

## LEGO USB Tower Interface Reference

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## 1 Introduction

This document describes in detail the communication interface between the LEGO USB Tower (tower) and the host computer (host).

Communication between the tower and the host takes place through the USB bus. The tower firmware is compliant with version 1.1 of the USB specifications. The remainder of this document assumes the reader has a basic knowledge with the USB Specification 1.1, especially with chapter 9.

The USB communication characteristics of the tower are as follows:

- Two interrupt endpoints
- Vendor-specific device class (no HID or other USB class standards)

The tower has two interrupt endpoints: endpoint 1 is used for device-to-host communications, while endpoint 2 is used for host-to-device communications.

## 2 USB Tower Capabilities

The USB Tower is able to send and receive infrared signals (IR) and send Visual Light Link (VLL) signals.

The communication speed for:

- 1. VLL is fixed
- 2. Available IR speeds can be requested to the tower via the GET\_CAPS command. It is possible to set different tx and rx speed.

The Tower has four USB configurations:

- 1. Low power (default)
- 2. High power
- 3. Low power, low bandwidth (8 ms polling interval)
- 4. High power, low bandwith (8 ms polling interval)

The Tower control panel on the Host/Windows system controls the active USB configuration. The Tower will always start in low power configuration and thereby being accepted by both low and high power ports on the PC system. Selecting one of the high-power configurations will allow the Tower to function in long range.

The user will see the green indicator LED switched on when the Tower:

- 1. Is powered and has been successfully configured from the host (ON for about 1 second)
- 2. Has received an IR transmission request from the host computer (ON for 1 or more seconds)
- 3. Is delivering IR-received data to the host computer (ON for 1 or more seconds)
- 4. Has detected an internal error (ON forever, until a reset occurs)

## 3 Tower control through USB Vendor requests

The Tower is controlled through specific USB vendor requests, defined by us and explained in detail in the following paragraphs.

All parameters set by vendor requests have default values in the Tower. The tower reverts to its default parameters every time it is reset by a vendor request or by unplugging/plug the Tower. Through the Windows control panel, it is possible to specify some parameter values that the driver automatically sets every time the tower is initialised by the application software.

In general, there is no need to set tower parameters unless there is a need for changing the default values.

All text returned on vendor requests are in Unicode format. The default word format is little-endian (PC/Windows standard). All USB-defined standard requests and any data/descriptors returned from standard requests use the little-endian format instead, no matter what's the data format defined in the tower.

## 3.1 List of Vendor Requests

All USB requests – standard and vendor – are identified by a setup packet containing:

- A request code (bmRequest)
- A word-sized parameter (wValue)
- A word-sized index (wIndex)
- A word-sized length of the expected reply (wLength)

See chapter 9 of the USB 1.1 specifications.

# SET\_PARM

## Request Code

LTW\_REQ\_SET\_PARM

## Description

This command allows setting a number of different tower parameters.

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Parameter code to be set. It's one of the following codes (the default values are shown in <b>bold</b> face):	
	LTW_PARM_MODE	Mode: VLL, IR or IRC
	LTW_PARM_RANGE	Range: Short, <b>Medium</b> or Long
	LTW_PARM_ERRDETECT	Filter spurious data from the IR receiver circuit: On/Off
	LTW_PARM_ERRSTATUS	Current error status of the tower ( <b>no error</b> )
	LTW_PARM_ENDIAN	Vendor request word format: Little Endian (PC/Windows standard) or Big Endian (Apple/Motorola standard)
	LTW_PARM_ID_LED_MODE	Id LED control: <b>Firmware-controlled</b> or Host controlled
	LTW_PARM_ERROR_SIGNAL	Signal on internal error: <b>On</b> /Off
HIBYTE(wValue)	New value of the parameter	
wIndex	Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_	_SET_PARM_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_PARM\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.	
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)	
bValue	Current value of the parameter specified in the request. If the request	
	succeeded, this should contain the value specified by the host in the	
	request parameters.	

## **GET\_PARM**

## Request Code

LTW\_REQ\_GET\_PARM

## Description

This command allows getting a number of different tower parameters.

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Code of the parameter value to be fetched. It's one of the following codes:	
	LTW_PARM_MODE LTW_PARM_RANGE LTW_PARM_ERRDETECT	Mode: VLL, IR or IRC Range: Short, Medium or Long Filter spurious data from the IR receiver circuit: On/Off Remark: Doesn´t work in the IRC
	LTW_PARM_ERRSTATUS LTW_PARM_ENDIAN	mode. Current error status of the tower. Vendor request word format: Little Endian (PC/Windows standard) or Big
	LTW_PARM_ID_LED_MODE  LTW_PARM_ERROR_SIGNAL	Endian (Apple/Motorola standard) Id LED control: Firmware-controlled or Host controlled Signal on internal error: On/Off
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0	Signal on internal error. On/on
wIndex	Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_PARM_REPLY)	

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_PARM\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.	
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)	
bValue	Current value of the parameter specified in the request (values defined in VendReq.h)	

## SET\_PARM\_IRC

## Request Code

LTW\_REQ\_SET\_PARM\_IRC

## Description

This command allows setting a number of different tower parameters specific to the Infrared Remote Control protocol, a special protocol for LEGO cars.

