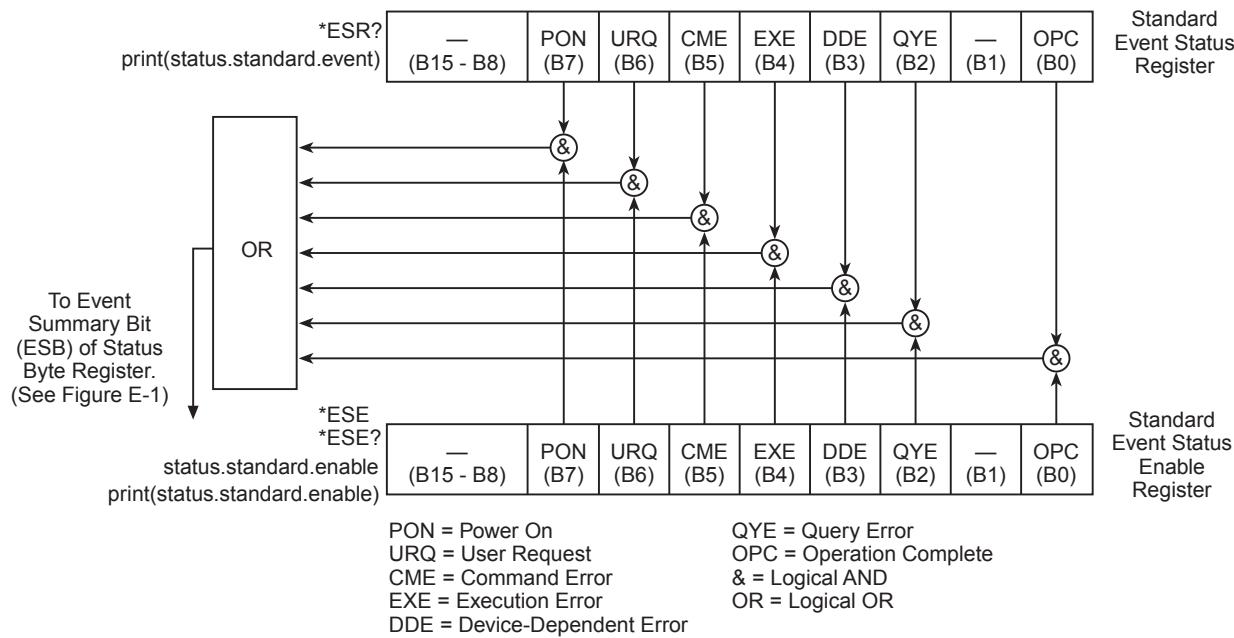
## Standard Event Register

The bits used in the Standard Event Register are described as follows:

- **Bit B0, Operation Complete (OPC):** Set bit indicates that all pending selected device operations are completed and the Model 2657A instrument is ready to accept new commands. The bit is set in response to an \*OPC command. The `opc()` function can be used in place of the \*OPC command. See [Common commands](#) (on page D-1) for details on the \*OPC command.
- **Bit B1:** Not used.
- **Bit B2, Query Error (QYE):** Set bit indicates that you attempted to read data from an empty output queue.
- **Bit B3, Device-Dependent Error (DDE):** Set bit indicates that an instrument operation did not execute properly due to some internal condition.
- **Bit B4, Execution Error (EXE):** Set bit indicates that the Model 2657A instrument detected an error while trying to execute a command.
- **Bit B5, Command Error (CME):** Set bit indicates that a command error has occurred. Command errors include:
  - IEEE Std 488.2 syntax error: The Model 2657A instrument received a message that does not follow the defined syntax of IEEE Std 488.2.
  - Semantic error: Model 2657A instrument received a command that was misspelled or received an optional IEEE Std 488.2 command that is not implemented.
  - The instrument received a Group Execute Trigger (GET) inside a program message.
- **Bit B6, User Request (URQ):** Set bit indicates that the LOCAL key on the Model 2657A instrument front panel was pressed.
- **Bit B7, Power ON (PON):** Set bit indicates that the Model 2657A instrument has been turned off and turned back on since the last time this register was read.

Commands to program and read the register are summarized below and also in the [Status function summary](#) (on page E-4) table.

