Arduino

Mates Controller Arduino Library

Introduction

This library is developed to easily control Breadboard Mates modules using Arduino-compatible boards by utilizing the Mates Controller Command Protocol. This applies to projects developed using Commander and Architect environments.

For working examples of using the library and its functions in a project, refer to the *examples* and *extras* directories in the repository.

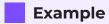
Constructors

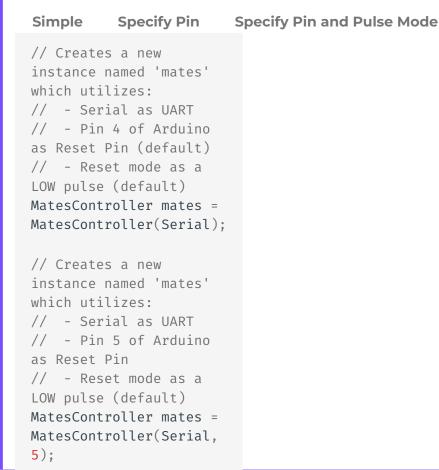
This section serves to provide brief discussion about the constructors that can be used to initialize the library.

MatesController(serial, resetPin, mode)

This is the main constructor for the library. It creates a unique instance and sets the specified display serial port and reset pin. If *serial* is not a HardwareSerial (or SoftwareSerial for AVR devices), the Serial stream needs to be initialized manually before running begin(baudrate, resetModule) function.

Parameters	Туре	Description
serial	Stream	The serial port to use for controlling the display module
resetPin (optional)	uint8_t	Arduino reset pin to use for resetting the display module (default: 4)
mode (optional)	uint8_t	Arduino reset pulse to use when performing reset (default: LOW)





```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial as UART
// - Pin 6 of Arduino
as Reset Pin
// - Reset mode as a
Th HIGH pulse
ins MatesController mates =
pii MatesController(Serial,
6, HIGH);
```

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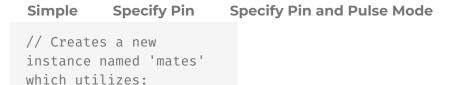
r the library. It creates a unique play serial port, debug serial and reset or SoftwareSerial for AVR devices), the distance that manually before running the

begin(baudrate, resetModule) function.

Parameters	Туре	Description
serial	Stream	The serial port to use for controlling the display module
dbSerial	Stream	The serial port to use for printing debug messages
	uint8_t	

Parameters	Туре	Description
resetPin (optional)		Arduino reset pin to use for resetting the display module (default: 4)
mode (optional)	uint8_t	Arduino reset pulse to use when performing reset (default: LOW)





```
display UART
// - Serial as debug
UART
// - Pin 4 of Arduino
as Reset Pin (default)
// - Reset mode as a
LOW pulse (default)
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial1,
Serial);
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
```

// - Serial1 as

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial1 as
display UART
// - Serial as debug
UART
// - Pin 5 of Arduino
as Reset Pin
// - Reset mode as a
LOW pulse (default)
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial1,
Serial, 5);
```

Note

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial1 as
display UART
// - Serial as debug
UART
// - Pin 6 of Arduino
as Reset Pin
// - Reset mode as a
HIGH pulse
MatesController mates =
Th MatesController(Serial1,
Ca Serial, 6, HIGH);
```

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begin(baudrate, resetModule)

This function must be used once to initialize the Serial port at the start of the Arduino application and to reset or synchronize with the display.