NB: The parameters listed in the above sections (GET\_PARM and SET\_PARM) apply to the IRC mode as well if nothing else is stated. This special command only gathers the specific IRC commands.

#### **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Parameter code to be set. It's one of the following codes (the default values are shown in <b>bold</b> face):	
	LTW_PARM_IRC_PACKETSIZE LTW_PARM_IRC_DELAY_TX	Packet size, in bytes (default=2) Transmit delay time between packets, in ms (80)
HIBYTE(wValue)	The parameter to be set	
wIndex	VIndex Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_PARM_IRC_REPLY)	

#### Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_PARM\_IRC\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.	
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)	
bValue	Current value of the parameter specified in the request (values defined in VendReg.h)	

# GET\_PARM\_IRC

## **Request Code**

LTW\_REQ\_GET\_PARM\_IRC

## Description

This command allows getting a number of different tower parameters specific to the Infrared Remote Control protocol, a special protocol for LEGO cars.

#### **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Code of the parameter value to be fetched. It's one of the following codes:	
	LTW_PARM_IRC_PACKETSIZE Packet size, in bytes .  LTW_PARM_IRC_DELAY_TX Transmit delay time between packets, in ms.	
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0	
wIndex	wIndex Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_PARM_IRC_REPLY)	

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_PARM\_IRC\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.	
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)	
bValue	Current value of the parameter specified in the request (values defined in VendReg.h)	

## **FLUSH**

## Description

This requests flushes communication buffers according to the request parameter. Both firmware and driver buffers (if applicable) are flushed.

## Purpose

- 1. Flush the transmitter buffer: Is used to flush the transmitter buffer and thereby stopping the transmission.
- 2. Flush the receiver buffer: Used to flush the receiver buffer before communication with the Pbrick starts.
- 3. Flush all buffers: Used before communication with the Pbrick starts.

#### **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Flush constants, ORred together:	
	LTW_TX_BUFFER LTW_RX_BUFFER	Flush the Transmit buffer Flush the receive buffer
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0	
wIndex	Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_FLUSH_REPLY)	

#### Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_FLUSH\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bBufferNo	Flushed buffers (same as wValue, above)

## **RESET**

## Description

Reset ports and all internal parameters to the default values.

## Purpose

Used in case of an internal error to restart the Tower

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_RESET_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_FLUSH\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used

## **GET\_STAT**

## Description:

Get statistics from the IR receiver since the last RESET\_STAT command.

#### Statistics:

- Number of received bytes
   Number of Overrun errors (new byte received before last received byte was read)
- 3. Number of Noise errors (noise in bit pattern, used to filter spurious 0xFF from the IR receiver)
- 4. Number of Framing errors

## Purpose:

To analyze received signal quality and to filter spurious 0xFF.

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_STAT_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_FLUSH\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
wNoOfRxBytes	Number of received bytes
wOverrunErrorCount	# of times overrun error has happen
wNoiseCount	# of bytes with wrong bits
wFramingErrorCount	# of bytes with framing errors

## **RESET\_STAT**

## Description

Reset statistics from the IR receiver (See GET\_STAT).

## Purpose

Reset statistics after the Host has read the statistics.

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_RESET_STATS_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_RESET\_STATS\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used

## **GET\_POWER**

## Description

Get the Tower power configuration:

- 1. Low power (100 mA)
- 2. High power (500 mA)

The same information can be obtained in a standard way by querying the current device configuration (GET\_CONFIGURATION standard request) and then retrieveing the configuration descriptor (GET\_DESCRIPTOR(CONFIGURATION) standard request) to see the power requirements of the device.

#### **Purpose**

To determine which power configuration is active. The Tower is only able to send in short and medium range when the low power configuration is active.

#### **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_POWER_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_POWER\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bPowerMode	Current power mode of the tower: LTW_POWER_LOW or LTW_POWER_HIGH

## SET\_LED

## Description

Set the state of the ID or VLL led according to request parameters. In order to set the led state of the ID led, you must have set the led mode to software control (see SET\_PARM (LED\_MODE) request)

## **Purpose**

Allow software control of the tower leds. This feature is used in the hardware production test to check that the leds are working.

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Led indicator:	
	LTW_LED_ID	The "green" led (normally used to indicate IR transmission)
	LTW_LED_VLL	The red led, normally used to carry out VLL communications
HIBYTE(wValue)	Color code:	
	LTW_LED_COLOR_ON	Switch on led.
	LTW_LED_COLOR_OFF	Switch off led.
	LTW_LED_COLOR_DEFAULT	Same as COLOR_ON.
	LTW_LED_COLOR_BLACK	Same as COLOR_OFF.
	LTW_LED_COLOR_GREEN LTW_LED_COLOR_YELLOW LTW_LED_COLOR_ORANGE LTW_LED_COLOR_RED	Same as ON on the current firmware. It could indicate a specific color if a multicolor led is used in the future.
wIndex	Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_S	SET_LED_ REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_LED\_ REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bLedID	Same as LOBYTE(wValue)
bColor	Same as HIBYTE(wValue)

## **GET\_LED**

## Description:

Get the current state of the ID or VLL led according to the request parameter:

## Purpose:

Used to display the current state of the Tower leds in the Host application and in the hardware production test to check that the leds are working.

