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1 Overview

The ActiveFlyCap control allows users to easily insert an ActiveX control into a GUI application and control Point Grey cameras easily without having to worry about writing additional code to draw images onto the screen.

1.1 Supported Programming Languages

The following programming languages are supported:

- Visual Basic 6
- Visual Basic.Net
- Visual C#
- Visual C++

Any language capable of interacting with ActiveX controls (e.g. in a Windows Form) should be able to interface with ActiveFlyCap.

1.2 Manual Registration

In the event that the control must be manually registered, call regsvr32 with the name of the control (ActiveFlyCap.dll). The FlyCapture2 library DLLs (FlyCapture2.dll and FlyCapture2GUI.dll) should also be present in the system path.

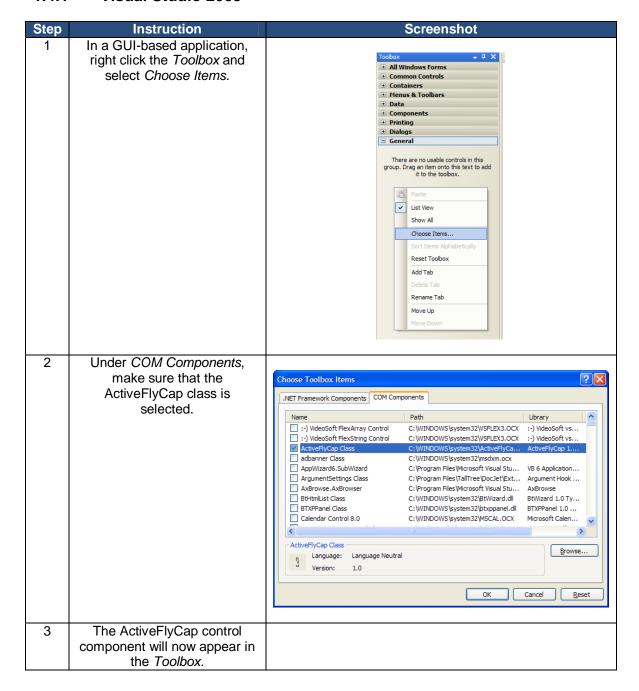
1.3 Supporting downloads

It may be necessary to install the Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package. The package can downloaded directly from Microsoft from the following URL: http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=200b2fd9-ae1a-4a14-984d-389c36f85647&displaylang=en.