Parameters	Туре	Description
baudrate (optional)	int32_t	Baudrate setting to be used to control the display module (default: 9600)
reset Module (optional)	bool	Indicates whether the module should be reset from the hardware reset pin (default: true)

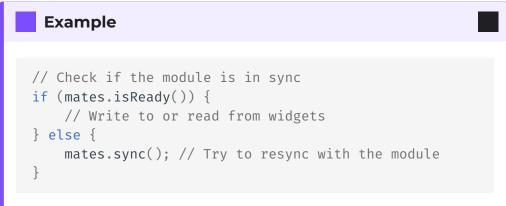
Return

success or failure (boolean)

Note

- 1. Baudrate is ignored when not using a HardwareSerial (or SoftwareSerial for AVR devices) to communicate with the display. In that case, the Serial/Stream instance needs to be initialize before using this function.
- 2. If resetModule is false, this function will attempt to synchronize with the display. Developers also need to be aware of the boot timing of the module. This should be around 3-5 seconds or more depending on the project after power on. If more time is needed to sync, set a higher boot timeout using setBootTimeout(timeout).
- 3. Ensure that the baudrate matches the baudrate setting of the Mates Studio Commander/Architect project.
- 4. If a debug serial port is specified, it should be initialized manually before running the begin() function of this library.



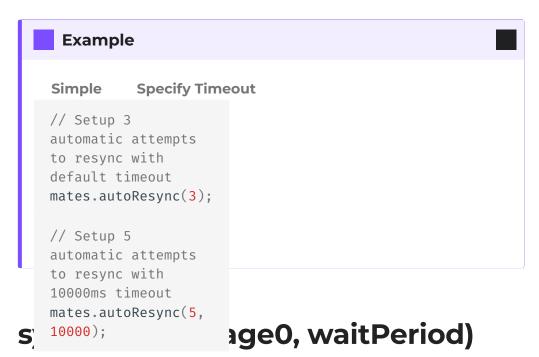


autoResync(attempts, waitPeriod)

This function can be used to setup auto resynchronization when an error occurs.

Parameters	Туре	Description
attempts	uint8_t	Number of resync attempts to perform
waitPeriod (optional)	uint16_t	Timeout period to wait for every resync attempt (default: boot timeout)





This function can be used to establish synchronization between the BBM module and the Arduino compatible host.

Parameters	Туре	Description
resetToPage0	bool	Indicates whether to go to Page0 after a successful synchronization (default: true)
waitPeriod (optional)	uint16_t	Timeout period to wait until the display is ready (default: boot timeout)

Return

success or failure (boolean)

Example

Simple Return to PageO if Successful Specify Timeout

```
// Attempts to
synchronize with
the display
if (mates.sync())
    // Do
something if
synchronization
was successful
} else {
    // Do
something if
synchronization
failed
// Attempts to
synchronize with
the display
if
(mates.sync(true))
    // Do
something if
synchronization
was successful
    // and
project returned
to Page0
} else {
   // Do
something if
synchronization
failed
// Attempts to
synchronize with
the display with
a timeout of 10000
if
(mates.sync(true,
10000)) {
    // Do
something if
synchronization
was successful
    // and
project returned
```

```
to Page0
} else {
    // Do
something if
synchronization
failed
}
```

reset(waitPeriod)

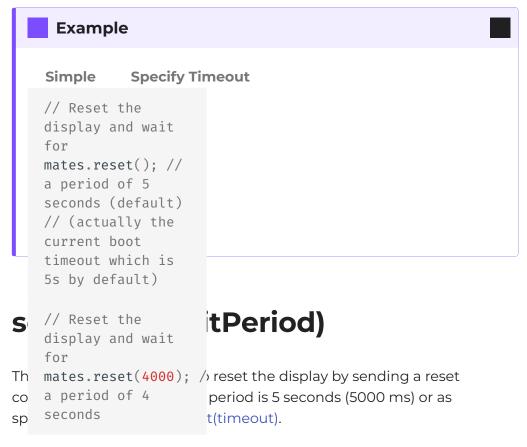
This function can be used to reset the display by sending a reset pulse from the reset pin specified through the contructor. The default wait period is 5 seconds (5000 ms) or as specified by setBootTimeout(timeout).

The function finishes as soon as the display sends the ready signal or the wait period passes.

Parameters	Туре	Description
waitPeriod (optional)	uintl6_t	Timeout period to wait until the display is ready (default: boot timeout)



success or failure (boolean)



The function finishes as soon as the display sends the ready signal or the wait period passes.