**Figure 157: Standard event register**



### Standard event commands

| Command                                              | Description                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *ESR?<br>or<br>print(status.standard.event)          | Read Standard Event Status Register.                                                                                              |
| *ESE <mask><br>or<br>status.standard.enable = <mask> | Program the Event Status Enable Register:<br><mask> = 0 to 255<br>See <a href="#">Status register set contents</a> (on page E-1). |
| *ESE?<br>or<br>print(status.standard.enable)         | Read Event Status Enable Register.                                                                                                |

## Operation Status Registers

As shown in the status model's [Operation status registers](#) (on page E-9) diagram, there are 22 register sets associated with operation status. Commands are summarized in the [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) topic. Note that bits can also be set by using numeric parameter values. For details, see [Programming enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-14).

For example, either of the following commands will set the CAL enable bit (B0):

```
status.operation.enable = status.operation.CAL
status.operation.enable = 1
```

When reading a register, a numeric value is returned. The binary equivalent of this value indicates which bits in the register are set. For details, see [Reading registers](#) (on page E-15). For example, the following command will read the Operation Status Enable Register:

```
print(status.operation.enable)
```

Commands to program and read the register are summarized in the [Status function summary](#) (on page E-4) table.

## Operation Status Registers

This register set feeds to bit B7 (OSB) of the Status Byte. The bits used in the Operation Status Register set are described as follows:

- **Bit B0, Calibrating (CAL):** Set bit indicates that one or more channels are calibrating.
- **Bit B3, Sweeping (SWE):** Set bit indicates that one or more channels are sweeping.
- **Bit B4, Measuring (MEAS):** Bit will be set when taking an overlapped measurement, but it will not set when taking a normal synchronous measurement.
- **Bit B10, Trigger Overrun (TRGOVR):** Set bit indicates that an enabled bit in the Operation Status Trigger Overrun Summary Register is set.
- **Bit B11, Remote Summary (REM):** Set bit indicates that an enabled bit in the Operation Status Remote Summary Register is set.
- **Bit B12, User (USER):** Set bit indicates that an enabled bit in the Operation Status User Register is set.
- **Bit B13, Instrument Summary (INST):** Set bit indicates that an enabled bit in the Operation Status Instrument Summary Register is set.
- **Bit B14, Program Running (PROG):** Set bit indicates that a program is running.

For more information on the Operation Status Registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and the figures in this appendix.

## Questionable Status Registers

This register set feeds to bit B3 (QSB) of the Status Byte. The bits used in the Questionable Status Register set are described as follows:

- **Bit B8, Calibration (CAL):** Set bit indicates that calibration is questionable.
- **Bit B9, Unstable Output (UO):** Set bit indicates that an unstable output condition was detected.
- **Bit B12, Over Temperature (OTEMP):** Set bit indicates that an over temperature condition was detected.
- **Bit B13, Instrument Summary (INST):** Set bit indicates that a bit in the Questionable Status Instrument Summary Register is set.

For more information on the Questionable Status Register, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and the figures in this appendix.

## Questionable Status Registers

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As shown in the status model's [Operation event, I/O, and TSP-Link registers](#) (on page E-12), there are seven register sets associated with Questionable Status. Commands are summarized in the [Status byte and service request \(SRQ\)](#) (on page E-15) topic. Note that bits can also be set by using numeric parameter values. For details, see [Programming enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-14).

For example, either of the following commands will set the CAL enable bit (B8):

```
status.questionable.enable = status.questionable.CAL
status.questionable.enable = 256
```

When reading a register, a numeric value is returned. The binary equivalent of this value indicates which bits in the register are set. For details, see [Reading registers](#) (on page E-15). For example, the following command will read the Questionable Status Enable Register:

```
print(status.questionable.enable)
```

For more information about the Questionable Status Registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and the figures in this appendix.

## Measurement Event Registers

As shown in the status model's [Measurement event registers](#) (on page E-8), there are eight register sets associated with measurement event status. Commands are summarized in the [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) topic. Note that bits can also be set by using numeric parameter values. For details, see [Programming enable and transition registers](#) (on page E-14).

For example, either of the following commands will set the VOLTAGE\_LIMIT enable bit:

```
status.measurement.enable = status.measurement.VOLTAGE_LIMIT
status.measurement.enable = 1
```

When reading a register, a numeric value is returned. The binary equivalent of this value indicates which bits in the register are set. For details, see [Reading registers](#) (on page E-15). For example, the following command will read the Measurement Event Enable Register:

```
print(status.measurement.enable)
```

This register set feeds to bit B0 (MSB) of the Status Byte. The bits used in the Measurement Event Registers are described as follows:

- **Bit B0, Voltage Limit (VLMT):** Set bit indicates that the voltage limit was exceeded. This bit will be updated only when either a measurement is taken or the `smuX.source.compliance` attribute is read.
- **Bit B1, Current Limit (ILMT):** Set bit indicates that the current limit was exceeded. This bit will be updated only when either a measurement is taken or the `smuX.source.compliance` attribute is read.
- **Bit B2, Sink Limit (SLMT):** Set bit indicates that the sink limit was exceeded. This bit will be updated only when either a measurement is taken or the `smuX.source.compliance` attribute is read.
- **Bit B3, Overvoltage (OV):** Set bit indicates that an overvoltage condition has occurred. This bit will be updated only when either a measurement is taken or the `smuX.source.compliance` attribute is read.
- **Bit B7, Reading Overflow (ROF):** Set bit indicates that an overflow reading has been detected.
- **Bit B8, Buffer Available (BAV):** Set bit indicates that there is at least one reading stored in either or both of the nonvolatile reading buffers.
- **Bit B11, Interlock (INT):** Set bit indicates that interlock was asserted.
- **Bit B13, Instrument Summary (INST):** Set bit indicates that a bit in the Measurement Instrument Summary Register is set.

Commands to program and read the register are summarized in the [Status function summary](#) (on page E-4) table. For more information about the Measurement Event Registers, refer to [Status register set contents](#) (on page E-1) and the figures in this appendix.

## Register programming example

The command sequence below programs the instrument to generate a service request (SRQ) and set the system summary bit in all TSP-Link nodes when the current limit on channel A is exceeded.

```
-- Clear all registers.
status.reset()

-- Enable current limit bit in current limit register.
status.measurement.current_limit.enable = status.measurement.current_limit.SMUA

-- Enable status measure current limit bit.
status.measurement.enable = status.measurement.IILMT

-- Set system summary; enable MSB.
status.node_enable = status.MSB

-- Enable status SRQ MSB.
status.request_enable = status.MSB
```

## TSP-Link system status

The TSP-Link® expansion interface allows instruments to communicate with each other. The test system can be expanded to include up to 32 TSP-enabled instruments. In a TSP-Link system, one node (instrument) is the master and the other nodes are the subordinates. The master can control the other nodes (subordinates) in the system. See [TSP-Link system expansion interface](#) (on page 6-49) for details about the TSP-Link system.

The system summary registers, shown in the [Status byte and service request enable registers](#) (on page E-6) and the [System summary and standard event registers](#) (on page E-7), are shared by all nodes in the TSP-Link system. A status event that occurs at a subordinate node can generate an SRQ (service request) in the master node. After detecting the service request, your program can then branch to an appropriate subroutine that will service the request. See [Status byte and service request \(SRQ\)](#) (on page E-15) for details.

## Status model configuration example

In this example, a current limit (compliance) event in SMU A of node 15 will set the RQS bit of the Status Byte of the master node. The commands to configure the status model for this example are provided in [Status configuration \(enable\) commands](#) (on page E-27).

When a current limit (compliance) condition occurs in SMU A of Node 15, the following sequence of events will occur:

- Node 15: Bit B1 of the Measurement Event Current Limit Summary Register sets when the current limit (compliance) event occurs.
- Node 15: Bit B1 (ILMT) of the Measurement Event Register sets.
- Node 15: Bit B0 (MSB) of the Status Byte sets.
- System Summary Registers: Bit B1 (Node 15) of the System Summary Register 2 sets.

### NOTE

The System Summary Registers are shared by all nodes in the TSP-Link system. When a bit in a system register of node 15 sets, the same bit in the master node system register also sets.

- System Summary Registers: Bit B0 (Extension) of the System Summary Register sets.
- Master Node: Bit B0 (MSB) of the Status Byte sets.
- Master node: With service request enabled, bit B6 (RQS) of the Status Byte sets. When your program performs the next serial poll of the master node, it will detect the current limit event and can branch to a routine to service the request.

The figure in [Status configuration \(enable\) commands](#) (on page E-27) demonstrates the flow of information through the status model of node 15 and the master node.

## Status configuration (enable) commands

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The following commands (sent from the master node) enable the appropriate register bits for the above example:

Node 15 status registers: The following commands enable the current limit events for SMU A of node 15:

```
node[15].status.measurement.current_limit.enable = 2
node[15].status.measurement.enable = 2
node[15].status.node_enable = 1
```

The affected status registers for the above commands are indicated by labels A, B and C (see following figure).