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Led indicator:	
	LTW_LED_ID	The "green" led (normally used to indicate IR transmission)
	LTW_LED_VLL	The red led, normally used to carry out VLL communications
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0	
wIndex	Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_	GET_SET_LED_ REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_LED\_ REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the str	ructure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)	
bSpare	Not used	
bLedID	Same as LOBYTE(wValue)	
bColor	Color code:	
	LTW_LED_COLOR_ON	Led is switched on.
	LTW_LED_COLOR_OFF	Led is switched off.
	LTW_LED_COLOR_DEFAULT	Same as COLOR_ON
	LTW_LED_COLOR_BLACK	Same as COLOR_OFF
	LTW_LED_COLOR_GREEN LTW_LED_COLOR_YELLOW LTW_LED_COLOR_ORANGE LTW_LED_COLOR_RED	Same as ON on the current firmware. It could indicate a specific color if a multicolour led is used in the future.

## SET\_TX\_SPEED/SET\_RX\_SPEED

## Description

Set IR transmit/receive speed.

#### Different receiver speed:

If you want to receive at a different speed than the transmission, you have to send a SET\_RX\_SPEED after you send the SET\_TX\_SPEED.

#### Different carrier frequency:

By default, the frequency is set to 38 kHz when you choose 2400 baud and 76 kHz when you choose 4800 baud. If you want to send at a different carrier frequency than the default you have to send a SET\_TX\_CARRIER\_FREQUENCY.

IF YOU NEED TO SET NON STANDARD CARRIER FREQUENCY/DUTY CYCLE VALUES, YOU WANT TO DO IT **AFTER** HAVING SET THE BAUD RATE, SINCE SETTING THE BAUD RATE AUTOMATICALLY REVERTS TO THE DEFAULT FREQUENCY/DUTY CYCLE VALUES FOR THAT SPEED.

## Different carrier duty cycle:

By default the duty cycle is set according to the table in SET\_TX\_CARRIER\_DUTY\_CYCLE. If you want to send with a different carrier duty cycle than the default you have to send a SET\_TX\_CARRIER\_DUTY\_CYCLE.

## **Purpose**

Used to switch between IR transmission baud rates: 2400, 4800 baud and others depending on the capability of the Tower.

#### **Parameters**

wValue	Speed indicator. One of the following constants:  SPEED_COMM_BAUD_1200 SPEED_COMM_BAUD_2400
	SPEED_COMM_BAUD_4800 SPEED_COMM_BAUD_9600 SPEED_COMM_BAUD_19200
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_SPEED_REPLY)

#### Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_TX\_SPEED\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
wTxSpeed	Same as wValue

# GET\_TX\_SPEED/GET\_RX\_SPEED

## Description

Get current IR transmit/receive speed.

## Purpose

Used to check the current IR transmission speed

#### **Parameters**

wValue	Not Used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_SPEED_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_TX\_SPEED\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
wTxSpeed	Speed indicator. One of the following constants:
	SPEED_COMM_BAUD_1200 SPEED_COMM_BAUD_2400 SPEED_COMM_BAUD_4800 SPEED_COMM_BAUD_9600 SPEED_COMM_BAUD_19200

## **GET\_TX\_STATE**

## Description

Get actual state of the transmitter:

- 1. Ready (transmitter buffer is empty, ready to receive more data to send)
- 2. Busy (busy sending)

## **Purpose**

Used for communication flow control

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_TX_STATE_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_TX\_STATE\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bTxState	CAPS_TX_STATE_READY or CAPS_TX_STATE_BUSY
bSpare2	Not used

## SET\_TX\_CARRIER\_FREQUENCY

## Description

There are two default carrier frequencies connected to the transmission speed:

- 1. 38 kHz at 2400 baud
- 2. 76 kHz at 4800 baud

It is possible to get the supported frequency range for the device by asking for its capabilities (see the GET\_CAPS request).

## **Purpose**

Prepared for future changes

#### **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	New frequency, in kHz
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_CARRIER_FREQUENCY_REPLY)

#### Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_CARRIER\_FREQUENCY\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bTxFrequency	Same as LOBYTE(wValue) above
bSpare2	Not used

# GET\_TX\_CARRIER\_FREQUENCY

## Description

Get current transmission carrier frequency.

## Purpose

Prepared for future changes.