Parameters	Туре	Description
waitPeriod (optional)	uintl6_t	Timeout period to wait until the display is ready (default: boot timeout)



success or failure (boolean)

```
Simple Specify Timeout

// Reset the display
and wait for
mates.softReset(); //
a period of 5 seconds
(default boot timeout)

// Reset the display
and wait for
mates.softReset(4000); /
a period of 4 seconds
```

Setboot imeout (timeout)

This function can be used to set the wait period during reset and softReset.

Parameters	Туре	Description
timeout	uint32_t	New timeout period to wait until the display is ready





resetBootTimeout(timeout)

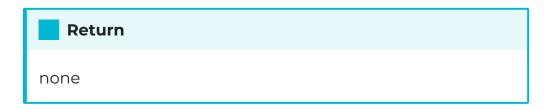
This function can be used to reset the wait period during reset and softReset to the default 5 seconds.

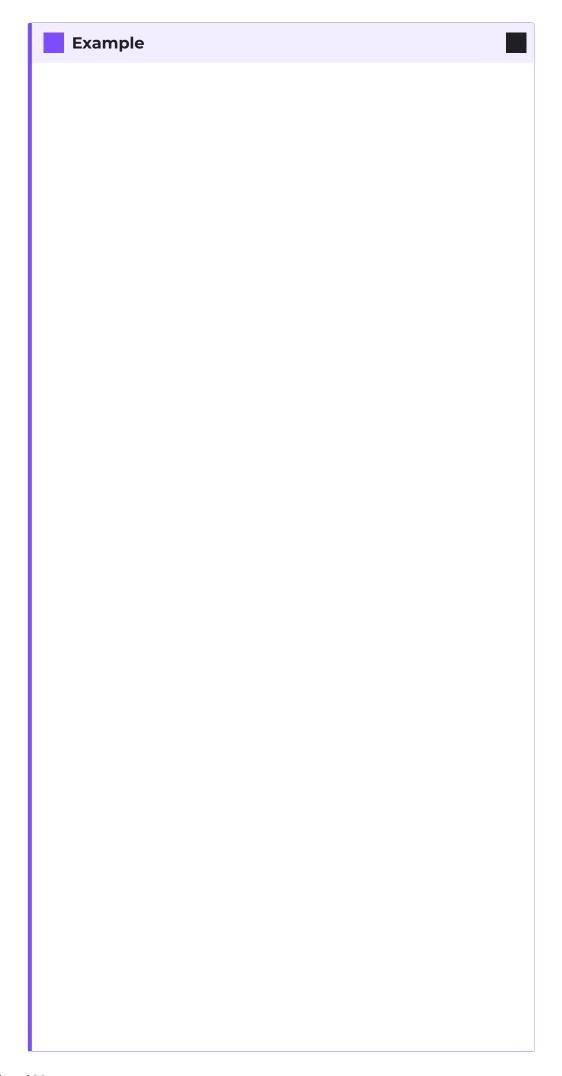


attachErrorHandler(handler)

This function can be used to attach and error handler function to the library.

Parameters	Туре	Description
handler	MatesErrorHandler	Custom function to handle errors as they come





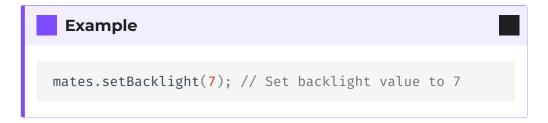
```
Simple
           Recommended
MatesController mates = MatesController(Serial);
void matesErrorHandler(MatesError error) {
    while (true) {
        digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH);
        delay(200);
        digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW);
        delay(200);
    } // Blink builtin LED and block project
execution
    // This is not ideal but can be used to as
simple error indication
    // Errors should be handled as shown in
Example 2
void setup() {
    pinMode(LED_BUILTIN, OUTPUT);
    digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW);
    // Sets 'matesErrorHandler' as the function
for handling possible MatesError
    mates.attachErrorHandler(matesErrorHandler);
    mates.begin(9600);
    // do something...
}
void loop() {
    // do something...
MatesController mates = MatesController(Serial);
void matesErrorHandler(MatesError error) {
    switch (error) {
        case MATES_ERROR_COMMAND_FAILED:
            // Do something when last command
is invalid
            break;
        case MATES ERROR RESPONSE TIMEOUT:
            // Do something when the expected
response from
            // the last command wasn't received
on time
            break:
        case MATES ERROR COMMAND TIMEOUT:
            // Do something when the expected
acknowledgement from
            // the last command wasn't received
on time
```

setBacklight(value)