1.4 Adding the Control

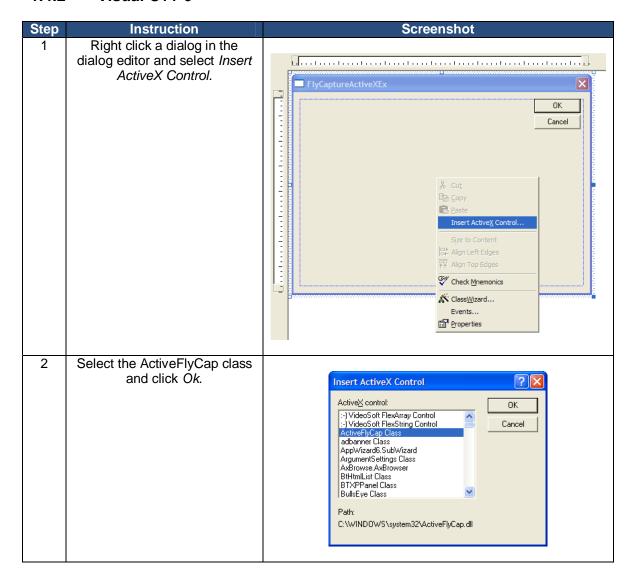
1.4.1 Visual Studio 2005





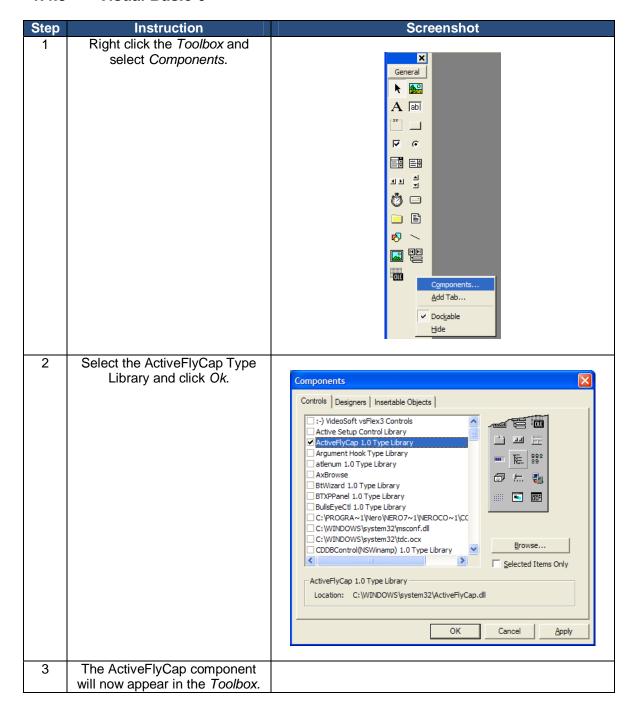


1.4.2 Visual C++ 6

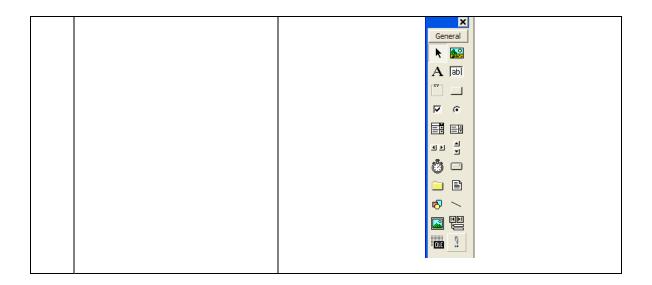




1.4.3 Visual Basic 6







1.5 Grab Modes

There are 3 grab modes available for use in ActiveFlyCap.

1.5.1 Free Running

This mode simply starts the camera and automatically draws images to the screen. This mode is ideal if accessing the image data directly is not required.

1.5.2 LockLatest

This mode locks the latest image that hasn't been seen by the user. This means that there may be a possibility that images may be lost if the PC is unable to perform processing quickly enough.

1.5.3 LockNext

This mode locks the oldest image that hasn't been seen by the user. Provided that the PC is fast enough to process images faster than the frame rate of the camera, this mode guarantees that no images are lost.



2 Declarations

2.1 Structures

In order to pass multiple arguments to the control, structures are used to contain data that will be passed between the application, the ActiveFlyCap control and the FlyCapture library. Structures do not have to be populated before use. Any incoming parameters must be supplied as a separate argument when the function is called.

2.1.1 CameraInfo

Type	Name	Description
LONG	serialNumber	Serial number of the camera
InterfaceType	interfaceType	Interface type
BOOL	isColorCamera	Whether it is a color or mono camera
BSTR	modelName	Model name
BSTR	vendorName	Vendor name
BSTR	sensorInfo	Sensor info
BSTR	sensorResolution	Sensor resolution
BSTR	driverName	Driver name
BSTR	firmwareVersion	Firmware version
BSTR	firmwareBuildTime	Firmware build time
LONG	iidcVer	DCAM version. Divide this number by 100
		for the actual number
BusSpeed	maxBusSpeed	Maximum bus speed

2.1.2 ImageInfo

Type	Name	Description
LONG	rows	Number of rows in the image
LONG	cols	Number of columns in the image
LONG	rowInc	Number of bytes per row in the image
LONG	numImages	Number of images contained within
DCAMVideoMode	videoMode	Video mode
PixelFormat	pixelFmt	Pixel format
LONG	timestampSeconds	Seconds timestamp
LONG	timestampMicroSeconds	Microseconds timestamp
LONG	timestampCycleSeconds	1394 cycle time seconds
LONG	timestampCycleCount	1394 cycle time count
LONG	timestampCycleOffset	1394 cycle time offset