## **Parameters**

LOBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
HIBYTE(wValue)	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_CARRIER_FREQUENCY_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_CARRIER\_FREQUENCY\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bTxFrequency	Current transmission carrier frequency, in kHz
bSpare2	Not used

## SET\_TX\_CARRIER\_DUTY\_CYCLE

## Description

Set transmission carrier duty cycle for the specified transmission range. The firmware is able to set a different duty cycle for each transmission range (in fact, the duty cycle values **affects** the actual range of the device).

The carrier duty cycle will by default be set to the following values if you are using the default carrier frequencies 38 and 76 kHz:

Frequency/Range	Short	Medium	Long
38 kHz	8,00 μs	2,50 μs	8,00 μs
76 kHz	4,00 μs	1,25 μs	4,00 μs

<u>Be careful</u> in playing with these values, as they heavily affects the amount of power drawn from the USB bus – therefore wrong values could send the tower out-of-specs.

## **Purpose**

Prepared for future changes.

#### **Parameters**

wValue	New duty cycle, in 1/100s of microsecond (μs)
wIndex	Range to which the new duty cycle is to be applied. One of the following:
	LTW_RANGE_SHORT LTW_RANGE_MEDIUM LTW_RANGE_LONG
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_CARRIER_DUTY_CYCLE_REPLY)

#### Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_CARRIER\_DUTY\_CYCLE\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bTxRange	Range (same as wIndex, above)
bSpare2	Not used
wTxDutyCycle	New duty cycle value (same as wValue, above)

# GET\_TX\_CARRIER\_DUTY\_CYCLE

## Description

Get transmission carrier duty cycle for the given range

## Purpose

Prepared for future changes.

## **Parameters**

wValue	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Range for which we are querying the duty cycle. One of the following:
	LTW_RANGE_SHORT LTW_RANGE_MEDIUM LTW_RANGE_LONG
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_SET_CARRIER_DUTY_CYCLE_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_CARRIER\_DUTY\_CYCLE\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bTxRange	Range (same as wIndex, above)
bSpare2	Not used
wTxDutyCycle	Current duty cycle value (same as wValue, above)

**GET\_CAPS** 

## Description

Get a list of the Tower capabilities according to the requested link type.

#### Purpose:

Used by the Host driver to get the capabilities of the Tower. In that way the Tower can be compatible with future versions of the Host driver that supports new Towers and other communication devices.

## **Parameters**

wValue	Link type for which capabilities are requested. One of the following:
	LTW_CAPS_IR
	LTW_CAPS_VLL
	LTW_CAPS_IRC
	LTW_CAPS_RADIO (not supported currently)
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_CAPS_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_CAPS\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bCommDirections	CAPS_COMM_DIRECTIONS_TRANSMIT and/or
	CAPS_COMM_DIRECTIONS_RECEIVE (they can be ORred
	together)
bCommRange	Ranges supported (can be ORred together):
	LTW_CAPS_RANGE_SHORT
	LTW_CAPS_RANGE_MEDIUM
	LTW_CAPS_RANGE_LONG
wCommTransmitRate	Supported Transmit speeds:
	CAPS_COMM_BAUD_1200
	CAPS_COMM_BAUD_2400
	CAPS_COMM_BAUD_4800
	CAPS_COMM_BAUD_9600
	CAPS_COMM_BAUD_19200
wCommReceiveRate	Supported receive speed (same constants as above)
bCommTransmitMinFrequency	Minimum and maximum carrier frequency
bCommTransmitMaxFrequency	
wCommTransmitMinDutyCycle	Minimum and maximum duty cycle values (applicable to all
wCommTransmitMaxDutyCycle	ranges)
bNoOfBytesInUartTxBuffer	Maximum size of the internal UART Transmit buffer
bNoOfBytesInUartRxBuffer	Maximum size of the internal UART Transmit buffer

## **GET\_VERSION**

## Description

Get firmware version information.

## Purpose

Version control.

## **Parameters**

wValue	Not used; set to 0
wIndex	Not used; set to 0
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_VERSION_REPLY)

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_VERSION\_REPLY structure:

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used
bMajorVersion	Major version number
bMinorVersion	Minor version number
wBuildNo	Build number

## **GET\_COPYRIGHT**

## Description

Get copyright information.

#### Purpose

Used by the Host driver to identify the firmware as LEGO firmware.

#### **Parameters**

wValue	Not used; set to 0	
wIndex	Not used; set to 0	
wLength	at least sizeof(LTW_REQ_GET_ COPYRIGHT _REPLY) <b>plus</b> a suitable size for the copyright string.	