This function can be used to set the backlight level to the *value* specified.

Parameters	Туре	Description
value	uint8_t	The target backlight level





setPage(page)

This function can be used to navigate to the specified page.

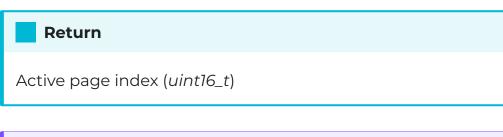
Parameters	Туре	Description
page	uint16_t	The target page index





getPage()

This function can be used to query the current active page.





setWidgetValue(widget, value)

This function can be used to set the 16-bit integer *value* of the specified *widget*

Parameters	Туре	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget



success or failure (boolean)

Note

- 1. All applicable widget types are listed in here.
- 2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* LedDigits



getWidgetValue(widget)

This function can be used to query the specified widget's value.

Parameters	Туре	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget



Value of the specified **widget** (*int16_t*)



- 1. All applicable widget types are listed in here.
- 2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* LedDigits



setWidgetValue(type, index, value)

This function can be used to set the 16-bit integer *value* of the widget specified by *type* and *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget



success or failure (boolean)

Note

- 1. All applicable widget types are listed in here.
- 2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* LedDigits

```
// Set value of MediaGaugeB0 to 50
mates.setWidgetValue(MATES_MEDIA_GAUGE_B, 0, 50);
```

getWidgetValue(type, index)

This function can be used to query the value of the widget specified by type and index.

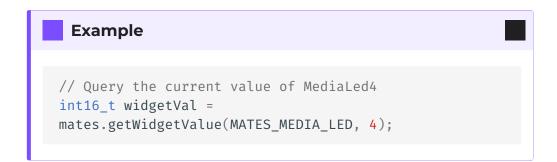
Parameters	Туре	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget

Return

Value of the widget specified by **type** and **index** (*int16_t*)

Note

- 1. All applicable widget types are listed in here.
- 2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* LedDigits



setLedDigitsValue(index, value)

This function can be used to set the 16-bit integer *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

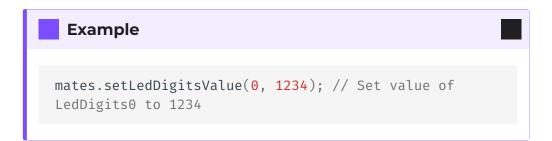
Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target LedDigits
value	int16_t	The new value for the LedDigits



success or failure (boolean)

Note

This function is only applicable for Int16 LedDigits



setLedDigitsValue(index, value)

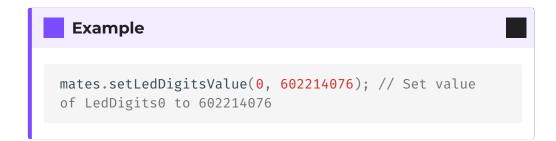
This function can be used to set the 32-bit integer *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target LedDigits
value	int32_t	The new value for the LedDigits





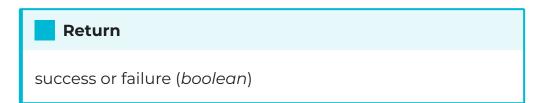
This function is only applicable for Int32 LedDigits



setLedDigitsValue(index, value)

This function can be used to set the float *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target LedDigits
value	float	The new value for the LedDigits





This function is only applicable for Float LedDigits



setSpectrumValue(widget, gaugeIndex, value)

This function can be used to set the *value* of a specified gauge index of the spectrum *widget* specified.