Master node system summary registers: The following commands enable the required system summary bits for node 15:

```
status.system2.enable = 2
status.system.enable = 1
```

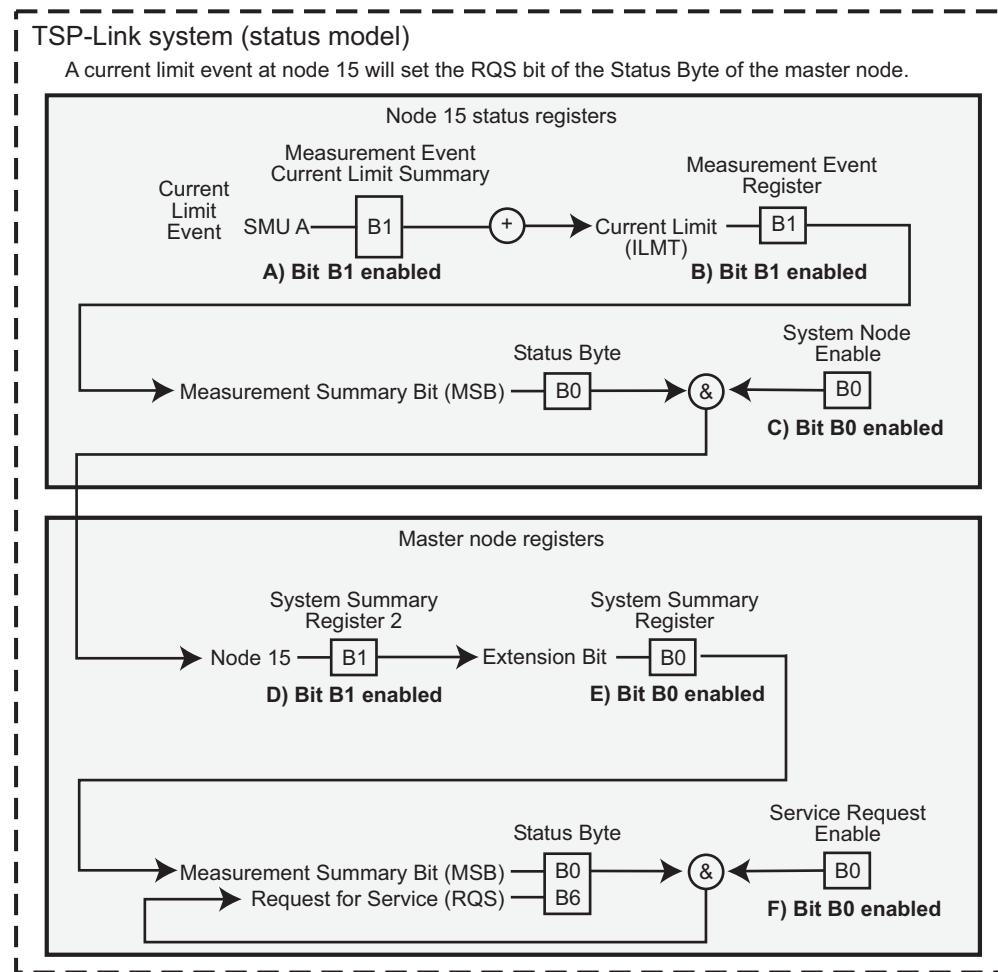
The affected system summary registers for the above commands are indicated by labels D and E (see following figure).

Master node service request: The following command enables the service request for the measurement event:

```
status.request_enable = 1
```

The affected status register for the above command is indicated by label E (see following figure).

**Figure 158: TSP-Link status model configuration example**



# Appendix F

## Display character codes

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## Model 2657A display character codes

The following tables contain the display character codes (decimal values) and their corresponding display.

Display character codes (decimal 0 to 39)

| Decimal | Display  | Decimal | Display  | Decimal | Display        |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------------|
| 000     | reserved | 012     | reserved | 026     | ▲              |
| 001     | reserved | 013     | reserved | 027     | ▼              |
| 002     | reserved | 014     | reserved | 028     | ◀              |
| 003     | reserved | 015     | reserved | 029     | ▶              |
| 004     | reserved | 016     | μ        | 030     |                |
| 005     | reserved | 017     | ±        | 031     |                |
| 006     | reserved | 018     | Ω        | 032     | (space)        |
| 007     | reserved | 019     | °        | 033     | !              |
| 008     | reserved | 020     |          | 034     | "              |
| 009     | reserved | 021     |          | 035     | #              |
| 010     | reserved | 022     |          | 036     | \$             |
| 011     | reserved | 023     |          | 037     | %              |
| 012     | reserved | 024     |          | 038     | &              |
| 013     | reserved | 025     |          | 039     | ' (apostrophe) |