## Response

The response is a LTW\_REQ\_GET\_COPYRIGHT\_REPLY structure, followed by a non-NULL terminated UNICODE string containing copyright information. If the size specified in the request is not enough to hold the whole copyright string, the firmware just replies with the requested amount of data (so a truncated string is returned).

wNoOfBytes	No. of bytes contained in the structure.
bErrCode	Error code (0 if success)
bSpare	Not used

## 3.2 Firmware Vendor Request Reply Error Codes

The following table lists all the error that the firmware can return in the bErrCode field of the various vendor requests:

Internal Error Code	Description
LTW_REQERR_SUCCESS	Request succeded
LTW_REQERR_BADPARM	Bad vendparameter and/or value
LTW_REQERR_BUSY	Tower is busy
LTW_REQERR_NOPOWER	Not enough power to carry out the requested operation
LTW_REQERR_WRONGMODE	Not in the right mode to execute this request
LTW_INTERNAL_ERROR	Internal error in the Tower
LTW_REQERR_BADREQUEST	Bad request

## 3.3 Firmware Internal Error Codes

The following table lists all the internal errors that the firmware can return on the GET\_PARM (LTW\_PARM\_ERRSTATUS) vendor requests. The internal error code is only set when a serious error occur.

Error Code	Description
LTW_NO_ERROR	No error
Function/parameter error	
LTW_NO_SUPPORT	No support for this function
LTW_ERR_VEND_REQ	Invalid vendor request
USB errors	
LTW_ERR_USB	Unspecified USB problem
LTW_ERR_USB_FUNC	Call to wrong USB function
LTW_ERR_USB_DATA	No or invalid data received
LTW_ERR_USB_ENDPOINT	Wrong endpoint
LTW_ERR_USB_PACKETSIZE	Invalid packetsize
LTW_ERR_USB_TX_EP0	Error on sending on endpoint 0
LTW_ERR_USB_EPO_PACKETSIZE	Tried to send more than MAXPACKETSIZE on endpoint 0
LTW_ERR_USB_EP1_PACKETSIZE	Tried to send more than MAXPACKETSIZE on endpoint 1
LTW_ERR_USB_VEND_BUFF_FULL	Answer buffer full
UART errors	
LTW_ERR_UART	SW UART problems
LTW_ERR_UART_MODE	Invalid UART mode
LTW_ERR_UART_TX_STATE	Invalid TX state
Tower errors	
LTW_ERR_TOWER	Tower out of order 0
LTW_ERR_UNDEFINED	Undefined error