Parameters	Туре	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target spectrum widget
gaugeIndex	uint8_t	The gauge index of the target spectrum widget
value	uint8_t	The new value for the widget

Return

success or failure (boolean)

Note

This function is only applicable for LedSpectrum and MediaSpectrum



setLedSpectrumValue(index, gaugeIndex, value)

This function can be used to set the *value* of a specified *gaugeIndex* of the Led Spectrum widget determined by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target Led Spectrum widget
gaugeIndex	uint8_t	The gauge index of the target Led Spectrum widget
value	uint8_t	The new value for the column/row of the widget





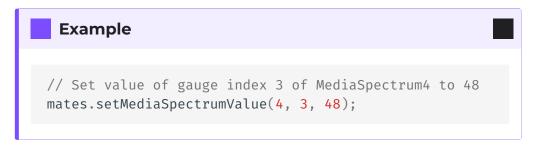
setMediaSpectrumValue(type, index, gaugeIndex, value)

This function can be used to set the *value* of a specified *gaugeIndex* of the Media Spectrum widget determined by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target Led Spectrum widget

Parameters	Туре	Description
gaugeIndex	uint8_t	The gauge index of the target Led Spectrum widget
value	uint8_t	The new value for the column/row of the widget





setMediaColorLedValue(index, r, g, b)

This function can be used to set the 32-bit integer *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target MediaColorLed
r	uint8_t	The red component of the new color of the MediaColorLed
g	uint8_t	The green component of the new color of the MediaColorLed
b	uint8_t	The blue component of the new color of the MediaColorLed



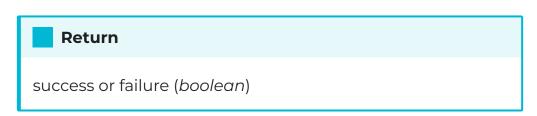




setWidgetParam(widget, param, value)

This function can be used to set the parameter (param) of the target widget to the specified value.

Parameters	Туре	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget parameter





All applicable widget types are listed in here.



getWidgetParam(widget, param)

This function can be used to query the parameter (param) of the target widget.

Parameters	Туре	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter

Return

The current **param** value of the **widget** (int16_t)

Note

All applicable widget types are listed in here.



setWidgetParam(type, index, param, value);

This function can be used to set the parameter (param) of the target widget, determined by type and index, to the specified value.

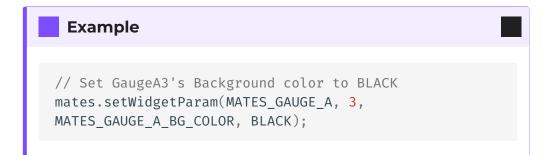
Parameters	Туре	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget parameter



success or failure (boolean)

Note

All applicable widget types are listed in here.



getWidgetParam(type, index, param)

This function can be used to query the parameter (param) of the target widget, determined by type and index.

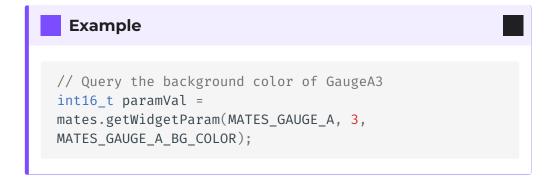
Parameters	Туре	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter

Return

The current **param** value of the widget specified by **type** and **index** (int16_t)

Note

All applicable widget types are listed in here.



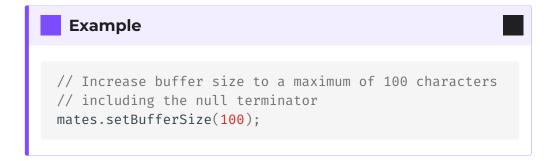
setBufferSize(size)

This function can be used to adjust the max string buffer *size* to be used when composing a string for a TextArea or a PrintArea. The string composition is done by updateTextArea(index, format, ...),

updateDotMatrix(index, format, ...) and appendToPrintArea(index, format, ...)