2.1.3 CameraPropertyInfo

Type	Name	Description
BOOL	present	Whether the property is present
BOOL	autoSupported	Whether auto is supported
BOOL	manualSupported	Whether manual is supported
BOOL	onOffSupported	Whether on / off is supported



BOOL	onePushSupported	Whether one push is supported
BOOL	absValSupported	Whether absolute mode is supported
BOOL	readOutSupported	Whether the property value can be read out
LONG	min	Minimum value
LONG	max	Maximum value
FLOAT	absMin	Minimum absolute value
FLOAT	absMax	Maximum absolute value
BSTR	units	Textual description of units
BSTR	unitsAbbr	Abbreviated textual description of units

2.1.4 CameraProperty

Type	Name	Description
BOOL	present	Whether the property is present
BOOL	absControl	Absolute mode control status
BOOL	onePush	One push status
BOOL	onOff	On / off status
BOOL	autoManualMode	Auto status
LONG	valueA	Value A
LONG	valueB	Value B
FLOAT	absValue	Absolute value

2.1.5 TriggerStruct

Type	Name	Description
BOOL	isOnOff	On / off status
LONG	polarity	Polarity
LONG	source	Source
LONG	mode	Mode
LONG	parameter	Parameter

2.1.6 StrobeStruct

Type	Name	Description
BOOL	isOnOff	On / off status
LONG	polarity	Polarity
LONG	delay	Delay
LONG	duration	Duration

2.1.7 Format7Info

Type	Name	Description
BOOL	isSupported	Whether the mode is available in Format7
LONG	maxWidth	Maximum width
LONG	maxHeight	Maximum height
LONG	imageHStepSize	Horizontal step size of the Format 7 image
LONG	imageVStepSize	Vertical step size of the Format 7 image
LONG	offsetHStepSize	Horizontal step size of offset of the Format 7 image
LONG	offsetVStepSize	Vertical step size of the offset of the Format 7 image
LONG	pixelFormatBitField	Bit field containing supported pixel formats



LONG	packetSize	Current packet size in bytes
LONG	minPacketSize	Minimum packet size in bytes
LONG	maxPacketSize	Maximum packet size in bytes
FLOAT	packetSizePercentage	Current packet size as a percentage of
		maximum packet size

2.1.8 Format7ImageSettings

Туре	Name	Description
LONG	mode	Format 7 mode
LONG	offsetX	Left offset of the Format 7 image
LONG	offsetY	Top offset of the Format 7 image
LONG	width	Width of the Format 7 image
LONG	height	Height of the Format 7 image
LONG	packetSize	Packet size in bytes
FLOAT	packetSizePercentage	Percentage of bandwidth
PixelFormat	pixelFormat	Pixel format

2.1.9 Format7PacketInfo

Type	Name	Description
LONG	recommendedBytesPerPacket	Recommended packet size in bytes
LONG	maxBytesPerPacket	Maximum packet size in bytes
LONG	unitBytesPerPacket	Minimum packet size in bytes



3 Properties

The property get/set functions always return a HRESULT in C++. The HRESULT can have several possible values:

Name	Description
S_OK	Success
E_FAIL	Failure
E_INVALIDARG	Invalid argument
E_POINTER	Invalid pointer

In VB and C#, the return value is the value of the property itself. An error or exception handler should always be used appropriately.

3.1 Control Properties

3.1.1 EnableRightClickMenu

Enables or disables the right click menu. The right click menu contains basic functionality such as starting and stopping the camera, as well as showing the camera control dialog. It is set to 0 (off) by default.

3.1.2 Display

Draw all incoming images onto control.

3.1.3 AutoResize

Automatically resize the image to fit the control. If the value is FALSE, then scroll bars will appear to enable movement around the image.

3.1.4 Font

The font to be used when drawing text to the screen.

3.2 General Camera Properties

3.2.1 Camera

Get or set the index of the currently selected camera. This **does not** start the camera. -1 is returned if there is no camera currently selected.



3.2.2 Start

Start grabbing images. This will enable isochronous data transmission from the camera to the PC. Depending on the grab mode, this may or may not automatically grab images. This **does not** draw the image to screen.

Setting this to 0 will stop the camera, ending isochronous data transmission.