## 3.4 Constant Definitions

This section contains the numeric definitions of the constants mentioned in this document. This information is included here for completeness only. For actual coding, you should refer to the *VendReq.h* header file (provided by LEGO), which also contains types and structure definitions.

```
VENDOR REQUESTS TYPES
// USB Vendor requests
#define LTW_REQ_GET_PARM
                                                                   0x01 // Get parameter for standard IR mode
#define LTW_REQ_SET_PARM
                                                                   0x02 // Set parameter for standard IR mode
                                                                    0x03 // Flush UART buffers
#define LTW_REQ_FLUSH
#define LTW_REQ_RESET
                                                                    0x04 // Performing a user reset
                                                                   0x05 // Get statistics on IR receiver
#define LTW_REQ_GET_STAT
#define LTW_REQ_GET_POWER
                                                                  0x06 // Get current powermode
#define LTW_REQ_GET_LED
                                                                    0x08 // Get led state and color
                                                                   0x09 // Switch on/off led + color of led
#define LTW_REQ_SET_LED
#define LTW_REQ_RESET_STAT
                                                                  0x10 // Reset statictics on IR receiver
#define LTW_REQ_GET_PARM_IRC
#define LTW_REQ_SET_PARM_IRC
                                                                 0x11 // Get parameter for IRC mode 0x12 // Set parameter for IRC mode
#define LTW_REQ_SET_PARM_IRC

#define LTW_REQ_GET_TX_SPEED

#define LTW_REQ_SET_TX_SPEED

#define LTW_REQ_SET_TX_SPEED

#define LTW_REQ_GET_RX_SPEED

#define LTW_REQ_SET_RX_SPEED

#define LTW_REQ_SET_TX_STATE

#define LTW_REQ_GET_TX_STATE

#define LTW_REQ_GET_TX_CARRIER_FREQUENCY

#define LTW_REQ_SET_TX_CARRIER_FREQUENCY

#define LTW_REQ_SET_TX_CARRIER_DUTY_CYCLE 0xF6 // Set transmission carrier dutycycle
                                                    0xFC // Get capabilities
0xFD // Get version information
#define LTW REO GET CAPS
#define LTW_REQ_GET_VERSION
#define LTW_REQ_GET_COPYRIGHT
                                                                  0xFE // Get copyright information
                                                                   0xFF // Credits list
#define LTW_REQ_GET_CREDITS
           Request return codes (bLtwErrCode in the reply format)
#define LTW_REQERR_SUCCESS
                                                                    0x00 // Request succeded
                                                                    0x01 // Bad vendparameter and/or value
#define LTW_REQERR_BADPARM
#define LTW_REQERR_BUSY
                                                                  0x02 // Tower is busy
                                                                  0x03 // Not enough power (current)
0x04 // Not in the right mode
#define LTW_REQERR_NOPOWER
#define LTW_REQERR_WRONGMODE
                                                                   0xFE // Internal error in the Tower
#define LTW INTERNAL ERROR
#define LTW_REQERR_BADREQUEST
                                                                  0xFF // Bad request
// Bad request reply format
typedef struct LTW_REQ_BAD_REPLY
           { Word wNoOfBytes;
                                                                  // Number of bytes in the reply
              Byte bErrCode;
                                                                    // Request return code
              Byte bSpare;
                                                                   // Structure padding byte
} LTW REO BAD REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: GET_PARM and SET_PARM
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           Parameter (1 byte) and value (1 byte) for GET_PARM and SET_PARM request
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           The parameter code goes in the low-order byte of wvalue. the value (argument)
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           for the request goes into the high-order byte. windex is reserved for future
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#define LTW_PARM_MODE
                                             0x01 // Tower mode:
           0x02
#define LTW PARM RANGE
                                                        // Transmission range:
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#define LTW_RANGE_LONG
                                  0x03 // - Long
#define LTW_PARM_ERRDETECT 0x03 // Error detection on IR receiver: #define LTW_ERRDETECT_ON 0x01 // - on #define LTW_ERRDETECT_OFF 0x02 // - off
       // - No support for this function
                                         // - Invalid vendor request
       #define LTW_ERR_USB
                                                 // - Unspecified USB problem
                                         100
       #define LTW_ERR_USB_FUNC
#define LTW_ERR_USB_DATA
                                         101
                                                 // - Call to wrong USB function
                                         102 // - No or invalid data received
                                        103 // - Wrong endpoint
104 // - Invalid packets
       #define LTW_ERR_USB_ENDPOINT
       #define LTW_ERR_USB_PACKETSIZE
#define LTW_ERR_USB_TX_EP0
                                                // - Invalid packetsize
                                         105 // - Error on sending on endpoint 0
       #define LTW_ERR_USB_EP0_PACKETSIZE 106 // - Wrong packet size on EP0
                                         107 // - Wrong packet size on EP1
108 // - Vendor answer buffer full
       #define LTW_ERR_USB_EP1_PACKETSIZE 107
#define LTW_ERR_USB_VEND_BUFF_FULL 108
                                         109 // - Send error on endpoint 1
       #define LTW_ERR_USB_TX_EP1
       // UART errors
       // UART errors
#define LTW_ERR_UART 200 // - UART problems
#define LTW_ERR_UART_MODE 201 // - Invalid UART mode
#define LTW_ERR_UART_TX_STATE 210 // - Invalid TX state
#define LTW_ERR_UART_LOW_POWER 211 // - Tried to send in long range when
// configured as a low power device
       // Tower errors
       #define LTW_ERR_TOWER
       #define LTW_ERR_TOWER
#define LTW_ERR_UNDEFINED
                                       240 // - Tower out of order
255 // - undefined error
       #define LTW_PARM_ENDIAN
                                               // - Big endian
                                        // Indicator LED control mode:
#define LTW_PARM_ID_LED_MODE 0x98
       LTW_PARM_ID_LED_MODE 0x98
#define LTW_ID_LED_HW_CTRL
#define LTW_ID_LED_SW_CTRL
                                        0x01 // - LED controlled by firmware 0x02 // - LED controlled by the host
#define LTW_ID_LED_ON
                                         0x01 // - Indicator LED will be switched
                                                 // on when a serious error occurs
       #define LTW_ID_LED_OFF
                                          0x02
                                               // - Indicator LED will NOT be
                                                 // on when a serious error occurs
// -----
// Reply format
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       All vendor request replies from the tower start with the following
      four bytes:
typedef struct LTW_REQ_REPLY_HEADER
                                                 // Number of bytes in the reply
       { Word wNoOfBytes;
        Byte bErrCode;
                                                 // Request return code
        Byte bValue;
                                                 // Request return value
} LTW_REQ_REPLY_HEADER;
typedef LTW_REQ_REPLY_HEADER LTW_REQ_GET_SET_PARM_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: SET_PARM_IRC and GET_PARM_IRC
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#### typedef LTW\_REQ\_REPLY\_HEADER LTW\_REQ\_GET\_SET\_PARM\_IRC\_REPLY;

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VENDOR REQUEST: FLUSH
11
     Combined parameter and value in 2 bytes for FLUSH request
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// Format: 1. byte = Buffer no. as they are defined under SET_LED request, 2. byte = 00
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//
//
     Parameter: Buffer no. This goes into the low-order byte of the wvalue field
//
     of the request's setup packet
//
#define LTW_TX_BUFFER 0x01 // Transmission buffer #define LTW_RX_BUFFER 0x02 // Receiver buffer #define LTW_ALL_BUFFERS 0x03 // All buffers
// -----
// Reply format
11
typedef struct LTW_REQ_FLUSH_REPLY
     { Word wNoOfBytes;
                                     // Number of bytes in the reply
      Byte bErrCode;
                                     // Request return code
                                     // Flushed bufferno.
      Byte bBufferno;
} LTW_REQ_FLUSH_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: RESET
//
    No request parameter or value
// -----
// Reply format
11
} LTW_REQ_RESET_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: GET_STAT
No request parameter or value
// Reply format
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_STAT_REPLY
     { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
      Word wNoOfRxBytes; // Number of received bytes
Word wOverrunErrorCount; // # of times overrun error has happen
Word wNoiseCount; // # of bytes with wrong bits
      Word wFramingErrorCount; // # of bytes with framing errors
} LTW_REQ_GET_STAT_REPLY;
```

```
VENDOR REQUESTS: GET POWER
No request parameter or value
// Reply format
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_POWER_REPLY
      { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
Byte bPower; // Powermode (POWER_LOW or POWER_HIGH)
#define LTW_POWER_LOW 0x01 // - Tower is set to low power device
#define LTW_POWER_HIGH 0x02 // - Tower is set to high power device
Byte bSpare2;
} LTW_REQ_GET_POWER_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: SET_LED and GET_LED
// -----
// Parameter (1 byte) and value (1 byte) for SET_LED request
// Parameter: Led no. This goes into the low-order byte of the wvalue field of the
// request's setup packet
//
#define LTW_LED_ID
                                             0x01 // ID LED
                                             0x02 // VLL LED
#define LTW_LED_VLL
      Value: Led color THis goes into the high-order byte of the wvalue field of
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                         the request's setup packet
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      COLOR identifiers (low order bytes in the value field of the request)
      if a color not supported by the hardware is used, the firmware approximates
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11
      to the nearest one. The current USB Tower version supports only Green color.
#define LTW_LED_COLOR_RED
                               0x08 // Red
//
11
     more color codes can be added here...
#define LTW_LED_COLOR_DEFAULT
                               0xFF
                                            // Whatever color is the default
                                                         // generic ON
#define LTW_LED_COLOR_ON
                              LTW_LED_COLOR_DEFAULT
                           LTW_LED_COLOR_BLACK
#define LTW_LED_COLOR_OFF
                                                        // generic OFF
// -----
// Reply format
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_SET_LED_REPLY
      { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
Byte bLedId; // See parameter
Byte bColor; // See value
} LTW_REQ_GET_SET_LED_REPLY;
```

```
VENDOR REQUEST: RESET STAT
No request parameter or value
               _____
// Reply format
typedef struct LTW_REQ_RESET_STAT_REPLY
     { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Used only for having a even number of bytes in the reply EO RESET STAT REPLY;
} LTW_REQ_RESET_STAT_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: GET_PARM_IRC and SET_PARM_IRC
// Parameter (1 byte) and value (1 byte) for GET_PARM_IRC and SET_PARM_IRC request
// The parameter code goes in the low-order byte of wvalue. the value (argument)
// for the request goes into the high-order byte. windex is reserved for future
// use.
11
#define LTW_PARM_IRC_PACKETSIZE 0x01 // IRC packetsize
// Value: Packetsize in bytes
#define LTW_PARM_IRC_DELAY_TX 0x02 // Delay between packets to send
// Value: Transmit delay time between packets in ms.
// Reply format
typedef LTW_REQ_REPLY_HEADER LTW_REQ_GET_SET_PARM_IRC_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUESTS: GET and SET_TX_SPEED
// -----
// Combined parameter and value in 2 bytes for GET and SET_TX_SPEED request
11
#define SPEED_COMM_BAUD_1200
                               CAPS_COMM_BAUD_1200
#define SPEED_COMM_BAUD_2400
#define SPEED_COMM_BAUD_4800
                               CAPS COMM BAUD 2400
                              CAPS_COMM_BAUD_4800
#define SPEED_COMM_BAUD_9600
                               CAPS_COMM_BAUD_9600
                               CAPS_COMM_BAUD_19200
#define SPEED_COMM_BAUD_19200
// -----
// Reply format
11
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_SET_TX_SPEED_REPLY
     { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
      Word wTxSpeed;  // Transmission speed
} LTW_REQ_GET_SET_TX_SPEED_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUESTS: GET and SET_RX_SPEED
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//
     Combined parameter and value in 2 bytes for GET and SET_RX_SPEED request
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// Same definitions as SET_TX_SPEED !
// -----
// Reply format
//
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_SET_RX_SPEED_REPLY
     { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
       Word wRxSpeed; // Receiving speed
} LTW_REQ_GET_SET_RX_SPEED_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUESTS: GET_TX_STATE
No request parameter or value
//
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// -----
// Reply format
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_TX_STATE_REPLY
     { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
Byte bTxState; // Transmitter states:
#define CAPS_TX_STATE_READY 0x01 // - Transmitter
                        0x01 // - Transmitter buffer empty, Ready to
                                  // receive more data to send
#define CAPS_TX_STATE_BUSY 0x02
                                 // - Busy sending data
      Byte bSpare2;
                           // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
} LTW_REQ_GET_TX_STATE_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUESTS: SET_TX_CARRIER_FREQUENCY
11
11
     Combined parameter and value in 2 bytes for SET_TX_CARRIER_FREQUENCY request
11
// Parameter (1 byte): frequency e.g.: 38 kHz = 38
// Value (1 bytes): 00
11
     The parameter code goes in the low-order byte of wvalue. the value (argument)
11
     for the request goes into the high-order byte. windex is reserved for future
     _____
// Reply format
11
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_SET_TX_CARRIER_FREQUENCY_REPLY
     { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
       } LTW_REQ_GET_SET_TX_CARRIER_FREQUENCY_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUESTS: SET_TX_CARRIER_DUTY_CYCLE
Parameter (1 byte) and value (1 byte) for SET_TX_CARRIER_DUTY_CYCLE request
```