**Display character codes (decimal 40 to 102)**

| Decimal | Display   | Decimal | Display | Decimal | Display               |
|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| 040     | (         | 061     | =       | 082     | R                     |
| 041     | )         | 062     | >       | 083     | S                     |
| 042     | *         | 063     | ?       | 084     | T                     |
| 043     | +         | 064     | @       | 085     | U                     |
| 044     | , (comma) | 065     | A       | 086     | V                     |
| 045     | -         | 066     | B       | 087     | W                     |
| 046     | .         | 067     | C       | 088     | X                     |
| 047     | /         | 068     | D       | 089     | Y                     |
| 048     | 0         | 069     | E       | 090     | Z                     |
| 049     | 1         | 070     | F       | 091     | [                     |
| 050     | 2         | 071     | G       | 092     | \                     |
| 051     | 3         | 072     | H       | 093     | ]                     |
| 052     | 4         | 073     | I       | 094     | ^                     |
| 053     | 5         | 074     | J       | 095     | -                     |
| 054     | 6         | 075     | K       | 096     | ' (open single quote) |
| 055     | 7         | 076     | L       | 097     | a                     |
| 056     | 8         | 077     | M       | 098     | b                     |
| 057     | 9         | 078     | N       | 099     | c                     |
| 058     | :         | 079     | O       | 100     | d                     |
| 059     | ;         | 080     | P       | 101     | e                     |
| 060     | <         | 081     | Q       | 102     | f                     |

**Display character codes (decimal 103 to 165 )**

| Decimal | Display | Decimal | Display                                                                             | Decimal | Display                                                                               |
|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 103     | g       | 124     |                                                                                     | 145     |    |
| 104     | h       | 125     | }                                                                                   | 146     |    |
| 105     | i       | 126     | ~                                                                                   | 147     |    |
| 106     | j       | 127     |    | 148     |    |
| 107     | k       | 128     | (space)                                                                             | 149     |    |
| 108     | l       | 129     |    | 150     |    |
| 109     | m       | 130     |    | 151     |    |
| 110     | n       | 131     |    | 152     |    |
| 111     | o       | 132     |   | 153     |   |
| 112     | p       | 133     |  | 154     |  |
| 113     | q       | 134     |  | 155     |  |
| 114     | r       | 135     |  | 156     |  |
| 115     | s       | 136     |  | 157     |  |
| 116     | t       | 137     |  | 158     |  |
| 117     | u       | 138     |  | 159     |  |
| 118     | v       | 139     |  | 160     | 0                                                                                     |
| 119     | w       | 140     |  | 161     | 1                                                                                     |
| 120     | x       | 141     |  | 162     | 2                                                                                     |
| 121     | y       | 142     |  | 163     | 3                                                                                     |
| 122     | z       | 143     |  | 164     | 4                                                                                     |
| 123     | {       | 144     |  | 165     | 5                                                                                     |

**Display character codes (decimal 166 to 228)**

| Decimal | Display | Decimal | Display | Decimal | Display |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 166     | ⁶       | 187     | Φ       | 208     | æ       |
| 167     | ⁷       | 188     | ∩       | 209     | Æ       |
| 168     | ⁸       | 189     | ∪       | 210     | å       |
| 169     | ⁹       | 190     | ÷       | 211     | ä       |
| 170     | α       | 191     | ≤       | 212     | á       |
| 171     | ß       | 192     | ≥       | 213     | à       |
| 172     | γ       | 193     | ≠       | 214     | å       |
| 173     | δ       | 194     | ≡       | 215     | ₂       |
| 174     | ε       | 195     | ≈       | 216     | Ā       |
| 175     | η       | 196     | ∞       | 217     | Ā       |
| 176     | θ       | 197     | >>      | 218     | ē       |
| 177     | λ       | 198     | <<      | 219     | ë       |
| 178     | π       | 199     | ξ       | 220     | é       |
| 179     | ρ       | 200     | i       | 221     | è       |
| 180     | σ       | 201     | ¢       | 222     | É       |
| 181     | τ       | 202     | £       | 223     | †       |
| 182     | φ       | 203     | ¥       | 224     | ſ       |
| 183     | ω       | 204     | P†      | 225     | í       |
| 184     | Γ       | 205     | f       | 226     | í       |
| 185     | Δ       | 206     | ç       | 227     | ô       |
| 186     | Σ       | 207     | ç       | 228     | ö       |

**Display character codes (decimal 229 to 255 )**

| Decimal | Display | Decimal | Display                                                                           | Decimal | Display                                                                             |
|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 229     | ó       | 238     | ñ                                                                                 | 247     |  |
| 230     | ò       | 239     | Ñ                                                                                 | 248     |  |
| 231     | œ       | 240     | ÿ                                                                                 | 249     |  |
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