3.2.3 VideoMode

Get or set the current video mode.

Setting the video mode is only possible if the Start property is 0.

3.2.4 FrameRate

Get or set the current frame rate. Setting the frame rate is only possible if the Start property is 0.

3.2.5 AsyncBusSpeed

Get or set the current asynchronous bus speed (\$100, \$200, \$400, \$800). Setting the bus speed is only possible if the Start property is 0.

3.2.6 IsochBusSpeed

Get or set the current isochronous bus speed (\$100, \$200, \$400, \$800). Setting the bus speed is only possible if the Start property is 0.

3.2.7 GrabTimeout

Get or set the grab timeout. 0 is a non-blocking grab call.

-1 is equivalent to FLYCAPTURE_INFINITE.



4 Methods

4.1 Control Methods

4.1.1 DrawSingleImage

Argument	Туре	Description
bConvert	[in] BOOL	Perform color processing on raw image

Draw the latest image to the control. This is only used when the Display property is set to 0. If the internal raw image has been modified after using GetImageData() or GetImagePtr(), then the bConvert argument should be set to TRUE to perform color processing on the raw image again.

4.2 GUI Methods

4.2.1 ToggleCamCtlDlg

Argument	Туре	Description
N/A	N/A	N/A

Toggle the display of the camera control dialog.

4.2.2 IsCamCtIDIgVisible

Argument	Туре	Description
bShowing	[out, retval] BOOL*	Whether the camera control dialog is
		currently being shown

Get the status of the camera control dialog.

4.2.3 ShowCamSInModal

Argument	Туре	Description
bDialogStatus	[out, retval] BOOL*	Whether the Ok or Cancel button was
		clicked. TRUE for Ok, FALSE for Cancel

Show the camera selection dialog. If the camera associated with this control is grabbing images, it will be stopped. Selecting a camera from the dialog will set the active camera to the selected one.



4.3 Camera Methods

4.3.1 GetCameraInfo

Argument	Туре	Description
pInfo	[out, retval]	A CameraInfo structure containing the camera
	CameraInfo*	information

Get camera info.

4.3.2 CheckVideoMode

Argument	Туре	Description
videoMode	[in] DCAMVideoMode	The DCAM video mode to test against
frameRate	[in] DCAMFrameRate	The DCAM frame rate to test against
pbSupported	[out, retval] BOOL*	Whether the video mode is supported by the
		camera

Check if the specified video mode and frame rate combination is supported.

4.3.3 GetFormat7PacketInfo

Argument	Туре	Description
lMode	[in] LONG	The Format 7 mode to check
lWidth	[in] LONG	The width of the Format 7 image
lHeight	[in] LONG	The height of the Format 7 image
pixelFormat	[in] PixelFormat	The pixel format of the Format 7 image
pPacketInfo	[out, retval]	A PacketInfo structure containing the
	PixelFormat*	packet information

Get the Format 7 packet info for a particular mode, image size and pixel format.

4.3.4 GetPacketInfo

Argument	Туре	Description
videoMode	[in] DCAMVideoMode	The DCAM video mode to test against
frameRate	[in] DCAMFrameRate	The DCAM frame rate to test against
pPacketInfo	[out, retval]	A PacketInfo structure containing the
	PixelFormat*	packet information

Get the packet info for a particular DCAM mode

4.3.5 GetImageInformation

Argument	Type	Description
pImageInfo	[out, retval]	A ImageInfo structure containing the image
	<pre>ImageInfo*</pre>	information

Get image information about the current image.



4.3.6 GetImageData

Argument	Туре	Description
type	[in] ImageType	The type of image to return (raw or color processed)
pArray	[out, retval] VARIANT*	An array containing the image data

Get the image data for the current image. This should not be used in .NET languages as a copy of the data will be automatically made instead.

4.3.7 GetImagePtr

Argument	Туре	Description
type	[in] ImageType	The type of image to return (raw or color processed)
pValue	[out, retval] VARIANT*	An pointer to the array containing the image data

Get a pointer to the image data. Although the value returned is a LONG, it can be cast to a pointer to access the image data directly.