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//
       Parameter: Range This goes into the low-order byte of the wvalue field of the
          request's setup packet
//
11
     See LTW_PARM_RANGE for definitions.
      Value: Duty cycle This goes into the high-order byte of the wvalue field of
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                 the request's setup packet
//
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       Duty cycle in us multiplied by 10. E.g. 1,5 us = 15
// -----
// Reply format
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_SET_TX_CARRIER_DUTY_CYCLE_REPLY
       { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply
                               // Request return code
// Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
        Byte bErrCode;
        Byte bSpare;
                             // Transmission range
        Byte bTxRange;
        Byte bSpare2;
        Word wTxDutyCycle; // Transmission dutycycle in this range in 1/10 of a ms.
} LTW_REQ_GET_SET_TX_CARRIER_DUTY_CYCLE_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: GET_CAPS
Combined parameter and value in 2 bytes for GET_CAPS request
     Supported communication modes
#define LTW_CAPS_VLL
                                        LTW_MODE_VLL
#define LTW_CAPS_IR
                                         LTW_MODE_IR
#define LTW CAPS IRC
                                         LTW MODE IRC
#define LTW_CAPS_RADIO
                                        LTW_MODE_RADIO
// -----
// Reply format
11
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_CAPS_REPLY
       { Word wNoOfBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain even number of bytes
        Byte bCommDirections; // Communication directions:
\texttt{\#define CAPS\_COMM\_DIRECTION\_TRANSMIT 0x01} \hspace{0.5cm} // \hspace{0.5cm} - \hspace{0.5cm} \texttt{Transmit}
#define CAPS_COMM_DIRECTION_BOTH
#define CAPS_COMM_RANGE; // Communication range.