Parameters	Туре	Description
size	uint16_t	The new buffer size (max: 1000)

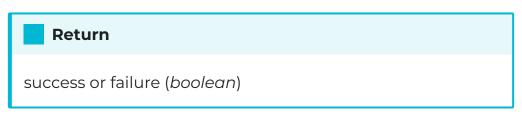


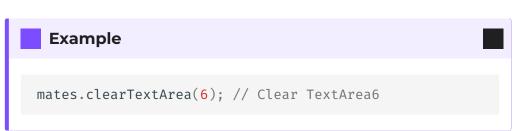


clearTextArea(index)

This function can be used to clear the TextArea specified by index.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target TextArea widget





updateTextArea(index, format, ...)

This function can be used to update the contents of the TextArea specified by *index* with the text formed by *format* and the additional arguments.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target TextArea widget
format	const char *	The text to be written to the Text Area
	-	Additional values to replace the format specifiers in <i>format</i>





updateTextArea(index, str)

This function can be used to update the contents of the TextArea specified by *index* with the String 'str'.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target TextArea widget
str	String	The String to be written to the Text Area



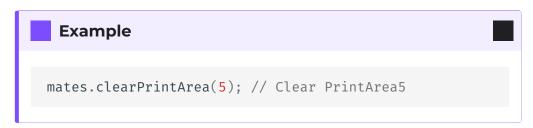


clearPrintArea(index)

This function can be used to clear the PrintArea specified by index.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target PrintArea widget

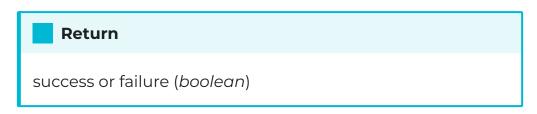




setPrintAreaColor(index, rgb565)

This function can be used to set the print color (*rgb565*) used by the PrintArea specified by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target PrintArea widget
rgb565	int16_t	The color as a 16-bit RGB565 value





setPrintAreaColor(index, r, g, b)

This function can be used to set the print color used by the PrintArea specified by index. The color is determined by r, g and b.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target PrintArea widget
r	uint8_t	The red component of the new color value
g	uint8_t	The green component of the new color value

Parameters	Туре	Description
b	uint8_t	The blue component of the new color value





appendToPrintArea(index, buffer, len)

This function can be used to append a number of bytes (*len*) from the data in *buffer* to the PrintArea specified by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uintl6_t	The index of the target Print Area widget
buffer	const int8_t *	The source of data to be appended
len	uintl6_t	The number of bytes to be sent



```
int8_t data[] = {0xF8, 0x7F, 0x1F};
mates.appendToPrintArea(7, data, 3); // Append data
to PrintArea7
```

appendToPrintArea(index, format, ...)

This function can be used to append contents to the PrintArea specified by *index* with the text formed by *format* and the additional arguments.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uintl6_t	The index of the target Print Area widget
format	const char *	The text to be written to the PrintArea
	-	Additional values to replace the format specifiers in <i>format</i>



```
Example

Simple Text Formatting

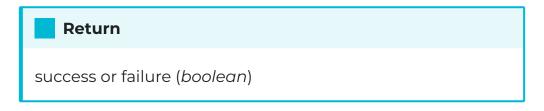
mates.appendToPrintArea(8,
   "Mates"); // Append
   "Mates" to PrintArea8

int value = 108;
   // Append value as text
   to PrintArea9
   mates.appendToPrintArea(9,
   "Value: %d", value);
```

appendToPrintArea(index, str)

This function can be used to append contents to the PrintArea specified by *index* with the String provided.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target Print Area widget
str	String	The text to be written to the PrintArea



```
String str = "Mates";
mates.appendToPrintArea(2, str); // // Append 'str'
to PrintArea2
```

appendToScope(index, buffer, len)

This function can be used to append a number of 16-bit values (*len*) from the data in *buffer* to the Scope widget specified by *index*.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target Scope widget
buffer	const int16_t *	The source of data to be appended
len	uint16_t	The number of values to be sent



success or failure (boolean)



updateDotMatrix(index, format, ...)