4.4 1394 Bus Methods

4.4.1 GetNumOfCameras

Argument	Туре	Description
plNumCameras	[out, retval] LONG*	The number of cameras detected

Get the number of cameras on the bus.

4.4.2 GetCameraList

Argument	Туре	Description
pList	[out, retval]	An array containing the model names and
	VARIANT*	serial numbers of the cameras on the bus

Get an array containing a list of cameras on the bus. The contents of the array are strings containing the camera name as well as the serial number in parentheses.

4.5 Grab Methods

4.5.1 SetGrabMode

Argument	Type	Description
mode	[in] GrabMode	The grab mode that the control is to be set to



Set the grab mode from the following:

- FreeRunning
- LockLatest
- LockNext

The default grab mode is FreeRunning.

4.5.2 GetGrabMode

Argument	Туре	Description
pMode	[out, retval] GrabMode*	The current grab mode

Get the current grab mode.

4.5.3 GrabImage

Argument	Туре	Description
pError	<pre>[out, retval] GrabError*</pre>	The error returned from the grab

Grab the next image from the camera. The image that is returned depends on the grab mode that is set. If LockLatest mode is set, then the newest image will be captured. If LockNext is set, then the oldest image will be captured. This call is not valid if the camera is in free running mode.

4.6 Image Saving Methods

4.6.1 SaveImage

Argument	Туре	Description
bstrFilename	[in] BSTR	The path to save the file to
fileFormat	[in] ImageFileFormat	The file format to save the image in

Save the current image.

4.6.2 SetJPEGCompressionQuality

Argument	Туре	Description
lQuality	[in] LONG	JPEG compression quality (0-100)

Set the JPEG compression quality.

4.6.3 GetColorProcessingAlgorithm

Argument	Type	Description
pAlgorithm	[out,retval]	Color processing algorithm
	ColorProcessingAlgorithm	



Get the color processing algorithm being used.

4.6.4 SetColorProcessingAlgorithm

Argument	Туре	Description
algorithm	[in] LONG	Color processing algorithm

Set the color processing algorithm to be used.

4.7 Format 7 Methods

4.7.1 GetFormat7Info

Argument	Туре	Description
lMode	[in] LONG	The Format 7 mode to retrieve information
		from
pStruct	[out, retval]	A Format7Info containing Format 7
	Format7Info*	information for the specified mode

Get the possible settings for a particular Format 7 mode.

4.7.2 GetFormat7Configuration

Argument	Туре	Description
pSettingsStruct	[out, retval]	A Format7ImageSettings containing the
	Format7ImageSettings*	current Format 7 settings

Get the current Format 7 settings.

4.7.3 SetFormat7Configuration

Argument	Туре	Description
pSettingsStruct	[in]	A Format7ImageSettings containing the
	Format7ImageSettings*	Format 7 settings to be set

Set the current Format 7 settings. If the image offsets are the only parameter being changed, then this can be done when the camera is started. Otherwise, the camera must be stopped in order for the call to succeed.

4.7.4 GetFormat7PacketSize

Argument	Туре	Description
pPacketInfo	[out, retval]	A Format7PacketInfo containing the current
	Format7PacketInfo*	Format 7 settings

Get the current Format 7 settings.



4.8 Camera Property Methods

These methods enable the user to get the camera properties.

4.8.1 GetProperty

Argument	Туре	Description
camProp	[in] CameraProperty	The camera property to get
pProp	[out, retval]	A CameraProperty containing the data about
	CameraProperty*	the specified property

Get detailed absolute property.

4.8.2 SetProperty

Argument	Туре	Description
camProp	[in] CameraProperty	The camera property to set
pProp	[in] CameraProperty *	A CameraProperty containing the data to be set for the specified property

Set detailed absolute property.

4.8.3 GetPropertyInfo

Argument	Туре	Description
camProp	[in] CameraProperty	The camera property to get
pPropInfo	[out, retval]	A CameraProperty containing the data about
	CameraPropertyInfo*	the specified property

Get detailed information about a property.