#define CAPS_COMM_RANGE_SHORT 0x01 // - Short

#define CAPS_COMM_RANGE_MEDIUM 0x02 // - Medium

#define CAPS_COMM_RANGE_MEDIUM 0x04 // - Long
                                                // - Medium
#define CAPS_COMM_RANGE_LONG
                                         0x07
                                                // - short, medium and long range
#define CAPS_COMM_RANGE_ALL
        Word wCommTransmitRate; // Communication transmit rate
                                  // (same definition as receive rate)
        Word wCommReceiveRate;
                                 // Communication receive rate:
#define CAPS_COMM_BAUD_1200
                                         0x0004 // - 1200 baud 0x0008 // - 2400 baud
#define CAPS_COMM_BAUD_2400
                                         0x0010 // - 4800 baud
#define CAPS COMM BAUD 4800
#define CAPS_COMM_BAUD_9600
#define CAPS_COMM_BAUD_19200
                                         0x0020 // - 9600 baud
                                         0x0040 // - 19200 baud
        Byte bCommTransmitMinFrequency;
                                         // Minimum frequency between 30 and 99 kHz
                                         // E.g. 30 kHz = 30
                                       // Maximum frequency between 30 and 99 kHz.
        Byte bCommTransmitMaxFrequency;
                                         // E.g. 30 kHz = 30
        Word wCommTransmitMinDutyCycle; // Minimum duty cycle in us multiplied by
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// 100. E.g. 1,25 us = 125
       Word wCommTransmitMaxDutyCycle;
                                 // Maximum duty cycle in us multiplied by
                                 // 100. E.g. 18,9 us = 1890
       Byte bNoOfBytesInUartTxBuffer;
                                 // Number of bytes defined in the
                                // transmitter buffer
// Number of bytes defined in the
       Byte bNoOfBytesInUartRxBuffer;
                                  // receiver buffer
} LTW_REQ_GET_CAPS_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: GET_VERSION
No request parameter or value
11
// Reply format
//
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_VERSION_REPLY
     { Word wNoofBytes; // Number of bytes in the reply Byte bErrCode; // Request return code Byte bSpare; // Spare byte to obtain an even number of bytes
       Byte bMajorVersion; // Major version e.g. 1
Byte bMinorVersion; // Minor version e.g. 01
Word wBuildNo; // Build no. e.g. 0112
GET VERSION REPLY;
} LTW_REQ_GET_VERSION_REPLY;
VENDOR REQUEST: GET_COPYRIGHT
No request parameter or value
11
     _____
// Reply format
11
typedef struct LTW_REQ_GET_COPYRIGHT_REPLY
     // Copyright string: placed in the Tower ROM -- NOT null-terminated
} LTW_REQ_GET_COPYRIGHT_REPLY;
#endif
```