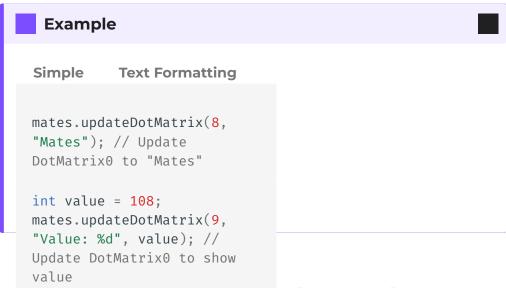
This function can be used to append contents to the DotMatrix specified by *index* with the text formed by *format* and the additional arguments.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target DotMatrix widget
format		

Parameters	Туре	Description
	const char *	The text to be written to the DotMatrix
	-	Additional values to replace the format specifiers in <i>format</i>

Return

success or failure (boolean)



upaatevotmatrix(index, str)

This function can be used to update the contents of the DotMatrix specified by *index* with the String 'str'.

Parameters	Туре	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target DotMatrix widget
str	String	The String to be written to the DotMatrix

Return

success or failure (boolean)

```
String str = "Mates";
mates.updateDotMatrix(2, str); // Update DotMatrix2
to 'str'
```

getButtonEventCount()

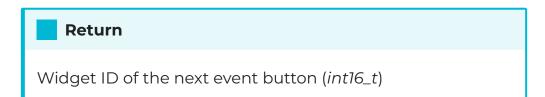
This function can be used to query the number of button events recorded by a touch screen module





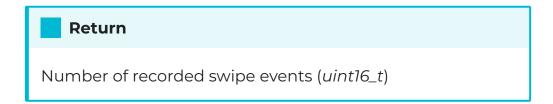
getNextButtonEvent()

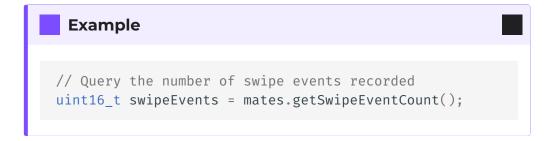
This function can be used to query the source of next recorded button event



getSwipeEventCount()

This function can be used to query the number of swipe events recorded by a touch screen module





getNextButtonEvent()

This function can be used to query the source of next recorded button event



Swipe event (int16_t)

```
// If there is any event recorded
if (mates.getSwipeEventCount() > 0) {
   int16_t swipe = mates.getNextSwipeEvent();
   if ((swipe & MATES_SWIPE_SOUTH) ==
   MATES_SWIPE_SOUTH) {
      // if swipe is towards from top to bottom
   }
   if ((swipe & MATES_SWIPE_EAST) ==
   MATES_SWIPE_EAST) {
      // if swipe is towards from left to right
   }
   if ((swipe & MATES_SWIPE_TLBR) ==
   MATES_SWIPE_TLBR) {
      // if swipe is towards from top left to
   bottom right
   }
}
```

getVersion()

This function can be used to query the version number of the library.

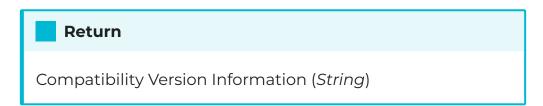
Return

Version Information (String)



getCompatibility()

This function can be used to query the version number of Mates Studio compatible with the version of the library.



```
// Get the compatible Mates Studio version number as string
String compatVersion = mates.getCompatibility();
```

printVersion()

This function can be used to print the version number of the library and the compatible Mates Studio version to the debug serial port. If no debug serial was specified in the constructor, this function does nothing.





getError()

This function can be used to investigate errors that occurred while controlling the display module. Description of the possible errors is discussed in here.



Current error code (MatesError)

```
// Checks the last error that occurred
int error = mates.getError();
if (error == MATES_ERROR_NONE) {
    // Last command was successful
}
```