4.9 Trigger / Strobe Methods

4.9.1 GetTrigger

Argument	Туре	Description
pStruct	[out, retval]	A TriggerStruct containing the trigger data
	TriggerStruct*	

Get trigger status.

4.9.2 SetTrigger

Argument	Туре	Description
pStruct	[in] TriggerStruct*	A TriggerStruct containing the trigger data
		to be set

Set trigger status.



4.9.3 SetTriggerBroadcast

Argument	Туре	Description
pStruct	[in] TriggerStruct*	A TriggerStruct containing the trigger data
		to be set

Set and broadcast trigger status.

4.9.4 GetStrobe

Argument	Туре	Description
lMode	[in] LONG	The strobe source to retrieve
pStruct	<pre>[out, retval] StrobeStruct*</pre>	A StrobeStruct containing the strobe data

Get strobe status.

4.9.5 SetStrobe

Argument	Туре	Description
lMode	[in] LONG	The strobe source to set
pStruct	[in] StrobeStruct*	A StrobeStruct containing the strobe data to be set

Set strobe status.

4.9.6 SetStrobeBroadcast

Argument	Туре	Description
lMode	[in] LONG	The strobe source to set
pStruct	[in] StrobeStruct*	A StrobeStruct containing the strobe data to be set

Set and broadcast strobe broadcast.

4.10 Memory Channel Methods

4.10.1 GetNumMemoryChannels

Argument	Туре	Description
plNumChannels	[out, retval] LONG*	The number of available memory channels

Get the number of memory channels available.

4.10.2 GetCurrentMemoryChannel

Argument	Туре	Description
plCurrentChannel	[out, retval] LONG*	The current memory channel



Get the number of the memory channel currently being used.

4.10.3 SaveToMemoryChannel

Argument	Туре	Description
lCurrentChannel	[in] LONG*	The memory channel to save to

Save current settings to the specified memory channel.

4.10.4 RestoreFromMemoryChannel

Argument	Туре	Description
lChannel	[in] LONG*	The memory channel to load from

Restore settings from the specified memory channel.

4.11 Register Methods

4.11.1 ReadRegister

Argument	Туре	Description
lRegister	[in] LONG	The register to retrieve
plValue	[in] LONG*	The value of the register

Get the register value at the specified offset.

4.11.2 WriteRegister

Argument	Туре	Description
lRegister	[in] LONG	The register to retrieve to set
lValue	[in] LONG	The value of the register

Set the register value at the specified offset.

4.11.3 ReadRegisterBlock

Argument	Туре	Description
sAddrHigh	[in] LONG	The top 16 bits of the 48-bit absolute
		address to read
lAddrLow	[in] LONG	The bottom 32 bits of the 48-bit absolute
		address to read
pBuffer	[in] LONG*	The buffer to receive the data
lBufferLength	[in] LONG	The length of the data buffer, in quadlets

Get the register block at the specified offset.



4.11.4 WriteRegisterBlock

Argument	Туре	Description
sAddrHigh	[in] LONG	The top 16 bits of the 48-bit absolute
		address to write
lAddrLow	[in] LONG	The bottom 32 bits of the 48-bit absolute
		address to write
pBuffer	[in] LONG*	The buffer of data to be written
lBufferLength	[in] LONG	The length of the data buffer, in quadlets

Set the register block at the specified offset.

4.12 Drawing Methods

All coordinates used for drawing are relative to the image origin before any auto-resizing (if applicable) has taken place.

4.12.1 DrawEllipse

Argument	Туре	Description
X1	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the start point
Y1	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the start point
X2	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the end point
Y2	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the end point
sWidth	[in] SHORT	Width of the line
redVal	[in] SHORT	Red value
greenVal	[in] SHORT	Green value
blueVal	[in] SHORT	Blue value

Draw an ellipse bounded by the coordinates (X1, Y1) and (X2, Y2).

4.12.2 DrawLine

Argument	Туре	Description
X1	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the start point
Y1	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the start point
X2	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the end point
Y2	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the end point
sWidth	[in] SHORT	Width of the line
redVal	[in] SHORT	Red value
greenVal	[in] SHORT	Green value
blueVal	[in] SHORT	Blue value

Draw a line from the coordinates (X1, Y1) to (X2, Y2).

4.12.3 DrawPixel

Argument	Туре	Description
XPos	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the pixel
YPos	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the pixel
redVal	[in] SHORT	Red value



greenVal	[in] SHORT	Green value
blueVal	[in] SHORT	Blue value

Draw a pixel at the coordinates (XPOS), YPOS) with the specified RGB value. This does not overwrite the actual image data.

4.12.4 DrawRectangle

Argument	Туре	Description
X1	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the start point
Y1	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the start point
X2	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the end point
Y2	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the end point
sWidth	[in] SHORT	Width of the line
redVal	[in] SHORT	Red value
greenVal	[in] SHORT	Green value
blueVal	[in] SHORT	Blue value

Draw a rectangle bounded by the coordinates (X1, Y1) and (X2, Y2).

4.12.5 DrawText

Argument	Туре	Description
XPos	[in] SHORT	X coordinate of the start point
YPos	[in] SHORT	Y coordinate of the start point
bstrText	[in] BSTR	The text to be written
redVal	[in] SHORT	Red value
greenVal	[in] SHORT	Green value
blueVal	[in] SHORT	Blue value

Draw the specified text at the coordinates (XPos, YPos).



5 Events

5.1 General Events

5.1.1 Camera Arrival

A new camera has arrived on the bus. Depending on the bus topology, the index used to refer to cameras may have changed. It is highly recommended that GetCameraList() be called to refresh the camera list.

5.1.2 CameraRemoval

A camera has been removed from the bus. Depending on the bus topology, the index used to refer to cameras may have changed. It is highly recommended that GetCameraList() be called to refresh the camera list.

5.1.3 BusReset

A bus reset has occurred.

5.1.4 Image

A new image has been received from the camera. GetImageInformation() can be called when this message is received in order to obtain more information about the image.



6 Additional Resources

For more detailed information regarding advanced camera functionality such as trigger modes, please see the documentation included in your FlyCapture install. These files can be typically be found in C:\Program Files\Point Grey Research\PGR FlyCapture\doc.

6.1 Getting Started Manual

A *Getting Started Manual* provides a broad overview of the general capabilities of a specific camera. It contains basic information such as physical dimensions and general camera features, as well as instructions on installation of the camera.

6.2 Technical Reference Manual

A *Technical Reference Manual* provides in-depth information regarding a specific camera. It contains full specifications for a camera, including advanced camera-specific features such as frame buffers, HDR modes and trigger modes.

6.3 Point Grey Digital Camera Register Reference

The *Point Grey Digital Camera Register Reference* provides detailed information about the various features, formats and control parameters implemented by each PGR IEEE-1394 camera. It should be used in conjunction with the camera specific *Technical Reference Manual* or *Getting Started Manual* for a full understanding of a specific camera system.



7 Technical Support Resources

Point Grey Research Inc. endeavors to provide the highest level of technical support possible to our customers. Most support resources can be accessed through the Product Support section of our website: www.ptgrey.com/support.

Creating a Customer Login Account

The first step in accessing our technical support resources is to obtain a Customer Login Account. This requires a valid name, e-mail address, and camera serial number. To apply for a Customer Login Account go to www.ptgrey.com/support/downloads/.

Knowledge Base

Our on-line knowledge base at www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/ contains answers to some of the most common support questions. It is constantly updated, expanded, and refined to ensure that our customers have access to the latest information.

Product Downloads

Customers with a Customer Login Account can access the latest software and firmware for their cameras from our downloads site at www.ptgrey.com/support/downloads. We encourage our customers to keep their software and firmware up-to-date by downloading and installing the latest versions.

Contacting Technical Support

Before contacting Technical Support, have you:

- 1. Read the product documentation and user manual?
- 2. Searched the Knowledge Base?
- 3. Downloaded and installed the latest version of software and/or firmware?

If you have done all the above and still can't find an answer to your question, contact our Technical Support team at www.ptgrey.com/support/contact/.



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Find answers to commonly asked questions in our knowledge base at

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